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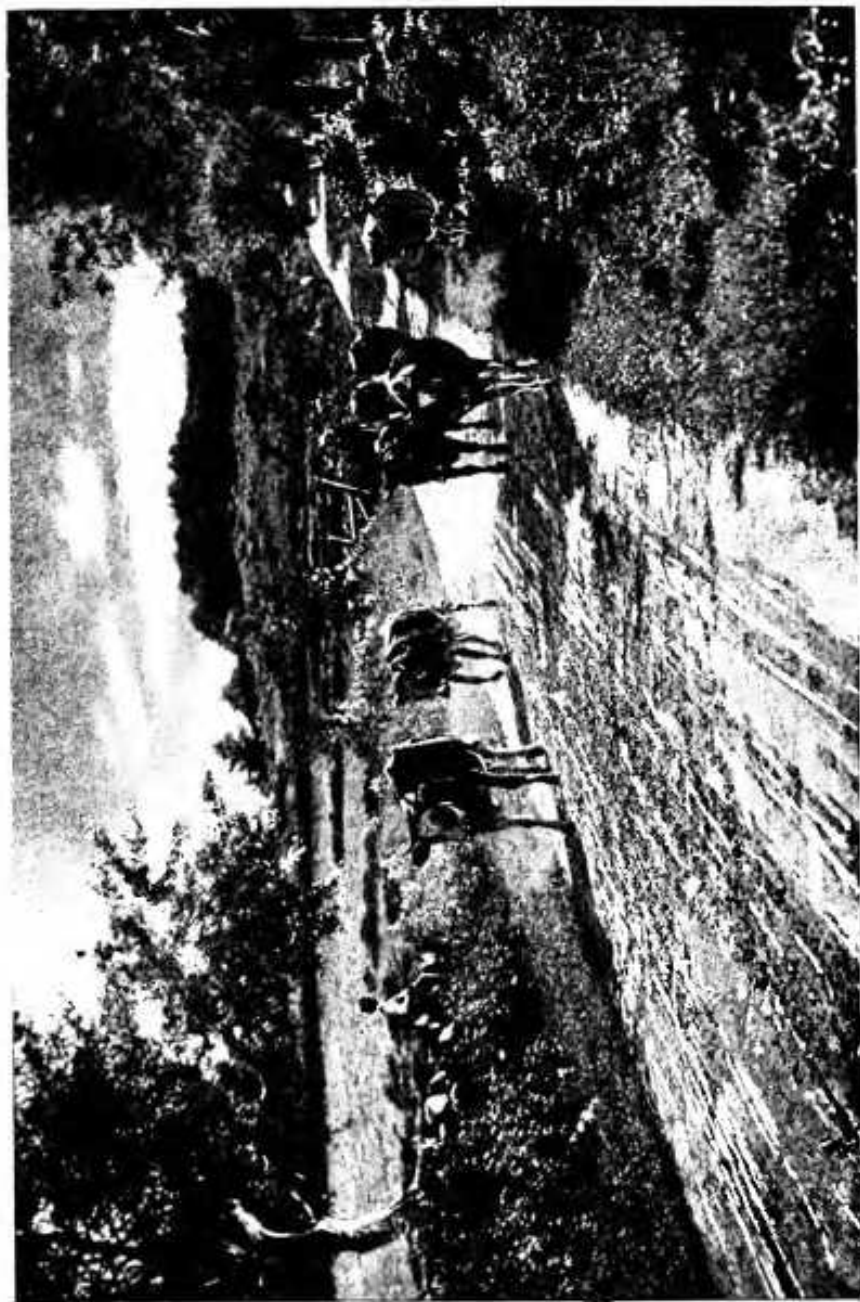
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### THE THISTLE.

KATE LOUISE BROWN.

It was a beautiful day late in August. The leaves on the maples were beginning to redden. Cardinal flowers stood up brave and ruddy beside the stream. In the dry grass each little brown, green, or gray-clad brother of the stubble did his part in the late summer chorus.

Alice lay upon the ground, gazing dreamily at the sky. She had come out by herself to look for milkweed pods. Her basket, nearly full, lay by her side. She was rather tired and a bit sober. Soon she drew a long sigh.

"Look out!" said a sharp voice, "you nearly blew me out of this thistle. You mortals are as bad as the wind."

Alice looked about, but saw no one save a great burly bee, grumbling among the purple thistle threads.

"Yes, I spoke," said the bee.

"I didn't know bees could talk," replied Alice, in great wonder.