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“Forms such as Nature moulds, when she would vie
With Fancy’s pencil, and give birth to things
Lovely beyond its fairest picturings!”

“These the part
Perform of eager monitors.”

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P R E F A C E .

THERE is no language that speaks so powerfully to the mind as that of Nature. It is intelligible both to the young and to the old, to the ignorant and to the learned, to the lisping infant as well as to the hoary sage, to the untutored savage of the forest as well as to the most favored votary of science. She 'speaks in accents of terror amidst the fury of the tempest; and her awful voice is heard amidst the stormy billows of the deep, and the roar of the foaming cataract. The mountains, with their snow-capped summits, proclaim her magnificence; and their sublime and romantic scenery speaks eloquently to the soul. The verdant meadows, the fields, teeming with the luxuriant fruits of Autumn, declare her richness and beauty, and inspire universal delight and gratitude. But it is in the countless variety of her flowers that we see her sweetest smiles, and it is through them that she conveys the

most pleasing sensations to our minds. Yes, flowers have their language. Theirs is an eloquence that speaks in perfumed silence; and in the clearest, yet most delicate terms, expresses the noblest and tenderest emotions of the heart. No spoken word can equal the delicacy of the sentiment conveyed by a flower presented at a seasonable moment. The most tender impressions may be thus manifested without offence, and consolation silently imparted at a moment when the gentlest accents of pity would grate harshly on the ear. To translate this pleasing language of nature, and to unfold the meaning that lies hidden beneath these beautiful emblems, is the object of the little volume now presented to our friends. It has been compiled by a society of ladies and gentlemen for their own amusement. They claim not originality. The quotations have been selected from the most esteemed poetical works already published, and most of the emblems have been copied from "Flora's Dictionary." They trust that it will meet with indulgence from the courteous reader, and that it may serve to enliven a tedious hour, and prove a source of amusement at once agreeable and innocent.

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Acacia. Beauty in retirement.

“Lonely and sweet, nor loved the less
For flowering in a wilderness.”

Ambrosia. Love returned.

“A token of all that the heart can keep,
Of holy love in its fountains deep.”

Amarillis. Pride.

“————— Leads the mind to soar too far,
Till our own weakness shows us what we are.”

Adonis. Sorrowful reminiscences.

“Oh, Happiness, how far we flee
Thine own sweet paths in search of thee.”

American Star Wort, *Aster*. Cheerfulness.

“’Tis in thy power
To double even the sweetness of a flower.”

Arbor Vitae, *Thuja*. Live for me.

“Bound where thou wilt my barb, or glide my prow,
But be the star that guides the wanderer—thou.”

Aloe. Bitterness.

“There is in you a vital scorn of all,
As if the worst had fallen that could befall.”

- Ash tree, *Fraxinus.* Misanthrophy.
 " Oh, that the desert were my dwelling place."
- Adam's Needle, *Yucca.* A friend in need.
 " I loved thee when thy woes were few,
 And can I alter now ?"
- Apple Blossom, *Pyrus.* Truth.
 " Still as the tide of ages rolls away,
 Shall charm the world unconscious of decay."
- Artimisia, white, *Chrysanthemum.* Contemplation.
 " 'Tis thine the tide of passion to control,
 Exalt and sooth, and harmonize the soul."
- Artemisia, colored, *do.* Cure for the heart-ach.
 " Learn to despise those frowns, now so terrific,
 And love a kinder—that's the grand specific."
- Althea, colored. Persuasion.
 " My proud heart sues and prompts my tongue to speak."
- Althea, white. Benevolence.
 " Thou hast a tear for pity, and a hand,
 Open as day, for melting charity."
- Ancuba Japonica. Inordinate ambition.
 " Emulous always of the nearest place
 To every throne, except the throne of grace."
- American Cowslip, *Dodecatheron.* You are my divinity.
 " Earth holds no other like to thee,
 Or if it doth, in vain for me."
- Asparagus. Dissipation.
 " Ah! how ill its meteor light
 Can match the sunshine of a home."

- Balm of Gilead, *Melissa.* You improve.
 "At speaking truth, perhaps you are less clever;
 But draw the long bow better now than ever."
- Bee Larkspur, Falsehood.
 "You utter many vows of faith,
 But ne'er a true one."
- Bramble, *Rosa.* Envy.
 "—— With jaundiced eye
 Hides beauties trivial faults to spy."
- Belvidere. Ambition.
 "Why do you aim, with eager strife,
 At things beyond the mark of life."
- Batch. Button, *Globe amaranthus.* Hope even in misery.
 "Oh talk not to me of the charm of youth's dimples,
 There's surely more sentiment centered in wrinkles."
- Balsam, *Impatience.* Flee away.
 "Go, quit this place where strong temptations try,
 And since you cannot combat, learn to fly."
- Balm, *Melissa.* Sympathy.
 "If from those eyes the tear drops fall,
 They shall not fall alone."
- Box, *Buxus.* Stoicism.
 "Seek not from cold philosophy relief,
 'Gainst the world's frowns, or heart-consuming grief."
- Balsam Apple, *Momordica.* Smile again.
 "Come! come! 'twill not do; put that purling brow down,
 You can't, for the soul of you, learn how to frown."
- Bay Leaf, *Laurus.* Success.
 "'Tis not in mortals to command success;
 We can do more, deserve it."

