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All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages.

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“ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE.”

WILLIAM MULREADY, ESQ., R.A. JOHN THOMPSON.

THE INFANT.

SIR DAVID WILKIE, R.A. JOHN THOMPSON.

THE SCHOOL-BOY.

WILLIAM COLLINS, ESQ., R.A. JOHN THOMPSON.

THE LOVER.

A. E. CHALON, ESQ., R.A. JOHN THOMPSON.

THE SOLDIER.

A. COOPER, ESQ., R.A. JOHN JACKSON.

THE JUSTICE.

SIR A. W. CALCOTT, R.A. JOHN THOMPSON.


“THE LEAN AND SLIPPER’D PANTALOON.”

SIR EDWIN LANDSEER, R.A. S. WILLIAMS.

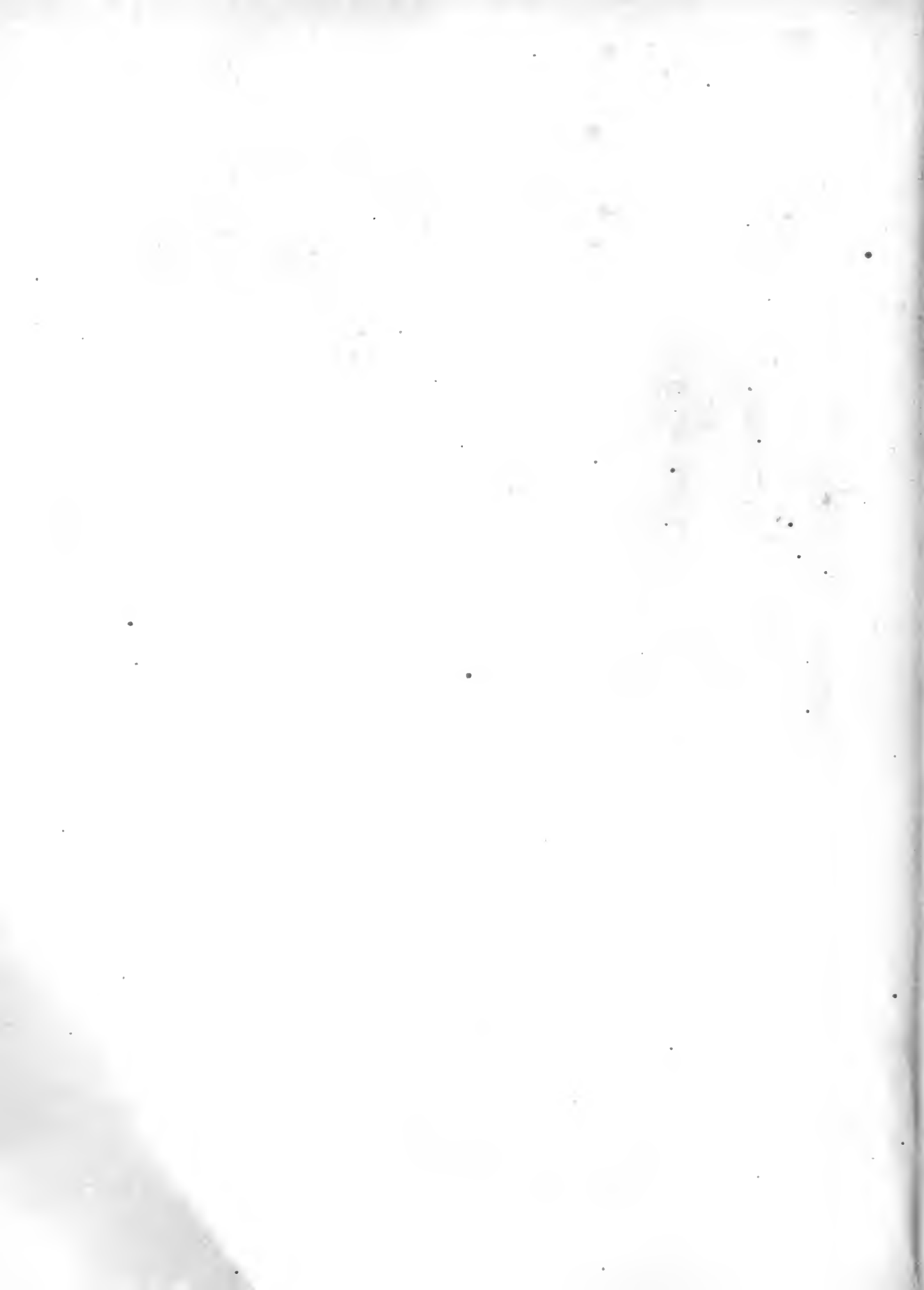
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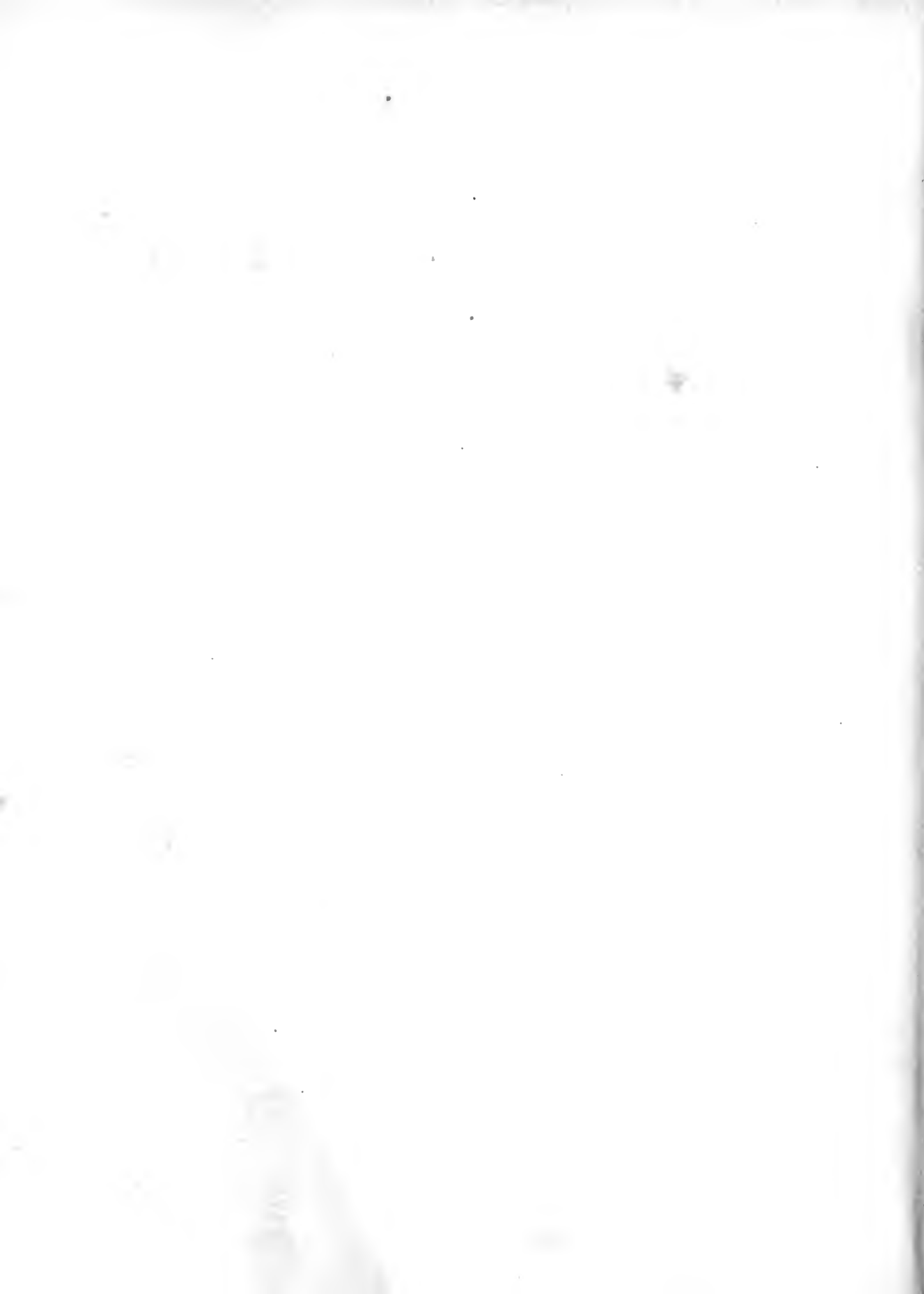


