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"Alfred did not appear daunted, but tried hard to force his way through his enemies."—ALFRED AND HIS MOTHER, Page 8.

(Frontispiece.)

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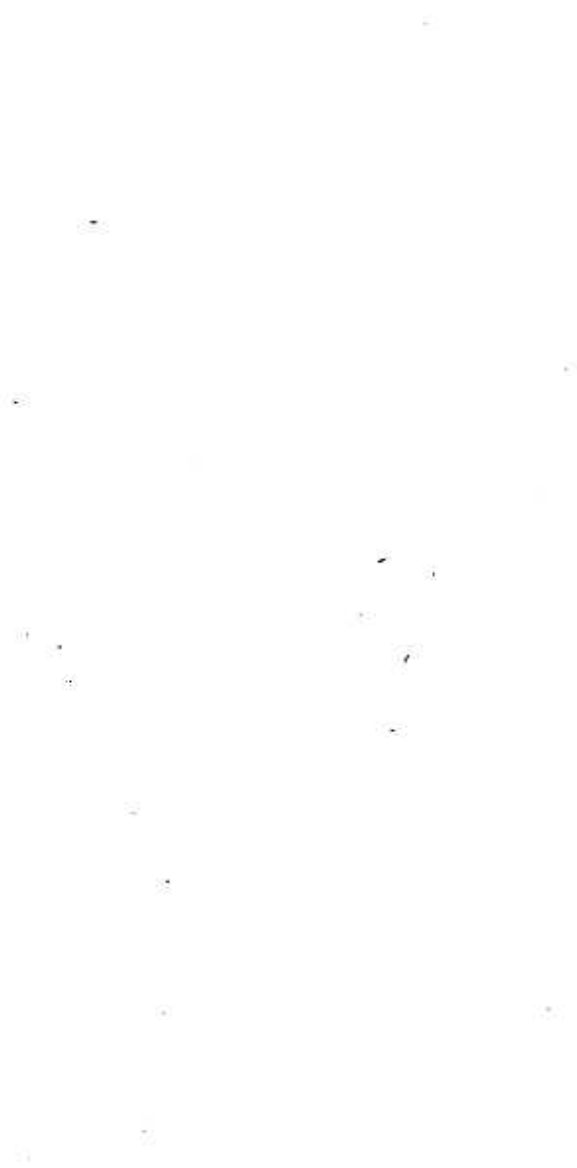
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## CHAPTER I.

### A 'FIGHT' IN THE PLAYGROUND.

**T**WELVE o'clock had just sounded from the belfry of a handsome old church standing in the centre of a crowded city when, from a national school close by, there came trooping out some sixty or seventy boys, whose morning lessons had just come to an end. Some started for home, but many had brought their dinners carefully wrapped in handkerchiefs or pieces of paper, so as to make a hasty meal, and gain all possible time for a game in the large playground, which was so great a boon to the little citizens.

'Hallo, Alfred!' shouted one of these as he caught sight of a schoolfellow hurrying away. 'Where