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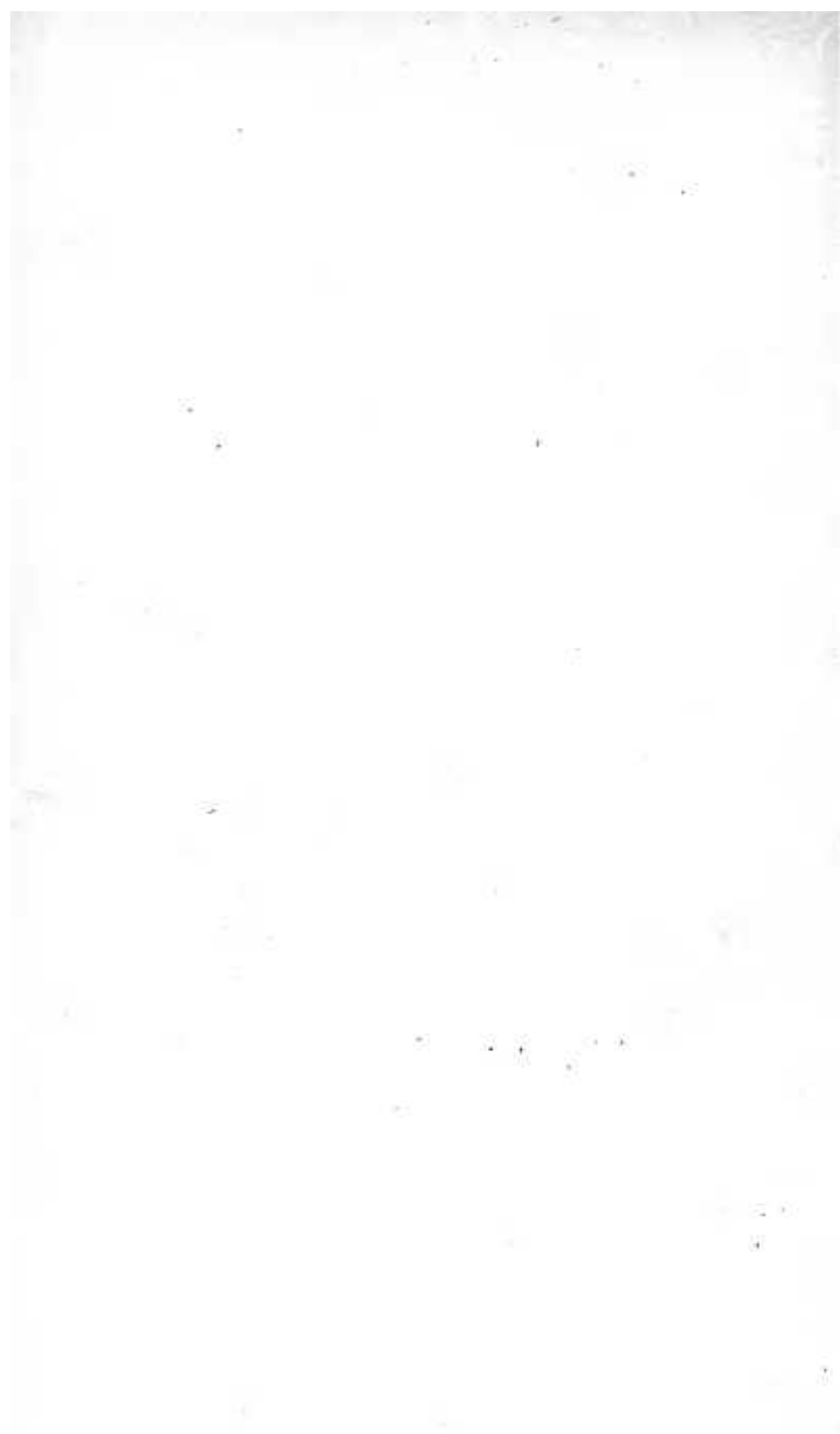
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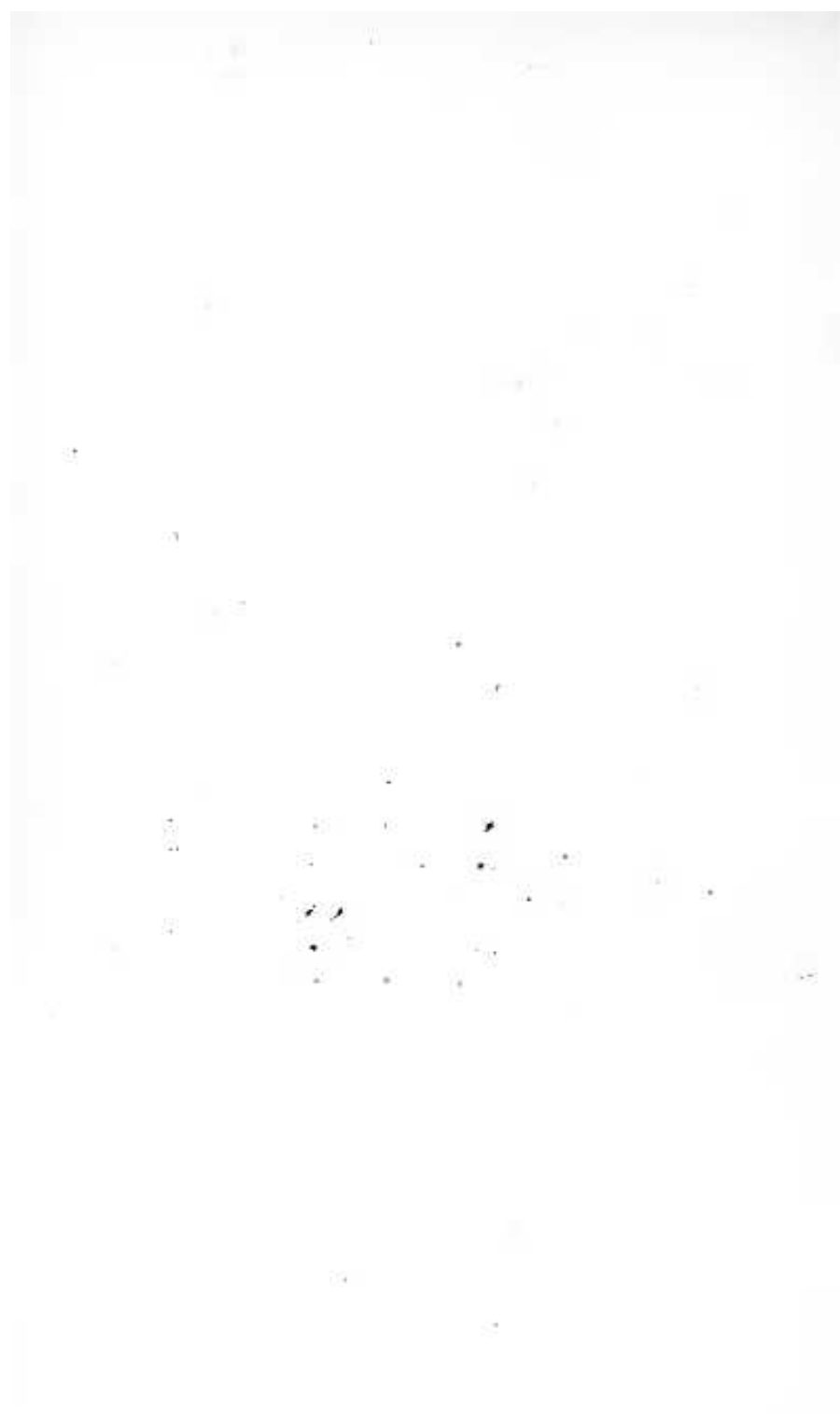
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ABOUT MONEY.

WE are apparently passing through—let us hope only passing through—a cycle of very hard times. From the large landowner, who has to reduce his rents twenty or thirty per cent., to the dock-laborer, glad to get a charity breakfast, price one penny, all of us, workers and non-workers, are suffering. The list of the unemployed extends through every class, beginning with those who are the purveyors of luxuries rather than necessities. The artist cannot sell his pictures; the author finds publishers disinclined for new books; while, with some striking exceptions, during the past season concert-rooms have been painfully empty, and theatres difficult to keep open except at serious risk. Meanwhile, business men say that