

#### Cover image

Decorative book design showing fairies on and around a plant trellis of *Convolvulus*, holding natural objects including shells. One is shown in flight pouring water over the book title to create icicles; others create breezes and hold lights.

Front cover of the book *The fairy-land of science* by Arabella B. Buckley (Edward Stanford, London, 1879).

The cover decoration was used for the children's book of science, written and illustrated by Arabella Buckley, who championed science education. She used the notion of 'new' magical and often invisible (or misunderstood) forces, such as gravity, electricity and magnetism, being intrinsically more interesting than the 'old' magic of folklore and fairies.

Arabella Burton Buckley [married name Fisher] (1840-1929) British populariser of science, acted as secretary to Sir Charles Lyell FRS until his death in 1879.

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