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The Children of Diana, or How the Fairies Were Born

Diana, Queen of the Serpents, Giver of the Gift of Languages

Diana as Giving Beauty and Restoring Strength

Note

Moon, O Moon, if it may be,
Bring good fortune unto me!"

"And then, if thou has money in thy pocket, thou wilt have it doubled.

"For the children who are born in a full moon are sons or daughters of the Moon, especially when they are born of a Sunday when there is a high tide.

"Alta marea, luna piena, sai,
Grande uomo sicuro tu sarei."

"Full moon, high sea,
Great man shalt thou be!"

Then the young man, who had only a *paolo*³⁵ in his purse, touched it, saying:--

"Luna mia, bella Luna,
Mia sempre bella Luna!"

"Moon, Moon, beautiful Moon,
Ever be my lovely Moon!"

And so the young man, wishing to make money, bought and sold and made money, which he doubled every month.

But it came to pass that after a time, during one month he could sell nothing, so made nothing. So by night he said to the Moon--

"Luna mia, Luna bella!
Che io amo più di altra stella!
Dimmi perche e fatato
Che io gnente (niente) ho guadagnato?"

"Moon, O Moon, whom I by far
Love beyond another star,
Tell me why it was ordained
That I this month have nothing gained?"

Then there appeared to him a little shining elf, who said:--

³⁵ Fivepence Roman money.

