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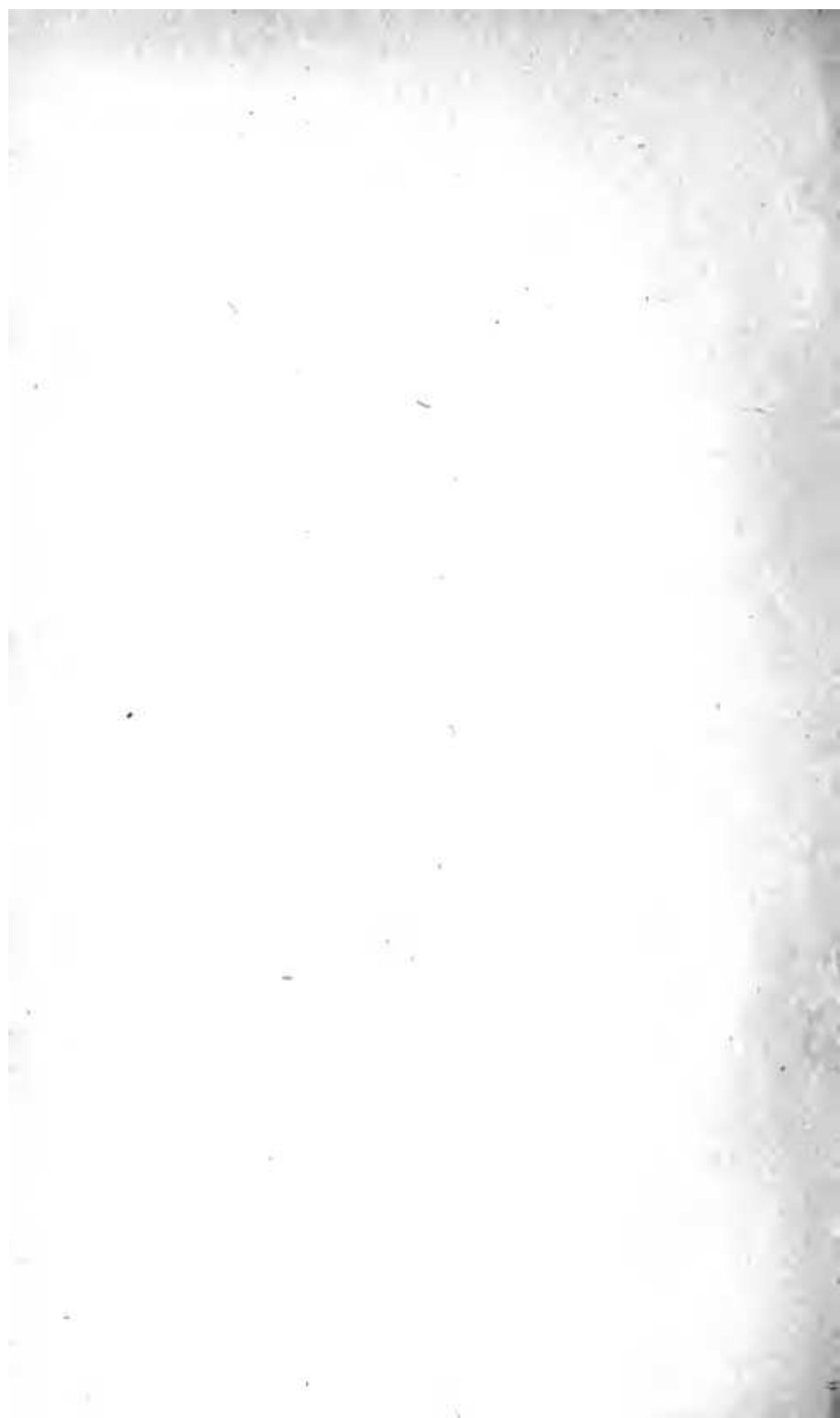
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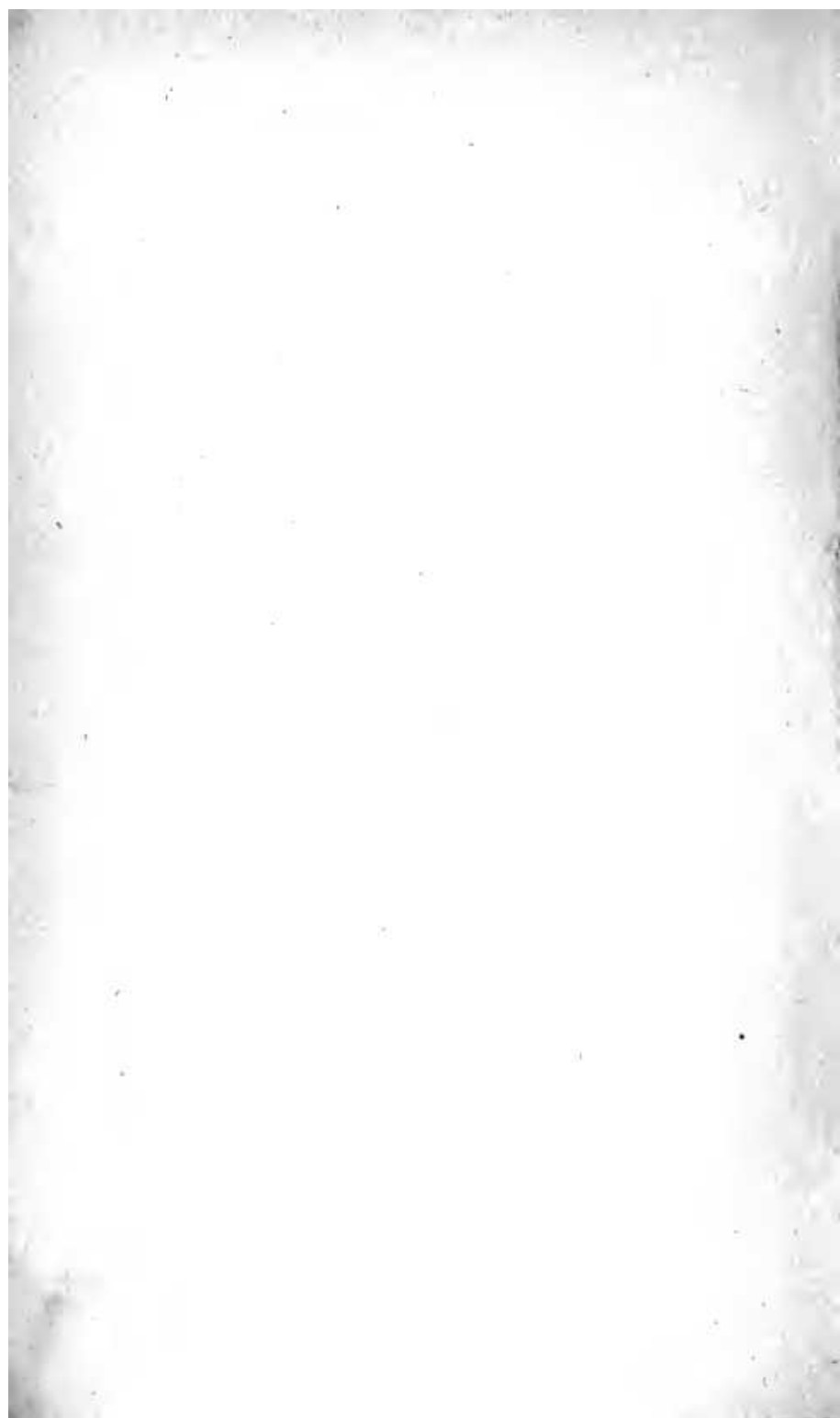
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# MEN AND THINGS OF MY TIME

## CHAPTER I

HOW WE WERE BROUGHT UP FIFTY YEARS AGO

### I

MY boyhood, like that of almost every Frenchman of the time, was spent in the simplest fashion possible. Nor should I have the presumption to tell the story to a public which I could hardly expect to take any interest in it but for the certainty that this story must needs throw a great light upon the dizzy leap into the unknown that has since been taken by society gone mad. Any one awaking to-day from a fifty years' continuous sleep—a father, a landlord, a public man, a man imbued with notions of tradition and religion—would open his wondering eyes in vain. He would under-