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## Prefatory Note.

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*In a different form and under another title this story was published four or five years ago in an American magazine and also as one volume of a British series. Carefully revised by its authors, it now appears for the first time in its proper proportions.*

*B. M.*

*G. H. J.*





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## CHAPTER I.

MR. PAUL STUYVESANT'S SITTING-ROOM.

**M**R. PAUL STUYVESANT'S bachelor apartment was on the seventh floor of a tall building overlooking a broad square almost in the centre of New York. Years ago the broad square had been named in honor of an American president; and the tall building, only recently remodelled, now recalled the title of an English duke. Its lower floor, level with the street, was a single huge store, wherein one of the chief jewellers of the world vended his glittering wares. Most of the rooms on the second floor were leased by a sporting club, composed of fast and fashionable