PEEPS INTO FAIRYLAND
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One of the earliest references to fairies having wings is from 1717. It wasn’t until the Victorian era (1837–1901) that fairies as small, winged beings became popularized. (Drawing from Peeps into Fairyland, 1924.)
THE Fairies live
in the nicest
and most delight-
ful places. Here is
Cobweb House which
was built for two little
Elves by Sir Spider.

In books, hills, fairy doors, caverns and rings in nature are often
portals to the fairy realm. This realm may be known as Faerie, Elfhame,
Fairyland or other names. (Drawing from Peeps into Fairyland, 1924.)
Fairy Queen wears the loveliest and most wonderful clothes of all her Courtiers.

Fairy royalty are sometimes referred to as "The Gentry". Usually, there are two courts — one made of good fairies, and one made of bad. Usually, they are led by Fairy Queens. (Drawing from Peeps into Fairyland, 1924.)
The word "fairy" may be based on the word fatum or fata, Latin for "fate(s)." Or it may be from faer, "to enchant" in French. Others say it may be an abbreviation of "Fair Folk." (Drawing from Peeps into Fairyland, 1924.)
A BEAUTIFUL little Fairy
will make some Elfin
Gold Dust over you

There's a long history of fairies helping people and giving them gifts. But some fairies play wicked tricks on people — mostly to those who are ungrateful or dishonest. (Drawing from Peeps into Fairyland, 1924.)
As cities grew, and wild places shrunk, belief in fairies waned. In The Canterbury Tales (1387), Geoffrey Chaucer writes that the time of "fayerye" was "manye hundred yeres ago." (Drawing from Peeps into Fairyland, 1924.)