## PHARAOH'S CORN FAKE

Crop Proves to Have Come from Seed Boy Planted
Stray Stories.
Some time ago there was a wonderful story in the European journals about certain grains of ancient Eigyptian corn which had been planted in Germany and had come to life.

The grains, they said, had been found in an Egyptian sarcophagus and had been planted by a Dresden florist. Some days later the corn appeared above ground, much to the surprise of scientists, who did not suppose that there was any life in grains which were from 4,000 to 5,000 yeats old. The corn, however, was certainly growing, and even the most incredulous among them soon became convinced that grains have a lease of life to which there is practically no limit.
Alas! A boy employed by the Dresden florist has now confessed that he planted some other grains in the same place where his master had planted the Egyptian ones and only a few hours after the floris completed his work. This was sad news for the scientists and for the numerous journalists who had written enthusiastically about the mira culous qualities of the ancien grains.

## The October National

The October number of the Na tional Magazine of Boston is high water mark for that periodical.

Among the contributers of special articles and current comment are Poultney Bige'ow, Senator Tillman, Dallas Lore Sharp, Charles Ferguson, Dr. Felix Oswald, Major R. S. Porter, Colonel James Matlack Scovel, George T. Richardson, Kate Sanborn, Joe Mitchell C'apple and Frank Putnam. The story tellers of the number are Eva Hampton Prather of Atlanta, Carrie Hunt
Latta of Indianapolis, Jack B. Nor Latta of Indianapolis, Jack B. Nor
man and Ellis Parker Butler or New York, Henry Oyen of Chicago H. Arthur Powell of Conneticut and Abbie Libbey Holmes of Wisconsin.
The poets are Yone Nogucbi, the Japanes celebrity; Helen Hicks of "Ontario, Oscar Johnson of Iowa, "Columbine" of New Orleans and
Mrs. Robert N. Pollard of VirMrs. Robert N. Pollard of Vir
ginia.
Senator Tillman predicts the re peal of the amendment granting suffarage to the negro; Major Porter reports vividly a bit of savage fighting in the Philippines; Poult ney Bigelow writes a rollicking story of a canoe trip in an Alpine stream. Charles lerguson's Gen ius of Business comes to a brillian the least striking feature of the number is a little Indian girl': prize story of how she got an Indian hunter to subseribe for the Magazine.

## November Designer.

Fashions for cold weather wear are effectively displaye ' in the November Designer, and the bandsome illustrations are accompenied by descrip tions which twll just what materials and trimmings to employ to obtain perforce select mourning outlits will find this a most valuable number for it makes such garments and
millinery a specialty. In Thanks giving features the November Design er is wonderfully strong, as witness "Harvest. Festivals," by John De Morgan, " $\AA$ Thanksgiving Celebration," by L. O. L, and three excel. lent short stories, all of which have an appetizing scent of turkey and pumpkin pies about them. We are made to feel that Christmos is coming dangerously close for those who have not yot gelocted their gifts, for
there are four pages fillod with sug.
gestions for home made presents
under "Making an Early Ohristmas," and two more with the heading, "Lacey Novelties for Ohrist mas Gifts." "Training for Self Support," by Liliau C. Paschas, is an article which will be read with
interest by every woman, whether interest by every woman, whether
she be in the business field or the home club, and closely akin is the popular department "What Women Are Doing." Two altogether cham-
ing features of this number are the piotorial pages showing babies of all kinds, añd the deightful drill and play for tiny tots ontitled "The Old Woman Who lived in the Shoe," which Mis Mabel Humphreys has illnstrus er original and dainty atylu in any goal ande. The any household departments which ave given The Desiner such a hold on the feminine fancy are filled this. month with appropriate and valuale items. How such an excellent magazine as this can be issued with profit at eigty cents a year is a mys ery which only its pubiishers can tery w
solue.

A copy of the pamphlet, "Princiles of Profitable Farming,' is efore us in a new and revised ediTh.
The principles of rotation with leguminous crops and the great advantages to be derived by such methods are explained in the pamphlet in a fascinating manner. A description of the Experiment Farm at Southern Pines, N. C where the best methods of using fertilizers are being studied and put into practice, is also a valuable fea ture of this publication.
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