



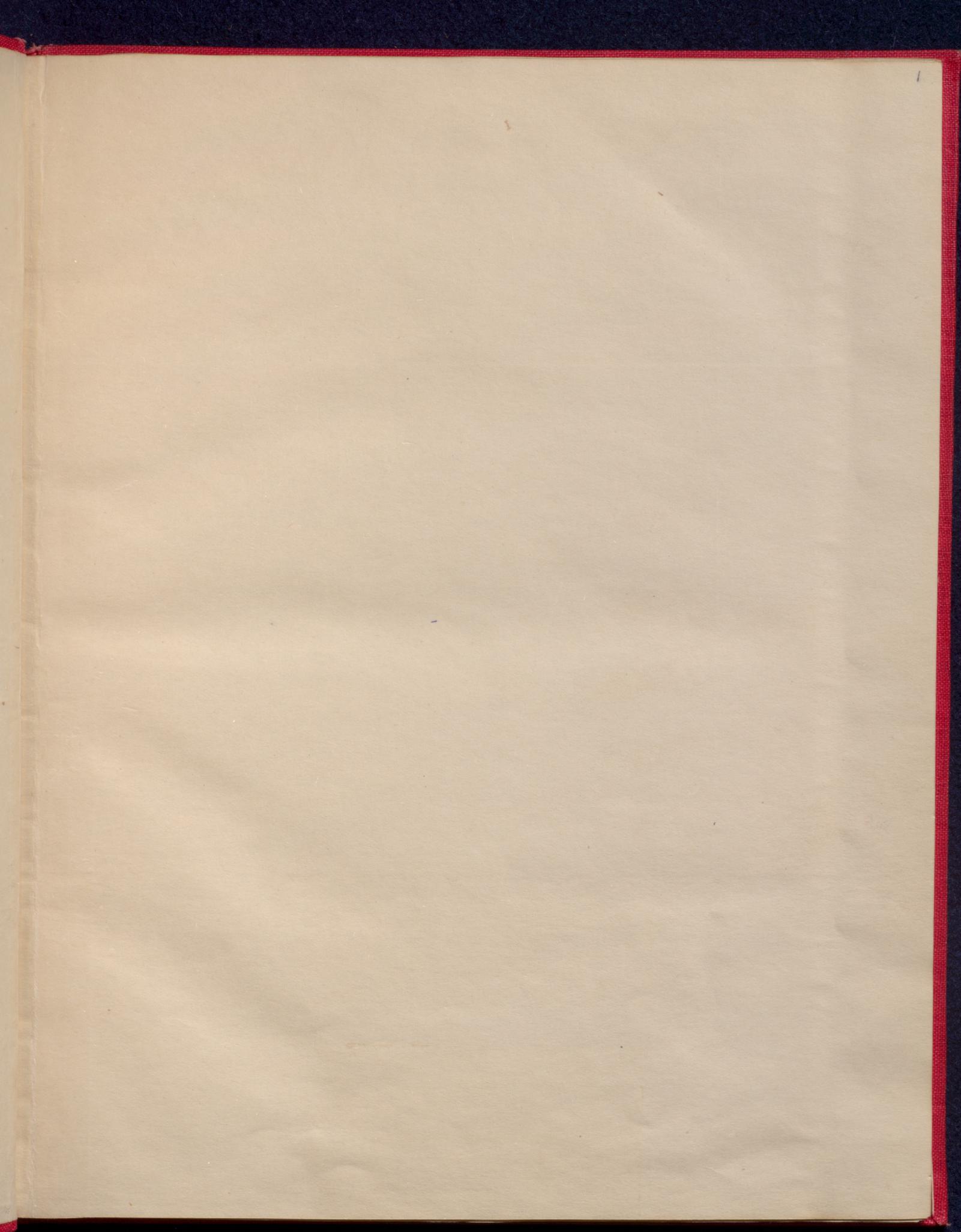
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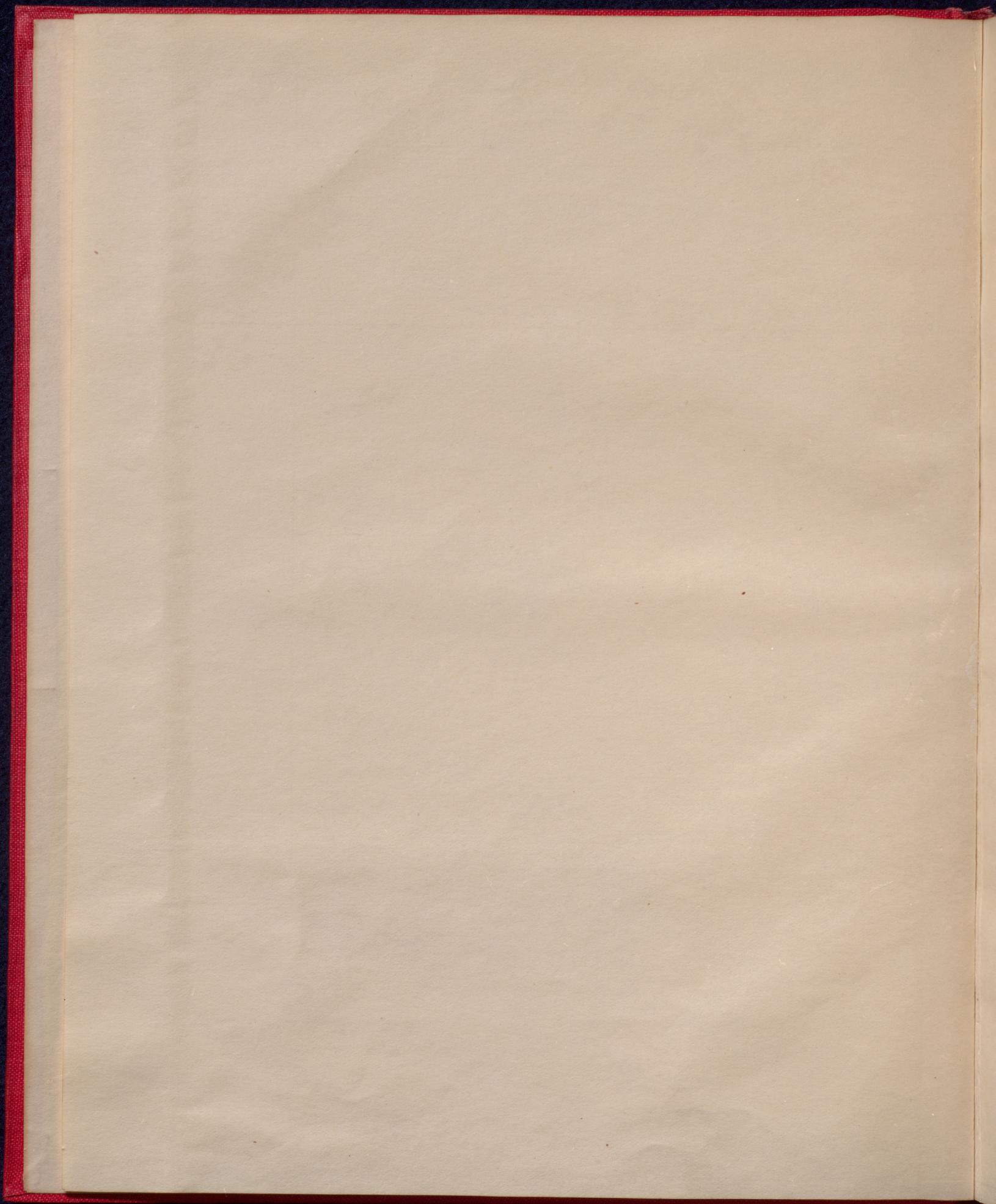
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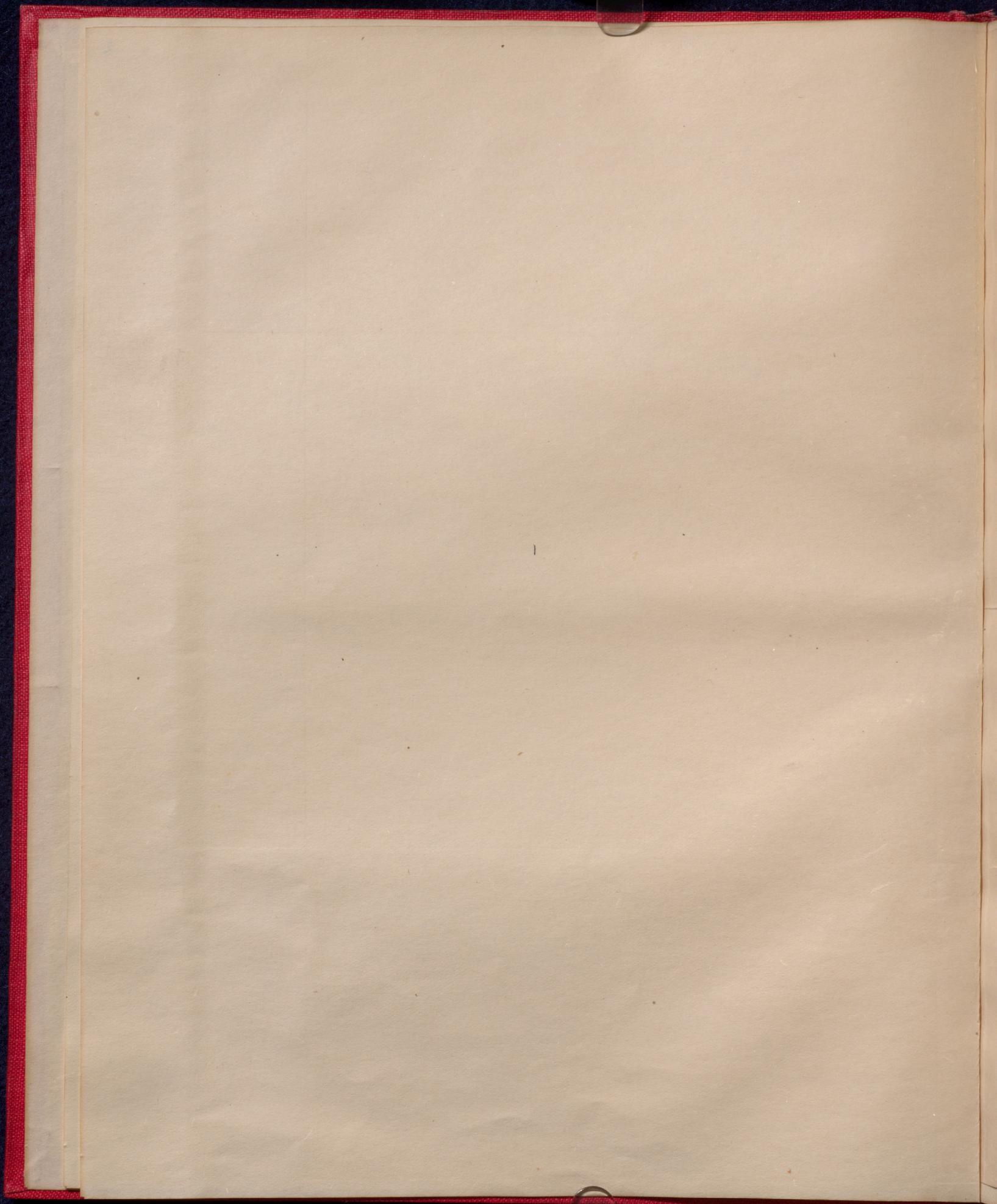
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THE LIBRARY  
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SIR WILLIAM OSLER, BART.  
OXFORD