Broom Corn.

Industry.

“ Let unemployed no moment slip away ;
 Moments are precious, waste not then the day.”

Buckwheat,

Polygonum.

Unconcern.

“ Revenge in person 's certainly no virtue,
 But then 'tis not my fault if others hurt you.”

Broom,

Genista.

Ardor.

“ My heart is so bound up in thine
 I die, unless I call thee mine.”

Burdock,

Arctium.

Importunity.

“ I do conjure, command thee to fly hence,
 If thou hast yet one spark of common sense.”

Bind Weed,

Smilax.

Busy body.

“ Not having of your own domestic cares,
 You're arranging all your friends affairs.”

Butter Cup,

Ranunculus.

Sophistry.

“ Full well I know that tongue is false as sweet,
 And therefore shun its eloquent deceit.”

Birch,

Betula.

Remorse.

“ The withering blight
 That sin and sorrow leave where'er they light.”

Beech,

Fagus. Pleasing remembrances.

“ Let Fate do her worst, there are moments of joy,
 Bright dreams of the past which she cannot destroy.”

Beef-steak plant,

Bigonia.

Attention.

“ Oh I fear, in your habit of thinking amiss,
 You may make a mistake, and think lightly of this.”

Balloon Vine.

False pretensions.

“ The earth hath bubbles as the water has,
 And these are of them.”

China Astor, *Aster Chinensis.* Take courage.

“ Oh, you will find, or soon or late,
A noble, fond, and faithful mate.”

Castor Bean, *Palma Christi.* A scold.

“ Nor do I wish at all to be thy mate,
For thou sweet Fury art my utter hate.”

Cress, *Lepedium.* Firmness.

“ Man’s greatest strength is shown in standing still.”

Crown Imperial, *Firtillaria.* Power.

“ Formed to command, and destined to control.”

Camelia Japonica. Platonic love.

“ Though thou yieldest no answering thrill,
Thou art not less near, thou art lovely still.”

Cape Jasmine, *Gardinea.* True worth.

“ Great without title, without fortune blest,
Rich e’en when plundered, honor’d when oppressed.”

Chamomile, *Anthemis.* Energy in adversity.

“ Strives against hope, and in the rudest scene,
Storms but enliven its unfading green.”

Clover, *Trifolium.* Domestic virtue.

“ Graceful and useful, all she does,
Blessing and blest wher’er she goes.”

Currant, *Ribes.* I am worthy of you.

“ Bring me to my trial when you will.”

Canterbury Bell, *Campanula.* Warning.

“ Beware thou daring one—in time beware,
Nor utter what I cannot, must not hear.”

Coreopsis. Jealousy.

“ — Corroding every thought,
And blasting all Love’s paradise.”

Cowslip, *Primula.* Melancholy.

“Lorn as the hung-up lute that ne'er hath spoken,
Since the sad day its master-chord was broken.”

Columbine, colored, *Aquelegia.* I cannot resign thee.

“Wealth, rank, nay fame—all, all I choose
To yield—than loved one, thee to lose.”

Columbine, white, *Aquelegia.* Resolved to win.

“Thy lot shall yet be linked with mine,
I swear it by the Prophet's shrine.”

Crocus. Returning attachment.

“Oh now remembrance whispers o'er
Those accents dearly loved before.”

Cardinal Flower, *Lobelia.* Splendid misery.

“Painful pre-eminence, thyself to view,
Above life's weakness, and its comforts too.”

Cypress Vine, *Ipomœa.* Be my support.

“It was ne'er my fate from thee to find,
A deed ungentle or a word unkind.”

Coxcomb, *Amarinth.* Foppery.

“A graver youngster we sometimes may see,
Quite as absurd, though not so light as thee.”

Corn Flower, *Githago.* Perseverance.

“I would follow thee, did thy footsteps lead,
Even to the scaffold.”

Candy Tuft, *Iberis.* Indifference.

“You go unmourned—return unsought,
And oft when present—absent from my thought.”

Cyclaman. Resignation.

“Resigned as if Life's tasks were o'er.”

- Catchfly, *Selena.* A trap.
 " You do but tempt, you try the eaglet gaze
 Of my young soul ; shine on—'twill stand the blaze."
- Cherry Blossom, *Cerasus.* I will repay your care.
 " If freely you your gifts dispense,
 You shall not want due recompense."
- Citron, *Citrus.* Passion.
 " When I thought you a goddess you thought me a fool,
 And I think you were most in the right."
- Cypress Tree, *Cupressus.* I am in despair.
 " Ah, nothing now but heaven is true,
 Since thou hast turned deceiver."
- Clarkea Pulcella. Know thyself.
 " Oh that heaven the gift would gie us,
 To see ourselves as others see us."
- Daisy, white, *Bellis.* Innocence.
 " ————— Thou knowest not
 The doctrine of ill doing ; no, nor dreamest that any do."
- Daisy, pink, *Bellis.* Unconscious worth.
 " So unaffected, so composed a mind ;
 So firm, yet soft ; so strong, yet so refined."
- Dandelion. *Leontodon.* Faithful to thee.
 " ——— Thine, all thine only,
 Like the one star above thee bright and lonely."
- Dogwood, *Cornus.* Pity.
 " It yields no sweetness and conceals no thorn."
- Daffodil, *Narcissus.* Self conceit.
 " In self-adoring pride securely mailed."

