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The world of living men is regarded in the process of development from the animal and the primitive to the rational and spiritual.


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a child race



We played football in that field
the time you invited us to join
you all for thanksgiving

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I can't see your garden. I think it's gone.



his thinking following absolutely the law of blending of mental images



thoroughly religious animal he is by nature,
with extraordinary endowment added
thereto..



You must have been in bed sleeping on June 2, 2015 at 10:14 pm.
Someone left the carport light on.
You were still alive that night.

“a gaglionic apparatus for surpassing
in delicacy and complexity than any
other animal, and in correlation
therewith we find a man manifesting
an unequalled range and variety of
psychical functioning”

civilization and savagery dwell side by side in the same spirit





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The eyes of the deer
are pure silver white,
perfectly round and
bright but also do not
scintillate



whatever the savage vividly conceives he believes with all of his soul

a little white man chopped open the breast
with an ax,
took the heart out,
poured out the black blood,
washed it pure in the purple stream,
put it back and closed up the opening.



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the mourner
the shouter
the visioner

rioting in word pictures

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The problem is not to quench or diminish spontaneous emotion, but to put it under full rational control.

My father set up remote cameras to surveil his property for wild animals

Text from the essay "The Religion of the American Negro" from the book Primitive Traits in Religious Revivals: A Study in Mental and Social Evolution. The book is the expansion of a dissertation that was originally submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the faculty of Political Science at Columbia University.

Frederick Morgan Davenport
Progressive Senator
New York State House of Representatives
1909-1910



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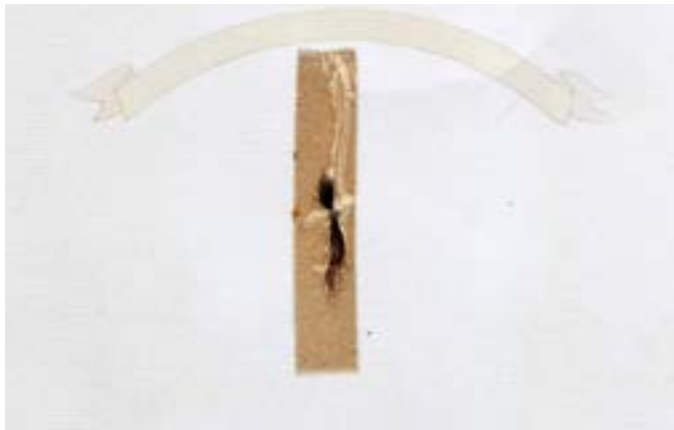




Has long slender fingers
like his mother's

Beautiful hands.





Holds his toes up so high
this one missed printing



STATE
STREET

a certain girl Elizabeth

long black hair,
beautiful pink skin,
beautiful hands and
long beautiful fingers



a certain negro girl Elizabeth
of black complexion
age fourteen year.

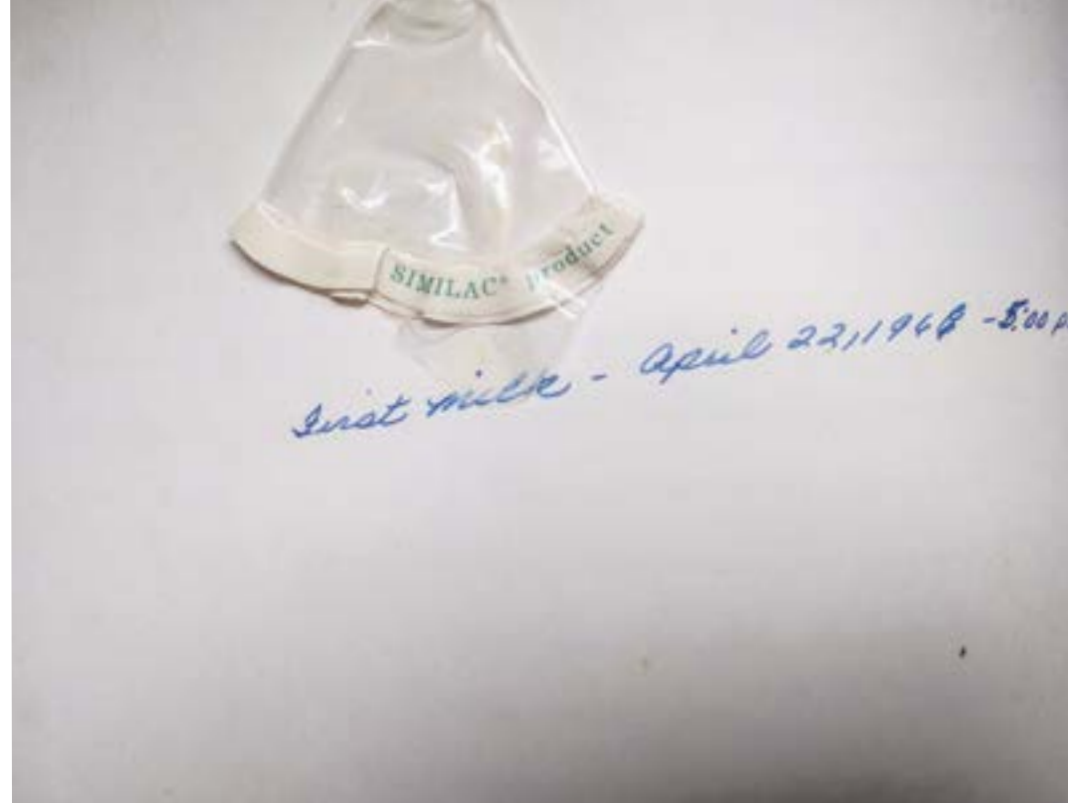
When I was a child I had a black bunny. We lived in the
basement. He lived in a cage in my closet.





