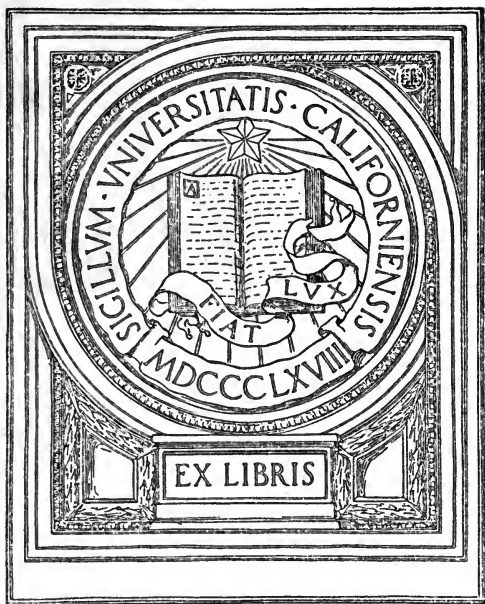


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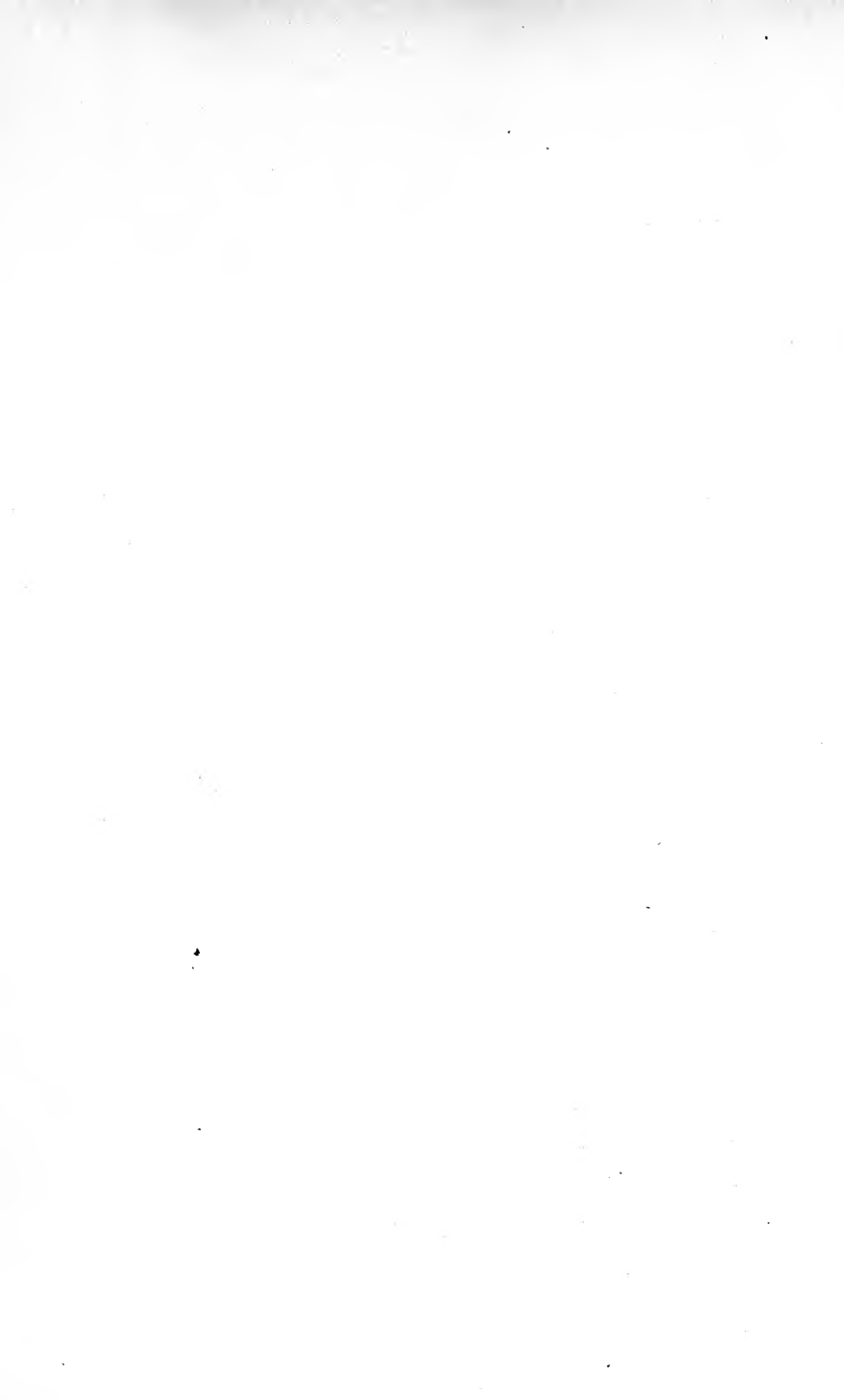
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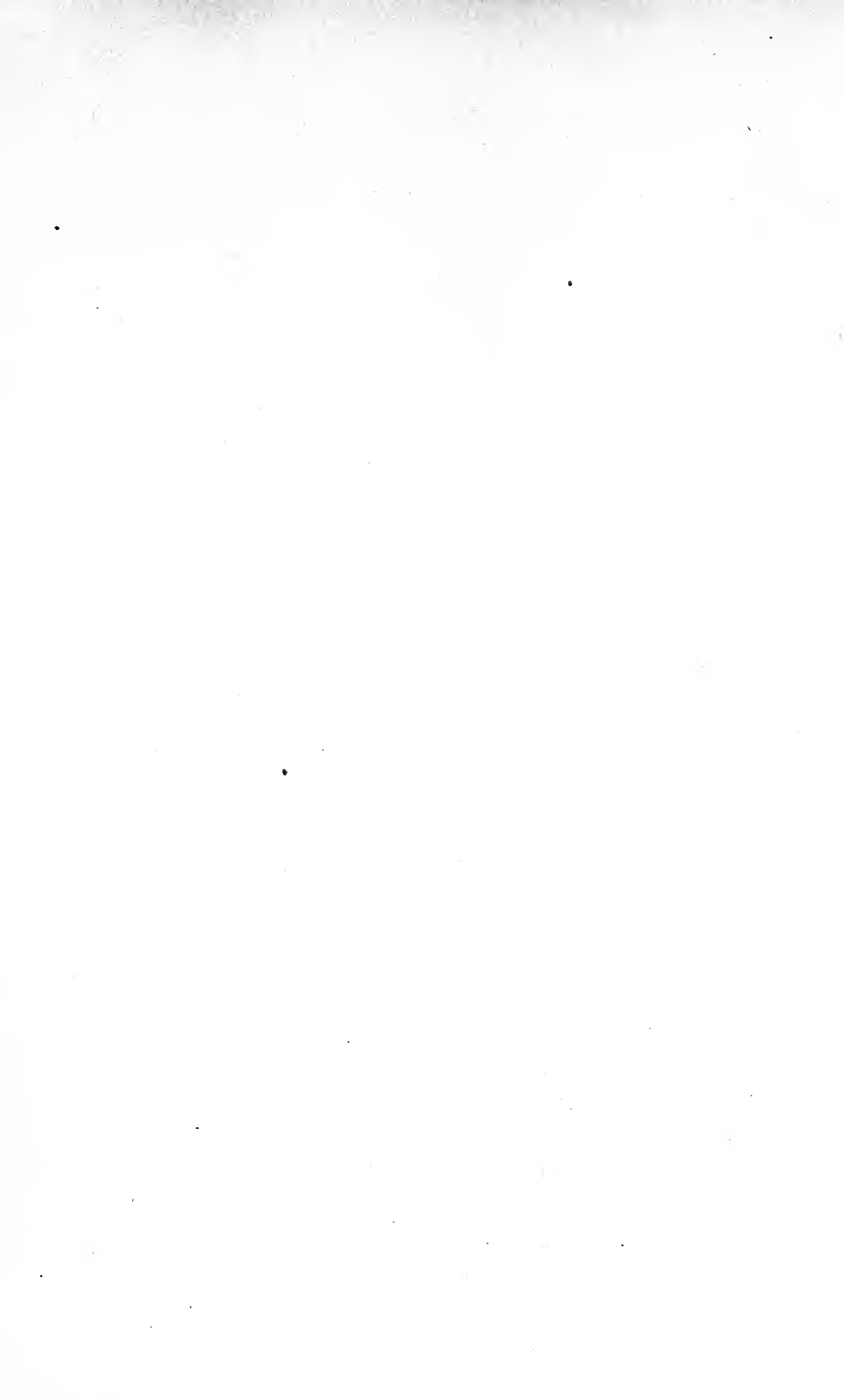
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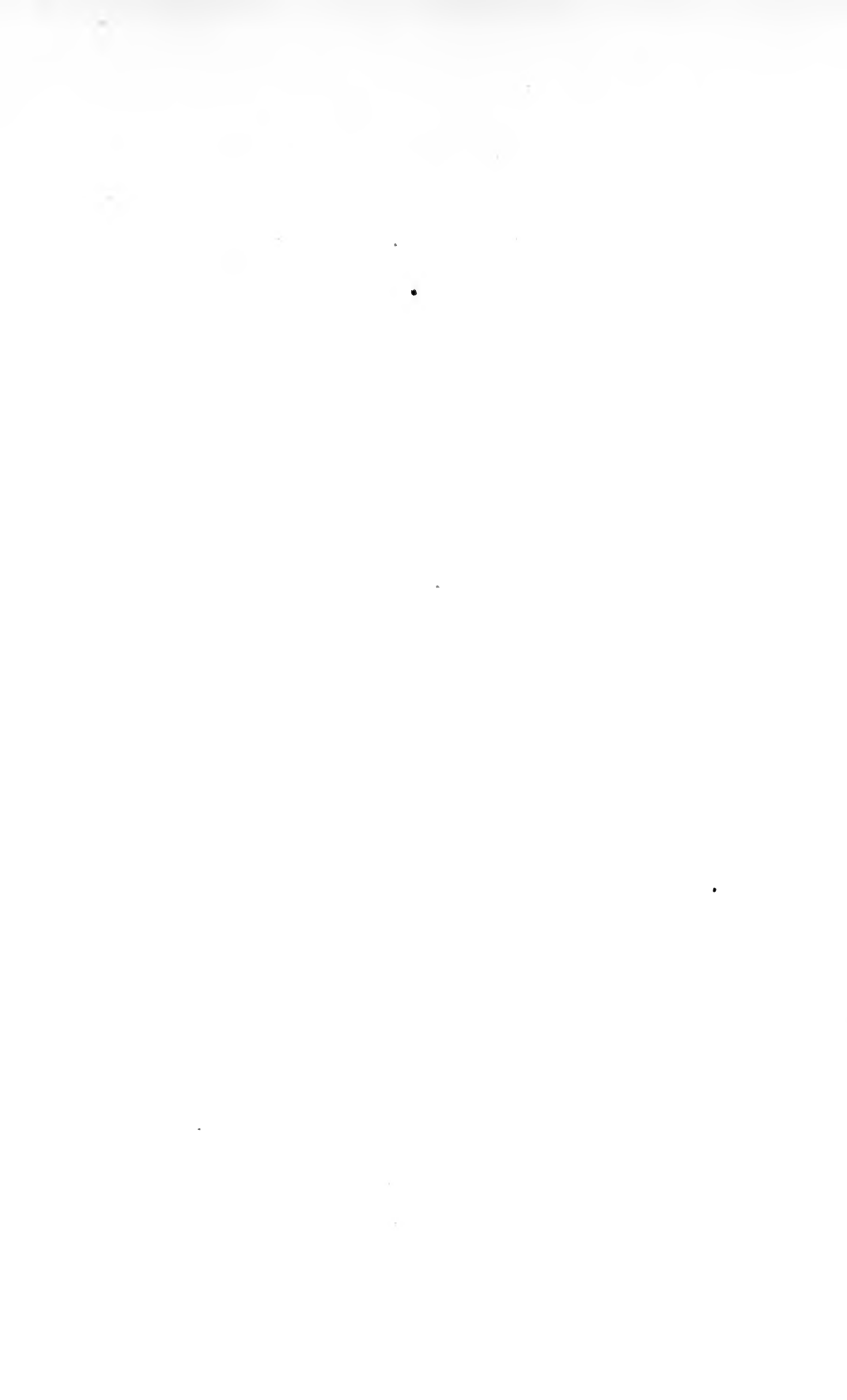
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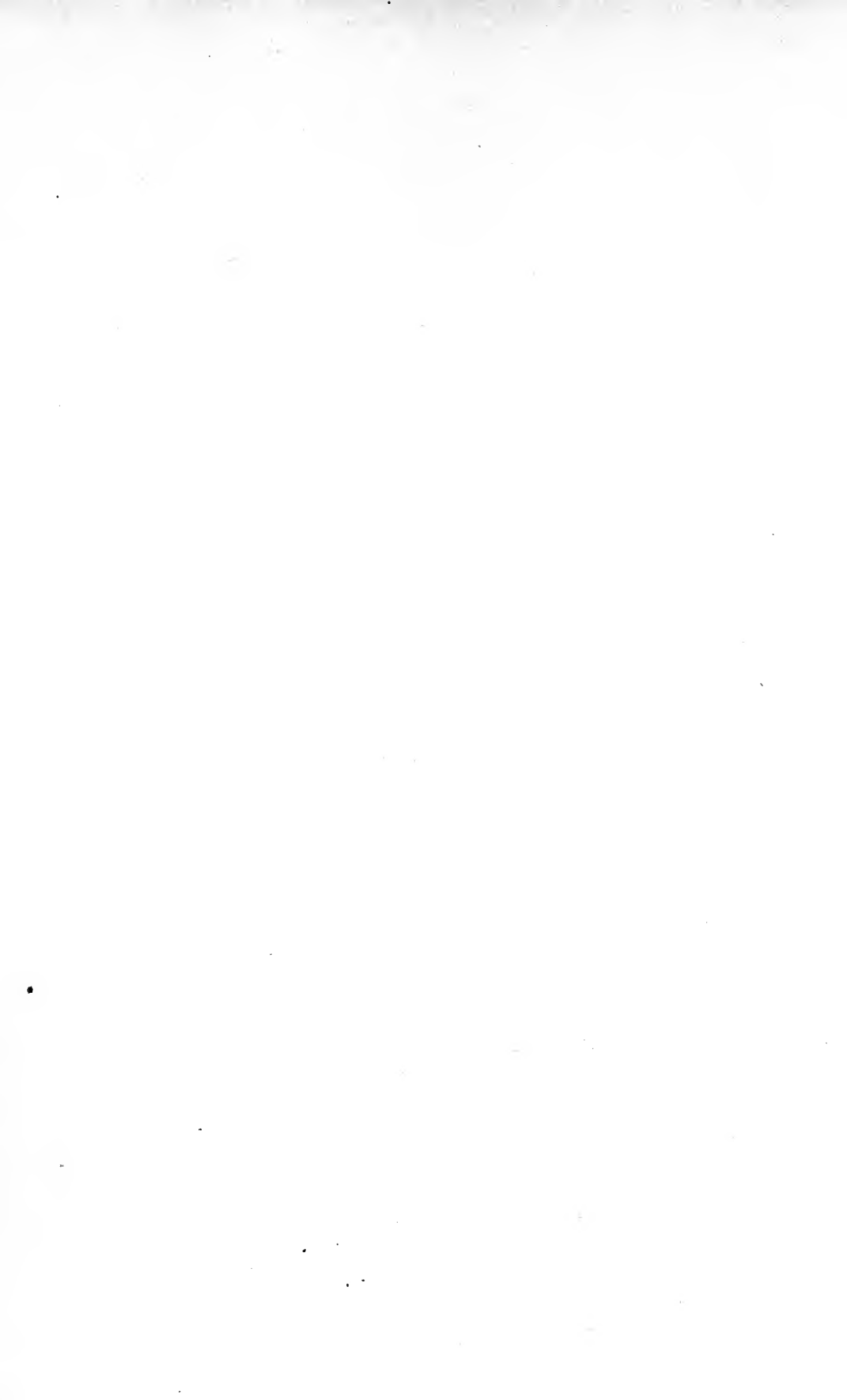
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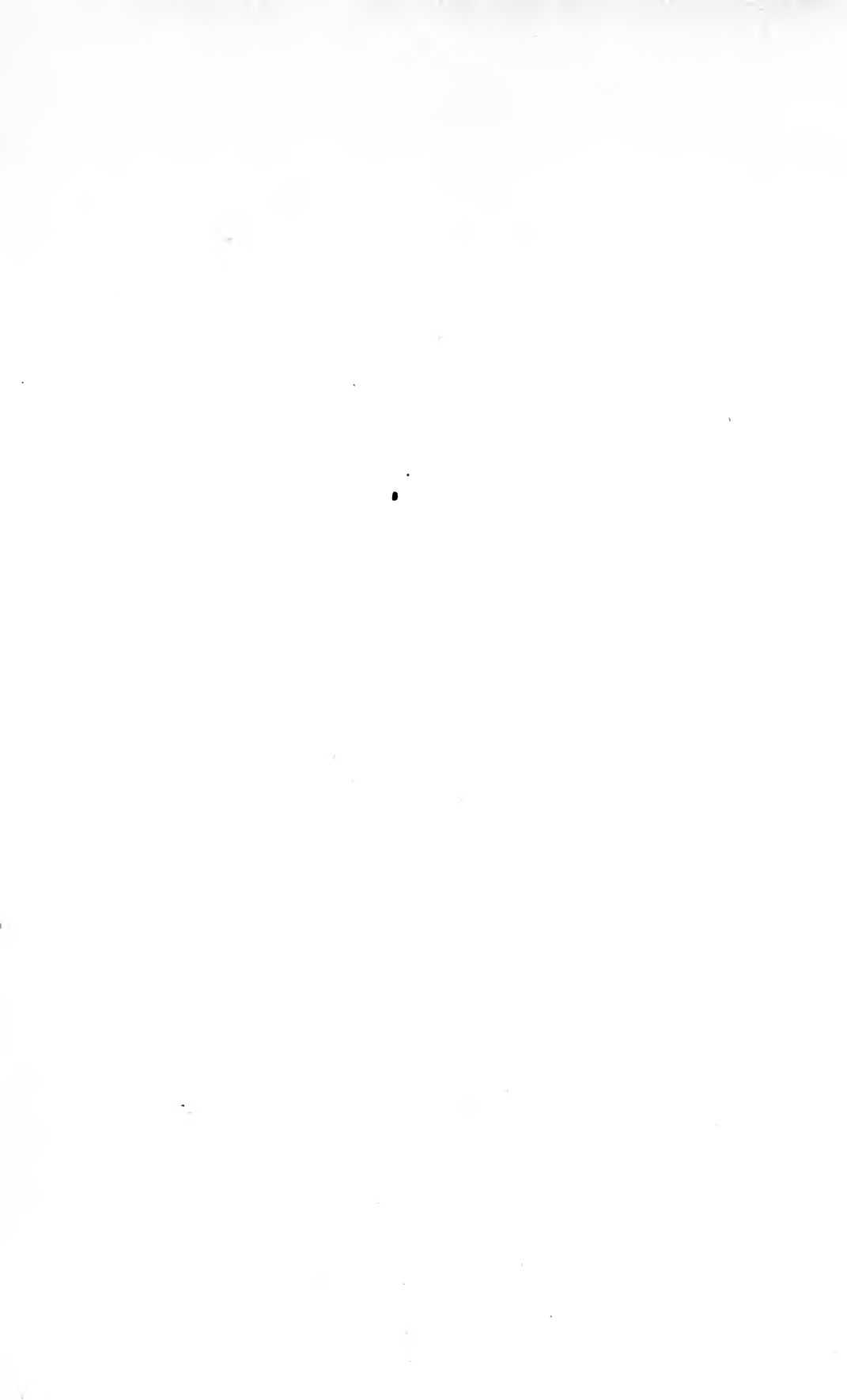
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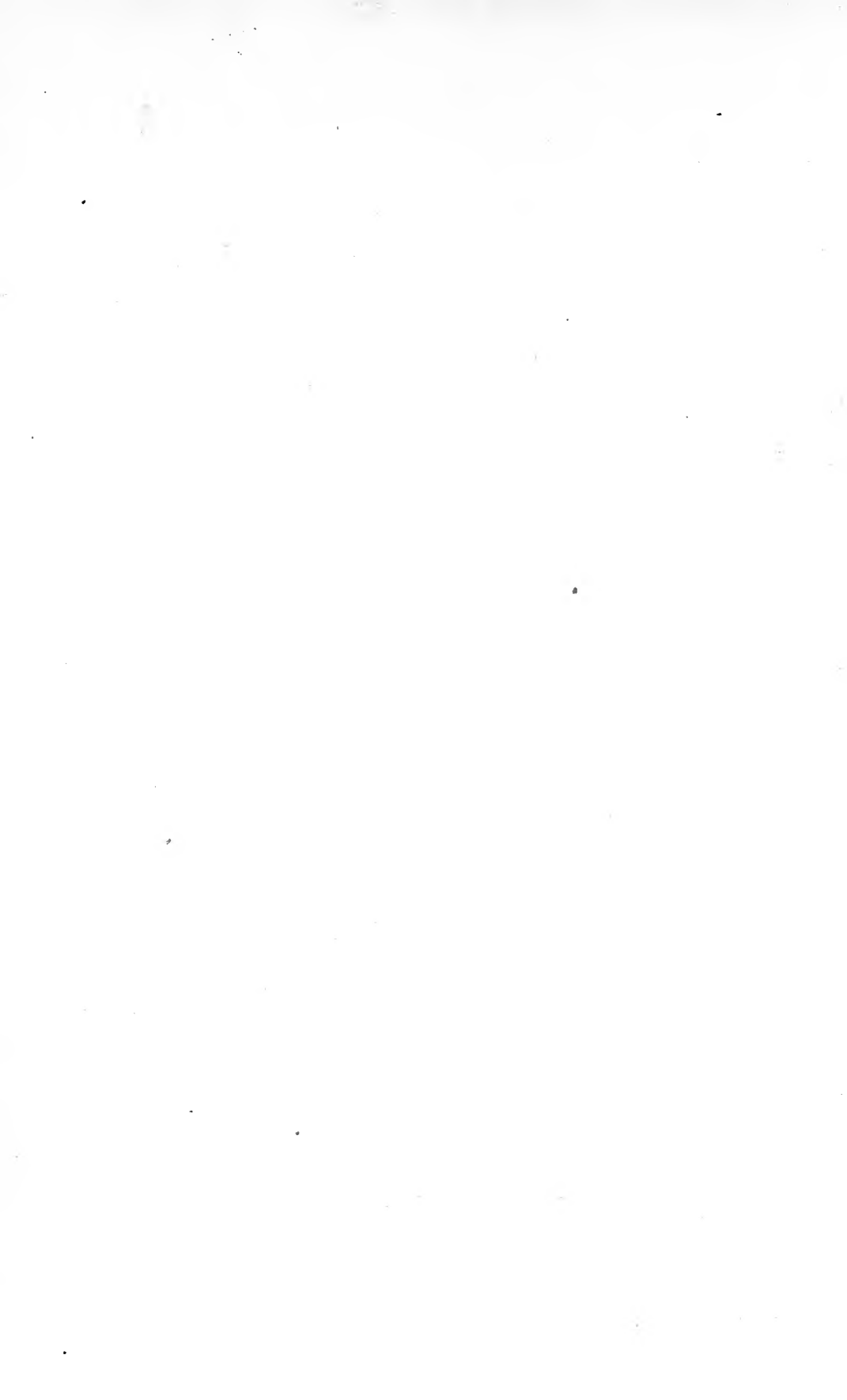
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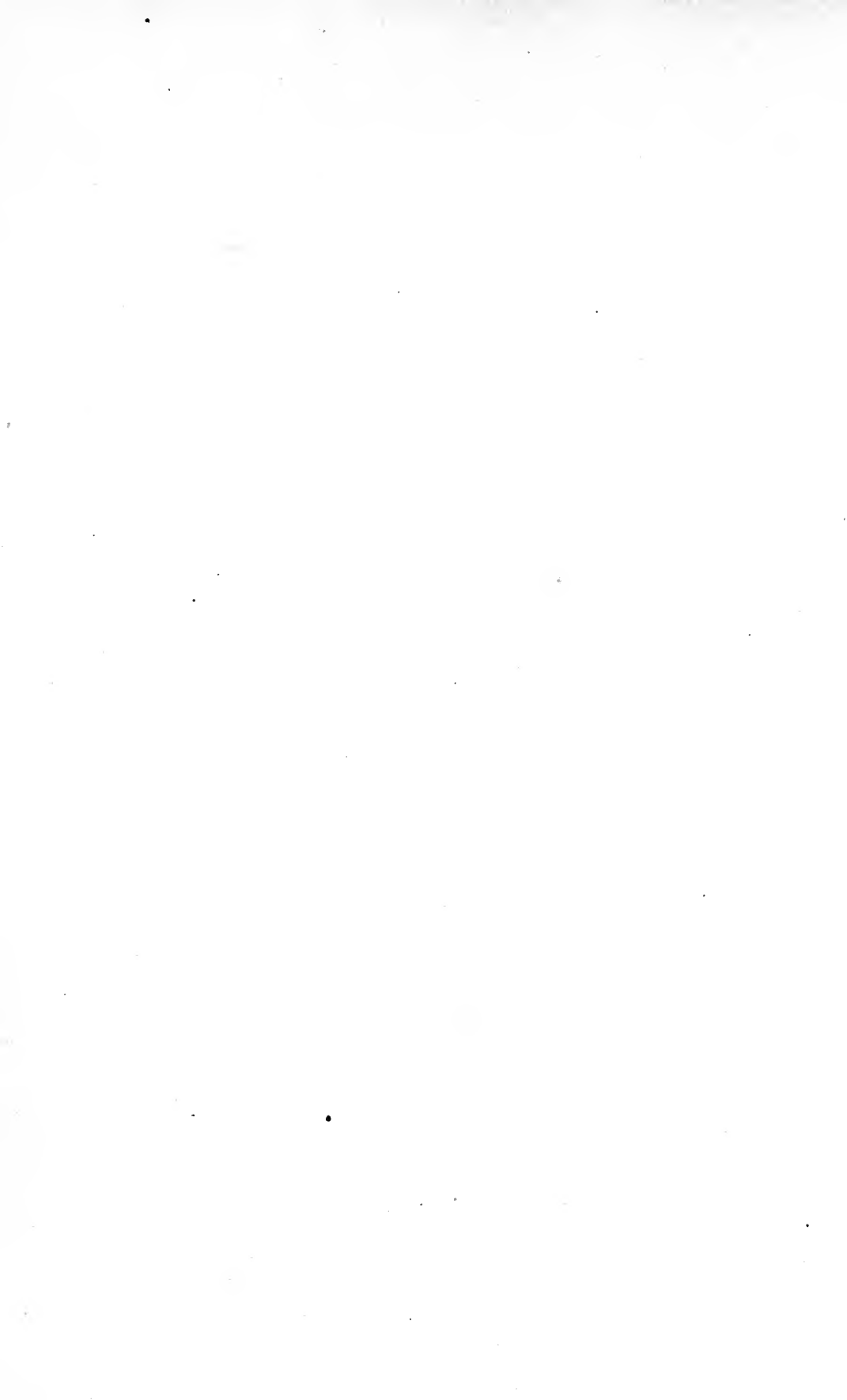
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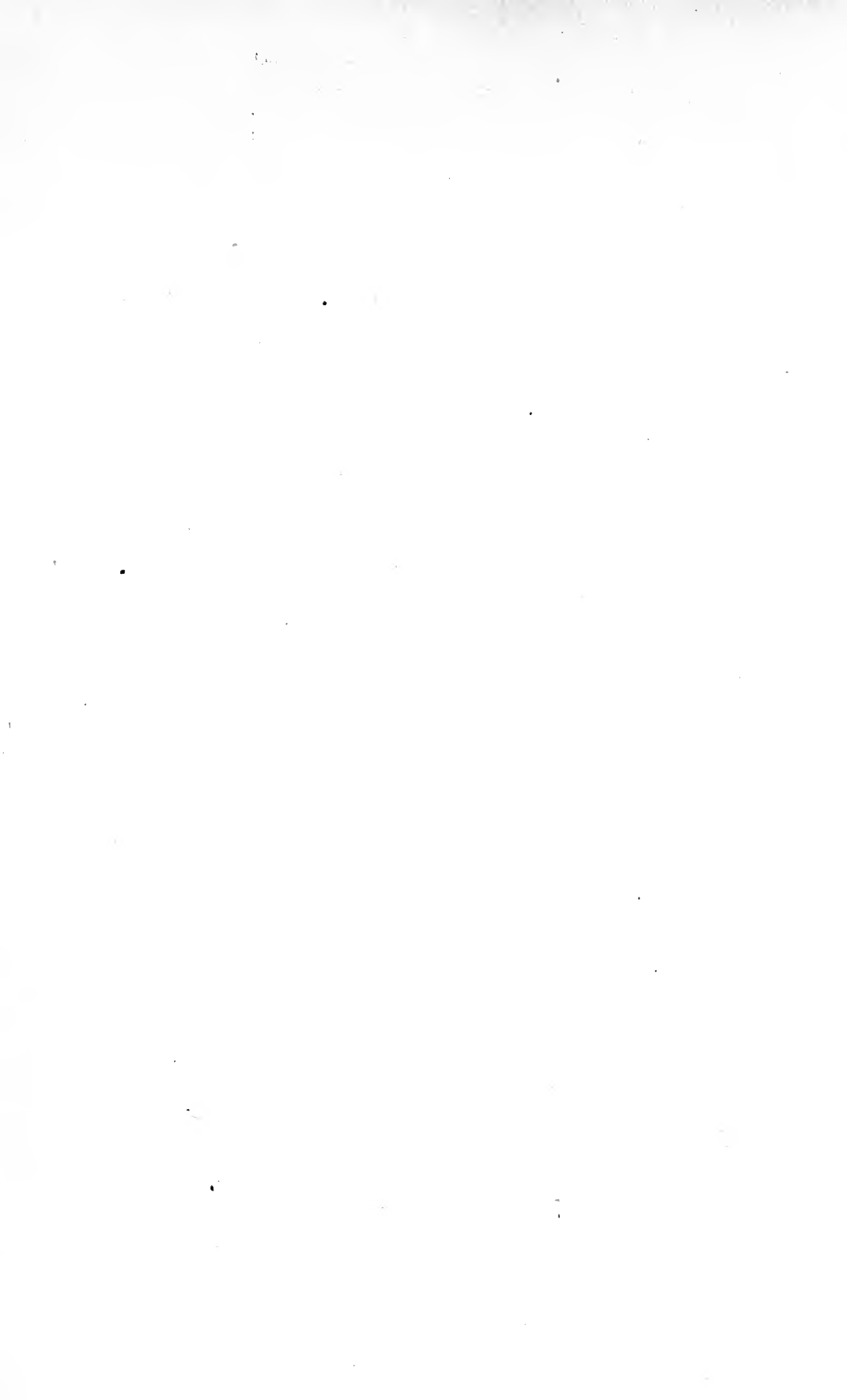
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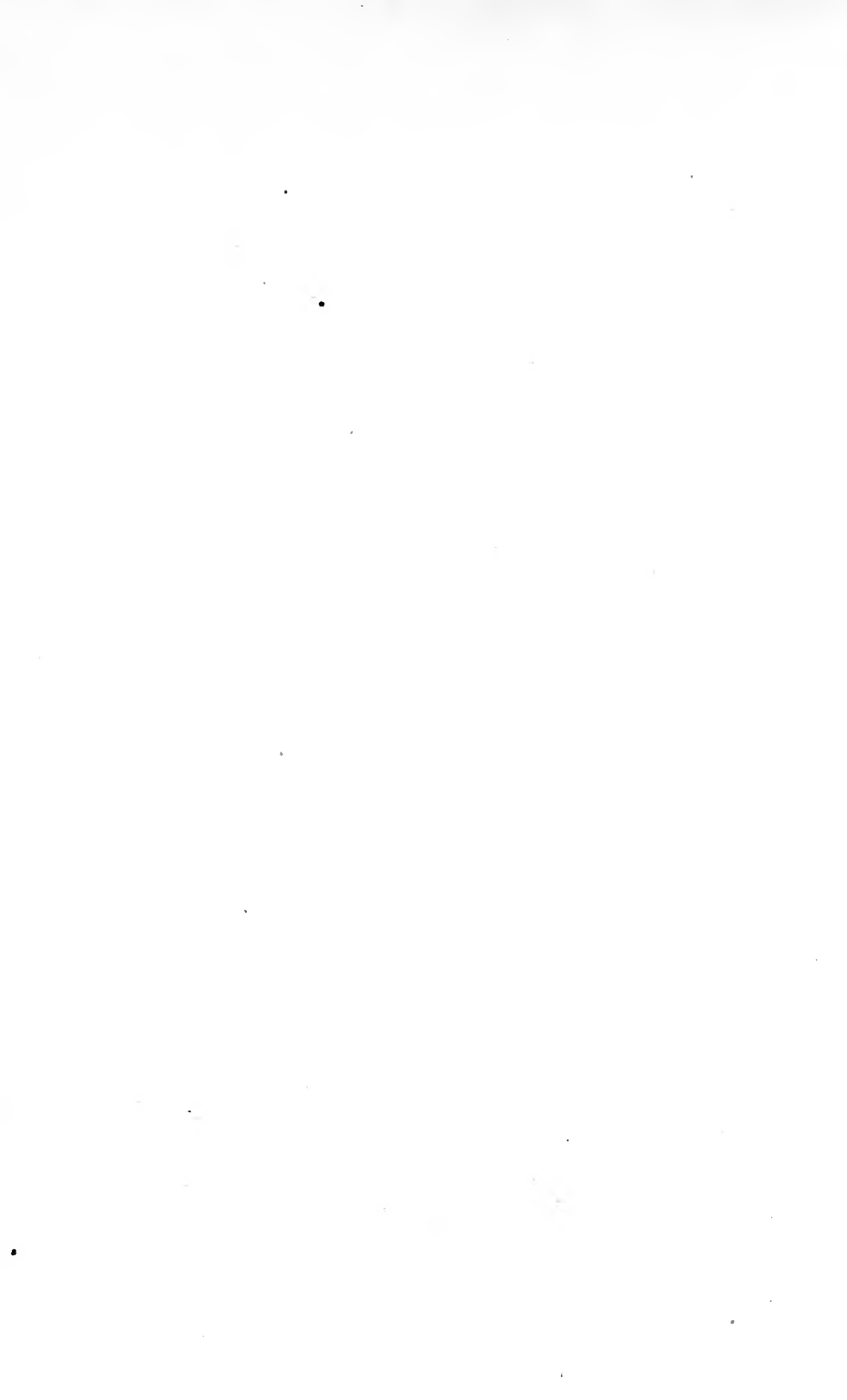
