

HER ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

CHAPTER I.

SHE IGNORES THEM.

AT this present time she signs her name "Christine Hollister Holmes," and her visiting cards read "Mrs. Stuart Holmes." I tell you this in order that people who were acquainted with Chrissy Hollister may have no doubt as to her identity. She was sitting before an open window, although in many latitudes it was the season of the year when windows are kept tightly closed, and coal or steam holds sway. There was a suspicion of fire in the open grate, but the air was odorous with burning pine, instead of anthracite, and the breath which came in at the open windows was fragrant with roses instead of being touched with frost.