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CHAPTER I

AT THE BELL AND BOOT

THE long low room at the back of the Bell and Boot tavern, Manchester, was filling fast. The freshly sanded floor already bore witness to the fact that it was a wet night outside, while the two long windows rattling gaily in their frames behind the dark green blinds drawn down over them announced that it was gusty as well as wet. Inside, however, things looked comfortable enough ; a huge fire blazed in the old-fashioned grate ;