On the 2nd February, 1888, the College passed the following Resolution:—

*“That it is undesirable that any Fellow, Member, or Licentiate of the College should contribute articles on professional subjects to journals professing to supply medical knowledge to the general public, or should in any way advertise himself, or permit himself to be advertised in such journals.”*

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19, Whiteheads Grove.

CHELSEA. S.W.

March 5th 1914.

Dear Sir William Osler:-

I wish once more to express my regret for the embarrassment unwittingly have caused those of my friends and acquaintances, including yourself, who were so kind as to help me by revising and

*This was my answer to his letter*

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

*asking me to remove the article. no.*



10, Jan. 1914.

Dear Doctor,

I think that is a very clear, well-expressed, up-to-date statement about typhoid, in which I see nothing to alter. Under aetiology you should add something with reference to human typhoid carriers, and at the end, a statement about the importance of making sure that a man does not continue to carry the bacilli.

Sincerely yours,

Record me I think I am probably taking the safest course to disarm further criticism by removing all names from the prefaces of future numbers.

I purposely held up the printing of the preface of Part 3 till the last possible moment (Tuesday evening) but of the thirty-two practitioners whose names appear in the preface of Part 1 only three have as yet asked for their names to be withdrawn.



19, Whiteheads Grove.

CHELSEA. S.W.

March 5th 1914.

Dear Sir William Osler:-

I wish once more to express my regret for the embarrassment I unwittingly have caused those of my friends and acquaintances, including yourself, who were so kind as to help me by revising and correcting some fifty of the more important subjects in my "Family Encyclopaedia of Medicine". It has occurred to me that perhaps the speediest way to end all such embarrassment would be for me to leave out of all future numbers of my book all mention of the names which have hitherto appeared in the preface. After the third number (which it is now too late to stop) no mention whatsoever will be made of your name as in any way having assisted me over the book.

A large number of my friends whose names appear in the preface of Part 1 have been good enough to write me that in their opinion no reasonable objection can be taken to the manner in which their names have been used in the preface. With these as a safeguard against any suggestions that I have made any unjustifiable claims as to the extent of the assistance my friends as a whole have been generous enough to accord me I think I am probably taking the safest course to disarm further criticism by removing all names from the prefaces of future numbers.

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I trust however that my action in withdrawing all the names from Part 4 and all succeeding parts will be taken as I have meant it:-- namely as a further effort to reduce the discomfort and embarrassment of those to whom as yet I have made such a very poor return for the great assistance they have given me in the writing of a work which I believe has a very large field of usefulness before it.

Dear Professor,

Yours sincerely,

*Wm. A. Ride*

It has been suggested to me that I should call a meeting of the various societies connected with the Faculty of Divinity at Cambridge the first part of which was published in the Daily Mail and the second in the Cambridge Magazine. I have no objection to this and I am sure I can do nothing to prevent it.

I have also been asked to contribute to the Cambridge Magazine and I have no objection to this either. I have no objection to the Cambridge Magazine being published in the Daily Mail and I have no objection to the Cambridge Magazine being published in the Cambridge Magazine.

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Yours sincerely,

Wm. D. Howells

ELEPHONE  
52 PADDINGTON.

