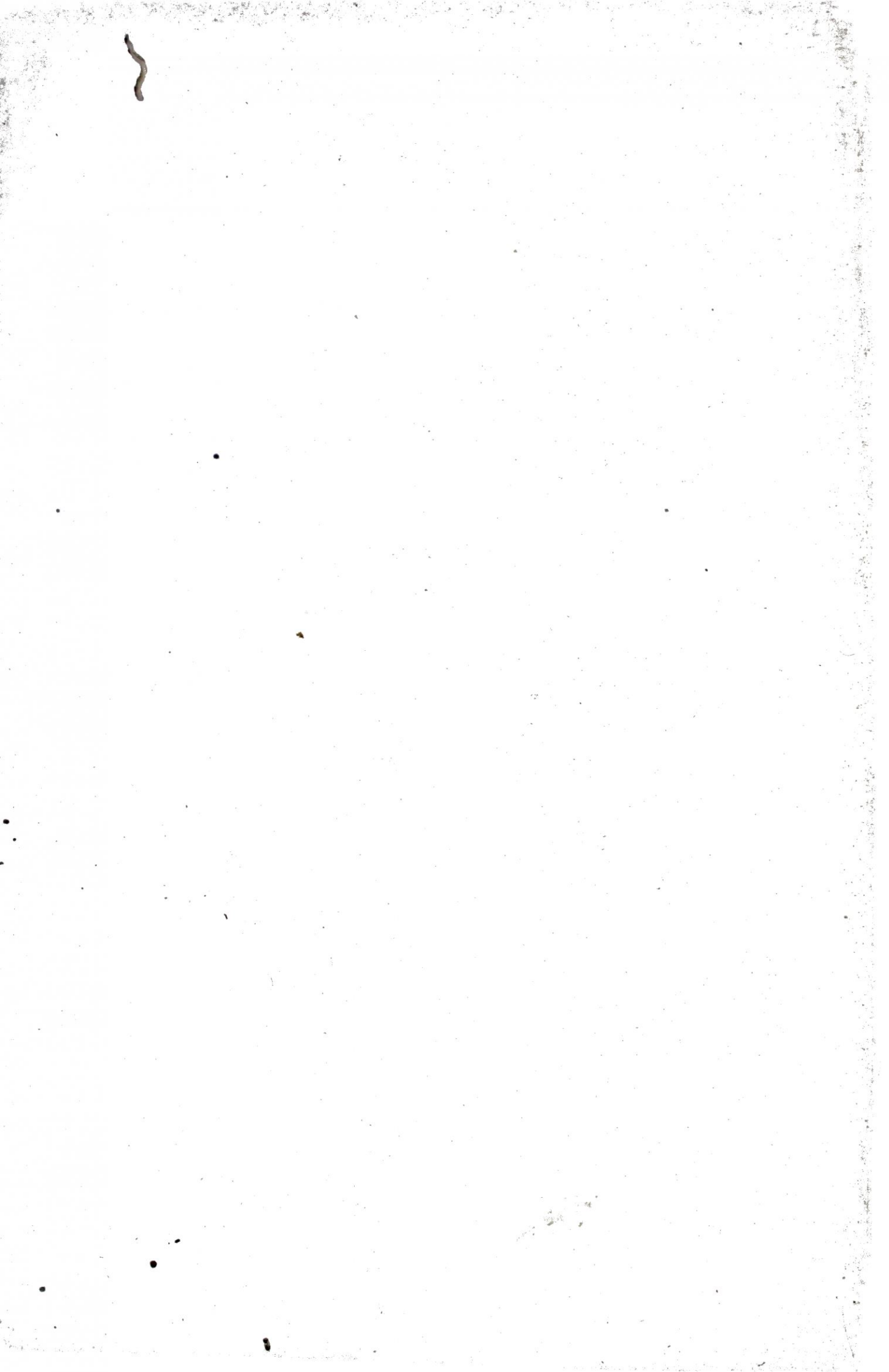
