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At her feet, in company with the "tickle-grass," the bull nettle and night-shade grow side by side. To the Little Girl the berries of the latter two are the most beautiful of all the weeds. Big brothers have forbidden her to touch them, but she does not understand, and the green-golden berries of the bull-nettle furnish oranges daily for the dolly's table. The strange structure of the night-shade berries she cannot understand; the thin transparent green walls through which the tiny seeds can be seen puzzle her. "I guess they were made that way so that they could look up and see the stars," she confided to me one day. She meant the pure white, star-shaped blossoms with their protruding little yellow eyes, and I could but agree.

A vigorous growth of smartweed with the delicate pink and red white blossoms fringes her playhouse—some of the plants at least two feet high. These the Little Girl does not value so much; she plucks them to pieces, part by part, to see how many different colors of pink she can find, and then, in a fit of contrition, drops the poor mangled blossoms into the pan of cool water placed in the weeds for the chickens.

But far in the heart of the great weed patch there is a rich growth of goldenrod, and this, unsullied by the name of weed, is dearest of all the blossoms in the Little Girl's eyes. This she never plucks, but often, from my window, I see her bend over and press its sprays to her cheeks. Her big brothers have never penetrated, even in their wildest games of hide-and-go-seek; only the Little Girl, seeing with finer eyes, knows the heart of gold in the refuse. And so an interest, subtle and strange as the fragrance of the goldenrod, hangs over the Little Girl and her treasures.—St. Nicholas.

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The House of Representatives costs \$3,000,000 a year and the Senate \$1,400,000.

A new kind of lightning, vortex lightning, has been photographed in Switzerland.

The Magyars rule Austria-Hungary, although they number but six or seven million in a total of forty-three millions.

The secretary of the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain expects the kite to be the base of the future instrument of aerial navigation, the aeroplane.

The Agricultural Department has 107,000 voluntary crop observers. Cotton is reported on seven times a year, wheat eight times, corn and oats each six times.

The number of irrigating ditches and canals in operation in the United States exceeds twenty thousand, and their combined length is not less than fifty thousand miles.

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We learn that there are over two thousand miles of streets, covering nearly ten thousand acres, in London, and that along these streets are 115 miles of tramways. There are eighty-seven miles of main intercepting sewers, to say nothing of the sewers under the control of the borough councils. These carry the drainage of houses inhabited by over five millions of people.

The monkey lives in the forests of nine-tenths of Africa, from the mountains of the Atlas ranges in the north to the Orange River of the south; and is also seen in great numbers and variety throughout India, Burma and Ceylon. China, the islands of the Indian archipelago and parts of southern China and Japan. Strange to say, he draws the line at New Guinea and the neighboring tropical coasts of northern Australia, where he is conspicuous for his absence, though the conditions there seem to be favorable for his prosperity.

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