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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE scenes here brought before the reader are what they profess to be, scenes from real life. The facts, stated respecting those said to have been visited by the writer, are real facts. Facts are indeed stated, and expressions are used, which the writer would not have brought into a work of fiction. There is here no more fiction than was required for the form given to the narrative.

Boston, March, 1835.

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CHAPTER I.

A MORNING WALK.

“What different worlds people live in, within a stone’s throw of each other.”

As I came up with two of my friends a few mornings since, when they were walking together, my attention was arrested by the manner in which one of them said to the other, “It was, surely, a noble act. He is an admirable man.”

“O!” said I, “who is this admirable man?”

“We were speaking,” said he to whom I had immediately addressed myself, “of Mr. C——. I very much doubt the existence of a charity among us, which has any strong claims to patronage, to which he has not been a benefactor. I could recount benefactions of his, which, taken together, would make as large a fortune as I should desire. He gives like a prince.”

The last words had hardly passed his lips, when a female approached us with great quick-