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Thou first-born of the year's delight, pride of the dewy glade,
In vernal green and virgin white, thy vestal robes array'd.—Keble.

- 2nd -

THE snowdrop, Winter's timid child,
Awakes to life, bedew'd with tears;
And flings around its fragrance mild.

Mary Robinson.

— 3rd —

The snowdrop, and then the violet,
Arose from the ground with warm rain wet,
And their breath was mix'd with fresh odour, sent
From the turf, like the voice and the instrument.

Shelley.

- 4th -

Nor will I then thy modest grace forget, Chaste snowdrop, venturous harbinger of Spring, And pensive monitor of fleeting years!

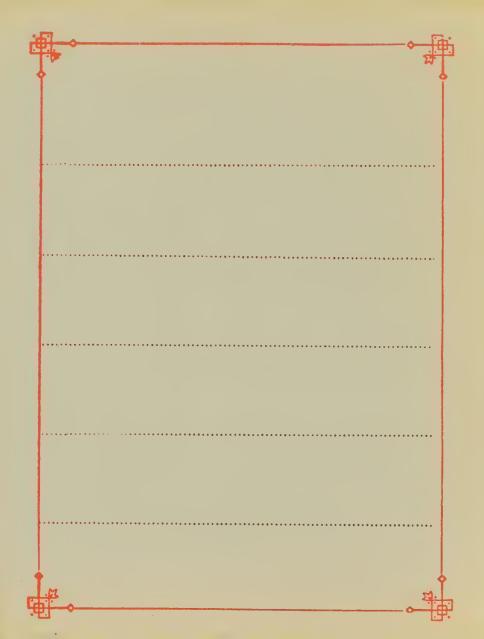
Wordsworth.

- 5ti -

EARLIEST bud that decks the garden,
Fairest of the fragrant race,
First-born child of vernal Flora,
Seeking mild thy lowly place.—Langhorne.

- 6t5 -

Lone flower, hemm'd in with snows and white as they, But hardier far, once more I see thee bend Thy forehead, as if fearful to offend, Like an unbidden guest.—Wordsworth.



Wood Sorrel

Joy.

THROUGH the covert of the wood, Hunt the sorrel creeping.—Montgomery.

Buttercups.

- 8tb -

Riches.

While the trees are leafless, While the fields are bare, Golden, glossy buttercups, Spring up here and there.

Agnes Strickland.

Periwinkle

- 9tb - Sweet Remembrances.

THROUGH primrose tufts, in that sweet bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air that breathes.—Wordsworth.

Reeds.

- 10tb -

Music.

THERE'S music in the sighing of a reed;
There's music in the gushing of a rill.

Byron.

Scotch Thistle.

- 11tb -

Retaliation.

Hurrah for the thistle! the brave Scotch thistle, The ever-green thistle of Scotland for me.

Maclagan.

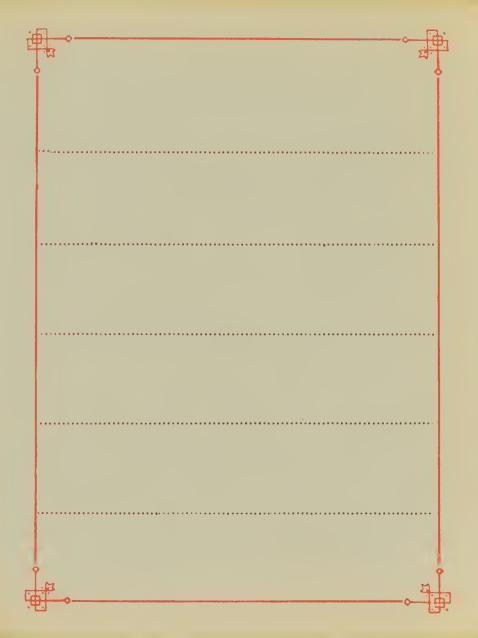
Daisy.

- 12tb -

Cheerfulness.

THE daisy meek, frae the dewy dale, The wild thyme, and the primrose pale, Wi' the lily frae the glassy lake, Of these a fragrant wreath I'll make.

John Finlay.



— January 13tb —

Early Youth.

Primrose.

Long as there's a sun that sets. Primroses will have their glory.

Wordsworth.

- 14th -

Welcome, pale primrose! How much thy presence beautifies the ground, How sweet thy modest, unaffected pride, Glows on the sunny banks and wood's warm side. Clare

- 15tb -

PALE primroses, That die unmarried, ere they can behold Bright Phœbus in his strength. Shakespeare.

- 16th -

I saw it in my evening walk-A little lonely flower-Under a hollow bank it grew, Deep in a mossy bower. Caroline Southey.

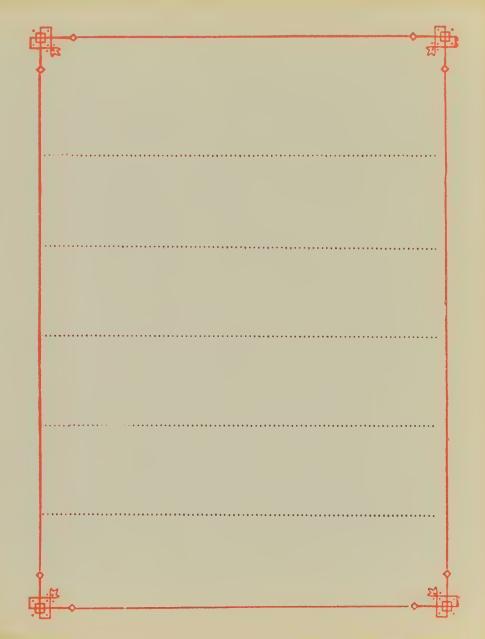
- 17tb --

Ask me why I send you here, This firstling of the infant year; Ask me why I send to you, This primrose all be-pearled with dew! Carew.

- 18tb -

PRIMROSE, who doth haunt the hours of Spring, A wood-nymph, brightening places lone and green.

Barry Cornwall.



- January 19th -

Regard.

A HOST of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Wordsworth.

Primrose.

Caffodila.

— 20tb —

Early Youth.

In dewy glades
The peering primrose, like sudden gladness,
Gleams on the soul—yet unregarded fades—
The joy is ours, but all its own the sadness.

Coleridge.

- 21st -

MILD offspring of a dark and sullen sire, Whose modest form, so delicately fine, Was nursed in whirling storms, And cradled in the wind.—H. K. White.

- 22nd -

When early primroses appear,
And vales are decked with daffodils
I hail the new reviving year,
And soothing hope my bosom fills.

Kingcups.

- 23rd -

Desire of Riches.

NOR all forgotten be those humble flowers, Daisies and buttercups.—T. L. Merritt.

Shamrock.

- 24th -

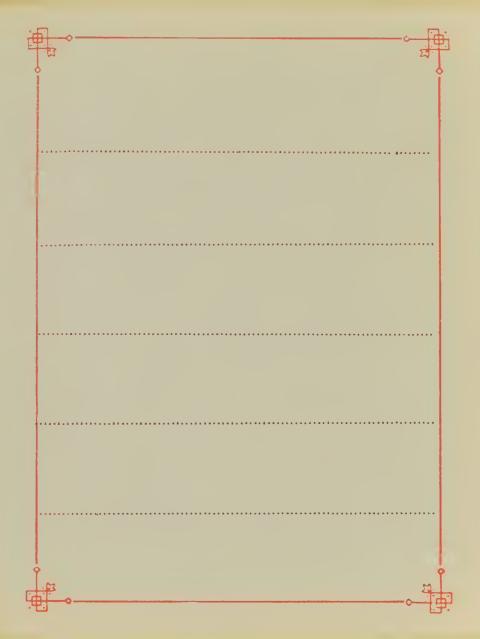
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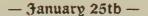
OH! the shamrock, the green, immortal shamrock!

Chosen leaf

Of bard and chief,

Old Erin's native shaftnock!





Daisy.

Innocence.

THAT old favourite—the daisy—born By millions in the balmy vernal morn— The child's own flower!—Carrington.

Wood Anemones. — 26tb — Forlornness.

FLOWERS of the wild wood! your home is there, Mid all that is fragrant, all that is fair.

Anne Pratt.

Bindweed (Small). -27tb — Humility.

My jewels are the primrose pale, the bindweed, and the rose:

And show me any courtly queen more beautiful than those.—Mary Howitt.

The Small Celandine. — 28tb — Joys to Come.

THERE is a flower, the lesser celandine,
That shrinks, like many more, from cold and rain;
And, the first moment that the sun may shine,
Bright as the sun himself, 'tis out again.

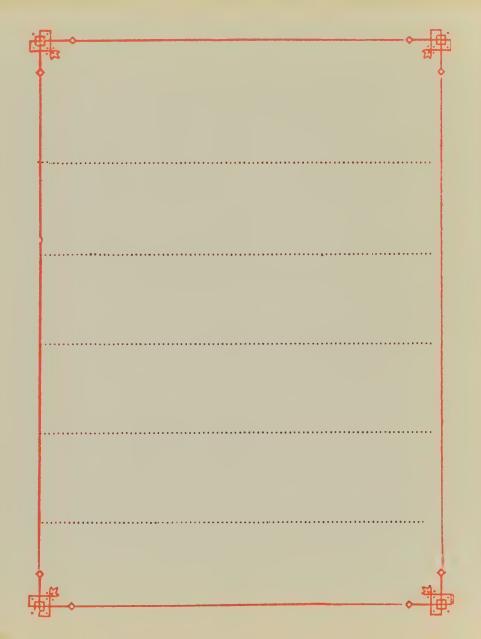
Scorpion Grass. — 29tb — Forget-me-not.

A BONNY wee flower grew green in the wuds, Like a twinklin' star among the cluds; And the langer it livit the greener it grew, For 'twas lulled by the winds and fed by the dew.

Harebell. — 30th — Submission, Grief.

In Spring's green lap there blooms a flower, Whose cup imbibes each vernal shower, That sips fresh Nature's balmy dew, Clad in her sweetest, purest blue.

Caroline Symmons.



- January 31st -Field Flowers.

YE field flowers! the gardens eclipse you, 'tis true, Yet, wildlings of nature, I dote upon you, For ye wast me to summers of old.—Campbeli.

Wild Thyme.

- February 1st -

Activity.

I know a bank whereon the wild thyme blows, Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows. Shakespeare.

Thigtle.

- 2nd -

Retaliation.

THE greenest, the sweetest, the fairest of flowers Is the thistle—the thistle of Scotland for me. R. L. Malone.

Poor Robin.

- 3rd -

Compensation.

Poor Robin yet is flowerless; but how gay With his red stalks upon this sunny day; And as his tufts of leaves he spreads, content With a hard bed and scanty nourishment. Wordsmorth.

Ivy.

- 4th -

Friendship, Fidelity.

But the stout old ivy shall never fade From its hale and hearty green. C. Dickens.

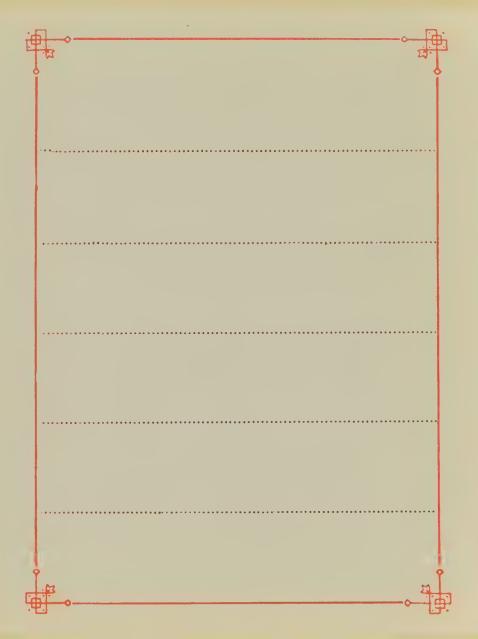
Ulix.

- 5th -

Humility.

ULIX! that dost crown with gold All the wild and breezy heath, Forming many a gorgeous wreath, Fragrant with thy odorous breath.





Cowslip.

-february 6tb- Youthful Beauty.

I LOVE the cowslip, with its yellow cup; And there the honey-bee delights to dwell. 7. L. Merritt.

Cowslip.

— 7tb —

Winning Grace.

OH, but to breathe the breath Of the cowslip and primrose sweet.

Hood.

Cowslip.

- 8tb -

Early Joys.

On pastures wide and green, upon a thousand stems, Fit for a fairy queen to wear for precious gems, Young cowslips smile at earth and sky With sweetest breath and golden eye.

Miss Taylor.

Almond (Flowering).

— 9tb —

Hope.

ALMOND blossom, sent to teach us That the Spring days soon will reach us; Blossom, clouding all the tree With thy crimson broidery.—Edwin Arnold.

Evening Primrose.

— 10tb —

Inconstancy.

FAIR flower, that shunn'st the glare of day,
Yet lov'st to open, meekly bold,
To evening's hucs of sober gray
Thy cup of paley gold.—Bernard Barton.

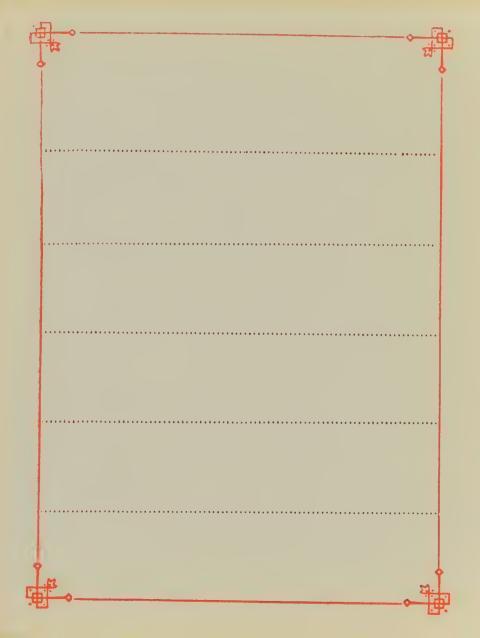
Pink (Single).

— 11tb —

Pure Love.

WHERE yellow cowslips, and the bashful pink,
Their mingled sweets and lovely hues combine.

Dodsley.



-February 12tb- Youthful Gladness.

LowLy, sprightly little flower!
Herald of a brighter bloom,
Bursting in a sunny hour
From thy winter's tomb.

Mary Paterson.

— 13tb —

Hues you bring, bright, gay, and tender.
As if never to decay;
Fleeting in their varied splendour—
Soon, alas! it fades away.

Mary Paterson.

- 14tb -

Like lilac-flame its colour glows, Tender, and yet so clearly bright. Mrs. Hemans.

- 15tb -

Welcome, mild harbinger of Spring!
To this small nook of earth,
Feeling and fancy fondly cling
Round thoughts which owe their birth to thee.

Barton.

- 16tb -

FAIR-HANDED Spring unbosoms every grace, Throws out the snowdrop and the crocus first. Thomson.

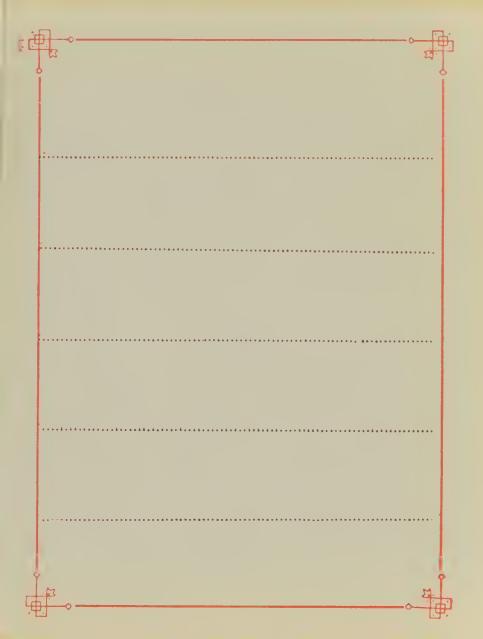
Cuckoo Flower. — 17th —

Spring Crocus.

