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PREFACE.



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IN all that I have written I have sought carefully to adhere to the idiom and language of the highly-talented Author.

G. O.

June, 1884.

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THE IRONMASTER.

CHAPTER I.

ON a bright and sunny day in the month of October, 1880, a young man, in a becoming shooting costume, was seated at the edge of one of those beautiful oak woods which cover with their cool shade the first foot-hills of the Jura. A large dark brown spaniel was lying in the heather at a few paces from his master, gazing at him with wistful eyes, seeming to ask if they were not soon to set out again.

The sportsman did not appear disposed