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**3 Dedicate**

**THIS LITTLE STORY, *WITHOUT PERMISSION***

**TO A FRIEND**

**W. B. T.**

**WHOSE APPROVAL OF IT HAS GRATIFIED ME  
GREATLY.**

**29 SUMNER PLACE, S.W.  
*New Year's Day, 1892.***







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## "SWEET CONTENT."

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### CHAPTER I.

#### AN "ONLY" BABY.

"SWEET CONTENT." That was my name when I was a very tiny child. It may sound rather conceited to tell this of myself, but when I have told all the story I am now beginning, I don't *think*, at least I *hope*, you, whoever you are that read it, won't say I am conceited. Indeed, if I thought any one I knew, or rather that knew me, would be likely to read it and to know that the "I" of it was *me*, I am not by any means sure that I would write it. But, of course, it is not at all certain that it ever will be printed or seen by any one (except, perhaps, by my children, if, when I am grown up, I am married and have any) who ever heard of me. The world seems to me a very big place; there are such lots and lots of people in it, old ones and children, and middling ones; and they are all busy and taken up about their own affairs.

Some other children might like to read my story, just as