Sound and healthy in mind and
body

and free from all maladies prescribed by law



for a few weeks,
I named the bunny the n-word



your document was stored in a plastic bin under the tv set, no one knew you were there









Third spacing occurs when too much fluid moves from the intravascular space (blood vessels) into the interstitial or "third" space- the nonfunctional area between the cells.



Normally, fluid moves freely between these three spaces to maintain fluid balance. (see Water, water everywhere)



The extracellular compartment contains all the fluids outside the cells, including fluids in the interstitial (tissue) spaces, and that in the intravascular space (blood vessels)

JOSIAH DAVENPORT, A

NATIVE OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND. CAPTAIN DAVENPORT HAD SOLD HIS SHIP TO A MAN WHOSE BUSINESS
WAS KIDNAPING AFRICAN BOYS AND GIRLS FROM AFRICA, A TRAFFIC WHICH WAS LEGAL UP THE YEAR 1817.
THE PAYMENT RECEIVED FOR THE SHIP WAS PART CASH AND THE REMAINDER IN YOUNG AFRICANS BOYS, YOUNG
MEN AND WOMEN.



THIS WAS IN THE YEAR 1806 AND BEFORE STEAM HAD BEEN APPLIED TO PULL BOATS UPSTREAM.

CAPTAIN DAVENPORT LOANED MR. MOREHOUSE MONEY AND HE USED HIS SAVAGES --YOUNG AFRICANS--TO PULL THE BOAT TO MONROE. THE DISTANCE TRAVELED WAS ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED MILES AGAINST THE CURRENT AND IT MUST HAVE REQUIRED MANY DAYS TO MAKE THE TRIP.







Dad [realtime] in the Waffle House

You: I speak for the family when I say that no one would want you to do this

Me: (wondering what family he is talking about. There is just him)

Me: (the muscles seize up in my neck)

You: You will shame the family

Me: (trying to fill my lungs with air but they feel like they have been soaked in acetone)



*My chest constricts. The two rubbery eggs I just ate
make me want to vomit after you say these words.*





Body fluids are distributed between the intracellular and the extracellular fluid compartments.

FIGURE.
WATER, WATER
EVERYWHERE



*What do you do when
someone's heart beats
in the wrong direction?*

Patient: Tom Davenport, 4/10/41 (76yrs)
Recorded: Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:16:18 PM
Heart Rate: 77 bpm Duration: 30s

Finding by Kardia: Possible atrial fibrillation

Kardia

Recorded: Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:13:59 PM
Heart Rate: 80 bpm Duration: 30s

