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PREFACE

NO SMALL part of the glory of Greece was won to the shame of Xerxes. Standing on the loftiest heights of human grandeur, he was hurled into unparalleled disaster, with the ruins of his vast army and the wrecks of his huge fleet about him. History can show us no spectacle like the assembling of the army of Xerxes for the conquest of the insolent Greeks. All the pomp and splendor at the command of the mightiest of eastern despots signalized its setting forth; and a fleet, to facilitate whose progress years had been spent in the construction of a canal, kept pace with the army. A few months, and army and fleet had ignominiously perished, and Salamis and Marathon had gone on the rolls of immortality.

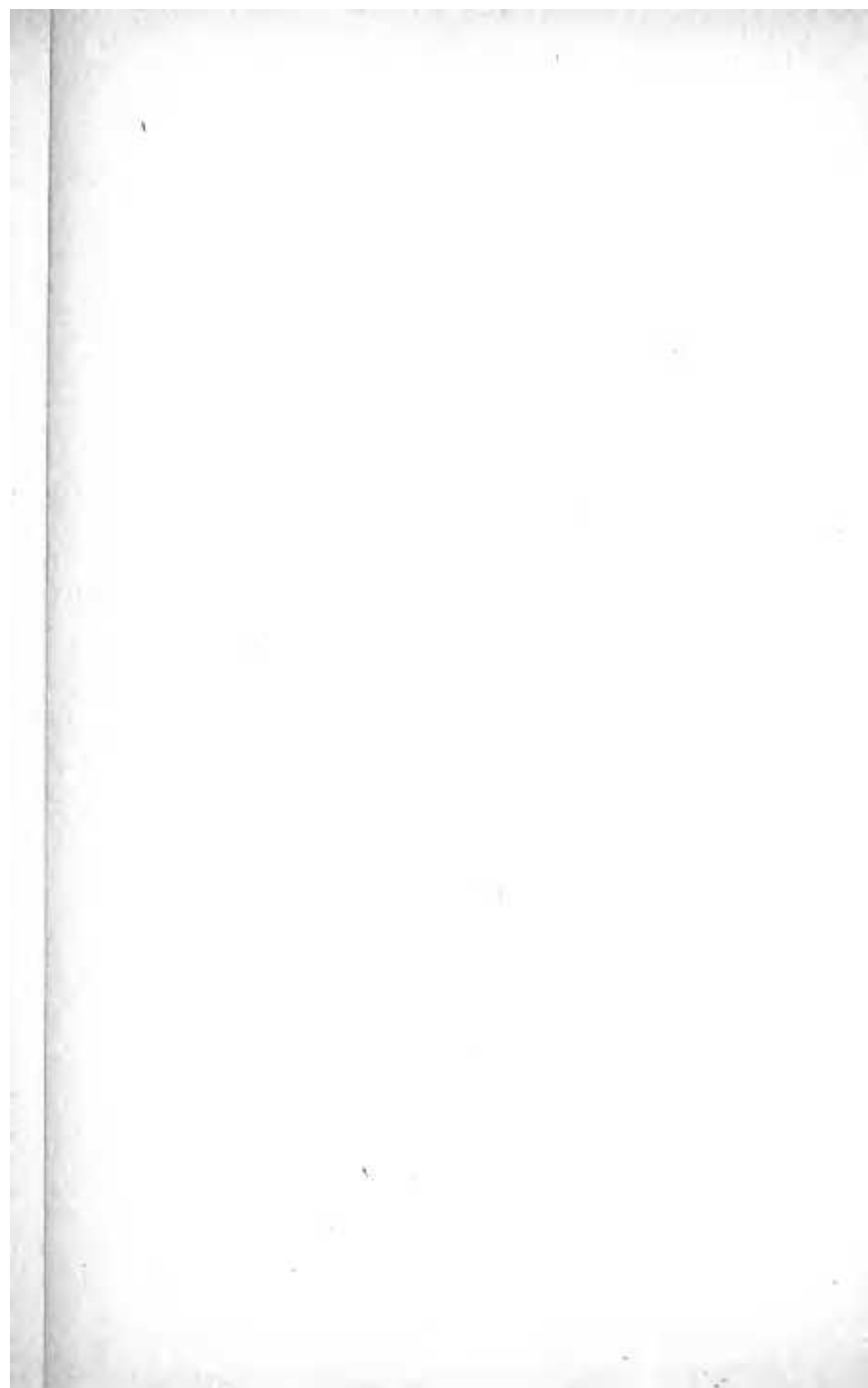


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