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Quaint and Interesting Legends of the Lowly Little Plant.

### CALVARY CLOVER ODDITIES.

The Common Red Clover Was Once a Favorite Charm Against Witch Spells - The Belief In Luck That Clings About the Four Leaved Plant.

The most probable origin of the name clover is that which derives it from the Latin clava-clubs-as the clover leaf slightly resembles the three pronged club of Hercules. It is said, too, that the clubs of our playing cards are in imitation of the same leaf. There are many varieties of this common but favorite plant, and, notwithstanding its practical uses in agriculture, about it bees revel in its sweetness. superstition has woven many quaint

and interesting legends. The common red clover was once reputed to be baneful to witches, and of ground beautiful, peaceful and fruitpeople of high and low degree wore the leaf, considering it a powerful charm against their spells. It is supposed to have been introduced into England from the Netherlands during the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

The thorny clover (Medicago eclumis) is called Calvary clover on account of some of its peculiarities. In the first place, it must be sowed in the spring, of rude Magi, presenting cups of gold and some say on Good Friday. As the and frankincense, for this love of leaves appear above ground they have beauty is an essential part of all a deep red spot, resembling fresh spilled healthy human nature, and, though it blood, on each of their three divisions, can long coexist with states of life in which will remain for some time before many other respects unvirtuous, it is dying away. The three leaflets stand itself wholly good, the direct adversary erect during the day with arms ex- of eavy, avarice, mean worldly care tended, but at sunset the arms are and cruelty. The men in whom it has brought together, and the upper leaflet been most strong have always been is bowed over them as if in prayer. compassionate and lovers of justice After a time a small yellow flower and the earliest declarers and discovappears and later a spiral pod covered erers of things conducive to the hapwith sharp thorns. These thorns interlace with one another as they ripen and form a globular head, which when fully matured may be removed from its spiral coils, and the striking resemblance to a crown of thorns is in the morning and stood at the head plainly seen. Thus its blood stained of her bed. "Do you hear her sob, the leaves, its extended arms and bowed woman above? She has been sobbing head and the day when the seed was like that for an hour. Now, listen to first planted to await its resurrection his big, gruff voice storming at her." have caused it to be christened Calvary clover. It is fitting, too, that declared as she hurried out of the flat Palestine should be claimed as its na-

tive land. Legend says that the three leaved clover, generally regarded as an emblem of the Trinity, was first used by Prevention of Cruelty to Wives?" St. Patrick to illustrate how three separate objects, such as leaves, could yet ply rang his bell and asked him if form one. Those deeply versed in leg- there was anything I could do for his endary lore, however, claim that St. Patrick borrowed rather than origi- her crying beneath in our bedroom, I nated the sanctity of the shamrock told him. He thanked me and said (Medicago lupulina), held in the hand there was nothing I could do. But you of Hope among the Greeks, when he don't hear any more sobbing, do you?" thus illustrated the Trinity in its three | -New York Press.

or found the cross in its four leaves. In the east also the trefoll is sacred. as the holy books of Persia and Arabia more ancient root, for the Latins believed that snakes were never seen near the trefoil. So if St. Patrick wore it he was invested with additional power to banish these invaders. Dr. Prior says that this plant is regarded

en asserted that it was a still more cient religious symbol and expressed ong the ancient Teutonic race the le grades of druids, bards and neotes. The druids held the clover in

at honor as a charm. Hope was depicted by the ancients as a child standing on tiptoe and holding a clover bloom in its hand.

But it is in connection with the four leaved clover that manifold myths have been developed. Owing to its scarcity, it has generally been believed that it would bring luck to the finder. This superstition is referred to in this

When sitting in the grass we see A little four leaved clover.

'Tis luck for thee and luck for me
And luck for any lover. If a lover can find two four leaved

clovers and induce the object of his love to eat one while he swallows the other mutual love is sure to result. The four leaved clover brings mys-

terious powers with it if it is found on St. John's eve, they say in the Tyrol. Like fern seed, it can render the wearer invisible at will and gives especial good fortune in gambling. If a clover

is concealed in a gift it will enhance its value. A German proverb says of a lucky man, "Er hat ein vierblaettriges Kleeblatt gefunden" ("He has found a four leaved clover").

The fact that its four leaves are arranged in the form of a cross gives it its significance. One who wears a bit of it can detect the presence of evil

While the four leaved clover is said by tradition to possess a weird magic influence, the three leaved is looked upon more in the light of a religious symbol. Shakespeare's Rosalind asks, "Can one desire too much of a good thing?" and may be answered, "Yes, in respect to clover leaves," for, notwithstanding the wonderful virtues everywhere ascribed to the four leaved clover, the finder of the five leaved will have bad luck.

Even the two leaved clover is not unregarded, but has its legend, and the lucky maid who secures one is by its influence enabled to see her future

The lowliest blossoms have always called forth the poet's praises, and even Shakespeare alludes to the clover as "honey stalks"-a fitting name, as the

Love of Beauty.

We will try to make some small piece ful. We will have flowers and vegetables in our garden, plenty of corn and grass in our fields. We will have some music and poetry. The children shall learn to dance and sing it. Perhaps some of the old people, in time, may also. We will have some art, and little by little some higher art and imagination may manifest themselves among us-nay, even perhaps an unpiness of mankind.-John Ruskin.

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"Not at all," said the woman. "I simwife. Wasn't she ill? We could hear

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