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PRINCE PERINDO'S WISH.

A FAIRY ROMANCE.

CHAPTER I.

THE WISH IS WISHED.

LONG ago—before chronology had even been invented—two sons, Clavius and Perindo, had been born into the Royal House of Chebuia, and when I tell you that Clavius was the elder of the brothers, you will at once understand that my tale is to be altogether about Perindo, for every one with the slightest pretension to Fairy lore is well aware that eldest sons are of no use whatever, except at the beginning of the first chapter, to meet an old woman in a wood, to

whom they refuse to surrender the choicest parts of their breakfast, for which unheard-of conduct they are of course very properly turned into stones.

I now come to facts which I am very reluctant to mention, but as they must be mentioned sooner or later, I shall trust to the clemency of my youthful readers, and break to them as gently as I can the startling intelligence that Perindo was *not* surpassingly beautiful, or even marvellously clever. I am afraid he was almost plain, though there were some pleasing features in his face; his lessons, too, gave him almost as much trouble as if he had been an ordinary English boy; and instead of his being the idol of his parents and an adoring nation, his father, mother, and even his tutor, often found fault with him when his conduct was displeasing.

I am glad, however, to be able to inform them that he had so much at least of the Fairy Prince about him as to make him feel that this was a very unnatural and intolerable state of things, and he would spend hours bemoaning his sad fate as he roamed in the woods behind the palace. Of course he knew quite well that the only remedy was that a Fairy should step upon the scene and grant him a wish,—perhaps two wishes; but though he peered expectant into every hollow tree and cave