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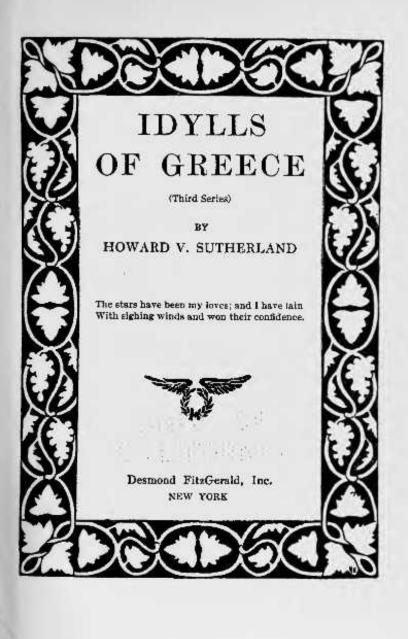
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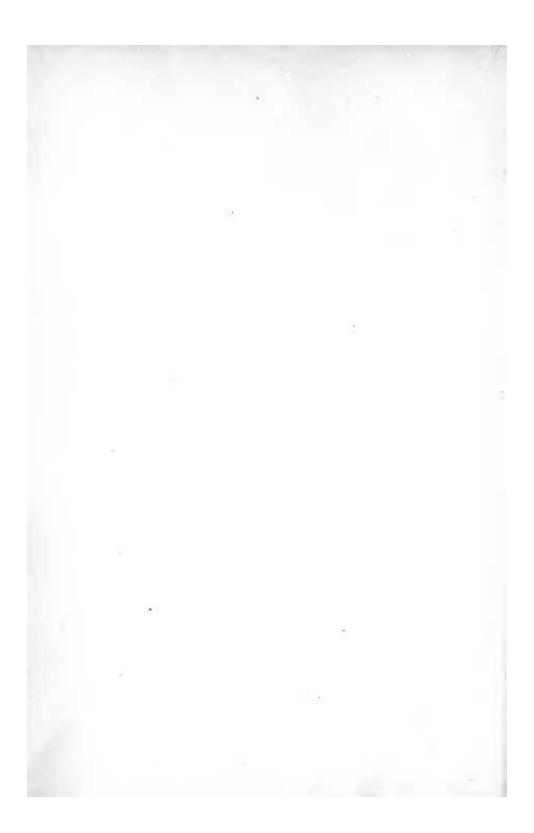
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IDAS AND MARPESSA





IDAS AND MARPESSA

OW, once again, with lute of ivory
And lower'd eyes, I sing the olden tales
Of olden loves, of lovers who were lured
In other days more beautiful than these
By chilly Death from earth's bright winsome-

ness;

Who whisper now in his grey underworld
Of unforgotten kisses and vain sighs,
Of trembling hands that touch'd so tenderly
The dear, warm body in the Long Ago.
A little while and each of us must pass
Where these are waiting; where no horned

moon,
Star-follow'd and benignant, pours o'er men
Her constant pity; where no sun looks down
And mocks endeavor. In eternal hush
There meet the old-time lovers, and the air