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## TITANIA'S FAREWELL.

## CHAPTER I.

"Yes, it is beautiful—but is it true?

My friends, we know not, and it matters not:

That some find consolation in the thought

Shows that from some truth-bearing germ it grew."

It would, of course, be an absurd thing for me to expect to be believed when I recount the things that I saw and heard on the last Midsummer Night that the world has seen. It is an unbelieving age. We have become unbelieving through our morbid taste for fiction. We not only read so much, but we write so much, that the border-land between