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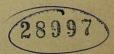
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HARRY DEE.

CHAPTER I.

IN WHICH I FEEL COMPELLED TO TALK MUCH ABOUT MY EARLY YEARS, AND TAKE A JOURNEY INTO THE COUNTRY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN A VERY MYSTERIOUS HOUSE.

I HOPE the reader may not be bored; but I find it necessary to begin my story with a great deal about my insignificant self. I am not the hero; and yet, owing to a strange run of circumstances, am so wrapped up with the characters and events which are to figure in my narrative that I find it impossible to make any sort of a beginning without telling somewhat of my own early history.

And, to begin with, the reader must know that when still a very small boy I succeeded in throwing my father and mother into a state of terror by an extraordinary piece of conduct. One night my mother, who had a habit of stealing to my little bed to tuck me in securely and repeat her goodnight kiss, found my bed empty. Not a little startled, she instituted a diligent search, and to her horror discovered me walking, fast asleep, up and down our garden walk.

Of course the family doctor was called in at once.