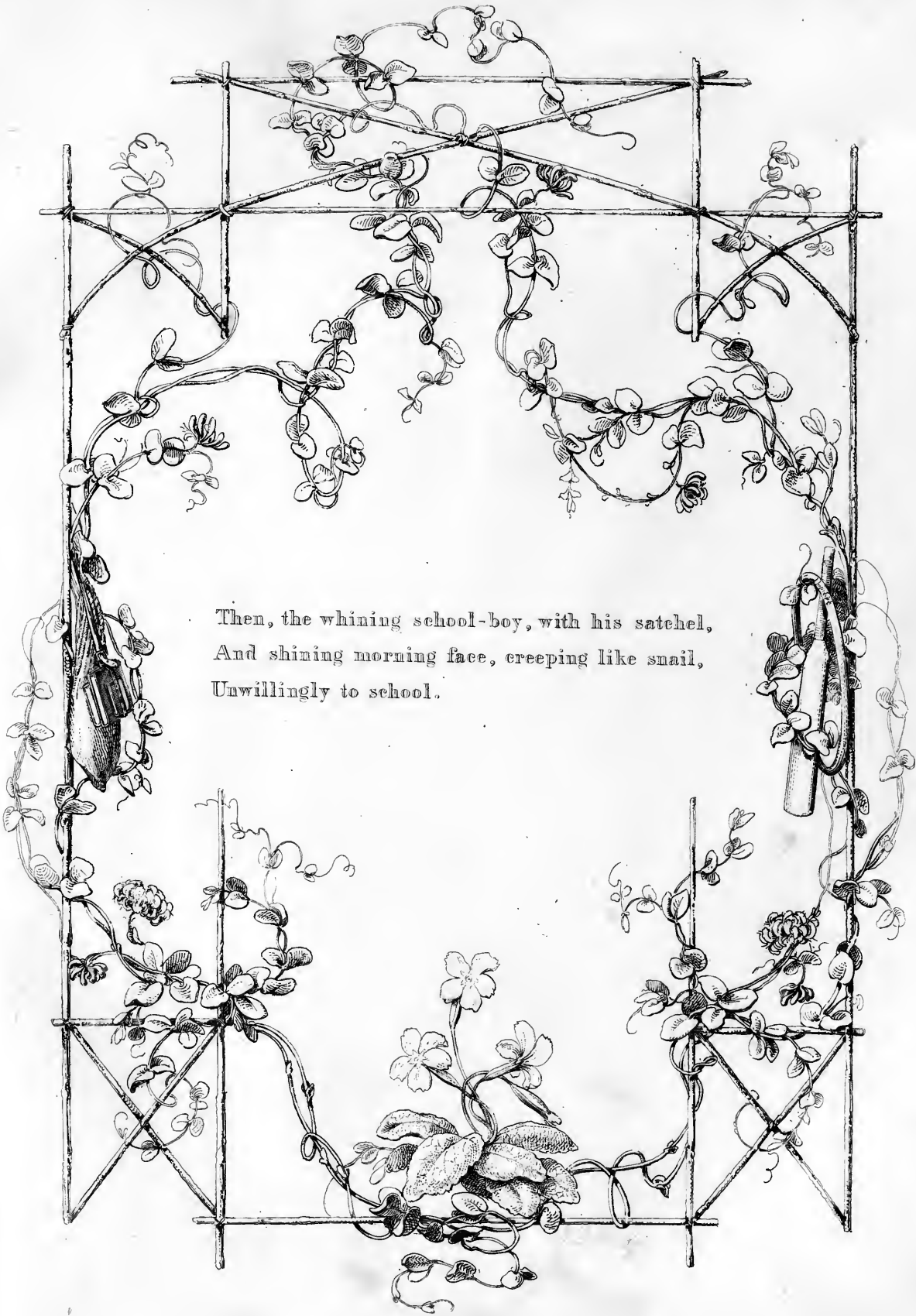


At first the infant,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms;









Then, the whining school-boy, with his satchel,
And shining morning face, creeping like snail,
Unwillingly to school.






