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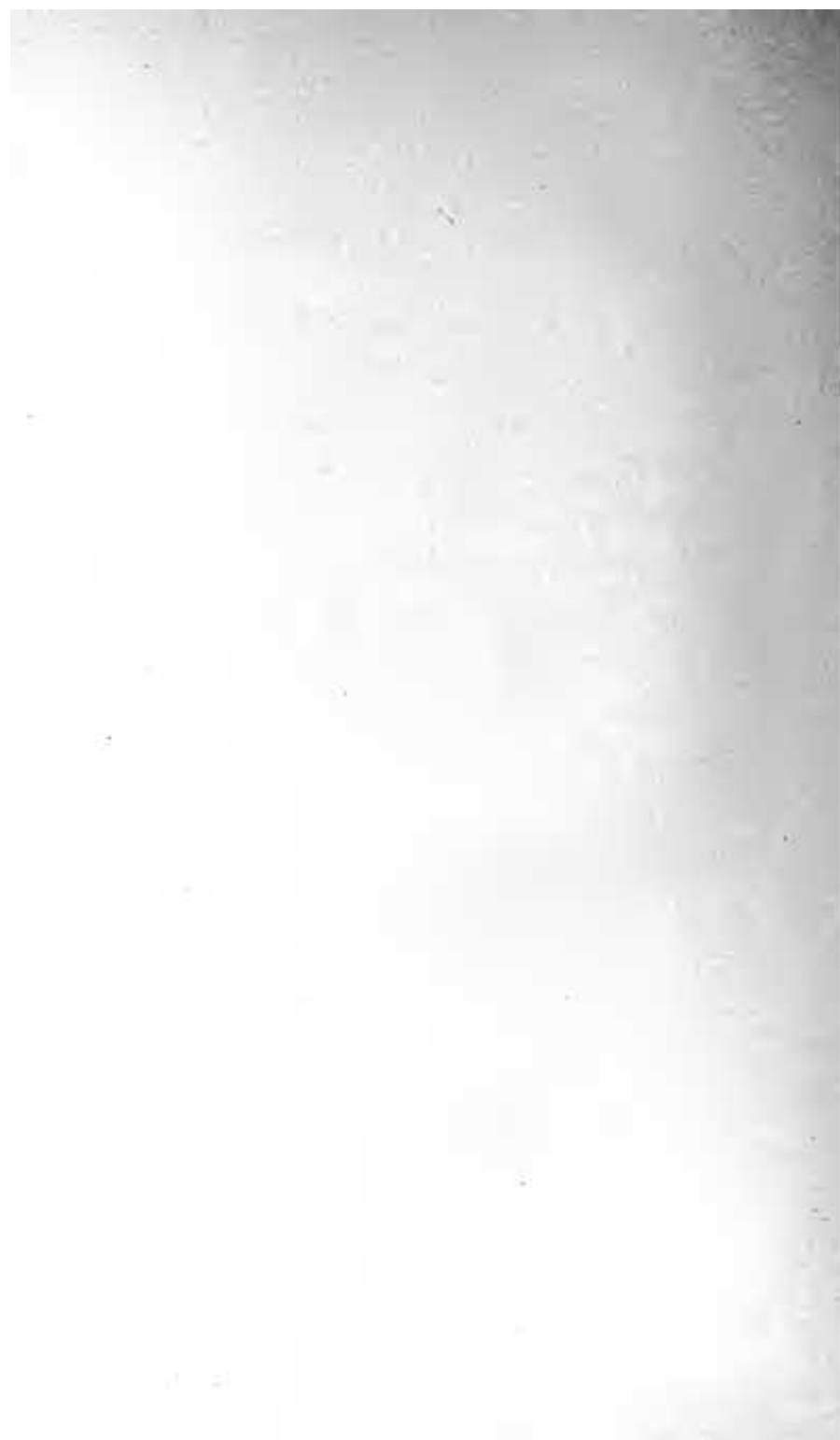
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## FOREWORD

EVERY man, woman and child around South Hollow knew Old Jim Case. His well-worn slouch hat, his large, baggy trousers, soft shirt, and handkerchief carelessly tied about his neck, possessed almost the dignity of landmarks.

The old fellow's smile, that gave a downward bend to his heavy, round moustache, and his beaming countenance, made it easy to liken him to a walrus; but a friendly walrus he was. It was one of his favourite sayings that "Good nature is the cheapest commodity in the world," and he always had it in generous abundance.