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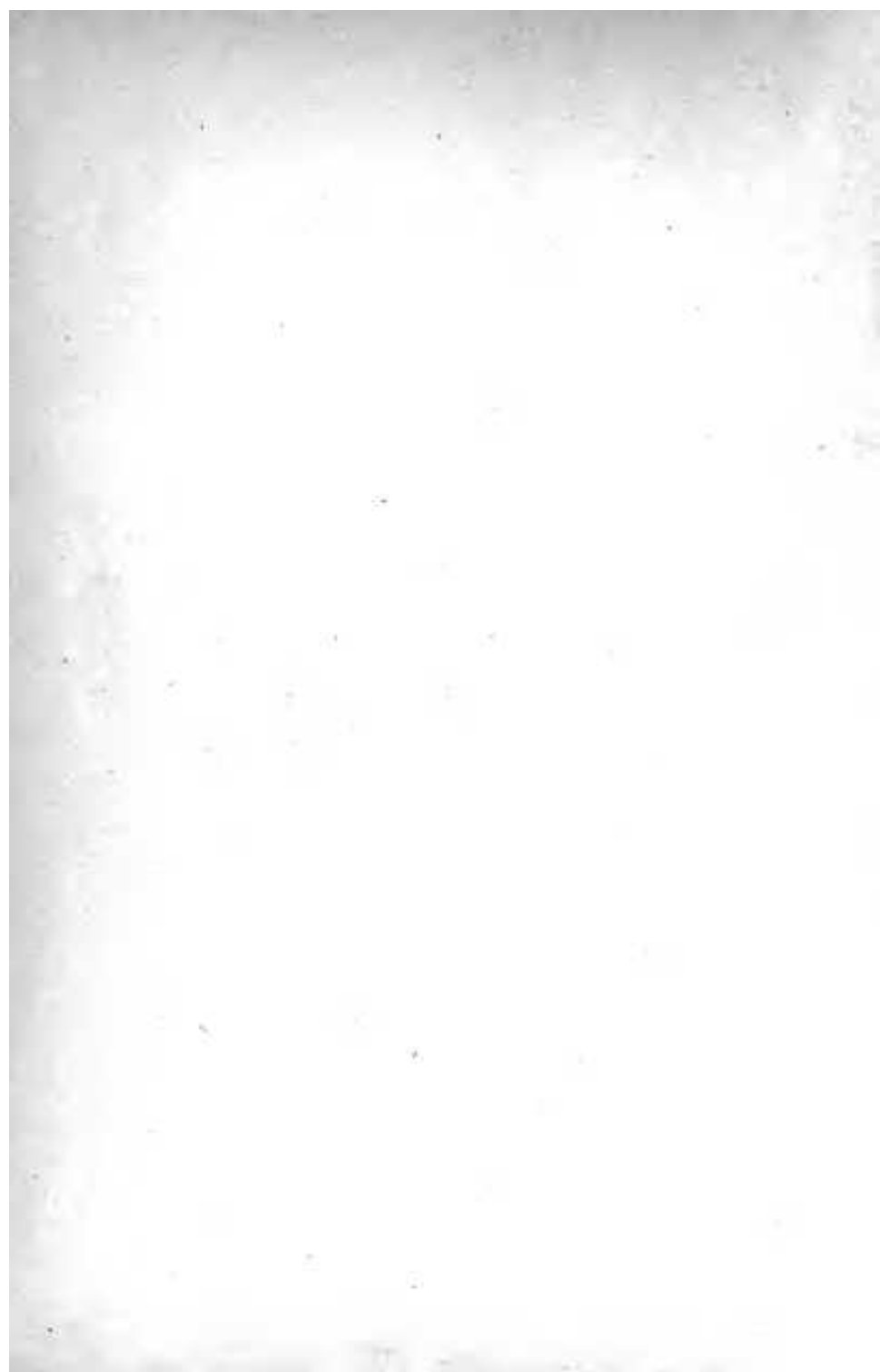
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## CHAPTER I.

### VOYAGES OF EXPLORATION.

**T**HE River Amazon, or Amazons, the Queen of the South American Rivers, and one of the great Rivers of the World, has its sources in the Andes, on the west coast of South America; and crosses that immense continent throughout its entire breadth from east to west, falling into the North Atlantic Ocean in about long. 50° W. If we allow for its numerous windings, we may estimate its length at fully four thousand miles. It is ninety-six miles wide at its mouth, or delta; and navigable for two thousand two hundred miles from the sea—that is, for fully nine times the whole extent of the Thames. So immense is the volume of water which it pours into the sea, that the current preserves