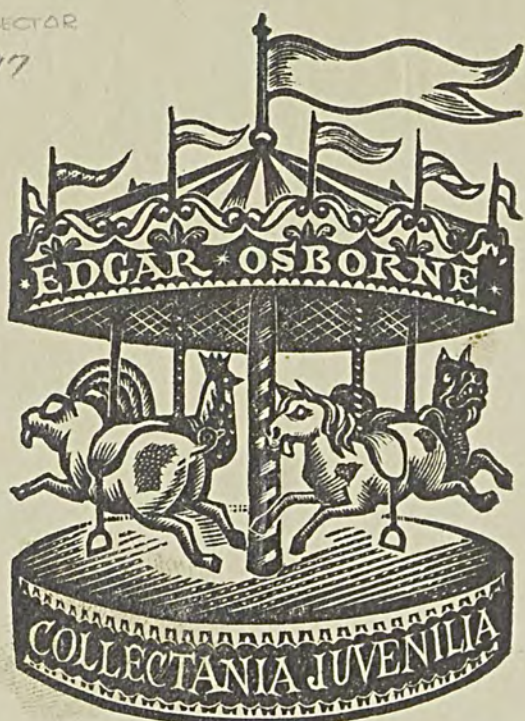




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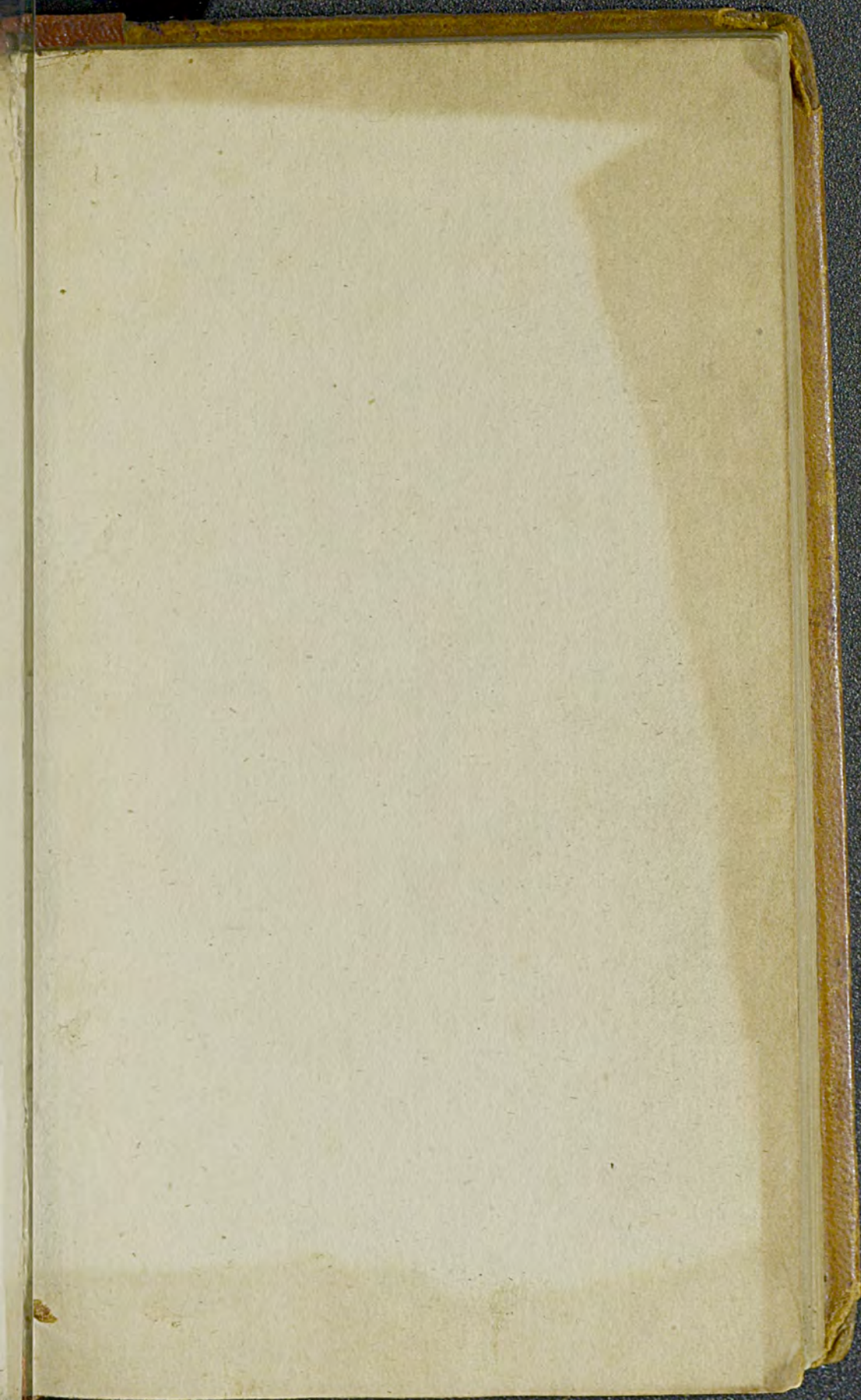
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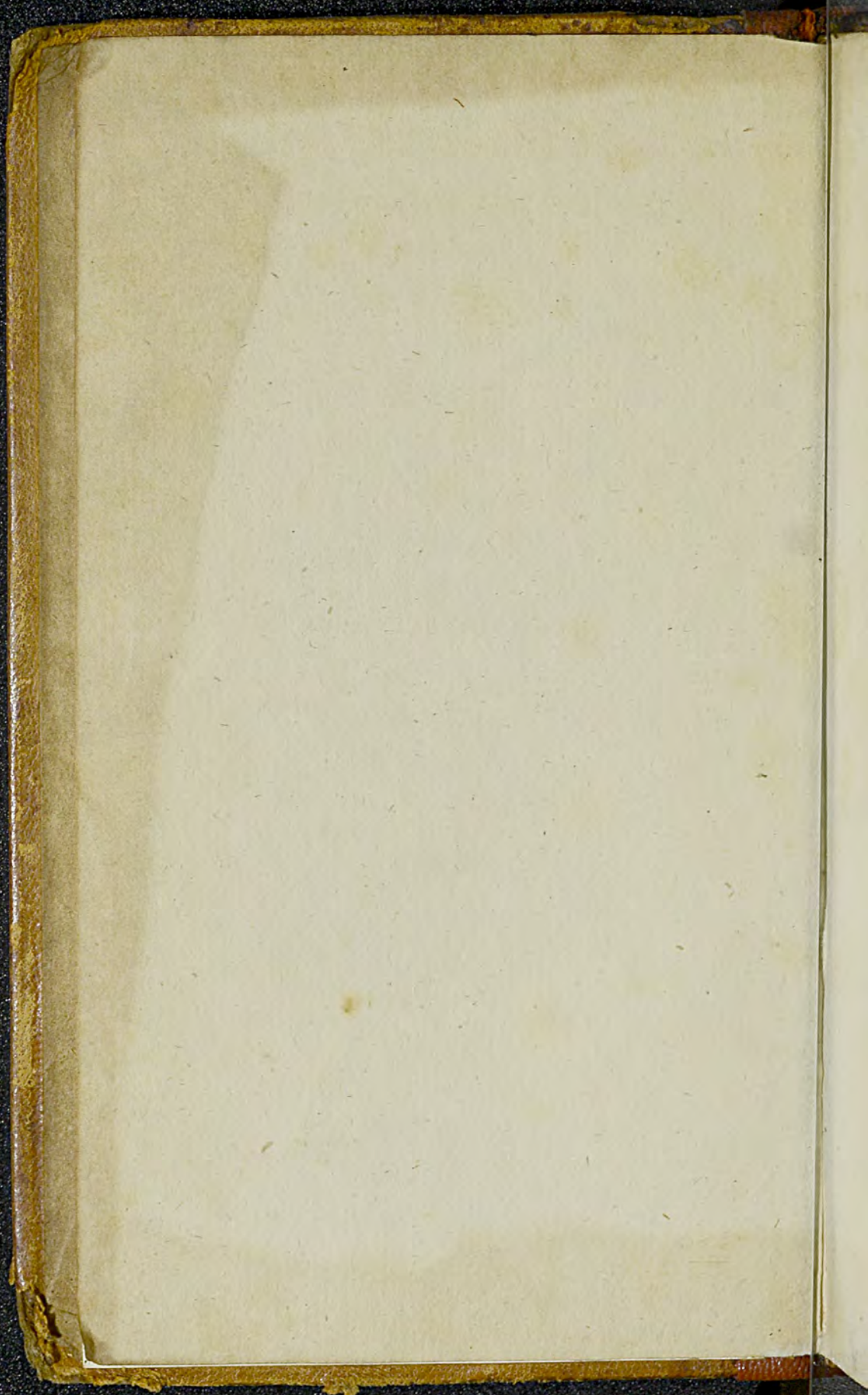


