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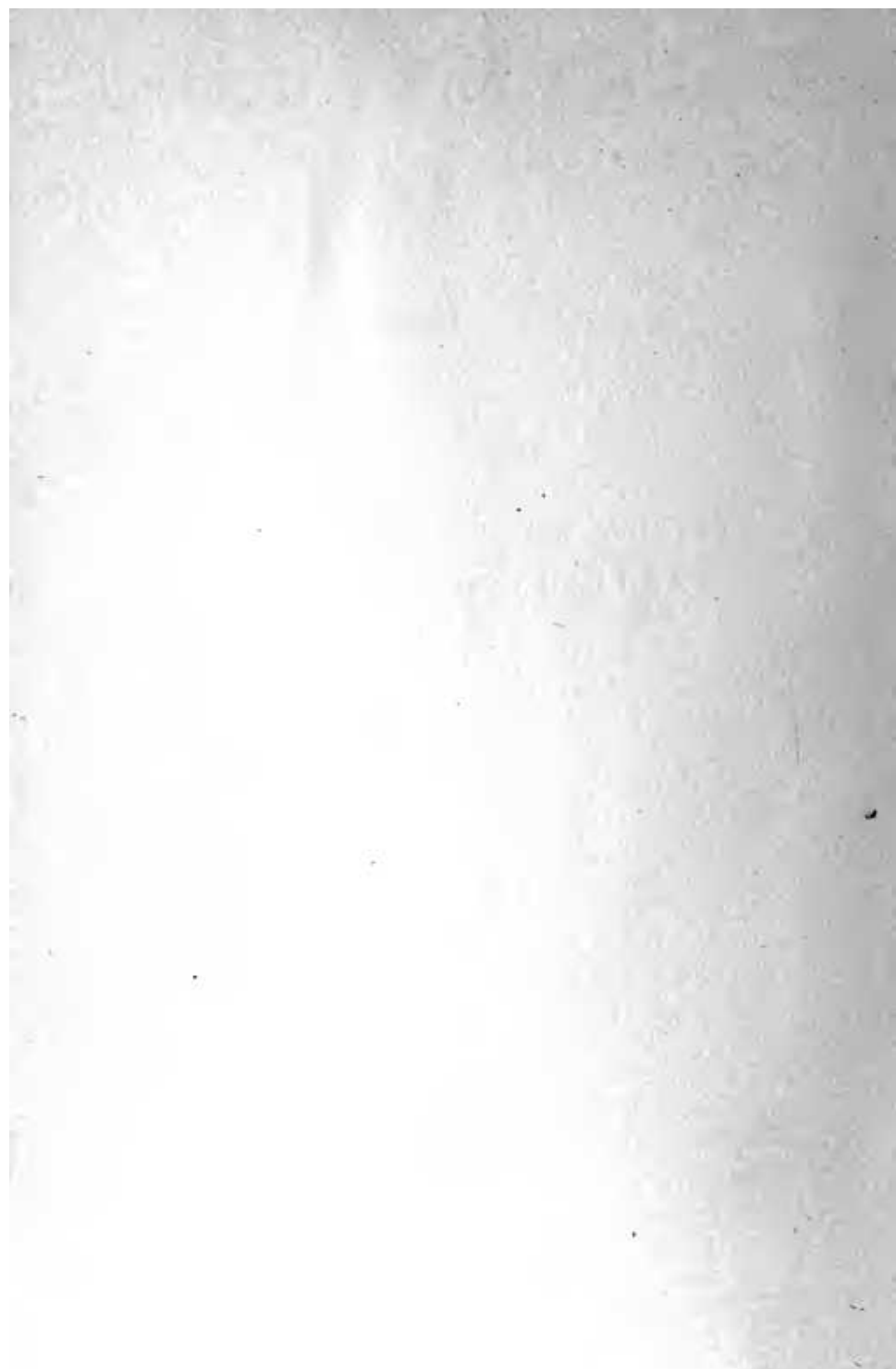
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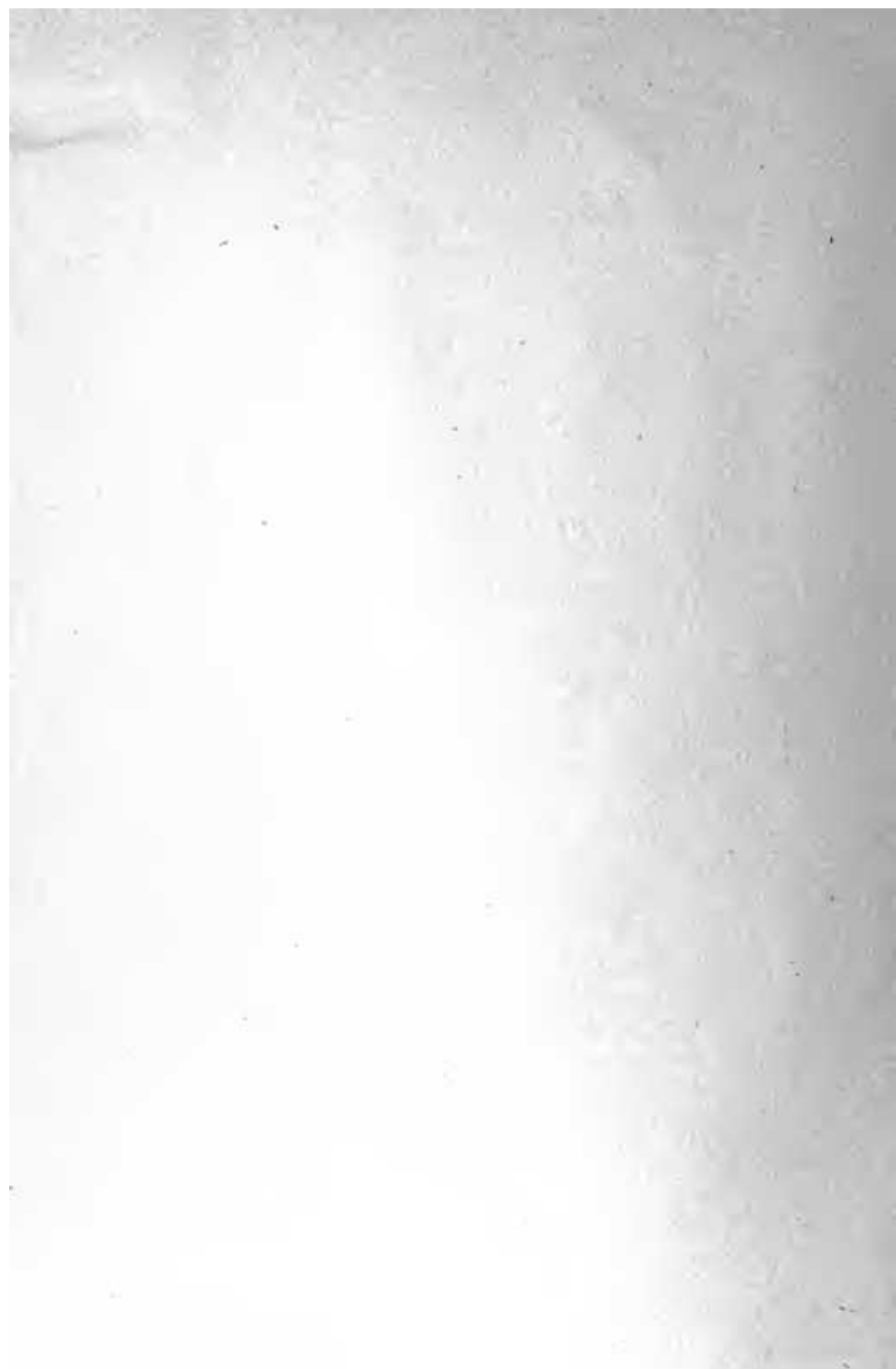
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TO MY WIFE

