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CHARACTERS

GALFRID UNDERSHILL (*a minor poet*).
JAMES SPURRELL, M.R.C.V.S.
THE COUNTESS OF CANTIRE.
LADY MAIRIE MULL (*her daughter*).
SIR RUPERT CULVERIN.
LADY CULVERIN.
LADY RHODA CORAYNE.
MRS. BROOKE-CHATTERIS.
MISS SPELWANE.
THE BISHOP OF BIRCHESTER.
LORD LULLINGTON.
LADY LULLINGTON.
MRS. EARWAKER.
THE HONOURABLE BERTIE PILLINER.
CAPTAIN THICKNESSE.
ARCHIE BEARPARK.
MR. SHOTHORN.
DRYSDALE (*a journalist*).
TANRAE (*a job-master*).
EMMA PHILLIPSON (*maid to LADY CANTIRE*).
MRS. POMFRET (*housekeeper at Wycern Court*).

MISS STICKLER (*maid to LADY CULVERIN*).
MISS DOLMAN (*maid to LADY RHODA CORAYNE*).
Mlle. CHIFFON (*maid to MISS SPELWANE*).
M. RIDEVOS (*chef at Wyvern*).
TREDWELL (*butler at Wyvern*).
STREPTON (*valet to SIR RUPERT CULVERIN*).
THOMAS (*a footman*).
ADAMS (*stud-groom*).
CHECKLEY (*head coachman*).
Steward's Room Boy, etc.

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PART I

SHADOWS CAST BEFORE

*In Sir RUPERT CULVERIN'S Study at Wyvern Court.
It is a rainy Saturday morning in February.
Sir RUPERT is at his writing-table, as Lady
CULVERIN enters with a deprecatory air.*

Lady Culverin. So here you are, Rupert! Not very busy, are you? I won't keep you a moment. (*She goes to a window.*) Such a nuisance it's turning out wet, with all these people in the house, isn't it?

Sir Rupert. Well, I was thinking that, as there's nothing doing out of doors, I might get a chance to knock off some of these confounded accounts, but—(*resignedly*)—if you think I ought to go and look after—