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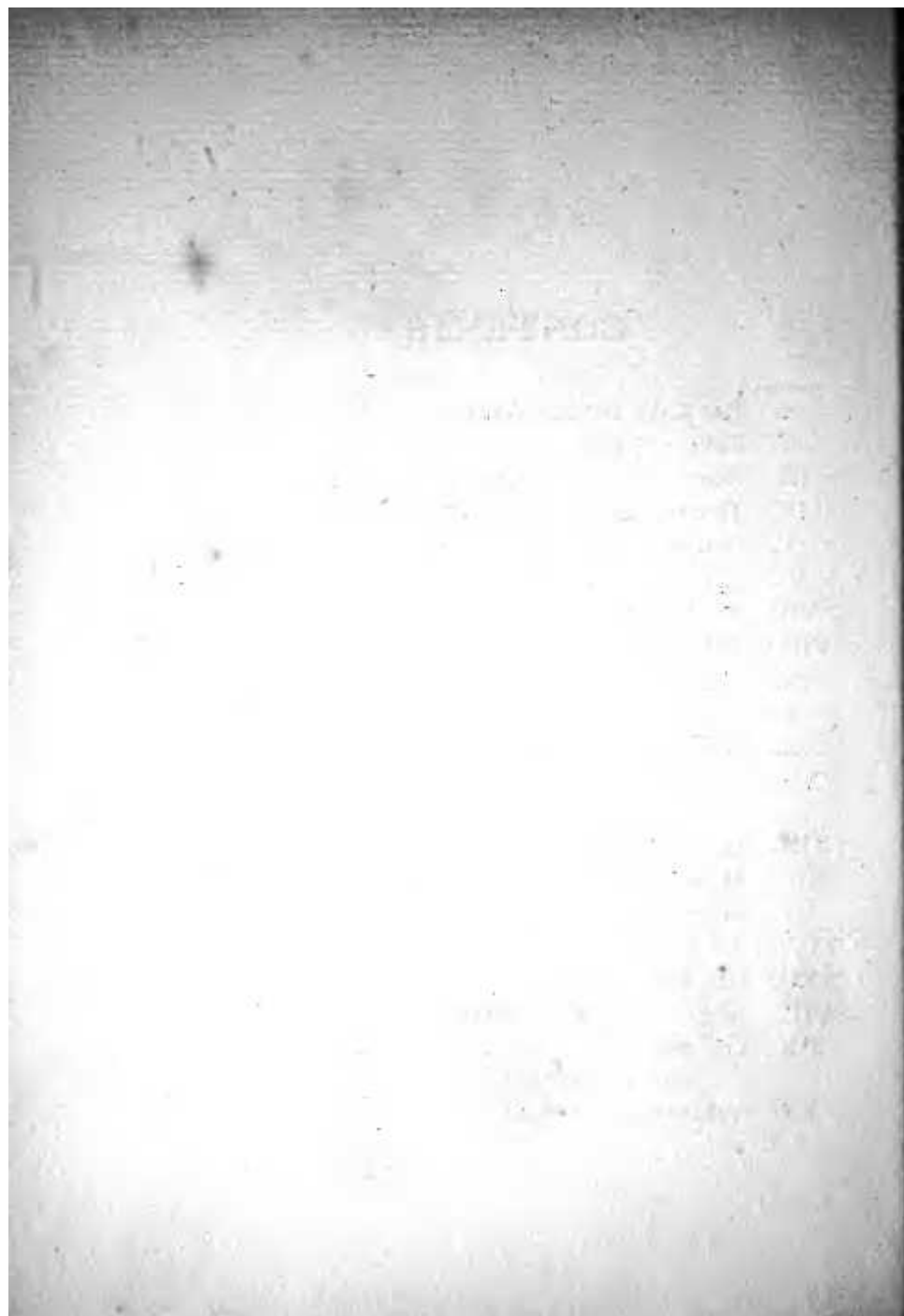


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## I

### THE CALL OF THE WEST

I PUT it all down to being deprived of my golf during the autumn holidays. When I say "deprived," let me not be misunderstood: I acknowledge that there was no compulsion, not even much undue influence brought to bear upon me. Phyllis, it is true, intimated that she had had enough of Westerfield, but I had long expected her to say so, for we had visited that very uninteresting spot five or six years in succession, and, except bathing and sitting on the sands and occasional conversations with acquaintances whom she picked up at the hotel, there was nothing in the place for a grown and non-golfing woman to do. The day through I was down on the links: the little steam tram would bear me