

"And neither do you know what I have sufferedand my parents with me."



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AND OTHER STORIES.

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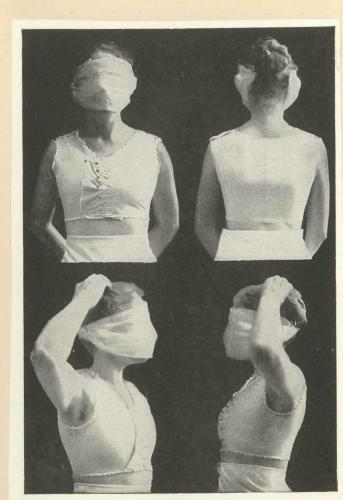


FIG. 135 .- Author's breast-binder.



But Hermit's father wave lovers's but Hermit's father wave lovers's many mother man, named Demethins. Name, in Athens, where they lived, there was a wished live, by which any gift who named to marry according to her fathers's wishes, antight be put to death. Hermit's father was so angay with her for refusing to do as he wished, that he actually brought her before the Dube of Athens to ask that the might be killed, if she still refused to buy him. Whe Buthe gave her four days to

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think shout it, and, at the out of that time, if she still refused to many Demotring, she would have to die.

Lassander of course was nearly mad with grief, and the best thing to do seemed to him for Hermia to run away to his sunt's house at a place beyond the reach of that exact law; and there he would, one to her and marry hou. But before she started, she told her triend, Helena, what she was going to do.

Helena had been Department's sweetheart long before his naming with Remain had been thought of, and being your stills, like all jones people, she sould not see that it was not poor Elecuric's findt that Demetrics wished to many her instead of his own lady, Helena. She know that if she told Demetries that Hermia was going, as she was, to the wood outside Athens, he would follow her mand it can follow

In the allegory the "head's hair" becomes the "growths of truths," which are of the nature of heads or leading principles, and since $\kappa o\mu \hat{a}\nu$, "to wear long hair," also means "to be proud," $\kappa \delta \mu \eta$ is interpreted as the pride which we should feel in virtue. For further elucidation see App. p. 487.

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him, and at least his went to him," she said to herself. So she went to him, and betrayed her filend's secret.

New this wood where Lipsander was to meet Hermin, and where the other two had decided to follow them, was full of fatties, as most woods are, if one only had the eyes to see them, and in this wood on this night were the King and Queen of the fairies, 9 and Witgeria. New fairies an lise people, but now and then Abe quite as foolish as montal for Secren and Bitarie to might have been as happy () yes were long, had thrown . hair in a footish quarrel, aver met without say ing disagreeable things to each other, and solded each other so dreadfully that all their little fairy followers for would creep into acorn cups and) hide them there.

So, instead of keeping one happy

Court and dancing all night through in the moonlight, as is fairies' use, the King with his attendants wandered through one part of the wood, while the Queen with hers kept state in another. And the cause of all this trouble was a little Indian boy whom Bitania had taken to be one of her followers. Oberon wanted the child to follow him and be one of his fairy knights; but the Queen would not give him up.

On this night, in a mossy moonlit glade, the King and Quoen of the fairies met.

"Ill met by moonlight, proud Titania," suid the King.

What jealons, Oberon? answered the Queen. "You spoil everything with your quarrelling. Come, failing, let us leave him. I am not friends with him now?

"It rests with you to make up the



quartely aid the King. "Clive me that little Indian boy, and I will agazin be your humble servant and suitor?" "Set your mind, at rest" said

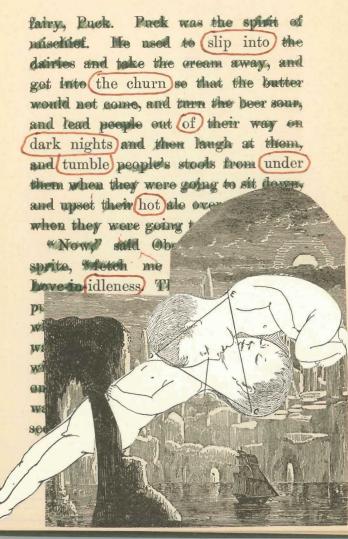
the Queen. "Your whale fairy kingdom buys not that boy from me. Come, fairies?"