Dew Plant, *Mesembry-anthemum.* Serenade.

“ Loveliness is around thee as light ;
Thy step is the music of song.”

Dahlia. Thine to the last.

“ This was taught me by the dove,
To die, and know no other love.”

Elder Blossom, *Sambucus.* Compassion.

“ Soft as the melody of youthful days,
That steals the trembling tear of speechless praise.”

Everlast. Pea, *Lathyrus.* Sweet & const't. remembrance.

“ It comes in the night-time of sorrow and care,
And brings back the features that joy used to wear.”

Euphorbia. Vanity.

“ — Be mindful of the fate
Of fair Narcissus, nor be wise too late.”

Everlasting. *Geraphalium.* Early attachment.

“ E'en in the morn of life, when Hope's bright smile
Shone brightest, thou wert my young heart's idol.”

Eternal Flower, *Xeranthemum.* Immortality.

“ Unchanged in thy glory—unstained in thy fame,
The homage of ages shall hallow thy name.”

Ethiopian Lily, *Calla.* Deserted.

“ Alone and friendless, coldly pure and pale,
As weeping beauty's cheek at sorrow's tale.”

Fennel, *Nigella.* Cruel triumph.

“ Ha! laugh'st thou, thou false one, my sorrow to scorn ;
Proud bird of the mountain thy plumes shall be torn.”

Fern, *Filices.* Concealed love.

“ I would not that the worldly one should hear my frequent sigh,
The deer that bears its death wound turns in loneliness to die.”

- Fir Tree,** *Pinus.* Elevation of character.
 " Proud thoughts aspiring high—beyond
 Whate'er yet dwelt in souls so fond."
- Flax,** *Linum.* I appreciate your worth.
 " Like fountains in the wilderness
 Are minds like yours to me."
- Four o'clock,** *Mirabilis.* Vain assumption.
 " In prose and verse you're owned, without dispute,
 Through all the realms of nonsense, absolute."
- Fox Glove,** *Digitalis.* Treachery.
 " ——— Comes o'er the counsels of the brave,
 And blasts them in their hour of might."
- Flowering Almond,** *Amigdalis.* Exaggeration.
 " Lest men suspect your tale untrue,
 Keep probability in view."
- Fuchsia.** Anxiety.
 " Oh let the tie at once be broken,
 That binds our hearts, if break it must."
- Forget-me-not,** *Viola.* Love in absence.
 " The memory of our love shall be,
 As changeless as the cedar tree."
- Flowering Reed,** *Canna.* Love of fame.
 " Who pants for glory, finds but short repose :
 A breath revives him, and a breath o'erthrows."
- Geranium, silver edge,** *Ciconium.* Recall.
 " I can forget, forgive thee all,
 And never leave those eyes again."
- Do. Fish.** False hopes.
 " ——— Like snow-flakes on the river,
 A moment white—then lost forever."

- Geranium Rose,** *Pelargonium.* **Preference.**
 " I should have singled out thee, only thee,
 From the whole world's collected treasury."
- Do. Nutmeg.** **I expect to meet you.**
 " East, west, north, south, I care not whither,
 So thou art safe, and I with thee."
- Do. Apple.** **Generous and devoted love.**
 " You may break, you may ruin the vase if you will,
 The scent of the roses will hang round it still."
- Do. Oak.** **Lady deign to smile.**
 " Without the smiles from partial beauty won,
 Oh what were man! a world without a sun."
- Do. Pennyroyal.** **Passable**
 " Though you are far from faultless, or even so so,
 I think you may do, as our worldly things go."
- Do. Ivy.** **Entreaty.**
 " Bereave me not whereon I live, thy gentle looks, thy aid."
- Do. Flower.** **Wilt thou stay with me.**
 " Oh give me your frowns, love, though chilly they look,
 Unkindness I better than parting can brook."
- Gillyflower,** *Cheranthus.* **Bonds of affection.**
 " Our yielding hearts and joining hands,
 Find blessings twisted with their bands."
- Grass.** **Submission.**
 " Assailed by scandal and the tongue of strife,
 Your only answer is a blameless life."
- Grape Leaves.** **Mirth.**
 " Thy spirit chasest sorrow like morning mists away."
- Green Leaves.** **Revived hopes.**
 " When I think on your truth, I doubt you no more,
 But blame all the fears I gave way to before."

Golden rod, *Solidaga.* Encouragement.

“ Favorites sometimes taste of pain,
Thou art among them, why complain ?”

Garland of Flowers. Love's bondage.

“ The art to reign she learned above,
And ne'er was despot like the dove.”

Hawthorn, *Cratægus.* Hope.

“ In thy sweet gardens grow,
Wreaths for each toil, a charm for every wo.”

