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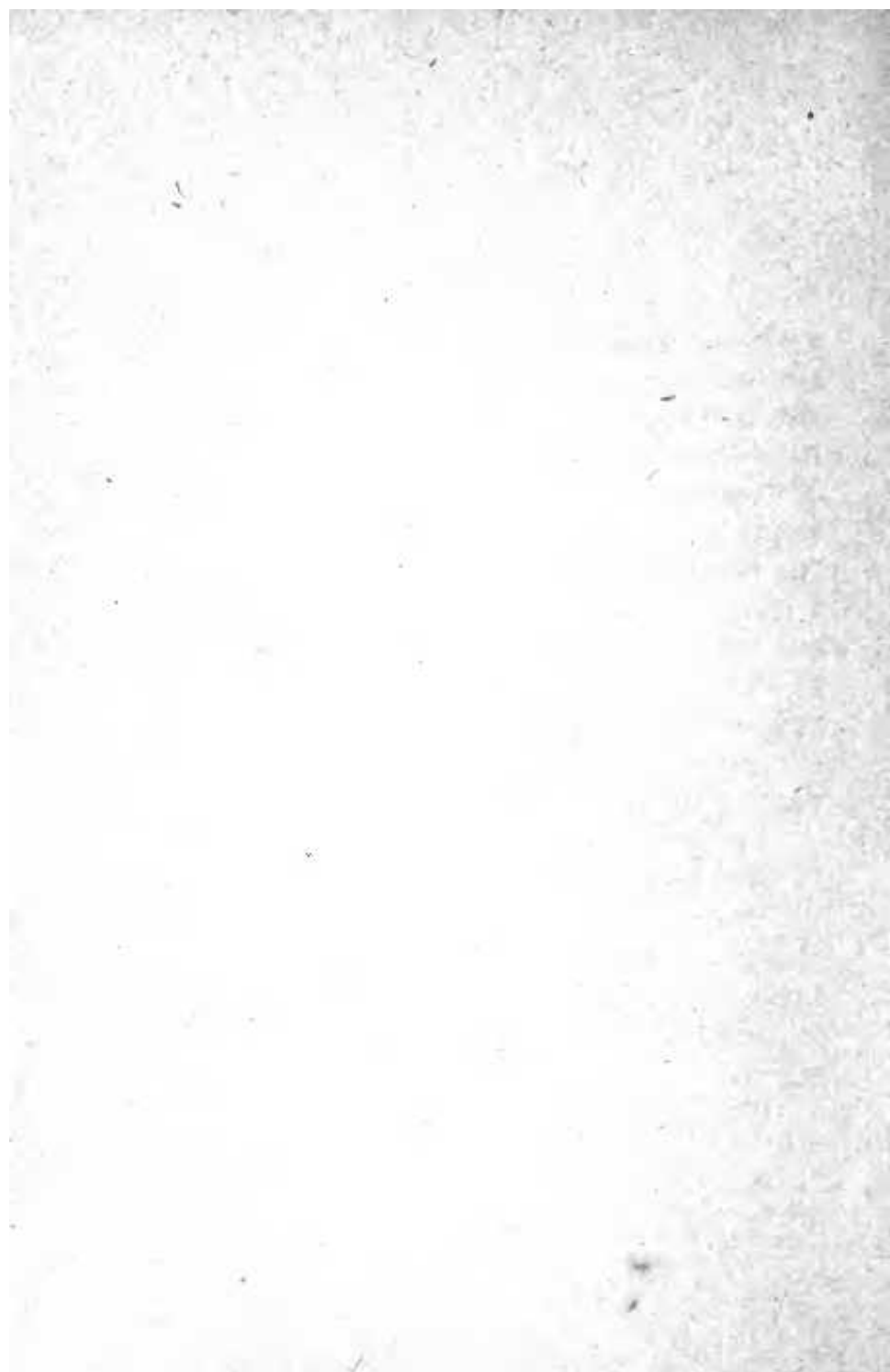
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TO MY UNCLE
FRANK C. HAVENS
OF
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



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*"When mountains were stained as with wine
By the dawning of Time, and as wine
Were the seas."*

AMBROSE BIERCE.

Without, the battlements of sunset shine,
'Mid domes the sea-winds rear and overwhelm.
Into a crystal cup the dusky wine
I pour, and, musing at so rich a shrine,
I watch the star that haunts its ruddy gloom.
Now Fancy, empress of a purpled realm,
Awakes with brow caressed by poppy-bloom,
And wings in sudden dalliance her flight
To strands where opals of the shattered light
Gleam in the wind-strewn foam, and maidens flee