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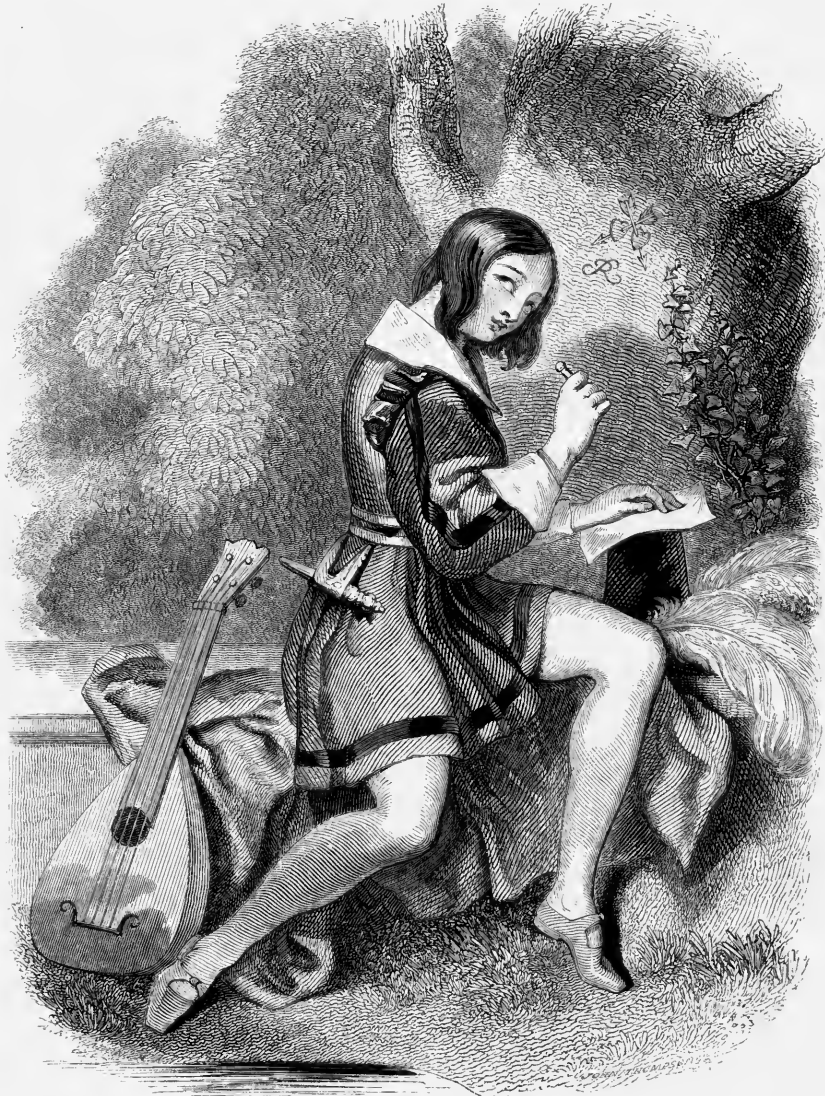
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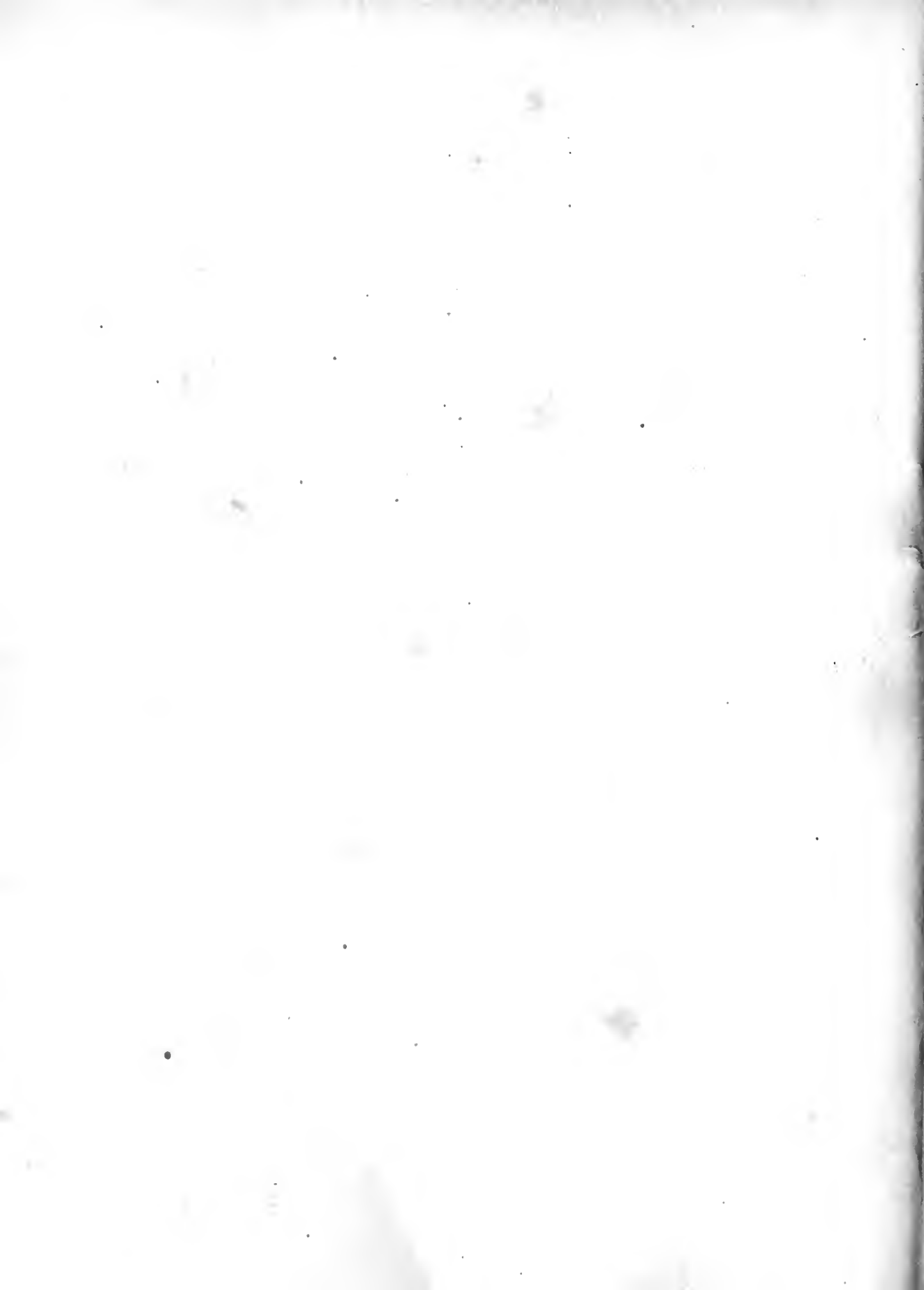