Paternal Error.

THE cuckoo-flower and hyacinth,
Those blossoms of each woodland wild;
The primrose and anemone,
Oh, I have prized them from a child!

Anne Pratt.



- Jebruary 18th. - Unrequited Love.

The daffodils begin to peer,
With heigh! the doxy o'er the dale,
Why then comes in the sweet o' the year;
For the red blood reigns in the winter's pale.
Shakespeare.

- 19tb -

FAIR daffodils, we weep to see You haste away so soon.—Herrick.

Hepatica.

Daffodil.

— 20tb —

Confidence.

HEPATICAS so fair, in beauty grow, Though February's chilly winds do blow.

Blue-bells.

- 21st -

Constancy.

Lier the proud Indian boast of his jessamine bowers, His pasture of perfume, and rose-covered dells, While humbly I sing of those wild little flo vers, The blue-bells of Scotland, the Scottish blue-bells. Sillery.

Anemone.

— 22nd —

Forsaken.

FROM the soft wing of vernal breezes shed Anemones,

Thomson.

Purple Columbine.

- 23rd -

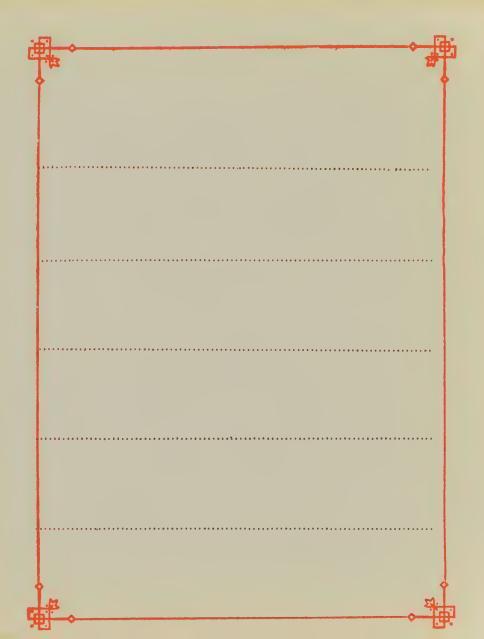
Resolved to Win.

COLUMBINES, in purple dressed,
Nod o'er the ground-bird's hidden nest.

Bryant.

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- February 24th -

Daisy.

Innocence.

THE daisy amused my fond fancy, So artless, so simple, so wild.

Burns.

- 25tb -

Daistes, ye flowers of lowly birth, Embroid'rers of the carpet earth, That stud the velvet sod.

John Clare.

- 26tb -

A QUEEN in crown of rubies dres't.

Wordsworth.

- 27tb -

BRIGHT lower! whose home is everywhere, A pilgrim bold in Nature's care. Wordsworth.

- 28tb -

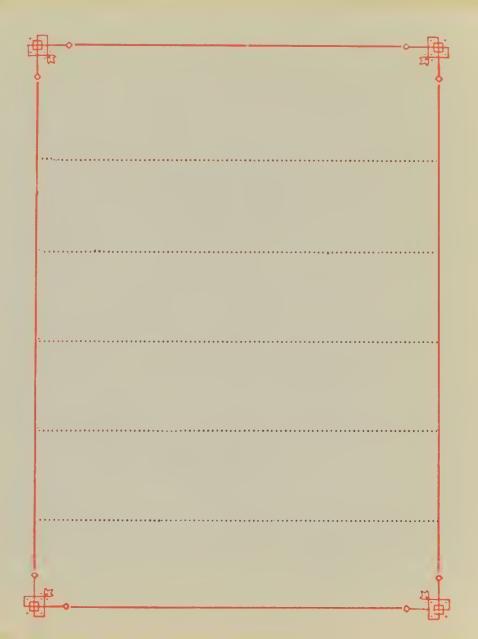
Wee, modest, crimson-tippéd flower, Thou bonnie gem.

Burns.

- 29tb -

The daisy's cheek is tipp'd with a blush, She is of such low degree.

Hood.



Strawberry Blossoms. - March 1st-

Foresight.

LOOK at it, the flower is small, Small and low, though fair as any. Wordsworth.

Wild Geranium.

— 2nd —

Steadfast Piety.

Though nursed by field, and brook, and wood, And wild in every feature, Spring ne'er unsealed a fairer bud, Nor found a blossom sweeter.—Clare.

Birch Tree

- 3rd -

Gracefulness.

Most beautiful
Of forest trees, the lady of the woods.

Coleridge.

Osmunda.

- 4tb -

Oreams.

FAIR ferns and flowers, and chiefly that tall fern, So stately, of the queen osmunda named, Plant lovelier in its own retired abode On Grasmere's beach, than naiad by the side Of Grecian brook.—Wordsworth.

Apple Blossom.

— 5tb —

Preference.

WHAT virgin's cheek Can match this apple bloom?

Elliot.

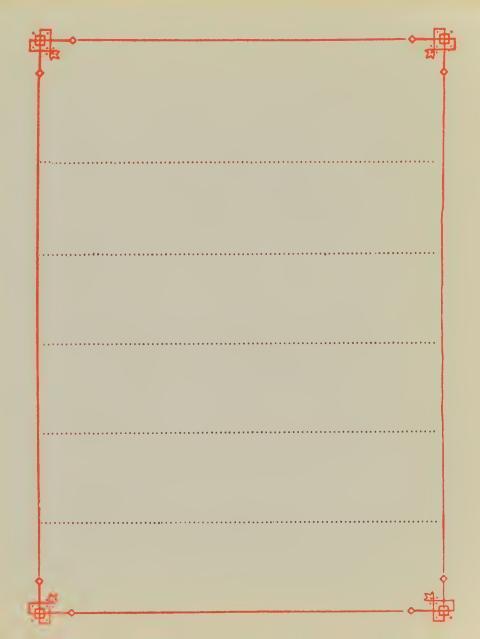
Cinquefoil.

— 6tb --

Maternal Affection.

How gracefully the potentilla throws
Its trailing branches down the rude bank side,
Until they kiss the wavelet as it flows
O'er pebbles polished by the crystal tide.

lyas.



— March 7tb —

Primrose.

Early Youth.

A sweet yellow primrose On March ope'd her een, Like wee starries of gowd In a bricht clud o' green.

H. MacDonald.

Gum Cistus.

— 8tb — I shall die to-morrow.

Flower, thou seem'st not born to die, With thy radiant purity,
But to melt in air away,
Mingling with the soft spring day.

Mrs. Hemans.

Birch.

— 9tb —

Meekness.

Sweet is the birk, wi' its mantle o' green.

Tannahill.

Heath.

— 10tb —

Solitude.

THE purple heath and golden broom
On moory mountains catch the gale;
O'er lawns the lily sheds perfume,
The violet in the vale.—James Montgomery.

Bindweed.

— 11tb —

Humility.

Lo! the blue bindweed doth itself enfold With honeysuckle, and both these entwine Themselves with briony and jessamine, To cast a kind and odoriferous shade.

Ben Jonson.

Amaryllis.

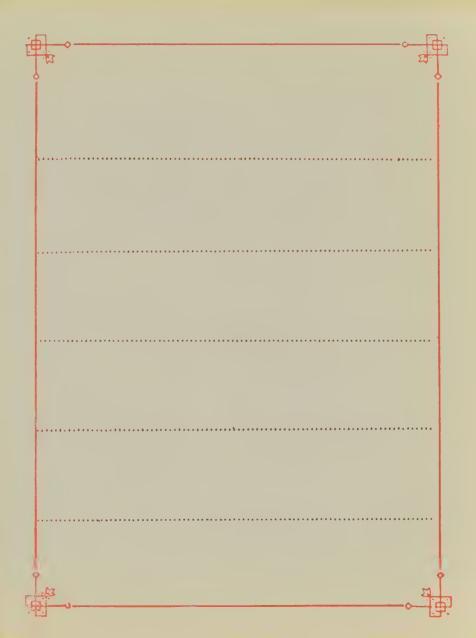
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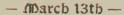
Pride, Haughtiness.

WHEN amaryllis fair doth show the richness of her fiery glow,

The modest lily hides her head; the former seems so proudly spread

To win the gaze of human eye.





Modesty.

Violets.

LOVELY your modest blossoms downward bent, As shrinking from our gaze, yet prompt to bless The passers-by with fragrange.—Barton.

- 14tb --

YET Spring's awakening breath will woo the earth, To feed with kindliest dews its favourite flower, That blooms in mossy banks and darksome glens, Lighting the greensward with its sunny smile.

Shelley.

- 15tb -

Brautiful are you in your lowliness, Bright are your hues, delicious is your scent.

Barton.

- 16tb -

THE silent, soft, and humble heart In the violet's hidden sweetness breathes. Percival.

- 17tb -

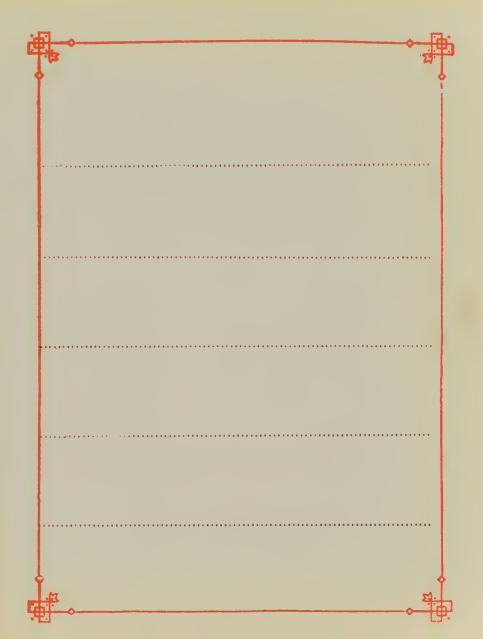
A LowLy flower, in secret bower,
Invisible I dwell;
For blessing made, without parade,
Known only by my smell.

George Horne.

— 18tb —

We are violets blue,
For our sweetness found
Careless in the mossy shades,
Looking on the ground.

Leigh Hunt.



The virgin violet, The nun who, nestling in her cell of leaves, Shrinks from the world in vain.

Barry Cornwall.

- 20tb -

VIOLETS, dim, But sweeter than the lids of Juno's eyes, Or Cytherea's breath.—Shakespeare.

- 21st -

THERE's to me
A daintiness about these early flowers
That touches me like poetry.

N. P. Willis.

— 22nd —

DELIGHTFUL flowerets! at the voice of Spring Your buds unfolded to its sunbeams bright.

Barton.

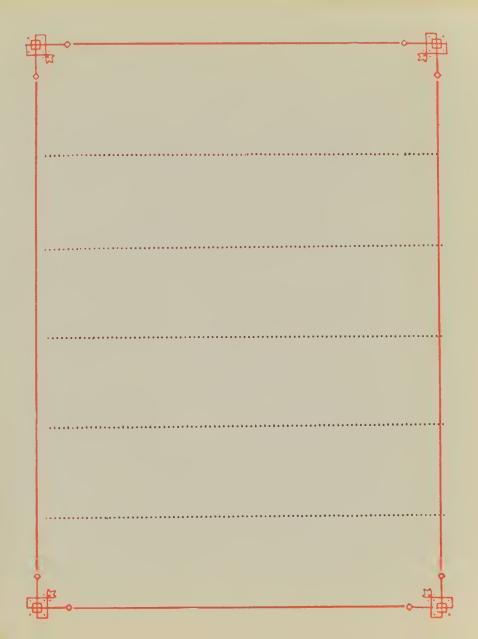
- 23rd -

They blow with such a simple loveliness among The common herbs of pasture, and breathe out Their lives so unobtrusively.—N. P. Willis.

- 24tb -

THE love-sick violet and the primrose pale
Bow their sweet heads, and whisper to the gale.

Darwin.



Dandelion.

— (March 25th —

Rustic Oracle.

How like a prodigal doth Nature seem, When thou, for all thy gold, so common art! Thou teachest me to deem. Most sacredly of every human heart.

I. R. Lowell.

Heath.

- 26th -

Solitude.

Where the wild bee comes with a murmuring song, Pilfering sweets as he roams along, I uprear my purple bell.—R. Paterson.

Horse Chestnut.

- 27th -

Luxury.

For in its honour prodigal Nature weaves A princely vestment, and profusely showers O'er its green masses of broad palmy leaves Ten thousand waxen pyramidal flowers.

Howitt.

Bramble.

- 28th -

Lowliness.

Though woodbine flaunt and roses glow O'er all the fragrant bowers, Thou need'st not be ashamed to show Thy satin-threaded flowers.—E. Elliot.

Lily of the Valley.

- 29tb -Return of Happiness.

SHE silent and alone puts on her suit, And sheds a lasting perfume, but for which We had not known there was a thing so sweet Hid in the gloomy shade. - James Hurdis.

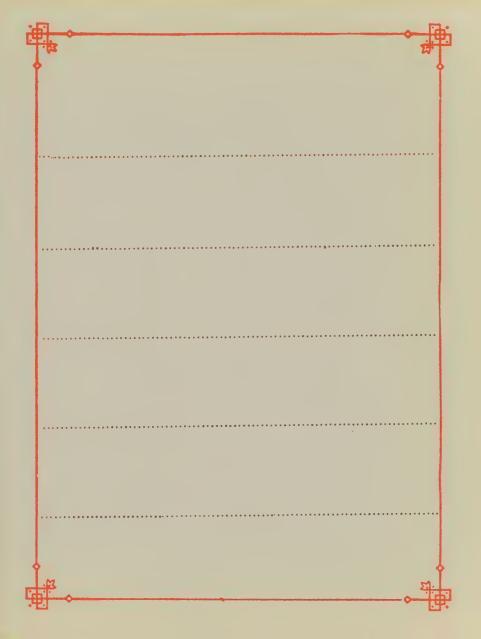
Small Celandine.

- 30th -

Jovs to Come.

SEE its varnish'd golden flowers Peeping through the chilling showers.

Wordsworth.



— March 31st —

Early Youth

God's simple, common things I love-My primrose, such as thee.

Robert Nicoll

Blue-bells.

Primrose-

— April 1st —

Constancy.

I'D' leave the sunshine and parterre, and seek the woodland glade,

To stretch me on the fragrant bed of blue-bells in the

shade. - Eliza Cook.

Woodbine.

- 2117 -

Fraternal Love.

AND still the odours that arise From clusters of the wild woodbine. Are sweeter, lovelier to me, Than scent of Eastern jessamine.

Anne Pratt.

Foxglove.

- 3rd -

Insincerity.

O BLOOMY bed of foxgloves, Fair on the island set, Incarnate, lovely essence Of air and rivulet.

Lord Southesk.

Auricula.

- 4th -

Painting.

In comes auricula; arrayed she comes In splendour; and liveliest colours blooms.

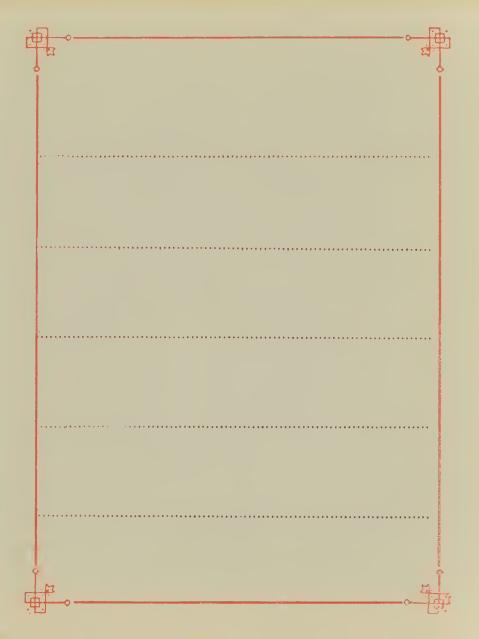
Violet Blue.

