

**1812**

**GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES  
OUR LADY'S LITTLE GLASS**

**Jacob Ludwig Grimm and Wilhelm Carl Grimm**

Grimm, Jacob (1785-1863) and Wilhelm (1786-1859) - German philologists whose collection "Kinder- und Hausmarchen," known in English as "Grimm's Fairy Tales," is a timeless literary masterpiece. The brothers transcribed these tales directly from folk and fairy stories told to them by common villagers. Our Lady's Little Glass (1812) - A short tale about a wagoner and Our Lady in which it is explained why a field blindweed is always called Our Lady's Little Glass.

**OUR LADYS LITTLE GLASS**

ONCE UPON a time a wagoner's cart which was heavily laden with wine had stuck so fast that in spite of all that he could do, he could not get it to move again.

Then it chanced that Our Lady just happened to come by that way, and when She perceived the poor man's distress, She said to him, "I am tired and thirsty, give Me a glass of wine, and I will set thy cart free for thee." "Willingly," answered the wagoner, "but I have no glass in which I can give Thee the wine." Then Our Lady plucked a little white flower with red stripes, called field bindweed, which looks very like a glass, and gave it to the wagoner. He filled it with wine, and then Our Lady drank it, and in the self-same instant the cart was set free, and the wagoner could drive onwards. The little flower is still always called Our Lady's Little Glass.

**THE END**