And she and her train rede of down

"But I'll be even with yen before you leave this wood?"

Then Oberon called his favourite-

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passed through the glade followed by poor Helena, and still she told him how she loved him and reminded him of all his promises and still he told her that he did not and could not love her, and that his promises were nothing. Oberon was soury for poor Helena, and when Puck returned with the flower, he bade him follow Demetrins and put some of the juice on his eyes, so that he might love Helena when he woke and looked on her, as much as she loved him. So Puck set off, and wandering through the wood found, not Demetrius, but Lysander, on whose eyes he put the juice; but when Lysander woke, he saw not his own Hermia, but Helena, who was walking through the wood looking for the cruel Bemetrius; and directly he saw her he loved her and left his own lady, under the spell of the purple flower.

When Hermia woke she found Lys-



ander gone, and wandered about the wood trying to find) him. Buck went back and told Obevon what he had done, and Oberon soon found that he had made a mistake, and set about looking for Demotrius, and having found him, put some of the juice on his eyes. And the first thing Demetrius saw when he weke was also Helena. So now Demetrius and Lysander were both following her through the wood, and it was Hernite's turn to follow her lover as Helena had done before. The end of it was that Hotena and Hevmia began) to quarrel, and Demotrins and Mysander went off in fight. Oberon was very sorry to see his kind scheme to help said to Puekur

"These two young men are going to fight. You must even hang the night with drooping fog, and lead them so astray, that one will never find the A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

will tall asleep. Then drop this other here on Exander's eyes. That will give him his old sight and his old love. Then each man will have the lady who loves him, and they will all think that this has been only a M4dsupmer Night's Dream. Then when this is done, all will be well with them?

So Buck went and did as he was told, and when the two had fallen esleep without meeting each other. Pack poured the juice on Lycandor's eyes; and suil ;....

> "When they wakest, They takest Some dilight In the sight Of the former killy's eyes: Jack shell hive Jilk; Dought shell go fill?

Meanwhile Obevon found Titania asteep on a block where grow wild

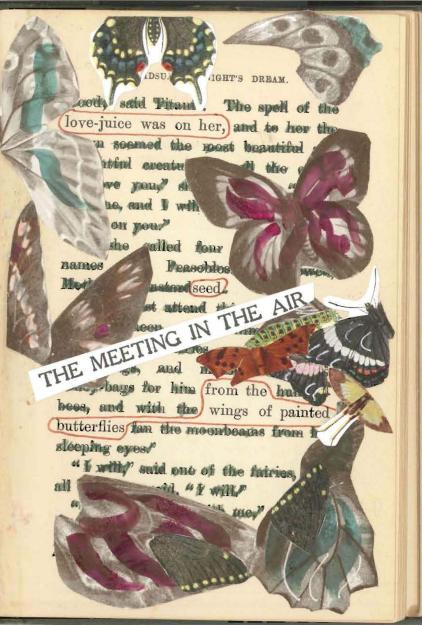
thyme, oxlips, and violets, and woodbine, musk-roses and eglantine. There Titania always slept a part of the night, wrapped in the enamelled skin of a snake. Oberon stooped over her and haid the juice on her eyes, sayings---

> "What thou seest when thou wake, Do it for thy true love takes"

Now, it happened that when Titaria welse the first thing she saw was a stupid clown, one of a party of players who had some out into the wood to rehearse their play. This clown had met with Pack, who had dapped an ass's head on his shoulders so that it looked as if it grew there. Directly Titaria woke and saw this dreadfal ponster, she said, "What angel is this? Are you as wise as you are beautiful?"

