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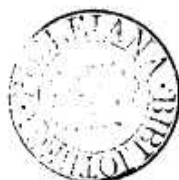
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\* \* \* Some of the pieces contained in this Volume have already appeared in "All the Year Round," "The Englishwoman's Journal," &c.



#### A LEGEND OF PROVENCE.

**T**HE lights extinguished ; by the hearth  
I leant,  
Half weary with a listless discontent.  
The flickering giant-shadows, gather-  
ing near,

Closed round me with a dim and silent fear.  
All dull, all dark ; save when the leaping flame,  
Glancing, lit up a Picture's ancient frame.  
Above the hearth it hung. Perhaps the night,  
My foolish tremors, or the gleaming light,  
Lent power to that Portrait dark and quaint—  
A Portrait such as Rembrandt loved to paint—  
The likeness of a Nun. I seemed to trace  
A world of sorrow in the patient face,