

**DOTTIE'S GARDEN.**

"It might be Spring-time's coming  
When the days are warm,  
When the Winter-time is over  
With its snow and storm;  
Candy-cane has promised  
That he will make for me  
The cutest little garden  
That ever you did see."

"And when papa has made it  
I'll give it lots of care,  
And raise the mostst flowers  
And give them ever there.  
I'll send you all a violet,  
A pansy and a rose,  
And buttercup and daisy,  
And every kind that grows."

"And we must plant some other thing  
The kind that's good to eat,  
So we can help the poor folk,  
Who live on our back street,  
And when my garden's finished,  
You'll all must come and see  
I'm growing in the little beds  
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THREE is a cardinal number, and is the sum of two and one, or is one more than two.

The name of this number in the Sanscrit, Greek, Latin, Polish, Russian, Bohemian, Welsh, Irish and Gaelic languages all have this form, Tri, probably from the Sanscrit, and this form occurs in a great number of English words.

The word three in Old Persian is Thria; in Anglo-Saxon and Old French it is Tre; in Old Frisian, Thre; in Gothic, Threis; in Old Norse, Thri; in Italian it is Tre; in Icelandic, Thri; in Dutch, Drie; and in low German, Drie. In words of the same origin, but in different languages, we find the letter d used in one language and the letter t substituted for it in another. Foreigners, too, in learning our language, often make a similar substitution, saying die and dei for this and that.

In Latin we have Tre as the name of number three, and from this comes the French Trois, the Spanish Tres, and the Portuguese Tres. Three in Greek is Treis. In tongues where the name of the number admits of declension we give only one form of it.

There are many forms of interest in the word and many curious uses to which it is put. The principal parts of a bird are its two wings and its central body. Ancient historians speak of an eagle with its wings and center, and we use the same terms to-day, and further, the leading divisions of an army are infantry, cavalry, and artillery. The Trinity religion consists of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The trinitarian thought is seen again in the Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva of the Hindoos, and in the three gods of the divine triad of Thebes, Amen, and Khonsu. In Eden we find Adam, Eve and the serpent. The Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are almost always mentioned together. The chief bodies of the heavens are the sun, moon and stars. The triangle is the basis of the trigonometry known as trigonometry. In the domain of treaties we have tripartite agreements, as between Germany, Austria and Italy to-day, those nations uniting for an alliance for offensive and defensive purposes. Trifolium (three-leaved) is the name of a genus of leguminous plants number three over three, in the same way with the triology and the expressions: "When shall we three meet again?" "The three fallows of Tooley street," authors of a political tract writing with the words: "The people of Great Britain," "Three black crows sat on a tree" and the Horati at the bridge, in "the brave days of old."

It takes three persons to make a family, man, wife and child. Insect bodies are divided into three parts or lobes, the head, thorax and stomach, and attached to each side of the central lobe there are three legs.

We speak of man's life as extending over three score years and ten, and a youth reaches his majority in three times seven years, and his wisdom in entering into childhood, youth and age. Fruit has skin, pulp and seed. There are three whites in "March" which "round about the carillon go." There are three teeth, molar, primary colors and the priam has three sides.

"Three times and out," a three-leaved flower, a three-month's bank note, "tri-color flags," "two out of three," "three out of five," "red, white and blue," are phrases heard every day. The knife, fork and spoon are used with the words: "The soldiers of the revolutionary war wore three-cornered hats. The earth has two poles and the equator from which we reckon latitude and longitude. Early in the century it was customary to print nearly all novels in three volumes. The triangular form of buckwheat kernels, beehive, Brazil nut and of cocoanuts before the outer covering is removed, is well known. The Prince of Wales has three daughters. President Grover Cleveland has three; he has been nominated for the presidency three times; he would like much to have a third term. A bank's three days of grace, Cerberus, the watch dog of Hades, with his three heads, the three roots of the laurel, and the three tripods, three-masted ships, are further illustrations of the use of number three.

In logic we have the major and minor premises and the conclusion. Man has a physical, intellectual and moral nature. A government has three branches, the legislative, the judicial and the executive, and nature has three kingdoms, the mineral, the vegetable and the animal.

The day is subdivided into morning, noon and night, the seasons have three months each, five times three gives us the number of the muses. All are familiar with the three bright stars in the belt of Orion. The story of man's life on earth is compressed in his birth, life and death. Three years are ordinarily consumed in

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