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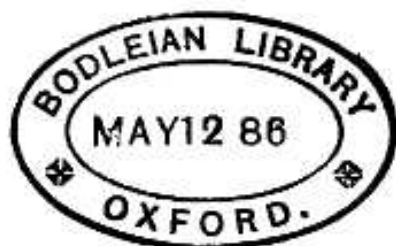
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CHAPTER I.

THE MOTHER'S DEATH.

IT was a cold, cheerless evening, towards the close of autumn. The leaves in large numbers were being rudely torn from the trees, and, together with stray bits of straw, paper, and tiny clouds of dust, were tossed hither and thither in a whirling motion by continuous gusts of wind blowing from the east. At the corner of a street, in one of the principal towns of Germany, there glimmered forth, on the evening in question, a solitary, feeble light, which, although protected within the four glass panes of a small lantern, still burned with a flickering, unsteady flame,