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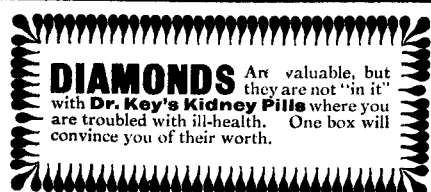
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O we may wear, as you may see,
Old Scotland's thistle, England's rose,
The shamrock or the fleur-de-lis ;
But still the fairest leaf that grows,

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The emblem of our native land—
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