84, WIMPOLE STREET,  
CAVENDISH SQUARE,  
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Dear Professor,

It has been suggested to me that you might like to call a meeting of the various criminals who have "contributed" to the Family Encyclopaedia of Medicine, the first part of which was published today with a blare of Trumpets in the Daily Mail and the aid of hand-bills distributed from door to door, and it is said of snadwich men parading the streets! Some of us, I among them are writing direct to the Amalgamated Press demanding withdrawal of our names and an apology, and are forwarding copies of these letters to the B.M.J. and the Lancet. I hope that you and the Cambridge Regius will contrive in addition a united protest.

Yours sincerely,

*Hugh Thursfield.*

P.S. "Acommon informer" is indicting us before the General Medical Council!

84, WIMPOLE STREET,  
CAVENISH SQUARE,  
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TELEPHONE  
8888 BADDINGTON.

28.11.1914.

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Yours sincerely,

*Herf. Thunfeldt*

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Royal College of Physicians,  
Pall Mall East, S.W.  
March 4 1914.

Dear Sir,

The President and Censors deeply regret to observe that your name appears in this advertisement, a copy of which I enclose and in a similar advertisement in the "Daily Telegraph" of Thursday, the 29th ult. (enclosed).

They desire also to draw your attention to an article in the "Daily Mail" of the same date (enclosed).

They hope to receive an assurance from you that your name has been inserted without your knowledge or consent.

They further desire to draw your attention to a Resolution of the College, dated February 2. 1888. I enclose a copy of this Resolution.

They hope that you will communicate at once with the Editor and Publishers of the "Family Encyclopaedia of Medicine", requiring that your name be withdrawn from the advertisements, and from succeeding numbers of the publication, if you have not already done so.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

*J. Ormerod.*

Registrar.

To/ *Sir William Osler*  
*Bar. M.D.*

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Fell Hall East, S.W.  
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Yours faithfully,

*J. M. ...*

Registrar.

*For Mr. ...*

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.



8, April, 1914.

Dear Mr. President,

Sorry to have troubled you.

In accordance with an invariable practice, I gladly gave my opinion on the merits of an article - I did not put pen to paper - to a member of the profession, having first ascertained that he was a Cambridge and a *Bart's* man. The first intimation of the existance of a publication (of which this article was to form part) and that a fraud had been practiced upon me, was a letter from the Registrar. If inadvertently and in perfect good faith on my part, the College has been hurt surely it was a matter for the College to take up, and I wrote to that effect; but at the Comitia on the 6th Powell stated that this was not a custom of the College. I should have been quite willing to accept this ruling, but when the Treasurer stated that the Fellows involved had dragged the fair name of the College in the dirt, I felt there was nothing left but to resign, and to this resolution I must adhere. At the same time let me repeat that in this business my conscience

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*From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.*



8, April, 1914.

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From the Registrar Professor of Medicine Oxford

18th April 1914

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that your application for a copy of the College Register has been received and is being dealt with as a matter of course. I am only sorry that the Register is not yet published, but it will be ready in due time. I am, Sir, very truly yours,

Yours faithfully,

Registrar

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For the Registrar  
Prof. H. D.

32, Wimpole Street, W.

Dr Riddle. I accordingly enclose the following letter

April 9th 1914.

March 25th, 1914.

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Re "The Family Medical Encyclopaedia"

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At the meeting of the Sub-Committee it was agreed that every endeavour should be made to secure the withdrawal of all names from future parts, (a) from advertisements, (b) from all parts of the Encyclopaedia not yet published, (c) from all copies of the publication in book form.

It was further agreed that all legal action should be avoided if possible, and the above ends attained by negotiation.

I first had an interview with Mr Sutton of the Amalgamated Press. Mr Sutton approached the question in a sympathetic spirit, and subsequently gave me an undertaking in writing (1) that our names would not appear in any number after Part 3, either on the title page, or in the preface, or on the cover, but that it would be necessary to insert an acknowledgment inside the cover of the assistance the editor had received in the correction of proofs of articles, but this acknowledgment would not involve the mention of any names.

This, I think, substantially concedes to us what we wanted. Mr Sutton, however, informed me that the bound volume rights, both in the British Empire and abroad, belong to

22, Wimpole Street, W.

April 28th 1914.

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Re "The Family Medical Encyclopaedia"

You will remember stating that you would arrange for the withdrawal of the names of the doctors mentioned in the preface from all copies of this work after Part No.3. This undertaking no doubt includes any future issue of this work in book form, whether in this country or in America.

It would facilitate the conclusion of this painful controversy if you would give me your undertaking in this matter.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Bertrand Dawson.

In reply to this I received the following letter from

Dr Riddle:

"19 Whiteheads Grove,  
Chelsea, S.W.

March 27th 1914.

"Dear Sir Bertrand,

After the experience of the past month you may rest absolutely assured that never again shall I mention any one as having given me the slightest assistance in a book of any kind without first having a written and witnessed statement by that person that he wishes his name so used.

I shall also take the precaution of having anyone mentioned by name in the preface, initial a proof of the preface, instead of, as in the present case, only getting a verbal statement of three of those concerned that the wording of my preface 'could not be objected to by anyone'.

Please, therefore, take this assurance of mine that if my Medical Encyclopaedia is ever issued again in this or any other country, in book form or magazine form, no names will appear on the cover, frontispiece, preface, or elsewhere, (bar, of course, acknowledgments or quotations in the text), except my own and those of others who have given me written permission and have initialled all proofs wherein their names are mentioned.

Dr Riddle. I accordingly wrote you the following letter:

March 25th, 1914.

Dear Dr Riddle,

Re "The Family Medical Encyclopedia"

You will remember stating that you would arrange for the withdrawal of the names of the doctors mentioned in the preface from all copies of this work after Part No. 5. This undertaking no doubt includes any future issue of this work in book form, whether in this country or in America. It would facilitate the completion of this printing if you would give me your undertaking in this connection if you would give me your undertaking in this matter.

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I trust you will believe from this letter that you need have no further worries about your names being used in the future in connection with my book. My great regret is that in return for a gratuitous kindness you all have done for me, I find myself unwittingly looked upon as an opponent of those who have helped me. I repeat therefore my offer to do anything I can to lessen in any way the embarrassment I have brought on you all, if you will be good enough to let me know what I can do. If there is any more binding legal document to the effect that no further use shall be made of your name in connection with my book, I shall be very ready to sign it.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Hugh H. Riddle."

I submitted this reply to Mr Hempson, asking him if this correspondence which had passed between Dr Riddle and myself was legally binding. In accordance with Mr Hempson's advice I wrote the following letter to Dr Riddle:

"April 6th 1914.

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Re "Family Encyclopaedia of Medicine"

I am much obliged to you for your letter of March 27th. In it you offer to sign any more binding legal document, but the necessity for such further legal document does not appear to arise, provided we can rely implicitly upon the assurance contained in your letter that "any future issue of the 'Family Encyclopaedia of Medicine' either in

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(Signed) Hugh H. Hiddle.

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pamphlet, or bound copy form, whether published at home, in the colonies, or abroad, will contain none of the names of any of the medical men mentioned in the preface to the parts which have been already issued, and that this undertaking shall also be taken as extending to advertisements of the Encyclopaedia.' If you will kindly write and acknowledge this letter and state that it accurately represents what you have agreed to I think we shall all be able to close this controversy.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Bertrand Dawson.

In answer to this letter I received the following further letter from Dr Riddle:-

"19 Whiteheads Grove,  
Chelsea, S.W.

8th April 1914.