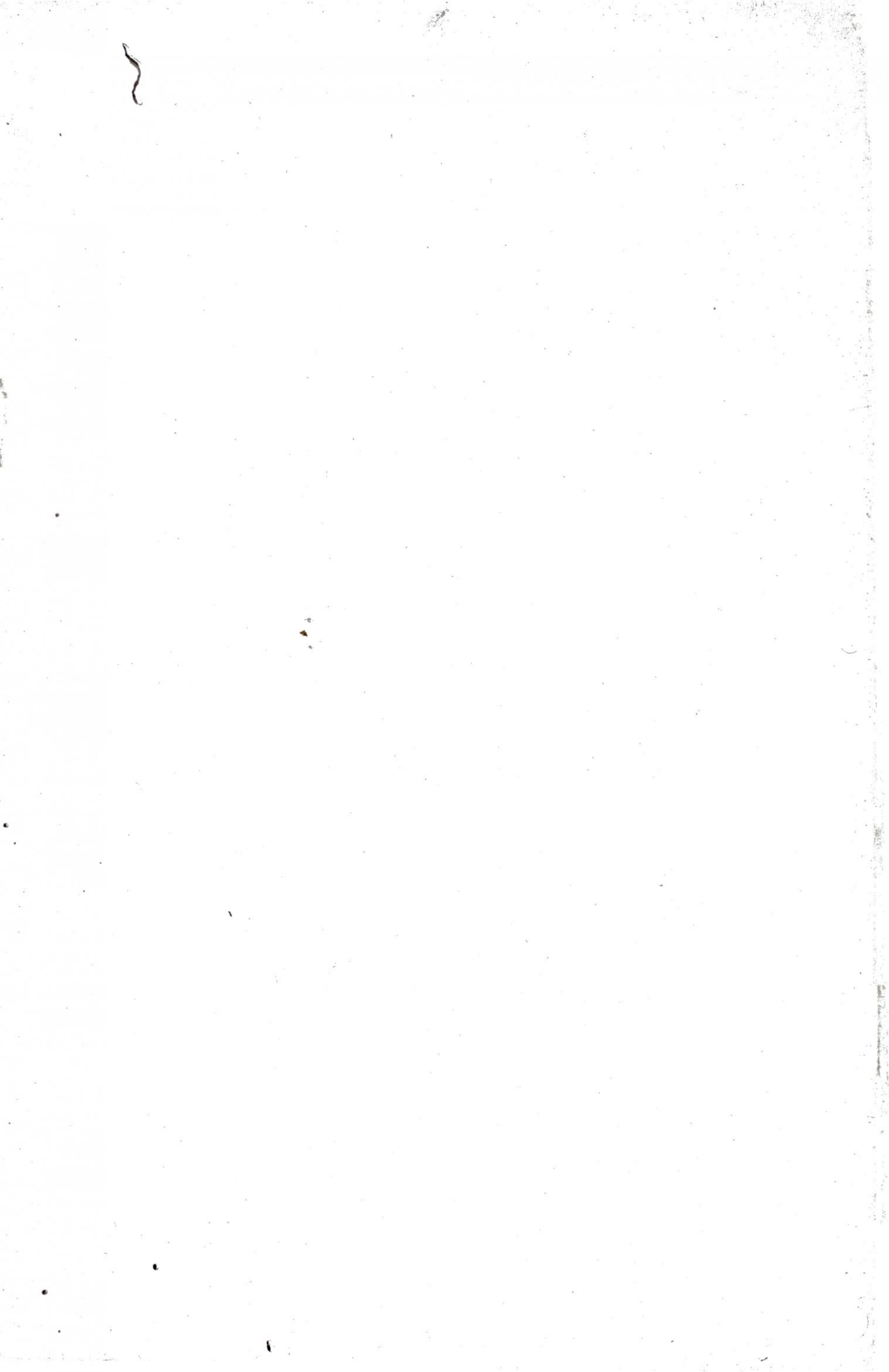




