

CHAPTER III
A great festival was to be held in Alward's mansion, on Madison Square, for the young, handsome and accomplished, Miss Ethel Alward, was to make her first appearance in the fashionable society of London. Her foster-father, Mr. Harry Alward, had promised her a fête on her sixteenth birthday. The Countess of Gottenburg and Vivian DeForest were sure to be there so the gossip said.

ETHEL OR WHO SHE WAS.
BY F. F. M. M.
CHAPTER I.
It was a dreary day in November, and the rain was falling fast, that a young girl of about thirteen stood by the window of a fashionable house on Madison Square. She was tall, slightly made, light hair that fell in golden ringlets to her waist, blue eyes, features well formed, and altogether a very handsome girl. She wore a light grey dress, trimmed in the fashion of to-day, blue sash around her waist, and fastened with a gold pin. Her whole countenance, although simply made, betokened grace and refinement.

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CHAPTER II.
In an elegant apartment of Fifth Avenue, sat an elderly lady, plainly but richly dressed, in a black silk velvet, trimmed with honiton lace. The sole ornament she wore was a pair of bracelets exquisitely carved, and in the center a cluster of pearls forming two stars. A small table of Indian workmanship inlaid with ivory was beside her and on it a cup of chocolate, hot-cross-buns, muffins, and waffles. Of all this she ate not a particle but she tasted. The lady sat down and took a sip of the chocolate and pushed it away from her, impatiently walking up and down the room, and then clasped her hands together as if in agony, and at last exclaimed:

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