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'SIN COMES TO US FIRST AS A *TRAVELLER*; IF
ADMITTED, IT WILL SOON BECOME A *GUEST*; IMPOR-
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SOON AND FINALLY BECOME *MASTER OF THE HOUSE*'

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MRS. SEVERN

PART I



PROLOGUE

AT ROCOZANNE, JERSEY

‘It’s very good of you to have met me, Ambrose.’

‘But very unnecessary?’

Mr. Severn laughed consciously, but recovered himself by spreading his broad palm below his nostrils, and smoothing, with a slow downward movement, the close-cut moustache and beard that concealed his lips and chin. It was a new habit, but the growth also was new, and Ambrose was surprised to find that it took ten years from his age.

‘Well, you know I told you not to meet me.’