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ALADDIN AND THE WONDERFUL LAMP.

CHAPTER I.

ALADDIN'S UNCLE.

ONCE upon a time, in the land of China, there lived a poor tailor. He was very poor, for he did not earn much money. He could scarcely buy as much food as would keep his wife, his only son, and himself from starving.

2. His son's name was Aladdin. You will say this was a nice name for such a poor boy, but I am sorry to say that Aladdin was not a very good boy. His parents had been too kind to him, and had let him have his own way, and so he grew up to be very careless. He liked playing games in the streets far better than minding what his father and mother said to him.

3. To be a tailor, you must learn how to sew with a needle. Aladdin learnt to sew neatly in his father's shop, and he would do his work quite well whilst his father looked at him. But when his father went out of the shop, if only for a minute, and Aladdin was left alone, then