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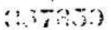
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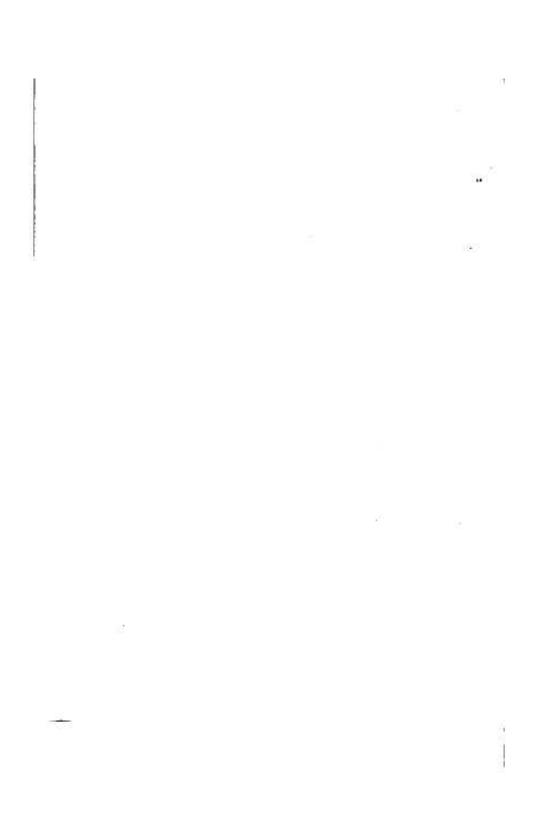
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### CHARACTERS

GALFRID UNDERSHELL (a minor poet).

JAMES SPURRELL, M.R.C.V.S.

THE COUNTESS OF CANTIRE.

LADT MAISIE MILL (her daughter).

SIR RUPERT CULVERIN.

LADY CULVERIN.

LADY RHODA CORAYNE.

MRS. BROOKE-CHATTERIS.

MISS SPELWANE.

THE BISHOP OF BIRCHESTER.

LORD LULLINGTON.

LADY LULLINGTON.

MRS. EARWARER,

THE HONOURABLE BERTIE PILLINER.

CAPTAIN THICKNESSE.

ARCHIE BEARPARK.

MR. SHORTHORN.

DRISDALE (a journalist).

TANBAKE (a job-master).

EMMA PHILLIPSON (maid to LADY CANTIRE).

MRS. POMPRET (housekeeper at Wyvern Court).

### CHARACTERS

MISS STICKLER (maid to LADY CULVERIN).

MISS DOLMAN (maid to LADY RHODA COKAYNE).

MLLE. CHIFFON (maid to MISS SPELWANE).

M. RIDEVOS (chef at Wyvern).

TREDWELL (butler at Wyvern).

STEPTOE (valet to SIR RUPERT CULVERIN).

THOMAS (a footman).

ADAMS (stud-groom).

CHECKLEY (head coachman).

Steward's Room Boy, etc.

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#### A STORY IN SCENES

#### 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 its 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——