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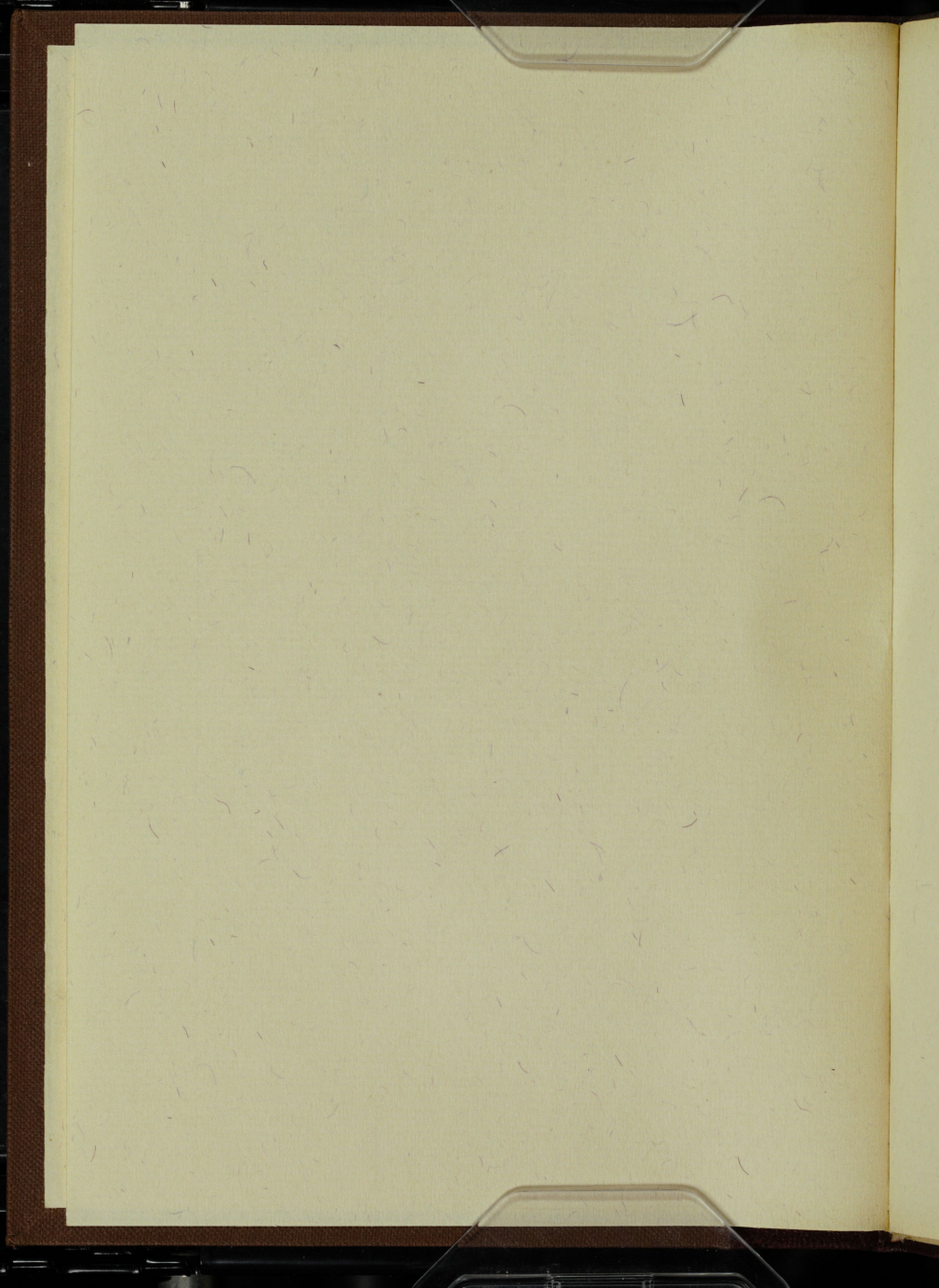
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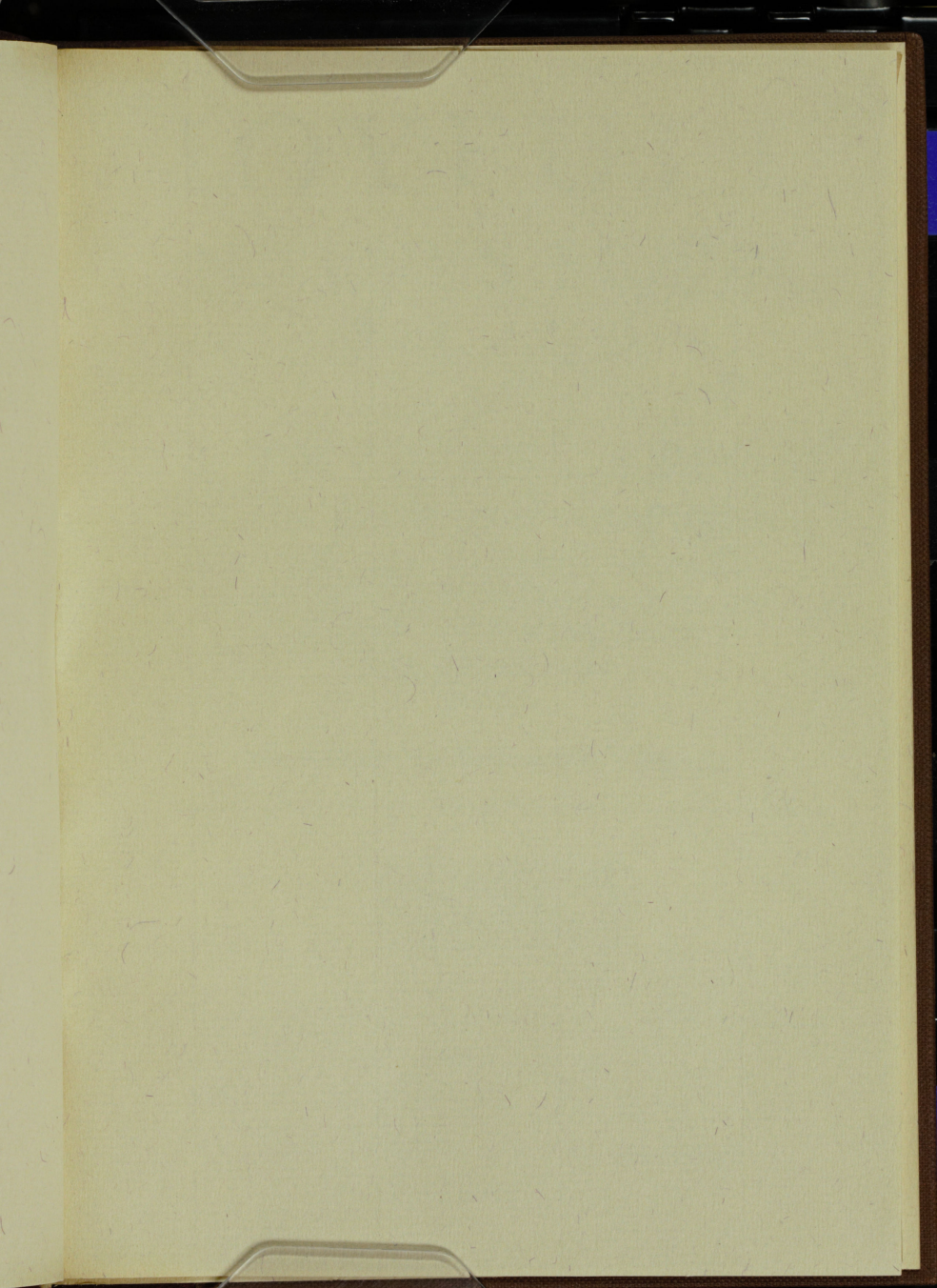
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the *English* gave the Rebels before *Dro-*
gheda, sent in a Letter bearing date the 27 of
February, to Sir *Robert King* Knight
at *Cecill House* in the
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And ordered by the Parliament to be Printed.



LONDON,

Printed for *John Franke*, and are to be sold
at his shop next doore to the Kings
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Joyfull Newes from *Ireland*,
 or a true relation of the great overthrow
 which the *English* gave the Rebels before
Drobeda. &c.