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A LETTER FROM THE AUTHOR BY WAY OF PREFACE

I am writing you in regard to my book which was sent to you from Chicago by Miss Masee of the American Library Association and Frank E. Wolfe. I must tell you that the story as related in the manuscript is true and that I actually lived the story and married the girl. The description of the country is as I have seen it, and the life as I have lived it. I realize that it is written in an unusual style and that the construction is very simple. Sometimes I had fears that it would not be published at all, but every one who has heard it has liked it and praised it, and after all I thought perhaps it might go.

I was born and raised in Denmark, where I left school when I was 12, determined to become an author. Although I have not gone to school since I have become an American citizen, I have picked up not only the English language but much other knowledge. For, after all, life is a great school itself. It is only in the last five years that I have tried to write, and during that time have been hampered greatly by having to make a living for myself and my family, except the one year when I was in jail. You will readily see that I still have a great deal to learn, and, perhaps, you will be tolerant of my shortcomings. I am in a very humble mood right now, writing here from Viking's Cove, Haines, Alaska, where I have made our home. Maybe you will tell me where my story is faulty. Generally, I am quite conceited, but now in my humble moments, I accomplish my best work. Please write to me soon. People have laughed at me and held me up to ridicule and said that I am crazy to think that I can get my first book published, but my friends who