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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCES THE HERO, AND TELLS SOMETHING OF HIS
BIRTH AND PARENTAGE.

A BRAVE ship tossing and tacking against adverse winds; its captain keeping an anxious watch on the wind-swept deck.

Below, a wife by her husband's bedside—a bed that has been made between the two cabins of the state-cabin, for Charles Darrell was a man of great height, and the narrow berth became unbearable when deadly sickness struck him down.

The last flickering gleams of a noble life were fading. On one side his wife knelt and held his hand clasped in hers. On the other stood a child, brown-haired, brown-eyed, with