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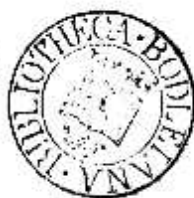
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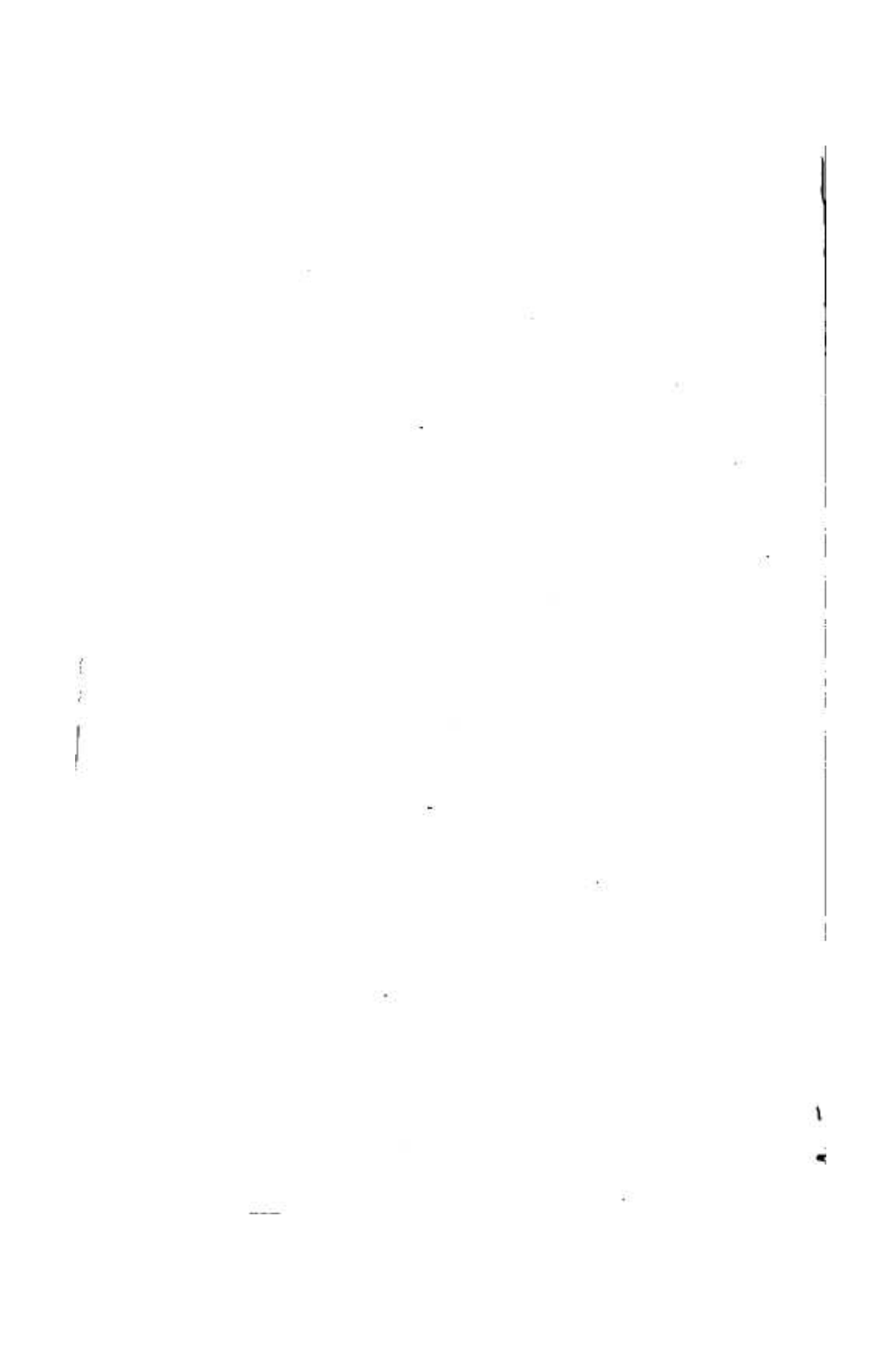


