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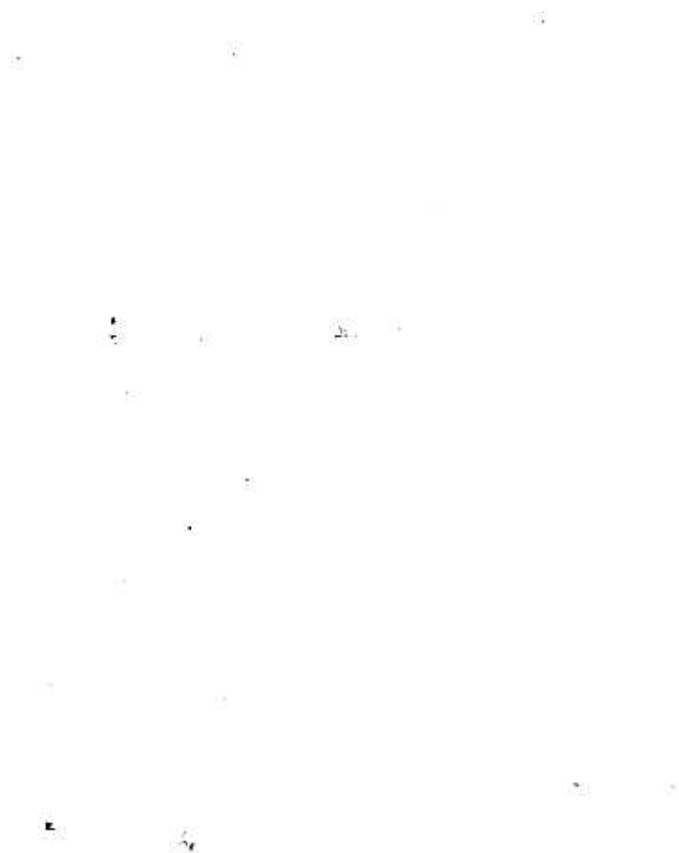


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## CHAPTER I.

### NINON.

'**B**AH!' said Rose Nichol, 'he is besotted,—mad, the winds would pause to hearken better than he; and all,' she added bitterly, 'for a foolish, flighty, waxen white doll!'

'Nevertheless, it is a fine thing to be made of wax when it gives you the handsomest man, the best cottage, and the longest purse in Lynaway!'