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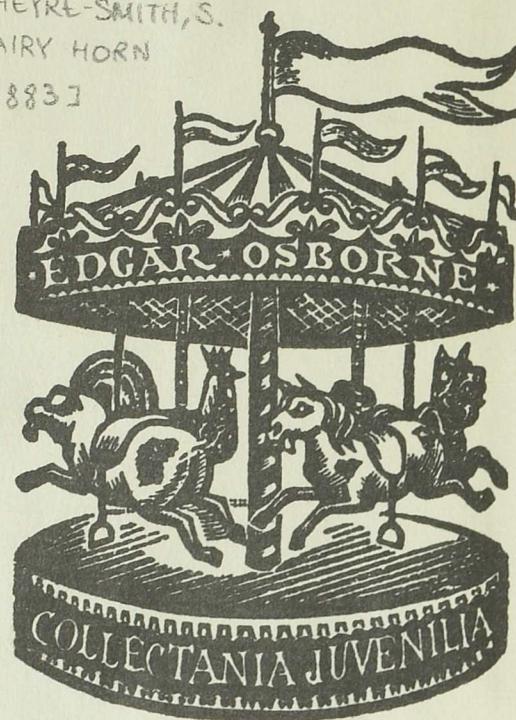
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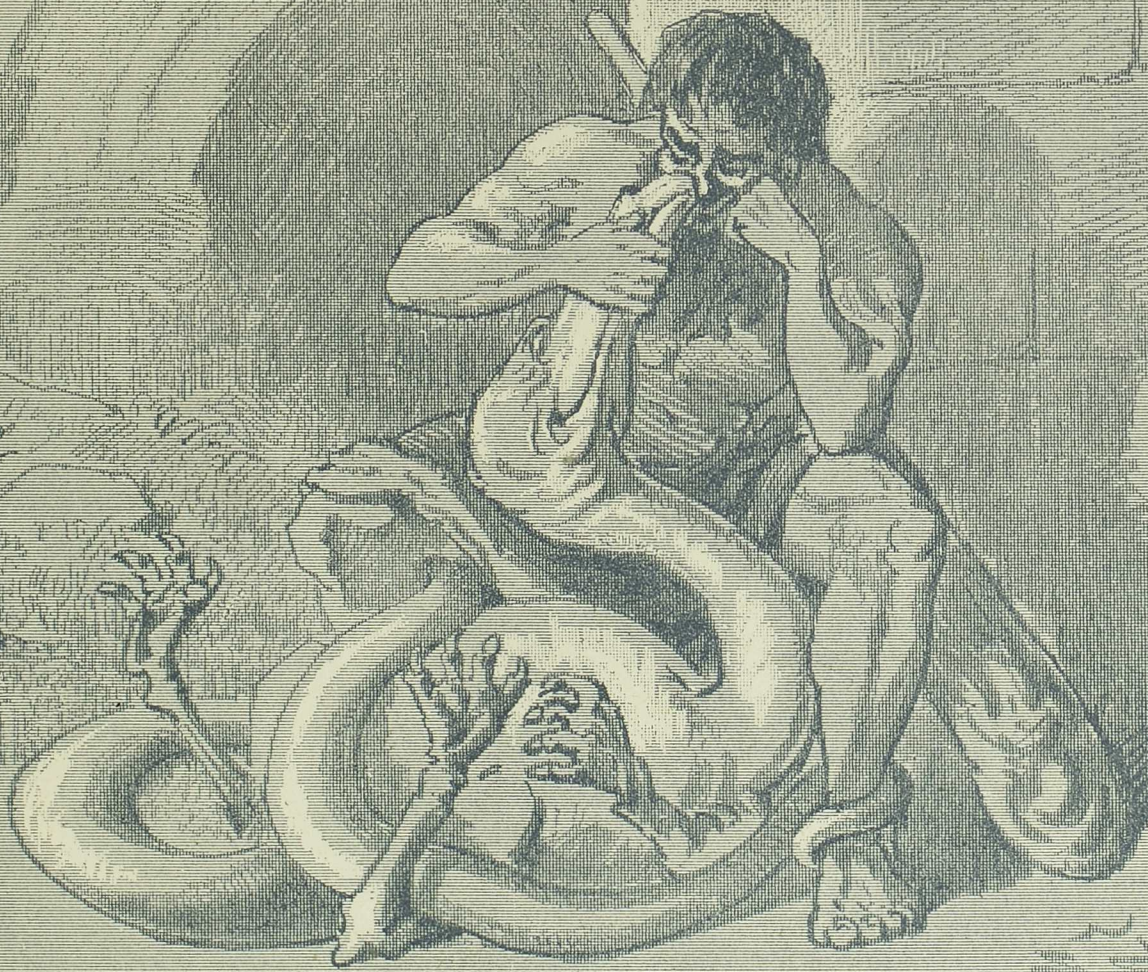
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THE FAIRY HORN