Hollyhock, *Althea.* Liberality.

“ Not only fills necessity's demand,
But overcharges her capacious hand.”

Hydrangea. Boaster.

“ Enormous boaster doomed to vaunt in vain.”

Holly, *Ilex.* I dare not approach.

“ I could into thy bosom pour my thoughts,
But ah ! I will not.”

Honeysuckle. *Azalea.* Ties of love.

“ Our mutual bond of faith and truth
No time shall disengage.”

Honeysuckle, coral, *Lonicera.* Gayety.

“ While others toil with philosophic force,
Your nimble nonsense takes the shorter course.”

Heart's Ease, *Viola.* Forget me not.

“ I'll think of thee
Till fades the power of memory.”

Hybiscus. Delicate Beauty.

“ Thy smile can win, thy sorrow can disarm,
And e'en thy weakness guards thee like a charm.”

Hyacinth, *Hyacinthus.* **Rashness.**

“ Like puny bird that dares with ceaseless hum,
Within the crocodile’s stretched jaws to come.”

Honesty, satin flower, *Lunaria.* **Admiration.**

“ All that is bright by love’s decree,
Has been made resembling thee.”

Heath, *Erica.* **Love of solitude.**

“ Happy thrice, and thrice secure are they,
Who from the world’s wide tempest away.”

Hops, *Humulus.* **I overcome all difficulties.**

“ Love will find its way
Through paths where wolves would fear to prey.”

House Leek, *Sempervivum.* **Friendship for life.**

“ Prompt and proud thy fate to share,
Through every change of weal or wo.”

Horse Chestnut, *Esculus.* **You are perfect.**

“ My changing cheek and sinking heart confess,
The might, the majesty of loveliness.”

Helebore, *Heleborus.* **Delirium.**

“ There are dark moments of all hearts and lives,
Which bear down reason.”

Hemlock, *Comum.* **Death.**

“ Ruin’s resistless sceptre is thy dower,
Thy throne a world, thy couch creation’s bier.”

Hare-bell, *Campanula.* **Regret.**

“ One fatal remembrance, one sorrow that throws
Its bleak shade alike o’er our joys and our woes.”

Hyacinth Bean, **Variety.**

“ The sweetest flower would cease to cheer,
Did fragrant spring bloom all the year.”

Jonquil, *Narcissus.* Egotism.

“Your conversation’s ever dull and dry,
Embellished with *I said*, and so said *I*.”

Japan Globe Flower, *Corchorus.* Thoughtlessness.

“He who spends his summer time, unmindful of that power
Who made it summer, cannot hope for peace in his dying hour.”

Lily, white, *Lilium.* Majesty.

“In stature all majestic, all divine.”

Lily, orange, Hatred.

“To love you is pleasant enough,
But oh, ’tis delicious to hate you.”

Lily of the valley, *Convalaria.* Humility.

“———That low sweet root,
From which all heavenly virtues shoot.”

Locust, *Robinia.* Affection beyond the grave.

“My love shall undecayed,
Burn on through death and animate my shade.”

Larkspur, *Delphinium.* Fickleness.

“With every minute you do change a mind.”

Lavender, *Lavendula.* Constancy.

“Years have not seen, time shall not see,
The hour that tears my soul from thee.”

Laurel, *Rhododendron.* Glory.

“And leaving in battle no blot on his name,
Look proudly to heaven from the death-bed of fame.”

Laurel Kalmia. A wanderer.

“’Tis a pity you love adventurous life’s variety,
You are so great a loss to good society.”

Lemon Blossom, *Citrus.* Discretion.

“ I trust, at leisure, him who mocks me once.”

Lilac, white, *Syringa.* First love.

“ Doomed to heal, or doomed to kill,
Fraught with good, or fraught with ill.”

Lilac, pink. *Syringa.* Acceptance.

“ With fond expectance gay,
Disposed to follow where you lead the way,”

Lauristina, *Virbinum.* Faithful love.

“ I ever to that one will cling,
Who won my first, my changeless love.

Laburnum, *Cytisus.* Loneliness.

“ 'Tis not grief that bids me moan,
'Tis that I am all alone.”

Love lies bleeding, *Amaranthus.* Hopeless not heartless.

“ My love might had, you scorned it, in absence seek its cure,
But being loved, to loose you I never will endure.”

Ladies' Slipper, *Cycripedium.* Capricious beauty.

“ Thy heart is mine while I am by,
Another's, if an hour away.”

Love in a mist, *Nigella.* Perplexity.

“ ——— I am puzzled again
With the how, and the who, and the where, and the when.”

Lettuce, *Lactuca.* Let us forget.

“ Go! let oblivion's curtain fall upon the stage of men.”

Lover's Wreath, *Sedum.* Ingenuous innocence.

“ Oh, much I fear that winning smile and trusting glance of thine,
And pray that none but faithful ones may bend before thy shrine.”

