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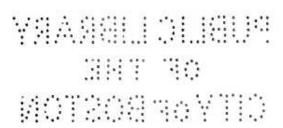


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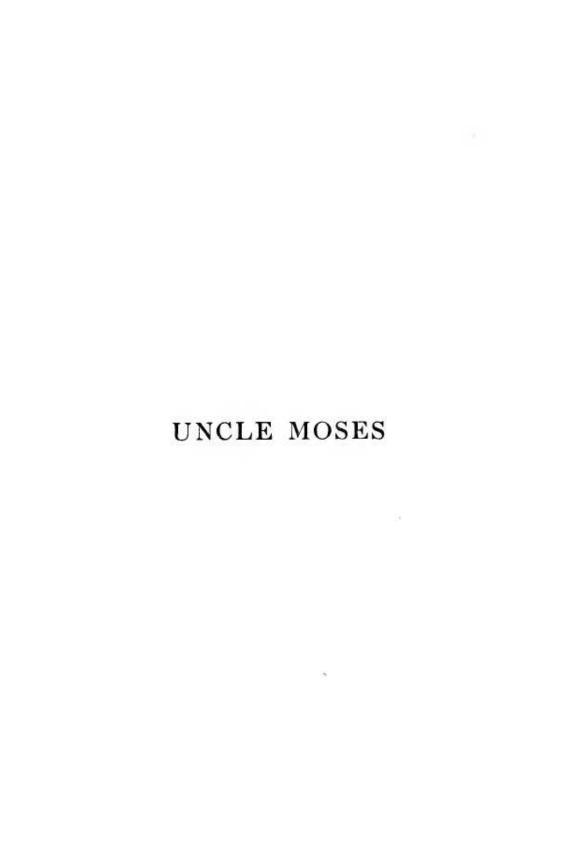
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PART ONE

CHAPTER I

OVER WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE

THE sun was setting over lower New York. It seemed that, of all places in the world, she had chosen as the scene of her setting the towering, darkening structures that rose on the banks of the East River. Yet despite the height of these box-like edifices, despite the rivalry in which one sought to climb higher than the other, here from the Williamsburg bridge they appeared humble and diminutive against the lofty dome of the sky, like so many card houses built by children at play. And the card houses were lost, forsaken amid the broad and lofty expanse, standing as if ashamed that they should have dared to raise their heads so high above the earth.

It was a fiery sun whose blood-red disk poured streams of light over the city. From the direction of the ocean a powerful hand drew delicate veils over the blood-red streams, and over the blue fields that stretched as far as the eye could reach across the heavens above lower New York. It was as if the veils sought to screen from human