



CHAPTER II.

FANNY RETTA.



AVACK and her daughter Tottachk were both members of the "Household" at the time that a fresh instalment of pets, which I am about to mention, arrived.

After the destruction by fire of our pretty new house, with all its contents, including a valuable library, all my Mother's wedding gifts, bed and table linen, and innumerable possessions that could never be replaced, we left Canada for a five years' visit to the romantic and beautiful city of Edinburgh, Scotland. There my brothers and sisters attended the best schools, and laid the foundation of their education.

It was upon our return to the rebuilt roughcast stone residence, near the site of the first one, that our old nurse, Mary Currie, came to see us. We