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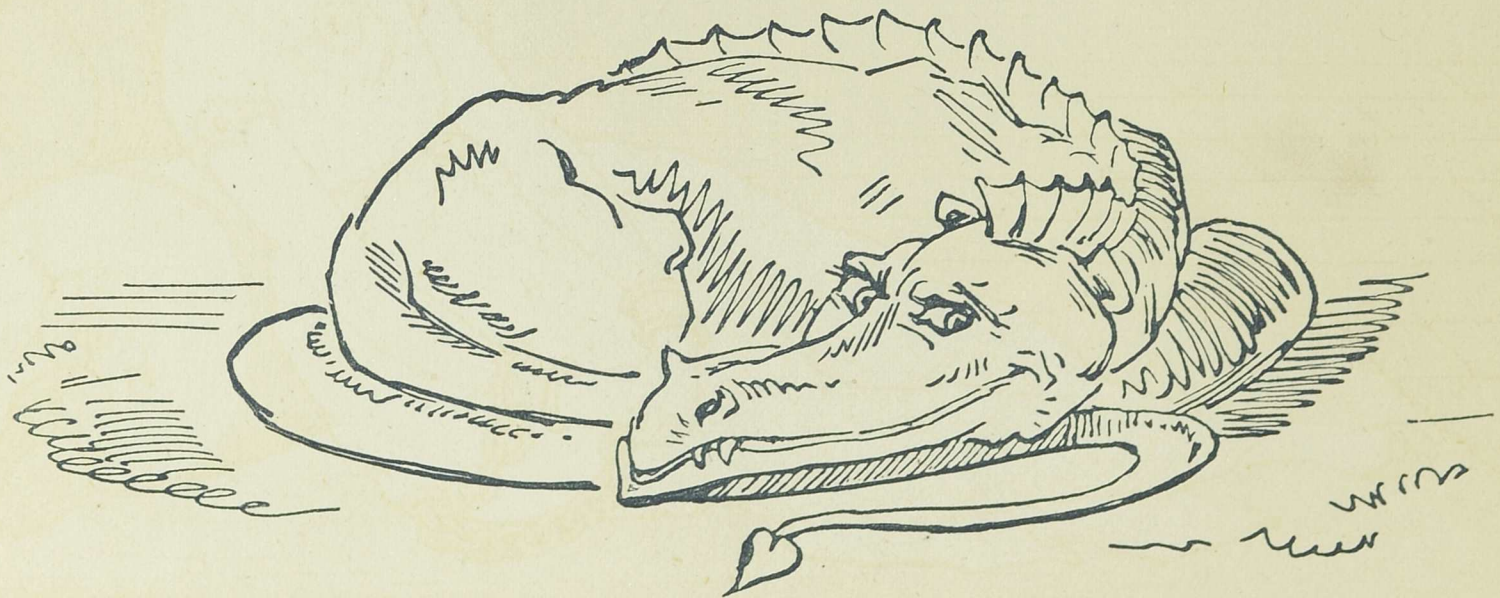
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Fitte the First.



