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MY STRANGE CHRISTMAS VENTURE.

Next week I leave the country for the last time this winter I have an engagement with a gentleman of whom I have never been able to ascertain the name. He had written to several persons expressing a desire to meet me. I was not about to refuse this opportunity of seeing him. I knew that he was a man of some consequence, and that he had obtained several letters from me. I was therefore anxious to see him, and to learn how he was, and what he intended to do.

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