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THIS STUDY
OF
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

IS

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED TO MY LITTLE FRIEND

BARONESS VON B.

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CHAPTER I

THE AWFUL TRUTH OF IT!

“**Y**ES, I have run away from school. I truly have. I simply could n't stand it another minute. I have cried quarts this month, and I have written to papa every day, begging him to let me go home. But he is obdurate, and now I have run away. I played sick this morning, and did n't get up to breakfast, and I really did have a headache; and when Miss Montgomery came to see what was the matter, she said I was a little feverish. But when they were having the opening exercises in the school-room, and the maids were all at breakfast in the kitchen, I slipped out and down to the