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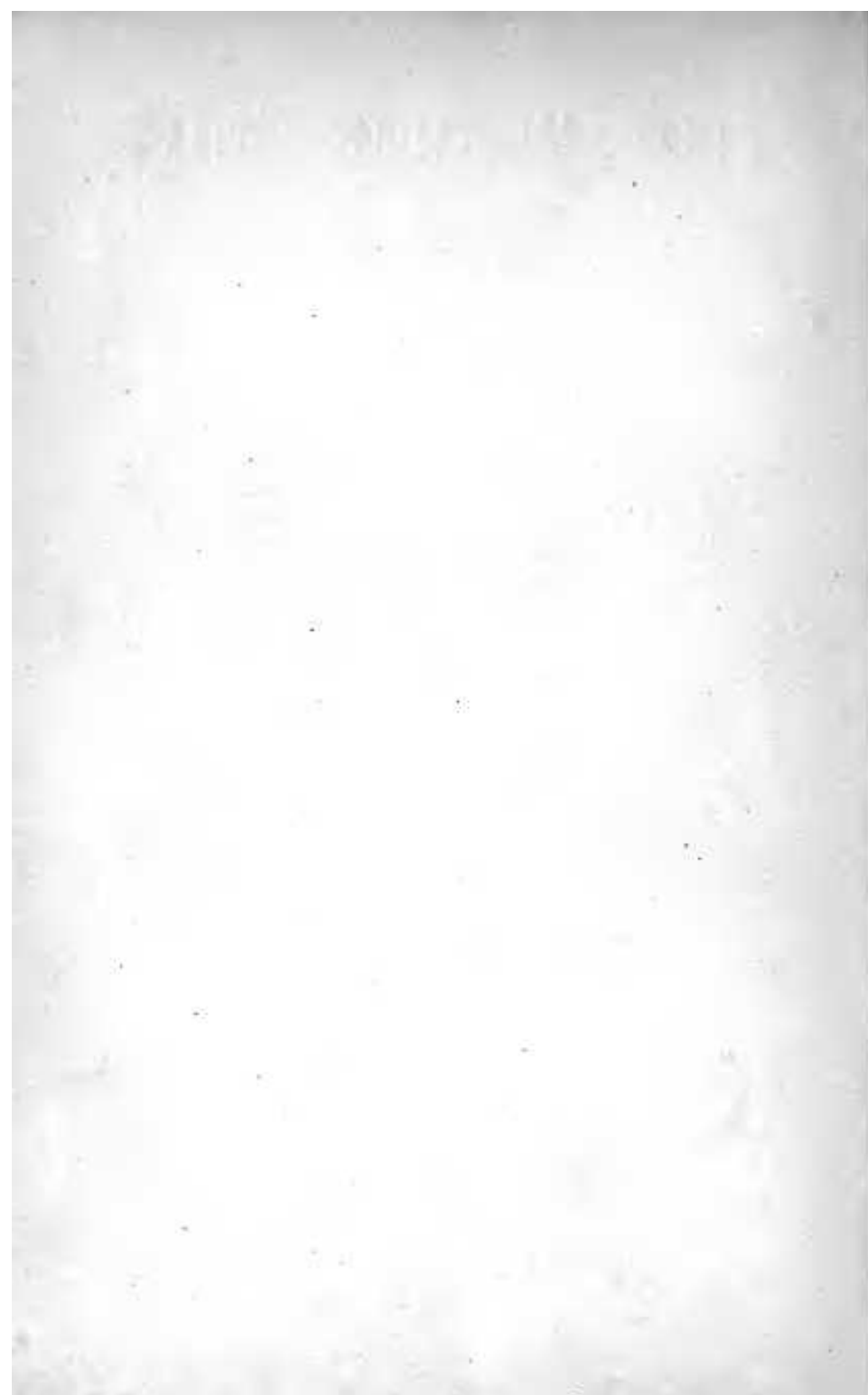
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PREFACE.

IF the reader should be tempted, while perusing the extraordinary incidents of this Tale, to think the hero thereof too good, too wise, too absurd, too romantic—too anything, let it be borne in mind that there are exceptional characters among North American Indians, as among other savages and ourselves.

This fact will account for much.

R. M. B.

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