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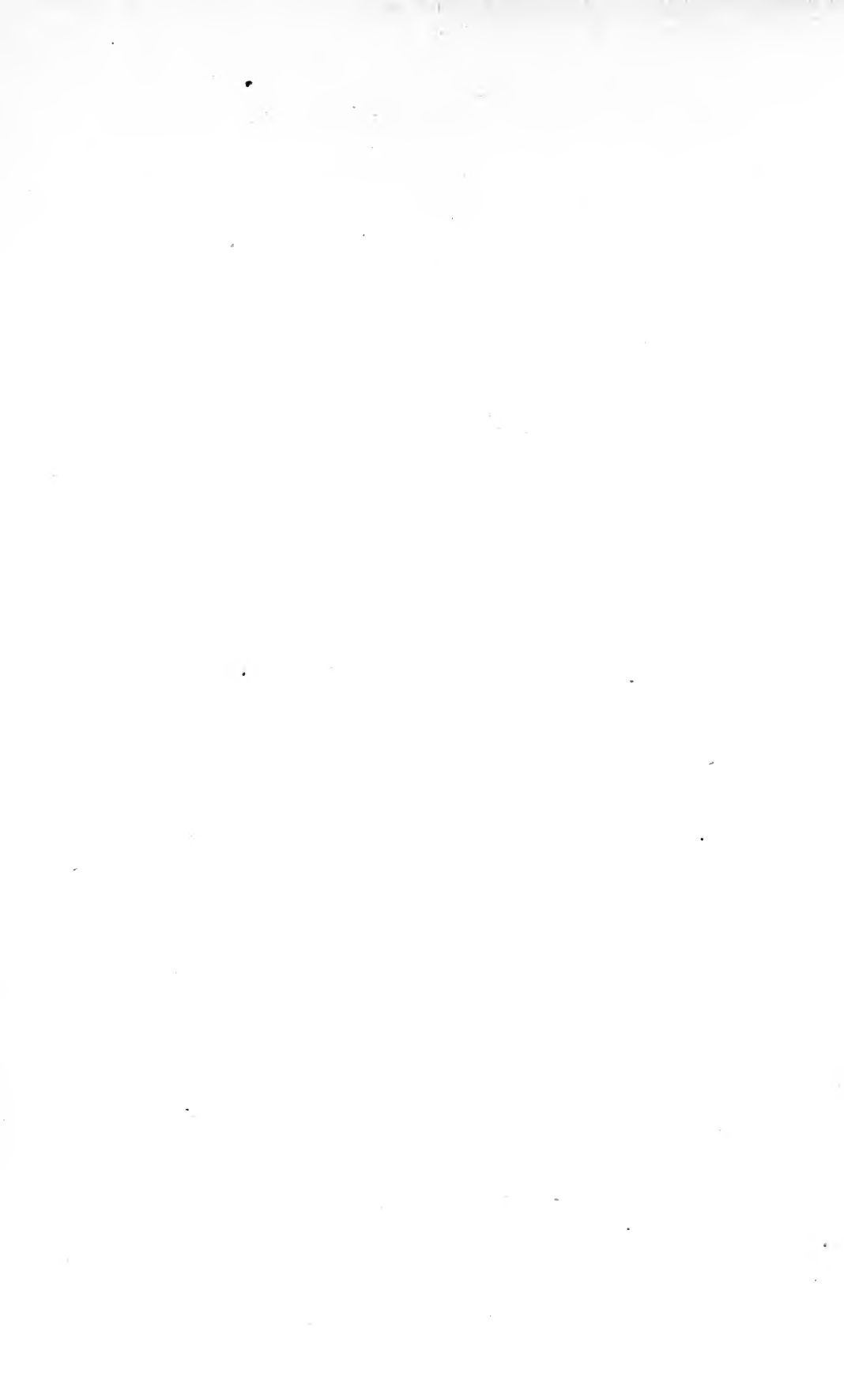
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In glancing over the list of authorities used in this volume, one is struck by the large number of **original manuscripts** it contains. This is a characteristic feature of all of Mr Bancroft's historical investigations. Whenever sufficient material did not exist, which was often the case, he went to work and **created it**. He usually found masses of it in out-of-the-way places; and when all that he could find was gathered and sifted, and arranged for the gaps that still remained, and for fresh information about all the rest, he **sought out the old men** who had first come to the country, and all those who had assisted in any considerable degree in building it up and making it what it is, and from their lips wrote down their lives. In this way thousands of manuscripts were made, to each of which a distinctive