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A Tale of the Vaudois Valleys.

CHAPTER I.

A SORROWFUL PARTING.

AT the foot of the Mount Pirchiriano, some three kilometres' distance from Susa, there stood, two centuries ago, the finest water-mill in Piedmont, belonging to one Jean Iseran, a wealthy man, who loved himself first, his daughter Verena second, and his neighbours according to the grist they brought to his mill.

His father had been a wealthy miller before him, and left his business and his riches to his only son. As long as the oldest inhabitants in the valley could recollect, there had not been a single day that the mill had been idle or the wheel ceased its labour. The