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Verbena a Sacred Plant.
The verbena plant was held in the greatest veneration by the ancient Romans, who believed that a few leaves of it worn on the person would protect against injury, and Roman brides who gathered and wore a wreath of verbena were considered fortunate.

The plant came by its name from an old Roman custom. Whenever a dispute was had with another nation an official called verbernerius was sent to discuss it with the offending country. This official wore a wreath of verbena. If war was decided upon an iron-tipped spear with a sprig of verbena tied to it was shot into enemy territory, as a declaration of war.

The Druids dedicated the verbena to their priestess, gathering it at the full moon. No one was allowed to touch it with the hands. It was uprooted by being tied to the foot of a young girl. Hungarian gypsies believe that if a cut is made in the palm of the hand and a tiny piece of verbena leaf is placed in it and the wound allowed to heal over the person will be able to open all locks with a single touch.—Detroit News.

Good Night Stories

By Blanch Silver

Dotty Learns a Few Things From Her Garden.

"I think it's so funny," exclaimed Dotty, as she looked over her garden, where nodded blue, red, yellow and purple blossoms.

"What's so funny?" asked a squeaky voice, and Squeedee, the elfin from Joyland hopped from among the grasses at her feet. "What seems so funny to you, Dotty?"

"Why, how all these flowers can grow in the same flower bed and every one of them be dressed in different colored gowns!" replied Dotty, shaking the little elfin's hand. "It does seem queer, and when you think the color of the dirt is brown, you wonder why they are not all brown blossoms."

"Well, I guess if little folks could answer all the questions that come into their brains they never would be little folks!" laughed Squeedee. "It does seem queer, but dear me, there are so many other things that set us to thinking! First, I'll try and tell you what makes the color in plants."

"The earth is made up of hundreds of different minerals. Each and every plant to grow and bloom successfully must have a certain kind of food. The certain kind of food or mineral produces a certain color. Instead of eating just any mineral in the earth, each plant seeks the kind best suited for its growth and that mineral food has grains of coloring matter in it, and if the flower is better made blue than red, it saps up the color proper for it."

"But it seems so many of them growing in the same spot would not be of so many different colors," laughed Dotty.

"Just the way it should be, however!" laughed Squeedee. "If it wasn't so and all of them wanted the same mineral for their food, they'd soon run out of food color."

"Just what I've been telling my neighbor here," laughed a sweet voice, and a beautiful fairy poked her head out of a bright red rose.

"You see, my sister who lives in the white rose castle thinks she'd like to be blue, like she forget-me-nots. Why, it would be a dreadfully monotonous looking world if we were all the same color! I think things are just as they should be, to make a lovely world."

"So do I," laughed Dotty. "I'd much rather you'd all dress differently. It looks so beautiful to see the colors all mingled together this way."

"Some folks are never content," continued the rose fairy. "Now, for instance, look at Miss Fern, yonder! First, she wanted flowers, then when she got them she didn't want them and gave them away. Then she grew tired standing still. She found a wishing stone one day and wished she could walk."

"And could she?" asked Dotty.

"Sure enough," replied the rose fairy. "She walks everywhere, but the sad part is she lost the wishing stone and now she never gets a chance to rest. She has to go on walking until the end of time. I guess, well, I never complain! I'm happy just to stand still and bloom a beautiful red rose, and I

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"I guess I'm better off than some who are never satisfied."

"Indeed you are," replied Dotty, as she tipped the sparkling dew from a glorious red rose.

"Oh, I don't know!" laughed Missy Walking Fern, merrily. "When I get tired, I stop and sit on my foot in the ground. There I rest until another shoot grows long enough to reach out, then on I go—and see what a lovely carpet of green I make. I've made my wish and have to live up to it, so there's no need to grumble. I'd make the best of it."

Dotty was sorry when mama called her in to lunch, but bidding her, she ran into the house.

In Memory of Captain Dog.
The sun shines o'er the autumn fields,
The woods are bathed in mellow light,
And on the fence the clustering grapes
Gleam tempting—an alighting sight;
A yellow leaf drops slow to earth,
While autumn broods in silence here,
And all is bright and calm and still
As in the days of yester year.

But oh! the sun seems not so bright,
The walk along the old farm lane
Has lost its charm, as all alone
I wend my wandering way again;
For he, that joyed in autumn strolls,
And leaped and barked in raptures
Lies sleeping in his lowly bed
And roams no more the fields with me.

A tribute in my heart I bring,
A loving word in memory,
A wish that I may ever prove
A friend as kind and true as he.
—Helen B. Anderson.

Inventor by a New York man, a new heavy iron for tailors is moved by an electric motor that operates a roller, which is heated by electricity as well as the flat section.

