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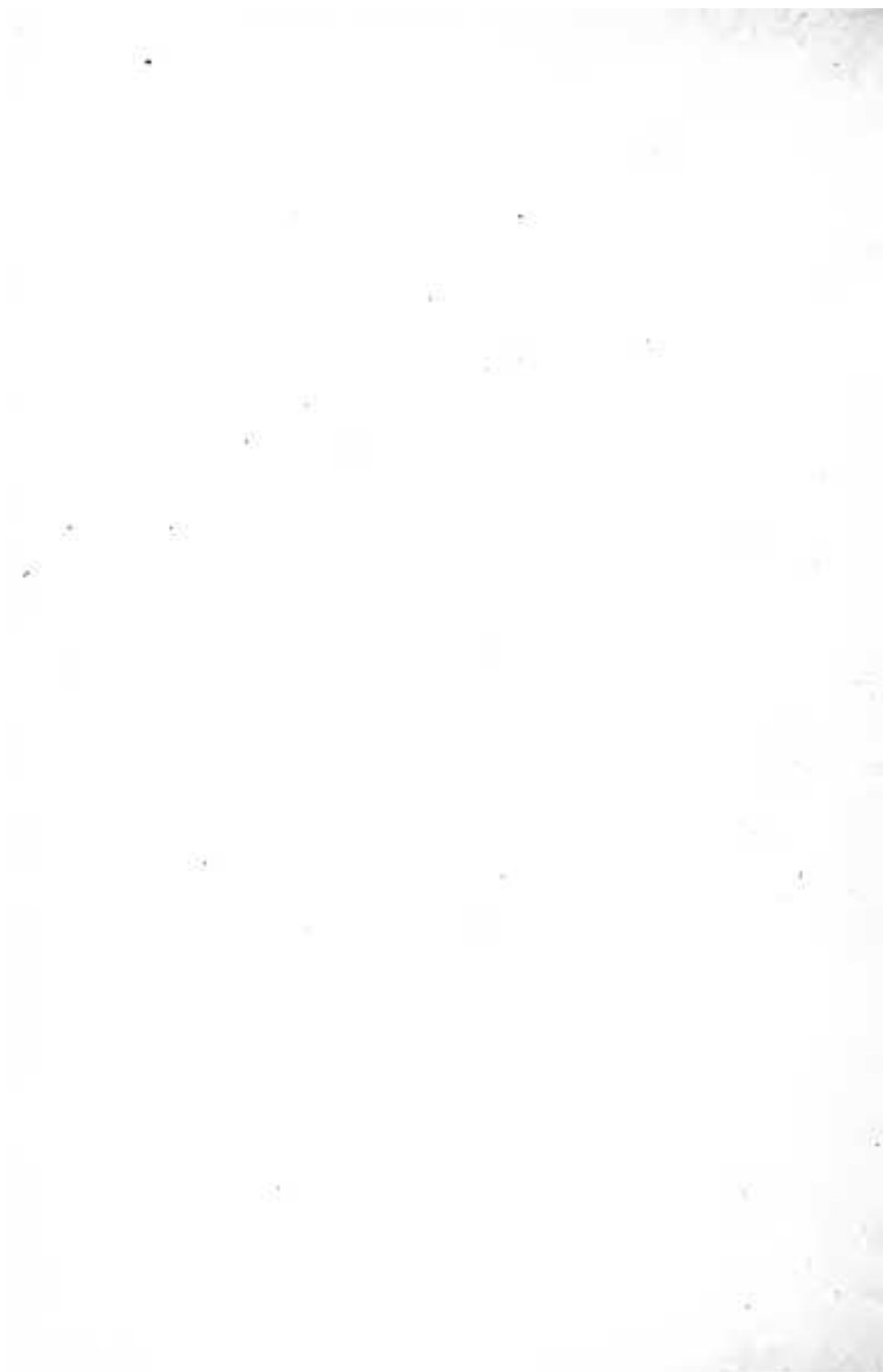


Two children, sporting by their land-locked sea,
Launch their small craft to tempt the changeful deep ;
He carves the prow, and trims the sails, and she
Looks on, half trembling, lest the gales that sweep
Too roughly whelm the priceless argosy.
So we, adventuring on the waves our freight,
The harvest reaped through years of many days,
Send forth our ship, unknowing of her fate,
Rough East of blame, or soft South-West of praise,
Warm sun of love, or freezing storm of hate :
So look we on, through all the shifting skies,
Cast forth the seed to every wave and wind,
The dim, grey distance watch with hope-lit eyes,
All trustful on the far-off Shore to find.

October 29, 1864.

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LAZARUS.



I

THE sun was setting, and the good ship sailed
Into Massilia's harbour. On her prow,
All golden, glittering in the crimson light,
The Dioscuri shone. A motley crowd
Were mingled on the deck ; swarth figures clothed
In strange apparel, from the further East,
Bringing their spice and balm from Lebanon
To tempt our western beauties ; Æthiop boys,
Bound for the market, crouching side by side
With blue-eyed Thracians ; merchants with their
wares,

The wools of famed Miletus, and the dyes
Of Thyatira, noble in their hues,
As is the purple ocean when the sun,
Sinking in glory, flushes all the waves ;
The woven goat's hair from Ancyra's loom,
And silver shrines of Artemis, and figs
From Smyrna's hills, and honey from the slopes
Of famed Hymettus, with its scent of thyme ;