— 5th —

Faithfulness.

I LOVE to go, in the capricious days Of April, and hunt violets when the rain Is in the blue cups, trembling, and they nod So gracefully to the kisses of the wind.

N. P. Willis.



- April 6th -

Violets Sweet.

Modesty.

VIOLETS, shy violets!
Ravish the enraptured air
With sweetness, dewy, fresh, and rare!
George Meredith.

Violet Yellow.

— 7tb —

Rural Happiness.

THE violet, in her greenwood bower,
Where birchen boughs with hazels mingle,
May boast herself the fairest flower
In glen, or copse, or forest dingle.

Sur Walter Scott.

St. John's Wort.

- 8tb -

Animosity.

HYPERICUM, all bloom, so thick a swarm Of flowers, like flies, clothing its slender rods, That scarce a leaf appears.—Cowper.

Rose.

- 9tb --

Love.

While we invoke the wreathed Spring, Resplendent rose! to thee we'll sing.

Anacreon.

Woodbine.

- 10tb -

Fraternal Love.

Dost dare prefer
The woodbine, for her fragrant summer breath.

B. Cornwall.

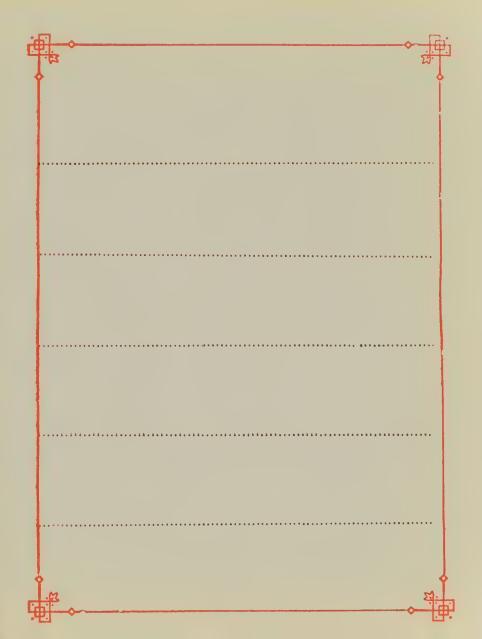
Orchia,

- 11tb -

A Belle.

PAUSE where foam-like meadow queen Scatters her blossoms on the lake, Or where the orchis blooms among The lady fern or feathery brake.

Anne Pratt.



Cowslips.

- April 12tb -

Winning Grace.

Bowing adorers of the gale, Ye cowslips delicately pale, Upraise your loaded stems, Unfold your cups in splendour.

John Clare.

Jasmine.

- 13tb -

Amiability.

Timid jasmine buds that keep Their odour to themselves all day, But when the sunlight dies away Let the delicious secret out To every breeze that roams about.

Moore.

Harebell

- 14tb -

Submission

THE azure harebell, that doth ceaseless ring Her wildering charms to vagrant butterflies.

Merritt.

Hawthorn.

- 15tb -

Hope.

O sweet is the blossom o' the hawthorn-tree, The bonny milky blossom o' the hawthorn-tree. W. H. Hetherington.

Laburnum.

- 16th -

Forsaken.

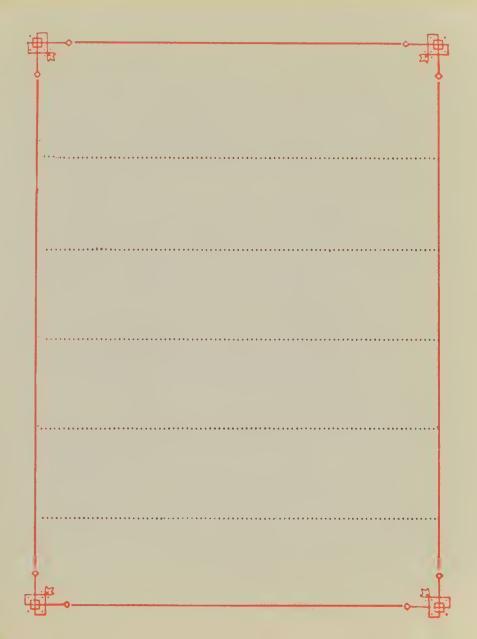
AND pale laburnum's pendent flowers display Their different beauties.—Dodsley.

Wallflower.

- 17th - Pidelity in Adversity.

There may be gaudier in the bower,
And statelier in the tree,
But wallflower—loved wallflower—
Thou art the flower for me.—D. M. Meir.

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- April 18tb -

Blue-bell.

Constancy.

I Lo'E thee well, thou Scotch blue-bell, I bail thee, floweret fair! Whether thou bloom'st in lanely dell, Or wav'st 'mid mountain air.

A. Maclagan.

Marigold.

— 19tb —

Grief.

THE marigold which goes to bed with the sun, And with him rises weeping.

Ranunculus.

- 20tb - Radiant with Charms.

Full ranunculus, of glowing red.—Thomson.

Sweet Pea.

- 21st -

Delicate Pleasures.

SOME, more aspiring, catch the neighbour shrub With clasping tendrils, and invest his branch, Else unadorned, with many a gay festoon And fragrant chaplet.—Cowper.

Pansy.

— 22nd —

Thoughts.

Now the shining meads
Do boast the paunse, lily, and the rose;
And every flower doth laugh as zephyr blows.

Ben Jonson.

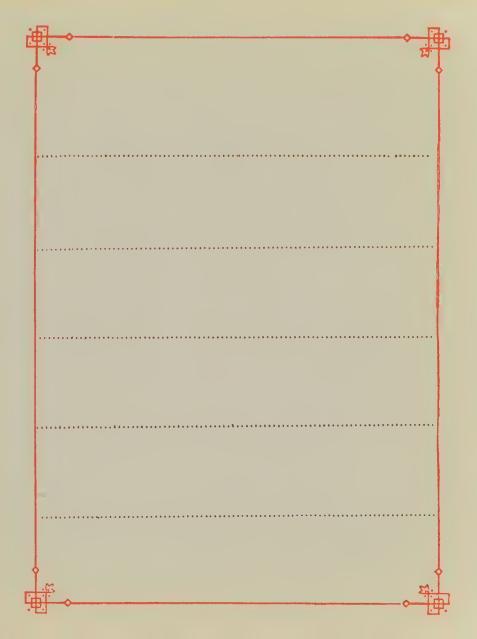
Eglantine

- 23rd -

Poetry.

AND leaf of eglantine, whom not to slander, Outsweetened not thy breath.

Shakespeare.



— April 24tb —

Forget-me-nots.

Forget me not.

Thou sweet little flower with the bright blue eye, That peepest from the bank so modestly.

- 25tb -

And faith, that a thousand ills can brave, Speaks in thy blue leaves, forget-me-not. Percival.

- 26tb -

That blue and bright-eyed flow'ret of the brook, Hope's gentle gem, the sweet forget-me-not.

S. T. Coleridge.

- 27tb -

GEM of the rill! we love to greet thy blossoms smiling at our feet,

We fancy to thy flow'ret given a semblance of the azure heaven,

And deem thine eye of gold to be the star that gleams so brilliantly.

Eglantine.

- 28tb -

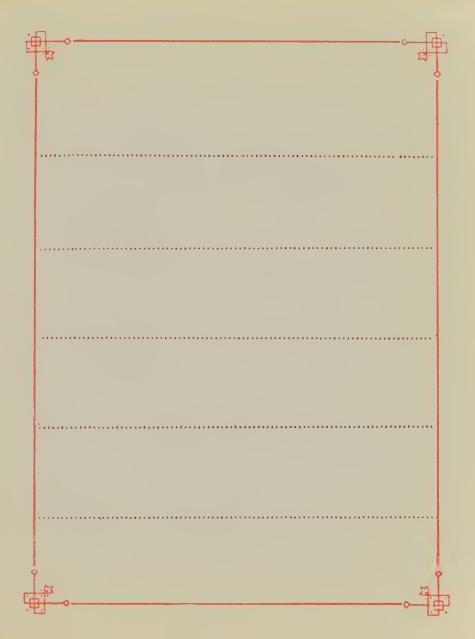
Poetry.

The fragrant eglantine did spread His prickling arms, entrail'd with roses red, Which dainty odours round about them threw. Spenser.

- 29tb -

FAREWELL to thee, April, a gentle farewell, Thou hast saved the young rose in its emerald cell; Sweet nurse, thou hast mingled thy sunshine and showers,

Like kisses and tears, on thy children, the flowers.



— April 30th —

Myrtle.

Love.

THE myrtle-bough bids lovers live.

Sir Walter Scott.

Pink (variegated).

- May 1st -

Refusal.

A various wreath of odorous flowers she made, Gay, motleyed pinks and sweet jonquils.

Shenstone.

Jonquils.

- 2nd - A Return of Affection.

THE jonquil loads with potent breath the air, And rich in golden glory nods.

Bidlake.

— 3rð —

Jonquils of potent fragrance.

Thomson.

- 4tb --

BLUE-EYED May Shall soon behold this border thickly set With bright jonquils.—Wordsworth.

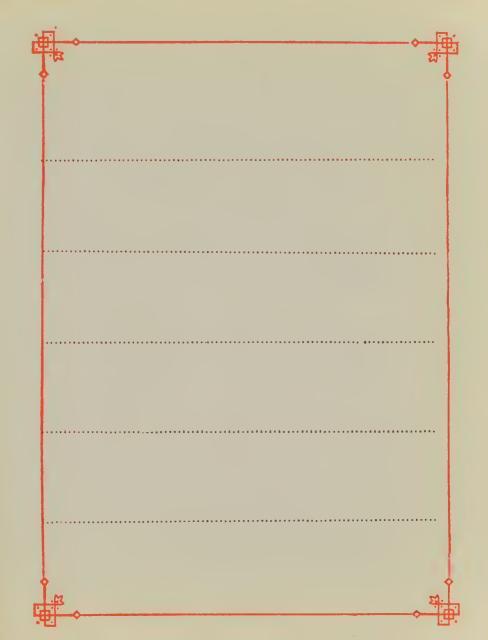
The Dog-rose.

— 5tb —

Simplicity.

Welcome, oh! welcome once again,
Thou dearest of all the laughing flowers
That open their odorous bosoms when
The summer birds are in their bowers.

Mrs. Howitt.



-May 6tb-First Emotions of Love.

Lilac.

THE lilac, various in array, now white, Now sanguine, and her beauteous head now set With purple spikes pyramidal.—Cowper.

Harebell.

— 7tb —

Submission, Grief.

SIMPLE flow'ret! child of May.

Caroline Symmons.

Hawthorn.

- Stb --

Hope.

GIVES not the hawthorn-bush a sweeter shade To shepherds looking on their silly sheep Than doth a rich embroidered canopy To kings, that fear their subjects' treachery. Shakespeare,

- 9tb -

COME, let us rest this hawthorn tree below,
And breathe its luscious fragrance ere it flies,
And watch the tiny petals as they fall,
Circling and winnowing down our sylvan hall.

Miss Twamley.

Fern.

— 10tb —

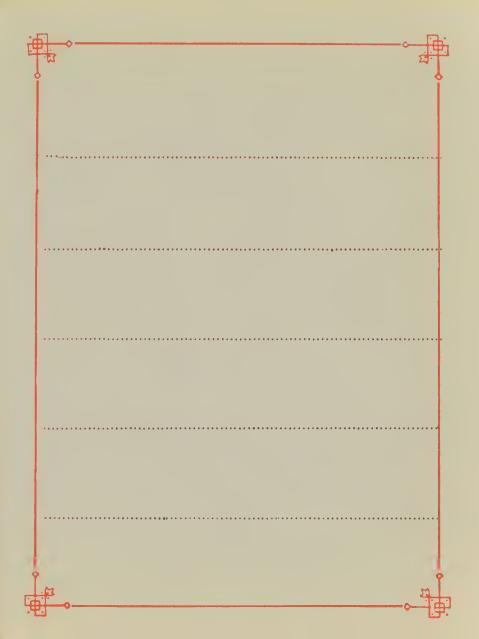
Sincerity.

THE foxgloves and the fern, how gracefully they grow,
With grand old oaks above them, and wavy grass below!

Heliotrope,

-11tb- Infatuation, I love you.

THERE is a flower whose modest eye
Is turned with looks of light and love,
Who breathes her softest, sweetest sigh
Whene'er the sun is bright above.



— May 12tb —

Voluptuousness.

THE sweet tuberose!
The sweetest flower for scent that blows.
Shellev.

Heliotrope.

Polianthes.

— 13tb — Devotion, Faithfulness.

Through all the changes of the day I turn me to the sun; In clear or cloudy skies I say Alike—Thy will be done.

George Horne.

Clematis.

- 14tb -

Artifico.

THRIVE, gentle plant! and weave a bower for Mary and for me,

And deck with many a splendid flower thy foliage large and free.—Cowper.

Anemone.

- 15tb -

Forsaken.

Anemone, now robed in virgin white, Now with faint crimson blushing.

Gistorne.

Sweet Peas.

- 16tb -

Delicate Pleasures.

HERE are sweet peas on tiptoe for a flight, With wings of gentle flush o'er delicate white, And taper fingers, catching at all things, To bind them all about with tiny rings.

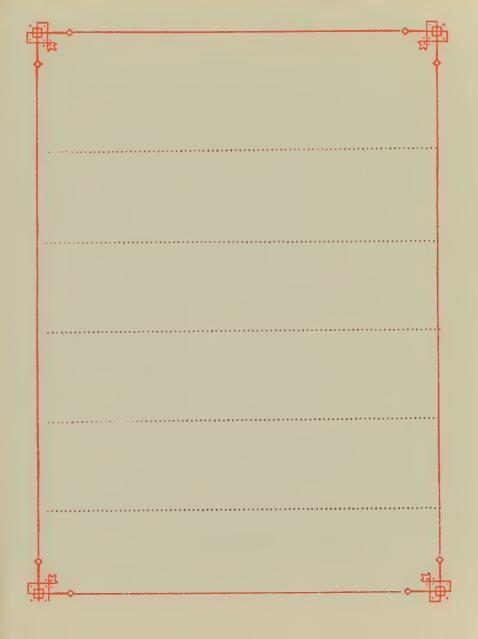
Keats.

Lilac.

— 17tb — Youthful Innocence.

THAT lilac's cleaving cones have burst, The milk-white flowers revealing.

Longfellow.



Lily of the Valley. - May 18tb- Return of Happiness.

HERE's the lily of the vale, That perfumed the morning gale, All so spotless, and so pale.—Clure.

- 19tb -

White bud, that in meek beauty so dost lean
Thy cloister'd cheek, as pale as moonlight snow,
Thou seem'st beneath thy huge, high leaf of green
An eremite beneath his mountain brow.—Croly.

- 20tb -

AND the Naiad-like lily of the vale, Whom youth makes so fair, and passion so pale, That the light of its tremulous bells is seen Through their pavilions of tender green.

Sheiler.

- 21st -

THE virgin lily of the vale I love, Laden with sweets Arabia cannot give.

