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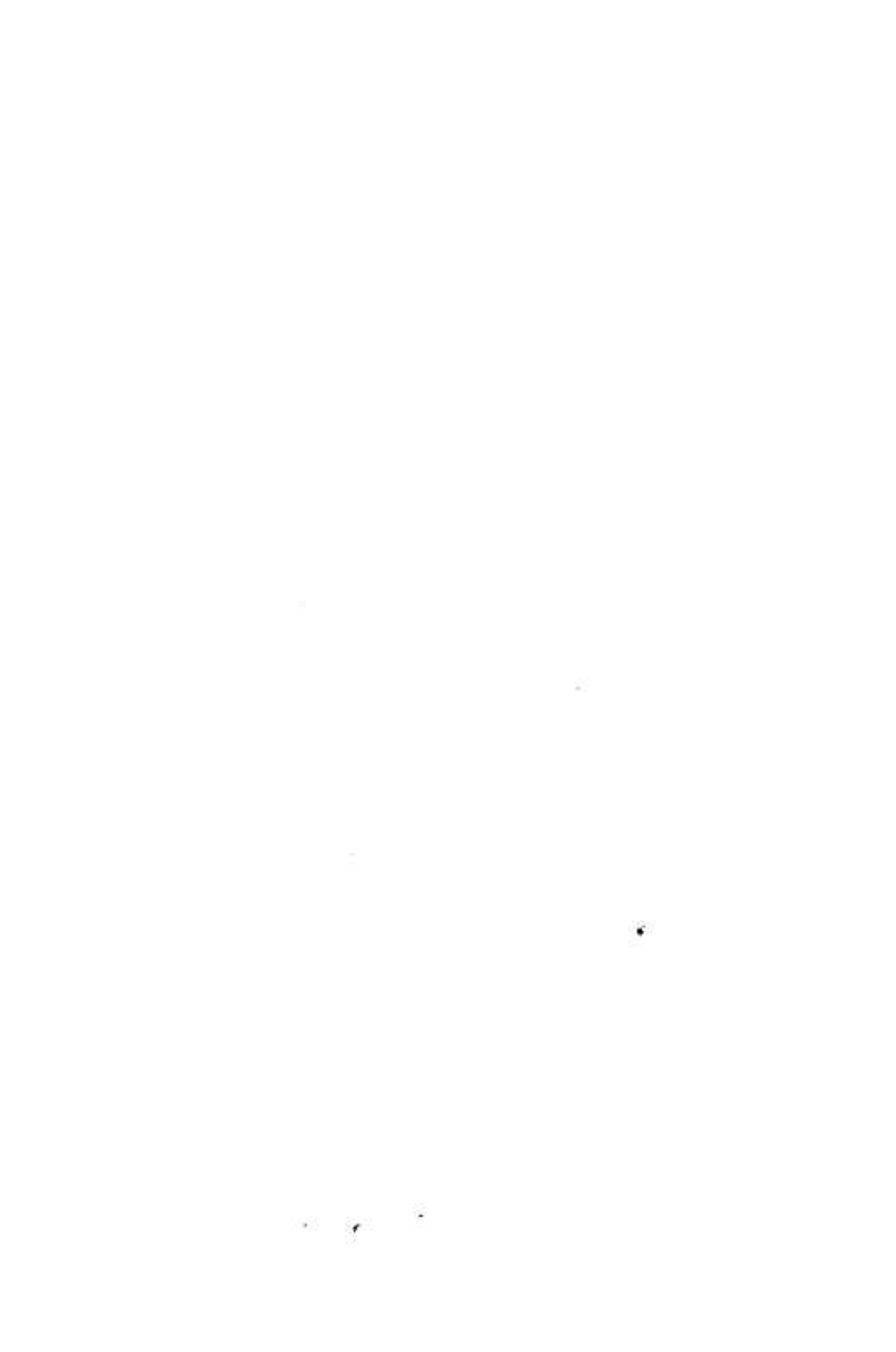
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## NEW YEAR'S DAY



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BASIL

SANDY

BRIAN

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THIS trade that we ply with the pen,  
Unworthy of heroes or men,  
Assorts ever less with my humour :  
Mere tongues in the raiment of rumour,  
We review and report and invent :  
In drivell our virtue is spent.

BASIL

From the muted tread of the feet,  
And the slackening wheels, I know