- Lichen.** **Friendship.**
 "The joy you give shall still be yours,
 The sorrow all be mine."
- Myrtle,** *Myrtus.* **I love you.**
 "Believe me—oh believe,
 A tongue that never can deceive."
- Maple,** *Acer.* **Reserve.**
 "Some act upon this prudent plan,
 Say little, and hear all they can."
- Migneonette, Resada.** Your qualities surpass your loveliness.
 "'Tis that angelic charm of mind, which all but thou can see,
 Which binds my enraptured soul in rosy chains of love to thee."
- Marygold, African,** *Tagetus.* **Scandal.**
 "Blush to be branded with the slanderer's name,
 Though thou dread'st not sin, at least dread shame."
- Do.** **French,** **do.** **Artifice.**
 "The tinsel glitter and the specious mein,
 Delude the most, few pry behind the scene."
- Mock Orange,** *Cucubita.* **Deceit.**
 "Some never seem so wide of their intent,
 As when returning to the theme they meant."
- Mountain Pink,** *Phlox.* **Native grace.**
 "Some are chosen of peculiar grace,
 Elect above the rest."
- Mint,** *Mentha.* **Consolation.**
 "Whispering music to the weary spirit."
- Magnolia.** **Splendid beauty.**
 "Intrusion's glance and Folly's gaze,
 Shrink from the charms they meant to praise."

Meadow Saffron, *Colchicum*. My best days are past.

“ Oh ! that a dream so sweet, so long enjoyed,
Should be so sadly, cruelly destroyed.”

Myrtle, withered, *Myrtus*. Love betrayed.

“ Oh she is false, and yet she knew
How much I did believe her true.”

Monk's Hood, *Aconitum*. Poisonous words.

“ I'll trust thee as I would the adder fanged.”

Milkweed, *Asclepius*. Distrust.

“ Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep.”

Morning Glory, *Convolvulus*. Farewell.

“ Oh ! in that word—that fatal word—howe'er
We promise—hope—believe—there breathes despair.”

Moss, *Lycopodium*. Charity.

“ Oh never seen but in its blest effects,
Or felt but in the soul that heaven selects.”

Mezereon, *Daphne*. Winning grace.

“ Thy smile hath inspiration in its beam,
Beyond the enthusiast's hope, or prophet's dream.”

Michælmass Daisy, *Aster*. Do not scold.

“ Gentle as angel's ministry,
The guiding hand of Love should be.”

Mullen, *Verbascum*. You are perverse.

“ He who blames what you have blindly chose,
Incurs resentment for the love he shows.”

Nasturtium, *Tropæolum*. Wit.

“ Dull is the jester when the joke's unkind.”

Narcissus. Self-love.

“ Be *self* your first and greatest care, from all reproach the
darling spare ;
And any blame that she should bear, put off upon another.”

- Nettle,** *Urtica.* **Pettishness.**
 " — Even in the tranquillest climes,
 Slight breezes will ruffle the flowers sometimes."
- Night Shade,** *Solanum.* **Scepticism.**
 " It darkly hints a melancholy tale."
- Night Scented Jasmin,** *Cistus Nocturnus.* **Watchfulness.**
 " I understand you by intuition's light,
 And need no glossary to set me right."
- Oleander, red,** *Nerium.* **Beware.**
 " A warning comes unheard by other ears."
- Do. white.** **You are cold.**
 " So coldly sweet, so deadly fair,
 We start—for soul is wanting there."
- Oats,** *Avena.* **Music.**
 " — That choir indeed were blest,
 Where strains like thine come thrilling to the breast."
- Oxeye,** *Heliopsis.* **Prediction.**
 " No woman's love shall light on thee,
 No woman's heart be thine."
- Olive,** *Olea.* **Peace.**
 " Who seeks to praise it, and to make it known
 To other hearts, must have it in his own."
- Oak Leaves,** *Quercus.* **Stability.**
 " They whom truth and wisdom lead,
 Can gather honey from a weed."
- Orange Blossom,** *Citrus.* **Bridal festivity.**
 " 'Till Hymen brought his love delighted hour,
 There dwelt no joy in Eden's rosy bower."

- Orchis.** **Criticism.**
 " Authors are partial to their wit 'tis true,
 But are not critics to their judgments too ?"
- Primrose,** *Primula.* **Unpatronized merit.**
 " ————— too long
 By Fame neglected and unknown to song."
- Do. Evening,** *Onothera.* **Inconstancy.**
 " Formed but to fade, and meeting but to part,
 False to the hopes, and faithless to the heart."
- Piony,** *Pæonia.* **Indignation.**
 " Let him who moved you hither, remove you hence."
- Pepper Grass,** *Lepedium.* **Sarcasm.**
 " Unless a love of virtue light the flame,
 Satire is more than those it brands to blame."
- Polyanthus,** *Primula.* **Good temper.**
 " Smiles more than presents win a suppliant's love."
- Poppy,** *Papaver.* **Sleep of the heart.**
 " I would not if I might be blest,
 I want no earthly joy but rest."
- Passion Flower,** *Passiflora.* **Piety.**
 " A ray of light in this terrene abode,
 To prove to man the goodness of his God."
- Pine,** *Pinus.* **Rural happiness.**
 " No more pursue the city's fleeting toys,
 But seek in rural scenes for calmer joys."
- Phlox.** **Rivalry.**
 " Those are hated that excel the rest,
 Although when dead they are beloved and blest."