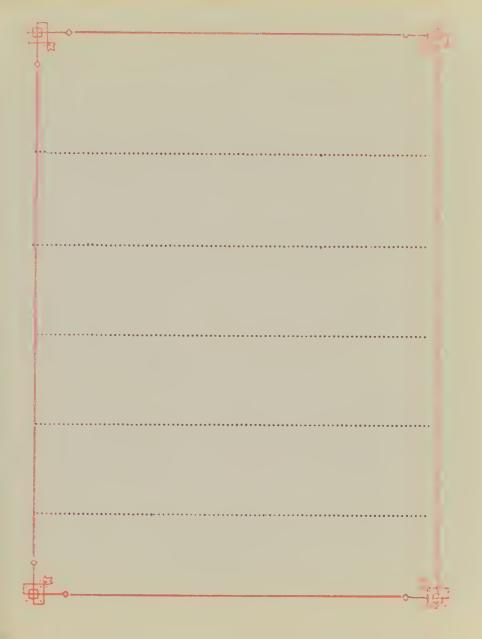
— 22nd —

SEE the lily on its bed Hanging down its modest head, While it scarcely can be seen Folded in its leaf of green.

— 23rd —

SEE, bending to the gentle gale. The modest lily of the vale, Hid in its leaf of tender green, Mark its soft and simple mien.

Mrs. Hemans.



RESPLENDENT rose! the flower of flowers.

Anacreon.

First Rose of Summer. — 25tb —

Majesty.

'Tis the first rose of summer that opes to my view, With its bright crimson bosom all bathed in the dew.

Robert Gilfillan.

Honeysuckle.

— 26tb — Generous Affection.

FAIR flower that doth so comely grow,
Hid in this silent, dull retreat,
Untouch'd thy honeyed blossoms blow,
Unseen thy little branches greet.
Philip Frenean.

Bramble.

— 27tb —

Lowliness.

Thy fruit full well the schoolboy knows, Wild bramble of the brake!
So put thou forth thy small white rose:
J love it for his sake.—E. Elliott.

Honeysuckle.

- 28tb -

Bonds of Love.

THERE the wild honeysuckle, gaily drest In blending hues of yellow and of red, With rich abundance, throws its slender stems, In beautiful festoons.

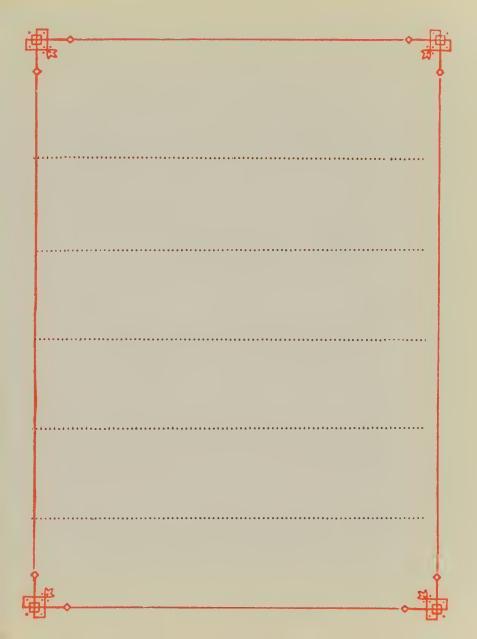
Rose, Single.

- 29tb -

Simplicity.

ROSE! thou art the fondest child
Of dimpled spring, the wood-nymph wild.

Moore's Anacreon.



Majesty

THE lily's height bespoke command, A fair imperial flower; She seemed designed for Flora's hand, The sceptre of her power.

Coruper.

Lilies, White.

— 31st — Purity, Sweetness.

WE are lilies fair, The flower of virgin light. Leigh Hunt.

- June 1st -

THE lily is all in white like a saint. Hood.

-- 2nd --

NATURE held us forth, and said, Lo! my thoughts of white. Leigh Hunt.

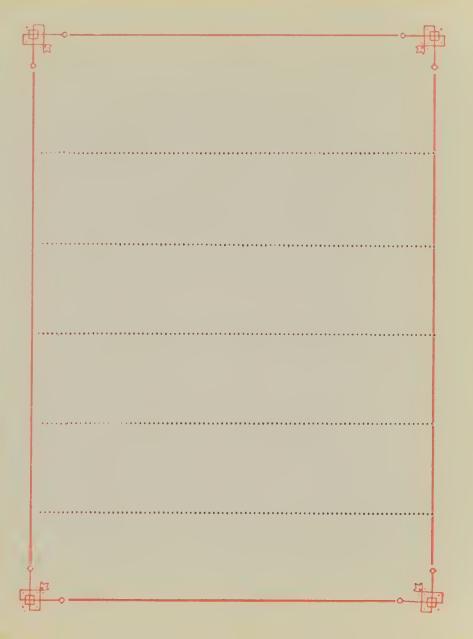
- 3rd -

Could you see around us The enamoured air. You would see it pale with bliss To hold a thing so fair.

Leigh Hunt.

- 4th -

And the wand-like lily, which lifted up, As a mænad, its moonlight-coloured cup, Till the fiery star, which is its eye, Gazed through the clear dew on the tender sky. · Shelley.



Sweet Brier, American. - June 5tb-

Simplicity.

THE little four-leaved rose that I love best.

That freshest will awake, and sweetest go to rest.

J. G. C. Brainard.

Red Rosebud.

— 6tb —

Pure and Lovely.

'Tis sweet to hold the infant stems, Yet drooping with Aurora's gems, And fresh inhale the spicy sighs That from the weeping buds arise.

Anacreon.

Wild Rose.

— 7th —

Simplicity.

HERE'S a wild rose just in bud, Spring's beauty in its hood.

John Clare.

Rose, Deep Red.

- Stb -

Bashful Shame.

The rose, she is a queen—more wonderful
Than any that have bloomed on Orient thrones.

Barry Cornwall.

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— 9tb — Thy Smile I aspire to.

Rose! thou art the sweetest flower
That ever drank the amber shower.

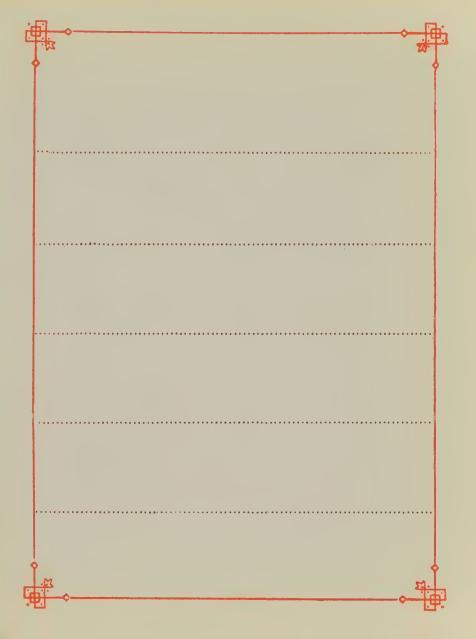
Moore's Anacreon.

Musk Rose.

— 10tb —

Capricious Beauty

THE sweetest flower wild nature yields, A fresh-blown musk rose.—Keats.



How much of memory dwells amidst thy bloom, Rose! ever wearing beauty for thy dower! Thou stateliest flower.—Mrs. Hemans.

Rose, Deep Red.

— 12tb —

Bashful Shame.

SABEAN Empress! in her breast, though small, Beauty and infinite sweetness sweetly dwell, Inextricable.—Barry Cornwall.

Rose.

— 13tb —

Love.

I will woo the dainty rose, With her cheeks of tender red.

Hood.

Damask Rose.

— 14th — Brilliant Complexion.

Here damask roses, white and red,
Out of my lap first take I,
Which still shall run along the thread,
My chiefest flower this make I.

Drayton.

Rose.

— 15tb —

Love.

THE rose is a sign of joy and love, Young, blushing love in its earliest dawn.

Red Rosebud

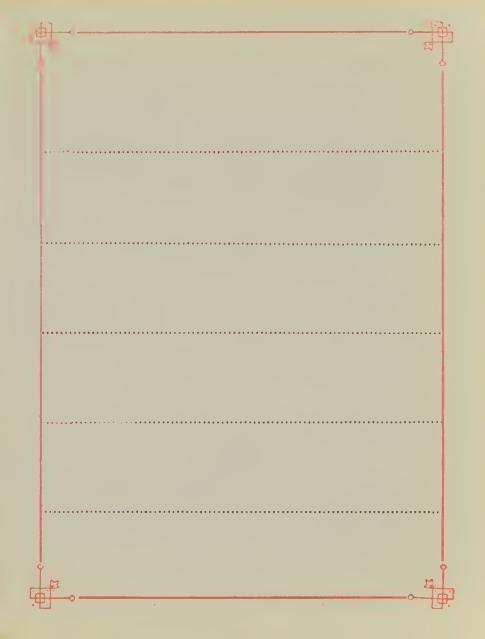
— 16tb —

Pure and Lovely.

BEAUTEOUS rosebud, young and gay, blooming in thy early May,

Never may'st thou, lovely flower, chilly shrink in sleety shower.

May'st thou long, sweet crimson gem, richly deck thy native stem.



-3une 17tb- Declaration of Love.

YET no delicious scent it yields, to cheer the garden or the fields;

Tulip, Red.

Vainly in gaudy colours drest, 'tis rather gazed on than caressed.

Tulip, Variegated. — 18th — Beautiful Eyes.

Who thus, O tulip! thy gay painted breast In all the colours of the sun hath drest! Well could I call thee, in thy gaudy pride, The queen of flowers.—Kleist.

Tulip, Yellow — 19tb — Hopeless Love.

THEN comes the tulip-race, where beauty plays Her idle freaks.—Thomson.

Tulip, Variegated. — 20tb — Beautiful Eyes.

THE tulip's petals shine in dew, All beautiful, yet none alike.

Montgomery.

Tulip, Red. — 21st — Declaration of Love.

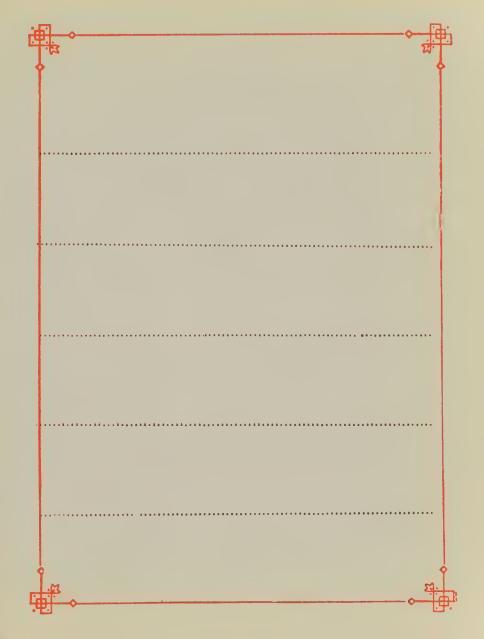
Nor one of Flora's brilliant race
A form more perfect can display;
Art could not feign more simple grace,
Nor Nature take a line away.

Montgomery.

Broom. $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text{Broom.} \\ \text{Whin.} \end{array}\right\}$ — 22nd — $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text{Humility, Neatness.} \\ \text{Anger.} \end{array}\right.$

THE broom and whin, by loch and linn, Are tipp'd wi' gowd in summer weather.

J. Imlah.



- June 23rd - Purity, Sweetness.

Lily.

INNOCENCE shines in the lily's bell, Pure as the heart in its native heaven.

Percival.

- 24tb -

EMBLEM of Him in whom no stain The eye of Heaven could see, In all their glory, monarchs vain Are not array'd like me.

- 25tb -

THE lily it is pure, and the lily it is fair.

Burns

Iris.

- 26tb -

Message.

BEAUTIFUL lily, dwelling by still rivers,
Or solitary mere,
Or where the sluggish meadow-brook delivers
Its waters to the weir!—Longfellow.

Flower-de-luce.

- 27tb -

Fire.

O FLOWER-DE-LUCE, bloom on, and let the river Linger to kiss thy feet!

O flower of song, bloom on, and make for ever The world more fair and sweet.

Long fellow.

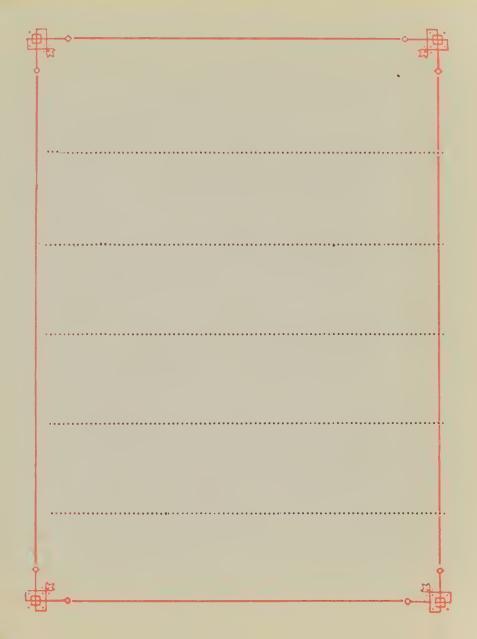
Blackthorn.

- 28tb -

Difficulty.

THE hawthorn I will pu', wi' its locks o' siller grey, Where, like an aged man, it stands at break of day.

Burns.



Lilies

- June 29tb - Purity, Sweetness.

LIKE the garden's angels
Do we seem.—Leigh Hunt.

Moss Rosebud.

- 30tb - Confession of Love.

O'ER the rose
A veil of moss the angel throws,
And robed in nature's simplest weed,
Could there a flower that rose exceed?

Thyme.

— July 1st —

Activity.

Now the summer is in prime,
Wi' the flowers richly blooming,
And the wild mountain thyme
A' the moorlands perfuming.—Tannahill.

Pink (Carnation).

-2nd

Woman's Love.

THE curious choice clove July flower,
Whose kind, hight the carnation,
For sweetness of most sovereign power,
Shall help my wreath to fashion.—Drayton.

Bluebells.

— 3rd —

Constancy.

THE choicest buds in Flora's train let other fingers twine,

Let others snatch the damask rose, or wreathe the eglantine,

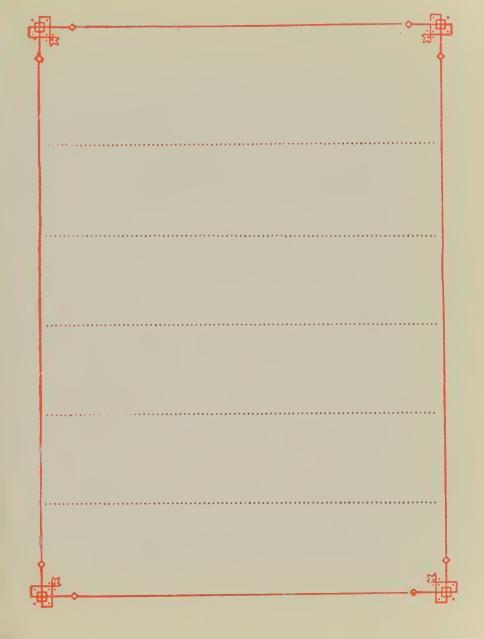
I'd leave the sunshine and parterre and seek the woodland glade,

To stretch me on the fragrant bed of bluebells in the shade.—Eliza Cook.

Purple Lilac

- 4tb - First Emotions of Love.

O WERE my love you lilac fair, Wi' purple blossoms in the spring.—Burns.



White Hyacinth -July 5tb- Unobtrusive Loveliness.

HYACINTHS, of purest virgin white, Low bent, and blushing inward.

Thomson.

Hyacinth.

- 6tb -

Sport, Game, Play.

AND the hyacinth purple, and white, and blue, Which flung from its bells a sweet peal anew Of music so delicate, soft, and intense, It was felt like an odour within the sense. Shellev.

