

"'No,' said the Prince, 'I live here always, but my scarlet dress is new every summer. It is strange that you have not seen me before. You are that cruel Princess, the Queen of the West Wind. Why do you come here? You are too rough. Go back to your home beneath the sea.'

"The Queen said: 'But I love you, and

"'No, Princess,' he said, 'I do not love you. I love a gentle little maiden who dwells by the river. I have watched you when you are angry, when you sweep over the sea, and dash the waves against the shore. One can never trust you, beautiful, cruel Queen!'"

"Then the Queen grew very angry, and



"A BEAUTIFUL FAIRY ROSE UP OUT OF THE RIVER."

wish to take you to my home. It is far more beautiful than this place, where everything is green, except your scarlet coat. Come with me, for I have many wonderful treasures, and you shall ride all day over the waves, and play in the sunshine with my sea fairies.'

"But the Prince would not go.

swept away over the bush to the sea and down to her coral home, leaving behind her a track of desolation.

"Her fairy maidens met her at the Palace gates, and escorted her through the cool green shadows to her throne, where she threw herself down, saying: 'The Prince must come. Call my soldiers!'"