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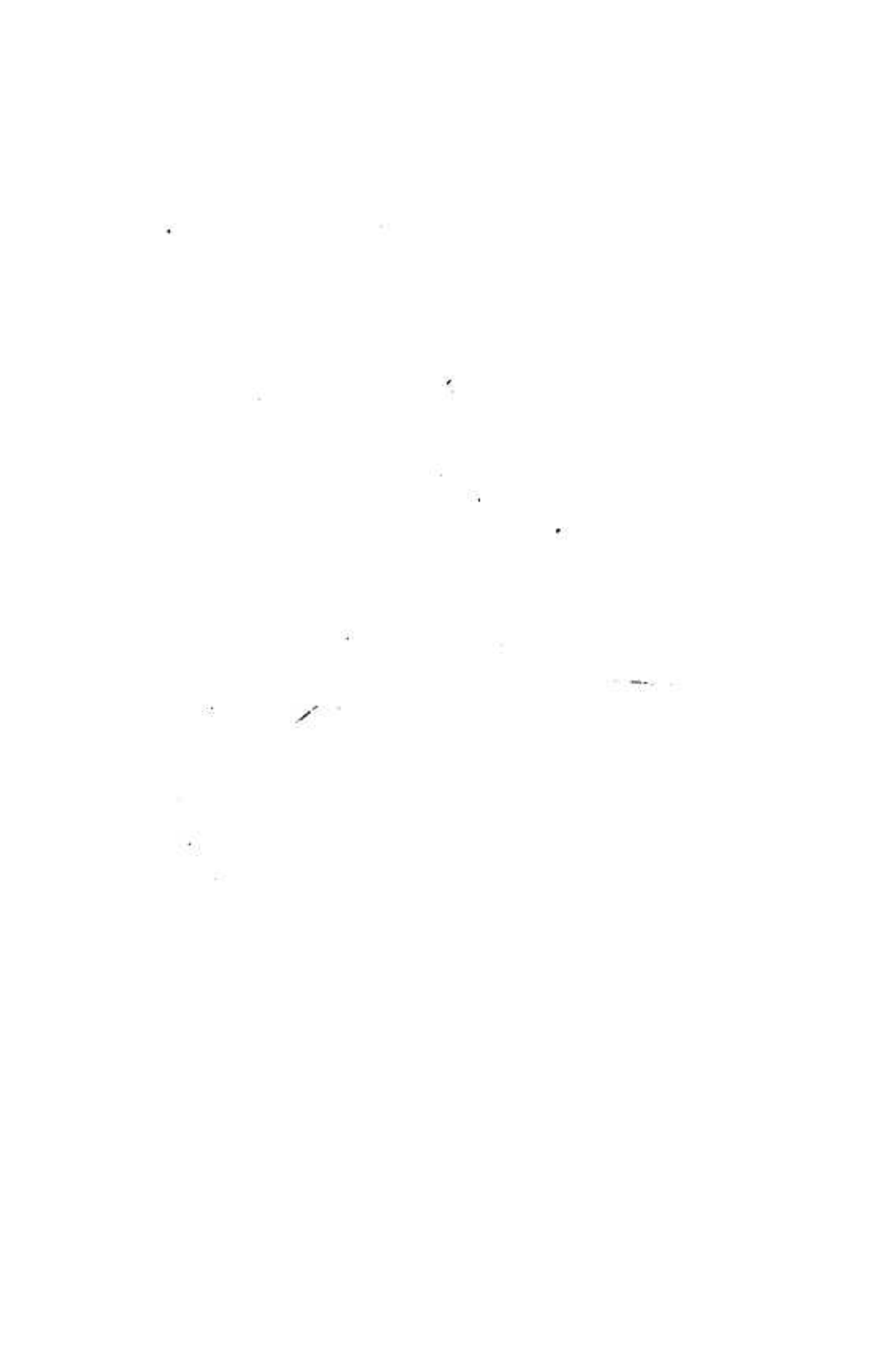


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# MY NEIGHBOUR'S SHOES.

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## CHAPTER I.

### A HOME-SKETCH.

 "F he were not the son of my dear nephew John, I would not bear it!" said Mrs. Martha Meredith, as with a trembling hand she felt for her spectacles, which, from a little movement which she made, dropped from her lap to the floor.

"Pray don't stoop, aunt!" cried Lina, rising quickly from her low chair; and in a minute she had picked up the spectacles and given them back to the old lady.

"I am sure that I was never so shaken in my life; the boy drove as though he were wild! I wonder that a wheel did not come

off, or that he did not dash us up against a lamp-post! And there was no use in talking to Master Archie, he only laughed and drove the faster, though he must have plainly seen that his conduct really worried me!"

"And worried the pony too!" exclaimed Lina. "Poor dear little Tommy, he was never so flogged before; and Archie jagged his mouth so dreadfully—oh, he is a very, very cruel boy!"

Now, though Mrs. Martha often found fault with Archie herself, she would never let any one else do so: she said with some severity in her tone, "Archie is *not* a cruel boy, he's a very fine fellow; he is only a little thoughtless, that's all. He never meant to vex me or to hurt the pony, but he has not yet been taught to consider the feelings of others, or to put himself in their place."

"No, indeed, or he would not have dropt a pebble into the blind beggar's hat," murmured Lina, "and have laughed at the poor man's look of disappointment when he found that it was not a penny."