"Hif I am wise enough to find my may out of this wooth, that's enough for me?" said the positish clown.

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BENEFITS, FRUITS, AND WANT.

"I should like some good dry eats?" satilj the clown-for his donkey's head made him desire donkey's foot-" and some hay to follow."

"Shall some of my fairies fetch you new nuts from the squirrel's house?" asked the Queen.

"I'd rather have a handful or two of c 2.

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in your smooth, stock head, and (kiss) your fair large ears, my gentle joy ? "Where's Beaseldesson ?" asked the clown with the ass's head. He did not Queents affection. care much .' Date and THE DEVISION bumble-bee on the top of the thistle) yonder, and bring me the boney bag. Where's Mustal || acedian "Beathy" se | Mastardseed. we t nothing said the MOh. " Onl just help Colweb to) dlown. go to the harber's, for scratch. I ma motinaks I an marvellous hairy a the face" "Would you ke anything t said the fairy Q een.

good dried peas # said the down. "But please don't let any of your people disturb me ; I am going to sleep #

Then said the Qacon, " And I will wind thee in my arms?"

And so when Oberon some slong he found his beautiful Queen lavishing kisses and endearments on a clown with a donkey's head.

And before he released her from the enchantment, he persuaded her to give him the little Indian boy he so much desired to have. Then he took pity on her, and threw some juice of the disenchanting flower on her pretty eyes; and then in a moment she saw plainly the donkey-liteded down she had been lowing, and knew how facilish she had been.

Oberon took off the assis head from the clown, and left him to finish his sleep with his own silly head lying on the thyme and violets.



The Same Body, yet Changed

Thus all was made plain and straight again. Obseron and Titania loved each other more than ever.

Mometrins throught of no one but Hielena, and Helena had never had any thought of anyone but Demetrins.

As for Hennia and Lysander, they were as loving a couple as you pould meet in a day's march, even through a fainy wood.

So the four mortal levers went back to Athens and were manufed; and

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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. 99 the fairy King and Queen live happily together in that very wood at this very day MENTAL AND ENOTIONAL PHENOMENA are, fortunately, not ry common, but they may be noticed in some cases. MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL PHENOMENA are, fortunately very common, but they may be noticed in some cases.

MANALIW was the only son of the King of Donmark. He loved jhis father and mother dearly - and was huppy in the love of a sweet lady named Ophetia. Her father, Polonius, was the King's Chamberlain. SMOKED

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While Hamlet was away studying at Wittenborg, his father died. Foung Hamlet bastened home in great grief to hear that a serpent had stung the King, and that he was dead. The young Brince had loved his father so tenderly

that you may judge what he felt when he found that the Queen, before yet the King had been haid in the ground a month, had determined to marry again and to marry the dead King's brother.

Hamlet refused to put off mourning for the wedding.

"It is not only the black I wear on my body," he said, "that prover my boss. I wear mourning in my heart for my dead father. His son at least remembers him, and grieves still."

Then said Claudius the King's brother, "This grief is unreasonable Of course you must sorrow at the loss of your father, but-"

"Ah," said Hamlet, bitterly, "I cannot in one little month forget shose I lover"

With that the Queen and Claudius left him, to make merry over their worlding, forgetting the poor good King who had been so kind to them both.

And Hamlet, left alone, began to wonder and to question as to what he ought to do. For he could not believe the story about the snake-bite. It seemed to him all too plain that the wicked Claudius had killed the King, so as to get the crown and marry the Queen. Yet he had no proof, and could not accuse Claudius.

And while he was thus thinking came Horatic, a fellow student of his, from Wittenberg.

"What brought you here?" asked Hamlet, when he had greeted his friend kindly.

"I came, my lord, to see your father's funeral."

"I think it was to see my mother's wedding," said Hamlet, bitterly. "My father! We shall not look upon his like again."

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"My lord," answered Heratio "I think I saw him yesternight."

