

**THE ISLAND OF THE
RAINBOW: A FAIRY TALE,
AND OTHER FANCIES**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649616787

The Island of the Rainbow: A Fairy Tale, and Other Fancies by Mrs. Newton Crosland

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

MRS. NEWTON CROSLAND

**THE ISLAND OF THE
RAINBOW: A FAIRY TALE,
AND OTHER FANCIES**



"The great Court ladies declared that they would never dance on anything thicker than
a smooth elastic spider's web."—p. 8.

THE
ISLAND OF THE RAINBOW.

A Fairy Tale.

AND

OTHER FANCIES.

BY

MRS. NEWTON CROSLAND,

AUTHOR OF "MRS. BLAKE," "HILDRED THE DAUGHTER," ETC.

ILLUSTRATED.

"Such shaping fantasies, that apprehend
More than cool reason ever comprehends."
A Midsummer Night's Dream.

LONDON:
GEORGE ROUTLEDGE AND SONS,
BROADWAY, LUDGATE HILL.
1866.

[The right of Translation and Reproduction is reserved.]

250. m. 259.

DALIEL BROTHERS, CAMDEN PRESS.



THESE PAGES
ARE AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED
TO
THE CHILDREN OF
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clark,
WHOSE NAMES ARE HONOURED
WHEREVER
ART IS APPRECIATED

Contents.



THE ISLAND OF THE RAINBOW.

CHAPTER I.

	Page
HOW THE FAIRYLAND'S END WAS BROKEN OFF	1

CHAPTER II.

KING NEPTUNE AND QUEEN MAB	32
--------------------------------------	----

CHAPTER III.

THE RAINBOW STEPS	65
-----------------------------	----



THE LEGEND OF ST. CHRISTOPHER	101
---	-----

WHAT THE WIND SAID TO THE CHILDREN	119
--	-----

THE ISLAND OF THE RAINBOW.

CHAPTER I.

How the Fairyland's End was broken off.

"We shall have shortly discord in the spheres."
SHAKESPEARE—*As You Like It.*



ONCE upon a time, a strange and sudden accident happened in Fairyland. A piece of the solid mainland was broken sharp off, and sailed away for I cannot tell you how long a time, till it came to the confines of

our part of the world, when it settled down as an island just where the rainbow dips into the sea.

Fairyland was ruled over by Oberon and Titania then, just as it is now. Of course you know all about that Fairy King and Queen, and how they had a quarrel once, which, as quarrels generally do, caused all sorts of mischief. However, they were young and inexperienced at that time, and I suppose hot tempered; but, at any rate, they soon "made it up," and their reconciliation was a very pretty affair. No doubt they have lived quite happily ever since, or some mischief-making sprite, loving gossip and evil speaking, would have been sure to bring us the tidings of another dispute.

But I must tell you the way in which the accident happened. Oberon had gone to the wars, leaving Titania Queen Regent in his *absence*. She had rather wished to retain,