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GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES
ODDS AND ENDS

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Grimm, Jacob (1785-1863) and Wilhelm (1786-1859) - German philologists whose collection "Kinder- und Hausmarchen," known in English as "Grimm's Fairy Tales," is a timeless literary masterpiece. The brothers transcribed these tales directly from folk and fairy stories told to them by common villagers. Odds and Ends (1812) - A pretty, but idle and negligent maiden loses her suitor to an industrious servant who makes a beautiful gown out of the scraps the lazy maiden threw away.

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THERE WAS once on a time a maiden who was pretty, but idle and negligent.

When she had to spin she was so out of temper that if there was a little knot in the flax, she at once pulled out a whole heap of it, and strewed it about on the ground beside her. Now she had a servant who was industrious, and gathered together the bits of flax which were thrown away, cleaned them, span them fine, and had a beautiful gown made out of them for herself.

A young man had wooed the lazy girl, and the wedding was to take place. On the eve of the wedding, the industrious one was dancing merrily about in her pretty dress, and the bride said, "Ah, how that girl does jump about, dressed in my odds and ends." The bridegroom heard that, and asked the bride what she meant by it. Then she told him that the girl was wearing a dress made of the flax which she had thrown away. When the bridegroom heard that and saw how idle she was, and how industrious the poor girl was, he gave the lazy girl up, went to the other, and chose her as his wife.

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