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THINSTE AND SHAMROCK.

HOW THE TANES CAN BE ADOPTED
AS NATIONAL EMBLEM.

Philadelphia Times: The legend that caused the adoption of the Thistle as the national emblem of Scotland is a tradition, but the cocking of roses that saved Henry when the worn out sentry slept on watch. The rose was thereafter considered sacred. With the thistle to the rose.

Many hundred years ago the Danes or Normans made war upon the Sacs and invaded their country. The Danes camped at the mouth of the River Tyne and waited while their spies were trying to find the most vulnerable points in their opponents camp. But one of the most favored spies was a thief with his bare feet, as he was creeping along noiselessly in the dark and he crept along with pain. His cry awoke the Danes and they fled. The thief ran to his feet and drove back the Danes with great loss, and so saved Scotland. From that time the thistle has been the national flower of Scotland.

The earliest mention of the thistle is in the history of Scotland in the vicinity of James III. Thistles occur in the reigns of James IV., Mary, James V., and in that of Queen James VI., they are for the first time accompanied by the motto "Nemo me impune lacessere." (No one shall wound me with impunity.)

The shamrock, the national emblem of Ireland, is a trifoliate leaf with three leaflets of a plant having roots sometimes supposed to be the wood sorrel, but more generally believed to be some species of clover. It is not improbable that the name shamrock comes from the trinitarian plants. It is said to have been first assumed as the badge of Ireland from the circumstance that St. Patrick used it to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity.

As one legend of myth, or superstition begins many, the stories are looked for in St. John's... the special rights of the saint of Jesus Christ, the 24th. There are various superstitions connected with this festival one of which was that the shamrock depended largely for the success of his machine. The balloon will be twenty-two feet in diameter, inflated by hydrogen gas. A belt of thin steel surrounds the balloon, to which will be fixed four aluminum wings or propellers, which will make the machine. Aluminum wire runs from the rear to hold aluminum wings attached to the belt. The compass sits in the rear below and works two handles or levers, which turn the aluminum beltting, which turns the four wheels of wings.

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L. A. Diam, of Sodus, N. Y., claims to have discovered an electric rock which will be an original source of electricity for all time to come. It is of dark slate color, and is composed of true aluminum, and is lighter than other minerals. Just connect it with wires in a solution of salt and water, and it will give incandescent light to any extent and unlimited power. So Diam says. It will probably come into common use along the lines of the Keeley motor.

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