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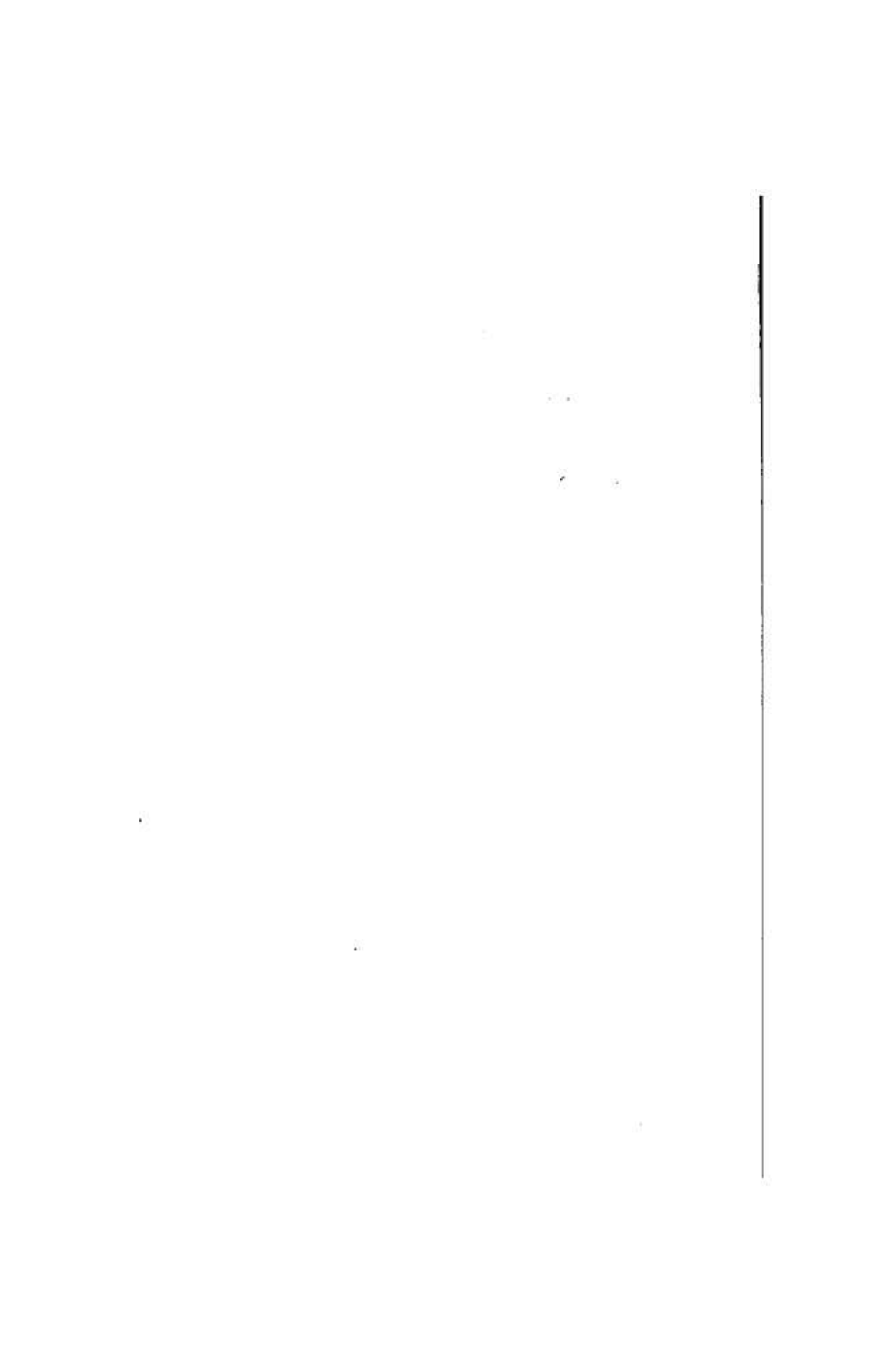
During idle hours of a half century past these verses were born.

The author during all these years hid behind the nom-de-plume—"Frank Myrtle." Now, however, as life's journey is nearing its close—that is, if we reckon three score and ten as a limit—it seems to him possible that thoughtful beings may gather inspiration from some of the life thoughts herein and become better citizens by reason of having perused them.

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