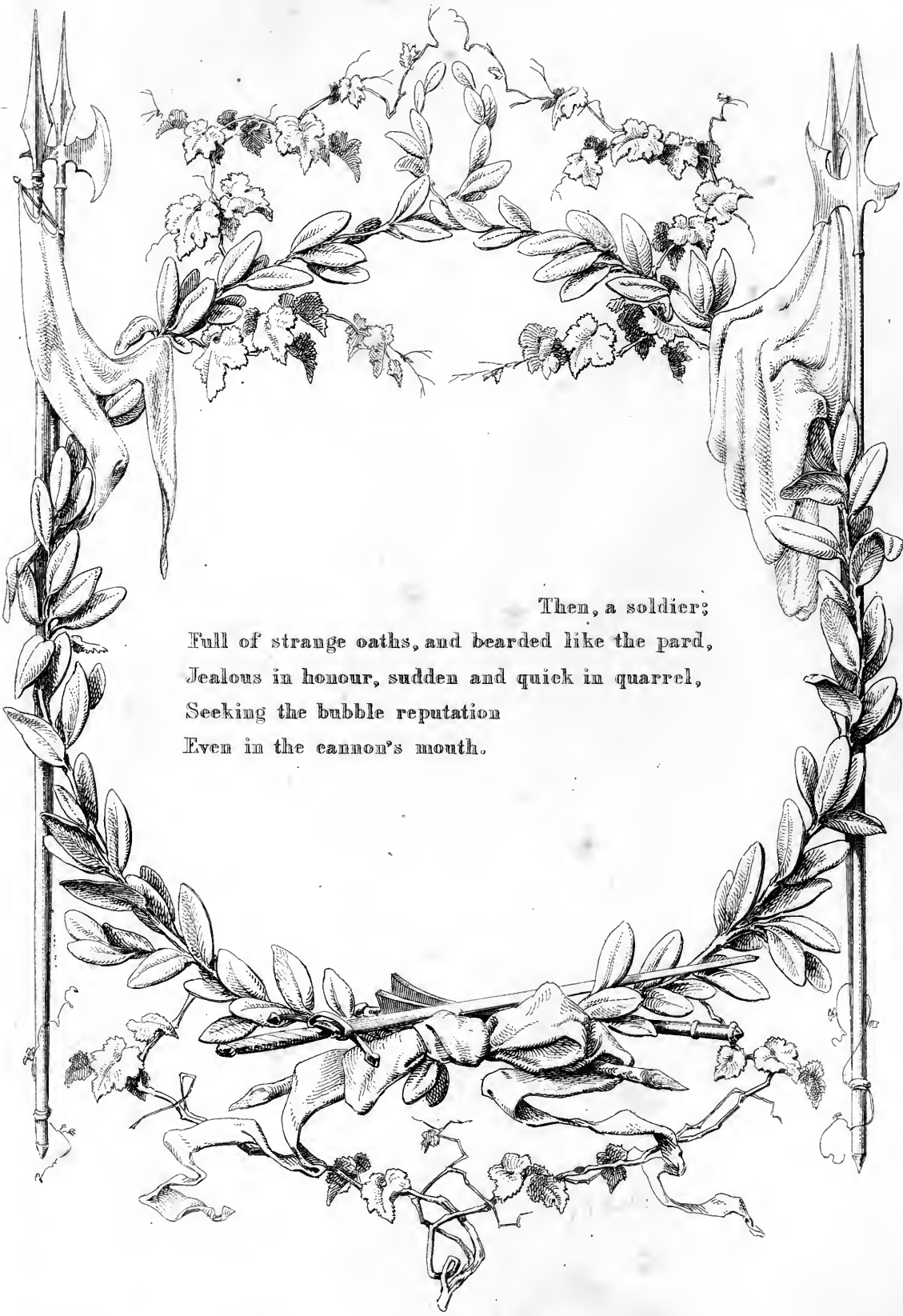


And then, the lover;
Sighing like furnace, with a woful ballad
Made to his mistress' eyebrow.





