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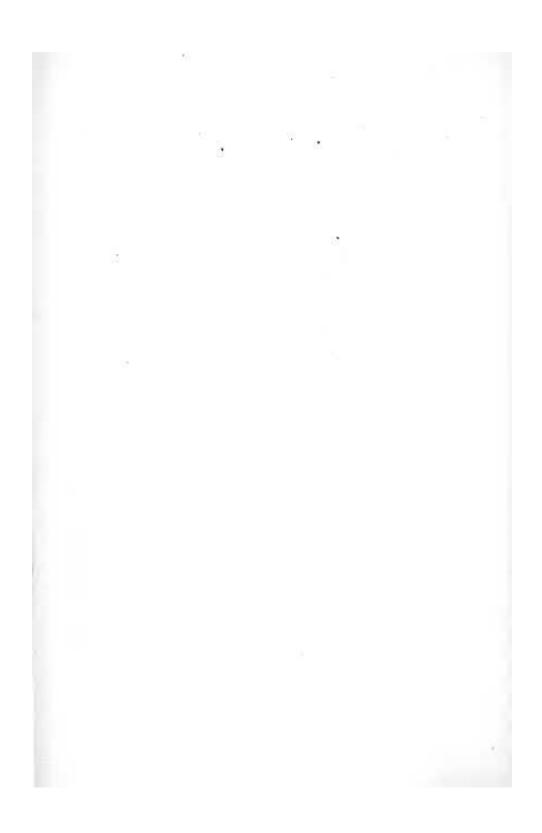
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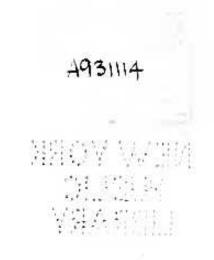
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"In this part of the world," wrote Mr. Fulier, not long ago, "the bacillus dedicatory hardly survives within us up to middle age, but there is no denying that it is terribly active in most beginners, and that the ingenuous gratitude of these gives their established elders considerable cause for eminarrassment. Have 1 written a successful story? Then I cast about for some well-known name, 'higher up,' with which to adorn my fly deaf and to ease my overpowering sense of obligation. The effort on the part of these various celebrities to clude my homage is the liveliest side of the literary game, and not the lepst instructive phase of unwritten literary history,'