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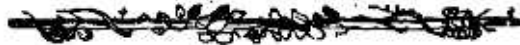
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CHAPTER I.

The Choice of a Governess.

"WHEN do you expect your new governess?" said Colonel Delany to his wife, as the door closed upon the last of a troop of merry children who had been romping with their father, till summoned to bed by their nurse.

"The end of next week is the time I fixed," said Mrs. Delany. "I could not wait longer, for the children are getting quite disorderly from having been three months without regular school-room habits—"

"And you really have engaged a young person you have not seen?" said her husband.

"I don't wonder you are surprised, my dear Henry, but I was tired of waiting, and could find no one here