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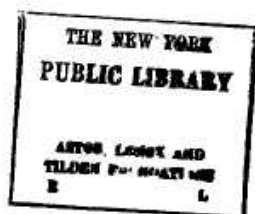
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TO
ALL LITTLE GIRLS WHO WOULD
LIKE TO BE PRINCESSES



The Princess Margarethe.

CHAPTER I.

CHLAFENBURG was still. The air seemed faintly and regularly to throb, as if keeping time with the heart-beats of the sleeping people. It was at that hour when night is drifting into morning, and Nature takes her last deep rest. The sharp outlines of the great stone palace were nearly lost in the heavy mists; only a feeble light, muffled by heavy curtains, could be seen within. But when a faint flush of purple appeared in the east, the dark mass slowly shaped itself into towers, and turrets, and angles, and the mists were resolved into drops of dew that covered the grass and the petals of the flowers. The purple glowed into pink, shot