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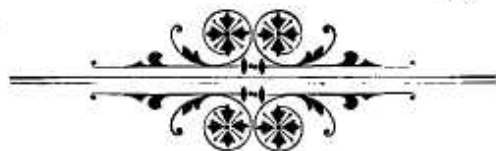
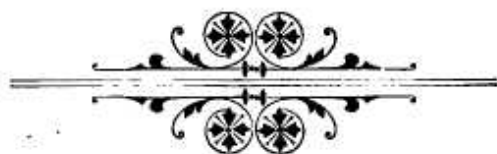
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THE PRINCESS AND HER SERVANT.

In the olden times, there were said to be fairies; and it was supposed that one had only to wish for a thing and it was given him.

It was in these olden times that there reigned a queen, whose beautiful daughter had been promised to a brave prince, living in a country far away.

When the time drew near, the Queen made her daughter ready, mounted her upon a beautiful steed, and sent her forth upon her journey.

With her, the Queen sent a trusted companion, who from the childhood of both, had served the little princess faithfully. Very glad was the princess to take her good servant with her; and both set forth in fine spirits.

But alas! sometimes even a most trusted friend will prove a traitor. No sooner had these two journeyers gone beyond the limits of their own country, than this long-trusted servant began to prove her wickedness by most cruel treatment of the princess.

"I am thirsty," said the princess, as they neared a spring by the roadside. "Get me a drink of this clear water in my golden cup."

"Get it yourself!" snapped the serving-maid. "No longer will I be your slave."

The gentle princess was amazed and grieved that her maid should speak thus to her.

The hours passed on; again, the princess asked for water. Again the maid answered, "Get it yourself! No longer will I be your slave."

And this time, because she was so very thirsty, the princess dismounted to get the water, as best she could.

No sooner had she left her horse than the maid, too, sprang from hers, and mounted Falada, the princess's horse.

And when the princess came back, she said, "I shall ride Falada myself. You may take your seat on that old horse yourself. No longer will I be your slave."

By-and-by, they came to the edge of a dark old forest. Quickly the maid dismounted, seized the princess's horse by the bridle and said, "Dismount at once."

The poor little princess, who had never had a cross word spoken to her in all her life, dismounted, trembling with fear.

"Take off your robe and your jewels," ordered the maid, "and put on this plain dress of mine. Bind up that yellow hair of yours. Now mount that horse again, and ride on, I the princess, you the maid."