Finding by Kardia: Normal

Kardia

Enhanced ECG, Main ECG, 60Hz, Scale: 25mm/s, 10mm/mV



Enhanced ECG, Main ECG, 60Hz, Scale: 25mm/s, 10mm/mV





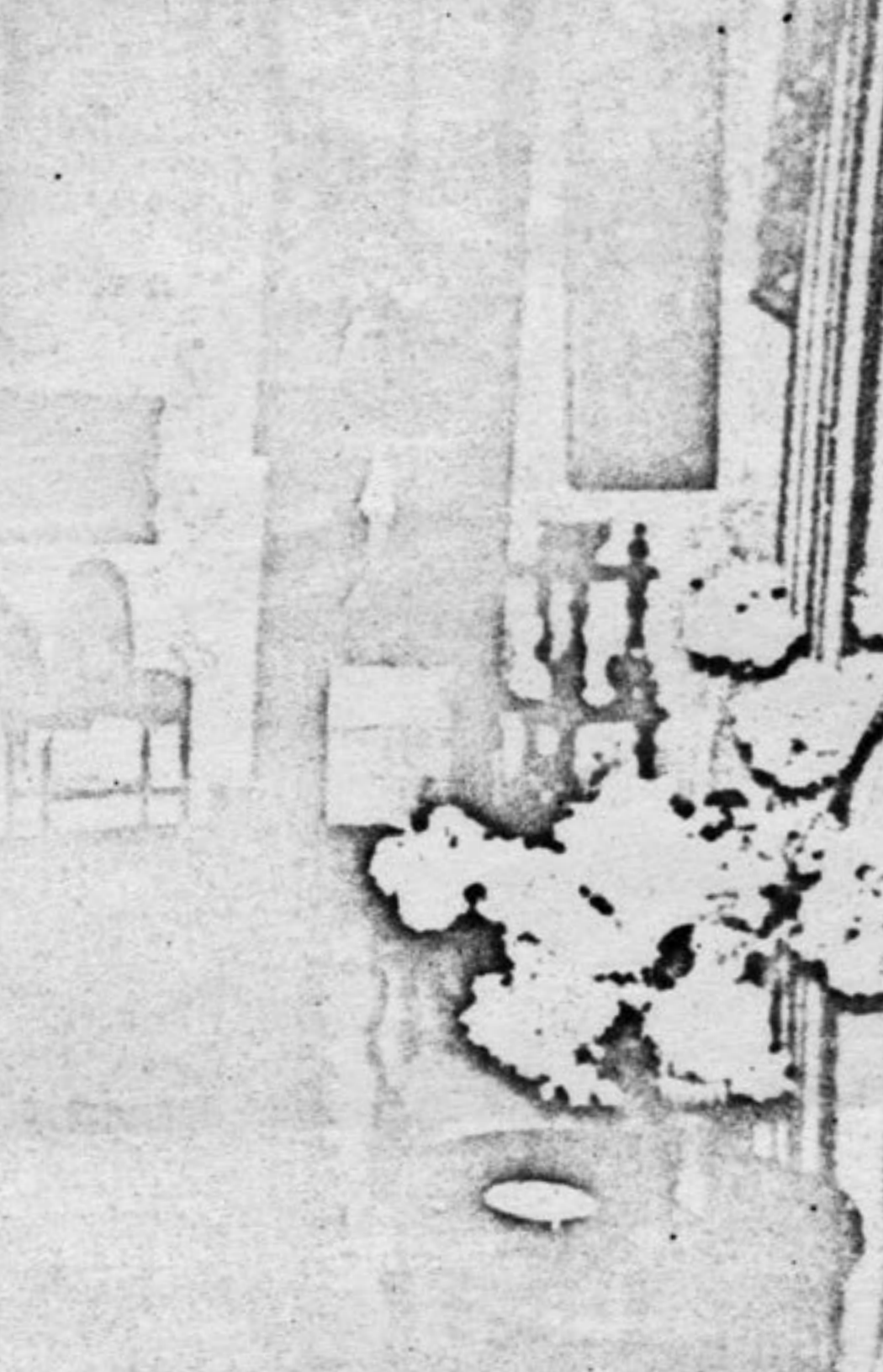
THIS WAS IN THE YEAR 1808 AND BEFORE STEAM HAD BEEN APPLIED TO PULL BOATS UPSTREAM.

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Cousins Paris ~~Early~~ ~~have~~ ~~the~~ WAREHOUSE LIKE TALE OF FICTICE
MONROE, LOUISIANA
HISTORY OF BASTROP, THRIVING CAPITAL, IS STORY OF ROMANCE 27



*COUSIN ALICE
DOESN'T LIKE TO
LEAVE THE HOUSE.*





The property that the eyes of most animals and some birds possess, of "shining" at night is a peculiar one. It is not an indistinct glistening, that might be given back by a piece of glass, but a veritable shine like balls of fire, and an experienced hunter can usually tell at once, by the appearance of the eyes, what animal it is.



The coon has fiery red eyes that do scintillate.

The eyes of the opossum are very much like the coon's, but usually smaller.

The eyes of all the cat tribe are white, but appear to be elongated vertically, and those of the catamount and more especially of the panther seem to throw off occasional rays.

The bear has a small red eye.

The eyes of a sheep or goats, or of a young calf or a colt can scarcely be distinguished from the eyes of a deer, except it being a little less bright, or in scarcely ever being steady.