title was given, when they were bound and lodged in his priceless library, there to constitute forever the foundations of Pacific coast history. In **British Columbia**, Mr Bancroft met many highly entertaining characters among the old retired officers of the **Hudson's Bay Company**, whose chiefs were once autocrats of all this vast region from the Pacific ocean back to the great lakes and the shores of Hudson bay—an area larger than that of all the United States. It was the **East India Company** of America, whose members were lords absolute of the domain, with power of life and death over its savage subjects. As in the **missionary fields** of the Spaniards in the south, the Indians here were ruled by very few white men, two or three servants of the company often being the sole occupants of an isolated post, a hundred miles distant from any other, and the whole region round filled with warlike savages. In the **first chapter** is given a summary of the earliest voyages along the coast, both Spanish and English. This is followed by a general physical description of the **Northwest Coast**, its configuration and climates, with something about the manner in which the white men and Indians held intercourse. Then follow in several chapters interesting accounts of the manner in which **settlements were established** where now is Victoria, and afterward in other localities, as Yale, Hope, Nanaimo, and New Westminster, and which occupation, with the subsequent **gold discovery**, finally undermined and destroyed the business of the **fur company**. The establishment at **Victoria**, or Camosun, as the spot was called by the Indians, arose out of the necessity on the part of the fur company of a metropolitan post in the north, in view of their being obliged to retire from Fort Vancouver, on the Columbia, when that section should fall



