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Here we have a useful and very important book for every library. The increased use of the story hour in work with children and the ever widening use of fables and myths in school work have made the need of this index so real, it seems as if the only notice this book needs, is the announcement by title of its publication. Still we may give a short account of what it contains. It includes Fairy tales, Fables, Stories from Greek and Norse mythology which are most frequently called for, Hero stories, and such modern stories as "Leak in the dyke," which, though not strictly fairy tale or legend, are constantly asked for by teachers and story-tellers. The book is a title index, with cross references from variant titles to that best known, or most descriptive. Cross references from one story to another are given to aid story-tellers by suggesting similar stories in case the one wished for is not obtainable. There are also references from subjects — holidays, stars, etc., — to aid in identifying stories of which the title has been forgotten. The indexing of the stories in the various editions of Grimm, Andersen, and Æsop is worked out well, showing the variation of titles, and the edition. Titles marked with an asterisk (*) are suitable for small children. The book has at the end a list of the books analyzed — nearly five hundred in all, arranged by authors.

—*Bulletin of Bibliography and Dramatic Index*, Vol.8

Title index to fairy tales and fables, the most popular stories from Greek and Norse mythology, and a few modern stories, which, though not strictly fairy tale or legend, are constantly in demand; with cross references from variant titles to those best known or most descriptive, and subject references. Versions suitable for small children are starred. Contains a list of the books wholly or partly analyzed, about five hundred.

—*A.L.A. Booklist*, Vol. 2

The annotation is intended to give a clue to the identification of the story— more necessary, perhaps, with the simpler tales in the dramatic readers, since the play titles are frequently unlike those of the fairy tales and fables from which they are adapted. Additional help in finding certain stories may be found in Mary Huse Eastman's Index to fairy tales, myths and legends, which indicates variants of the same story.

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