A CAPTIVE in the Giant's hold—

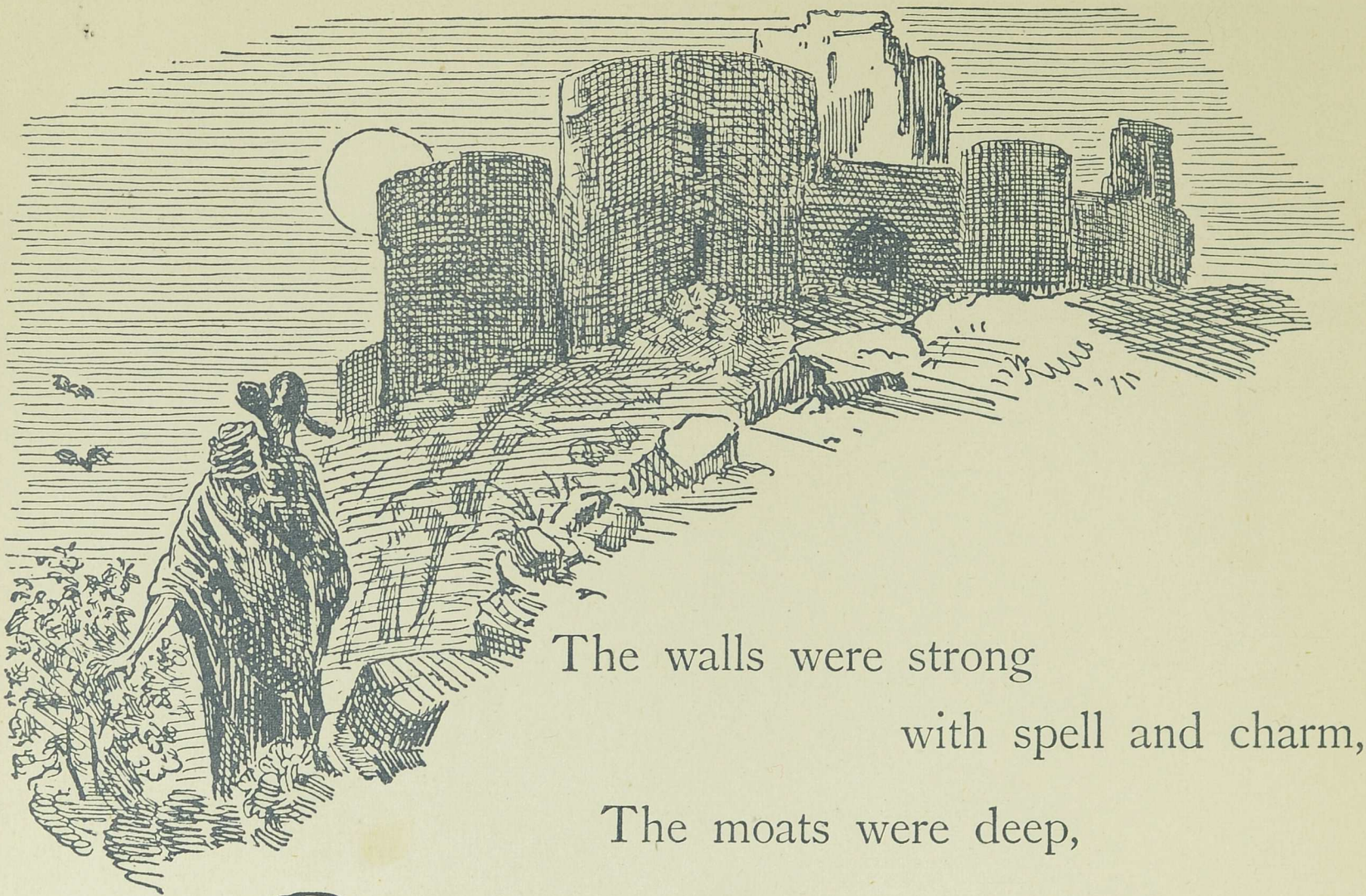
The dark Enchanter's hold—she lay:



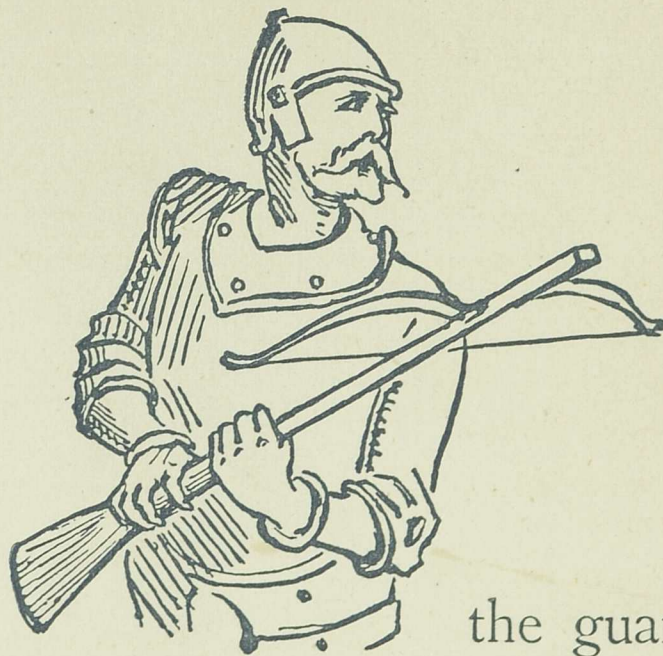
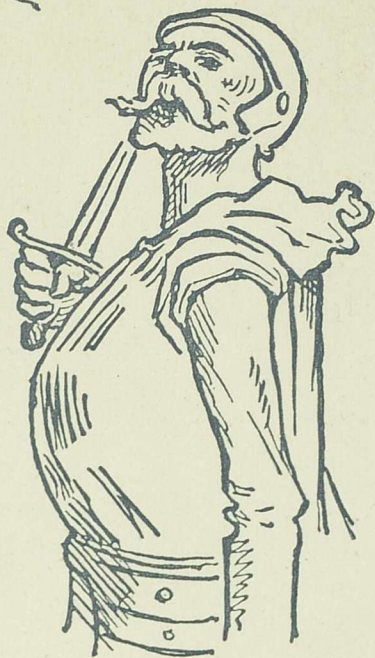
And, coiling scaly fold in fold,

The Dragon watched from day to day.





