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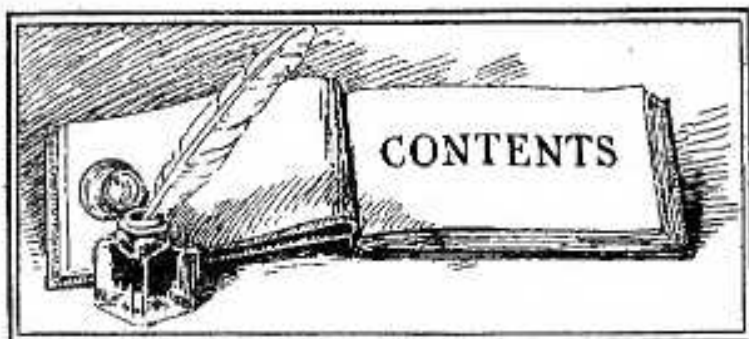


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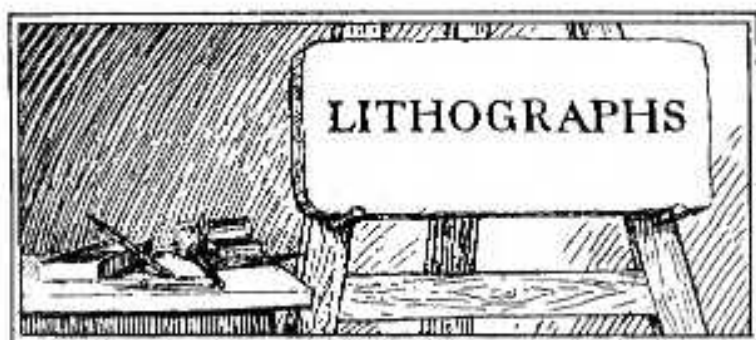
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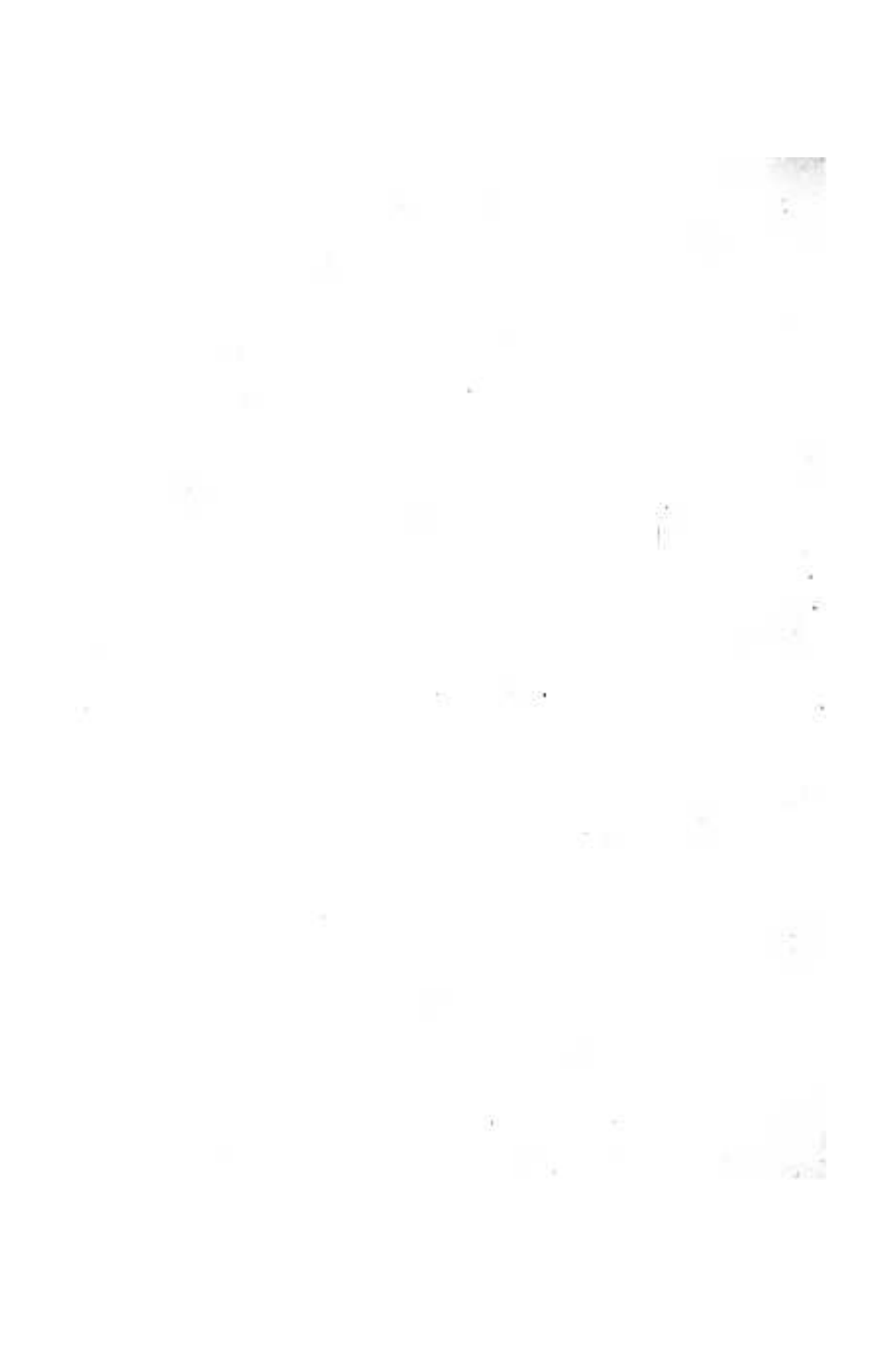
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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE  
1564-1616

IN the little country town of Stratford-upon-Avon, in Warwickshire, Shakespeare was born on April 22nd, 1564, and so the place attained to the greatest honour which any town in the British Isles can lay claim to: that in it first saw the light the poet of poets and the dramatist of all time.

Stratford had quietly existed for centuries before, and was very little affected by its good fortune; and even at the present day it is but little changed from Shakespeare's time.

How different from the London to which he came, in his early days, to acquire that fame which so quickly became his. Could he now revisit the two places, he would hardly recognise a building in the London of to-day, certainly none in his old haunts in Southwark. But at Stratford, how different! Three and a half centuries have not altered it to any great extent, and it is still easy to realise something of his life in the town where he was born, educated, and married, and whither he returned, after a moderate interval in London, to settle down and enjoy the latter end of his all too brief career.