Noble Sir,

IN my last to you, I signified to you, the difficulties which were like to befall us by the relieving of *Drobeda*, but God by his infinite mercy hath freed us (I may say miraculously) from that hazard: for when our men there were driven to that extremitie to eat horse-flesh, Sir *Henry Tichbourne* sallied out of the Towne with only fourty Muskietiers, and fourty Horse, and beat off foure hundred of the Enemies, killed above threescore of

of them, recovered fourescore Cowes and Oxen, and two hundred sheepe; burned foure townes, and brought home two of their Collours; Besides, I must relate unto you Gods abundant goodnesse unto us, in that the night before the reliefe and succours which we sent by Sea from *Dublin* to them, should have entred into the Harbour of *Drobeda*, (which was strongly fenced over with a Chaine and severall boates) there happened a storme which broke their chainer, and gave our men so free a passage, as with little difficulty they came safely to the towne. The Rebels were gathered at *Kilshalgham* within seven miles of *Dublin*, above two thousand men, where they were settled in a very strong wood. My Lord of *Ormond* carried out part of our Army, and beat them out of that great strength (for they would not come into the Champaine) and killed above a hundred of them, without any considerable losse of our side, only Captaine *James Rochfort*, a most gallant and
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couragious gentleman. This was an act of great bravery, wherein Sir *Charles Coote* did, (as he doth alwayes) beyond expectation, exposing his person to as much danger as any man living could; and in truth he is a gallant man, full of courage and good affections, and deserves great encouragement from that side. Our soldiers are in great want of money, which causes a generall want of all other necessaries, yet notwithstanding God hath infused such courage into them (for undoubtedly it is his worke) that they thinke there is no danger so great, but they may attempt it.