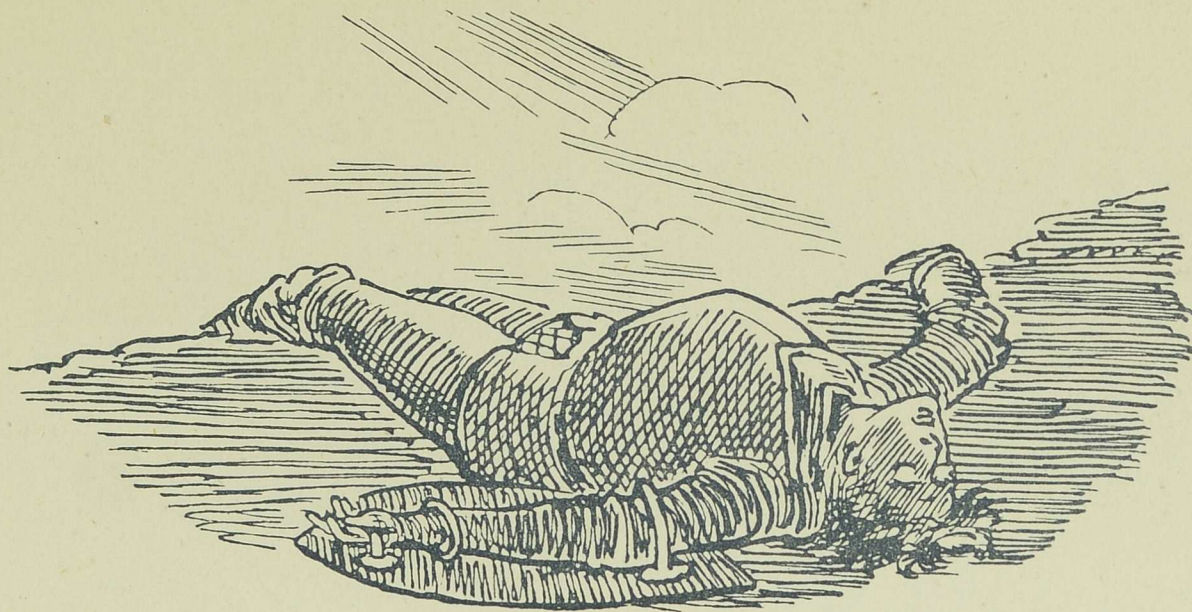
The walls were strong
with spell and charm,
The moats were deep,



the guards were bold.

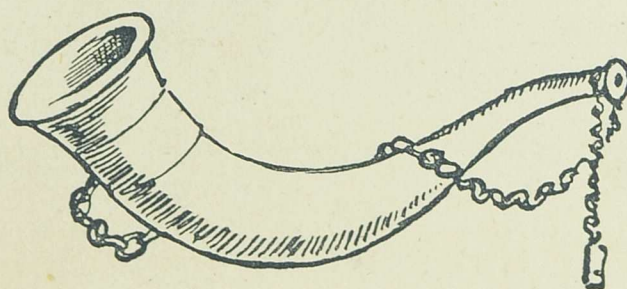
Oh! who can brook the Giant's arm?

Or who can burst the Dragon's fold?



The walls had rung with clash and shout ;
With dint of feet the turf was worn ;
Red splashes marked the stones about ;
Yet none could sound the Fairy Horn.

And still the Dragon watching lay,
From morn to night, from night to morn ;
And still the Giant held his prey,
Till one should sound the Fairy Horn.



Fitte the Second.



He crossed the moats, though they were deep,
He passed the guards, though they were bold;





He sauntered up the castle steep,



And stood before the Giant's hold.

A youth of presence like a girl :

His hair like silk, his eyes like flowers ;

Serenely playing with a curl,

He gazed upon the gloomy towers.

He pinched his ears to make them red,

He waved his hands to make them white,

His long hair blew about his head—

In troth, he was a pretty sight.



His trim sword dangled at his side,
Against his hip his hand was set,
And rather vanity than pride
Shone in his eyes' pure violet.



About him lay the valiant dead,
Around him stretched the fatal field;
He laughed aloud, and idly read
The legend on each broken shield.

