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Yours EVER.

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CHAPTER I.

OT one cent."

"But please, sir, we haven't any bread at home."

"Not one cent, I say—begone!"

Yet it was Christmas Eve, and this sullen denial proceeded from one well provided with