Colonell *Munke* is arrived here with my Lord Lieutenants Regiment of fifteen hundred foot, and Sir *Richard Greevill* with neere foure hundred Horse, which puts much heart into us, and makes us looke big upon our neighbours, yet we griene wee cannot be able to releve our friends in other parts; but I hope when our full succours shall come, we shall not

only defend this place, but adde comfort
to our poore distressed friends abroad.

The enemy though their numbers
bee very great, even beyond beleefe, yet
their hearts begin to faint, and I beleeve
they repent their furious madnesse.

If my Brother be in *London*, I pray you
impart this Letter to him, I would have
written to him, but that I thought he was
at *Chester*, or on his way thither; By the
next hee shall heare from me at large, and
I shall likewise trouble you.

I must now only tell you, that I thanke
you for your care of those things which
concerne mee, and that I am, Sir,

your most affectionate
servant,

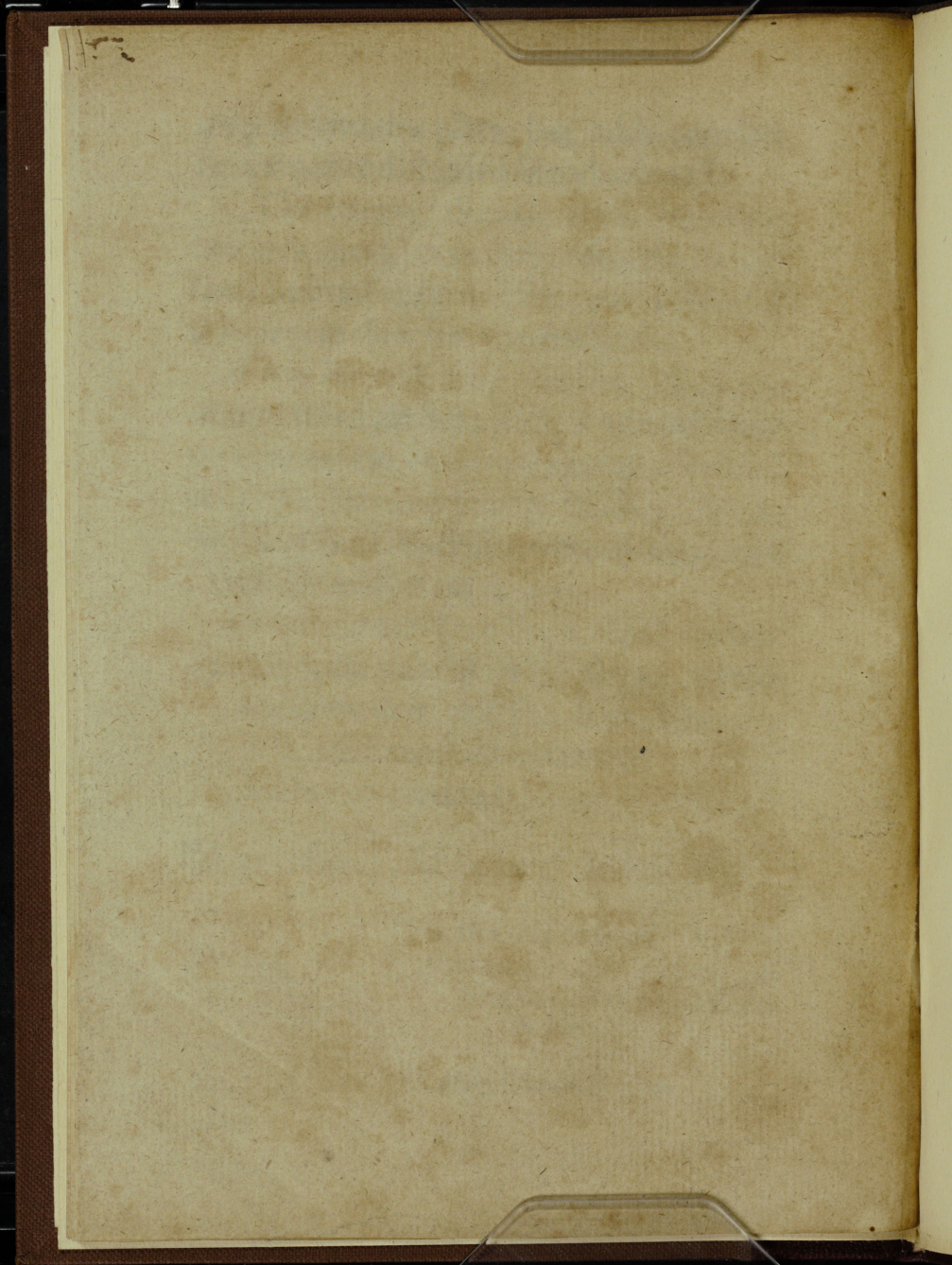
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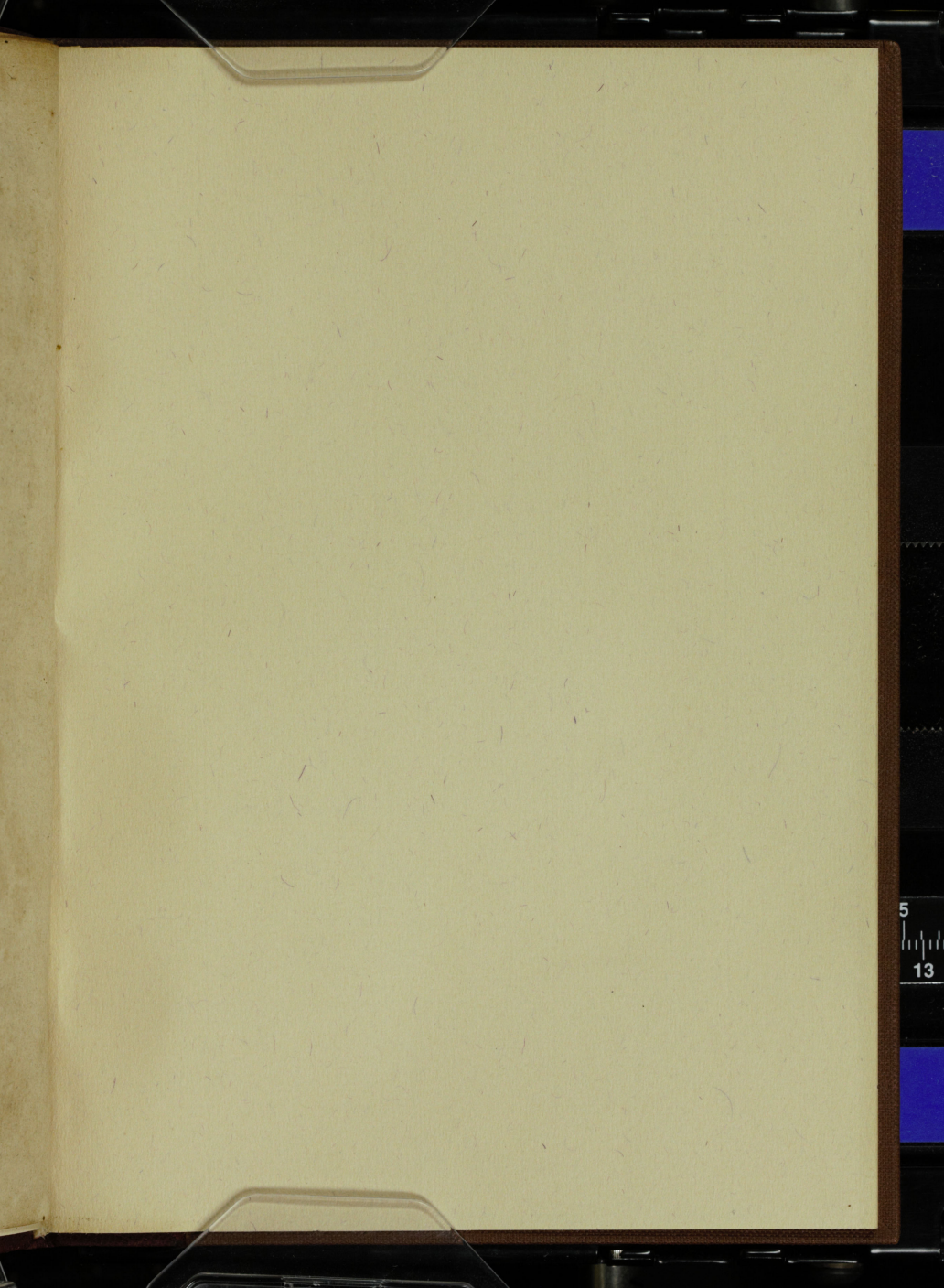
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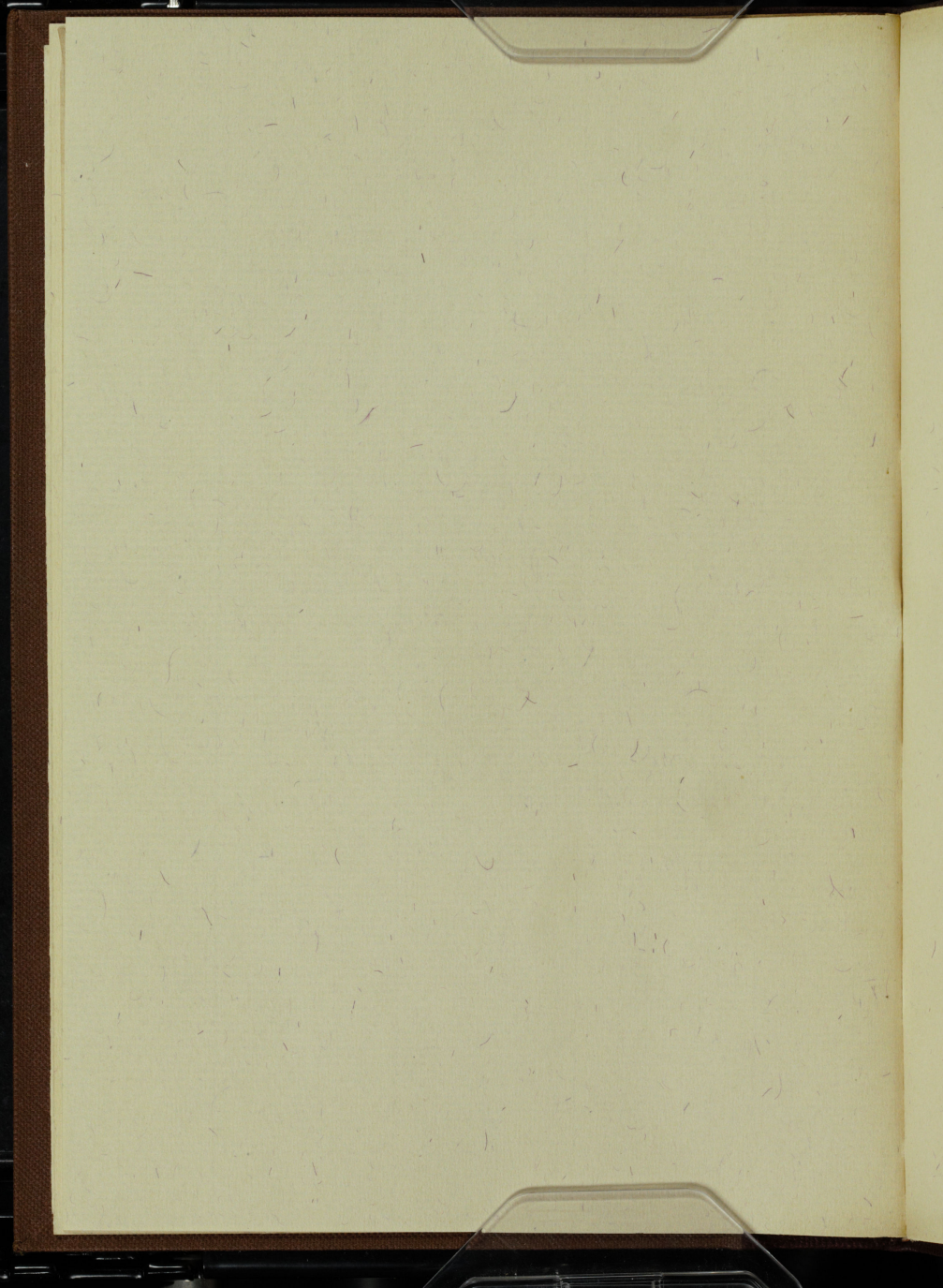
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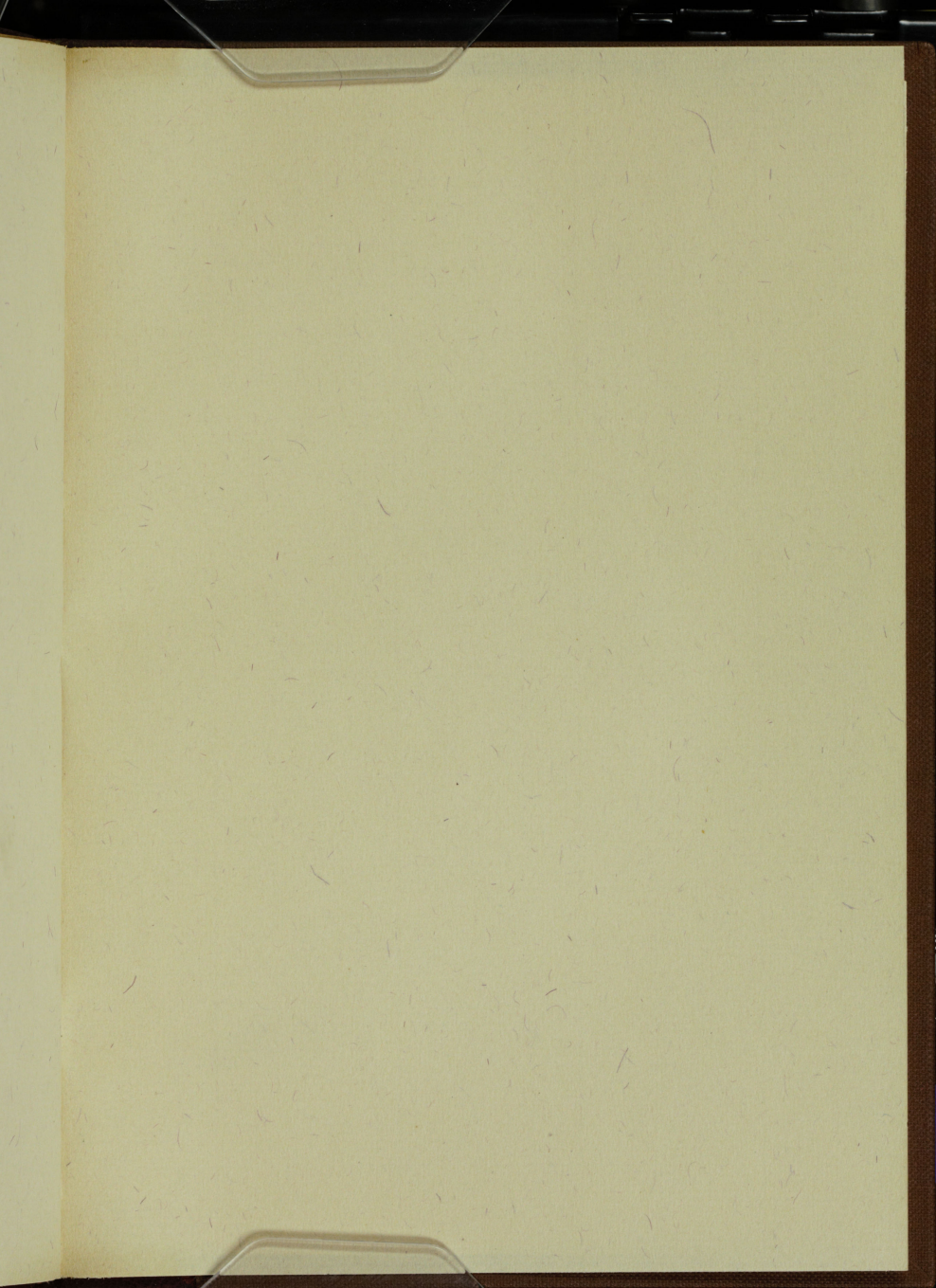
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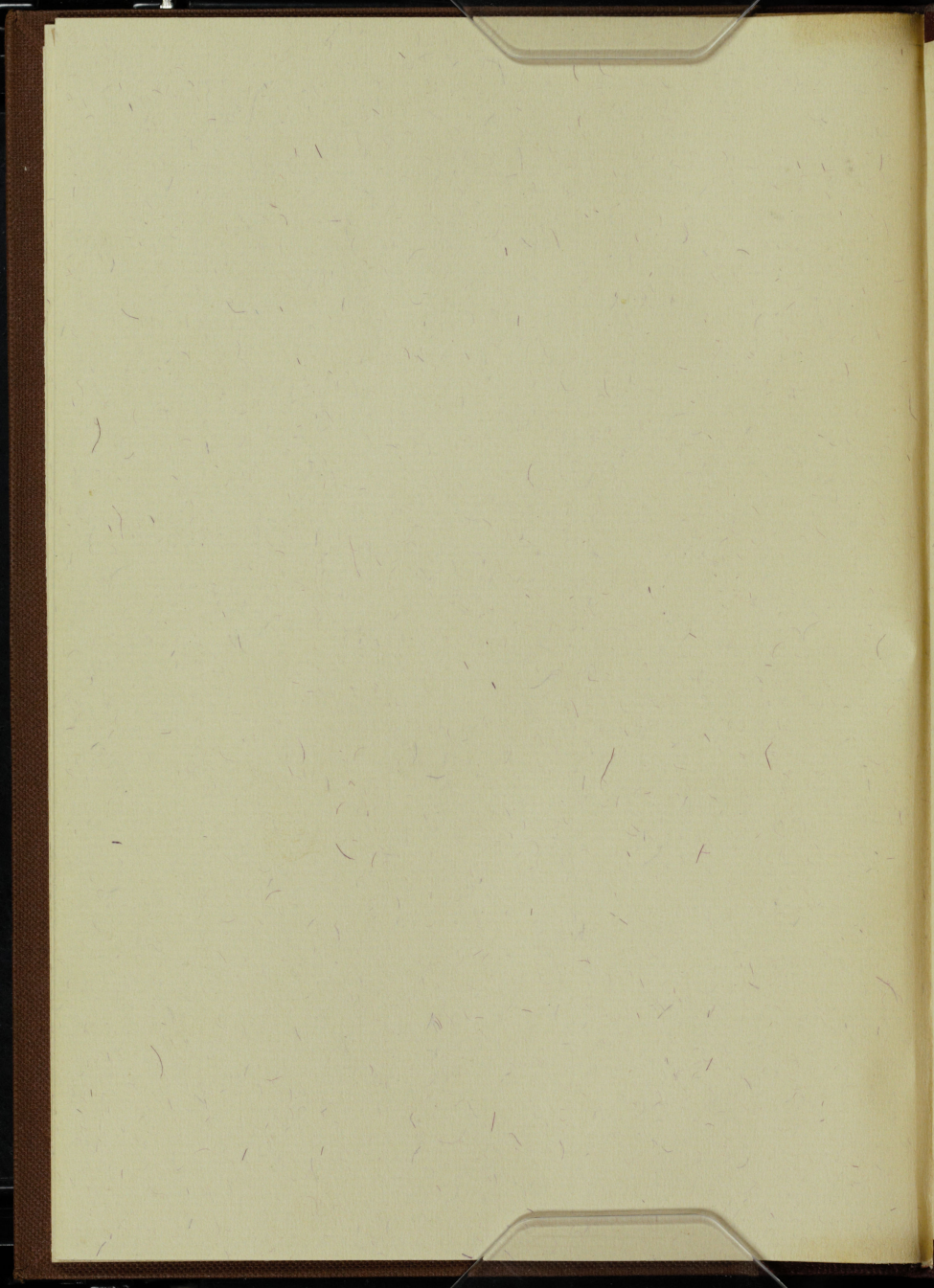
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