Read with a fashionable drawl,
And sneered a pretty sneer to see

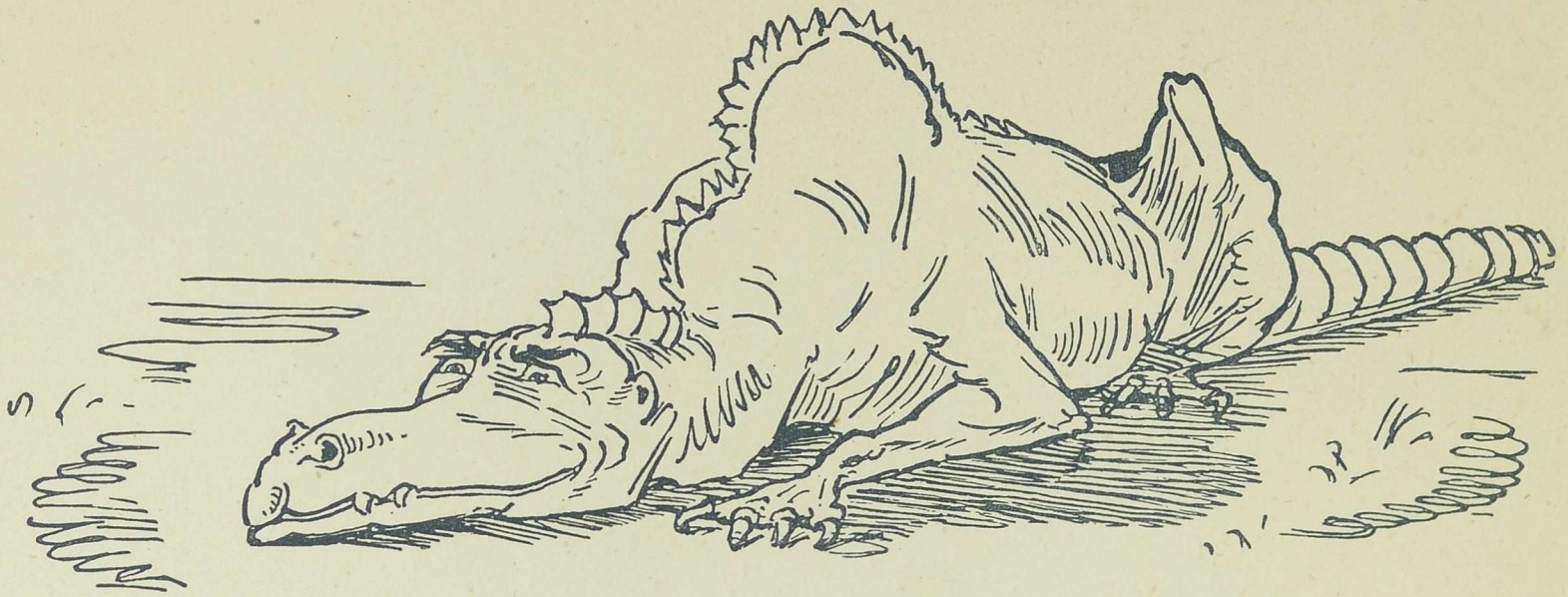


That "Virtus" had not conquered all,
Nor "Veritas" held victory.

