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## CHAPTER I

### IN THE DEPTHS

"WHAT do you want?" I demanded of the stranger who had entered the room and stood still, glancing about him.

"*Señor*—the office—you have no use for it."

"Well?"

"I am commissioned by the proprietor to say that he has." The conversation was in Spanish. "Besides," continued the visitor, "the rent—"

"Has been paid," I interrupted, nettled at the man's tone.

"So far—yes, *señor*; but, as you are ruined, he has some doubts—doubts for the future, *señor*, and has commissioned me—"

"To do his dirty work," I interposed. "Are you his agent?"

"I have the honor, *señor*."

"Well, sir, there's the door behind you! Go out of