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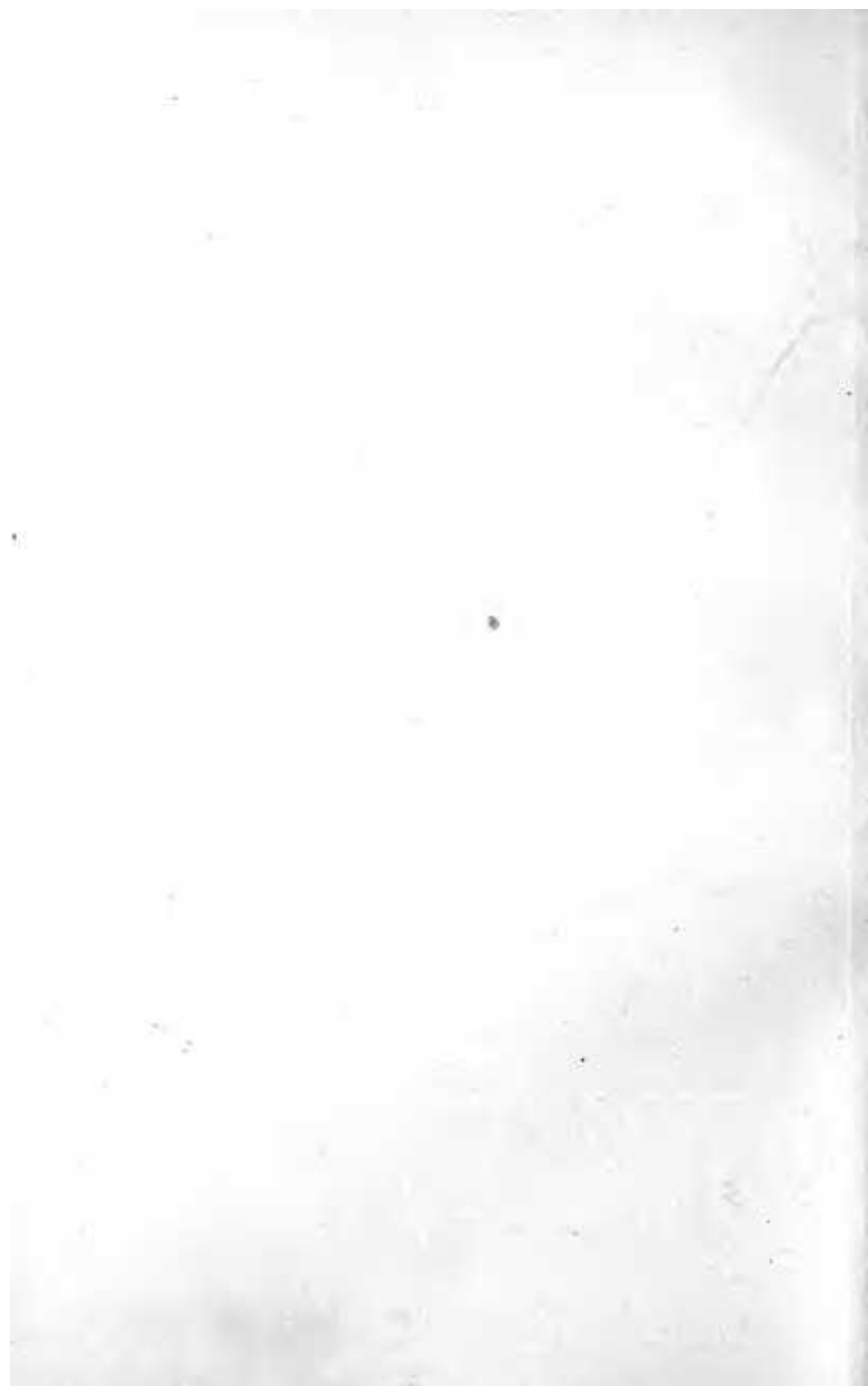
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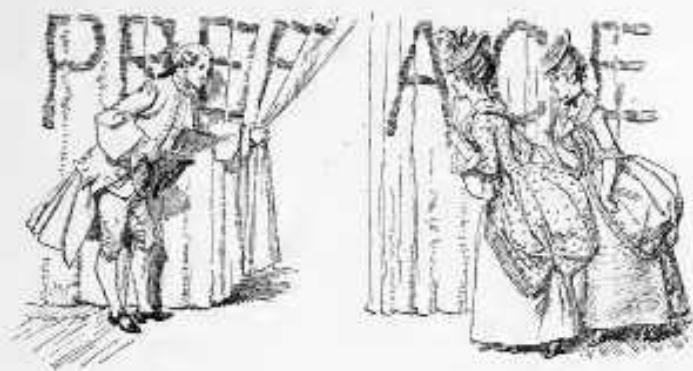
*What would our modern maids to-day?
I watch, and can't conjecture:
A dubious Tale?—an Ibsen Play?—
A pessimistic Lecture?—*

*I know not. But this, Child, I know:
You like things sweet and seemly;
Old-fashioned flowers, old shapes in Bow,
"Auld Robin Gray" (extremely);*

*You—with my "Dorothy"—delight
In fragrant cedar-presses;
In window-corners warm and bright,
In lawn, and lilac dresses;*

*You still can read, at any rate,
Charles Lamb and "Evelina";
To You, My Dear, I dedicate
This "STORY OF ROSINA."*





Were it not for the recollection of certain inconvenient but salutary epigrams, and more particularly Pope's couplet about the pictures that "for the page atone," I might perhaps be disposed to cheat myself with the belief that the welcome which greeted "The Ballad of Beau Brocade" was not, in the main, attributable to the designs of an Artist whose hand is never so happy as when it works in the half-light of a bygone time. But if I cannot lay any such flattering unction to my amour-propre, I may at least reflect with satisfaction that "The Story of Rosina" is equally fortunate in its illustrator. In spite of many