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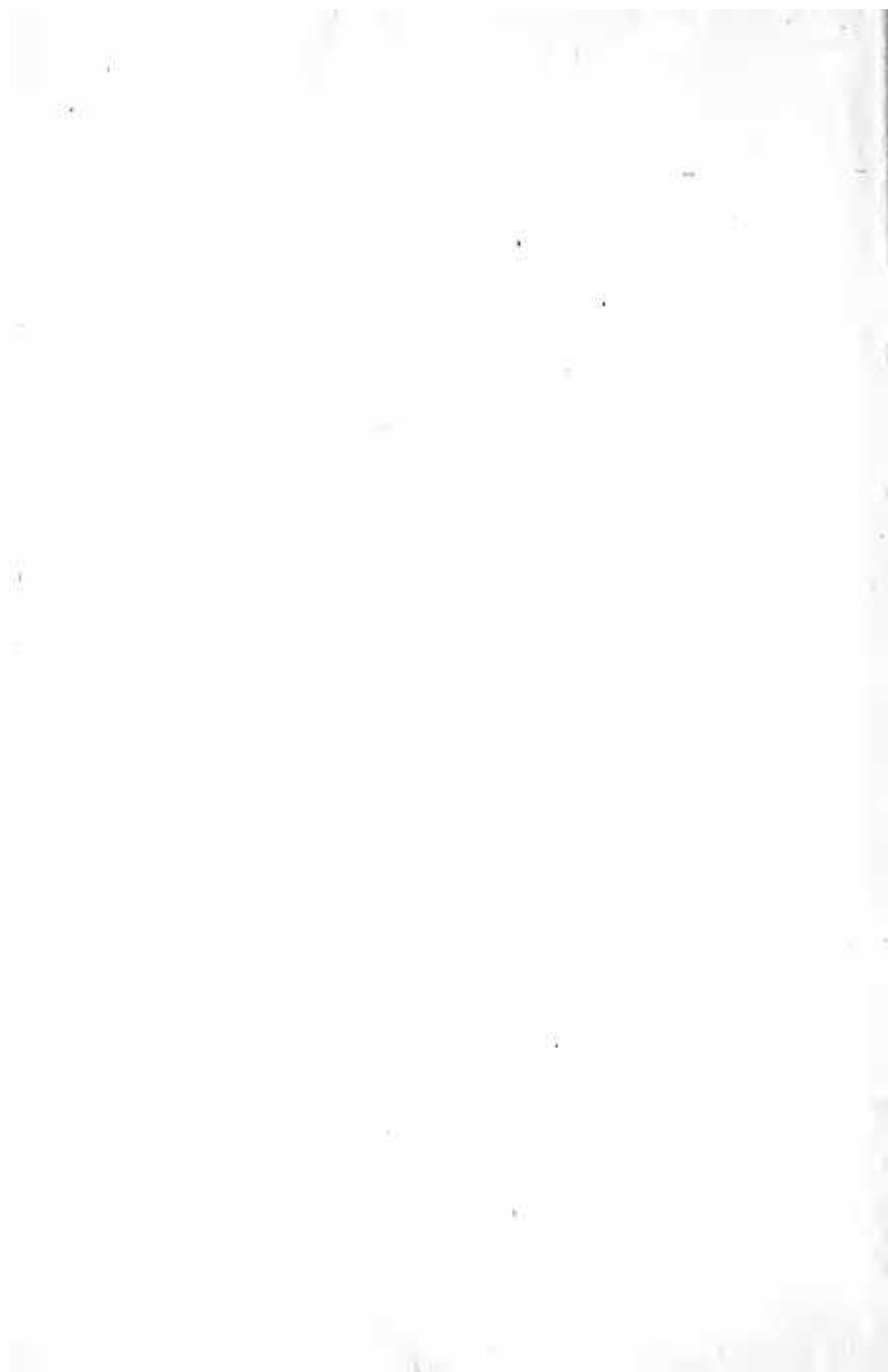
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TO  
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SEVERAL THOUSAND GIRLS





## Introduction

THESE stories and sketches, written at various times since my banking days, are compiled for the purpose of supplying a demand created by my first book, "A Canadian Bankclerk."

Numerous inquiries by mail and otherwise have convinced me that the public is interested in life behind the bank wicket, and as the "Bankclerk" could not thoroughly cover his legitimate field, owing to the handicap of a continuous plot and argument, I thought it advisable to publish these loose writings, which are sketchy and comic rather than tragic.

"A Canadian Bankclerk" almost earned for me the reputation of a tragedian. "He takes himself too seriously," it was said. Perhaps "Behind the Wicket" will do something toward removing this purple stain from my innocent name. I admit that it is a terrible, a disastrous mistake for a "writer" (who qualifies for the quotation marks anyway?) to take himself seriously.

What I would have the public realize is that bank-clerks and all other corporation employees need to have their interests safeguarded by public investigation and criticism. This is, perhaps, my best apology for introducing the bankclerk a second time. I have great faith in publicity—let it be “radical,” so long as it is truth-telling.

THE AUTHOR.

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