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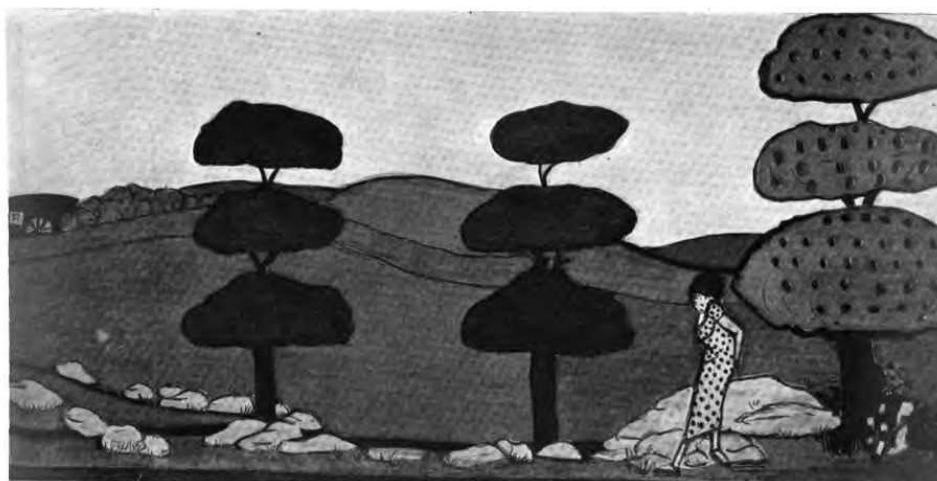
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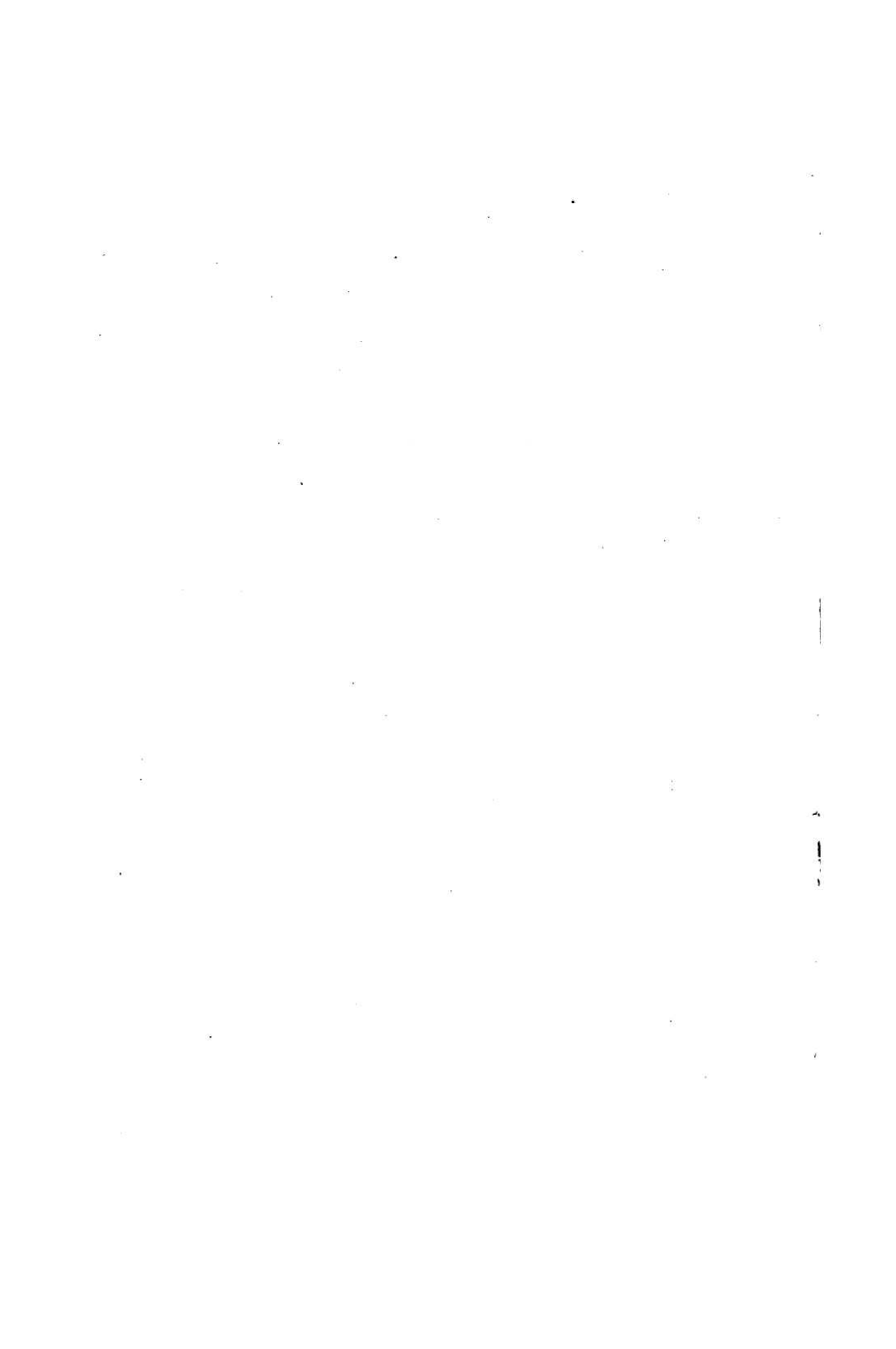
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



TOM DOBSON was born in Portland, Ore., August 17, 1890. His father was English by birth, while on his mother's side he came from an old line of Southern people—the Windstones of Virginia and the Berry family of Kentucky.

He early showed a strong musical impulse, and when he was eight years old achieved local celebrity as leading boy soprano in the choir of Trinity Church. Meanwhile he began the study of piano and voice. His fame as a boy soprano spread and at the age of ten he went to San Francisco, where for two winters he sang in the choir of Grace Church.

After this he went to Washington, D. C., as soprano in St. John's Church. At the age of thirteen he returned to his home in Portland, Oregon, to complete his high school education, and while resting his voice studied piano and organ with Mr. Edgar Coursen.

When sixteen he removed to Berkeley, California, where he studied piano with Mr. Wallace Sabin, and singing with Mrs. Jesse Taylor. During the four winters he spent in Berkeley he gave much time to the study of French, Italian and German, and throughout his life his intimate knowledge of English and Continental literature was a constant source of surprise and delight to his friends.

In September, 1911, he came to New York where he studied piano and composition with Howard Brockway, while also continuing his vocal studies.

In May, 1913, Tom went to Europe, returning in October. He gave his first New York recital at the Punch and Judy Theatre on March 15, 1914, playing his own accompaniments and singing many of his own compositions. His children's songs seemed to reach the hearts of his listeners more directly