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AMBER.
Amber is found as a fossil in certain soils and on the sea shore in various places, but is chiefly found on the shores of the Baltic Sea, and is apparently washed out of the sand by the waves. It is a brittle, resinous substance, usually appearing in small, irregular masses, translucent or quite clear. Its color is light, of reddish or dark brown. It has no taste, but when heated emits a peculiar aromatic smell. It is not dissolved either in water or alcohol. When distilled, the oil of amber is obtained. It is susceptible of a fine polish, and is often made into ornaments, such as beads, crosses, necklaces, mouth-pieces of pipes, &c. Sometimes it is dyed with various colors to add lustre and beauty.

THE LARGEST MASS OF AMBER NOW KNOWN IS IN THE ROYAL MUSEUM AT BERLIN, AND WEIGHS EIGHTEEN POUNDS. IT WAS FOUND ON THE SURFACE OF THE SAND IN SOME PLACE ABOUT TWELVE MILES FROM THE SEA. AMBER OFTEN CONTAINS INSECTS SO PERFECTLY AND DELICATELY PRESERVED THAT THEY MUST HAVE BEEN IMBEDDED IN IT WHEN IT WAS IN A PARTIALLY LIQUID STATE. Sometimes parts of larger animals, as toads and lizards, and sometimes minute remains, are enclosed within it. Through these frail insects we interpret something of the story of those distant and forgotten ages. So many small bits of our forefathers are preserved in amber, adding influence to the history of to-day, as long has forgotten.

AMONG THE GENES AND PRECIOUS SUBSTANCES USED FOR PERSONAL ORNAMENTS AMBER RANKS AMONG THE HIGHEST IN SACRIFICITY. THE MOST ANCIENT SPECIMENS OF CROWNED AMBER, WHICH HOMER MAKES MENTION OF, IT WAS SO VALUABLE THAT PHILIP SAYS A SMALL FIGURE CARVED IN AMBER WOULD BRING A GREATER PRICE THAN A LIVING, HEALTHY MAN IN PRUSSIA THESE ARE LINES OF AMBER, WHICH ARE THUS DESCRIBED: "FIRST, AT THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, IT IS FORMED A STRATUM OF SAND. IMMEDIATELY UNDER THIS SAND IS A BED OF CLAY FILLED WITH SAND. UNDER THIS LAYER IS A STRATUM OF BLACK EARTH OR TURF, FILLED WITH FOSSIL WOOD HALF DECOMPOSED AND BITUMINOUS. THE STRATUM IS EXTENDED UPON MINERALS, CONTAINING LITTLE METAL EXCEPT IRON, WHICH IS FREQUENTLY PYRrites. UNDER THIS BED THE AMBER IS FOUND SETTLED ABOUT IN PIECES, AND SOMETIMES ACCUMULATED IN KEAPS. IT IS SUPPOSED THE OILS IN THE WOODY STRATUM HAVE BEEN IMPREGATED BY THE ACID CONTAINED IN THE CLAY OF THE UPPER STRATUM, WHICH HAS BEEN DILUTED BY THE FILTRATION OF WATER. THIS MIXTURE OF OIL AND ACID HAS BECOME BITUMINOUS; THE MOST PURE AND LIQUID PARTS OF THIS BITUMEN HAVE DECEASED ON THE MINERAL STRATUM, AND IN TRAVELING THROUGH THE SAND, THEY HAVE PARTICLES OF IRON; AND THE RESULT OF THE LAST COMBINATION IS THE FORMATION OF THE AMBER WHICH IS FOUND BELOW. SO MODERN SCIENCE TELLS THE STORY. THE OLD GREEKS WOULD HAVE FOUND IN THIS BED THE PRESERVED OF AN AMBER, PRISONED NYMPH, WHO IN THE DARK DUNGEON HAD HER VERY TEARS BECOME PETRIED INTO PRECIOUS STONES MARKING THE PLACE OF HER BURIAL. CHINESE TRAVELERS IN THE 16TH CENTURY FOUND IN A MOUNTAIN IN THE PROVINCE OF SICHUAN, AND BUT IN ITS MOUNTAINS. DANTZIG AND HAMBURG ARE NOTED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF AMBER.

THE OLD SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEF IN ITS MEDICAL PROPERTIES AND POWER TO DETECT POISONS, WHICH HAS PASSED AWAY, SOME STILL BELIEVE IT TO POSSESS PECULIAR VIRTUES. IT IS SAID THAT ONE WHO WEARS AN AMBER NECKLACE IS SAFE FROM ATTACKS OF EPILEPSY, AND THAT IT IS AN AMULET AGAINST A SORE THROAT.

HOME TRUTHS.
The world is a grim old fellow, and something of a tyrant; but at best he is kind and generous. He views every aspirant for honors with a critical eye, and a forbidding aspect. He will give his position, and then kick him in the fiercest manner for his temerity. If the aspirant kicks back there is hope before him; but if he crunch in a corner and lament his battered condition, he will never get out, and at once seek out another victim. Bearing one's cross is not very difficult work after all. Those people who growl about it are generally loaded down with a burden of their own making. The mistaken idea that the world stands ready to be at and abuse the individual who would trudge along with a religious faith. We have noticed that a conscientious man, no matter what his religious ideas, is treated respectfully by the world, and that the man who is at once and seeks out another victim. Bearing one's cross is not very difficult work after all. Those people who growl about it are generally loaded down with a burden of their own making. The mistaken idea that the world stands ready to be at and abuse the individual who would trudge along with a religious faith. We have noticed that a conscientious man, no matter what his religious ideas, is treated respectfully by the world, and that the man who is at once and seeks out another victim.

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Selected Poetry.
MOUNT TABOR.
By JOHN HART.
On Tabor's height a glory came,
And chimed the golden harp of flame,
The awe-struck, staid and simple
Christ and the prophets of the law;
Moses, whose grand and awful face
Of Sinai's thunder bore the awe,
And vice versa, in his eye,
The shade of Israel's prophetess,
Who in that mystic light
This Syrian noose more purely bright,
On each hand, the high between
Shone forth the golden Nazareth,
They bowed their heads in holy fright,
No mortal eye could bear the sight,
And when they looked again, behold!
The fiery double had backed and rolled,
And borne aloft, in grandly loveliness,
Nothing was left, "save Jesus only."
Resplendent type of things to be!
I have read in mystery today
With tears eyes that they were,
The father's signs of Galilee.
We see the Christ stand out between
The ancient law and faith scene,
And vice versa, in his eye,
Led by the hands of Jacob's God
Through wastes of old a path was trod
By which the savage world could more
Upon through law and faith to lore,
And there in Tabor's hazy haze
The crowning revelation came.
The world's great king in homage done,
The prophet's race in reverence done,
Law ceased its mission, and
And Love was lord on Tabor's hill,
So now, while crowds perplex the mind
And wrangling loud the weary wind,
When all the world is in a daze
And texts that ring like clashing swords,
Still, as for refuge, we may turn
Whose Tabor's shining glory burn—
The sort of antique Israel gone—
And nothing left of Christ alone.
-Scriber for January.

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MISCELLANEOUS.
ZEKE SMITH, THE INDIAN SLAYER.
BY MR. M. D. L. DODSON.

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