- Pink, red,** *Dianthus.* **Pure affection.**
 " Give me but this, I ask no more of all the world beside;
 Give me the one I love to be my bosom friend, my guide."
- Do. white,** *Dianthus.* **I depart from you.**
 " Thou hast lost the love of a faithful heart,
 And the light of a faithful eye."
- Do. variegated,** *Dianthus.* **Refusal.**
 " I will not, and 'tis breathed in vain,
 Thy sophistry of love."
- Parsley,** *Apium.* **Useful knowledge.**
 " _____ It is in thy power,
 To add to the comfort of many an hour."
- Peach Blossom,** *Amigdalus.* **Generosity.**
 " On thee, th' unhappy's never failing friend,
 'Tis just that every blessing should descend."
- Privet,** *Ligustrum.* **Childhood.**
 " Volatile as fragrance from the flower,
 Or music in the woodlands."
- Periwinkle,** *Vinca.* **Mildness.**
 " None know thee but to love thee,
 None name thee but to praise."
- Prince's Feather,** *Amaranthus.* **Ostentation.**
 " Not in a feather, wave it e'er so high,
 Is glory lodged."
- Pomegranate,** *Punica.* **Foolishness.**
 " Pride, where wit fails, steps in to our defence,
 And fills up all the mighty void of sense."
- Poplar,** *Populus.* **Aspiring.**
 " _____ Some do climb so fast."
 That in the clouds they do forget what climates they have past."

Plum Tree, *Prunus.* **Cease your professions.**

“ You'll pack when it begins to rain,
And leave me in the storm.”

Peppermint, *Mentha.* **Warmth of sentiment.**

“ I love thee, and must love thee still,
In memory of the past.”

Prickly Pear, *Cactus.* **Danger.**

“ None e'er approached thee, but rued the rash deed.”

Pear Blossom, *Pyrus.* **Health.**

“ Unembellished by you,
Has the garden a blush, or the herbage a hue.”

Pennyroyal, *Cunila.* **Obsequiousness.**

“ You tell the clock
To any business that you think befits the hour.”

Queen's Rocket, *Hesperis.* **Here I fix my choice.**

“ Not blind to fate, I see where'er I rove,
Unnumbered perils—but one only love.”

Quince, *Cydonia.* **Temptation**

“ Oh, bane of good, seducing cheat,
Can man alone thy power defeat.”

Ribbon Grass, *Agropyrum.* **Love of change.**

“ Like a bird that skims the air, here and there, and every where,
On my fanning wings I fly, and my name's variety.”

Rye, *Lolium.* **Passive endurance.**

“ I am mightily abused—I should even die with pity
To see another such.”

Rocket, (Garden Lilac) *Hesperis.* **All is vanity.**

“ And the love to which we would madly cling,
Ay! it is mockery too.”

- Rue,** *Ruta.* **Adversity.**
 "Bound in thine adamantine chain,
 The proud are taught to taste of pain."
- Rush,** *Juncus.* **Docility.**
 "Downcast and low, in meek submission drest."
- Ranunculus.** **Elegance.**
 "Of nature's gifts thou mayst with lilies boast,
 And with the half-blown rose."
- Rosemary, *Rosemarinus.*** **Your presence reanimates me.**
 "A light comes o'er me from those looks of love,
 Like the first dawn of mercy from above."
- Robbin Runaway,** *Bergamot.* **Freedom.**
 "One word alone can paint to thee,
 That more than feeling—I am free."
- Rose, full-blown,** *Rosa.* **You are beautiful.**
 "Man for his glory to ancestry flies,
 But woman's bright story is told in her eyes."
- Do. Bud.** **Youth and beauty.**
 "May never less of mirth than now,
 Sit on that smooth unclouded brow."
- Do. deep red.** **A blush.**
 "So sweet the tear of bashfulness,
 Even pity scarce can wish it less."
- Do. Moss Bud.** **Confession.**
 "——— The conflict's past,
 And I'll consent to love at last."
- Do. Monthly.** **Forever fair.**
 "Formed by the graces, loveliness itself."

- Rose, Bridal. Happy love.
 " True bliss, if man may reach it, is composed
 Of hearts in union mutually disclosed."
- Do. Thornless. Sincere friend.
 " That jewel rare, so much admired,
 I hope to find in you."
- Do. White. Purity and loveliness.
 " A star was born with thee,
 Which sheds eternal purity."
- Do. White bud. Ignorant of love.
 " I would be—
 In maiden meditation fancy free."
- Do. Moss. Superiority.
 " Thine is no vulgar tenement,
 To which lofty gifts are lent."
- Do. Damask. Ambassador of love.
 " Could so much beauty condescend,
 To be a dear domestic friend ?"
- Do. Burgundy. Modest beauty.
 " Thou art lovely as thought can express,
 And gentle and mild as the dove."
- Do. Yellow. Infidelity.
 " Fair as the siren,
 But false as her song."
- Do. Wild. Simplicity.
 " Oh, much I fear thy guileless heart, its earnestness of feeling,
 Its passions and its sympathies, to every eye revealing."
- Do. York and Lancaster. A quarrel.
 " You need not think to fly the danger,
 For soon or late, I'll be my own avenger."