Then, while Hamlet listened in surprise Horatio told how he, with two gentlemen of the guard, had seen the King's ghost on the battlements. Hamlet went that night, and true enough, at midnight, the ghost of the King, in the armour he had been wont to wear, appeared on the battlements in the chill moonlight, Hamlet was a brave youth. Instead of running away from the ghost he spoke to it-and when it beckoned him he followed it to a quiet place, and there the ghost told him that what he had suspected was true. The wicked Claudius had indeed killed his good brother the King, by dropping poison) into his ear as he slept in his orchard in the afternoon.

"And you," said the ghost, "must avenge this cruel murder — on my wicked brother. But do nothing against HAMLET.

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Mania (mé'ni-ą). A form of insanity marked by an exalted but perverted mental activity.

the Queen-for I have loved her, and she is your mother. Remember me."

Then seeing the morning approach, the ghost vanished.

"Now," said Hamlet, "there is nothing left but revenge. Remember thee I will remember nothing else—books, pleasure, youth—let all go—and your commands alone live on my brain."

So when his friends came back he

made them swear to keep the secret of the ghost, and then went in from the battlements, now grey with mingled dawn and moonlight, to think how he might best/avenge his murdered father.

The shock of seeing and hearing his father's ghost made him feel almost mad, and for fear that his uncle might notice that he was not himself, he determined to hide his mad longing for revenge under a pretended madness in other matters.

And when he met Ophelia, who loved him—and to whom he had given gifts, and letters, and many loving words he behaved so wildly to her, that she could not but think him mad For she loved him so that she could not believe he would be as cruel as this, unless he were quite mad. So she told her father, and showed him a pretty letter from Hamlet And in the letter was much folly, and this pretty verse"Doubt that the stars are fire ; Doubt that the sun doth move ; Doubt truth to be a liar ; But the doubt I love."

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And from ime everyone believed that the cause of Hamlet's supposed madness was love

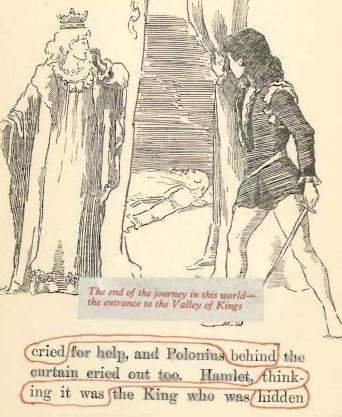
Poor Hamlet was very unhappy. He longed to obey his father's ghost—and yet he was too gentle and kindly to wish to kill another man, even his father's murderer. And sometimes he wondered whether, after all, the ghost spoke truly.

Just at this time some actors came to the Court, and Hamlet ordered them to perform a certain play before the King and Queen. Now, this play was the story of a man who had been murdered in his garden by a near relation, who afterwards married the dead man's wife.

You may imagine the feelings of the wicked King, as he sat on his throne

with the Queen beside him and all his Court around, and saw, acted on the stage, the very wickedness that he had himself done. And when, in the play, the wicked relation poured poison into the ear of the sleeping man, the wicked Claudius suddenly rose and staggered from the room—the Qr and others following.

Now the Queen sent for Hamlet, by the King's desire, to scold him for his conduct during the play and for other matters; and Claudius wishing to know exactly what happened, told old Polonius to hide himself behind the hangings in the Queen's room. And as they talked, the Queen got frightened at Hamlet's rough, strange words and



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there, thrust with his sword at the hangings, and killed, not the King, but poor old Polonius.

So now Hamlet had offended his uncle and his mother, and by bad hap killed his true love's father.

"Oh! what a rash and bloody deed is this," cried the Queen.

And Hamlet answered bitterly, "Almost as bad as to kill a king, and marry his brother." Then Hamlet told the Queen plainly all his thoughts and how he knew of the murder and begged her, at least, to have no more friendship or kindness of the base Claudius, who had killed the good King. And as they spoke the King's ghost again appeared before Hamlet, but the Queen could not see it. So when the ghost had gone, they parted.

