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> CHAPTER I "TOUNG TODD."





Todd lived at the refreshment

The Total family were big folk in Battle-ton, and not to be despised out of Battleton, take them sltogether. There were not many of them, they consisted of Mrs. Todd, the relict of Bartholomew Todd, who had made relict of Bartholomew Told, who had made much money by wholesale gums and india rubbers down a dirty slum in Mincing lane, and half of whose property was settled for life on his widow, with reversion to an only son, the young Told of our simple marra-tive; three Missee Todd, all one pattern, cut crosswise and with many angles, and with strong blases toward. high church and high church curates, and whose money was strictly settled on themselves; and young Todd, whose money had settled itself strictly on him, too, up to the present period of our story, for no one save himself and the girl as the refreshment counter had seen the color of it, envious people said. Why he was called young Todd it was hard to declare. When there was an old Todd flying sway to town by express every

hard to declare. When there was an old Todd flying away to town by express every morning, it might have been appropriate; but when old Todd had flown away to a bet-ter world than Mincing lane, young Todd became somewhat of a misnomer, especially as young Todd had reached eight and twenty summers, elear. Certainly he looked young. He was a very slim man, without a hair or He was a very slim man, without a hair or an expression upon his face, and he wore turn-down collars, a short blue jacket and a polo cap. There were three things which he had loved before Miss Daly came to Battle-ton-his pipe, his bull terrier pup and him-melt; but she had changed all this as with the touch of the wand of an enchantress. She had called the bull terrier "that nasty dog," and it had been consigned to its kennel from that hour; she had hated the sight of men with short pipes in their mouths before dinner, he had heard her say once, and he had taken to cigars and to smoking them which he was disposed to grow eloquent-builterus and builterriers. Bo regular a lounger at the counter, so good a customer, so well-known an inhabi-tent of Eattleton, was obliged to be received