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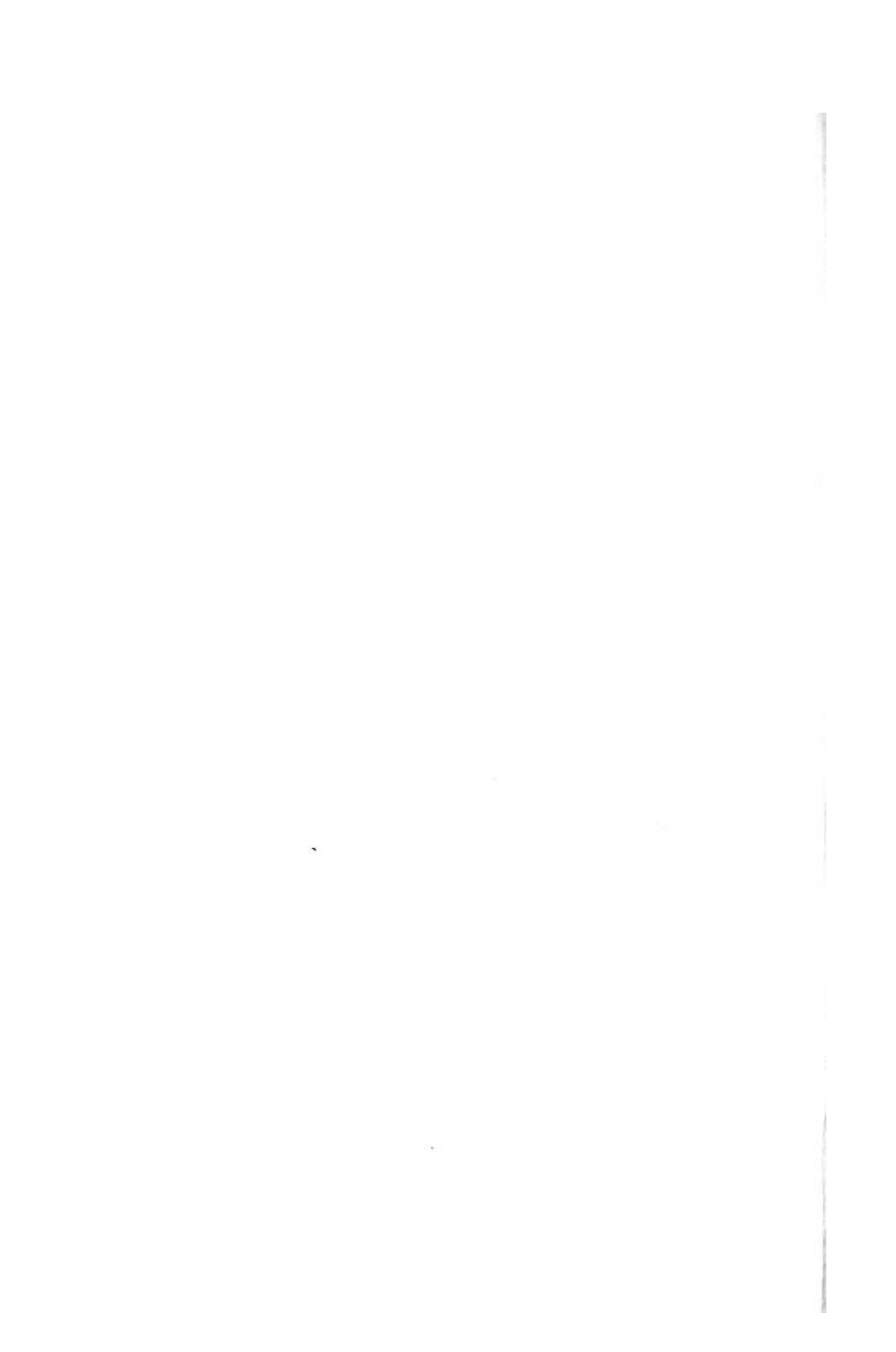
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PREFACE

THESE stories, excepting the historical ones for which, of course, I cannot vouch, may claim one merit: that of being true, most of them having been related to me by those whose actual experiences they are. That no names are used is the wish of the many who have helped me, so I can only thank my friends and my friends' friends for their kindness, and hope these peeps into the psychic world will prove as interesting to others as they have been to me.

Hallow E'en, 1915.

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CHAPTER I

ON THE PSYCHIC INFLUENCE OF JEWELS AND MANY OTHER THINGS

THE superstition that certain jewels attract misfortune to their owners is so rarely questioned that it has become an accepted belief, and, to opals especially, this taint of ill-luck clings. This is a superstition of comparatively recent date, if—as it is said—the idea grew out of Sir Walter Scott's novel, "Anne of Geierstein."

In this story, the grandmother of the beautiful Anne appears mysteriously in the castle, where she was sent to instruct Anne's grandfather in such light studies as philosophy and occult sciences, which were prevalent at that time—and afterwards married her pupil!

The lovely lady, known as Hermione the Persian, "wore no turban or head-dress of any kind, saving a blue riband drawn through