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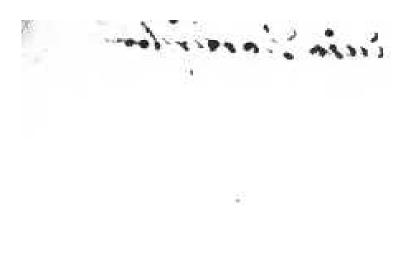
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### PREFACE.

"House truths in strange dresses" would, perhaps, be an appropriate title for this unobtrasive volume, which, it is hoped will meet the approbation of the "little people" for whom it is expressly designed.

There exists, in the minds of some parents, a strong and reasonable projudice against Fairy Tales for children; as the extravagant imagery and improbable incidents, in which they generally abound, often mislead or bewilder the youthful imagination. But it is hoped this little book may escape such censure.

The mind of a child is easily impressible through the medium of fancy; and this humble attempt to deck familiar, yet important truths, and the home duties of every-day life, in the drapery of fairy land, may, perhaps, serve to awaken a reasoning thought, leading ultimately to an active principle.

If so, the mission of this little volume is fulfilled. It is too humble to provoke criticism; and only seeks a welcome from those earthly "Fireside Fairies," whose instruction and entertainment have been its highest aim.

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