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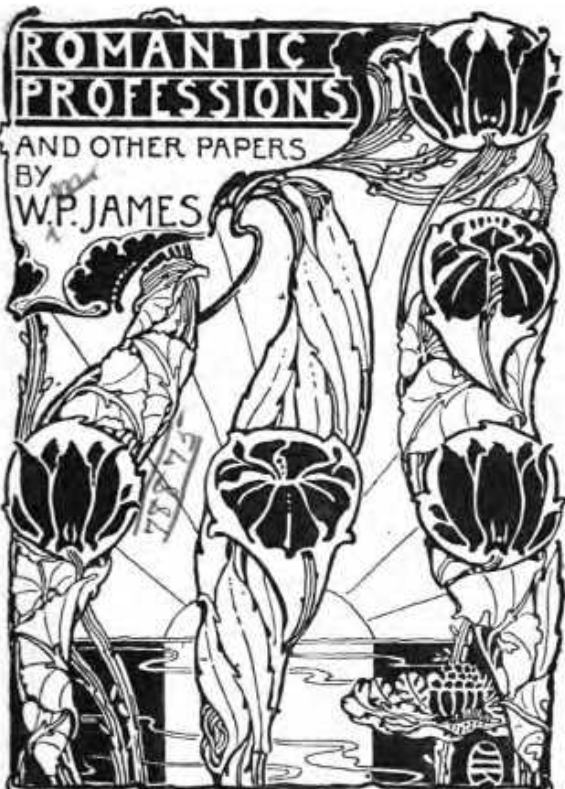
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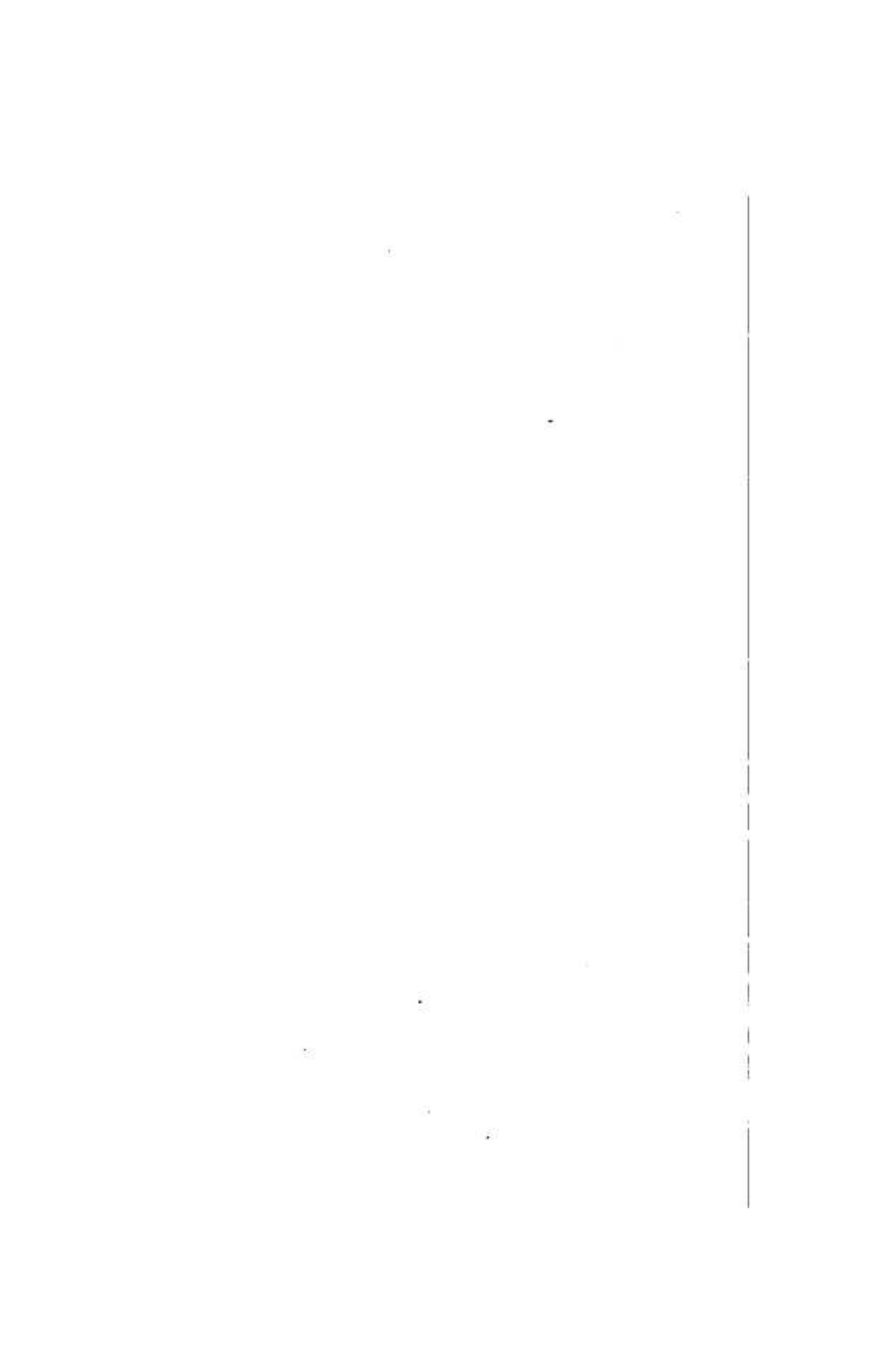


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ROMANTIC PROFESSIONS

AN American moralist not long ago complained that the American girl, perverted by the reading of fairy tales in her childhood, turned up her pretty nose at the dry-goodsman of her native land and fed her romantic fancy with dreams of English dukes. This, if true, is beyond question deplorable. And yet I imagine that no fair-minded dry-goodsman with a competent knowledge of romantic literature would seriously propose himself, in his character of dry-goodsman, as a fitting hero for a maiden's dreams. Ignorant Briton that I am, I have only the vaguest notion of what the dry-goods business consists in, but I feel pretty confident that the records of authoritative romance might be searched in vain for a precedent. The American moralist must not however run away with the idea that herein this respectable profession labours under an exceptional disability, or that his