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NINIAN AND COSMO AT MISS MORTON'S HOUSE.

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PART I
THE CAMPAIGN OF NINIAN JAMIESON

CHAPTER I

THEORIES! THEORIES!

'IT is reported that Mr. Ninian Jamieson, Provost of Mintern, has succeeded in making diamonds by an entirely original process.'

On a morning in July some years ago a red-haired man noticed this announcement in a newspaper, and with more than ordinary interest, because he was seated in a train from Edinburgh for the North on his way to Mintern.

'Ninian Jamieson.' There was a quaint flavour about the name, indicating eccentricity in the bearer of it, thought the red-haired man.

'Odd people always have odd names,' he meditated; and addressing mentally a handsome man who sat opposite, and who was the only other occupant of the compartment, he thought he heard himself saying, and admired his speech, 'Look at