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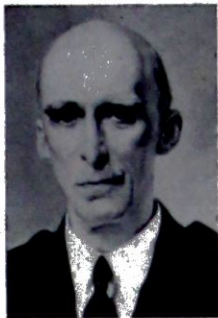




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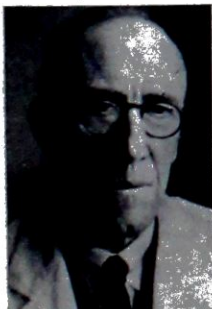
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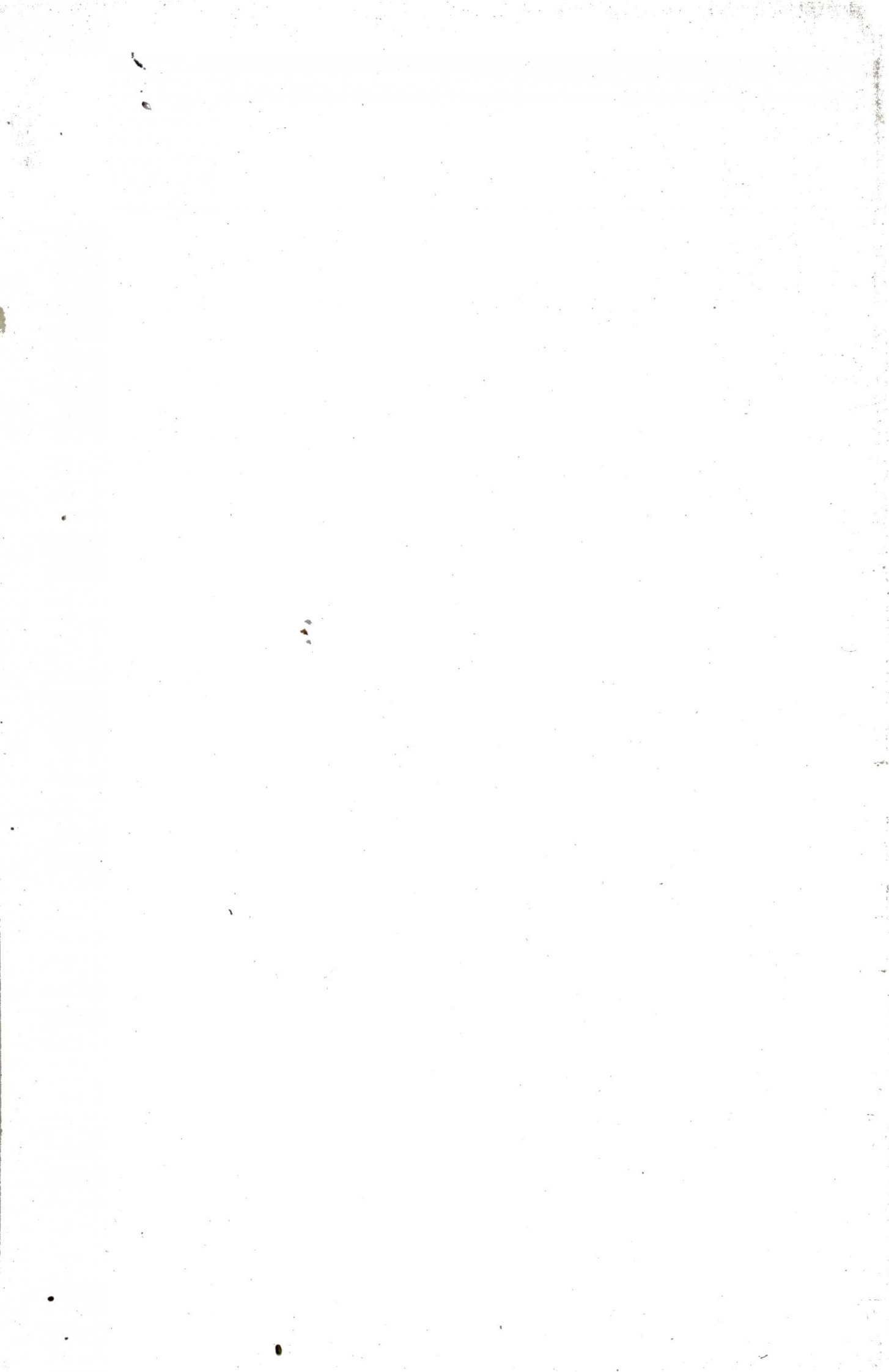


