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CHAPTER I.

LOMBY'S CIRCUS.

'There be some with serpent eyes,
Hearted like the snake which lies
Cold beneath warm summer skies.'

RAIN everywhere. Nothing but rain. It had fallen for days and weeks in dreary, drizzling showers, so that people talked of fine weather and sunshine as if they belonged to another planet, and had naught in common with this earth of ours.

The inhabitants of the little village of Brooksmere, a secluded spot in the pastoral county of Devonshire, shook their heads, thinking of the troubles and losses of the