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NOTES ON ALLEGORIC FIGURES, ETC.

* These allegoric figures are my Shield, my Coat-of-Arms, my Spade! With which I have begun *three-quarters of a century since*, to work out my present social condition; and also, a little, my moral and intellectual state to-day.

* My "Motto" surrounding the allegoric figures is of a more recent origin. I have *coined it, in part*, from documents written more than 1,900 years, and to which I have added some sparks of my brain — to give *body and sense* to the phrase quoted.

* Translation in plain English: God! and *We also* have done something to enjoy our present comfortable way of living, etc., etc. Our *motto* has always been, "Help yourself and God will help you."

* English of "Labor improbus omnia vincit:" "An obstinate labor conquers every thing."

* Les figures allégoriques ci-jointes, sont mon Bouclier, ma Cotte d'Armes, ma Bêche! Avec laquelle j'ai commencé il y a *trois quarts de siècle*, ma présente condition *sociale* et aussi un peu ma condition *morale et intellectuelle*.

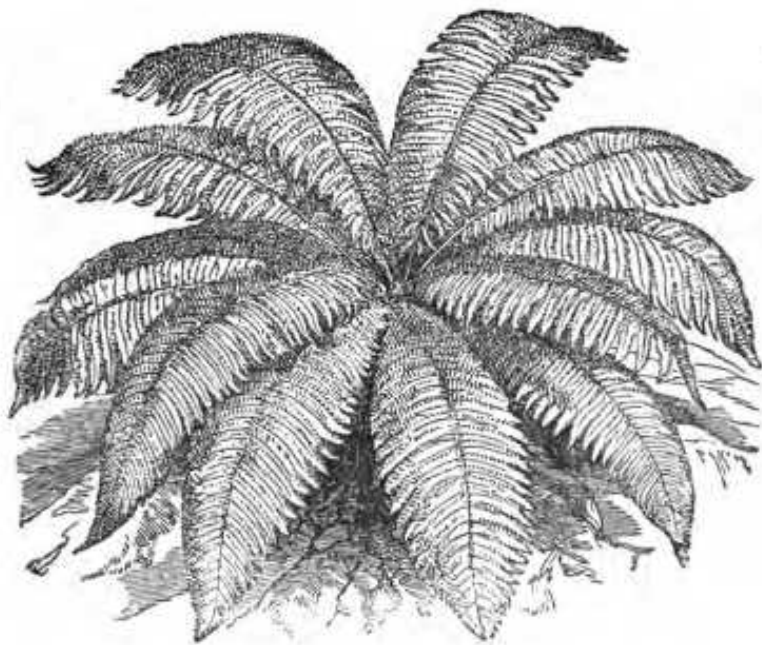
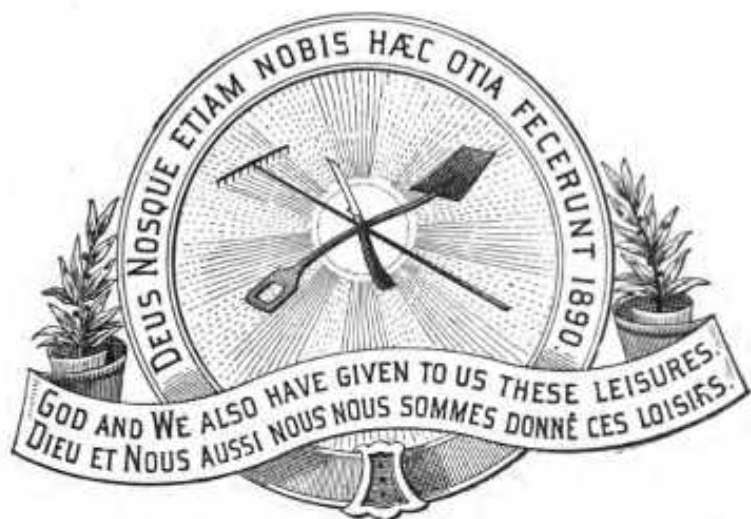
* Ma *Devise* qui *entoure* les figures allégoriques est d'origine plus récente. Je l'ai *forgée* en partie, de *documents* écrits il y a 1,900 ans; et auxquels j'ai *ajouté* quelques étincelles de ma cervelle afin de donner un *corps* et un *sens* à la phrase "citée."

