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## CHAPTER I.

### RETRIBUTION.

THERE is something unspeakably touching in that holy parable which describes the desolation of him who has been hitherto possessed by an unclean spirit, as he wanders aimlessly through dry and desert places, "seeking rest, and finding none!" John Vandeleur, not yet married a year, had already discovered that for him there was to be no such repose as springs from a quiet heart. In his youth and in his prime he had scorned the idea of Peace, and now, thirsting for her loving murmur, longing to be fanned by her snowy wing, he felt that over the surface of those troubled waters, in which his