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CHAPTER I.

"SHE is incomprehensible," he said.

"That," observed the friend, "only means she is a woman."

Smoke wreaths and silence followed this observation. It was too trite and commonplace for other notice—in a club-room. But the train of thought was followed by a brain unremarkable as yet for anything in life except artistic abilities and good-nature.

"I think she is n't—an ordinary woman," at last said the first speaker. "She is so—so different, you know."