- 7tb -

THE hyacinth's for constancy, wi' its unchanging blue. Burns.

Pink (Single).

- 8th -

Pure Love.

AND I will pu' the pink, the emblem o' my dear, For she's the pink o' womankind, and blooms without a peer. -Burns.

Rose, Maiden Blush. — 9tb — { If you love me you will find out.

AND the rose, like a nymph to the bath addrest, Which unveiled the depth of her glowing breast, Till fold after fold to the fainting air The soul of her beauty and love lay bare.

Shellev.

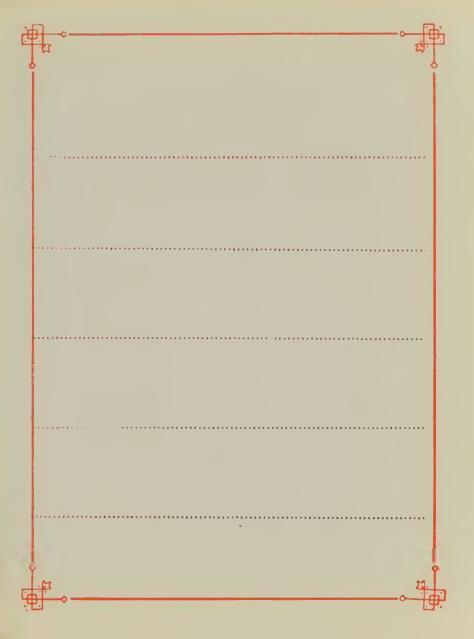
Myrtle.

- 10th -

Love.

THE mildness that suits the gentle dove From the myrtle's snowy flower is drawn.

Percival.



The Columbine.

Folly.

Dring hether the pincke and purple cullambine, With gelliflowres;
Bring coronations and soppes in wine,
Worn of paramours.—Spenser.

Columbine, Purple.

— 12tb —

Resolved to Win.

In pink or purple hues arrayed, ofttimes indeed in white,
We see, within the woodland glade, the columbine delight.

Woodbine.

- 13tb -

Fraternal Love

With honeyed lips enamoured woodbines meet, Clasp with fond arms and mix their kisses sweet. Darwin.

Scarlet Fuchsia.

- 14tb ---

Taste.

Thou graceful flower on graceful stem, Of Flora's gifts a fav'rite gem.—Tyas.

Marjoram.

- 15tb -

Blushes.

Where marjoram And thyme, the love of bees, perfume the air.

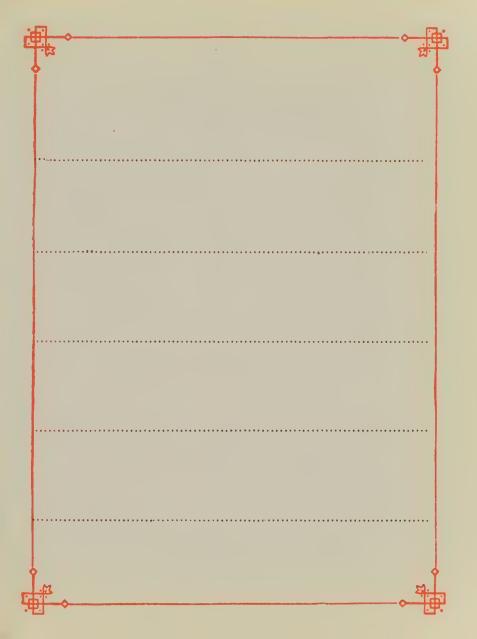
Armstrong.

Sweet Peas.

— 16tb —

Delicate Pleasures.

Graceful flower, whose perfume lingers On the sense with odour strange, Climbing with thy fairy fingers Where the sunbeams freely range.



Water Lily.

WHAT is like thee, fair flower, The gentle and the firm? thus bearing up To the blue sky that alabaster cup, As to the shower.—Mrs. Hemans.

- 18tb -

OH! beautiful thou art Thou sculpture-like and stately river-queen, Crowning the depths as with the light serene Of a pure heart.—Mrs. Hemans.

- 19th -

Bright lily of the wave! Rising in fearless grace with every swell, Thou seem'st as if a spirit meekly brave Dwelt in thy cell.—Mrs Hemans.

- 20tb -

O MELON-SCENTED lily! O water-queen of flowers! I. H. Reynolds.

Narcissus.

- 21st -

Egotism.

NARCISSI, the fairest of them all, Who gaze on their eyes in the stream's recess, Till they die of their own dear loveliness.

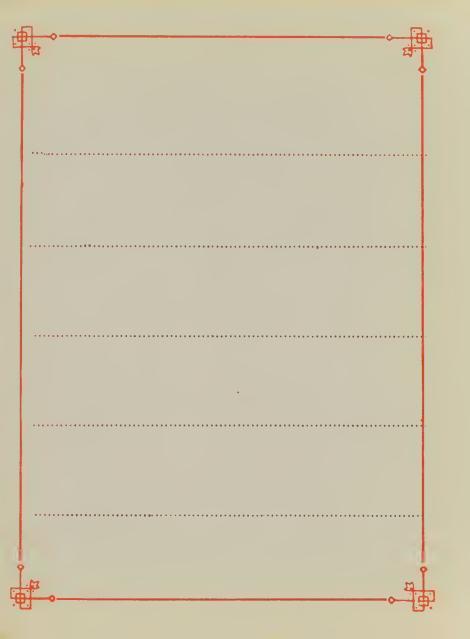
Shellev.

Pansies.

- 22nd -

Thoughts.

THERE's pansies that's for thoughts. Shakespeare.



Tuberose.

-July 23rd- Dangerous Pleasures

THE tube-rose, with her silvery light, That in the gardens of Malay Is called the Mistress of the Night.—Moore.

Bellflower.

- 24tb -

Rustic Beauty.

MARK you the delicate bells of that flower,
Pendent so freely on sensitive threads;
You'd fancy they're made to tell forth the hour
When fairies may quit their moss-covered beds.
Tyas.

Sweet Pea.

— 25tb —

Delicate Pleasures

THE pea is but a wanton witch, In too much haste to wed, And clasps her rings on every hand.

Hood.

Jasmine.

- 26tb -

Amiability.

My slight and slender jasmine-tree,
That bloomest on my border tower,
Thou art more dearly loved by me
Than all the wealth of fairy bower.

Lord Morpeth.

Lavender.

- 27tb -

Distrust.

THE purple flowering head Of fragrant lavender.—Dodsley.

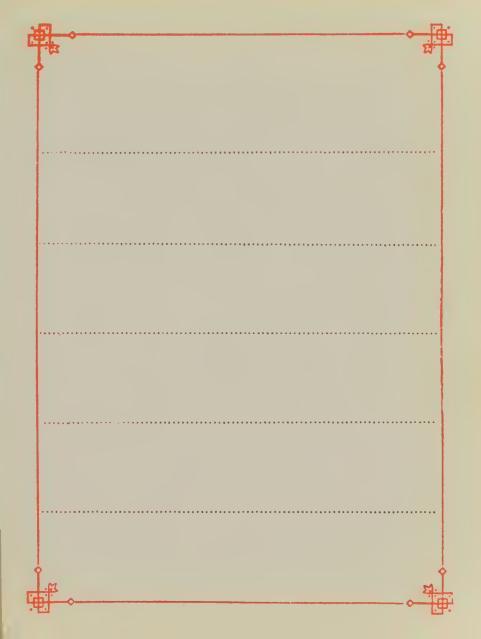
Elder.

Lily of the Valley.

- 28tb — {Zealousness.

Return of Happiness.

THEN seek the bank where flowering elders crowd, Where scattered wild the lily of the vale Its balmy essence breathes.—Thomson.



Broom.

Humility.

THEIR groves o' sweet myrtle let foreign lands reckon, Where bright beaming summers exalt the perfume, Far dearer to me you lone glen o' green bracken, Wi' the burn stealing under the long yellow broom.

Burns.

Mignonette.

-30tb- { Your Qualities Surpass your Charms.

In precious fragrance is that lowly one So loved for her sweet qualities, that I Should woo her first amid a world of flowers, Twamley.

Lilac.

- 31st - First Emotion of Love.

THE lilac has a load of balm For every wind that stirs.—Willis.

Iris.

— August 1st —

Message.

THOU art the iris, fair amongst the fairest, Who, armed with golden rod And winged with the celestial azure, bearest The message of some god.—Longfellow.

Wallflower.

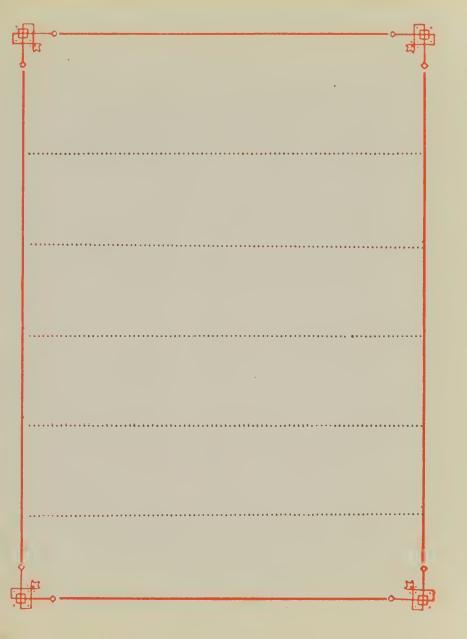
-- 2nd — Fidelity in Adversity.

Thy banner waves above the tower Which Time and Ruin make their own: Most faithful in the dreariest hour, Such is thy praise and thine alone.

Germander Speedwell. — 3rd — Facility.

Blue eyebright! loveliest flower of all that grows In flower-loved England! Flower whose hedge-side gaze

Is like an infant's! What heart doth not know Thee, clustered smiler of the bank !—E. Elliott.



— August 4th —

Conjugal Love.

Lime.

The lime a summer home of murmurous wings.

Tennyson.

Clover, Red. Clover, White.

— 5tb —

Industry
Think of M 3.

THERE is music at our feet In the clover, honey sweet.

Mignonette.

-6tb- {Your Qualities Surpass your Charms.

MIGNONETTE'S meek humble form,
Without one tint upon her modest garb
To draw the idle stare of wandering eyes
Twamley.

Auriculas.

— 7tb —

Painting.

Auriculas, enriched
With shining meal o'er all their velvet leaves.

Thomson.

Stock.

-- 8tb ---

Lasting Beauty.

LAVISH stock that scents the garden round.

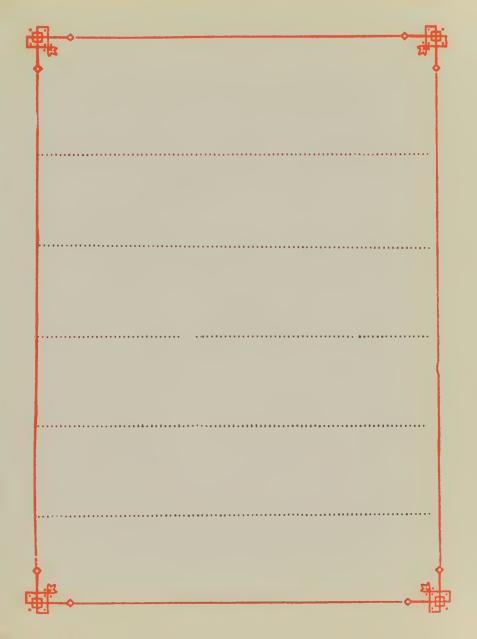
Thomson.

Pimpernel.

- 9tb --

Change, Assignation.

The blue-eyed pimpernel will tell
By closed lids of rain and showers;
A fine bright day is known full well
When open wide it spreads its flowers.



- Hugust 10th - Sleep. My bane.

FROM a poppy I have taken
Mortal's balm and mortal's bane.

Mrs. Robinson.

Poppy, Scarlet.

White Poppy.

—11tb— Fantastic Extravagance.

We are slumberous poppies,
Lords of Lethe downs,
Some awake and some asleep,
Sleeping in our crowns.—Leigh Hunt.

Carnation.

- 12tb -

Beauty and Pride.

THE fairest flowers o' the season
Are our carnations and streak'd gillyflowers.

Shakespeare.

Poppy, Red.

- 13tb -

Consolation.

CENTRAL depth of purple, Leaves more bright than rose.

Leigh Hunt.

Jasmine.

- 14tb -

Amiability.

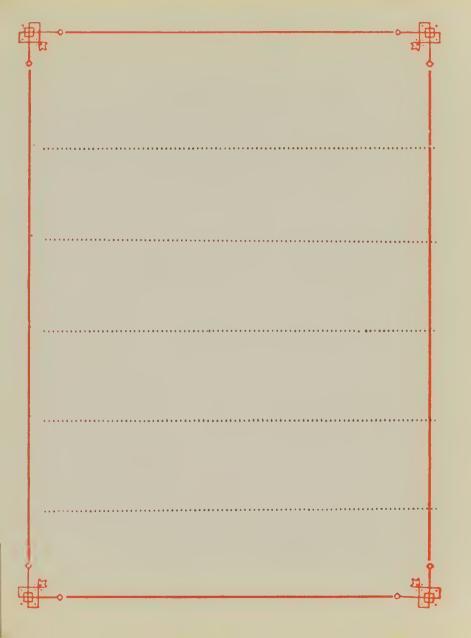
My mild and winsome jasmine-tree
That climbest up the dark grey wall,
Thy tiny flow'rets seem in glee
Like silver spray drops down to fall.

Lord Morbeth.

- 15tb -

LUXURIANT above all
The jasmine, throwing wide her elegant sweets,
The deep dark green of whose unvarnished leaf
Makes more conspicuous, and illumines more
The bright profusion of her scattered stars.

Cowper.



- August 16tb -

Girlhood.

OF all flowers.

Methinks a rose is best : It is the very emblem of a maid; For when the west winds court her gently. How modestly she blows, and paints the sun With her chaste blushes!

Beaumont and Fletcher.

Wheat.

Rosebud.

— 17th —

Riches.

Now waving grain, wide o'er the plain, Delights the weary farmer.—Burns.

Broom.

-- 18th --

Auspicious hope! in thy sweet garden grow Wreaths for each toil, a charm for every woe.

Campbell.

Foxglove.

— 19tb — Cunning. Insincerity.

Upon the sunny bank The foxglove rears its pyramid of bells, Gloriously freckled—purple and white—the flower That cheers Devonia's fields.—Carrington.

Marigold,

— 20th —

Grief.

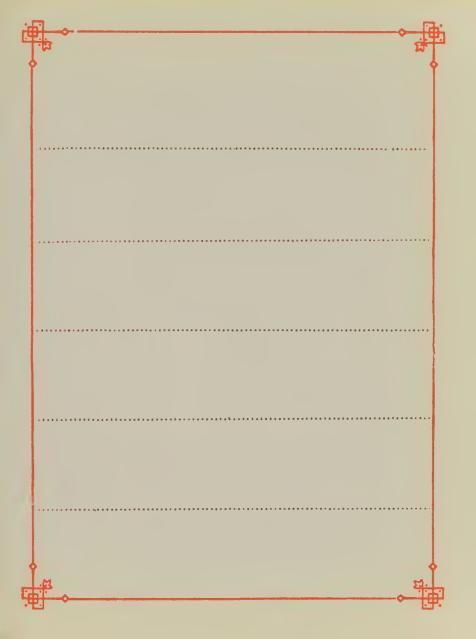
THE grateful and obsequious marigold, How duly every morning she displays Her open breast when Titan spreads his rays! G. Wither.

Bindweed (Small).

- 21st -

Humility.