* *Traduction libre*: Dieu et Nous aussi nous nous sommes donnés quelques peines pour nous procurer les bienfaits dont nous jouissons aujourd'hui. Notre devise a toujours été, "Aide toi et le Ciel t'aidera."

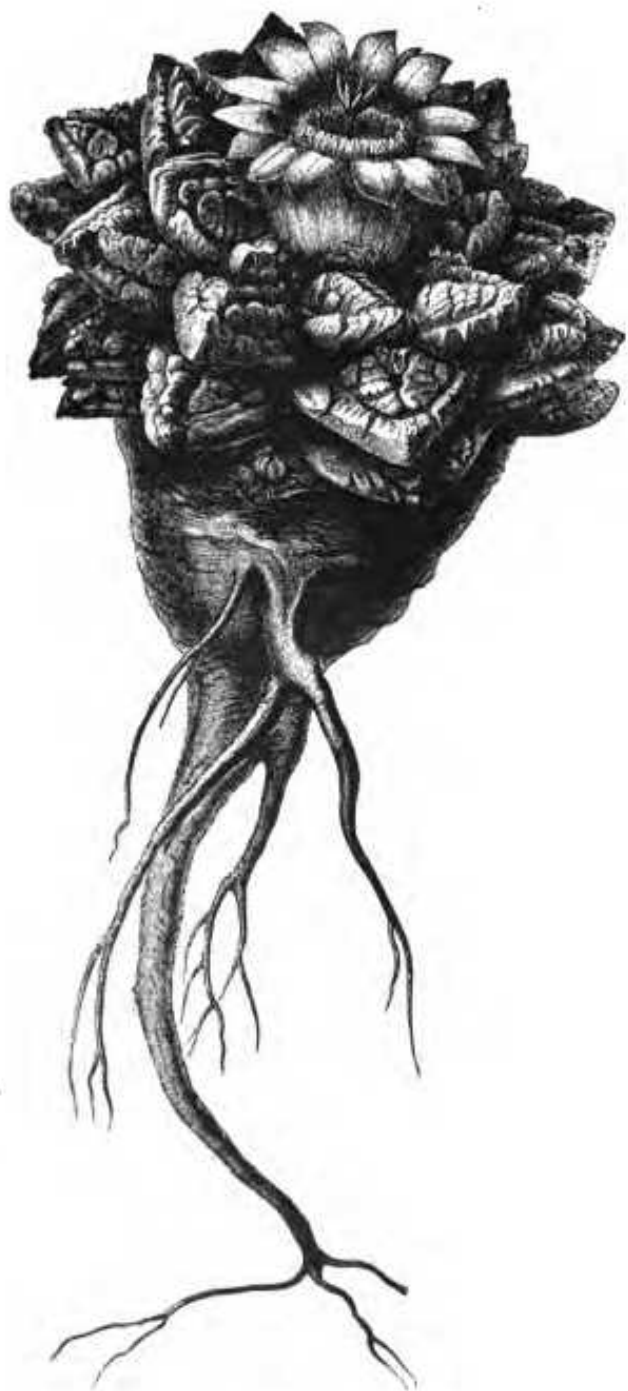
* "Labor improbus omnia vincit."

Le travail opiniâtre vient à bout de tout.

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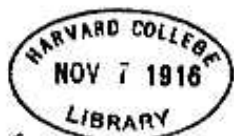
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For the information of those who might read the second edition of this book not *quite* so profusely *enamelled* with errors, blunders, and both together, as found in the first edition, remarkable for mistakes of all sorts; some of them of my own production, but mostly from the carelessness, broken ways in the getting up of that book, and the slow and interrupted way every thing has been conducted from the beginning (since last March, almost ten months) to this day, and all that owing to the dilatory doings of the "Deus ex machinâ"—the superintendent of that slow machinery, etc.

I have also reproduced the introduction as it was in the *American Florist*, when they began to publish the first series of the recollections, which were not continued; but which have suggested, in some way, the idea of this book; and also with some intimations of two friends, a lady and a gentleman, to whom I here express my sincere thanks; for the time spent in writing this book has been for me a hygienic treatment. I also reproduce some other acknowledgments from different sources in relation to the book.

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