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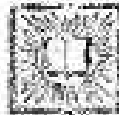
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CHAPTER I

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MR. TROMMEL'S ASSISTANT

[December]

IF you had looked out of a south window of the Maxwell house the day after Christmas, you would have seen a little figure hurrying along the path to the side gate, the brown curls bobbing vigorously up and down with the exertion.

Mr. Maxwell was looking out of the window, watching the small figure which was making such a bee-line toward the little house with the roof all peaks and gables, the long glass house at the side, just across the road from the Maxwells' side gate. "Going over to see old Trommel, I suppose," he said, turning to his wife, with a laugh. "We'll have