In all fair hues, from white to mingled rose, Along the hedge the clasping bindweed flowers; And when one chalice shuts, a new one blows; There's blooming for all minutes of the hours. Augusta Webster.



Pansy.

-- August 22nd -

Thoughts.

THE pretty pansy then I'll tie, Like stones some chain enchasing: And next to them, their near ally, The purple violet placing.—Drayton.

Fern.

- 23rd -

Sincerity.

THE green and graceful fern, how beautiful it is! There's not a leaf in all the land so wonderful, I wis. Miss Twamley.

Balm.

- 24tb -

Sympathy.

Lo! from the balm's exhilarating leaf The moping fiend, black melancholy, flies. Dodsle :.

Dahlia.

- 25tb -

Instability. Pomp.

THE dahlia will each glory wear, With tints as bright and leaves as green, And in the summer ray With blossoms deck the brow of day.

Martin.

White Heather

- 26th -

Good Luck.

THE rare white bloom that peeps from the brae, So chaste and so pure 'mid the purple display. I. S. Blackie.

Lavender.

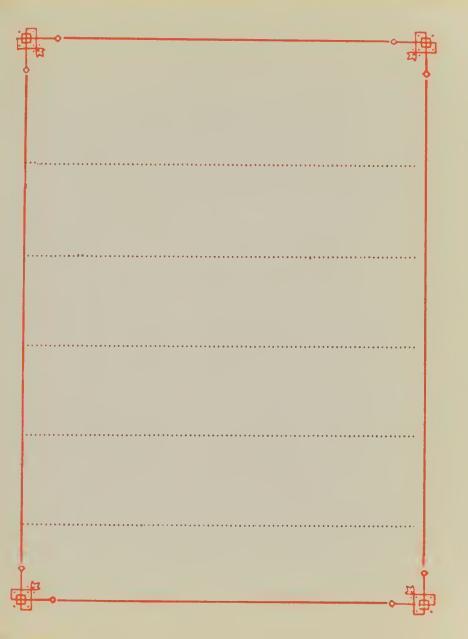
- 27tb --

Distrust.

And lavender, whose spikes of azure bloom Shall be, erewhile, in arid bundles bound, To lurk amidst the labours of her loom, And crown her kerchief clean with mickle rare perfume. Shenstone.







Love.

Whose virgin blush of chastening dye Enchants so much our mortal eye.

Anacreon.

Heath.

- 29tb -

Solitude.

THE heather waves its purple bell O'er moor and mountain crest, And braes with broom are drest.

Mrs. Hemans.

Daisy, Wild.

- 30tb -

I will think of it.

THE flowers that kiss the wimplin' burn,
And dew-clad gowans on the lea,
The water-lily on the lake,
Are but sweet emblems a' of thee.—R. Allan.

Scotch Thistle.

- 31st -

Retaliation.

'Trs the flower the proud eagle greets in its flight,
When he shadows the stars with the wings of his might;
'Tis the flower that laughs at the storm as it blows,
For the stronger the tempest the greener it grows

A. Maclagan.

Golden-Rod.

- September 1st

Precaution.

THE windflower and the violet, they perished long ago, And the briar-rose and the orchis died amid the summer's glow,

But on the hills the golden-rod, and the aster in the wood.

And the yellow sunflower by the brook, in autumn beauty stood.—Bryant.

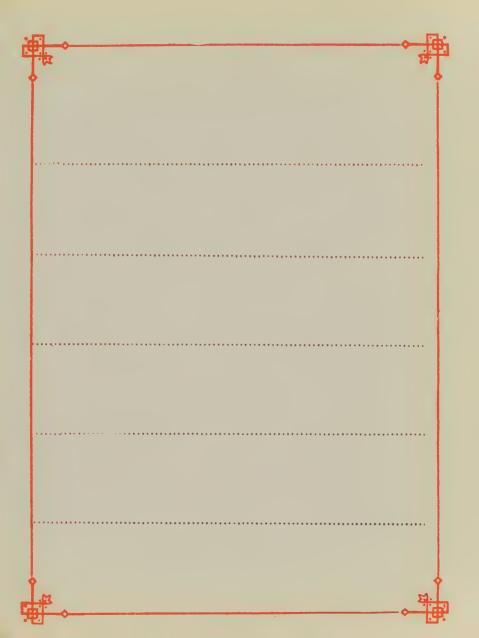
Rcse.

— 2nd —

Love.

I GIVE to thee the autumn rose, Let it say how dear thou art.

Christine Parr.



Orange-Bough. — September 3rd—

Chastity.

OH! bring me one sweet orange-bough,
To fan my cheek, to cool my brow;
The bough with pearly blossoms drest,
And bind it, mother, on my breast!

Mrs. Hemans.

Pansy.

-- 4tb --

Think of Me.

Oh! are not pansies emblems meet for thoughts? The pure, the chequered—gay and deep by turns; A hue for every mood the bright things wear In their soft velvet coats.—Twamley.

Bulrush.

- 5th - Indiscretion, Docility

Bulrushes and reeds of such deep green As soothed the dazzled eye with sober sheen. Shelley.

Cherry.

-- 6tb --

Good Education

Oн, there never was yet so fair a thing, By racing river or bubbling spring, As thou, my wild, wild cherry-tree! Barry Cornwall.

Gorse.

-- 7tb --

Love for all Seasons.

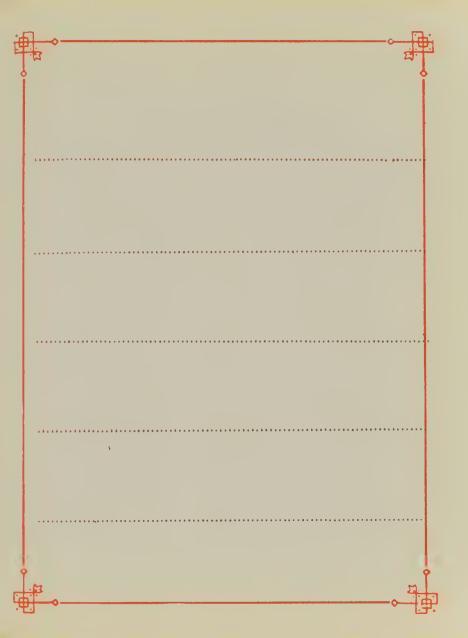
Mountain gorses, ever golden, Cankered not the whole year long. E. B. Browning.

Heart's-Ease.

- 8tb -

Thoughts.

THERE is a little flower that's found In almost every garden ground; 'Tis lowly, but 'tis sweet.



Red Tulip.

- September 9tb - { Declaration of Love.

For brilliant tints to charm the eye, What flower can with the tulip vie?

Sengitive Plant.

- 10tb --

Sensibility.

A SENSITIVE plant in a garden grew, And the young winds fed it with silver dew, And it open'd its fan-like leaves to the light, And closed them beneath the kisses of night. Shellev.

White Rose.

- 11tb - I am Worthy of You.

THERE is a lone white rose. Shedding, in sudden snows, Its faint leaves o'er the emerald turf around. Mrs. Hemans.

Heliotrope.

-- 12th --

Devotion.

Through all the changes of the day I turn me to the sun; In clear or cloudy skies I say Alike—Thy will be done!—Geo. Horne.

Wallflower

— 13tb — Fidelity in Adversity.

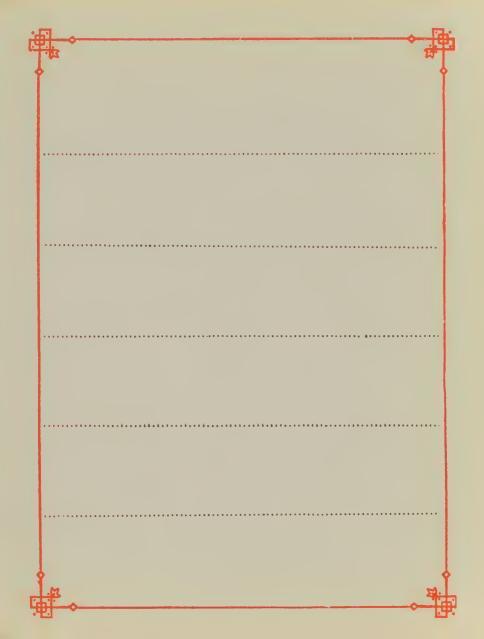
THE wallflower—the wallflower— How beautiful it blooms! It gleams above the ruined tower, Like sunlight over tombs.—D. M. Moir.

Thistle.

- 14th --

Liberty.

WHAT flower is this that greets the morn, Its hues from heaven so freshly born? It is the banner of the free, The starry flower of liberty. -O. W. Holmes.







Cherry.

— September 15tb — Good Education.

YE may simper, blush, and smile, and perfume the air awhile:

But, sweet things, ye must begone; fruit, ye know, is coming on;

Then, oh then, where is your grace, when as cherries come in place?—Herrick.

Orange-Tree.

— 16tb —

Generosity

HERE orange-trees with blossoms and pendants shine, And vernal honours to their autumn join; Exceed their promise in the ripen'd store, Yet in the rising blossom promise more.

Acacia.

— 17tb —

Friendship.

And the sweet shades of varying verdure caught From soft acacia's gently waving branch.

Dodsley.

Ealsam.

- 18tb --

Impatience.

YELLow balsam's blossoms gay, scattered o'er in thick array,

With the shining scarlet spots Nature to this flower allots.

Thorn.

- 19tb -

Severity.

BENEATH the scant shade of an aged thorn Silvered with age, and mossy with decay.

Motherwell.

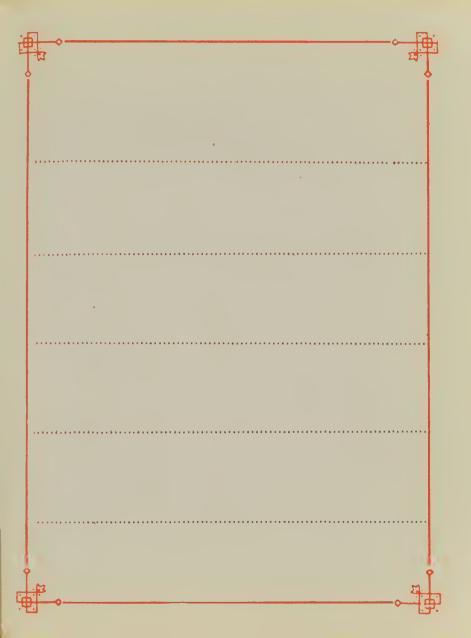
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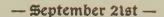
- 20tb -

Friendship.

Thy home, wild plant! is where each sound Of revelry hath long been o'er, Where song's full notes once peal'd around,

But now are heard no more.





THE tender soul that cannot part A twine of evergreen fondly wreathes.

Percival.

Sunflower.

- 22nd -

Adoration.

EAGLE of flowers! I see thee stand, And on thy sun's noon-glory gaze: With eye like his thy lids expand And fringe their disc with golden rays. 1. Montgomery.

Orange-Blossoms.

-- 23rd --

Chastity.

Youths and enamoured maidens vie to wear This flower, their bosoms grace or curled amid their hair. Catullus.

Ivy.

- 24th -

Priendship.

THE ivy, that staunchest and firmest friend That hastens its succouring arm to lend To the ruined fane, where in youth it sprung, And its pliant tendrils in sport were flung. Twamlev.

Sensitive Plant

- 25tb -

Sensibility.

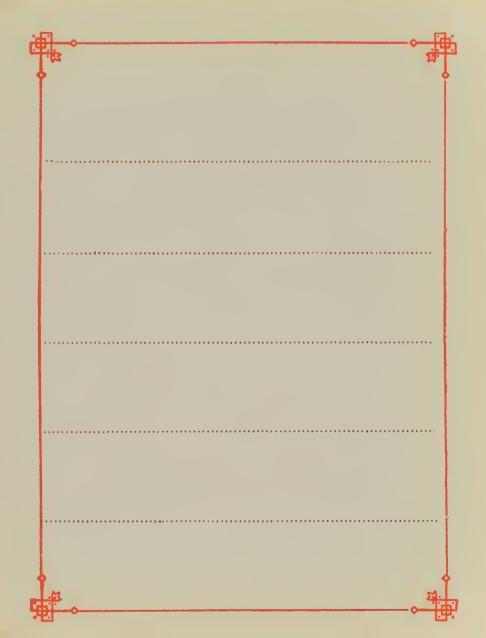
THE sensitive plant has no bright flower, Radiance and odour are not its dower; It loves even like love,—its deep heart is full; It desires what it has not—the beautiful. Shellev.

Passion-Flower.

- 26th -

Faith.

AND the faint passion-flower, the sad and holy, Tells of diviner hopes.—Mrs. Hemans.



Soul.

Thou, the spiritual flower,
Sentient of each breeze and shower;
Thou rejoicing in the skies,
And transpierced with all their dyes.

Mrs. Hemans.

Passion Flower

— 28tb — Religious Superstition.

ART thou a type of beauty, or of power, Of sweet enjoyment, or disastrous sin? For each thy name denoteth, passion flower! Sir Aubrey de Vere.

Michaelmas Daisy

— 29tb —

Afterthought.

We'll pass by the garden that leads to the gate, But where is its gaiety now? The Michaelmas daisy blows lonely and late, And the yellow leaf whirls from the bough. Taylor.

Wallflower.

- 30tb - Fidelity in Adversity.

THE yellow wallflower, stained with iron brown.

Thomson.

Fringed Gentian. — October 1st —

Hope,

Thou blossom, bright with autumn dew, And colour'd with the heaven's own blue, Thou openest when the quiet light Succeeds the keen and frosty night.

Nightshade.

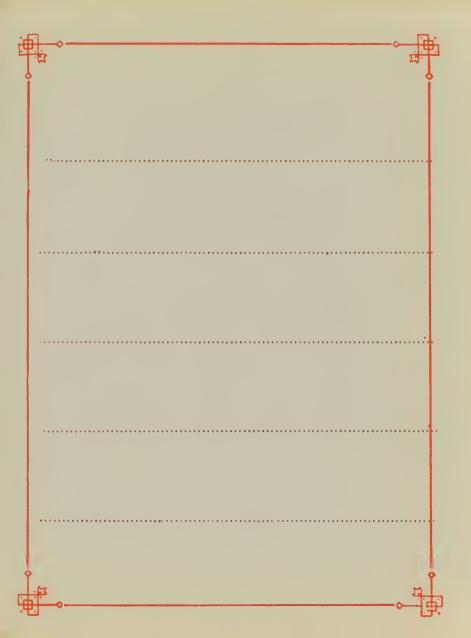
- 2nd -

Truth.

NIGHTSHADE and foxglove side by side, Emblems of punishment and pride.

Scott.





- October 3rd -

In all places, then, and in all seasons,
Flowers expand their light and soul-like wings
Teaching us, by most persuasive reasons,
How akin they are to human things.

Long fellow.

Almond.

— 4tb —

Thoughtlessness.

THE almond bloom doth show, When fully spread upon the leafless tree, A whiteness like the drifted snow.

Bagil.

- 5tb -

Hatred.

THE basil tuft, that waves Its fragrant blossom over graves.

Moore.

Veryain.

- 6tb -

Enchantment.

A WRFATH of vervain heralds wear, Amongst our garlands named, Being sent that dreadful news to bear, Offensive war proclaimed.—Dryden.

Vine.

- 7tb --

Intoxication.

VINE, vine, and eglantine, Clasp her window, trail, and twine.

Tennyson.