"Dear Sir Bertrand Dawson,

"Your letter of April 6th re the use of doctors' names in my Encyclopaedia has just reached me, and I make haste to state in reply that the terms of your letter accurately represent what I have agreed to, namely that neither in the advertisements nor in any other copies or editions of the work shall any acknowledgment whatsoever be made to any doctors by name for any assistance they have given me unless I first obtain from them in writing full permission to use any such names.

I put it in this way because a number of the gentlemen concerned have told me since all this trouble began (I am not referring to the signed letter you have seen) that they still have no objection to the way I have used their names in my preface; others have said that if it had been an expensive three or four volume work, instead of a 7d. fortnightly, they would have had no objection to appearing in the preface, etc. etc.

My point is that should the book ever be re-issued and should any of these thirty-two gentlemen wish acknowledgment to be made to them by name in a preface for assistance they have given me, and should they give me written and witnessed permission to mention their names I cannot put myself in the position of being unable to comply with their requests.

Trusting that you will understand my point and that you will fully realise that by no possibility will anyone's

reprinted, or bound copy form, whether published at home, in the colonies, or abroad, will contain none of the names of any of the medical men mentioned in the list to the parts which have been already issued, and that this undertaking shall also be taken as extending to advertisements of the Encyclopaedia. If you will kindly write me and acknowledge this letter and state that it accurately reports what you have agreed to I think we shall all be able to close this controversy.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Bernard Dawson.

In answer to this letter I received the following further

letter from Dr. Richardson:

19 Whitehead Grove,  
Chelsea, S.W.

28th April 1914.

Dear Sir Bernard Dawson,

Your letter of April 28th in the use of doctors' names in my Encyclopaedia has just reached me, and I have had to state in reply that the terms of your letter accurately represent what I have agreed to, namely that neither in the advertisements nor in any other copies or editions of the work shall any acknowledgment whatsoever be made to any doctors by name for any assistance they have given me unless I first obtain from them in writing full permission to use any such names.

I put it in this way because a number of the gentlemen concerned have told me since all this trouble began that they still have no objection to the way I have used their names in my printed works or their volume work, instead of a full and explicit permission, they would have had no objection to appearing in the preface, etc. etc.

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Trusting that you will understand my point and that you will realize that by no possibility will anyone's

name again appear in any preface or advertisement, except in accordance with that person's express wish.

I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Hugh H. Riddle.

I am sending the above correspondence between Dr Riddle and myself to Mr Hempeon, who is going to have the letters fastened together and stamped.

I hope you will agree that our position is now secured as regards the future. I have not troubled you with all the correspondence which has passed, but ~~submit~~ it is at your disposal if you care to peruse it. I think you will agree that it would be proper for a copy of this communication to be sent to the President of the Royal College of Physicians, and the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and in confidence to the Editor of the 'Lancet' and the Editor of the 'British Medical Journal'.

Yours very truly,

Bertrand Dawson

Sir William Osler, Bart., M.D., F.R.C.P. &c.

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I am,  
Yours very truly,

(Signed) Hugh N. Kiddie.

I am sending the above correspondence between Dr Kiddie

and myself to Mr Pearson, who is going to have the letters

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I hope you will agree that our position is now secured

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Yours very truly,

*Hugh N. Kiddie*

*Dr William Cole, Bart., F.R.S.*

GRAPHIC ADDRESS: "Medisecra, Westrand, London."  
PHONE No. 2634. (Gerrard Exchange.)

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*From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.*



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Dear Dawson,

I hope you will let me bear my share in any expenses you may have incurred in connection with the 'Family Encyclopaedia'. I am glad the matter is satisfactorily settled, particularly with reference to our names in the bound volumes. I still feel that the College was very 'week-kneed' in not agreeing to my proposal to take up the question.

With love to the family,

Sincerely yours,



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "Medisera, Westrand, London."  
TELEPHONE No. 2634. (Gerrard Exchange.)

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British Medical Association.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

429, Strand,

LONDON, W.C.

ALFRED COX, M.B.,  
Medical Secretary.

9th April, 1914.

Dear Sir,

The attention of the Central Ethical Committee has been called officially to the publication and issue of the Family Encyclopaedia of Medicine and the advertisements connected therewith.

I am instructed to ask if you will be good enough to give an explanation of your connection with the advertising and issue of this publication for the information of the Committee as the matter will be duly considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

James Keal

Deputy Medical Secretary.

Sir William Osler, Bt., F.R.S.  
13, Norham Gardens,  
Oxford.

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*James Barr*  
Deputy Medical Secretary.

Sir William Osler, Bt., F.R.S.  
13, Northam Gardens,  
Oxford.

*As a consequence of the use of my name in the  
of the advertisement of which I had no  
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written the advertisement*

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.



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Dear Mr Registrar

As in morals an obligation to control carries with it an obligation to defend, I hereby ask the College to take steps, 1), to have my name removed from the objectionable advertisement to which they have called my attention; and 2), to demand ~~and~~ for an apology to the College & to myself from the publishers of the work, of the existence of which I was not aware until the receipt of your letter of March the 4<sup>th</sup>

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From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.



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Dear Mr. Registrar,

Your letter, with its lurid enclosure, is the first intimation I have had of the existence of 'The Family Encyclopedia of Medicine', in connection with which the use of my name was entirely unauthorized. ~~About~~ Six months ago a Dr. Riddle asked me <sup>16</sup> if I would look over <sup>a paper</sup> an article on typhoid fever, to which I replied I was too busy. Then <sup>when</sup> about ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> months later he ~~sent~~ <sup>appeared</sup> a type-written article - I had never heard of him, and looked ~~for~~ him up, <sup>finding that</sup> I saw he was a Cambridge man, <sup>of apparently good standing</sup> and I glanced over ~~the~~ <sup>for a</sup> article and made ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> suggestion about typhoid carriers, ~~but~~ I made no written corrections. There was nothing on his letter paper to indicate ~~in any way~~ that he was connected in any way with a popular publication, of the existence of which your enclosure to-day is the first and only intimation I have had.

I have written to Dr. Riddle ~~to say that~~ <sup>that</sup> I consider the use of my name was ~~entirely~~ unwarranted ~~and~~ obtained by means of subterfuge, <sup>and that he has grossly abused what was meant to be a kindness to a younger colleague</sup>

Sincerely yours,

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March 4/11

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at the College meeting today (6th) I raised the question of the responsibility of the College to defend its members. Ducloux made a Puckniffian address in which he said the honour of the College had been dropped in the mud. Powell said it was not customary for the C. to defend individual members. The President asked if the C. ~~should~~ take any action - no reply.

I have sent in my resignation as a protest against this attitude. In this matter I am not the guilty party & if the College is prepared to discipline me on a perfectly innocent action, they should be prepared to defend me when it is clear that I have been the victim of fraud & subterfuge.

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Dear Sir Registrar

With

Much regret - I hereby hand in my resignation as Fellow of the College.

Sincerely yours

Wm Osler

To the Registrar  
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TELEPHONE, No 7701 GERRARD.

March 9/14

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS: "MEDICORUM, CHARLES, LONDON."

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Royal College of Physicians.  
Pall Mall East, S.W.

Dear Sir William

Thank you for your letter of yesterday's date. This also I will bring before the next meeting of the President & Censors.

Yours sincerely  
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*Confidential*  
PHONE, N. 7701 GERRARD

April 7, 1914

Royal College of Physicians.

Ball Mall East. S.W.

Dear Sir Williams,

I have received your letter of yesterday's date. The resignation would have to be accepted by the College (see Rules and Bylaws).

The next College is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>; agenda list is made out about 10 days previously.

