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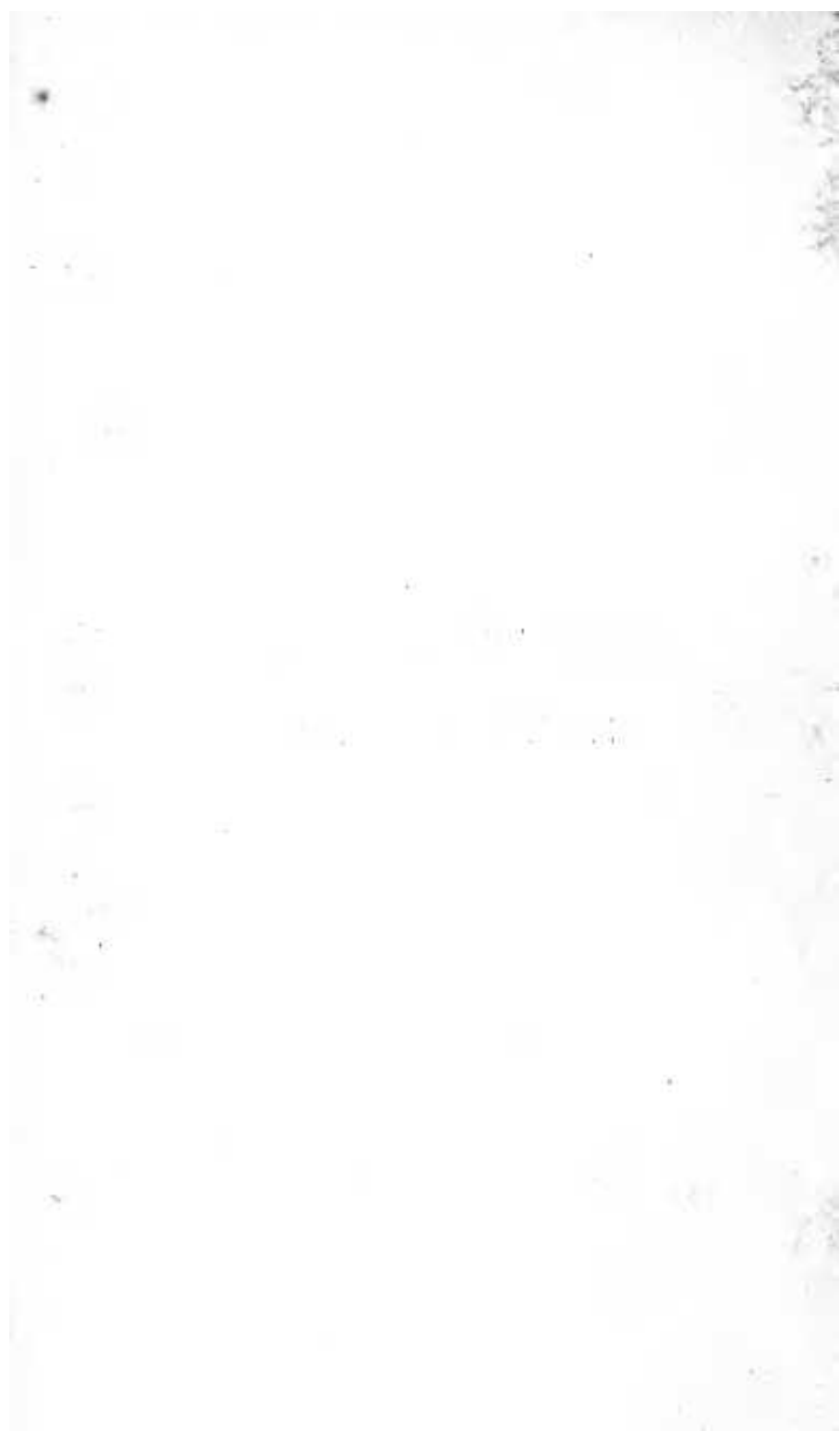
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## PART I.

“



YOU should call her Thomasina,” said I, as I held in my arms a friend’s first baby, whose dear and honored father bears the old-fashioned name of Thomas, though suppressed into an initial.

“Thomasina?” repeated the young mother with polite hesitation. “Isn’t it a—rather a long name? And if it were shortened—fancy her being called ‘Tom’ or ‘Tommy’?”

“Why not? The most charming woman I ever knew was named Thomasina, and all her life was called ‘Miss Tommy.’”

While I spoke the old days came back upon