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advocate of the Jew, as an immigrant, among the rulers of the world.

"The Mexican has inherited a rich country. For generations he had little need to indulge in hard work, and his origin and training scarcely fitted him for the industrious, thrifty, methodical life necessary to build up the great commercial country in his possession.

"All these qualities are strongly developed in the Jew, who would readily influence his less practical Mexican neighbours."

### "THE FINANCIER AND BULLIONIST."

*January 25th, 1909.*

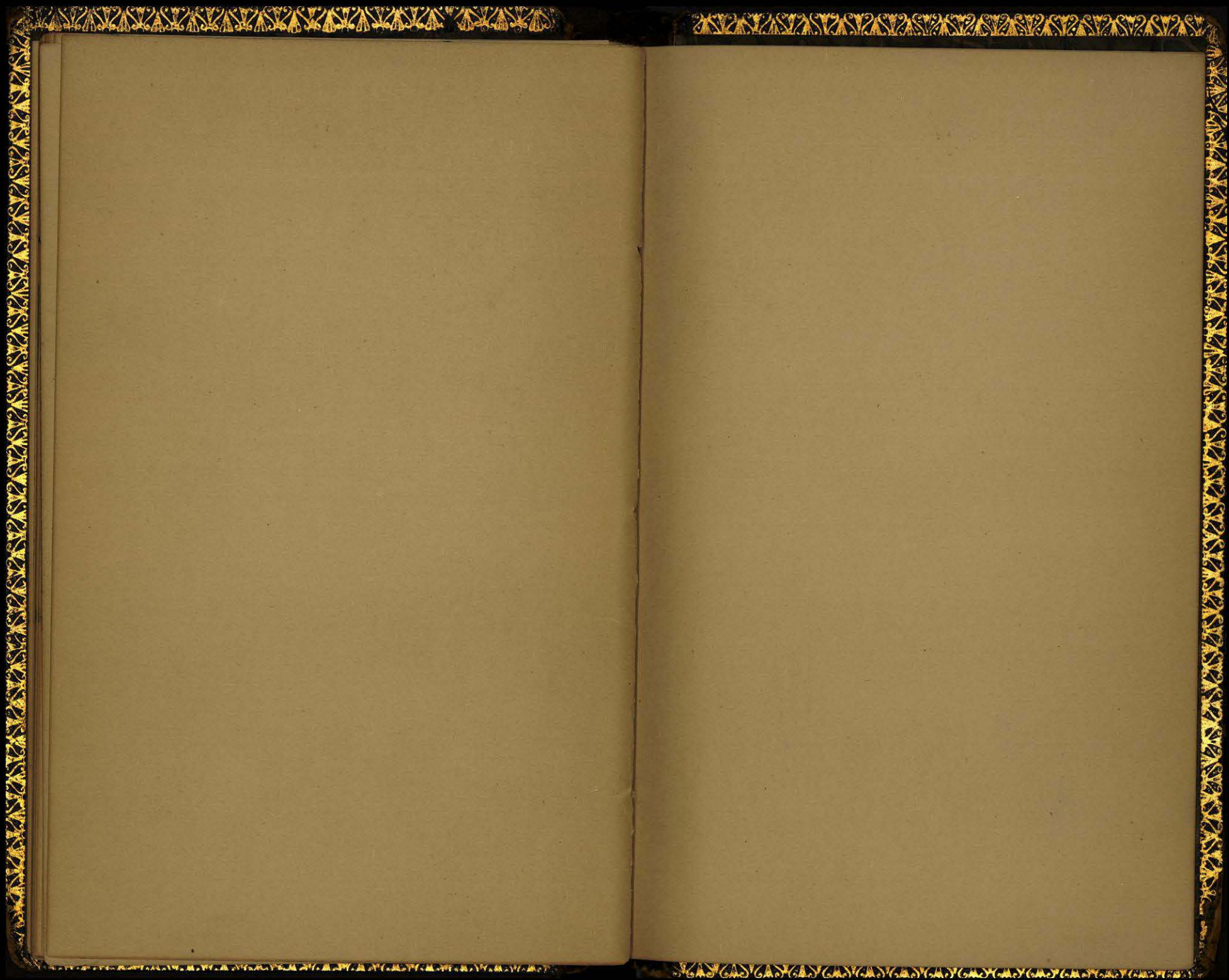
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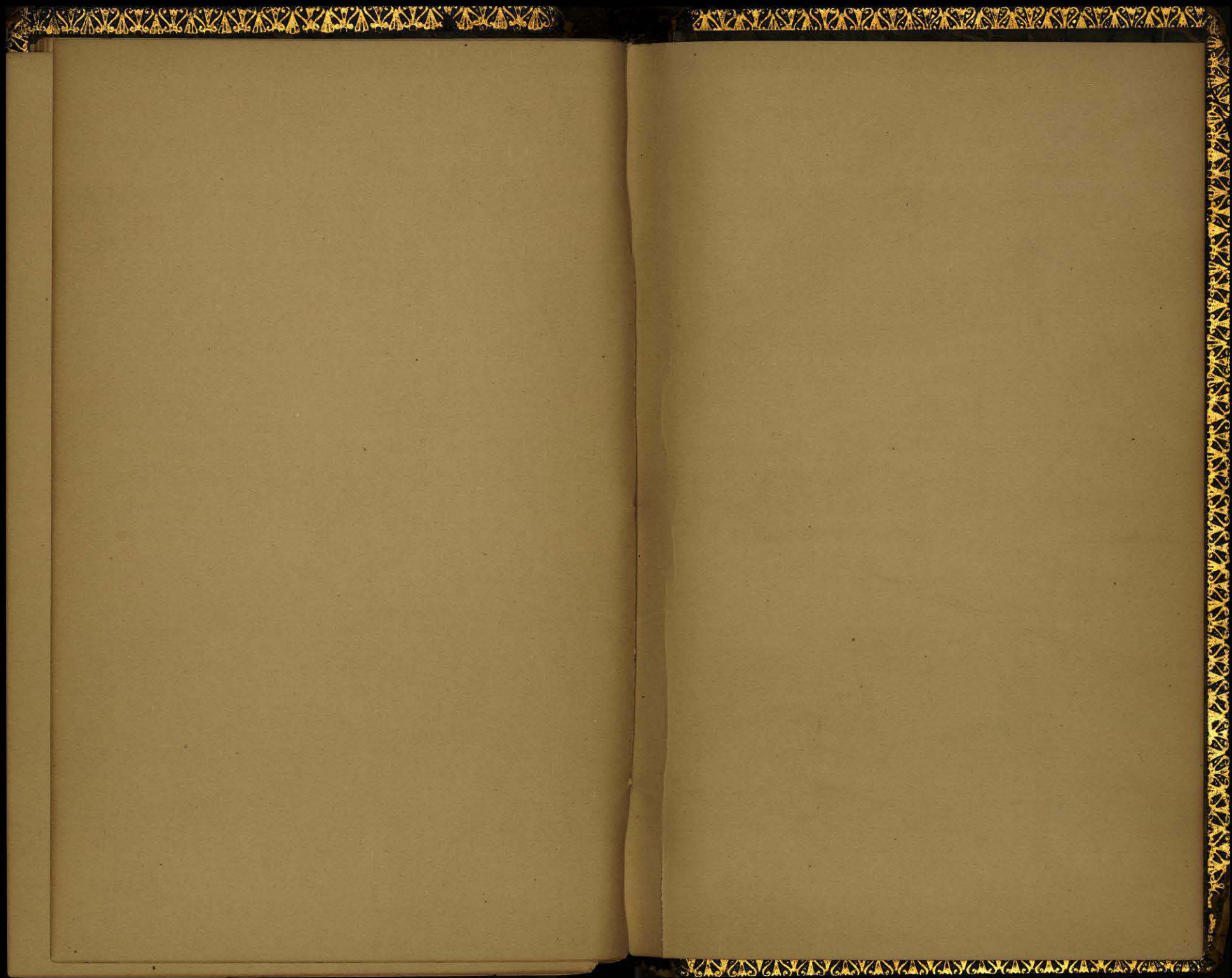
"We have received the following interesting communication from a correspondent:—

"The article on the subject of President Diaz and the Jews, which appeared in your columns on the 8th inst., raises a question of great interest and importance both to Mexico and the Jewish community, and, as one who has given some thought to the problem of which it offers a solution, I am tempted to lay my views before you. At the outset let me pay a tribute to the man who has been responsible for introducing this subject to the notice of the British people. Mr. John De Kay may justly claim to be the originator as well as the exploiter of a scheme which does credit alike to his business instincts and his humanitarian sympathies, and it is but natural that he should display considerable enthusiasm for the cause of which he is the foremost and earliest champion. His confidence and his ardour are in themselves an assurance that the project he has taken in hand will be carried to a successful issue. Quite apart

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