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Edith's arrival.—Chapter I.

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*"As, neath the pure white snow are seen  
The berries of the Winter-Green,  
So oft the coldest heart conceals  
Some bud, that love at last reveals."*

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### CHAPTER I.

#### MR. CRANE'S BOYS.

"IT will simply spoil our fun for the winter," exclaimed Egbert, throwing down his book in anger.

"Egbert," said Mr. Crane, "I am surprised; where would you have your little cousin go while her parents are in Europe?"

"Let her go to boarding-school," growled Egbert; "we don't want girls around here."

"Egbert," said his mother, "Edith is

coming to-morrow night, and my only niece shall be treated with love and kindness by every one in the house."

"I didn't know she was coming so soon," said Walter, a red-haired boy of fourteen or fifteen, with a genial, good-tempered face.

"We did not speak of it before as it was not entirely settled," Mrs. Crane replied.

Some mutterings from Egbert caused his father to say, "Egbert, you will spend the evening in your room if you do not behave better."

Supper being then ready, they all went to the dining-room. But Edith's coming was still the topic of conversation.

"Mama," asked little Phil, "is Cousin Edift naughty?"

"No, dear; she is a sweet girl; and we need one in our family very much."