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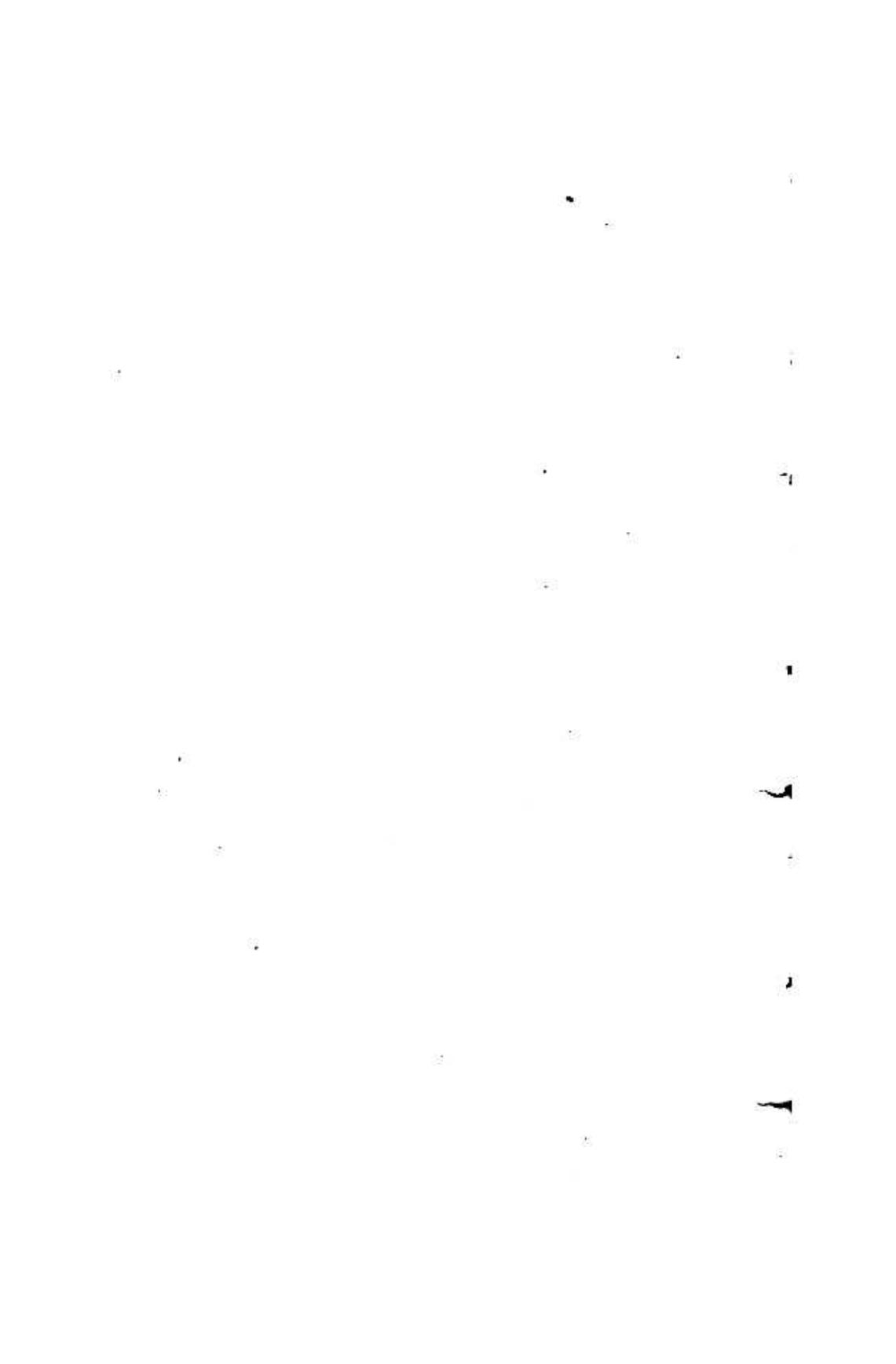
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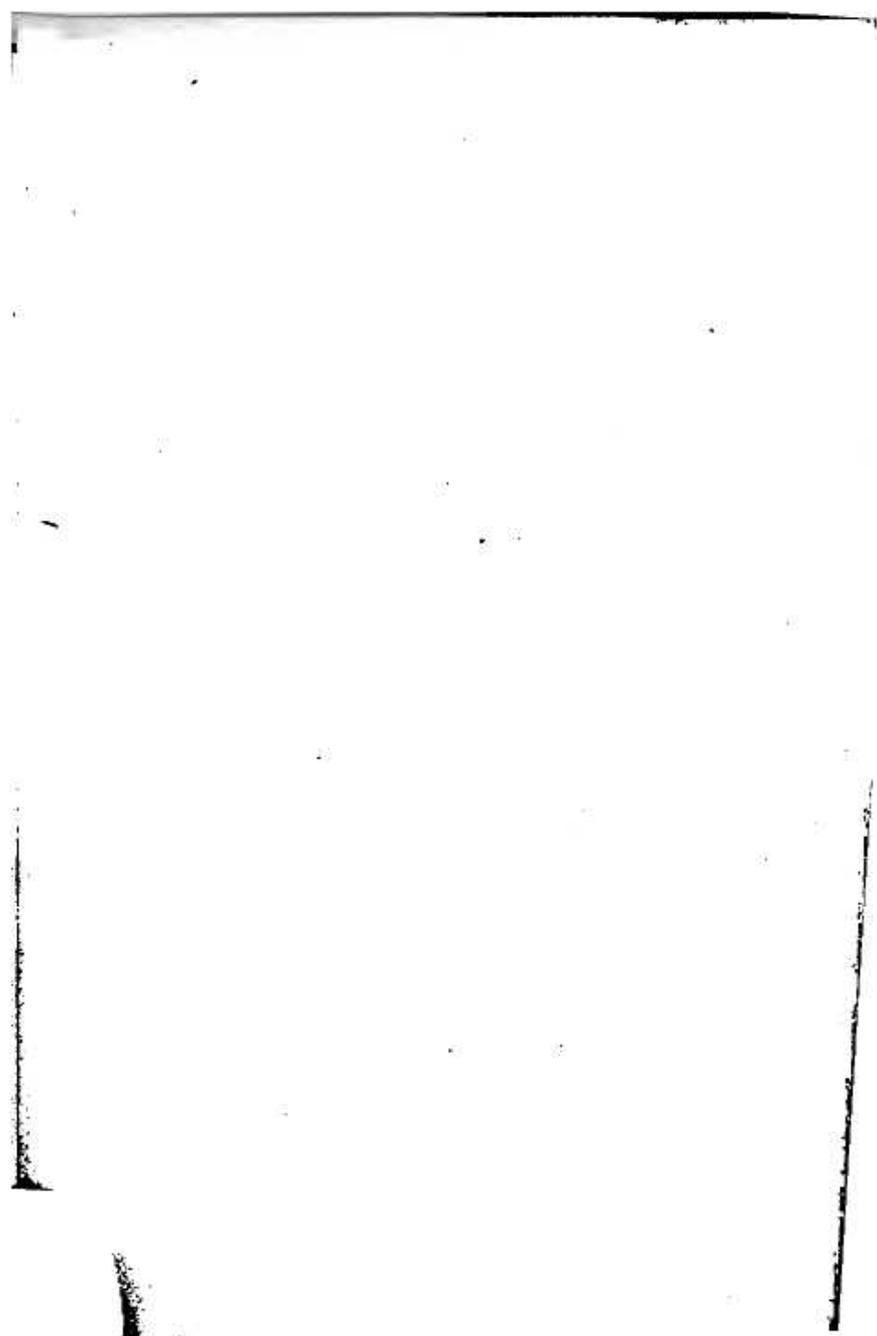
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FAMILIAR TALK.

"It is only the really poor and the rich who can afford to marry and go to housekeeping now-a-days," is a saying that is no longer flippant, but so pertinent that wise humanitarians look grave with the hearing thereof.

To the factory-girl or the seamstress who has been used to "go out to work," a flat in a tenement house furnished with her own chattels, is *home*. She esteems it a privilege to be allowed to reign over the kingdom of three or four rooms, to take care of the cheap new furniture, and prepare three meals a day for herself and the husband who, perhaps, takes his dinner in a pail when he goes forth to his daily labor. The routine of homely tasks arranged by herself is a light cross compared with the stern necessity of rising before sunrise on winter mornings, breasting evening storms, and toiling for ten hours of broiling summer days under the eye of an overlooker in a temperature where sickly girls faint every hour, and the most robust sigh, "Would God it were night!" She is her own employer, forewoman, and operative, and rejoices in her independence.

The rich—and less free—house-mistress pulls upon her husband's purse or her private fortune to maintain a handsome establishment, and yields plaintive assent when the nominal master of the abode rails at "the concern" as a "servants' boarding-house."