



Elijah being taken up to heaven. A painted ceiling by Winter Carl Hansson, 1777—1805, in an old farmhouse near Rättvik.

Among the strangest blossoms of Swedish popular art are the paintings made a hundred years ago by peasant painters in the province of Dalecarlia, in the heart of Sweden. Their motifs were mostly taken from the Old Testament, whose dramatic tales they pictured as happening in their own everyday surroundings. The naive art of the Dalecarlian painters flourished in a geographical isolation which has long since been broken down. Yet in the midst of the busy present the past lives on in Sweden — the country which sends you this greeting from Scandinavia through **RADIO SWEDEN**.

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- that* every Swede is X-rayed against tuberculosis,
- that* the founder of the Nobel Prize, Alfred Nobel, was a Swede,
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