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The Syrians regarded the rose as an emblem of immortality. Chinese plant it over graves, and in the Tyrol it is said to produce sleep Germans call the rose of Jericho the Christmas rose, and it is sup-posed to divine the events of the year, if posed to divine the events of the year, if steeped in water, on Christmas eve. It is steeped in water, on Christmas eve. It is and in Persia that there is a certain charmed day in which the rose has a heart of gold. Another tradition relates that there is a silver table on a certain Mount Calassy, in India, and on this table lies a silver rose that contains two beautiful women who praise God without ceas-ing In the center of the rose is the

triangle—the residence of God.
It is said that if a white rose blooms in antumn an early death is prognosticated, while an autumn blooming red rose signifies marriage. The red rose, it is also said, will not bloom over a grave. Rose leaves are sometimes thrown on the fire for good luck, and a rose bush may be made to bloom in autumn by pruning it on St. John's day. Here, as well as in France and Italy, it is believed that rosy cheeks will come to the lass who buries a drop of her blood under a rose bush In Posen, young women assure the fidelity of their lovers by earrying a rosebud in the breast. Rose leaves are chosen for divination in Thuringia, the maiden having several lovers scattering a leaf named after each one on the water; the leaf that sinks last is the true lover-

ANEMONE, AMAHANTH, ASPHODEL. The anemene was regarded as the symbol of sickness in sucient Egypt. It was fabled to have sprung from the tears wept by Venus over Adonia. The amaranth would, says Pliny, recover its color if sprinkled with water. It was a symbol of immortality, the word meaning "everlasting." The asphodel was its opposite, meaning "regret." The spirits of the dead were thought to subsist on this flower. The bachelor's button is so named because youths carried one in the pocket to divine their success in love. If the flower died, it was an ill omen. The flower basil is a test of purity. If it is put under the plate of an impure maiden in Volgtland, she will not touch it.

Our familiar buttercup was so named Our familiar buttercup was so named from an idea that its consumption increased the butter producing quality of the cow's mill. Cows never eat them, but they grow only in dry, rich pastures. The columbine was anciently called a "thankless flower," and was the emblem of forsaken lovers. The meek little daisy, opening its eye with the light of the planet Venus, has always been a favorite with the poets. Its star form caused it to be an object of superstition, and German maidens prognosticated their fortunes with it.

The forget-me not is one of the flowers that in German lore guard treasures en-tombed in caverns. The Swiss regard with superstitious feeling the little edel-welss (our cat's foot or everlasting). Its Swiss name signifies noble purity. LEGEND AND TRADITION.

The common marigold is named in French Soucis (care). In Breton legend, if touched by the bare foot of a pure hearted person on a certain morning, it gives power to understand the language of birds. The crocus signifies unrequited love. The poppy is a well known symbol of death. The snowdrop is sacred to the Virgin Mary. The primrose is an important flower in folk lore. The Ger-mans name it "Schlussel blume," or key flower. It is fabled to open the way to treasures.

The lily is traditionally the emblem of Diana and Lilith, Adam's second wife. To the people of India and Egypt it typified fertilility, to the prophets it had a mystarious signification. It is potent mysterious signification. It is potent against withcraft in Germany, if gathered with prayer. Spanish superstition, credits it with the power of restoring to the human shape any one who has been transformed to an animal. It is a remedy for venomous bites in England, and it was formerly thought that the number of flowers on the finest stem indicated the price of grain for the season.

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The thistle, gathered in slience, was formerly a valued charm. It was sacred to Thor, and was one of the many plants that protected dwellings from lightning. In England, the milk thistle is "Our Lady's thistle," and the plant is well known as the national emblem of Scotland. Lastly, there is the modest violet, type of humility. Mohfmmedans are fond of it, as their founder revered it as a type of his religion. It was the badge of meof his religion. It was the badge of me-diaval minstrels, and a golden violet was the prize in the poetical contests at Tou-louse.—F. S. Bassett in Globe-Democrat.

The Bull and the Band.

The village of Strinesville has a new brass band. It played its first piece the other day, considerately going some distance out of the village to do it. That delicate consideration probably saved the life of a Strinesville small boy, but it killed Farmer Stauffer's valuable young Jersey buil. At the time the band went out to play the built was feeding in its pasture, which was near the spot chosen by the band. While the band was getting its collective lip ready to compel a tune from its horns, the small boy referred to was taking a short cut through the pasture to The Bull and the Band. taking a short cut through the pasture to reach the band. The bull took note of the small boy's presence, and proceeded at once to hasten his trip across the lot. The band had not seen the procession moving through the meadow, although the bull was moutning his displeasure justily as he ran, and the small boy was lifting up his voice in audible and penelifting up his voice in audible and pene-trating tones. The bull was within three trating tones. The bull was within three jumps of the boy when the band had get ready to play. The band played. At the first burst the bull stopped abort, threw up his head and sniffed the air. The instruments blared again. The bull turned and rushed wildly toward the stone wall. The band threw its soul once more into its horns, and the bull sprang over the wall. He came down on his head on the other side and broke his neck.—Harrisburg (Pa.) Cor. New York Sun.

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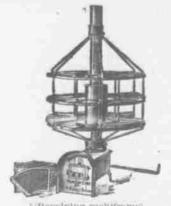
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