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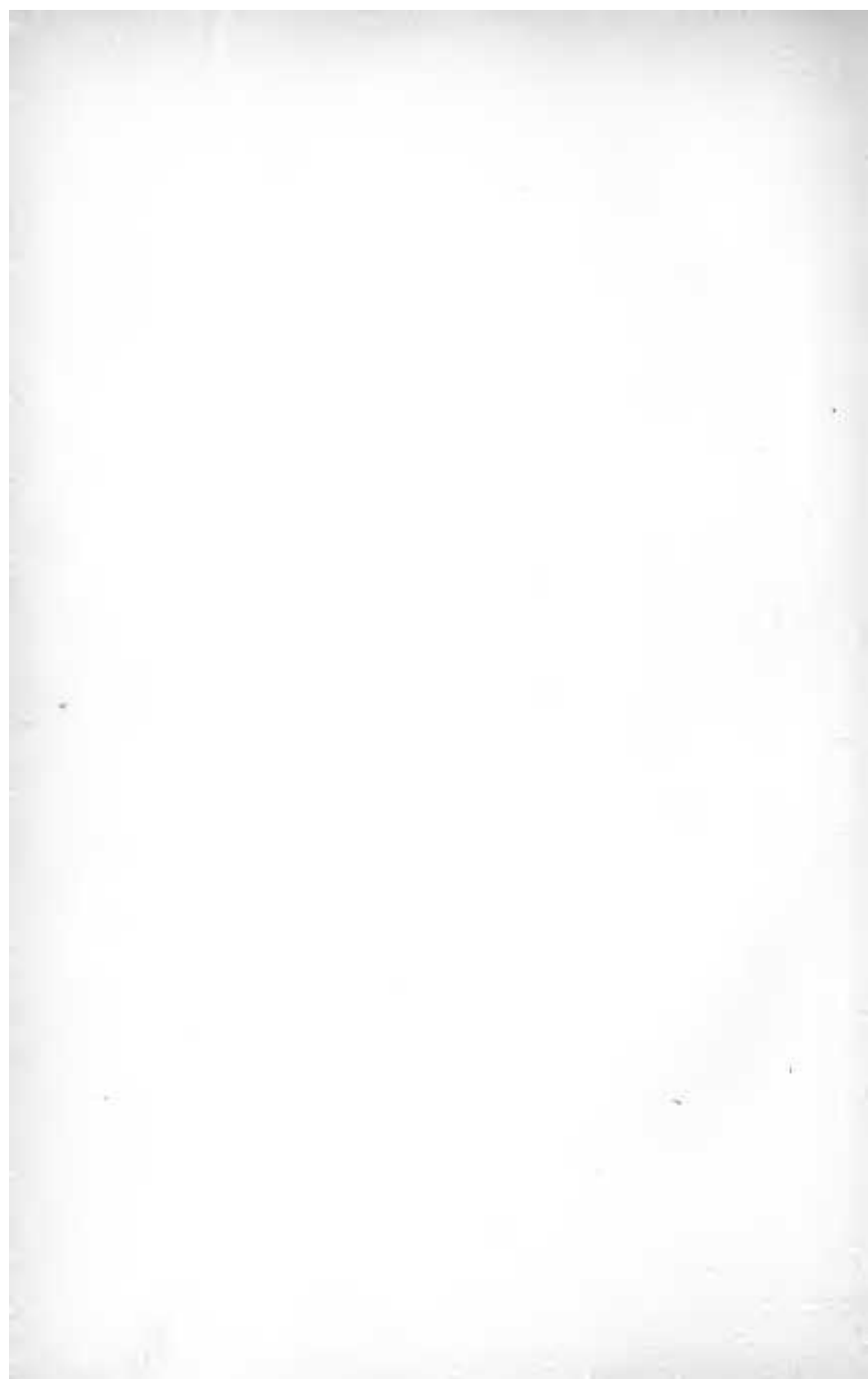
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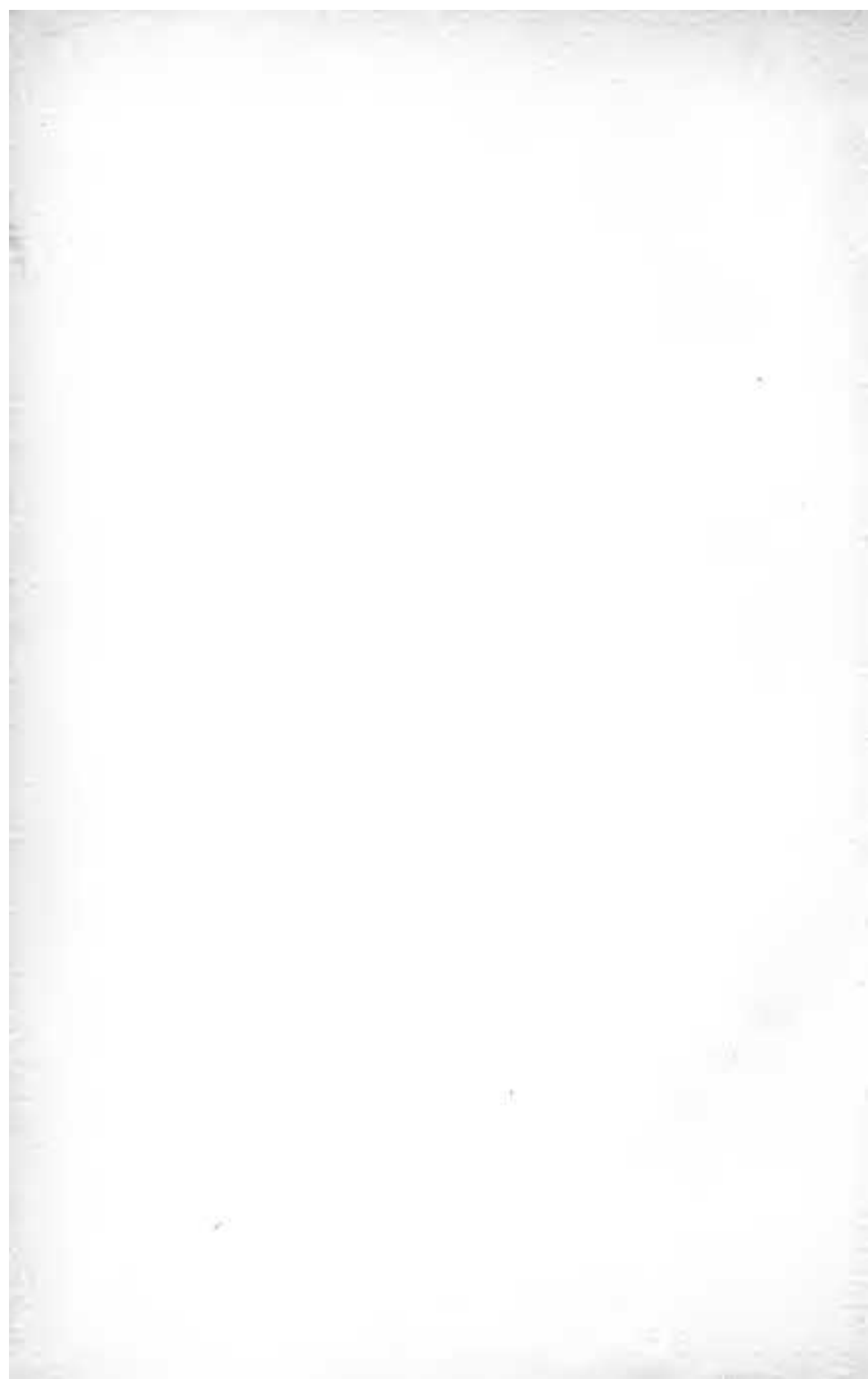
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### COLOR-LINE JOCUNDITIES

HISTORY is the record of closed periods, the presentation of what mankind has lost and gained in the course of progress. When I was a boy Bud Peevy said to me: "Ef ye 'r' a-hankerin' ter know what ye don't want ter know, jes' ax a ole man what he thinks o' a young un." Bud was, himself, neither young nor old. "I kin look both ways," he often remarked, "an' see back inter the what wus an' for'rd inter the goin' ter be. They's both poorty much erlike. What wus did n't sat'sfy nobody, an' what 's er goin' ter be 'll never make no livin' soul happy. We loses an' we finds; but we never finds ag'in what we loses, an'