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MY GIRL
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A FOREWORD

"GENERALLY speaking, I don't like boys. How do you do, boy?" was the memorable remark of Miss Murdstone when she first met David Copperfield. Generally speaking, I don't like girls. They always make me feel rather shy. Little boys are much easier to get on with. You can put things on a pleasant footing by the gift of five shillings or half a crown—a very small boy will even accept sixpence with gratitude, and you can make a friend for life of a gorgeous young gentleman in a collar and coat-tails by giving him a sovereign. When the waves of adversity engulf you, he of the collar and tails will always say, "Poor old chap, he once tipped me a sovereign." There is a popular superstition that you cannot offer little girls money. Personally I believe they would accept it with much outward reluctance but great inward satisfaction. But who has the courage to tender even "so old and valuable a friend as a half-crown" to a small person in a Liberty velveteen frock, or to a more advanced young woman in a serge skirt and a red tam-