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## PREFACE TO THE SEVENTH EDITION

SURGICAL emergencies arise at any hour. Especially at night, such emergencies are wont to fall to the lot of a junior surgeon. Obviously well-indexed, reliable information on each and all of the contingencies that may be encountered in this way should be right to hand.

With this beacon light before me, *Emergency Surgery* has been revised most thoroughly. It will be noticed that in this edition more space has been allocated to diagnosis and differential diagnosis than before, but, as in former editions, emphasis is still on treatment, and when an urgent operation is required, with but few exceptions one method only of performing it is described.

From the very inception of this work I have been conscious of the great responsibility entailed in presuming to write upon a subject where the information given so often determines whether the patient lives or dies, and I am deeply indebted to all those who have contributed in writing, revising, or collaborating in the revision of various chapters, as well as for the helpful suggestions from proof-readers. Individual acknowledgements will be found on pp. xi and xii.

Excerpts from the literature too recent to be included in the main part of the book have been included in an APPENDIX, as have also a few alternative methods of treatment.

Because there are excellent books devoted entirely to fractures and their treatment, *closed* fractures of the extremities are not considered, for every general surgeon should possess at least one of these monographs.

Mr. John Wright, the grandson of the founder of the firm, who saw the first edition of *Emergency Surgery* through the press, has continued to advise, ever since, especially in the matter of the reproduction of illustrations. This edition of the book has been piloted through the press by his co-Director, Mr. L. G. Owens, B.Sc., and his patience, as well as his expert knowledge, are reflected on almost every page. Even those unschooled in Publishing make-up can, if they look for it, see this skill; I can assure the reader that illustrations falling near the printed matter they concern do not just happen!

It is interesting to know that for generations this publishing firm has had its own printing works (which is exceptional for medical publishers in this country, and indeed the whole world) in the same building as the publishing offices, and that the printing is under the direction of Mr. Philip Wright, the son of Mr. John Wright.

It is thanks to my wife, who has typed every word of every edition, kept my case index in order, and helped me to construct many of the composite photographs, that this book has reached its present state.

It is my earnest hope that those who are called upon to diagnose and to treat surgical emergencies will find in these pages what they require. In the past reviewers from many parts of the world have not only been kind—they have been helpful. The only adverse criticism is that a very few have suggested that almost as much space is devoted to rare as to common conditions. To this I reply that in some instances rarities in one part of the

world sometimes are not so rare in another, but I do wish to emphasize that even those who are fully experienced require guidance from a book when they encounter an unusual condition.

Finally, every emergency surgeon must realize that the omnipotent Reaper who eventually garners us all stands near at hand more often than in any other branch of medicine or surgery. Disappointments, therefore, are many, and some of them are inevitable. Notwithstanding its manifold tribulations, it is my belief that there is no career that brings greater satisfaction and more lasting interest than that which is reflected in the pages of this book.

HAMILTON BAILEY

*June, 1958.*

## FROM THE PREFACES TO PREVIOUS EDITIONS

WHILE writing the present volume I have pictured a patient stricken with an acute surgical emergency and the comparatively isolated surgeon called upon to carry out appropriate treatment. Should these pages help the latter to save the former, their main object will be fulfilled.

When to operate, when not to operate, and how to operate under emergency conditions is the theme of this work.

The teachings of my Masters are its foundations ; practical experience gained in widely separated centres is its scaffolding ; while the building material comes from my case index. Most of the sections of the text are founded upon personal experience ; all are supported by a study of the literature.



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