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**How Flower Pots Are Made.**  
"What becomes of all the flowers in winter?" a florist was asked. The answer was that many of the choicer ones were potted and housed during the winter months. For the manufacture of flower pots earthen clay is used of a fine quality, which burns red. The smallest flower pot made is two inches in diameter and the largest sixteen. The potter forms his clay into balls of convenient and suitable size. He dips his hands in water, and having placed the lump of clay upon his wheel, he opens it and deftly draws it up to a gauge so fixed in the shaft of the wheel as to indicate the dimensions of the pot desired. The wheel itself is of solid plank, eighteen inches in diameter. It is set upon a revolving shaft, which is worked by a treadle. This is the only machinery used by potters, and, with the exception of some slight alterations in the treadle, it has remained the same for upward of 3,000 years.

The flower pots are either sun dried or dried in an oven moderately heated, when they are ready for the kiln. Here they are placed in nests and are allowed to remain from a day and a half to two days. If very hard ones are wanted, they remain longer in the kiln, and the fire is kept at a white heat. Surprisingly few are broken during the process of manufacture or in transportation.

Flower pots range in price from \$5 to \$100 a thousand, according to their size. There is hardly a dwelling in the city that does not contain one or more flower pots. Even the poorest tenement has a few plants in the window. Many thousands are broken every year and replaced in the fall, and potters are always busy. Vases, urns and other fancy receptacles for flowers are made in many designs.—New York Evening Sun.

**Summer's Wines and Teas.**  
His wines were curious and valuable. Most of them had been accumulated at sales made by foreign ministers when breaking up their households to return from Washington to their own countries, or at sales made by those whose knowledge and taste had enabled them to have the best. Among them were three bottles, each having hung on its neck in the senator's hand writing the following: "Malaga, 300 years old." These were reserved from the sale and sent to his invalid sister, Mrs. Hastings, in California. His teas had accumulated somewhat in the same way. He would order through his friends in the East India trade the smallest possible original packets of kinds not known to commerce, the difficulty of getting which was far beyond their cost; and traveling friends in the diplomatic service would send him little packets of the rare and strange teas that they found abroad. At the famous dinners he gave the joint commission he served them with the famous Mandarin tea, which like the wine of Tokay, is regarded as an imperial present. The Countess de Grey recognized it. She had tasted it in Buckingham palace when the queen entertained royal personages. It had been brought to Mr. Sumner by Mr. Fox, assistant secretary of the navy, who obtained it in Russia when he visited that country with our fleet of ironclads.—Cosmopolitan.

**Spirits of the Water.**  
The Russians believe that the Rusalkas, or water spirits, are beautiful maidens who allure passers-by, and if they catch them tickle them to death in their crystal halls below the waves. During one week in the year they come to men for clothes, and rags and threads are accordingly hung on the trees for their benefit. During that week, for fear of offending the Rusalkas and being punished by the loss of poultry or cattle, no one must work or sew or wash linen. When girls are drowned they become Rusalkas and the wives of the watery Vodyany, and when snow melts into floods, or mill dams are carried away by swollen torrents, men know that it is due to the matrimonial revelry that always attends the celebration of marriage between a mortal and a spirit of the waters.

This idea of possible relations between water spirits and human beings seems a very obvious corollary of the idea of humanlike beings resident in the water. The idea of their marrying mortals is at least as reasonable as the idea of their drowning them or tickling them to death. And with the idea of such marriage it would be natural to connect the idea of some benefit to accrue therefrom to the water spirit, as well as of curious conditions involved in the marriage contract. Thus would arise such stories as those of Undine or Melusina.

**A New American Anesthetic.**  
The recent discovery of a new anesthetic substance in the leaves of a tree abundant in Louisiana, and the experiments made with this substance by Dr. Jackson, of Philadelphia, as well as the observations of Drs. Claiborne and Knapp, of New York, are of the greatest interest.

The properties of cocaine have become so well known that it is but natural that the anesthetic of leaves, gathered by chance and expected to serve only as retainers of heat and moisture, should have aroused curiosity in an intelligent mind. The demonstration of the presence of an alkaloid possessing anesthetic powers superior to cocaine, and also myriatic effects exceeding those of homatropine, renders this substance highly valuable in therapeutics.

The Australian alkaloid, druggists, the most recent rival to cocaine, has not realized the expectations of its discoverers, and if American forests can furnish a substance combining and exceeding the actions of two of the most valuable alkaloids now known it will demonstrate anew the medical value of the flora of America, and should stimulate a more complete study of its resources.—Medical News.

**Boating with Garfield.**  
A grizzled, weary looking toiler of the low path sat in Superintendent McKenna's office the other afternoon. He had just come down from the west, and found himself compelled temporarily to give up work on account of a sore foot, which left him almost unable to walk. To a reporter he told how, when he was a boy of 10 and the lamented James A. Garfield was a youth of 15, they plodded side by side along the Wabash canal and slept in the same bunk, both being employed on the boat Reaper Willard.

The boatman's name is George McAuley. He told how studiously young Garfield was even at that early day, and how, even when seated astride of a horse, he always was poring over a book. He was a general favorite all along the canal, said McAuley, as he was invariably courteous and never used a coarse or an unkind word to any one. He was paid \$15 a month, which was considered large wages in those days. For two summers he followed the canal, and McAuley knew him no more until the war broke out and he joined the army, when one day, as he was doing picket duty, Garfield, who was then wearing a general's uniform, approached him and recognized in him the companion of his humble days. Soon after McAuley was taken prisoner and sent to Libby prison, and after his release took up his old life on the canal. He never saw Garfield again.—Albany Express.

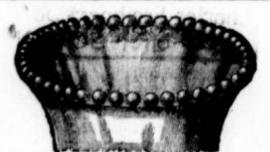
**The Delights of Collecting.**  
What boy is there that can look unmoved upon a bird's nest, nor seek to add the eggs it may contain to that cherished depository he proudly glazes over and denominates "my collection?" What young girl is there who never felt the impulse move her to acquire stores of dried fern fronds, wild flowers, seaweeds or shells? There is a delight in the mere fact of collecting that may well carry on far into the ripper years, though then they will cheat themselves with the belief that they are studying, or doing something that has wise or profitable aim.—Time.

**A Gardener's Discovery.**  
An English gardener has discovered that the peculiar, strong and to most persons disagreeable flavor of parsnips may be avoided by sowing the seed quite late in the season, so as to have the roots attain most of their size in the fall instead of in the summer.—Chicago Times.



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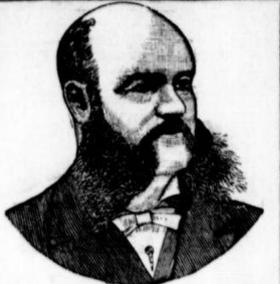
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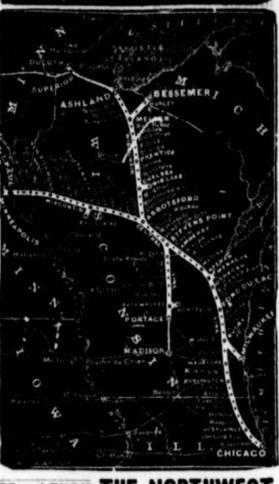
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