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## THE VOYAGE OF THE ARGONAUTS.

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THERE was once a king in Greece called Athamas, and his wife's name was Nephele, and they had two children, a son and a daughter, who were both very good and loved each other dearly; the son was called Phrixus, and the daughter Helle. But their father was wicked, and they had a cruel stepmother, whose name was Ino, and who was wicked. Now Ino treated the poor children very ill, and gave them bad things to eat and bad clothes, and beat them when they were good because they cried after their own mother. At last she wanted to offer up Phrixus as a sacrifice, but when he was brought to the altar the god Mercury came with a beautiful large ram that had golden wool, and could run upon the clouds. Mercury set Phrixus and his sister Helle upon this ram with the golden fleece, and told them to go through the air to the country called Colchis.

Now the ram knew the way, and the children held his horns with one hand, and put their arms round each other; but Helle let go her brother and fell into the sea. Phrixus cried sadly because his dear sister was drowned, but he