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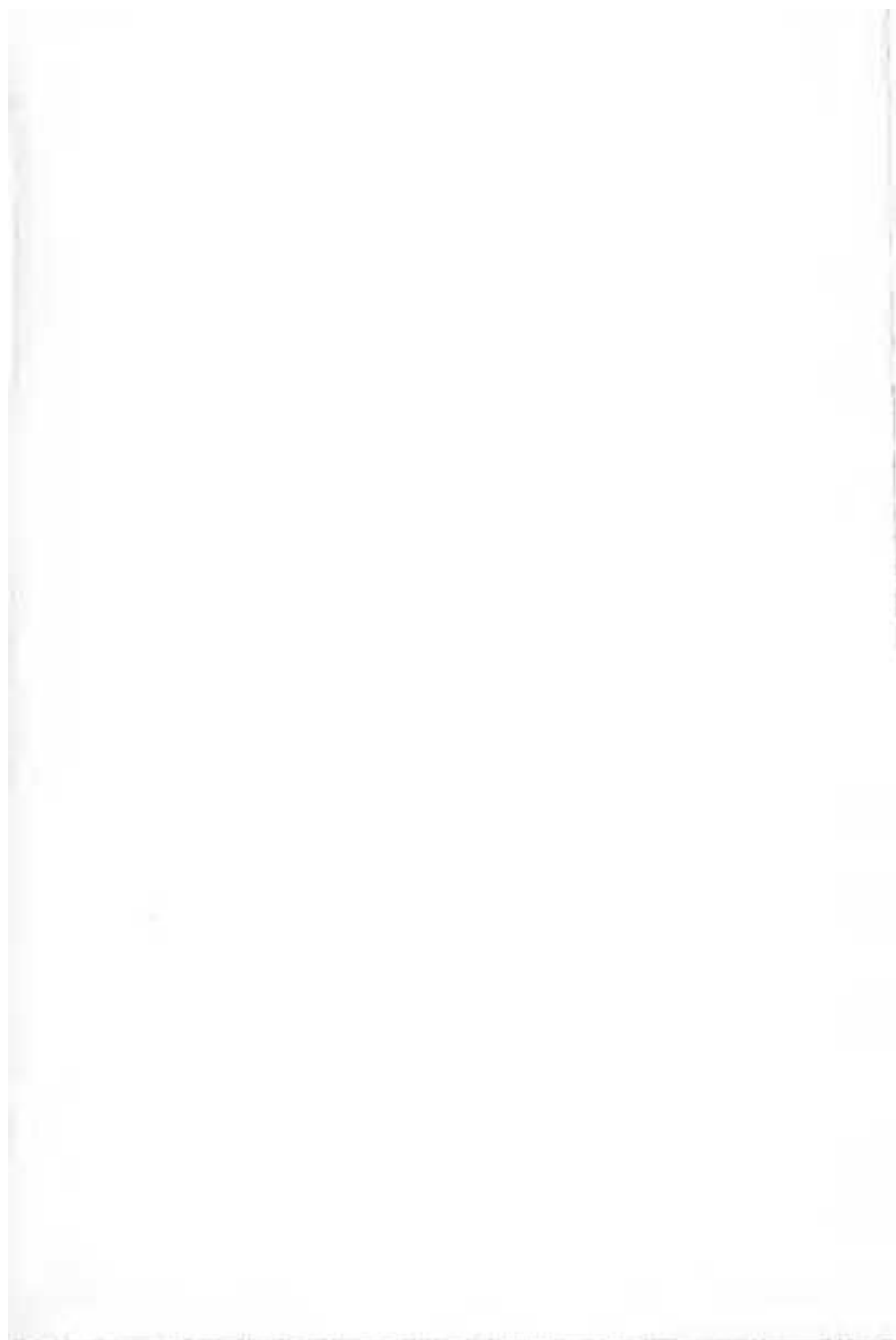
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TO VERY BAD BOYS,
AND TO THE FINE OLD FELLOWS
WHO ONCE WERE CALLED VERY BAD BOYS,
THIS BOOK IS SYMPATHETICALLY DEDICATED
BY THE AUTHOR.



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CHAPTER I.

A NAUTICAL EXPEDITION.

“**Y**OU'RE the worst boy in town!”

The speaker was Farmer Parkins, and the person addressed was Jack Wittingham, only son of the most successful physician in Doveton. Farmer Parkins had driven to town quite early in the morning to make some necessary purchases, and he had been followed by his faithful yellow dog, Sam, who had been improving the opportunity to make some personal calls and tours of observation. One of these last named recreations carried him near the back door of a butcher shop to which Jack had gone to deliver an order for his mother. Adjacent to the butcher's place of business was the shop of the village tinman, and behind this were strewn sundry kitchen utensils which had proved to be too badly damaged to be mended. Jack had noticed the dog when that animal first put in his appearance in search of a scrap of meat or bone, and had there-