A process has been developed in India for the vulcanisation of crude rubber mixed with a large proportion of waste material, forming a year and weather resisting substance.

Newest Notes Of Science

Hingeless doors that are mounted on pivots have been invented for automobiles.

Cannon loaded with sand are used to break up swarms of locusts in Costa Rica.

Its inventor has patented a spring wire stretcher to smooth wrinkles from neckties.

Paper yarn that resembles linen is being woven into bags and packing cloth in Japan.

A wing nut and gaskets attach a new faucet to oil cans without the use of tools or solder.

According to a Berlin specialist knitting in bed is an excellent antidote for tired nerves.

Two ball bearings, one set above the other in a retaining sleeve, form a new furniture caster.

An English scientist has brought out a new electrical process for coating iron or steel with lead.

A new setting for jewelry is adjustable and can be used to hold gems of different shapes and sizes.

A wireless cooker invented by an English woman is heated by an ordinary incandescent lamp.

Ripping nailed lumber apart without splitting it is the purpose of a Massachusetts inventor's tool.

A process has been developed in Europe for manufacturing brooks in raised characters for the use of the blind.

Using oil for fuel, a new device heats a number of rivets at a time close to where a workman wants to use them.

Petroleum deposits believed to be extensive have been discovered on Mexican islands in the Gulf of California.

For persons who have many packages to tie, a Chicago man has invented a device to hold a ball of twine on one wrist.

A light automobile becoming popular in Paris is steered and controlled with a pair of handlebars like a motorcycle.

After a new umbrella is raised the stick can be moved to one side of the centre to afford better protection to a user.

A stiff collar to be placed around a cow's neck to prevent her drinking her own milk has been patented by a Kentuckian.

More than 400 commercial aeroplanes are in use in England and they have carried more than 60,000 passengers in six months.

A new dictionary contains only words that have come into general use the last few years and defines them with quotations.

Practically all of the electric power used in the Italian city of Milan is obtained from hydro-electric plants in the Alps.

Any coffee pot can be made a peculator by the use of a new attachment so shaped that it fits in place of a lid of any size.

Invented in Australia, a tap which can be screwed into any wooden beverage barrel registers the number of drinks withdrawn.

A Massachusetts woman has patented toy animals with eyes that are so treated with radium that they are luminous in the dark.

Ceylon pearl fisheries are believed to be the world's oldest industry, as they have been carried on for more than thirty centuries.

A ropeless, poleless and pegless tent for tourists is erected by fastening one side to an automobile and the other to sleeping cots.

A process has been invented in Holland for manufacturing a food for swine from fish offal that does not affect the flavor of the pork.

The invention of a resident of Washington, D.C., can be used as a bathtub seat, a seat attached to the foot of a bed or a wall shelf.

For sporting purposes as a rival to the rowboat an Englishman has invented a craft in which hand-operated cranks revolve paddle wheels.

The handle of a recently patented broom is tabular and can be connected to hose so that water flows through the broom when it is desired.

Mexico's production of petroleum has multiplied more than three times in seven years, the output last year exceeding 87,300,000 barrels.

A United States forest service scientist has invented a device to enable a farmer to know how rapidly moisture evaporates from his land.

Tobacco has been grown successfully in an experimental way in New Zealand the last two years and the government will encourage the industry.

A motor truck that straddles the load, picking it up and depositing it where desired, has been designed for handling brick packed in crates.

Africa's famous Ropini falls, the outlet from the Victoria-Nyanza to the Upper Nile, are to be harnessed for the production of electricity.

Lifts can be prevented from slipping with a new stay to be adjustably fastened to their rungs and terminating in a spoke or suction cup.

The French government is planning to begin extensive research in France and its colonies for petroleum deposits and to assist private initiative along that line.

A Swedish paper mill which has been burning 20,000 tons of coal a year has substituted electricity for heating all its steam generating boilers.

To save space in offices a chair and table for stenographers have been combined, one leg of the former curving up and being joined to the latter.

English experimenters have demonstrated the possibility of making newspaper and other papers, from peat, mixed with wood pulp for the finer grades.

An inventor has given a two-wheeled freight or baggage truck a pair of legs hinged to the centre of the handles to enable it to be moved upstairs.

A method has been perfected in Europe for the manufacture of brick from a form of slag made by the contact of molten blast furnace slag and water.

Propellers driven by cranks in the hands of two persons have been patented for small boats, steering being done by pedals connected to the rudders.

A novel rocking chair can be hooked upon a window sill to give a person a safe seat out of doors or can be folded into a horizontal position to serve as a window washer's platform.

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