The wolf will scarcely ever look at the light steadily for more than one second or two but will continue to glance at it furtively at short intervals.



is constructed entirely from heart cypress. this residence



The eyes of the
whippoorwill
resemble a
beautiful ruby
being a perfect ball
of deep red fire
that once seen is
never forgotten.

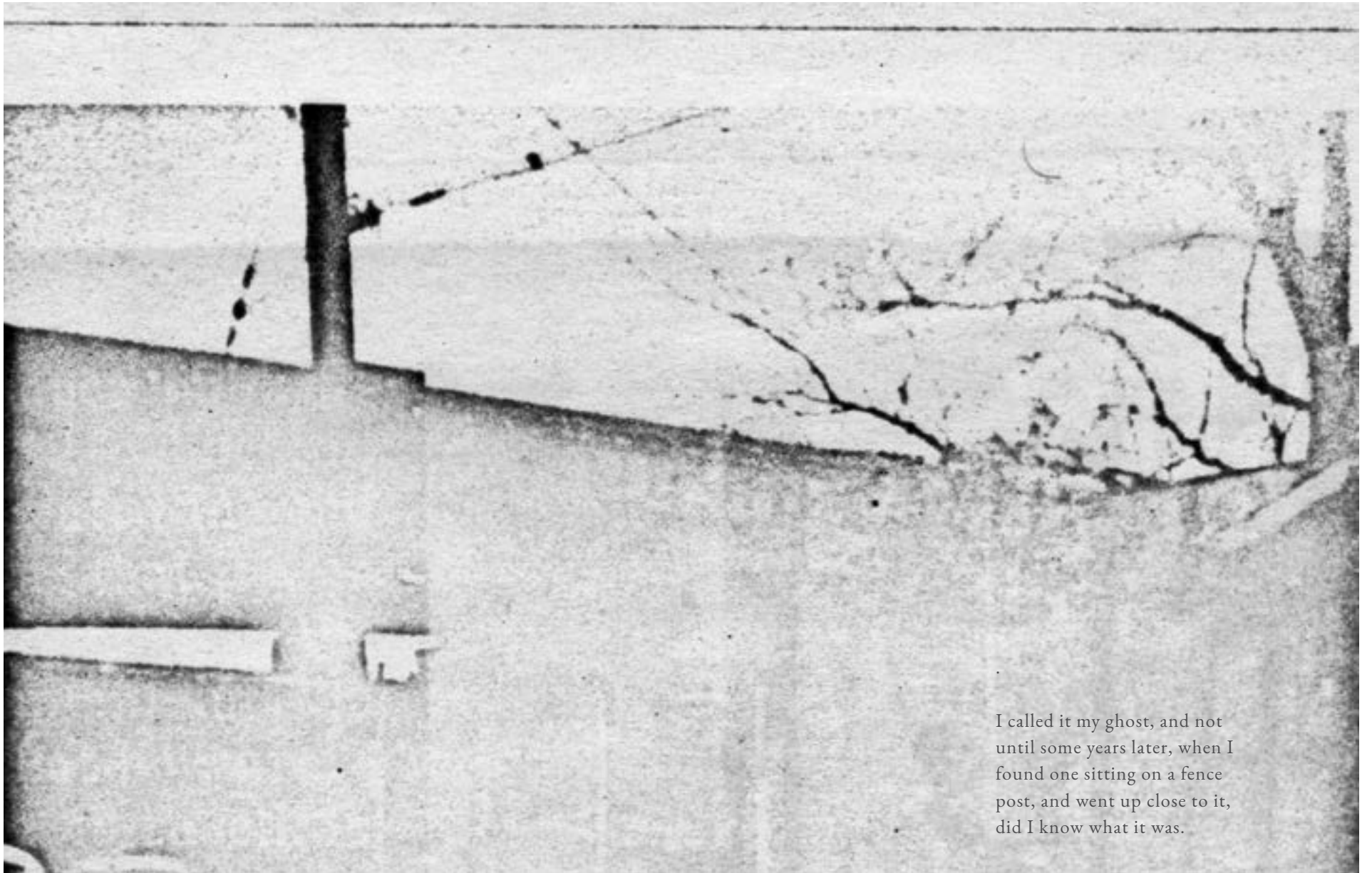
the eyes of these birds are set rather in the side of the head rather than in the front, you can only see the eye when the side of the head is towards the light

A beautiful land of Cherokee Roses was planted along the river bank.



I took very careful aim and fired about an inch and a half below the eye. At the crack of the rifle I caught an indistinct glimpse of a shadowy object that seemed to dart away from the place.





I called it my ghost, and not until some years later, when I found one sitting on a fence post, and went up close to it, did I know what it was.

