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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.

The thorny clover (Medicago ecumilis) is called Calvary clover on account of some of its peculiarities. In the first place, it must be sowed in the spring, and some say on Good Friday.

Legend says that the three leaved clover, generally regarded as an emblem of the Trinity, was first used by St. Patrick to illustrate how three separate objects, such as leaves, could yet form one.

In the east also the trefoll is sacred, as the holy books of Persia and Arabia tell, and the legend of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland has a more ancient root, for the Latins believed that snakes were never seen near the trefoll.

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.

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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 spirits.

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?"

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 lover.

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 bees revel in its sweetness.

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