But I do not sincerely hope, and I am sure every body else will, that you will withdraw the resignation before then.

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Sincerely yours  
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DAY, FEBRUARY 26, 191

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From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

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Dear Sir

After a conference with the President yesterday I beg to withdraw my resignation as Fellow contained in my letter of the 6th

Yours sincerely  
W Osler

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April 8th

Dear Mr. President

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Sincerely,  
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Director of the Department

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The day after I sent in my resignation the President called me up by telephone and asked if he could come & see me the next day & begged me to say nothing about it as the matter was very complicated. The College could not well take action, as it was not altogether certain how far the Editor of the F. E. M. had not compromised some of our younger fellows. I saw Bebbow in town yesterday & talked over the whole business. He would regret Duckworth's remarks, and explained why it was impossible for the College to take up the matter. Very reluctantly I agreed to withdraw my resignation.



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from the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

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# NO MORE MYSTERY IN MEDICINE.

—1913—

By THORPE LEE.

It takes all professions a long time to shake themselves free of the clogging traditions of their early days. The Army is still haunted by the spectre of the period when all that needed to be asked of a soldier was that he should stand up stiffly on parade and advance in solid masses against the foe. The Church and the Law are both hampered by wrappings and trappings handed down to them from the ages in which priests and lawyers were the only people who could read and write.

Until lately the profession of Medicine was in more slavish homage to the past than any other. It seemed as if physicians could not forget that they were once astrologers and alchemists, "purveyors of magic and spells." Surgeons were unable fully to break with the tradition which bound them when they were barbers as well, and would cut your hair or saw your leg off with equal nonchalance and equal want of skill. Doctoring was treated as an "art and mystery," especially the latter. Patients were not told what was really the matter with them. They were put off with names which conveyed no more to their minds than the jargon of Ben Jonson's "Subtle," or the burlesque pedantry of Molière's "Sganarelle." As far back as the time of Æsop we find this secrecy of doctors satirised.

## UNINTELLIGIBLE PRESCRIPTIONS.

The ridiculous practice of writing prescriptions in a manner wholly unintelligible to those who have not learnt the hieroglyphic is almost the last remaining relic of the days when doctors had to conceal their ignorance from their patients by pretending that their secrets could not be expressed in ordinary speech. Doctors now find that patients want to be told in plain language where they ail and what effect medicine will have upon them. Surgeons have come to see that it is best to explain operations beforehand so as to remove that worst terror, the terror of the unknown. There has been a general movement out into the open among all who profess to follow the profession of healing, and one of the most striking features of this new tendency is the readiness which the most famous doctors and surgeons have shown to help the compiler of a new "Family Encyclopædia of Medicine."\*

Not so very long ago the idea of such a work would have been either frowned upon (as an infringement of medical monopoly) or ridiculed as likely to do more harm than good. Any doctor who had dared to put his name to a book telling people in simple words the symptoms of disease and the remedies for certain everyday complaints would have been denounced by his profession as a "quack." But now doctors have discovered they were on the wrong path. They have learnt that sick men and women can be cured far more quickly if they are allowed to take an intelligent interest in their own cases. Healing is largely helped or hindered by the patient's state of mind. Give an ignorant peasant a box of bread pills and a bottle of bark-water, telling him that he is certain to get well; the chances are that he will begin to feel better at once. That method cannot be followed with persons of more active mind. They do not take things so implicitly on trust. They want to know "how" and "why." Explain to them the cause and seat of their malady, the nature and working of the remedies they are to take, and those remedies are likely to have a better effect than they would if the patient were simply a log in the doctor's hands. It was common not long ago to hear people say: "I suppose I'd better swallow the stuff, but I don't believe it will do me any good." That was a hard obstacle for the doctor, but it was an obstacle of his own making. Nowadays he realises that he cannot afford to leave the patient in ignorance. It is only by collaboration that he can cure.

That is why the most famous doctors and surgeons of the day have lent their aid to Dr. Hugh Riddle, the editor of the new "Family Encyclopædia of Medicine." They know that their task is only made harder and the chances of curing more remote by wrapping up disease in mystery and never letting men and women know anything about it until they are attacked. They understand, too, that a doctor's object should be not only to cure. It should be also to prevent people from being attacked. Here the "Family Encyclopædia of Medicine" will be found of great value. Thousands die every year from neglect of certain precautions quite easy to take. Preventive medicine has in our time become the most important branch of the science. In this respect, as in all others, the encyclopædia is thoroughly up to date. Because of the changed outlook of the profession of healing, this must, it seems to me, be far more valuable, more authoritative than any work of the kind has ever been before.

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### SPLENDID ARTICLES BY SPECIALISTS.

For example, if you were afraid of cancer you could not consult anyone more competent than Dr. E. F. Bashford, Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, or Dr. Lazarus Barlow, of the Cancer Research Laboratory at Middlesex Hospital. If you wanted the best man on skin diseases you would probably go to Sir Malcolm Morris. Had you lung trouble in your family Dr. Arthur Latham would be recommended, no doubt. In the encyclopædia are exhaustive articles upon these subjects which have been carefully revised and approved by these great authorities. Do you want to read more about "stimulating the phagocytes" after seeing "The Doctor's Dilemma"? The pages devoted to Inoculation and Vaccines have been passed by Dr. Harold Spitta, Bacteriologist to the Royal Household. In writing of the ailments of women Dr. Riddle has had the assistance of Dr. Mary Scharlieb and Dr. James Morrison, who bear the highest names in this connection. Sir James Barr has helped him to deal with rheumatism. Sir William Bennett has lent the weight of his experience to the article on varicose veins. In discussing appendicitis and the preparations which must be made for operations in general, Dr. Riddle has had invaluable assistance from Sir Alfred Fripp, Surgeon in Ordinary to his Majesty the King and his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. Among the thirty names to be found in the encyclopædia which are known to everyone as those of the most distinguished men in their respective lines are those of Sir James Crichton-Browne (education and the nervous system), Sir Lauder Brunton (alcoholism), Sir William Osler (typhoid fever), Sir Clifford Allbutt, and Mr. J. Ernest Lane.

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from the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

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AFTER MARRIED  
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Director  
W.C.

April 8th

Dear Mr President

Sorry to have trouble



from the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

... I should admit  
... that  
... the college  
... should have been

Yours

Respectfully,  
The Secretary

Picture shows an L.C.C. tramway car which  
 returned tramway car in Manchester, where  
 actor being seriously injured. In the lower



**TRAMWAY-CARS.**

**SSENGBERS HURT IN  
 L AT A CURVE.**

**"HAPPY M  
 NAMES OF 1,000  
 IN TO-MORRO**

To-morrow morning  
 contain the names of  
 people in Europe—the  
 children who have been  
 to win the thousand-

national Happy Mon-  
 One competitor win-  
 ness. Two others win  
 others win £50 apiece.  
 £1, and 10s. each.

The albums sent in  
 the United Kingdom w-  
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 John Hassell. In we

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ing counted for nothing  
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As the prize-list will  
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the general public, in  
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**LATEST**

Among latest wills

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Mr. JOHN WHITEHEAD  
 Hale, Cheshire, former

Mr. ALFRED GOSDON (77  
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Mr. THOMAS HERBERT  
 coachman, James Bullock

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 Liverpool, formerly of M-

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 centor of St. Asaph called

**TO SAVE PLUM**

The Duke of Rutla  
 Lord Galloway, Lord La-

are among the signat-  
 supporting the Impo-

Prohibition Bill, now  
 Commons.