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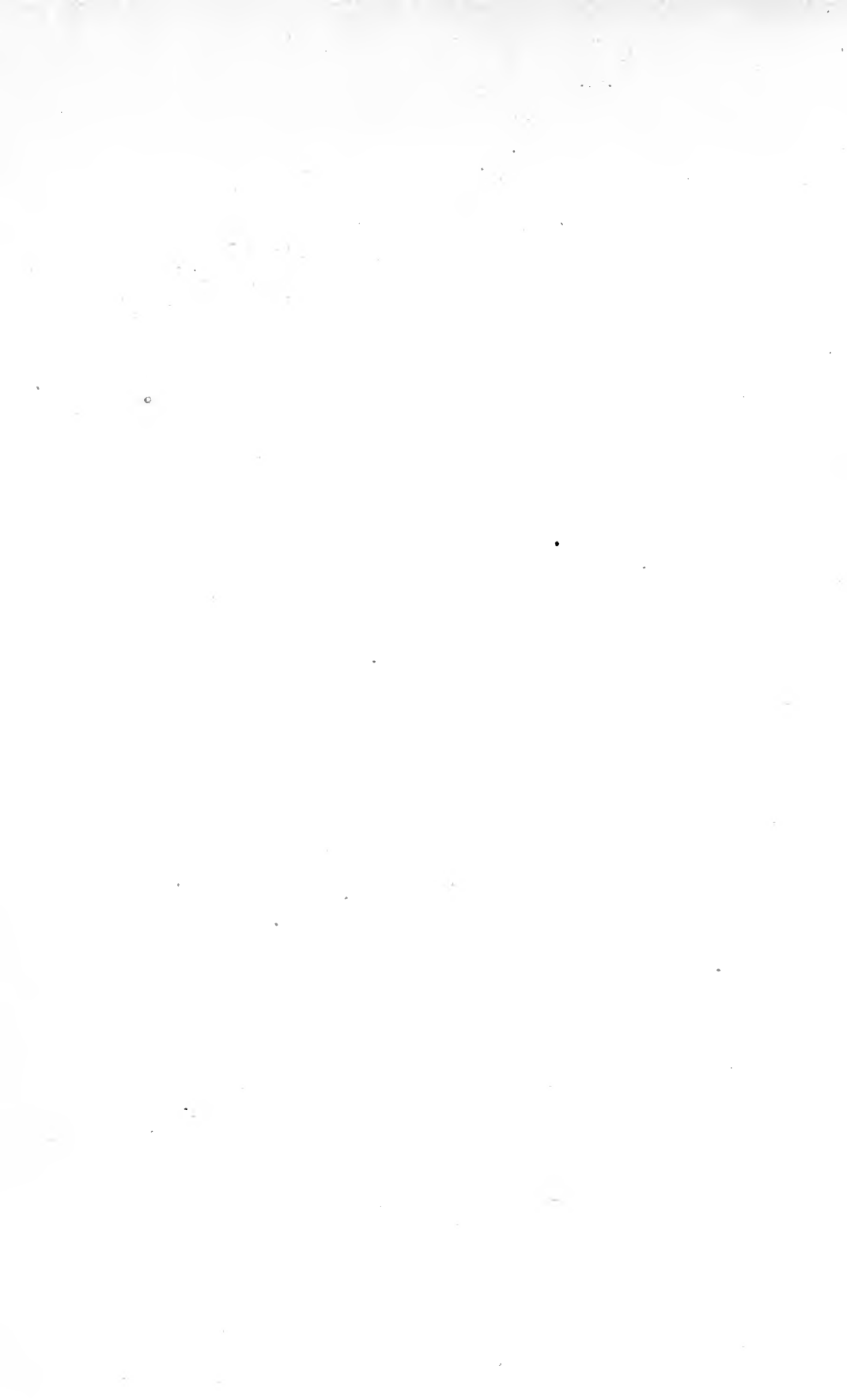
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The Russians would **endure sufferings and death** with patience and equanimity. They had not the pestilential airs of the heated tropics to contend with, but, coming from frozen Siberia through the sleet and snow of Kamchatka into the tempestuous northern waters, there was for them no lack of suffering to be endured. In regard to the **discovery of Alaska**, one might say that it was always discovered, as the Asiatic and American Eskimos have crossed Bering Strait on the ice and in boats for a hundred thousand years, for all any one knows to the contrary. But it was a different matter when **Chirikof and Bering came from Russia** and sailed across from Kamchatka to somewhere about Mt. St. Elias. Bering died on the return voyage under trying circumstances.