I could not find
any trace or
indication that
anything had ever
been there.





(left) Grecian Bend: A small band of Cherokee Indians still lived on the banks of Bayou Bartholomew when James Guthrie built the original home in 1866. Known as Grecian Bend Plantation, the name originated from a famous "cake walk" of that time.



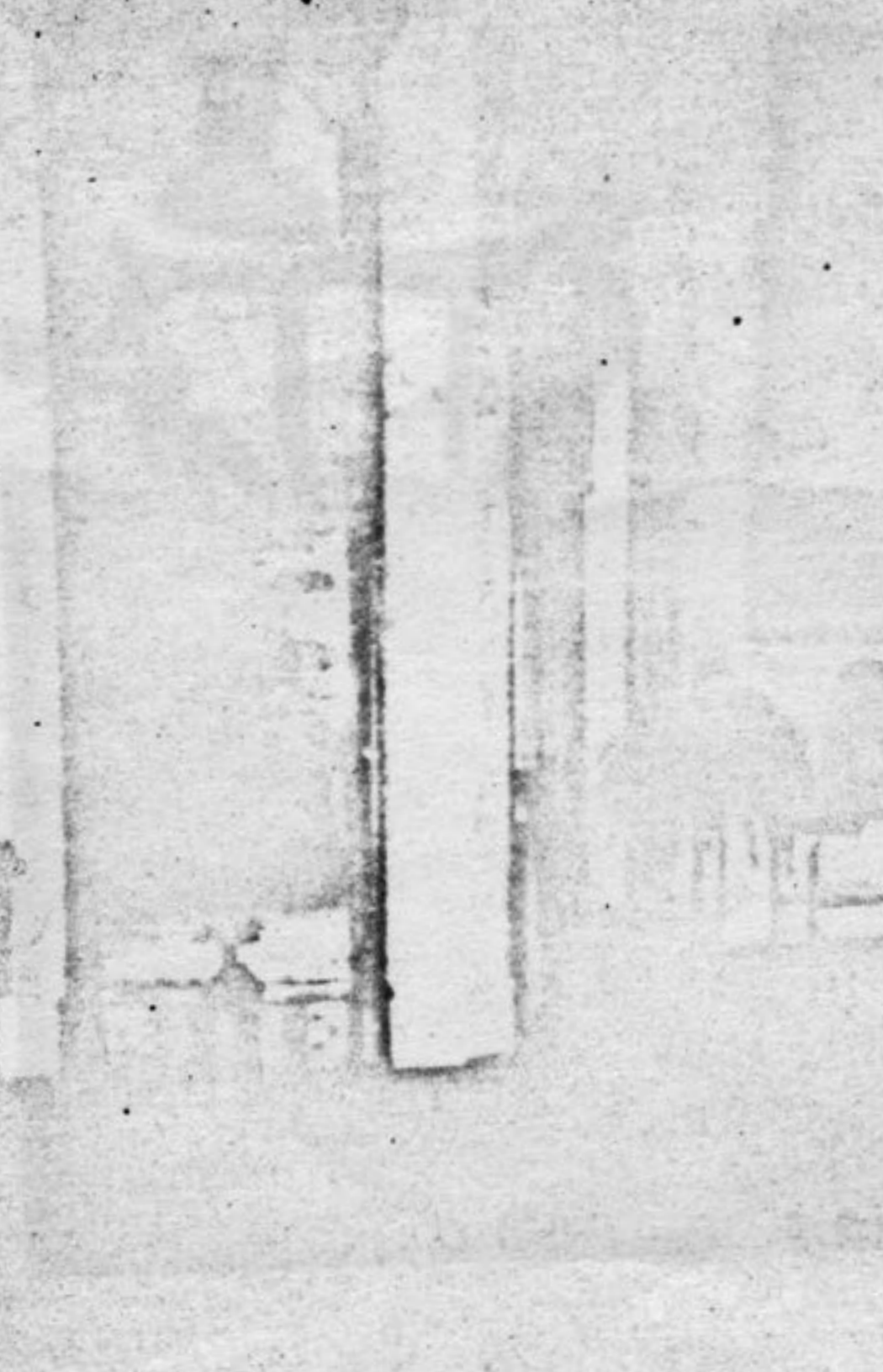
(left) River Styx: A picturesque country lane, winding around Bayou DeSiard, leads to River Styx plantation house.



The eyes of
human beings,
hogs, owls and
rabbits do not
shine.



APPENDIX G: Visual Demonstration of the
Development of Civilization in Ouachita
Parish, Louisiana, 1860, by means of
Architectural and Interior Studies



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