"The evidence is a  
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thus encouraging the  
 practice of killing pa-

young are in the  
 majority of all coun-

American, appears to  
 proposals of the Bill.

that the passage of the  
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employed in England  
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whose entry will be  
 stimulated by the pro-

**AN-HOUR BISHOP.**

Bishop of Buckingham (the  
 aw), speaking at a meeting of

his side-car from Oxford,  
 splendidly and went along at

hour, but a chain snapped  
 great difficulty in covering

hour.  
 was eventually repaired, and

hour—or, in case there was  
 present, perhaps he had better

les an hour. (Laughter.)

**TS OFF THE ROLL.**

S. Anderson, whose name was  
 seven baronets whose names

Baronets just issued as a sup-  
 a *London Gazette*, is employed

abour Exchange. He claims  
 ded from the first baronet

of Broughton, Lancashire),  
 front whose name appears in

not on the Roll, is the  
 master of Whitby, Yorkshire.

Baronets (crea-  
 Brough, Yorkshire), says

has claimed and assumed by  
 (poll) in 1907.

**US MIDDLESEX.**

ands are blessed with names  
 a survey of patriotic songs at

stitution yesterday.  
 it out of it by the use of the

land," which went gloriously  
 the United States had found

name of its flag, "Stars and  
 only some countries possessed

our counties, Devon, for  
 "Devon, glorious Devon," by

thoughtful name. No one, how-  
 possibly be roused to sing "Mid-

s Middlesex." (Laughter.)

