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CHAPTER I.

BIRTH AND EARLY YEARS.

MARGARET HALLAHAN was born in London, of Irish Catholic parents, on the 23d of January 1803. Her father, Edmund Hallahan, belonged to a family which occupied a respectable position in society, but, owing to a long series of misfortunes, he himself had sunk in life, and found himself at length obliged to maintain his family by humble labour. The maiden name of his wife was Catherine O'Connor; her family were all pious Catholics, and one of them, Father John O'Connor, was a Dominican, and lived to an advanced age in the convent at Cork. Margaret was their only child, and the idol of her father, of whose indulgent affection she always retained a lively remembrance. She inherited the warm religious instincts of her mother, and manifested them with a certain childish impetuosity, prostrating and putting her forehead to the ground in prayer, and indulging in other exterior