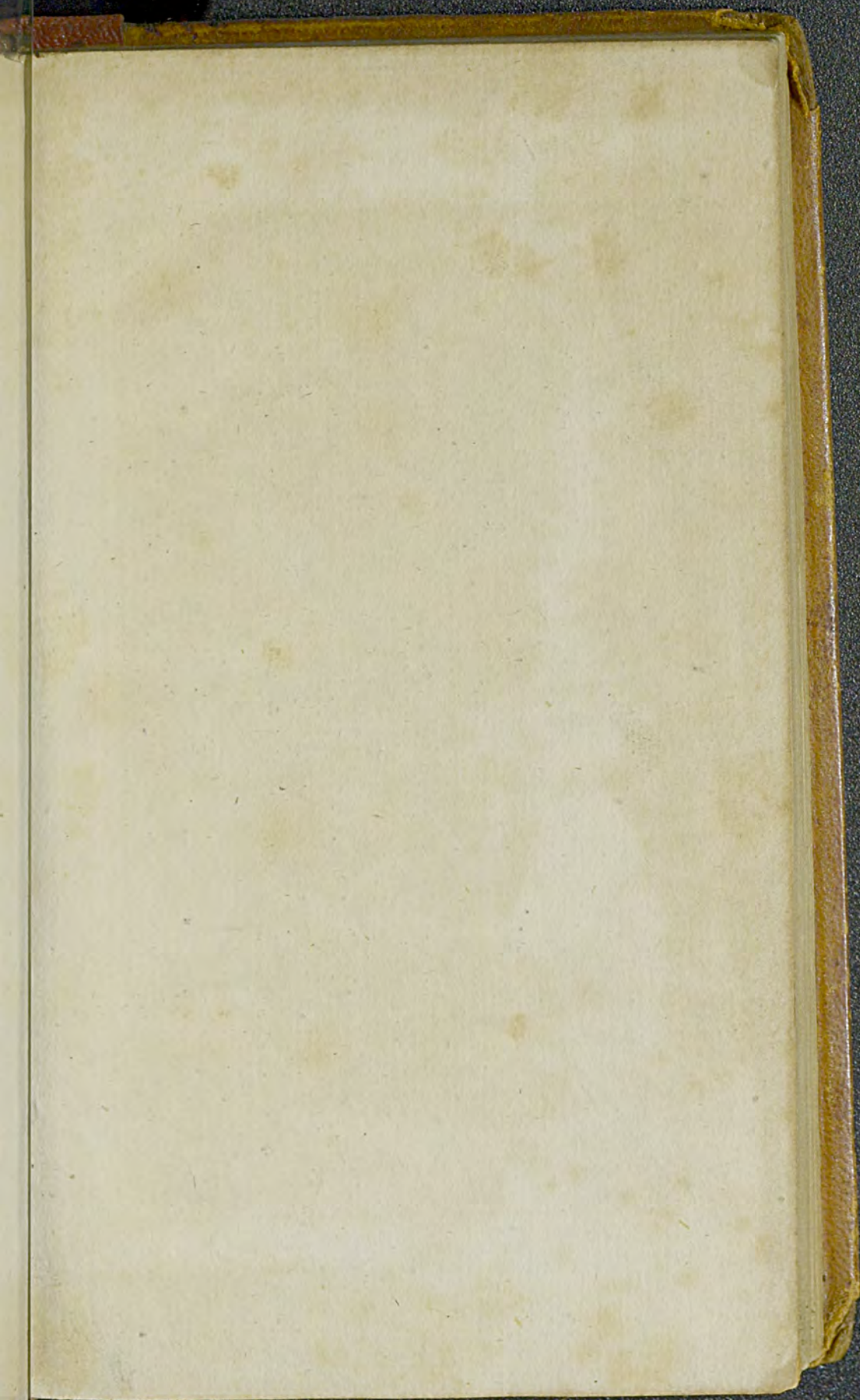
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A MORAL TALE.

AMANDA was in the first month of her widowhood, when she was delivered, at one birth, of PHARAMOND and DORILUS, the heroes of the present narrative. That their inclinations and dispositions were originally the same, is hardly to be doubted. Both the children of parents distinguished by their virtues, is it probable—I had almost said, is it possible—that they should not inherit from their birth the seeds of those amiable endowments, which had rendered AMANDA, and the departed LUCILIO, at once the admiration and the envy of the age?

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But,

But, unfortunately, AMANDA was not long able to survive the loss of her husband; even the dear pledges she had so lately received of his love could no longer reconcile her to a life whose every charm had vanished from her with the presence of LUCILIO. An education fatally contrasted was, to the twin orphans, the consequence of this melancholy event; and so powerfully were their characters influenced by those of the different tutors allotted to them, that the most distant resemblance could not be traced, through life, in the conduct, or in the fate, of either.

TO SELFONIUS and BENVOLIO---names from which their respective tempers may with ease be gathered---were separately entrusted the formation of the manners, disposition, and character, of PHARAMOND and his brother DORILUS.

“The intention of Nature, in bringing you into existence, was to render you happy,” repeated SELFONIUS to PHARAMOND every hour, with an undeviating sameness, and an unremitting assiduity. “This intention you must on your part fulfil, by labouring solely for your own good. I do not mean that you should hurt your neighbour. No; I only counsel you to prefer yourself to the whole world around you. In fine, to seek your own happiness, without, if possible, interfering with the

