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BOOK I.
THE EXPERIMENT IS CONCEIVED.

“The intuitive decision of a bright
And thorough-edged intellect.”

—TENNYSON.

HYPNOTIZED?

CHAPTER I.

"The feast is such as earth, the general mother,
Pours from her fairest bosom, when she smiles
In the embrace of autumn." —SHELLEY.

It was autumn. The air was hot and still; the breeze which earlier in the day stirred lazily amid the trees had fainted in the glare of the setting sun that touched with its vivid rays the gorgeous tints of autumn's decaying splendour, turning each tree and shrub to golden red, whilst the common beyond glowed in the heat like an iridescent purple plain.

In the fields the men were harvesting the yellow grain. The hum of machinery broke softly on the ear as the barley swiftly fell before the reapers. It was drawing towards the evening of a day in early September, and shadows soon began to fall athwart the fields of swaying corn and low-lying pasture lands, where the white-faced Herefordshire cattle browsed contentedly, causing a tangle of sound to rise from their bells as they moved slowly to and fro. Myriads of grasshoppers chirruped where the flood of sunlight still remained, and the buzzing and whirring of many