When the Queen told Claudius what had passed, and how Polonius was dead, he said, "This shows plainly that Hamlet is mad, and since he has killed the Chancellor, it is for his own safety that we must carry out our plan, and send him away to England."

So Hamlet was sent, under charge of two courtiers who served the King, and these bore letters to the English Court, requiring that Hamlet should be put to death. But Hamlet had the good sense to get at these letters, and put in others instead, with the names of the two courtiers who were so ready to betray him. Then, as the vessel went to England, Hamlet escaped on board a pirate ship, and the two wicked courtiers left him to his fate, and went on to meet theirs.

Hamlet hurried home, but in the meantime a dreadful thing had happened. Poor pretty Ophelia, having lost her lover and her father, lost her wits toe, and went in sad madness about

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the Court, with flowers in he scraps of song pretty talk to it. And on where willows grew, she tried to hang a flowery garland on a willow, and fell into the water with all her flowers, and so died.

And Hamlet had loved her, though his plan of seeming madness had made him hide it; and when he came back, he found the King and Queen, and the Court, weeping at the funeral of his dear love and lady.

Ophelia's brother, Laertes, had also just come to Court to ask justice for the death of his father, old Polonius; and now, wild with grief, he leaped into his sister's grave to clasp her in his arms once more.

"I loved her more than forty thousand brothers," cried Hamlet, and leapt into the grave after him, and they fought till they were parted.

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Afterwards Hamlet begged Laertes to forgive him.

"I could not bear," he said, "that any, even a brother, should seem to love her more than L"

But the wicked Claudius would not let them be friends He told Laertes how Hamlet

had killed old Polonius, and between them they made a 4 plot to slay Hamlet by treachery. Laertes challenged him to a fencing match and all the Court were

Glittering Generality.

³⁶ HAMLET. present. Hamlet had i Munt foil always used in fencing, but Laertes had prepared for himself a sword, sharp, and in the poison And the wicked rung had made ready a bowl of poisoned wine, which he meant to give poor mlet when he should grow warm the sword play, and drink.

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changed his own blunt sword for Laertes sharp and poisoned one. And with one thrust of it he pierced Laertes, who fell dead by his own treachery. At this ment the Queen cried out, the King had pre-King saw the was, he real wed, fall dead by his

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the two courtiers who had been sent to England Hamlet at last found

courage to do the ghost's bidding and avenge his father's murder—which, if he had braced up his heart to do long before, all these lives had been spared, and none had suffered but the wicked King, who well deserved to die.

Hamlet, his heart at last being great enough to do the deed he ought, turned the poisoned sword on the false King.

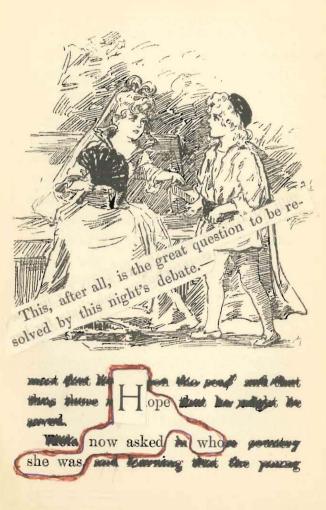
"Then-venom-do thy work !" he cried, and the King died.

So Hamlet in the end kept the promise he had made his father. And all being now accomplished, he himself died. And those who stood by saw him die with prayers and tears, for his friends and his people loved him with their whole hearth. Thus ends the tragic tale of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. DISEASES OF THE EYELIDS. NIGH FLF Willie of Winnie was deeply in love with a beentical Barrellos manach Olivia. Yas was a have in vain too discharged inte save maren ware possiblely died, the ugat March a prosuppor from the Barkey sidding him him hat the master place for seven yeens she would not let the very star behold her face, but that, the a pun,

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"Cive me thy hand/ Casho alled in gladness, "Then shalt he my wife, and my tanople queen?