**AYMEN'S SCHOOLS.**

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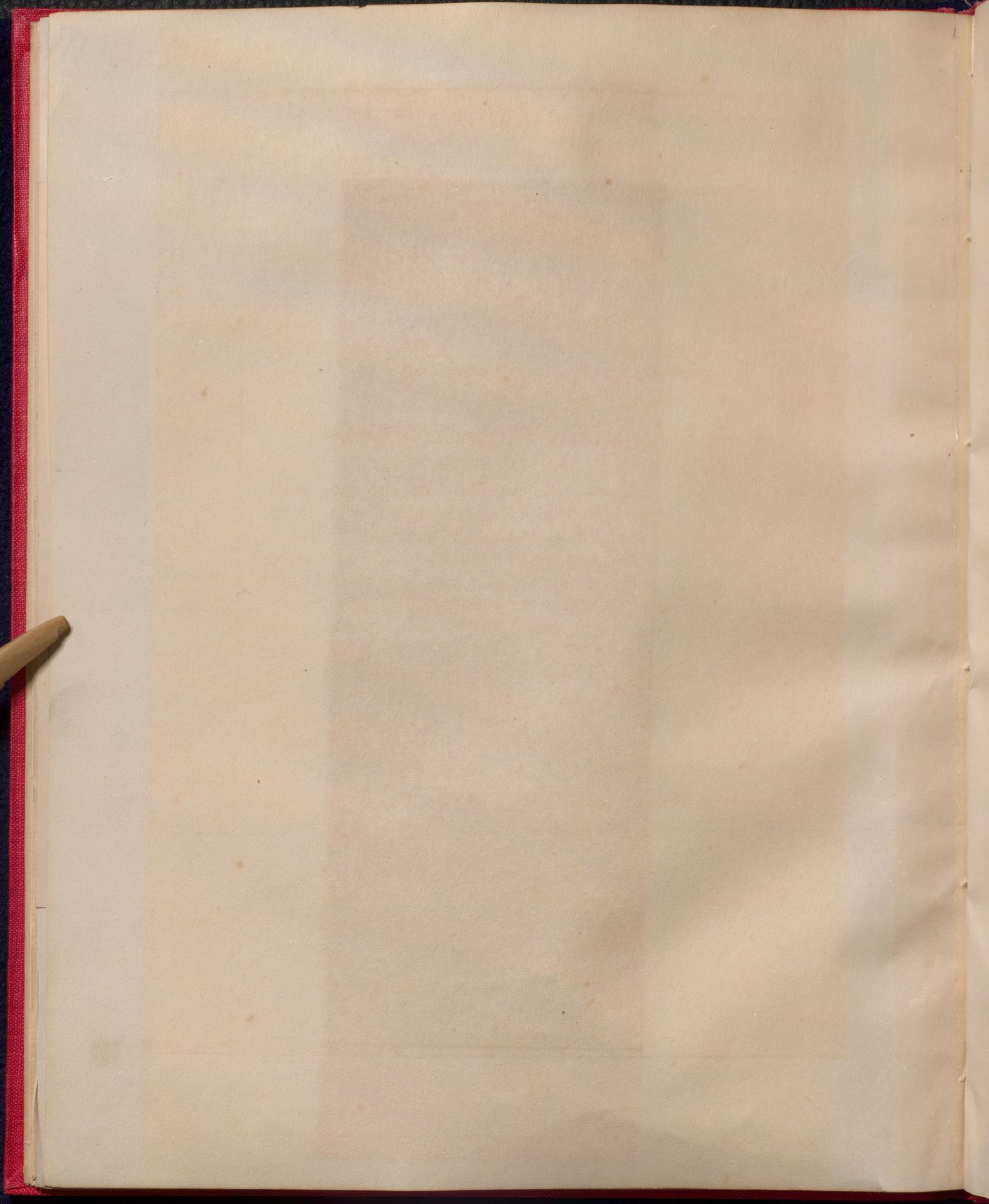
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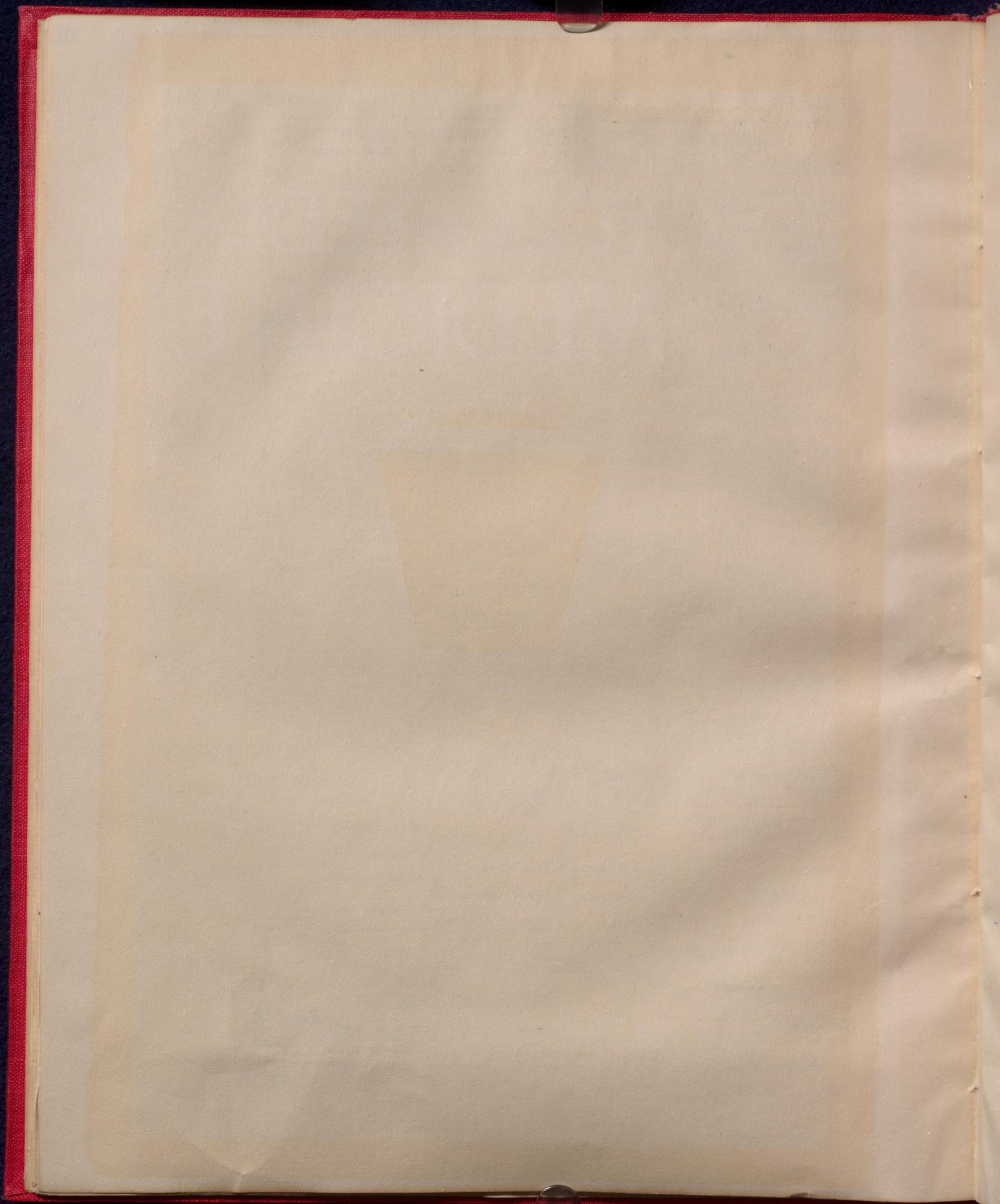
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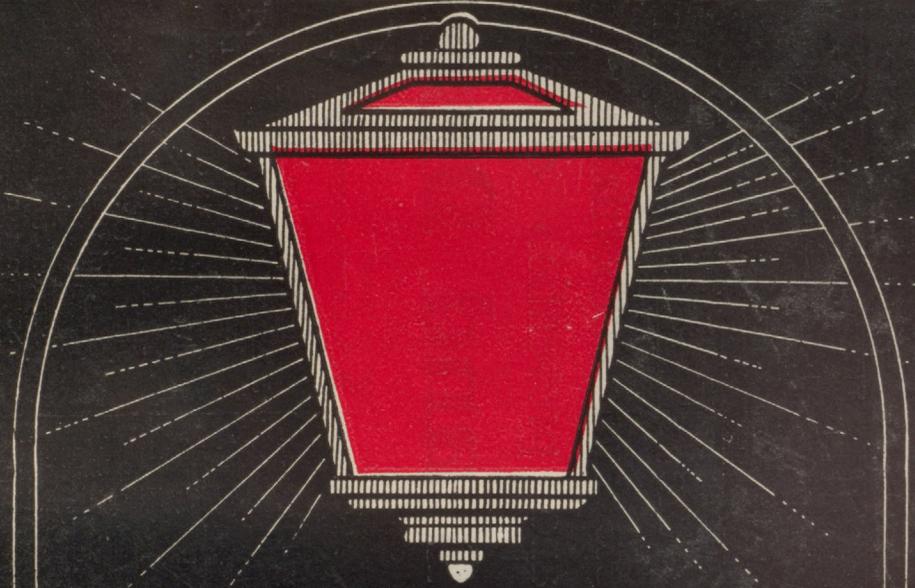
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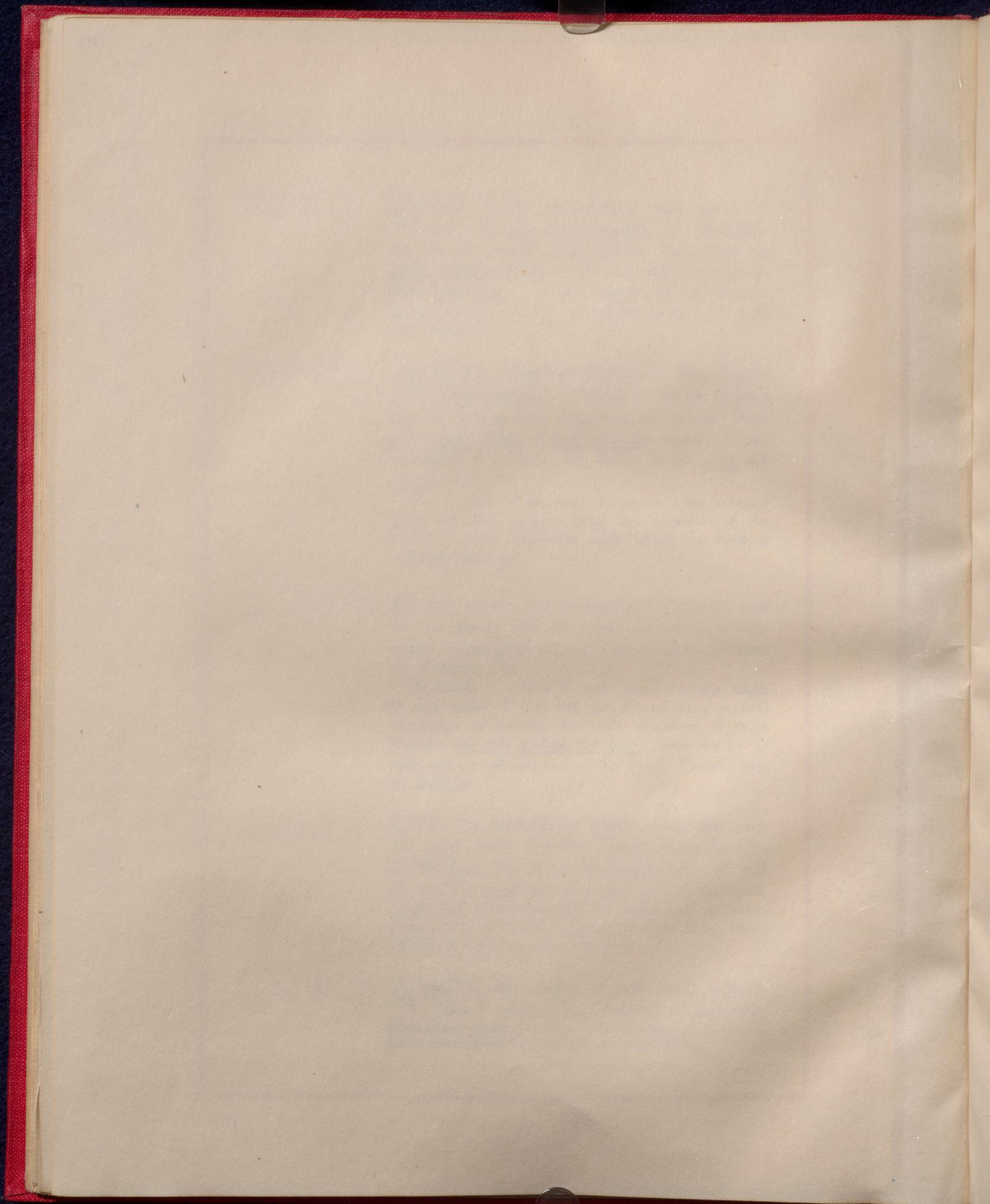
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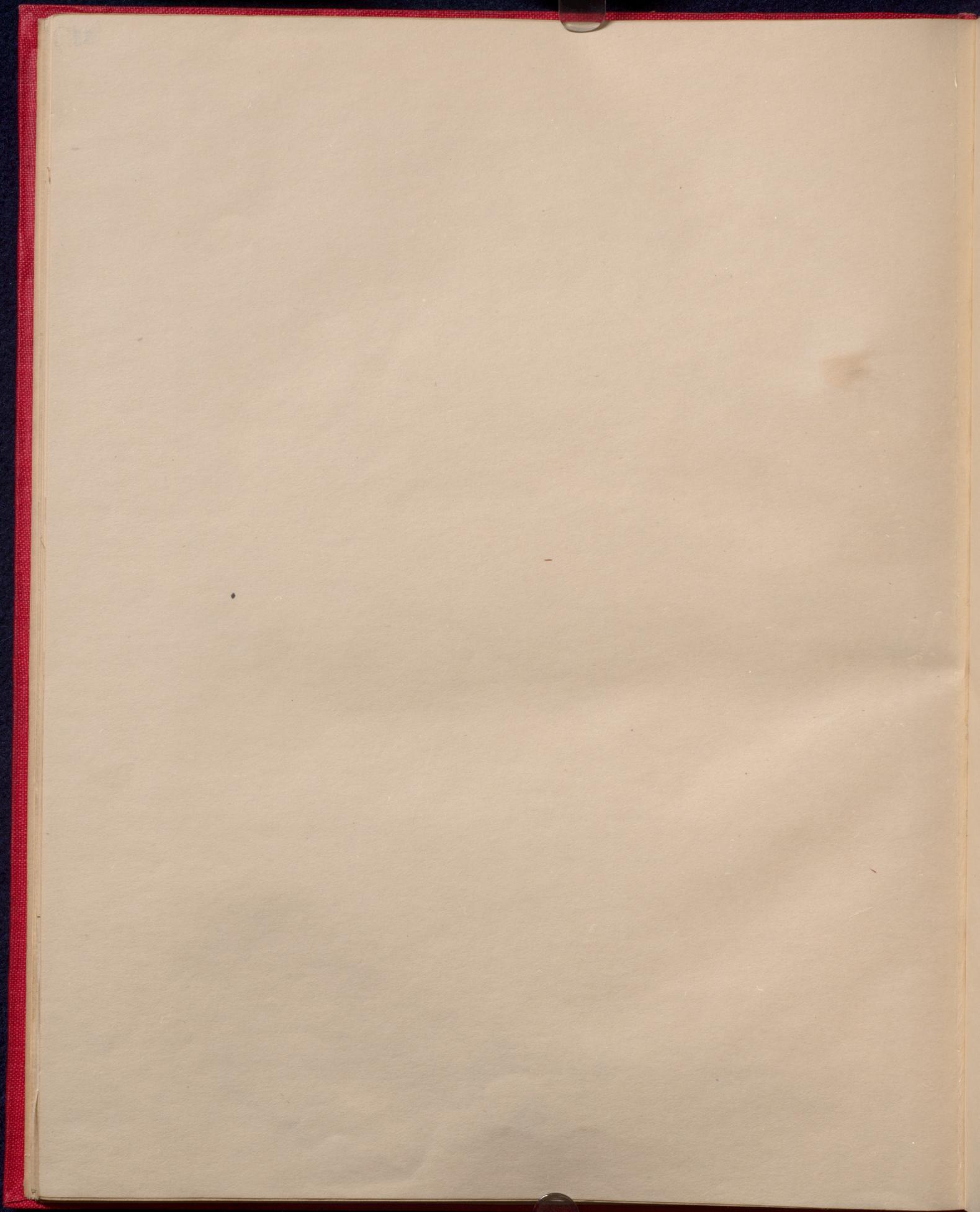




