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CHAP. I.

THE TOY-SHOP.

IN a large shop, in the great metropolis of the British empire, I first opened my eyes on this changeful scene of life; and as the days of youthful beauty and vanity are now over, I may be allowed to describe, for the amusement of my readers, those charms which so long attracted the admiration of every youthful passenger. My face was fair as the finest wax could make it; a bloom, resembling the down of the peach, was spread over my cheeks; my eyes were the soft blue of a summer's sky, now opening with animating brightness, and now closing with languishing

softness: for I believe I was the first doll of my race, whose eyes had been taught to open and shut. A sweet smile seemed to play round my mouth; for my coral lips were just separated, to display my pearl-like teeth. Flaxen-coloured ringlets, soft as the thistle's down, curled in profusion on my head. My fair bosom, my round arms, my taper fingers and delicate feet, were all of acknowledged beauty. My figure was of the middle size. But my greatest charm was that peculiar expression of superior understanding, which enables me to recount this my eventful history, for the amusement of my young friends.

My possessor was a person of great taste, and gave to my elegant form every advantage which dress could bestow. A wreath of moss-rose buds encircled my head. I wore a transparent muslin frock, spotted with silver, over a pale blue sarsenet. Fine lace and pearls surrounded the bosom, and ornamented the sleeves. A string of pearls also hung round my neck, and decorated my arms. My stockings were of the finest silk; and my slippers blue, spotted with silver.