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CHAPTER I.

"WELL, I'm not exactly sure," said the ironmonger, gazing out into the glaring street through a doorway festooned with tin mugs and gridirons, "but I think it was the gentleman as played the kettle-drum that rode him." His eyes seemed to follow some half-remembered pageant, though outwardly they rested on the languid salutations of the saddler's dog and the hotel collie on the opposite pavement.

Miss O'Flannigan, who looked and was too hot for conversation, remained impassive where she sat, on the top of an "Empress" cottage stove, with her gaze fixed on the zinc pails that hung like Chinese lanterns from the ceiling.