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bons amour*

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ON THE REAL  
USE AND IMPORTANCE OF JESTS AND  
ANECDOTES.

**ONE** of the Anglo-Saxon kings gave the manor of Walworth to his jester Nithardus; and we have all heard how the magnificent benefaction of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, subsequently repaired by Sir Richard Whittington, was founded by Rahere, the *joculator* and favourite of a later monarch of this isle. In former days, to be a fool within certain lines or a buffoon of a special type, was a walk of