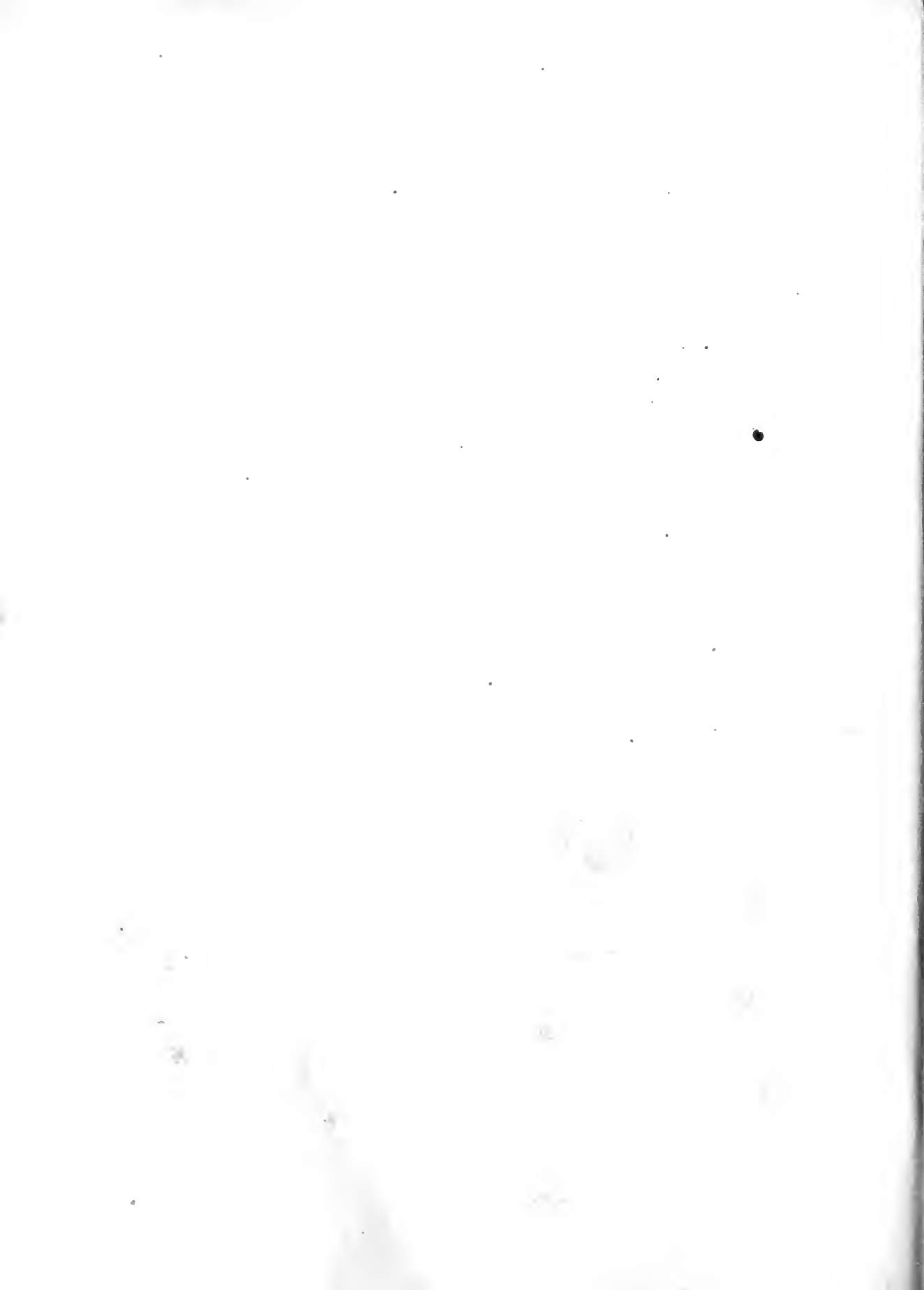


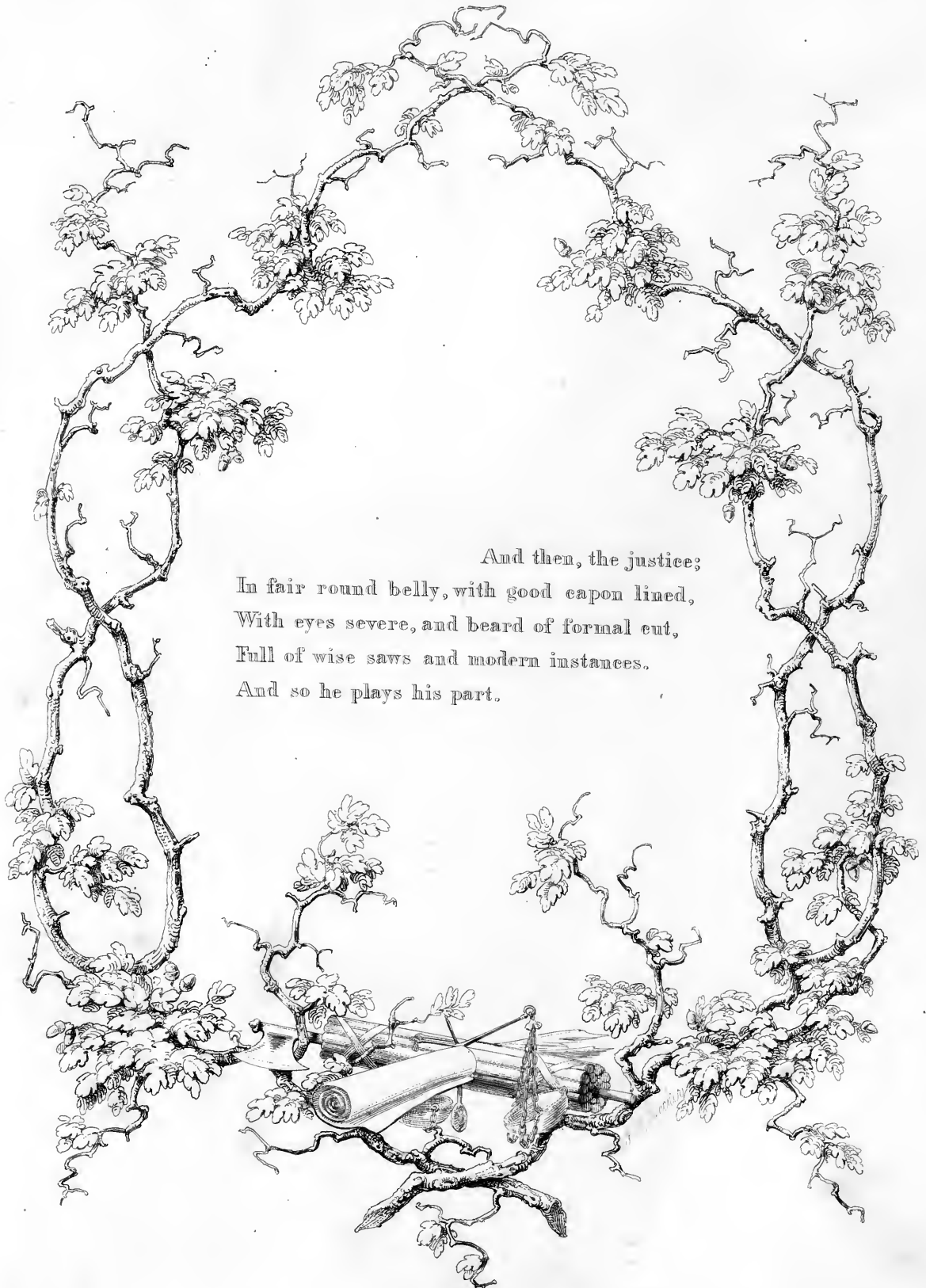


Then, a soldier;
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth.



