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### CHAPTER I.

#### THE SCHOLAR IN POLITICS.

IT was a phenomenally hot day in June. The city pulsed with a suffocating heat like a kiln for steaming wood. The air was filled with moisture, and seemed momentarily on the point of precipitating rain, while the sun burned down from the cobalt-blue sky with terrific splendor. Heavy clouds drove in like great ships from the sea and fell in brief, heavy down-dropping showers, exactly as if a valve had been opened and shut. Then the sun burst out again, and from the hissing pavements a gray, suffocating steam arose in the faces of the hastening throngs of men.

These moments were terrifying, and in every doorway portly men could be seen standing with bared heads, panting with sudden weakness and vertigo, their faces vermilion with the rush of blood. The hack horses and dray teams labored to and fro, steaming with sweat