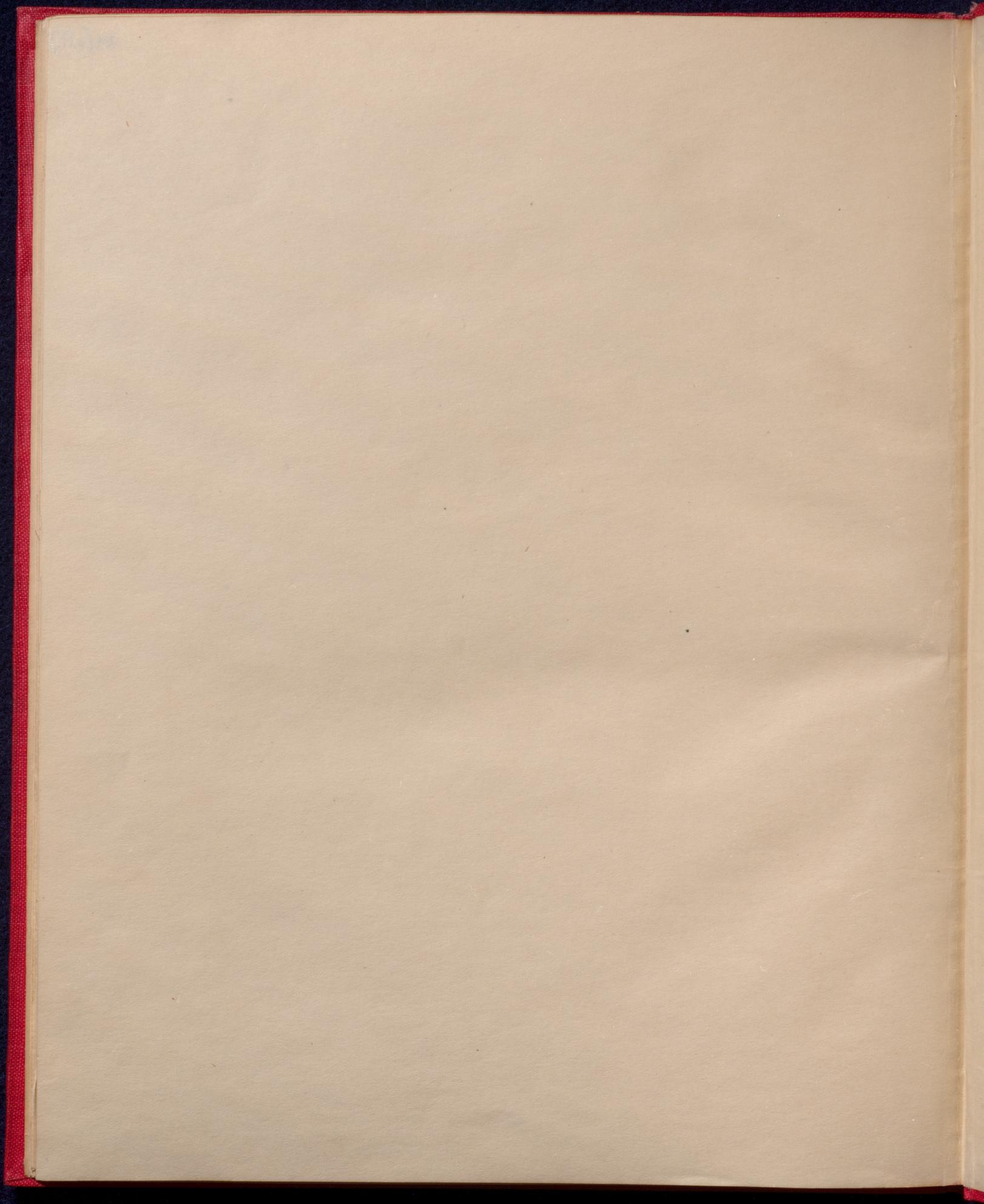


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