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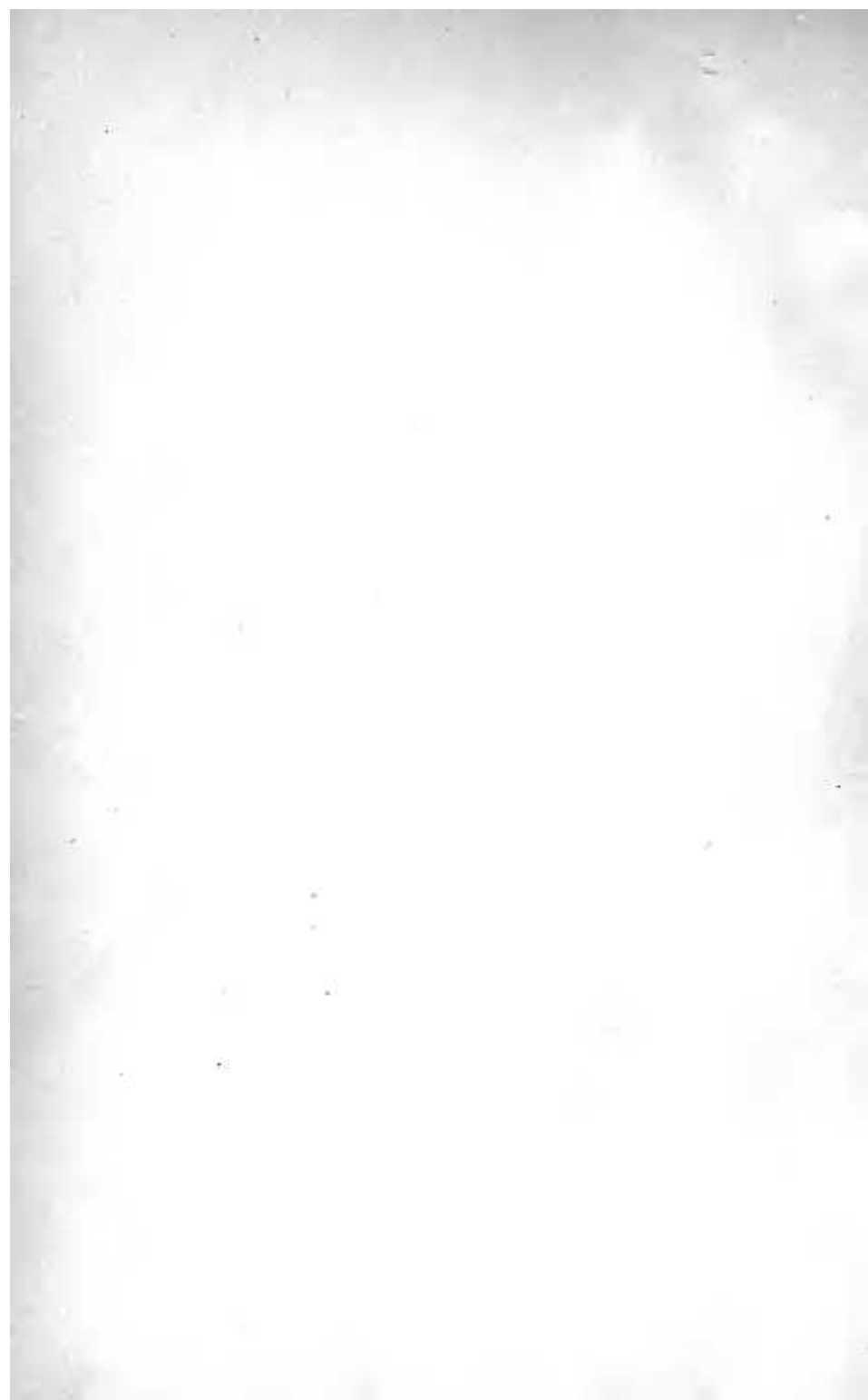




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## PREFACE.

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IN the present volume the Author has reproduced, (with corrections and numerous augmentations), some miscellaneous papers on subjects connected with Cards, which have hitherto been buried in back numbers of periodicals.

Also, Decisions by the late Mr. Clay, to which some are added that have not been previously published.

The concluding portion of the volume consists of notes of events which have come within the Author's personal experience, at Cards or in connection with Card-players, during the last twenty years.

The matters related as anecdotes have all actually happened. None have been manufactured for the sake of effect. It is possible that some of the characters may be recognised by a limited