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"Then must you speak Of one, not easily jealous, but, being wrought, Perplex'd in the extreme; of one, whose hand, Like the base Indian, threw a pearl away, Richer than all his tribe."

Othello.

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ANGLO-INDIAN FRIENDS

I DEDICATE THIS BOOK,

AS A SLIGHT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THEIR KINDNESS

AND HOSPITALITY, DURING THE YEARS

I LIVED AMONG THEM.

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CHAPTER I.

THE LAST CHANCE.

"I DON'T and won't believe it! There must be some mistake! It's too bad to be true!"

The above reckless assertion came from the lips of a tall girl of seventeen, who was leaning her shabby elbows on a wide, old-fashioned window-sill, and looking out on a steady downpour, in an attitude of the deepest dejection; staring blankly at the whity-grey sky, the dripping bushes, the roses like sponges, and the flattened flower-beds, with a countenance