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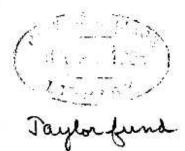
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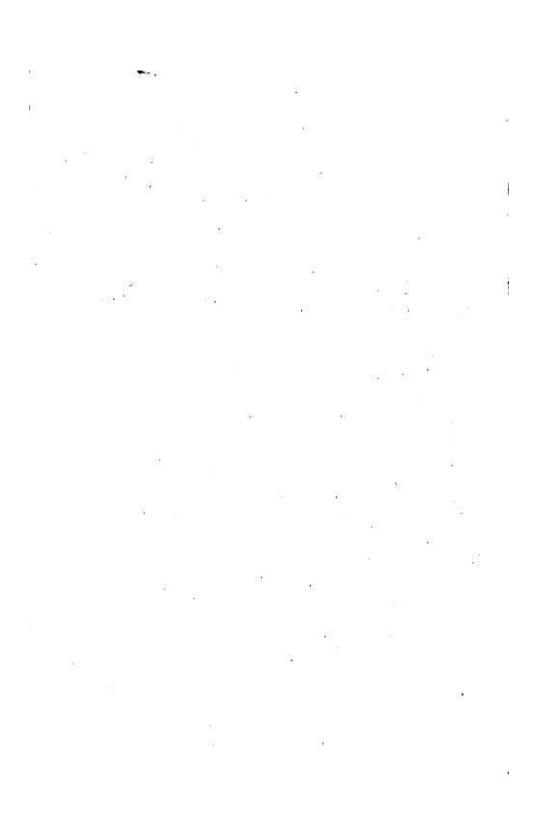
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TO

HELEN, ROSIE, AND BEATRIX



PERSONS OF THE TALE.

OURSELVES. FATHER.

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MOTHER.

LITTLE BOY BLUE.

THE HIDROUS HERMIT.

THE KING OF FAIRY-LAND.

MUSTARD-SEED

Dragons, Fairies, Mammoths, Angels, &c.



APOLOGIA.

Critics, you have been so kind,

I would not have you think me blind

To all the wisdom that you preach;

Yet before I strictlier run

In straiter lines of chiselled speech,

Give me one more hour, just one

Hour to hunt the fairy gleam

That flutters through this childish dream.

It mocks me as it flies, I know: All too soon the gleam will go;