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CHAPTER I.

THE SEAT OF JUDGMENT.

MR. DAVID DALRYMPLE crossed his legs, drew his spotless napkin over his knee, turned from the dinner-table towards the wide-opened French casement, through which the breath of the summer evening came and went without hindrance or perceptible draught, and seemed supremely well satisfied with himself and the world in general. He had reason to be satisfied, and his surroundings were in harmony with his fortunes. The dining-room, though not very large, was handsomely decorated and richly furnished. Beyond the well-kept lawn that stretched in front of the open window the waters of Belfast Lough made a blue streak, bounded on the farther side by the rising ground of the Antrim shore, while the more distant hills stood out in picturesque shapes against the amber sky.

And as the scene was fair and peaceful to look upon, so had the life of David Dalrymple, in its outward course at least, been fair and peaceful too. It