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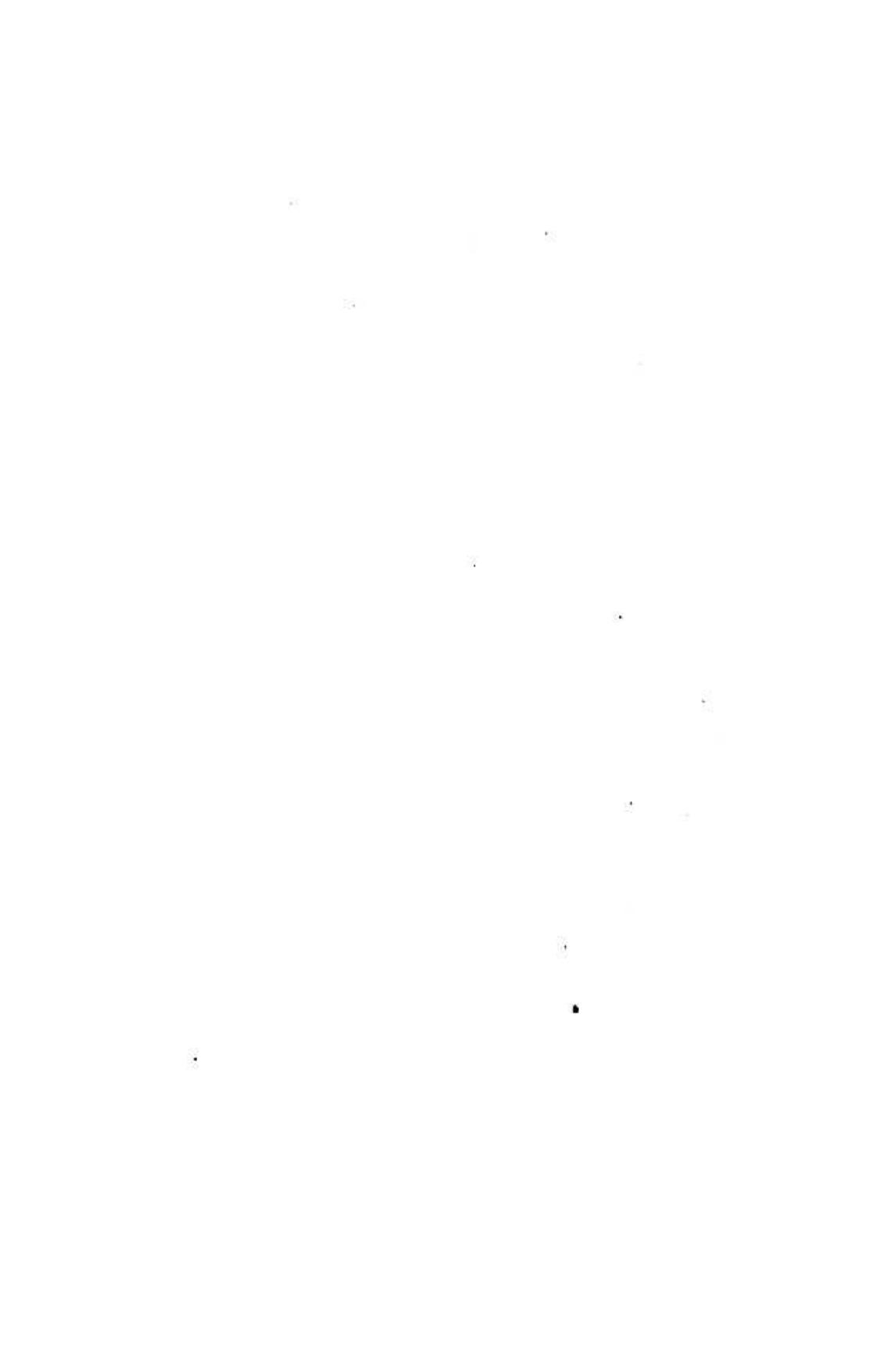
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To  
*his mother, and to mine*





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Anthony Comstock . . . . . *Frontispiece*

The strenuous vice-fighter prolongs his life and usefulness by a month of midsummer vacation at a Catskill resort . . . . . *facing page 49*

These are the citizens for whom "Uncle Tony" has lived and "died daily" for more than forty years, and to whom his heart goes out . . . . . *facing page 153*

It is worth a lifetime of persecution and peril, Mr. Comstock believes, to make the world a cleaner, safer place for one such boy as this . . . . . *facing page 231*

# I

## IN TRAINING FOR THE FIGHT

**E**ARLY one morning in the year 1862, in the village of Winnipauk, Connecticut, an eighteen-year-old boy who was clerk and general helper in the country store was given the disturbing news, by an Irishman who rushed excitedly in, that a mastiff hound in the village had gone mad and was running amuck, and "would be bitin' the children." The hound, of the formidable sort used to hunt slaves in the South, belonged to the local saloon-keeper. The Irishman told the boy very emphatically that somebody ought to put that dog out of business. And the boy believed it.

He got a gun and a pistol, cleaned and loaded them, and asked another young fellow about his own age to join him in looking after the dog. Oh, yes, he would go, was the answer,—after breakfast; but his courage oozed out and his mind changed before the time for action came.