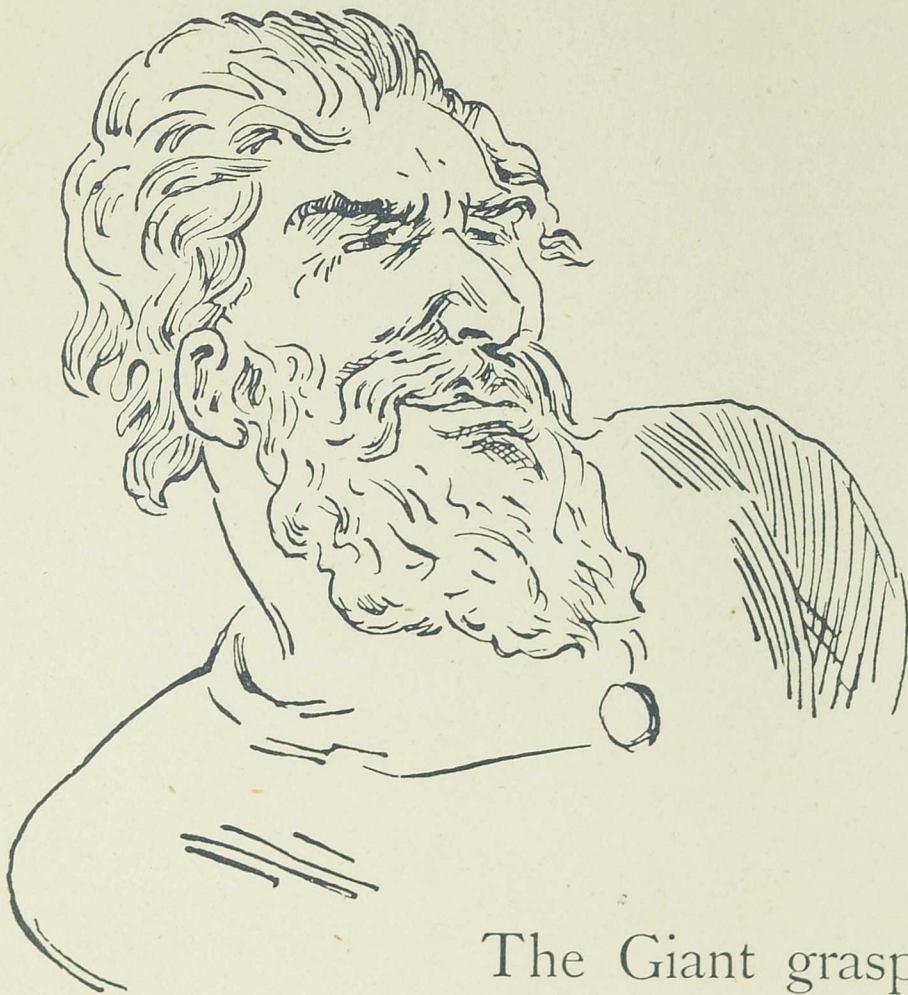


Then flung his golden curls aside,
That, like a fountain, round him poured:
“Way for the Fairy Prince!” he cried,
And gave a flourish with his sword.

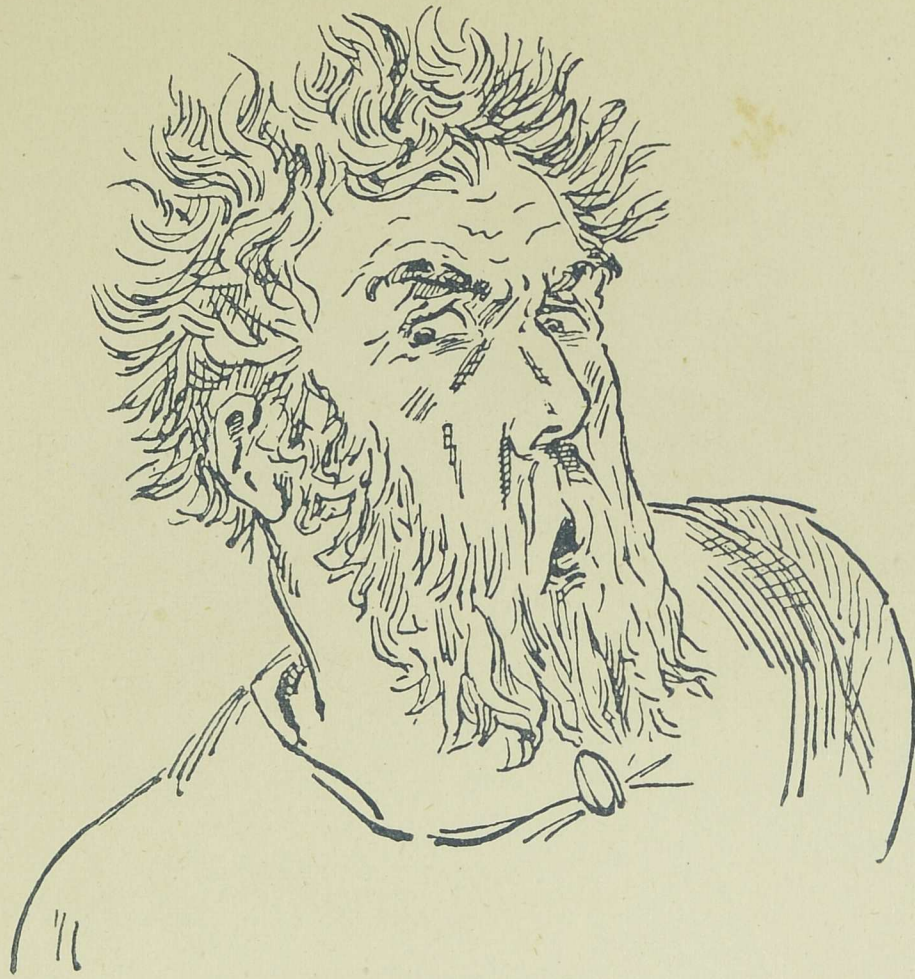
Fitte the Third.



