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CHAPTER I.



## CHAPTER I

*" . . . the sailor men  
That sail upon the seas,  
To fight the Wars and keep the Laws,  
And live on yellow peas."*

"A Gun-room Ditty-Box." G. S. BOWLES.

SOME thirty of her Majesty's men-of-war were involved in this matter; say a dozen battleships of the most recent, and seventeen or eighteen cruisers; but my concern was limited to one of a new type commanded by an old friend. I had some dim knowledge of the interior of a warship, but none of the new world into which I stepped from