Rose, Button. Love sweet and secret.

“Thinks't thou that I could bear to part
With thee, and learn to halve my heart.”

Do. Withered. Reproach.

“—— I leave you to heaven,
And to the thorns that in your bosom lodge.”

Do. Multiflora. Maternal love.

“Dearer to her than all the universe,
The look, the cries, the embraces of her babes.”

Do. Leaves. Do not importune.

“—— Your suppliant arts give o'er,
And shake the purpose of my soul no more.”

Do. Crown of. Superior merit.

“I turn to thee fair girl, as one within whose heart,
Earth hath no stain of vanity, and fickleness no part.”

Ragged Robin, *Flosenculi.* Curiosity.

“If you your future conduct can foresee,
Tell me what sort of *lion* you will be.”

Sweet scented shrub, *Calycanthus.* Compassionate.

“Thou art like a star, whose beam, unclouded,
Sheds light and beauty o'er affections bower.”

Sweet Fern, *Comptonia.* Self-confidence.

“Thou need'st a teacher to admonish thee,
That flesh is grass, that earthly things are dust.”

Sweet Brier, *Eglantine.* Hope and fear.

“Though memory's vision but heighten our pain,
Yet hope's sunny smile can assuage it again.”

Scarlet flowering Bean, *Phaseolus.* Determination.

“I hold no parley with unmanly fear,
Where duty bids, I confidently steer.”

- Sunflower Dwarf,** *Helianthus.* **Devotedness.**
 " Ten thousand hearts but half thine own,
 Are not worth one that's thine alone."
- Sweet Scabeous, (Mourning Bride)** **Slighted love.**
 " Thou hast poured thy heart's rich treasures forth,
 And art unrepaid for their priceless worth."
- Star of Bethlehem,** *Ornithogalum.* **Reconciliation.**
 " Dearer seems each dawning smile,
 For having lost its light a while."
- Snow Drop,** *Galeanthus.* **Refinement.**
 " Pure as the dew-drop freed from earthly leaven,
 That sparkles, is exhaled, and blends with heaven."
- Snow Ball,** *Viburnum.* **Union.**
 " Man, like the generous vine, supported lives,
 The strength he gains, is from the embrace he gives."
- Sweet Basil,** *Origanum.* **Good wishes.**
 " May mirth, and youth, and beauty meet
 To scatter roses at thy feet."
- Snapdragon, pink,** *Anterhinum.* **Desperation.**
 " I have set my life upon a cast,
 And I will stand the hazard of the die."
- Snapdragon, yellow.** **Awakened.**
 " Betrayed, perfidious one, by thee,
 I'm now on wing for liberty."
- St. John's Wort,** *Hypericum.* **Suspicion.**
 " I judge you some stray renegade,
 Repentant of the change you made."
- Sage,** *Salvia.* **Esteem.**
 " With heart sincere, I yield to you
 The meed of friendship, tried and true."

Sweet William, *Dianthus.* Philosophy.

“ Who reasons wisely, is not therefore wise,
His pride, in reasoning, not in acting lies.”

Spider Wort, *Tradiscantia.* Momentary happiness.

“ ——— I knew it could not last,
'Twas bright—'twas heavenly, but 'tis past.”

Syringa, *Philadelphus.* Hypocrisy.

“ Go! thou false to heaven and me,
Thy very tears are treachery.”

Sunflower, *Helianthus.* Homage.

“ To thee the heart its trembling homage yields.”

Snail plant. Stupidity.

“ Thy quiet bosom only knows
The heavy sigh of deep repose.”

Sensitive plant, *Mimosa.* Profound sensibility.

“ Oh! too convincing—dangerously dear—
In woman's eye the unanswerable tear.”

Scarlet Cacalia. Joy.

“ All the hours dance away
With down upon their feet.”

Solomon's Seal, *Convallaria.* Secrecy.

“ Give it an understanding but no tongue.”

Sorrel, *Oxalis.* Discontent.

“ ——— Loads the scale in melancholy mood,
Presents the evil, but forgets the good.”

Sumach, *Rhus.* Finesse.

“ You have the art of drawing people out,
Without their knowing what you are about.”

- Sundial, *Lupinus.* Fidelity.
 " I'll closer cling as others shun,
 And never, never flee."
- Sweet Sultan, *Centaurea.* Supreme happiness.
 " Perfect enjoyment none shall ever find,
 Earth ne'er can satisfy the human mind."
- Shamrock, *Trifolium.* Hospitality.
 " Blest that abode, where want and pain repair,
 And every stranger finds a ready chair."
- Sweet Pea, *Lathyrus.* Adieu.
 " I fly to seek a kindlier sphere,
 Since thou hast ceased to love me here."
- Strawberry Leaves, *Fragaria.* Perfection.
 " Within that vase there lies enshrin'd
 The purest, brightest gem of mind."
- Scarlet Lychnis. Malevolence.
 " Nought tells of wreck and ruin nigh,
 More surely than that smiling eye."
- Stone Crop, *Sedum.* Probity.
 " Thy word is truth, as sacred and revered,
 As heaven's own oracles, from altars heard."
- Stramonium, *Datura.* Deceitful Charms.
 " Like dead sea fruits that tempt the eye,
 But turn to ashes on the lips."
- Southeron Wood, *Artimisia.* I will not reproach thee.
 " You are too much despised to be accused,
 And therefore scarce deserve to be abused."
- Speedwell, *Veronica.* Sanctity.
 " Where pure religion fixes her abode,
 She soothes all pain and lifts the soul to God."