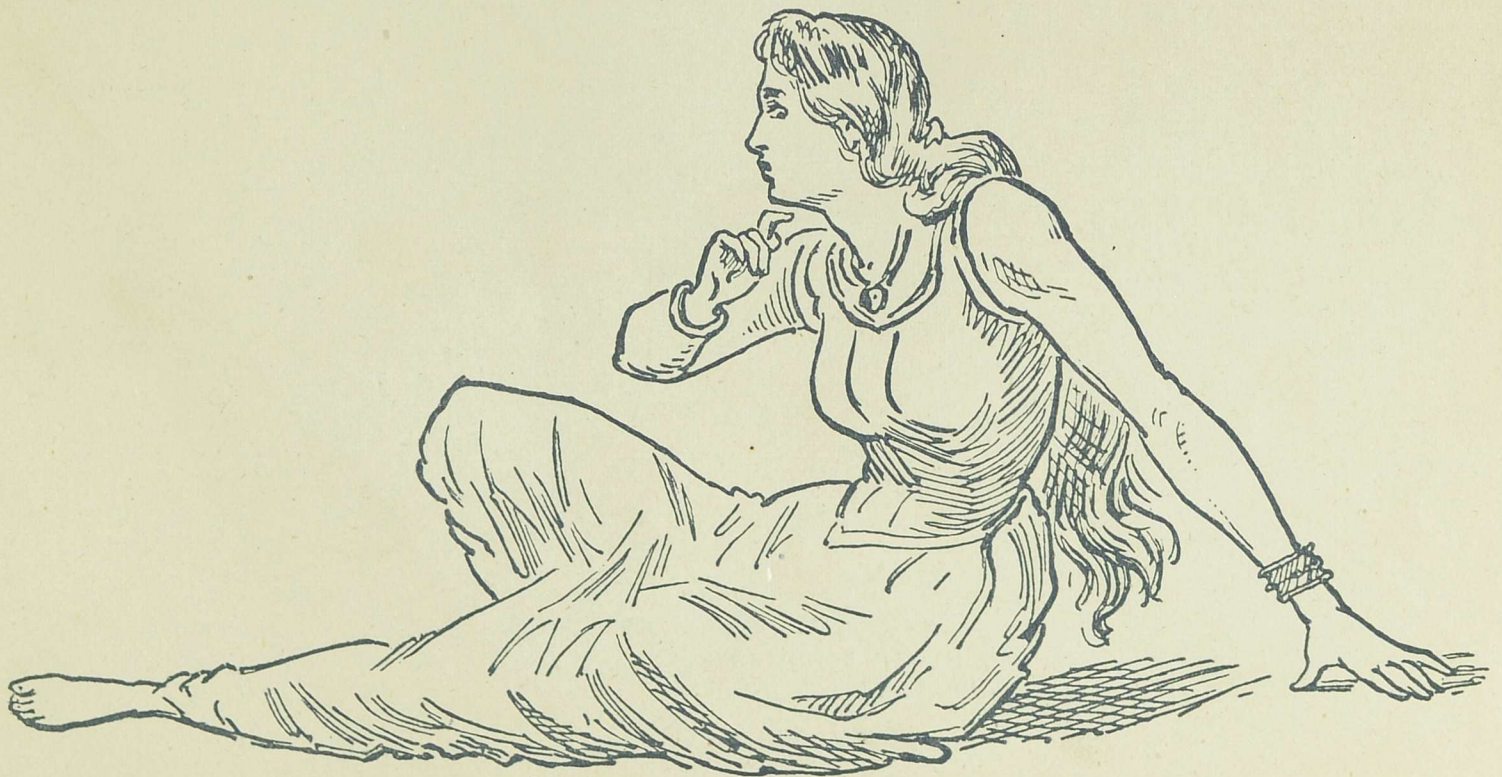
The Dragon grimly lies in wait,



The Giant grasps his club in scorn:—

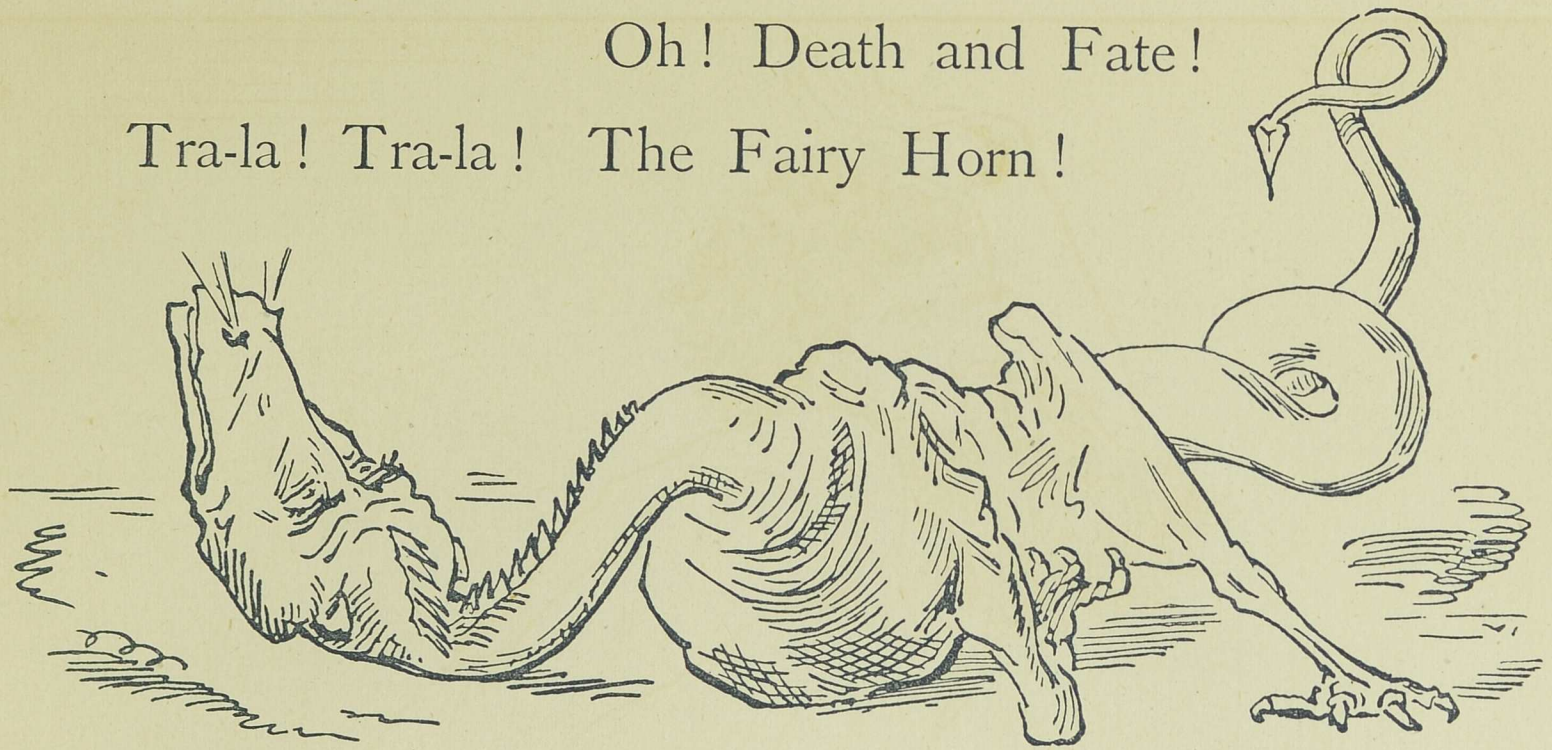


What sound is that?





Oh! Death and Fate!
Tra-la! Tra-la! The Fairy Horn!



The Fairy Horn! The Fairy Horn!

The Dragon dies upon the lea.

The Fairy Horn! The Fairy Horn!

The Giant howls, and

where is he?





The Fairy Horn! The Fairy Horn!

And spell and charm have lost their power.

Through widening fissures looks the morn,

Through dismal gaps in wall and tower,





Through ghastly cracks that spread and fly
Till all the mass to earth is borne:
