

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

Mysteries of a seed.

Have you ever considered how wonderful a thing the seed of a plant is? It is the miracle of miracles. God said "Let there be plants yielding seed," and it is further added, each one "after his kind."

The great naturalist, Cuvier, thought that the germs of all past, present, and future generations of seeds were contained one within the other, as if packed in a succession of boxes. Other learned men have explained this mystery in a different way. But what signify all their explanations? Let them explain it as they will, the wonder remains the same, and we must still look upon the reproduction of the seed as a continual miracle.

Is there upon earth a machine, is there a palace, is there even a city, which contains so much that is wonderful as is inclosed in a single seed—one grain of corn, one little brown apple seed, one small seed of a tree—picked up, perhaps by a bird for her little ones the smallest seed a poppy or a bluebell, or even one of the seeds that float about in the air invisible to our eyes! There is a world of marvels and brilliant beauties hidden in each of these tiny seeds. Consider their immense number, the perfect separation of the different kinds, their power of life and resurrection and their wonderful fruitfulness!

Consider, first, their number. About a hundred and fifty years ago, the celebrated Linnaeus, "the father of Botany," reckoned about 8,000 different kinds of plants; and he then thought that the whole number existing could not much exceed 10,000. But, a hundred years after him, M. de Candolle, of Geneva, described 40,000 kinds of plants; and at a later period he counted 60,000, then 80,000, and he supposed it possible that the number might even amount to 100,000.

Well, let us ask, have these 100,000 kinds of plants ever failed to bear the right seed? Have they ever deceived us? Has a seed of wheat ever yielded barley, or the seed of a poppy grown up into a sunflower? Has a sycamore tree ever sprung from an acorn, or a beech tree from a chestnut? A little bird may carry away the small seed of a sycamore in its beak to feed its nestlings, and, on the way, may drop it to the ground. The tiny seed may spring up and grow where it fell unnoticed, and in sixty years it may become a magnificent tree, under the shade of which the flocks of the valleys and their shepherds may rest.

Consider next the wonderful power of life and resurrection bestowed on the seeds of plants, so that they may be preserved from year to year, and even from century to century.

Let a child put a few seeds in a drawer, and shut them up, and sixty years afterwards, when his hair is white and his step tottering, let him take one of these seeds and sow it in the ground, and soon after he will see it spring up into new life, and become a young, fresh, and beautiful plant.

M. Jouannet relates that in the year 1855 several old Celtic tombs were discovered near Bergerie. Under the head of each of the dead bodies there was found a small square stone or brick, with a hole in it, containing a few seeds, which had been planted there beside the dead by the heathen friends who had buried them, perhaps 1,500 or 1,700 years before. These seeds were carefully sowed by those who found them—and what, think you, was seen to spring up from this dust of the dead?—beautiful sunflowers, blue cornflowers, and clover, bearing blossoms as bright and sweet as those woven into wreaths by merry children playing in the fields.

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Is not the springing of the seed an emblem of the resurrection of the dead? Accordingly it is mentioned by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. XV., where, from the springing of the seed, he explains the doctrine of the resurrection unto

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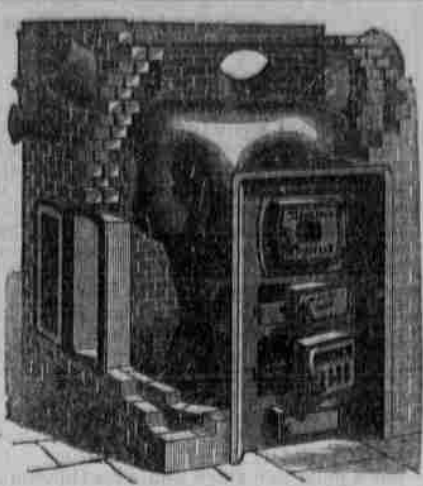
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