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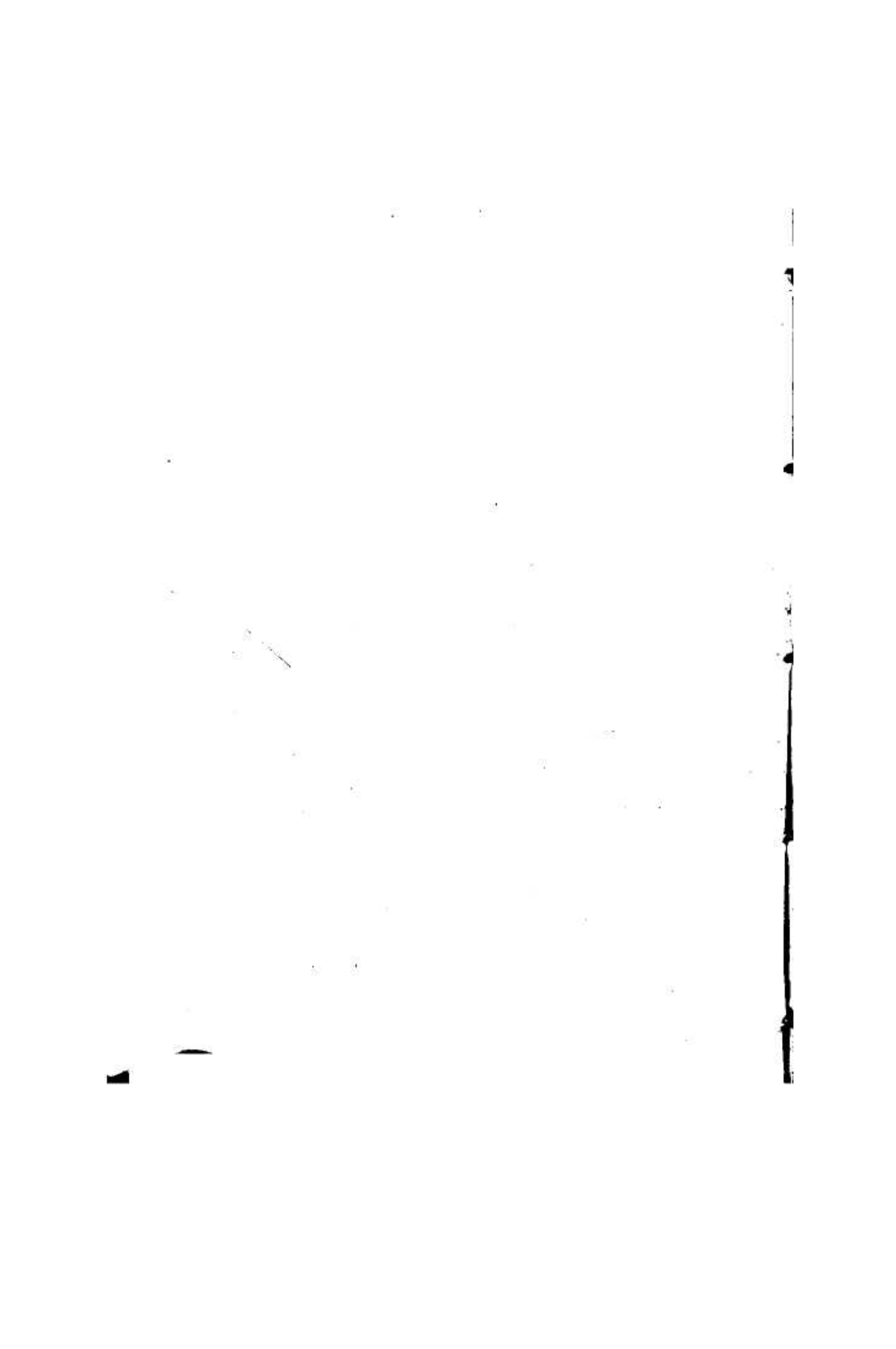
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**T**O the memory of my beloved son,  
Harry D. Clarke, whose short and  
useful life was an inspiration, and whose  
hands helped lay the foundation of what-  
ever success I may have attained, this little  
book is affectionately dedicated.

## AUTHOR'S APOLOGY

THE "Musings of Uncle Silas" did not emanate from any well laid plan to divorce the public from its hard earned shekels. These crude thoughts, gathered up along the pathway of life, naked as so many wild Igorrotes in the Philippine jungle, were clothed with original fig leaves and set before my readers, just as a pot of dandelion greens is offered as an apology for a dinner by some frugal woodman, and tickles the palate of the tired traveler and causes him to consider it a luxury. They have been read, however, in almost every nation on earth, and a demand for their publication in simple book form, within the reach of the humble as well as the rich, is my apology. If you enjoy any of the things herein, tell the author so. He needs your sympathy, likewise your money. If they fail to reach the spot, do as the Japs have done, take Peruna. Sending this book through the mails may bring me diamonds or even handcuffs; in either case, I shall endeavor to bear it with Christian fortitude.

THE AUTHOR.





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