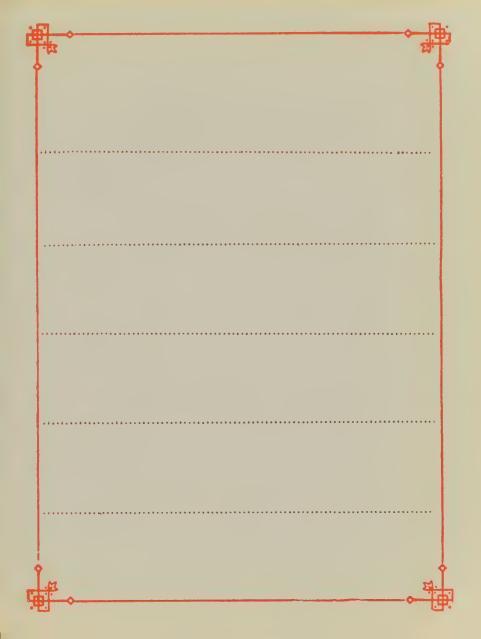
Larkspur.

- 8tb -

Lightness.

How straight its slender downy stem! how light The spreading calyx of the flower! how bright The varied tints! how delicate the leaves.—Tyas.

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Aster.

- October 9tb -

Variety.

CHIDE me not, laborious band,
For the idle flowers I brought;
Every aster in my hand
Goes home loaded with a thought.

Emerson.

Chrysanthemum.

— 10tb —

Cheerfulness under Adversity.

IF such the soothing precepts taught by you, Beautiful blossoms! well may ye appear As silent preachers in the Christian view.

Barton.

Chickweed.

— 11tb —

Rendezvous.

CHICKWEED! will no one sing thee? like thy bard,
Lowly, and little noted though thou art,
Creeping o er fallows with thy pallid sward,
Thou in my humble strains shall claim a part.

Motherwell.

Quaking Grass.

- 12tb -

Agitation.

What my delight in childhood's days to find Thy thread-like stems trembling in every wind!

Ash

- 13tb -

Grandeur.

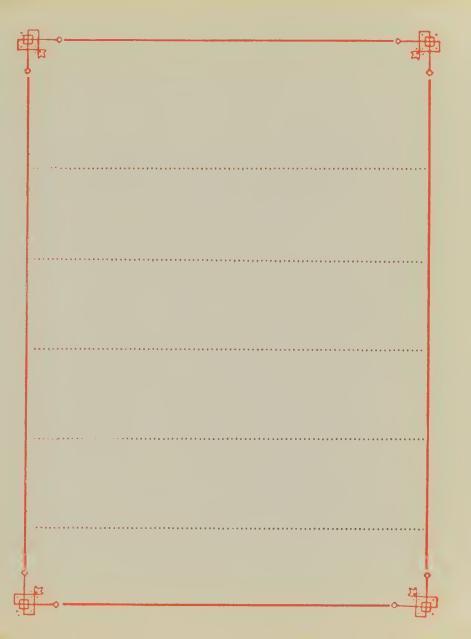
THE ash, aspiring upwards, rears its head, As if still higher from its native bed It sought to grow until it reached the sky.

Arum (Wake Robin).

— 14tb —

Ardour.

An oak's gnarl'd root, to roof the cave,
With Gothic fretwork sprung,
Where jewell'd fern, and arum leaves,
And ivy garlands hung.—Caroline Southey.



— October 15tb — Pidelity, Marriage.

CREEPING where no life is seen,
A rare old plant is the ivy green.

C. Dickens.

Love Lies Bleeding. —16tb— Hopeless—not Heartless.

This flower that first appeared as summer's guest, Reserves her beauty 'mid autumnal leaves, And to her mournful habits fondly cleaves.

Wordsworth.

Cypress. - 17tb -

Mourning.

THE cypress, that daily shades the grave, Is sorrow that mourns her bitter lot.

Percival.

Moss.

- 18tb -

Maternal Love.

When nature dresses
It fills its part well, therefore honour it;
There seems a kindly feeling in it, as though
A spirit of goodness peeped from out the earth
To shield decay.—Barry Cornwall.

Leech-Tree.

- 19tb -

Prosperity.

THERE at the foot of yonder nodding beech, That wreaths its old fantastic roots so high. Gray.

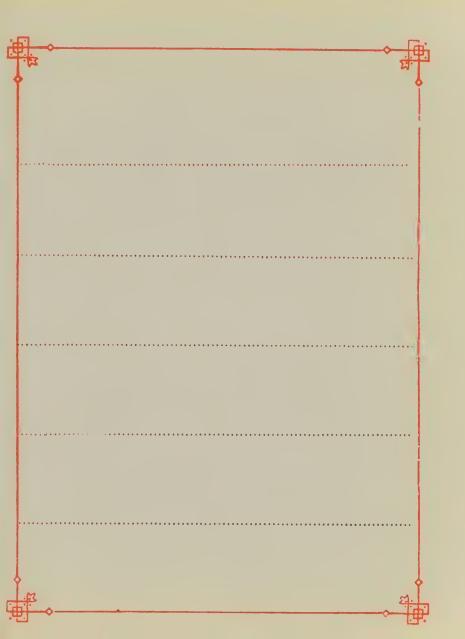
Acacia.

- 20tb -

Platonic Love.

Love, the last best gift of heaven; Love, gentle, holy, pure.—Keble.

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Moss.

THERE is a fresh and lovely sight, A beauteous heap, a hill of moss, Just half a foot in height. All lovely colours there you see.

Wordsworth.

Linden-Tree.

— 22nd —

Conjugal Love.

Here's a song for thee—of the linden-tree!
A song of the silken lime!
There is no other tree so pleaseth me,
No other so fit for rhyme.

Chestnut-Tree.

- 23rd -

Do me Justice.

THE chestnut flowers
By thousands have burst from the forest bowers.

Mrs. Hemans.

Corn

- 24tb -

Riches,

FALL gently and still good corn,
Lie warm in thy earthy bed;
And stand so yellow some morn,
For beast and man must be fed.

Thomas Carlyle.

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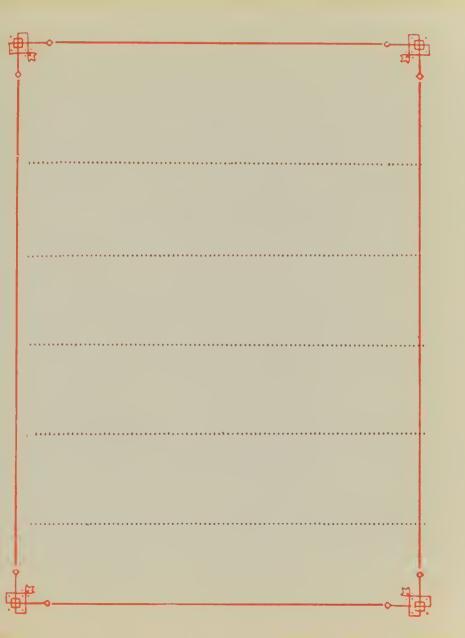
- 25tb - { I am Sensible of your Kindness.

How sweetly blooms
Upon the slopes the azure-blossomed flax.

Carrington.

Nightingale-Flower. — 26tb —

FAIR flower of silent night!
Unto thy bard an emblem thou shouldst be:
His fount of song in hours of garish light
Is closed, like thee.—B. Barton.



Apple.

- October 27tb -

Temptation.

HERE'S to thee, old apple-tree,
Whence thou may'st bud and whence thou may'st
blow,
And whence thou may'st bear apples enou.

Old Toast.

Corn.

- 28tb -

Riches.

O GOLDEN fields of binding corn, How beautiful they seem.

Mary Howitt.

Pine.

- 29tb -

Piety.

Green pine, unchanging as the days go by,
Thou art thyself beneath whatever sky
My shelter from all winds, my own strong pine.

Augusta Webster.

Ivy.

- 30tb -

Pidelity.

Ivy we twine of changeless green, Constant for ever in leaf and bough.

L. E. L.

Nettle

- 31st -

You are Spiteful.

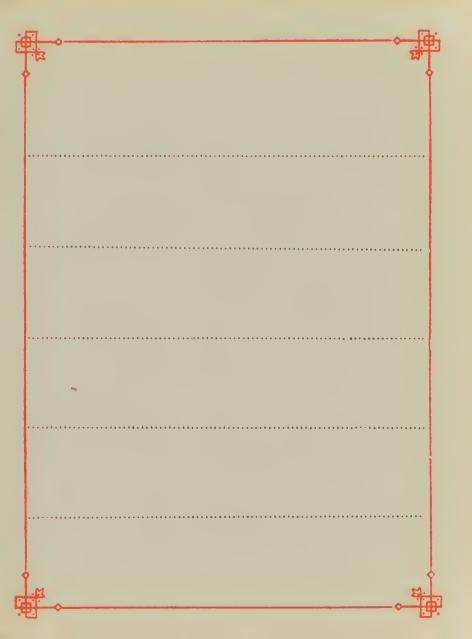
TENDER-HANDED touch a nettle
And it stings you for your pains,
Grasp it like a man of mettle
And it soft as silk remains.—Aaron Hill.

Almond.

- Rovember 1st -

Hope.

The hope, in dreams of a happier hour,
That alights upon misery's brow,
Springs out of the silvery almond-flowers
That blooms on a leafless bough.—Moore.



Holly.

— Povember 2nd —

Foresight.

Thy berries, with the ivy's jet,
Like ebony with rubies set,
Peeping from out their verdant wreath,
Shine brightest 'midst the general death.

Keble.

Chrysanthemum (Red). — 3rd —

I Love.

Do you ask what the birds say? The sparrow, the dove,
The linnet and thrush say, "I love and I love!"

S. T. Coleridge.

Fennel.

- 4tb -

Strength.

Above the lowly plant it towers, The fennel with its yellow flowers.

Bay-Leaf. }

- 5tb - { I change but in Death. Giory.

FAME'S bright star and glory's swell In the glossy leaf of the bay is given.

Percival.

Amaranth.

- 6tb -

Immortality.

Immortal amaranth, a flower which once In paradise, fast by the tree of life, Began to bloom.—Milton.

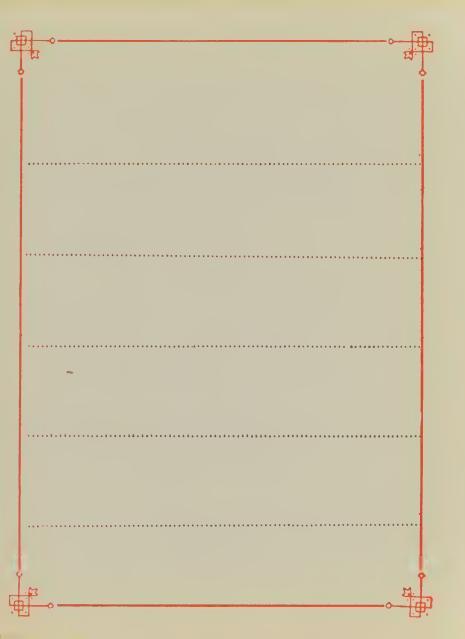
Cypress.

— 7tb —

Mourning.

THE mayflower and the eglantine May shade a brow less sad than mine; But, lady, twine no wreath for me, Or weave it of the cypress-tree.

Sir Walter Scott.



Wallflower.

- Rovember 8th - {Fidelity in Adversity.

But thou, neglected wallflower! to my breast And muse art dearest, wildest, sweetest flower! Thomas Doubleday.

Blue Gentian.

— 9th —

Hope.

THEN doth thy sweet and quiet eye Look through its fringes to the sky, Blue—blue—as if that sky let fall A flower from its cerulean wall.

W. C. Bryant.

Sea Thrift.

- 10tb -

Sympathy.

FROM the border lines,
Composed of daisy and resplendent thrift,
Flowers straggling forth had on those paths encroached,
Which they were used to deck.—Wordsworth.

Ivy.

- 11tb -

Fidelity.

How closely he twineth, how tight he clings To his friend the huge oak-tree.—Dickens.

White Camelia.

- 12tb - Excellence in Woman.

No single virtue we could most commend, Whether the wife, the mother, or the friend: For she was all, in that supreme degree, That as no one prevail'd, so all was she.

Dryden.

Pine Branch.

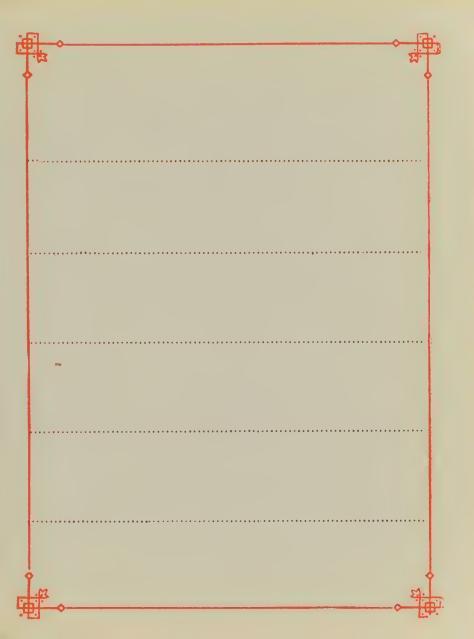
- 13tb -

Aspiration.

ARE there not aspirations in each heart, After a better, brighter world than this.

Nicoll





— Movember 14tb —

Innocence.

WHEN, smitten by the morning ray, I see thee rise alert and gay, Then, cheerful flower, my spirits play With kindred gladness.—Wordsworth.

-- 15tb --

THE daisy's for simplicity and unaffected air.

Burns.

- 16tb -

Thou unassuming commonplace
Of Nature, with that homely face,
And yet with something of a grace
Which love makes for thee.

Wordsworth.

- 17tb -

Sweet flower!
Do thou, as thou art wont, repair
My heart with gladness, and a share
Of thy meek nature.—Wordsworth.

- 18tb -

WHOSE white investments figure innocence.

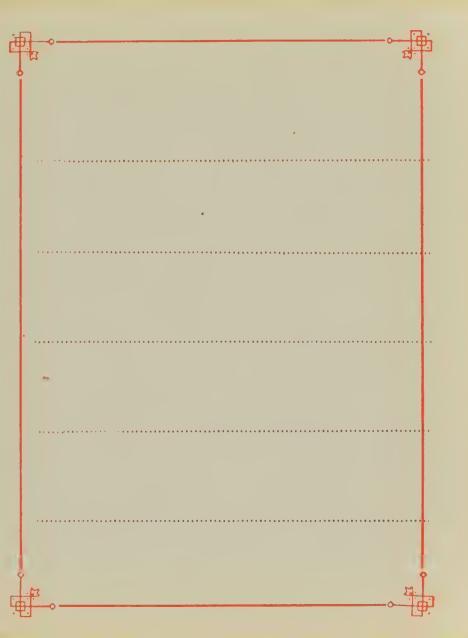
Shakespeare.

- 19tb -

But we have daisies, which, like love Or hope, spring everywhere.—Wilson.







Camellia Japonica.

-Rovember 20th- { Perfected Love-

And if thou couldst know thy own sweetness, O little one, perfect and sweet,
Thou wouldst be a child for ever,
Completer whilst incomplete.—Palgrave.

Blue Anemone.

-- 21st --

Forsaken.

FLOWER of starry clearness bright!
Quivering urn of colour'd light!

Mrs. Has

Mrs. Hemans.

Magnolia.

- 22nd -

Love of Mature.

THERE is a pleasure in the pathless woods, There is a rapture on the lonely shore.—Byron.

- 23rd --

FLOWERS are the bright remembrancers of youth; They wast us back, with their bland ordorous breath, The joyous hours that only young life knows, Ere we have learnt that this fair earth hides graves.

Countess of Blessington.

Yew.

- 24tb -

BOTTOW.

WEEP no more, nor sigh nor groan, Sorrow calls no time that's gone: Joys as winged dreams fly fast, Why should sorrow longer last?