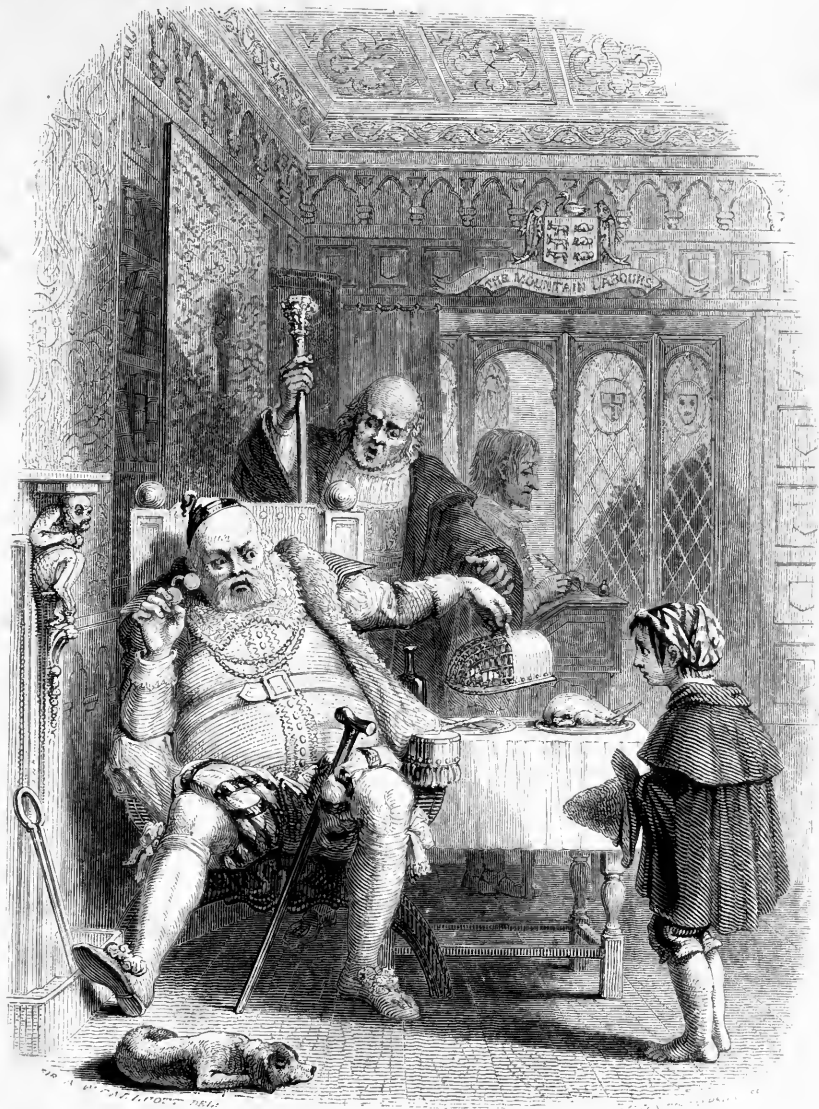




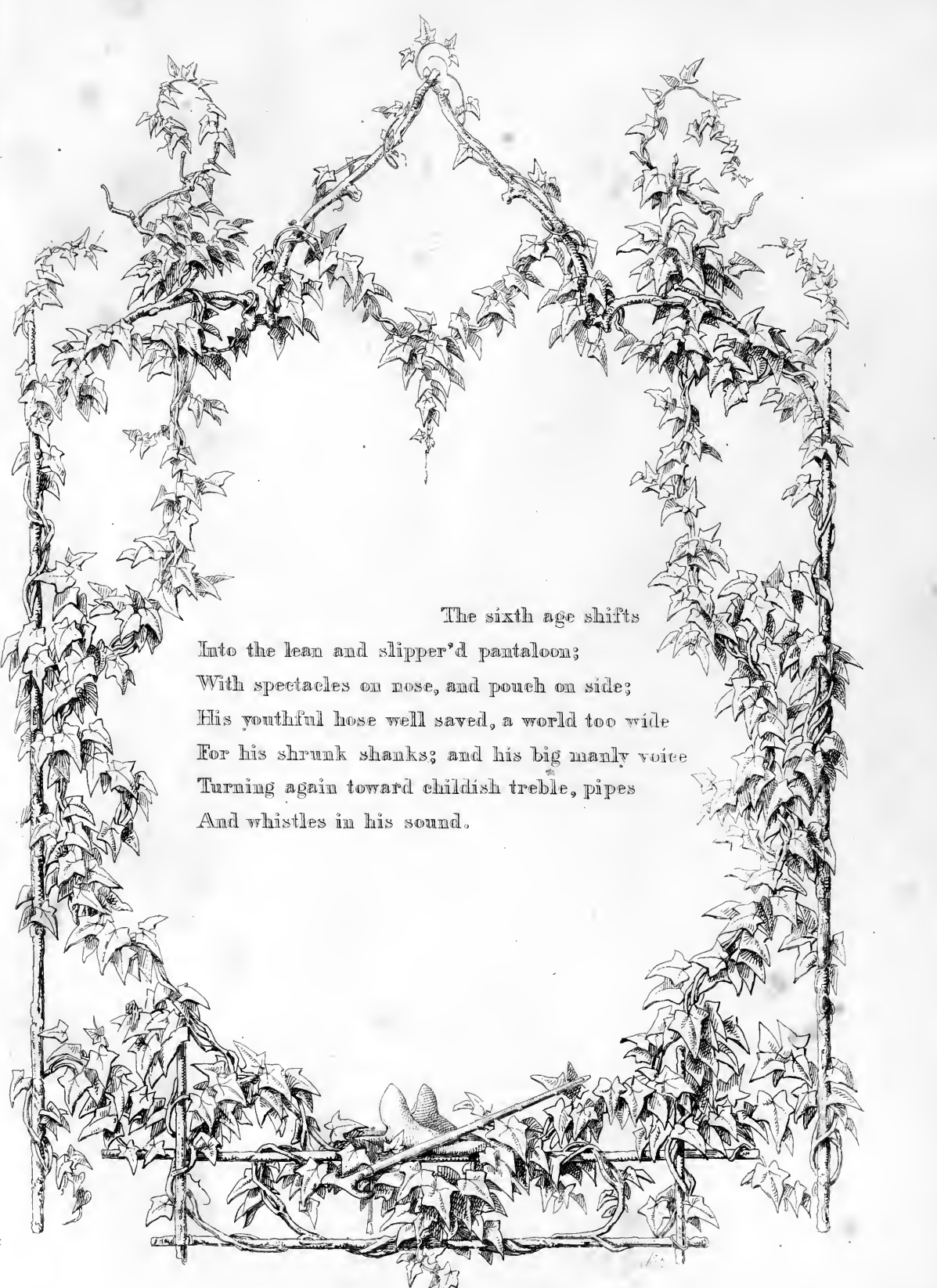


And then, the justice;
In fair round belly, with good capon lined,
With eyes severe, and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances.
And so he plays his part.









The sixth age shifts

Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon;
With spectacles on nose, and pouch on side;