Minus was the gentle With made happy while Minut in Schastian a constant lover, and a good kushand, built he in her a true and loving whie.



WING MEAN was old and tired. He was aweary of the business of his kingdom, and wished only to end his days quietly near his three daughters. Two of his daughters were married to the Dukes of Albany and Cornwall, and the Duke of Burgundy and the King of France were both suitors for the hand of Cordelia, his youngest daughter.

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Letr called his three daughters together and told them that he proposed to divide his kingdom between them. "But first," said he, " I should like to know how much you love me."

Generil, who was really a very wicked woman, and did not lave her father at all said she loved him more than words could say; she loved him dearer than eyesight, space or liberty, more than life, grace, health, beauty, and honour.

"I love you as much as my sister and more?" professed Regan, " since 4 care for nothing but my father's love?"

Loar was very much pleased with Régan's professions, and turned to his youngest daughter, Cordelia, "Now, our joy though last not least," he said, "the kest part of my hingdom have "I hapt for you. What can you say?" "Nothing, my load," answered Cordelia.

"Nothing can come of nothing Speak again" said the King.

And Cordelia answered, "I love your Majesty according to my duty-no more, no less."

And this she said, because she was disgusted with the way in which her sisters professed love, when really they had not even a right sense of duty to their old father

"I am your daughter," she went on, "and you have brought me up and loved me, and I return you those dufies back as are right and fit, obey you, love you, and most honoor you."

Lear, who laved Cordelia best, had wished her to make more extravagant professions of love than her sisters. "Go," he said, " be for ever a stranger to my heart and me?"

The Earl of Kent, one of Lear's invourite courtiers and captains, tried to say a word for Cordelia's sake, but



Lear would not listen. He divided the kingdom between Goneril and Regan, and told them that he should only keep a hundred knights at arms, and would live with his daughters by turns.

When the Dicke of Burgundy knew that Cordelia would have no chare of

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the kingdom, he gave up his countship of her. But the King of France was wiser, and said, "Thy dowerless daughter, King, is Queen of us-of ours, and our fair France."

"Take her, take her," said the King; "for I will never see that face of hers again."

So Cordelia became Queen of France, and the Earl of Kent, for having ventured to take her part, was banished from the kingdom. The King now went to stay with his daughter Goneril, who had got everything from her father that he had to give, and now began to grudge even the hundred knights that he had reserved for himself. The was harsh and undutiful to him, and her servants either refused to obey his orders or pretended that the did not hear them.

Now the Earl of Kent, when he was banished, made as though he would go into another country, but instead he came back in the disguise of a servingman and took service with the King. The King had new two friends—the Earl of Kent, whom he only knew as his servant, and his Fool, who was faithful to him. General told he father plainly that his knights only served to fill her Court with riot and feasting; and so she begged him only to keep a few old men about him such as himself.

" My train are men who know all parts of duty," said hear. " Generil, I will not trouble you further-yet I have left another daughter?"

And his horses being saddled, he set out with his followers for the sistle of Regan. But she, who had formerly outdone her sister in professions of attachment to the King, new seemed to outdo her in unduitiful confluct, saying that fifty knights were too many to with on him, and Generil (who had

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hurried thither to prevent Regan showing any kindness to the old King) said five were too many, since her servants could wait on him.

Then when Lear saw that what they really wanted was to drive him away, he left them. It was a wild and stormy night, and he wandered about the heath half mad with misery, and with no companion but the poor Fool. But presently his servant, the good Earl of Kent, met him, and thist persuaded) him to le dow tched little hovel.) At day et di Kent removed his Dover, and hurried to the nes to tell Cordelia what Cordelia's l and with it day there Here she found poor wandering about the fields, wearing gerown of nettles and weeds. They brought him bitch and fed and clothed him,

and Gordelia same to him and bissed

"You must bear with me?" said Lear; "forget and forgive. I am old and foolish."

And now he knew at last which of his children it was that had loved him best, and who was worthy of his love.