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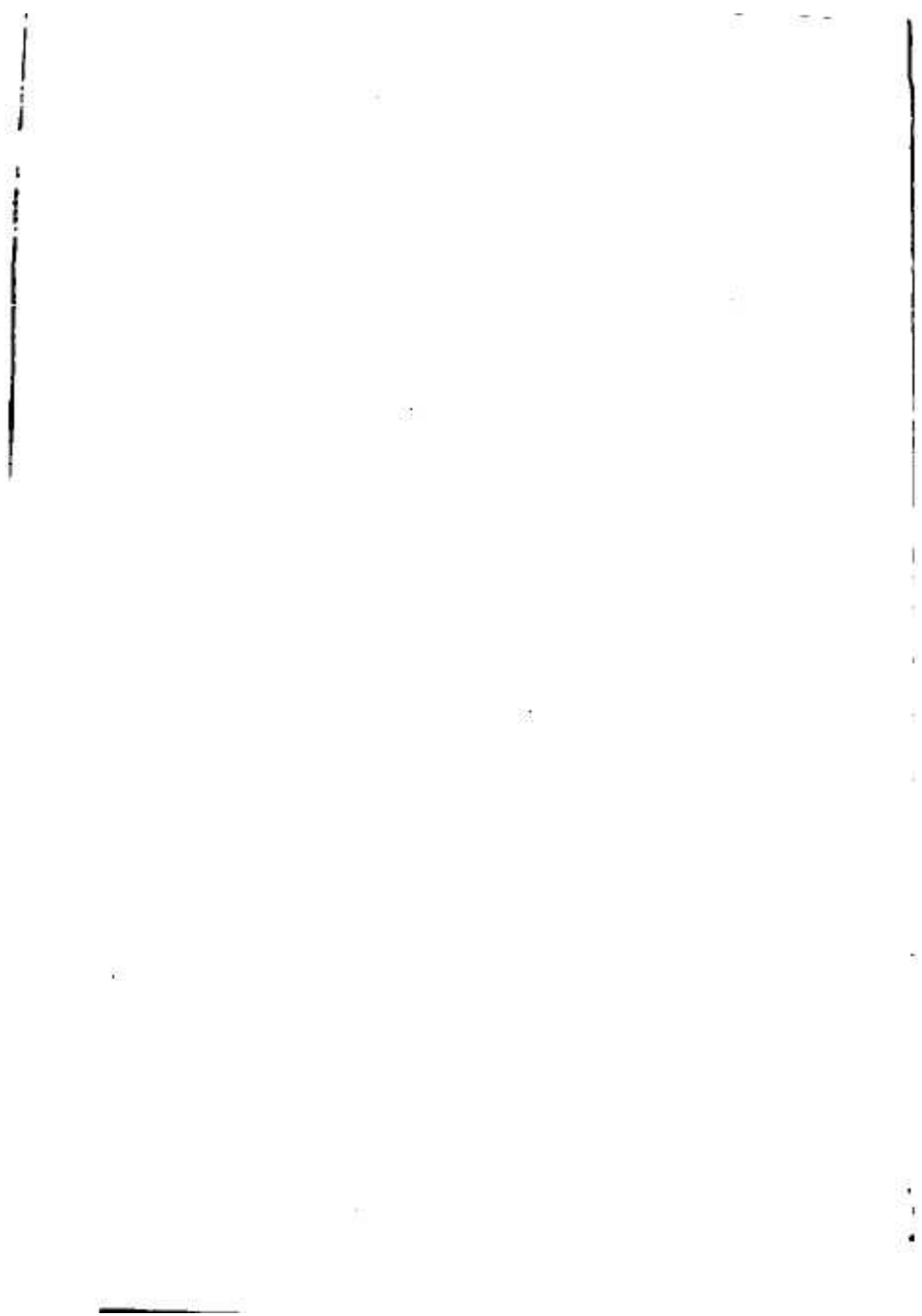


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### CHAPTER I.

#### THE CORNER CUPBOARD.



AM afraid that Charley and Richard Knight gave their master a great deal of trouble.

The school they went to had just broken up for the Christmas holidays, and neither of them had won a prize. Indeed, they were never likely to do so, judging from the way in which they went on.

They were good-tempered lads, and favourites with their playmates. If they had a cake sent them from home, they

always shared it with the rest of the school. And they were first and foremost at every game that was played. Their blue eyes were always twinkling with fun; and if they had been sent to Mr. Birch's Academy merely to enjoy themselves, it would have been all very well.

But it is of no use mincing the matter: they were the most idle lads in the school. Nobody could make them learn their lessons—not even Mr. Birch, though he was very strict, and now and then gave them a caning.

It was a pity they were so idle. Their papa was a learned man, and wished them to follow in his steps. It made him very unhappy when they came home without a prize; and always, by the next post, a long letter from the schoolmaster to complain that he could not make them work.

Their mamma tried to excuse them, and