A deafening crash, that drowns for aye
The echoes of the Fairy Horn.

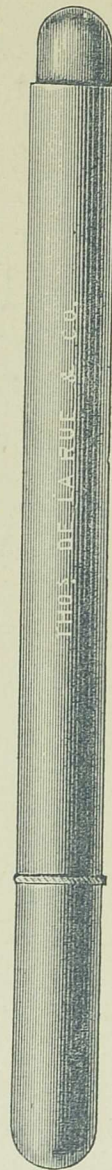
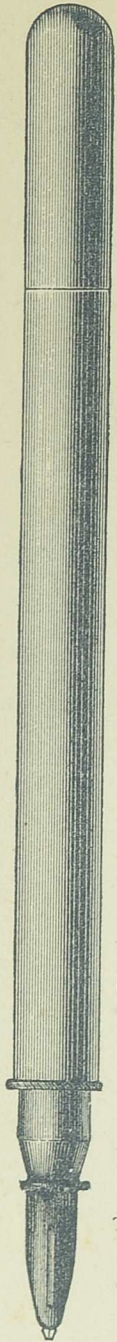
And through the dust-cloud rising dense,
And o'er the ruins widely strown,
She trips to meet the Fairy Prince,
And love and joy are all his own.



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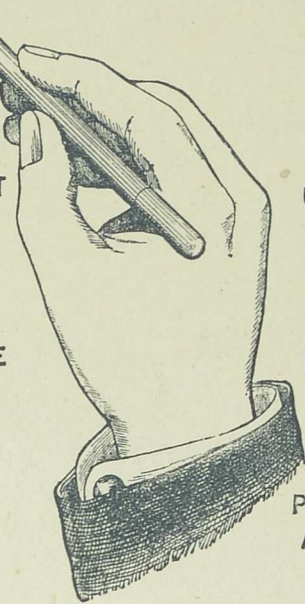
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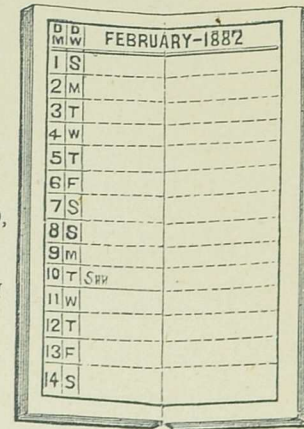
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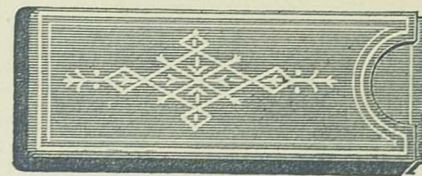
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