Seneca Clover, *Holens.* I will not be neglected.

"Amidst this mighty fuss, just let me mention,
The rights of woman merit some attention."

Tea Plant, *Lerium Barbarum.* Unshaken confidence.

"To believe aught wrong of thee, thou best, thou dearest,
Reason without miracle can never plant in me."

Tulip, yellow. *Tulipa.* Solicitation.

"What shall I do, what say, to make thee hear me."

Do. colored, *Tulipa.* Declaration of love.

"To you my soul's affections move,
Devoutly, warmly, true."

Thyme, *Thymus.* I will think of it.

"There's something tells me (but 'tis not love)
I would not lose thee."

Tube Rose, *Polyanthes.* Distance strengthens the ties of love.

"Yes, absence is affection's test,
I feel the truth within my breast."

Traveller's Joy, *Clematis.* Playful gayety.

"Fragrance, and flowers, and dews must be,
The only emblems meet for thee."

Trumpet Creeper, *Bignonia.* I attach myself to you.

"With thee to live, with thee to die,
I will not to my hopes deny."

Thistle, *Carduus.* I am able to defend myself.

"Free to herself my potent mind remains,
Nor fears the victor's rage, nor dreads his chains."

Touch Me Not, *Impatiens.* Severed ties.

"Farewell! the spell is broken that held me in its thrall,
Farewell! the word is spoken my lips shall ne'er recall."

Tansey, *Tanacetum.* Imperfect.

" ——— Thou hast yet
Some tasks to learn, some frailties to forget."

Thumbergia, *Officious Advice.*

" Like the cuckoo in June—
Heard, not regarded."

Tulip Tree, *Liriodendron.* Scorn.

" ——— Rejects all treaty, penetrates all wiles,
Treats with the same indifference frowns and smiles."

Verbina. Unpretending excellence.

" How dear the dream in darkest hours of ill,
Should all be changed, to find thee faithful still."

Violet, *Viola.* Modesty.

" 'Tis Nature, and 'tis she alone,
That gives this bright celestial zone."

Virgin's Bower, *Clematis.* Filial affection.

" Friendship and love seem tenderly at strife,
Which most shall sweeten the declining life."

Valerian. Placid contentment.

" Thine is the spirit's harmony,
The mind's unbroken melody."

Venus' Looking-glass, *Specularia.* Flattery.

" Your words are like the notes of dying swans,
Too sweet to last."

Vernal Grass, *Anthoxanthum.* Fascination.

" Were Misery's full measure poured out to me now,
I would drain it with pleasure, so the Hebe were thou."

Wake Robin. Arum, *Diaconitum.* Give an account of yourself.

" But who, and what art thou!
Of foreign garb and fearful brow?"

Wall Flower, *Cherianthus*. Friendship in adversity.

“ Dwelling in ice, it mocks the chill,
Is pure, is soft, is brilliant still.”

Woodbine, *Lonicera*. Fraternal love.

“ I love to dream of days my childhood knew,
When with the sister of my heart time flew.”

Wild Cherry, *Lauris*. Perfidy.

“ With doubler tongue than thine, thou serpent,
Never adder stung.”

Water Lily, Lotus, *Nymphaea*. Mystery.

“ Where you can't unriddle, learn to trust.”

Willow, *Salix*. Grief.

“ Is of itself a medicine, and bestowed,
To improve the fortitude that bears the load.”

Weeping, *Salix*. Forsaken.

“ What though the lip may smile at will,
The heart, the heart, is lonely still.”

Wheat, *Triticum*. Prosperity.

“ May thy fortunes bud as fair,
And bloom through life unblighted.”

Wormwood, *Artimisia*. Absence.

“ All this were joy, if thou wert by to share,
But since thou art not, sickens to despair.”

Wild Geranium. I desire to please.

“ What would you have me do,
When out of twenty I can please but two ?”

Wind Flower, *Anemony*. Mutability.

“ Manners with fortunes, humours turn with climes,
Tenets with books, and principles with times.”

Wax Berry, *Symphoria.* Infancy.

“ Which is more pure, or bright, or wild,
The singing fount, or laughing child ?”

Wreath of Flowers. Flora's diadem.

“ Put on this crown, but humble be, I pray,
For soon thy beauty must like this decay.”

Walnut, *Juglans.* Hard Fate.

“ With nothing left to love, there's nought to fear.”

Yarrow. *Achillea.* Cure for love.

“ Go far from that eye, and perhaps you may yet,
Its seduction forgive, and its splendour forget.”

Yew, *Taxus.* Gloom.

“ Go thou, and pluck the roses while they bloom,
My hopes lie buried in the silent tomb.”

THE END.