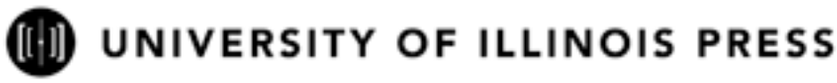

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—Alfred Jarry, *Exploits and Opinions of Dr. Faustroll, Pataphysician*

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