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## CHAPTER I.

### LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

It was a merry party that assembled round the old oak dinner table at the Manor that same evening.

Two young stepsisters of Sir Charles Leslie had just arrived, intending to spend a week at the Manor, and return to London with Sir Charles and Lady Leslie, who had taken a house there for the season. Maude and Isabella Leslie were in the school-room, when their brother left for Italy five years ago, and had seen

very little of him and his Italian wife. Being orphans, they lived with their married sister ( Lady Harman ) in her small house in Curzon Street, Mayfair, and who, though a widow, entertained largely, and her Tuesday evenings at home were amongst the pleasantest in London. A thorough woman of the world, yet possessing a kind heart and a large amount of tact and consideration for the feelings of others, Lady Harman was liked and appreciated by all classes. At her house, mingled with the nobility and her own relations, would be found authors, composers, painters, actors, artists, of all sorts and all nations, who flocked thither, not for any gain, for Lady Harman was the widow of an old Admiral, who had only left her about £1,000 a year, but for