

# THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER.

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## CHAPTER I.

“Sit in reverie, and watch  
The changing colour of the waves that break  
Upon the idle seashore of the mind.”

IT had been a heavy day at the bank. Vincent Raymond was feeling very discontented as he sat in an easy chair in front of the fire, reflecting upon the arguments for and against remaining in the service of the London and Wyburn Bank. It was the day set apart when the officers of this institution knew how the “rises” were to affect them.

For weeks past each officer had indulged