Generil and Regan joined their armies to fight Cordelia's army, and were successful, and Cordelia and her father were thrown into prison. Then Generil's husband, the Duke of Albany, who was a good man, and had not known how wicked his wife was, heard the truth of the whole story, and when Generil found that her husband knew her for the wicked woman she was, she killed herself, having a little time before given a deadly poison to her sister, Regan, out of a spirit of jealousy.

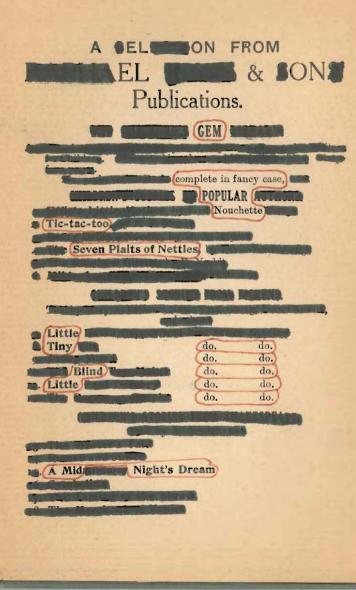
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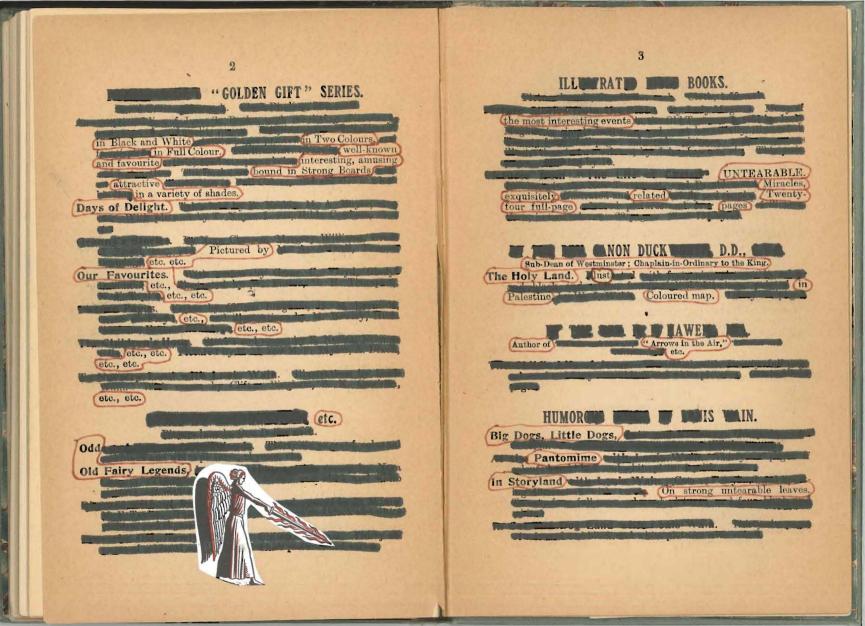
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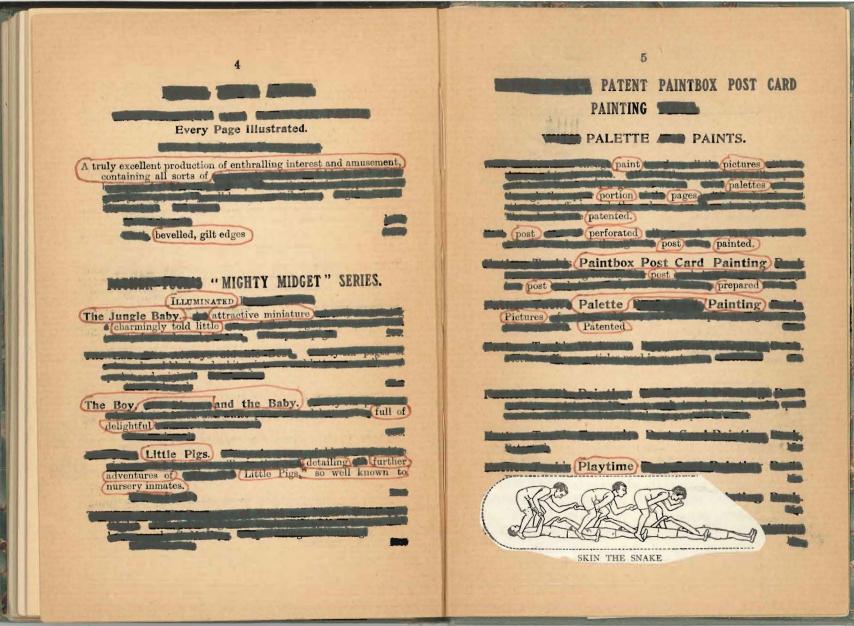
the Duke of Albany sent messengers at once it was too late The dd King came staggering into the tent of the Duke of Albany, carrying the body of his dear daughter Cordelia in his arms. And soon after, with words of love for her upon his lips, he fell with her still in his arms, and died.

