

STUDENT PUTS NEW
FACE UPON HISTORYDid the Norsemen "Land in the
New England
States?

Boston, May 6.—Still another of Boston's traditions is dispelled under the cold light of scientific investigation and now Professor Fernald, a Harvard assistant, has decided that because less careful experts have for several centuries mistaken a cranberry for a grape the visit of the Norsemen to the shores of America was in no way connected with Massachusetts Bay, Newport, or any other point south of Labrador. Such is the opinion of Merrit L. Fernald, assistant professor of botany at Harvard university. If this statement should prove true, the famous statue of Leif-Erikson, on Commonwealth avenue, has no significance whatever more than to perpetuate a historical error.

The chief point of Professor Fernald's discovery is that the great mistake has been due to the fact that all scholars supposed that when the Norsemen called the new country "Vinland" (or Vinland) the "good" they named it such because it was rich in wild grapes. This has led historians to try to identify the place where Leif-Erikson landed as some country answering such a description, and this preconceived idea in connection with descriptions in the Norse sagas has caused certain persons to try to place Vinland settlement in Massachusetts Bay, or even at the mouth of the Charles River.

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New England. According to the sagas on which this interpretation is based, a fleet of longboats filled with mailed and bearded sea kings, led by young Leif-Erikson, son of the mighty Erik the Red, set sail from Greenland in the year 1002 and discovered in succession during their progress south Helluland, the land of flat stones; Markland, the land of trees, and Vinland the Good, or the land of grapes.

It has been supposed by many that these places referred to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and finally the New England coast as far south as Vineyard Sound. Some even have been inclined to think that the burial place of Thorwald, Leif's brother, who was slain by the aborigines, was on the slopes of Point Allerton, at the mouth of Boston Harbor. Besides this, it has been contended that when the Norse, three years after Leif's voyage, established a temporary and ill-fated settlement, they located on the shores of Buzzard's Bay.

But in setting aside the interpretations of the sagas Professor Fernald has not stopped with the case he has made in regard to the vineberry and the consequent meaning of Vinland.

Was Strand Wheat
The references made in the sagas to strand wheat as growing wild in Vinland, says Professor Fernald, "were for a long time interpreted as meaning Indian corn, but in recent years the theory advanced by Schuber, the Norwegian scientist, has been generally accepted that the self-sown wheat seen by the Norseman in Vinland was the American wild rice. No one who is familiar with Indian corn and with wheat will question the con-

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"Although to a botanist there seems as little ground for assuming that the wheat or 'invent' of the sagas was wild rice as there is for identifying it with Indian corn, there are, among the more than 200 indigenous grasses which are found near the coast from New England northward, ten or more species which in a superficial aspect are closely similar to the true wheat. Among these is the grass known to botany as 'Elymus Armarus', and this grass is called in Norway and Iceland where it also grows, by the name 'strandwede' or 'strand wheat'. The grain of this was used in Iceland as late as the eighteenth century for the making of flour, and its use has been traced back to the eleventh century.

Here, then, it is evident that the Norseman came upon a grass of a familiar wild grain, which they esteemed, by the same name they applied to it in their old home.

Found Cane Birch
But there is still another term used in the sagas which Professor Fernald defines in a new way: 'Vinland' is 'moss wood', which others have tried to show was the wood or twisted bark of the moss, in a painstaking way Professor Fernald has searched the earliest botanical works of Northern Europe, and points out that the tree meant by the Norseman when they spoke of 'moss' was the birch and that, therefore, the Norseman came upon the cane birch, which, he says, is found in greatest abundance from the Lower St. Lawrence northward along the coast of Labrador.

"All I have been trying to do," says Professor Fernald, "is to make certain of the botanical references in the sagas. I did not set out with any intention of trying to discredit pleasant legends of New England. A friend asked me for photographs of the wild grape and the wild rice, taken in Eastern Canada, to be used as evidence that the Norseman had made a settlement in Nova Scotia. I was forced to reply that as far as botanists are definitely informed neither of these plants is indigenous to Nova Scotia. From this simple incident it became apparent that much of the evidence that the Norseman had landed on the coast of Nova Scotia or of New England has been based on the statement that they discovered wild rice or Indian corn and grapes. I became interested, and on investigation of the real meaning of the words in the sagas I reached my conclusion that Vinland was Labrador."

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