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TO MY TWELVE NEPHEWS,
WILLIAM, FRANCIS, STEPHEN, PHILIP, LEONARD,
GODFREY, AND DAVID SMITH ;
REGINALD, NICHOLAS, AND IVOR GATTY ;
ALEXANDER, AND CHARLES SCOTT GATTY.

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CHAPTER I.

"All these common features of English landscape evince a calm and settled security, and hereditary transmission of home-bred virtues and local attachments, that speak deeply and touchingly for the moral character of the nation."—WASHINGTON IRVING'S *Sketch Book*.

It was a great saying of my poor mother's, especially if my father had been out of spirits about the crops, or the rise in wages, or our prospects, and had thought better of it again, and showed her the bright side of things, "Well, my dear, I'm sure we've much to be thankful for."

Which they had, and especially, I often think, for the fact that I was not the eldest son. I gave them more trouble than I can think of with a comfortable conscience as it was; but they had Jem to tread in my father's shoes, and he was a good son to them—God bless him for it!

I can remember hearing my father say—"It's bad enough to have Jack with his nose in a book, and his