His youthful hose well saved, a world too wide
For his shrunk shanks; and his big manly voice
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes
And whistles in his sound.









Last scene of all

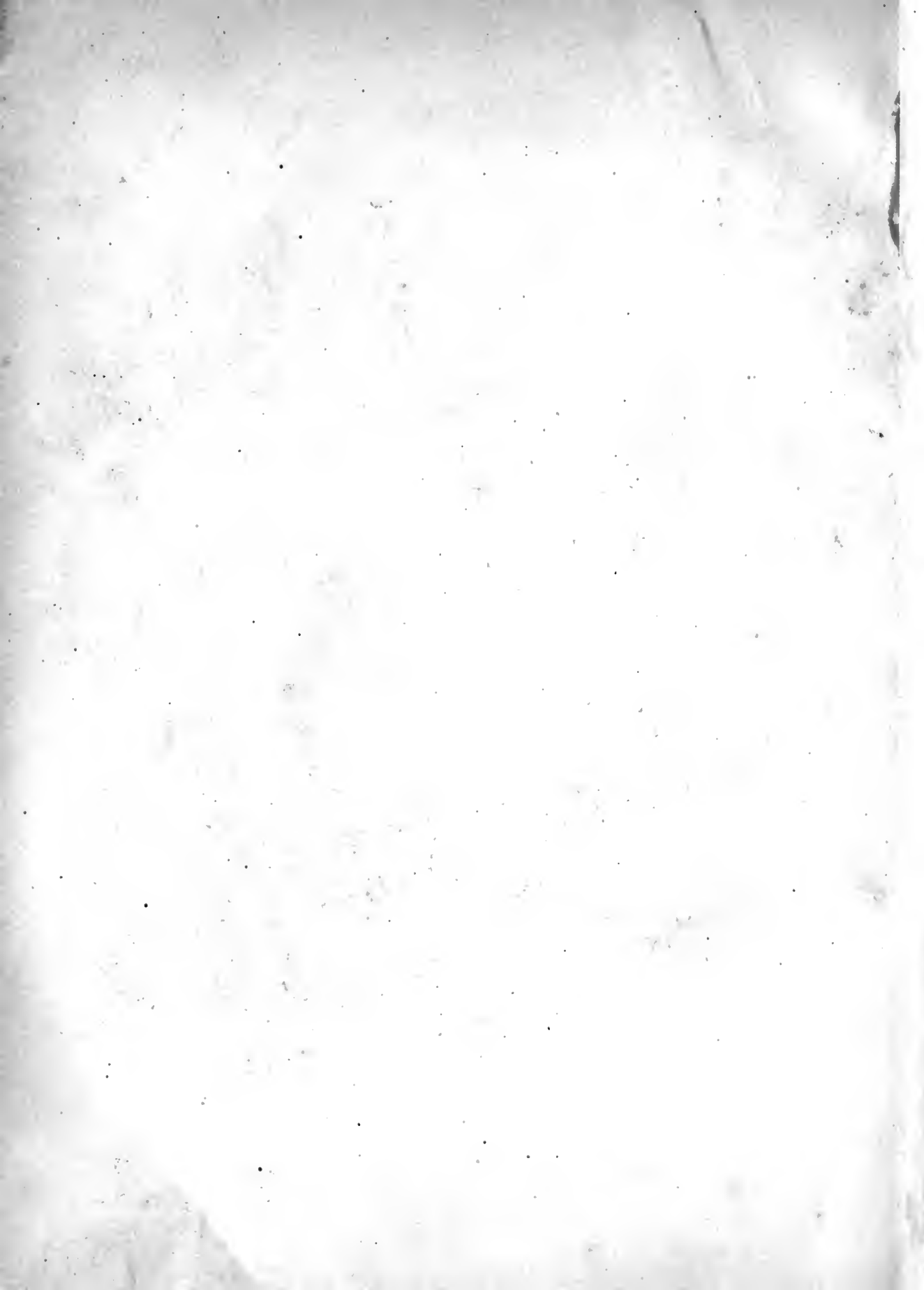
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness, and mere oblivion;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.





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