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72.977 Friend, when I gave you this first in my thought, Scarcely I dreamed what my fingers had wrought; I meant it a garland of love for your head, But now-let us take it to Jenny instead.

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Come, let us take it together in hand, Maybe she still shall hear, still understand. This little joy, as of old, let her share: Come, let us take it together to her.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY - A WORD OF WISDOM FOUND WRITTEN, LIKE THE MOST ANCIENT, ON LEATHER.

"A^H old men's boots don't go there, sir !" said the bootmaker to me one day, as he pointed to the toes of a pair I had just brought him for mending. It was a significant observation, I thought; and as I went on my way home, writing another such chronicle with every springing step, it filled me with much reflection—largely of the nature of platitude, I have little doubt: such reflection, Reader, as is even already, I doubt less, rippling the surface of your mind with ever-widening circles. Yes ! you sigh with an air, it is in the unconscious . autobiographies we are every moment writing—

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