

Home of McKinley's Ancestors.

A Quaint Old Farmhouse In County Antrim, Ireland, Built In 1705.

In the county of Antrim-Ireland's northernmost district-there stands a comfortable old farmhouse, which until recently attracted little notice, but which has now become a place of much more than local fame.

In the records of the parish church are the christening entries of "James, son of William and Hannah McKinley, of Dervock," and of his brothers, John, Peter and William-all between the years 1705 and 1715.



HOME OF PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S ANCESTORS IN IRELAND.

may be said of Dervock as a whole-it was built throughout solidly and well. From many residents of the parish I gathered scraps of Dervock history, until it was easy to trace the modest story of the old house.

THE MYSTERY OF SLEEP.

No One Can Exactly Explain the Phenomena of Slumber. From the London Spectator: There is a remarkable fact connected with sleep which must not be overlooked.

THE BLACK DEATH.

Now Believed to Be Identical with the Bubonic Plague. The pestilential disease which prevailed so extensively in Europe in the middle ages and which was known everywhere as the black death caused an enormous loss of life.

Gradual Development of the Mind.

Sir H. Holland says: Whatever the brain or mind, it is certain that the powers of the brain are only gradually developed, and, if forced into premature exercise, they are impaired by the effort.

Dutchmen the Hardest Smokers.

Holland holds the first place in the world as a nation of smokers. Every Dutchman consumes on an average 100 ounces a year.

Commercial Travelers in Germany.

Germany has about 60,000 commercial travelers on the road 300 days a year. Their expenditure in hotels is estimated at \$150,000 a day, or \$45,000,000 a year.

OLD DAMASCUS BLADE.

GIVEN BY THE CZAR TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

It Helped to Build Kingdoms. The Hilt Is Made of Horn Ornamented with Twisted Wire-The Scabbard Is Made of Wood.

I. P. Farmer, the county surveyor of Columbiana county, Ohio, who resides at Lisbon, has in his possession one of the rarest historical specimens in existence. It is an old Damascus blade, which, it is claimed, is over two thousand years old.

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Stone Soles for the Shoes.

An inventor has hit upon a method of putting stone soles on boots and shoes. He mixes a waterproof glue with a suitable quantity of clean quartz sand and spreads it over the leather sole used as a foundation.

Forest Law in Wisconsin.

Ernst Bruncken, the secretary of the forestry commission of Wisconsin, is making zealous efforts to secure the reforesting of the cut-over lands of the state with pine trees.

Fooling the Lordly Plumber.

Freezing will not injure a newly painted water pipe, which has a yielding core in the center, strong enough to withstand the force of the water under natural pressure, but which collapses as the ice expands, and prevents bursting, the ice enlarging again as soon as the water thaws and the pressure is removed.

Birds in Colorado.

A Colorado ornithologist computes that 363 species of birds are to be found in that state.

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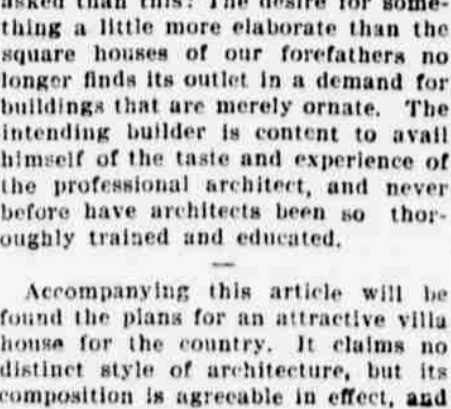
Railroad Earnings.

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EIGHTEENTH CENTURY SAWS.

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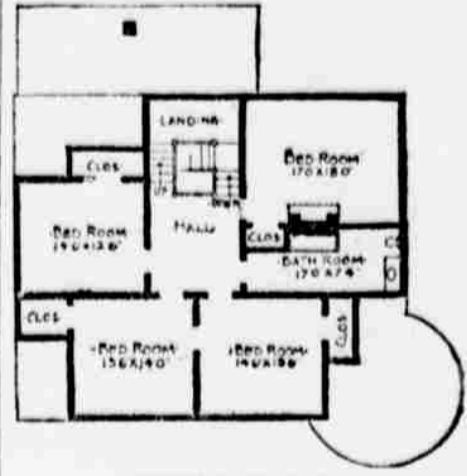
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pine. Trim, in first story, yellow pine; balance of trim, white wood. Kitchen and bath-room wainscoted. Open fireplace and mantels in parlor, library and one bedroom. Colors: First story, moss-green; gables, sienna; stonework, gray. Roof shingles left natural for weather stain. Trim and sashes, very dark green; veranda ceiling, oiled; floor, brown.

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SECOND FLOOR.

Kitchen, Bathroom in second story contains full plumbing. Two special features in this house are the large extra closets in second story, and the tower-windows in parlor, which, filled with plants, would make an attractive conservatory. The cost of this house would be \$4,700, complete. The estimate is based on New York prices for materials and labor. In many sections of the country the cost would be less.-Copyrighted, 1893.

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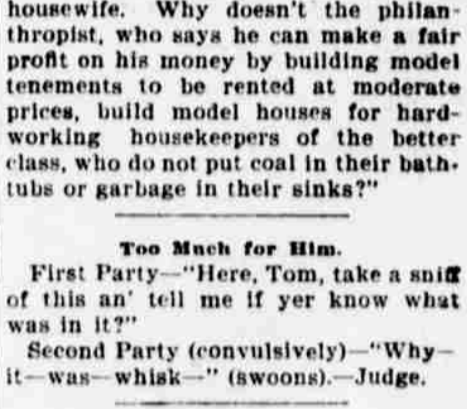
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