

# SNOWFLAKES AND SUNBEAMS

FROM

## THE FAR NORTH.

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### CHAPTER I.

Plunges the reader into the middle of an Arctic Winter; conveys him into the heart of the Wildernesses of North America; and introduces him to some of the principal personages of our Tale.

SNOWFLAKES and sunbeams, heat and cold, winter and summer, alternated with their wonted regularity for fifteen years in the wild regions of the Far North. During this space of time, the hero of our tale sprouted from babyhood to boyhood, passed through the usual amount of accidents, ailments, and vicissitudes incidental to those periods of life, and, finally, entered upon that ambiguous condition that precedes early manhood.

It was a clear cold winter's day. The sunbeams of summer were long past, and snowflakes had fallen thickly on the banks of Red River. Charley sat on a lump of