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PREFACE

It is doubtful if a burning ambition ever consumed more splendid talents than those with which Pyrrhus was gifted. So profound was the admiration he inspired, that an entire hostile army at one time deserted bodily to his standard. Eaten up by his appetite for military glory, his career was marked by a series of useless victories and a purposeless train of brilliant exploits. His personal prowess was incomparable, and Hannibal ranked him as the first of all generals; but his name survives in modern speech as an adjective denoting victory so costly as to amount to defeat.

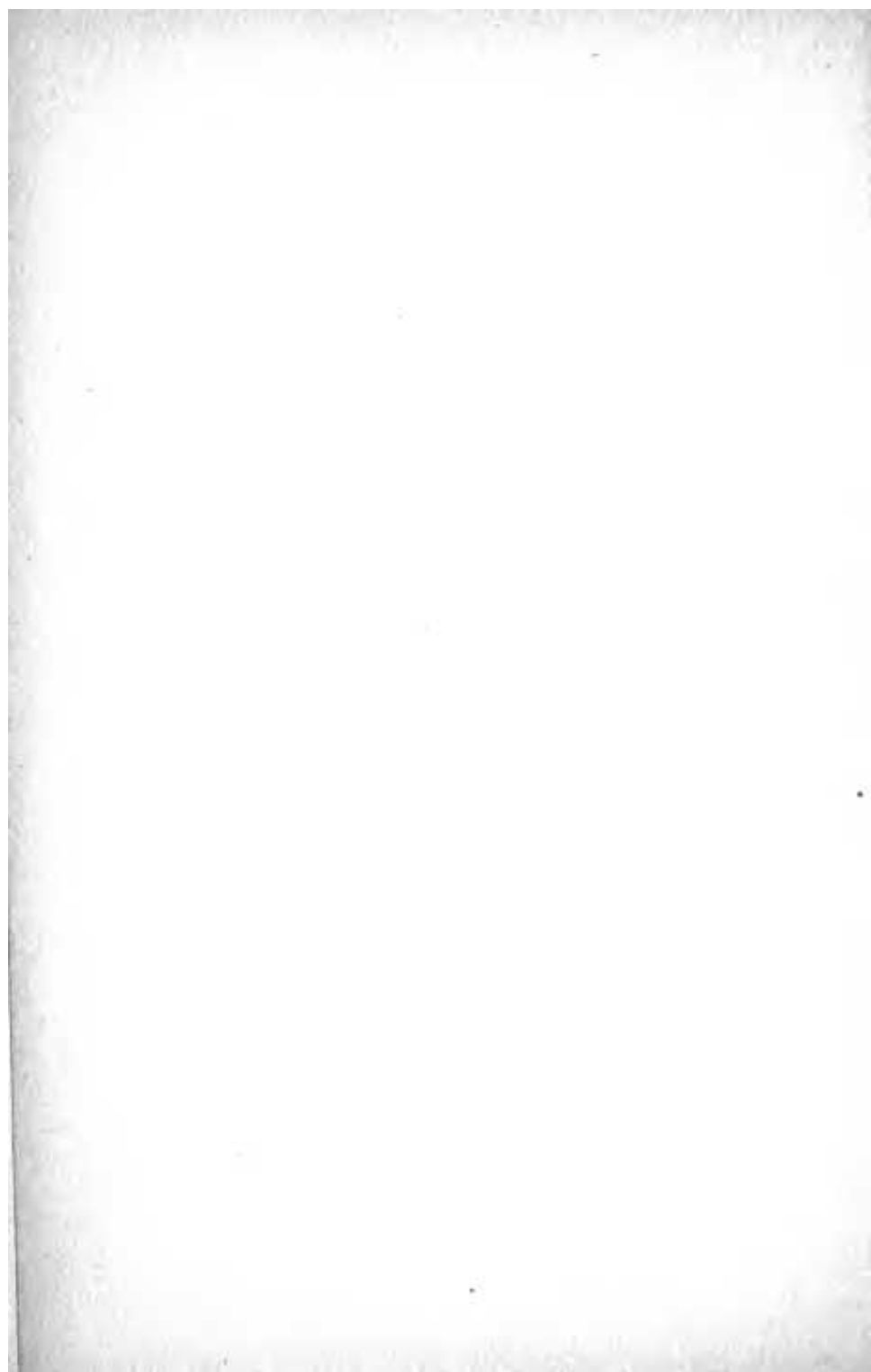


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