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Over them bending, with happy smile
Lighting her beautiful face the while,
A mother is watching with loving care,
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This image shows a vertical strip of a book's binding. The right side is a dark, solid black spine. The left side is a lighter, off-white or cream-colored cover with a visible vertical crease or fold line. There are some small, dark specks and a faint, irregular mark near the bottom left corner of the cover.