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## PART ONE



TT seemed strange and wonderful to be seated in the ancient cloister-court of the Albert-Ludwig University with Herr Broderson on a warm spring afternoon. Herr Broderson was speaking to me of the individual note in our teacher's, Professor Rickert's, philosophy; of the difference between his and other doctrines of idealism, and especially of that one of its aspects which constituted a complete refutation of fashionable "psychologism." This was what I had come to Freiburg to learn, and yet, and although Herr Broderson's voice beat insistently on my ear, my attention continually escaped, and jumped from the splash of the sparkling fountain to the chirruping of the birds in the leafage of the trees, to the hum of the voices wafted from the open windows of the lecture-room, to the passing of the students from the sunny court into the darkness of the portals of the house, and back again to Herr Broderson's absorbed countenance. And, between these sense-impressions wrapped in a haze of charm, irrelevant pictures of the scenes