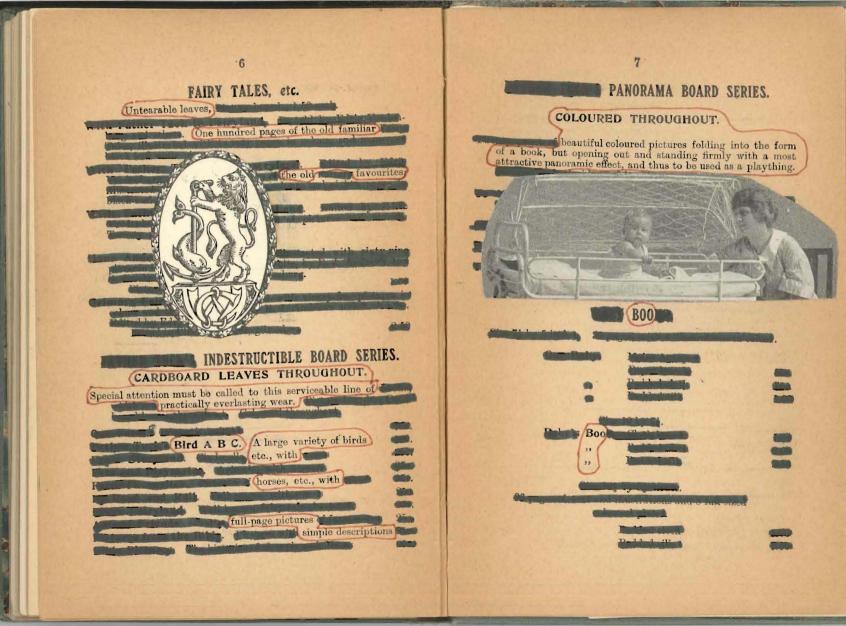


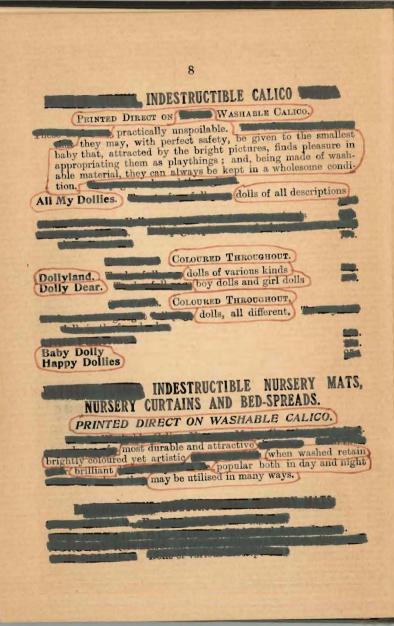
To none of these is another necessary that he may remember, conceive, or love : since each taken by himself is memory and intelligence and love and all that is necessarily inherent in the supreme Being.













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