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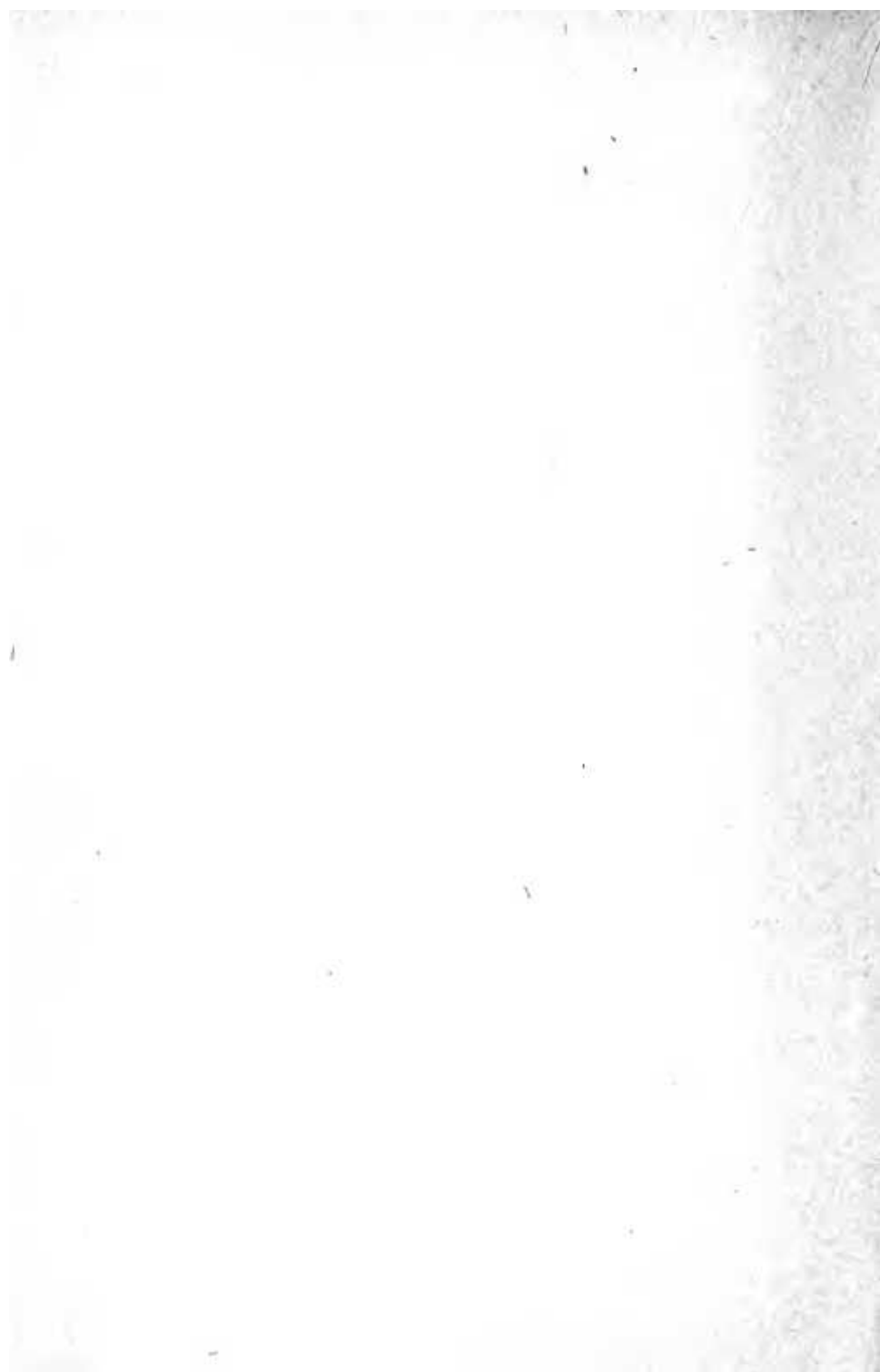
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**INTRODUCTION: THE PERILS OF
WRITING ABOUT WOMEN**



INTRODUCTION

THE PERILS OF WRITING ABOUT WOMEN

THIS book is written by a man; there is no pretence that it is written by a hermaphrodite, asexual or inhuman being, or even by a superhuman individual who, through the favour of Heaven and a detached intelligence, has freed himself from the prejudices incident to sex.

Discord exists between the sexes. It always has existed, and it always will. (By which statement I do not mean to support the ridiculous maxim that human nature never changes. Human nature develops continually. The amœba, the simplest, one-celled form of life, is what human nature once was, and no break can be found in the chain of evolution which connects the two.) These chapters are an expression of the discord between the sexes. The impulse to write them springs from a sense of the discord, and, surely, could spring from nothing else. The idea would not occur to me to write a book about men; the subject would