Seals and sea-otter! There were millions of them there, and the promyshleniki, the Russian coureurs des bois, or free-booting fur collectors, came swarming in to harvest them, killing on their own account, gathering some themselves, and causing the natives to gather more for them. **It was a cruel day** for both the Seals and Aleuts, when these accursed little human vermin came down upon them. Two chapters are devoted to their adventures—**totally new chapters in American History**, as, indeed, are all in this most original and absorbing volume. After this the Imperial Government of Russia undertook some fur-hunting, proselytizing and colonization on its own account, but did not succeed very well at it. Men will suffer hardships and death for their own gain sooner than for the glory of God or the benefit of the King, whose arm was not long enough to control them. Something must be done, however, or **Spain would capture the country**, and so while a monopoly of the fur trade was given to commercial companies, the government went on with its explorations. England was early there in the persons of Cook and Vancouver, naming everything along the coast **Shelikof**, one of the most **prominent characters in Alaskan His-**



tory, was a great man, the study of whose character well repays the trouble. **Baranof**, whom Shelikof induced to join his company, was long governor of the country, and a very peculiar and prominent man.

At one time there were two companies in the field, and a great strife arose between them, a graphic account of which is given in Chapter XV of this volume. After this, colonization began again, and missions of the Greek Church were established.

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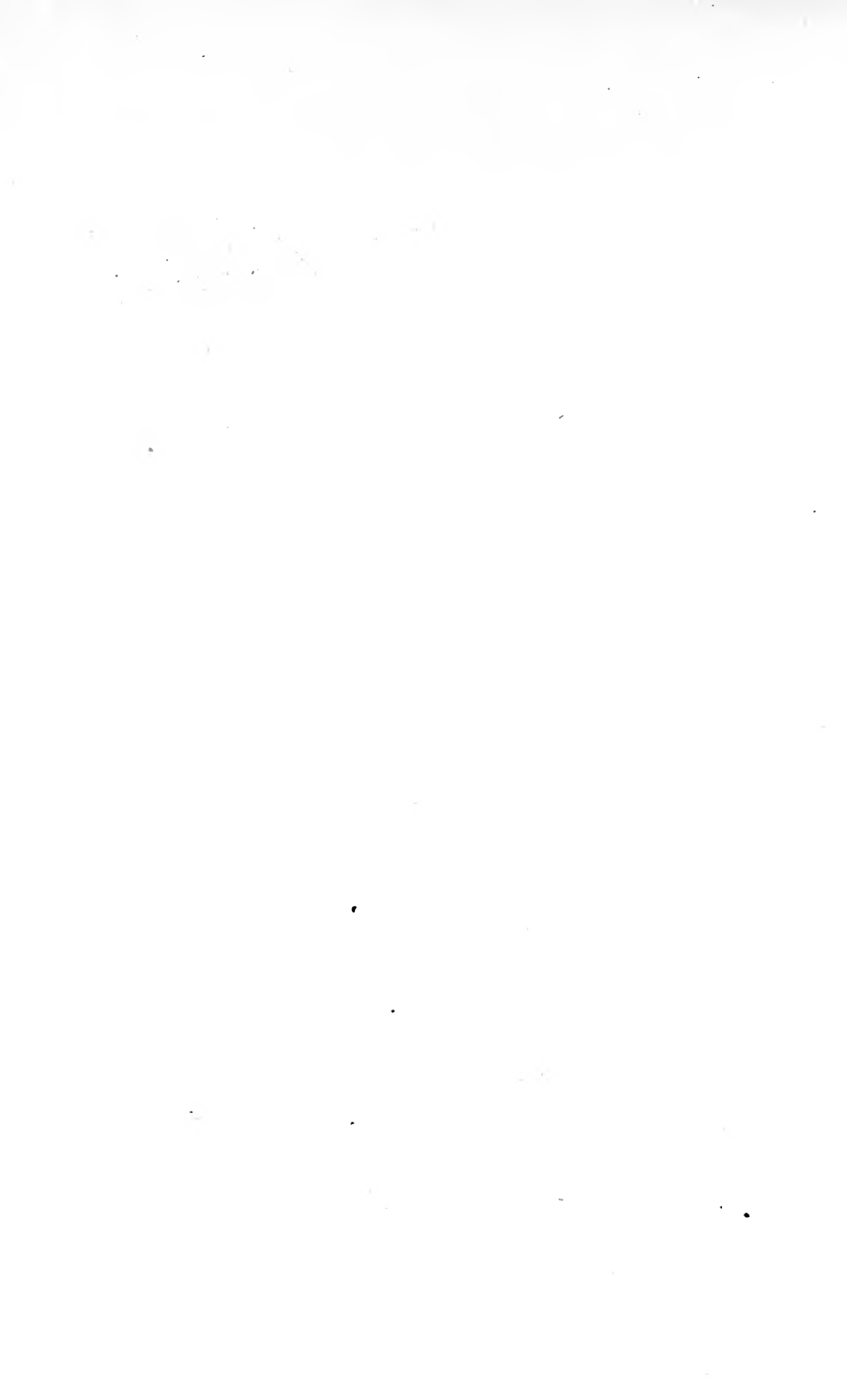
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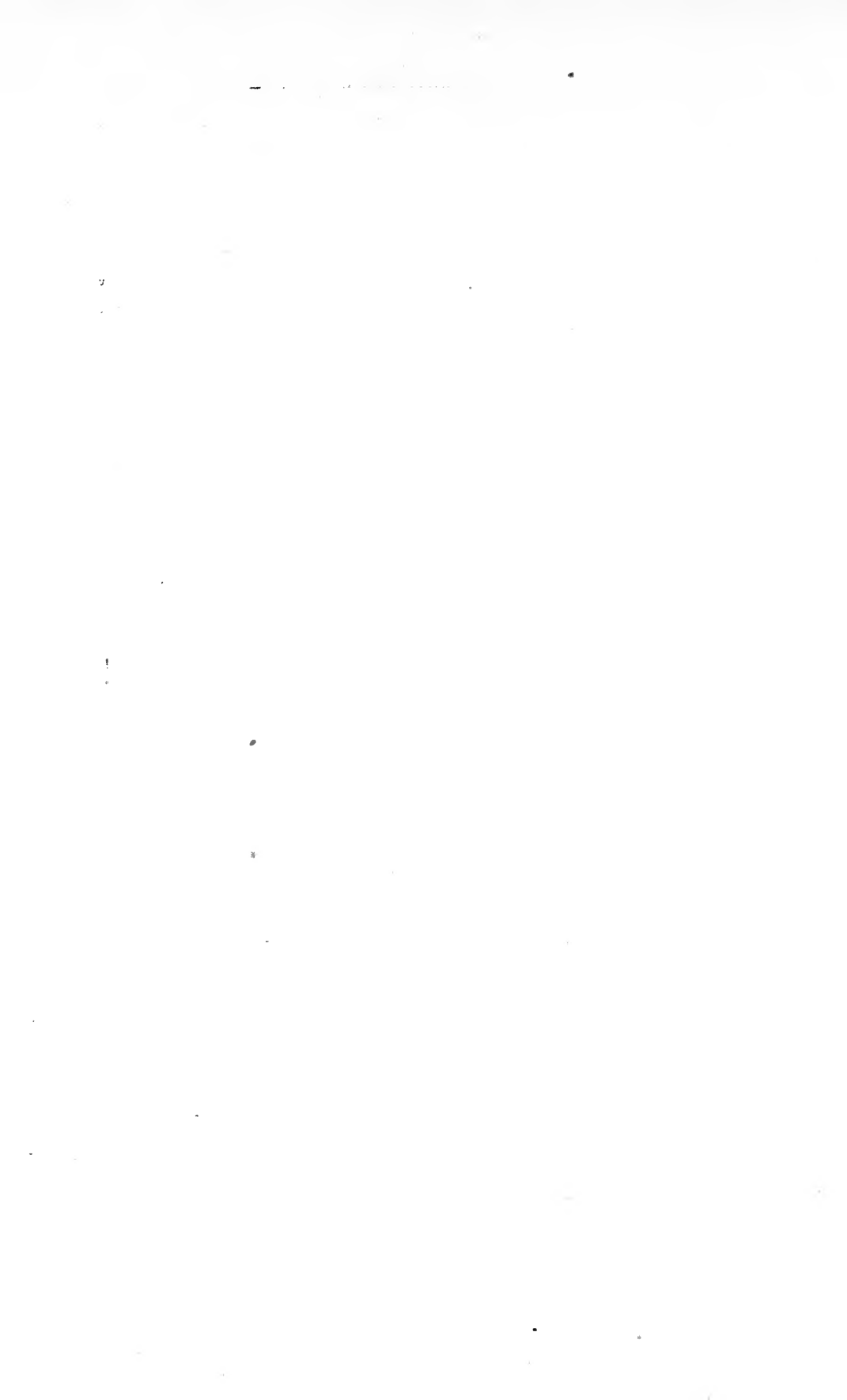
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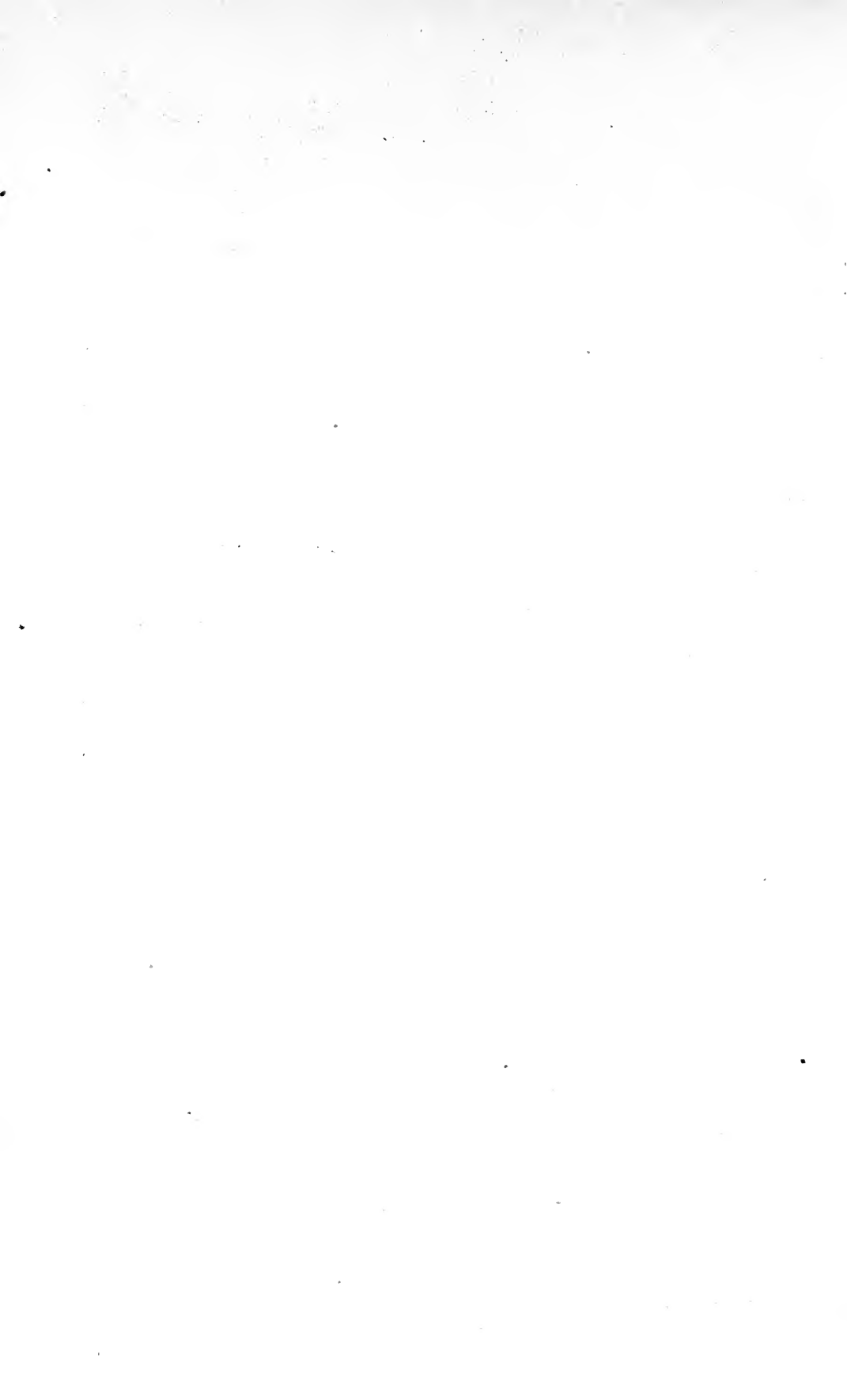
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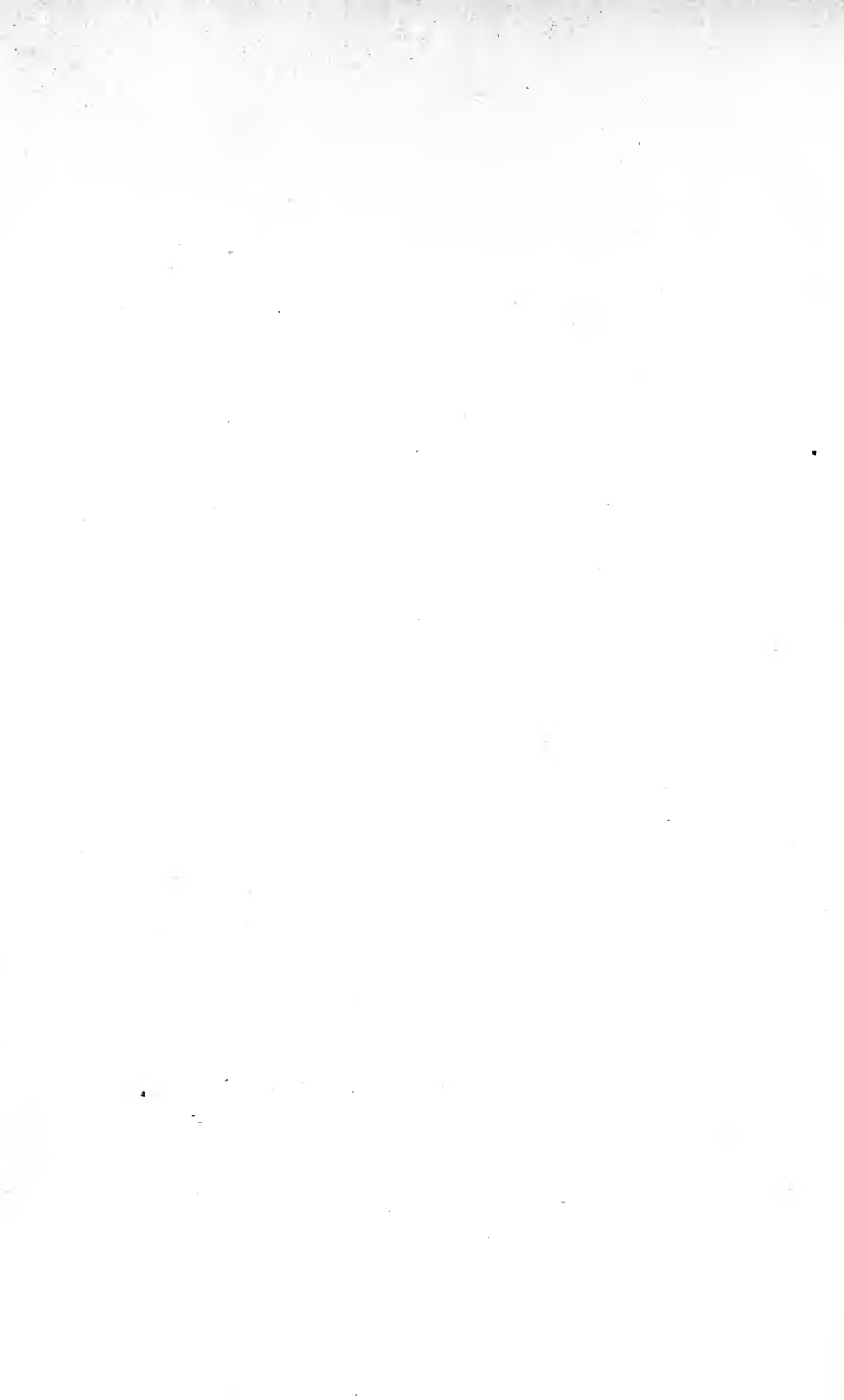
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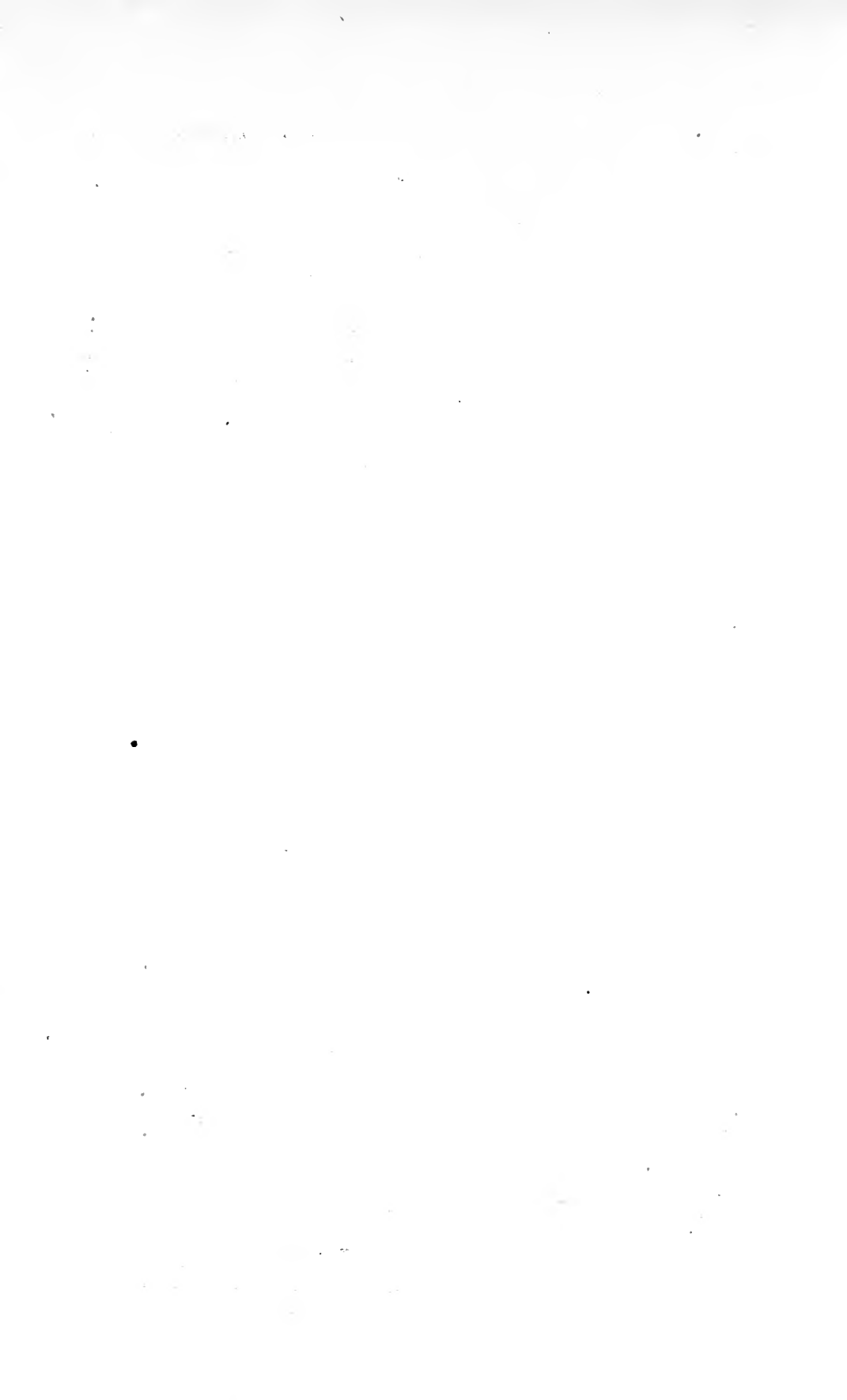
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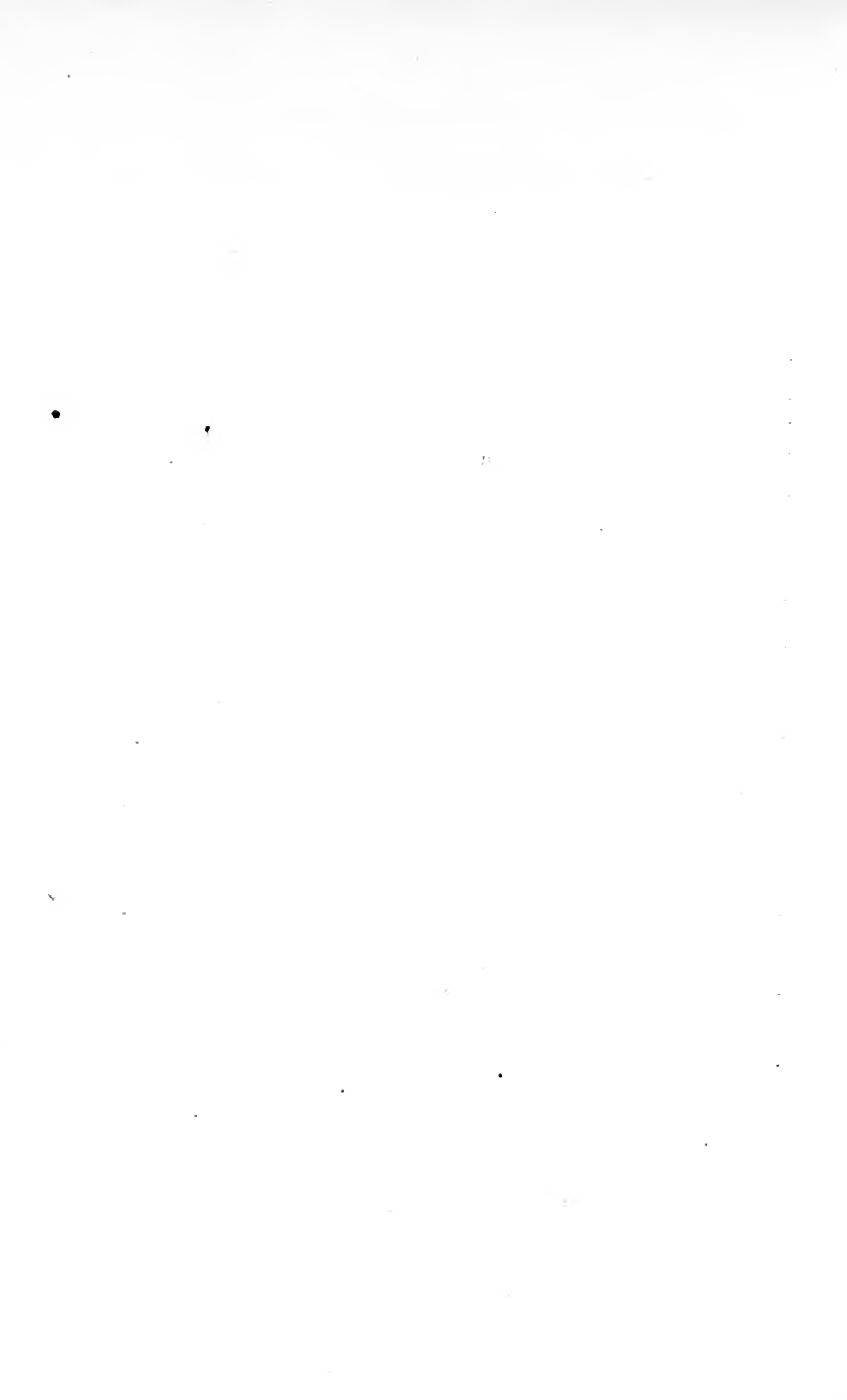
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