I. Fletcher.

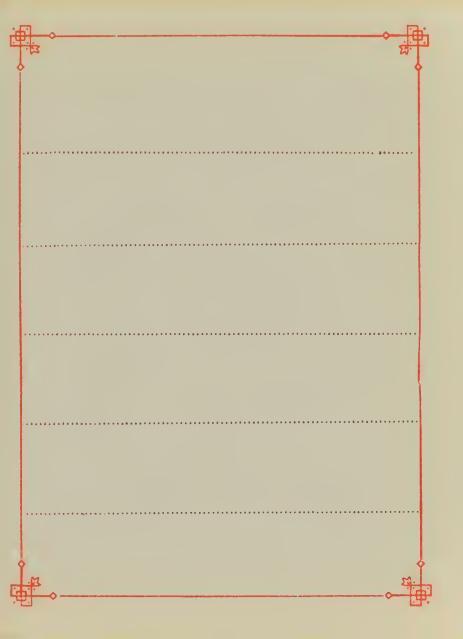
Zephyr-Flower.

- 25tb -

Expectation.

THE winds forbid the flowers to flourish long Which owe to winds their name in Grecian song.

Eusden, from Ovid.



Laurestinus.

-Rovember 26tb- Cheerful in Adversity.

Green are thy leaves, more freely green, Through every changing period seen; And when the gaudy months are past, Thy loveliest season is the last.—Montgomery.

Almond-Tree.

-27tb- Indiscretion. Promises.

WITH blossoms brave bedeck'd daintily;
Whose tender locks do tremble every one,
At every little breath that under heaven is blown.

Chaucer.

Chinese Primrose.

- 28tb -

Welcome!

Welcome! right glad are we So fair a friend to see! To drive away the gloom Which overhangs our room!—Tyas.

The Pink.

-- 29tb -

Lively and Pure

The pink can no one justly slight,
The gardener's favourite flower;
He sets it now beneath the light,
Now shields it from its power.—Goethe.

Oak-Tree.

-- 30tb --

Hospitality.

A song for the oak, the brave old oak,
That has flourished in the greenwood long;
Here's health and renown to his broad green crown
And his fifty arms so strong.

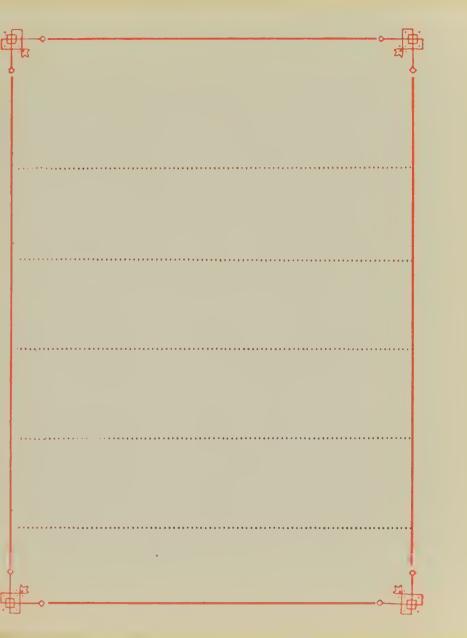
Garden Anemone. — December 1st —

Forsaken.

THE coy anemone, that ne'er uncloses

Her lips until they're blown on by the wind.

H. Smith.



STILL the pine, long-haired, and dark, and tall, In lordly right, predominant o'er all.

Leigh Hunt.

Heath.

- 3rd --

Solitude.

What though the winds now fiercely blow! What though the moors are clad with snow! The purple heath its bell displays, Or sun or shower rules the days.

Iceland Moss (a Stump covered with Moss).

-4tb-

Beneficence.

Like rock or stone, it is o'ergrown
With lichens to the very top,
And hung with heavy tufts of moss.

Wordsworth.

Las ch.

- 5tb -

Boldness.

Exposed on barren banks of sand, The larch-tree boldly takes its stand, And straightly pointing to the skies, Would lead us heav'nward raise our eyes.

Mezereon.

-- 6tb -- { Coquetry. Desire to Please.

Mezereon too,
Though leafless, well attired and thick beset
With blushing wreaths, investing every spray.

Cowper.

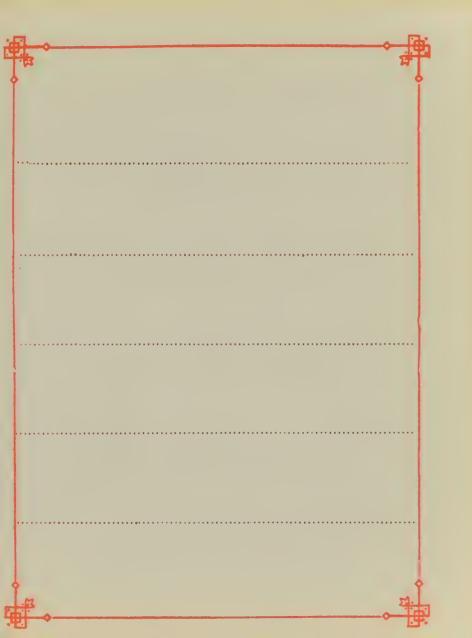
Olive Branch.

-- 7tb --

Peace.

To thee the heavens, in thy nativity, Adjudged an olive branch, and laurel crown, As likely to be blest in peace and war.

Shakespeare.



Ivv.

— December 8th —

Friendship.

AUTUMN no wan nor russet stain Upon its fadeless glory flings; And Winter o'er it sweeps in vain With tempest on his wings.—B. Barton.

Quince.

- 9th -

I prefer You.

As a quince-tree among the trees of the wood, So is my beloved among the young men. Under his shadow do I long to sit, And his fruit is sweet to my palate.

Irish Ivv.

- 10th --

Clinging Affection.

I THINK of thee! my thoughts do twine and bud About thee, as wild vines about a tree. Mrs. Browning.

Fern Moss.

-- 11th --

Content.

DIVINE content! Oh! could the world resent, How much of bliss doth lie Wrapp'd up in thy delicious name.

Beaumont.

Torch Thistle.

- 12tb -

I Burn.

Who hung thy beauty on such rugged stalk, Thou beauteous flower? Who pour'd the richest hues, In varying radiance, o'er thine ample brow.

Mrs. Sigourney.

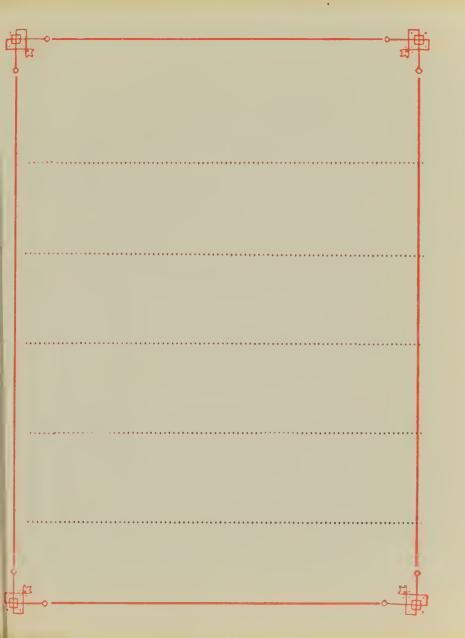
Bee Ophrys.

-- 13th -

Industry.

How doth the little busy bee Improve each shining hour, And gather honey all the day From every opening flower.

Dr. Watts.



— December 14th —

Foresight.

STILL shoots the holly's unchanged green, But not in barren beauty seen, For, clustered o'er that goodly bough, Are scarlet berries blushing now.

Rue.

— 15tb —

Purification.

HERE in this place
I'll set a bank of rue, sour herb of grace.

Shakespeare.

Vine.

Holly.

— 16tb —

Intoxication.

DEPENDING vines the shelving caverns screen, With purple clusters blushing through the green

Perforated St. John's \ Wort. - 17tb -

Superstition.

HYPERICUM was there, the herb of war, Pierced through with wounds and marked with many a scar.

Mistletoe.

— 18tb —

I rise above all.

OAKS, from whose branches
Garlands of Spanish moss and mystic mistletoe
flaunted.

Such as the Druids cut down with golden hatchets at yuletide.—Longfellow.

Juniper.

— 19tb —

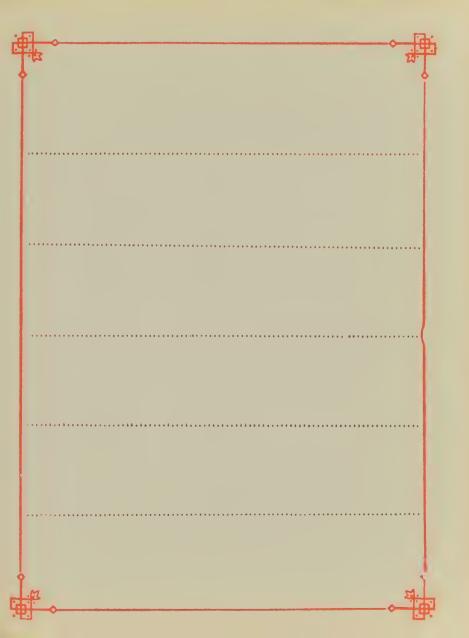
Asylum. Succour.

Sweet is the juniper, but sharp his bough.

Spenser.

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Holly-Tree.

— December 20tb —

Foresight.

The eye, that contemplates it well, perceives
Its glossy leaves,
Ordered by an Intelligence so wise
As might confound the atheist's sophistries.
Souther.

Laurestinus.

- 21st - { Cheerfulness in Adversity.

FAIR tree of winter, fresh and flowering,
When all around is dead and dry,
Whose ruby buds, though storms are lowering,
Spread their white blossoms to the sky.

Montgomery.

Cedar of Lebanon.

- 22nd - Incorruptible Strength.

The spreading cedar that an age had stood, Supreme of trees, and mistress of the wood. Prior.

Poplar.

— 23rd —

Time.

THE poplar, that with silver lines his leaf.

Cowper.

Fir-Tree.

- 24tb -

Elevation.

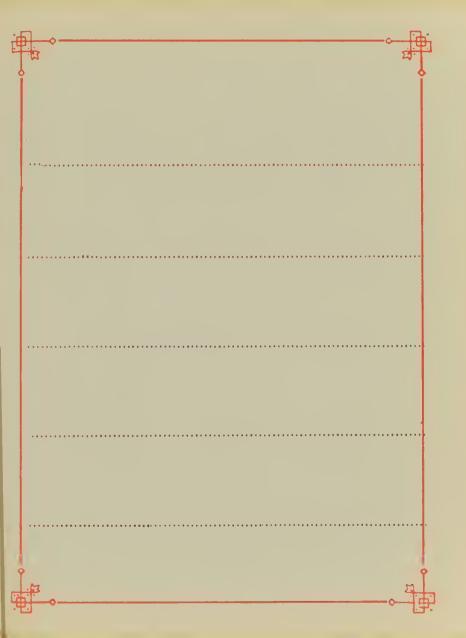
Towering firs in conic forms arise, And with a pointed spear divide the skies.

Prior.

Mistletoe.

-25tb- Surmount all Obstacles.

UNDER the mistletoe, pearly and green,
Meet the kind lips of the young and the old;
Under the mistletoe hearts may be seen
Glowing as though they had never been cold.
Eliza Cook.



— December 26tb —

Kindness.

THE fine and noble way to kill a foe Is not to kill him; you with kindness may So change him, that he shall cease to be so, And then he's slain.—Aleyn.

Holly-Tree.

- 27tb -

Foresight.

When the bare and wintry woods we see, What then so cheerful as the holly-tree? Souther.

Broken Stalks.

- 28tb -

Dissension.

ALAS! how light a cause may move Dissension between hearts that love!—Moore.

Gentian.

Burr.

- 29tb -

Hope.

Thou waitest late, and com'st alone, When woods are bare and birds are flown, And frosts and shortening days portend The aged year is near its end.—W. C. Bryant.

Rosemary.

- 30tb -

Remembrance.

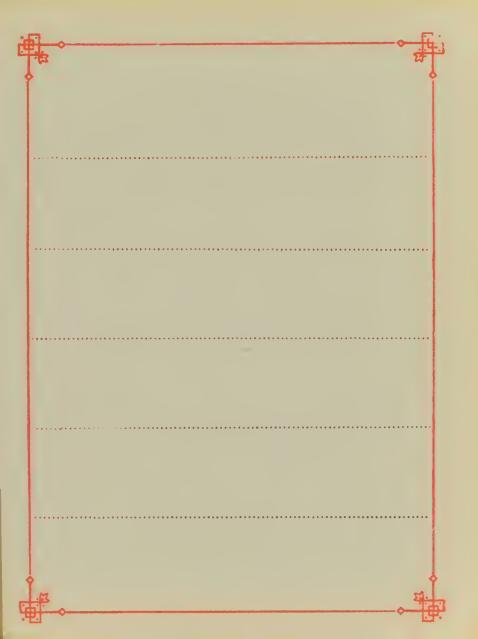
Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the baies and mistletoe,
Down with the holly, ivie, all
Wherewith ye deck the Christmas Hall.

Herrick.

— 31st —

FAREWELL, ye withered flowers, That on the cold ground lie; How gay ye smiled 'Mid the brown wild 'Neath summer's painted sky!

Moir (Delta).





List of Flowers and their Language.

Acacia, friendship. Acanthus, the fine arts. Adonis, Flos, painful recollections. Almond (Common), stupidity; indiscretion. Almond (Flowering), hope. Alog, grief. Amaranth (Globe), immortality. Amuryllis, pride. Anemone (Zephyr Flower), sickness: expectation. Anemone (Garden), forsaken. Apple (Blosom), preference. Arbor Vitæ, unchanging friendship. Arum (Wake Robin), ardour.

Ash-Tree, grandeur.

Auricula, painting.

Azalea, temperance.

thought.

Aspen-Tree, lamentation.

Bachelor's Buttons, celibacy.
Balm, sympathy.
Barberry, sourness of temper.
Basil, hatred.
Bay-Leaf. I change but in death.
Bay-Tree, glory.
Bay-Wreath, reward of merit.
Brech-Tree, prosperity.
Bee Orchis, industry.

Aster (China), variety; after-

Belladonna, silence.

Bell-Flower (small white), gratitude.

Bindweed, Great, insinuation.
Bindweed, Small, humility.
Birch, meekness.
Black Poplar, courage.
Blackthorn, difficulty.
Bluebell, constancy.
Bramble, lowliness.
Broom, humility; neatness.
Bulrush, indiscretion; docility.
Buttercup (Kingcup), desire of riches.
Butterfly Orchis, galety.

Bec Ophrus, error.

Camellia Japonica, White, perfected loveliness.
Camomile, energy in adversity.
Canterbury Bell, acknowledgment.
Carnation, Deep Red, Alas for my poor heart!
Carnation. Striped, refusal.
Carnation, Yellow, disdain.
Cardinal-Flower, distinction.
Cedar, strength.
Celandine (Lesser), joys to come.
Cercus (Creeping), modest genius.
Cherry-Tree, White, good education.

Chestnut-Tree, do me justice.



Chickweed, rendezvous.
China Aster, variety.
China Rose, beauty always new.
Christmas Rose, relieve my
anxiety.

Chrysanthemum, Red, I love. Chrysanthemum, White, truth. Chrysanthemum, Yellow, slighted love.

Cinquefoil, maternal affection.

Cistus, or Rock Rose, popular favour.

Cistus, Gum, I shall die tomorrow.

Clematis, mental beauty.
Clematis, Kvergreen, poverty.
Cloves, dignity.
Clover, Four-leaved, be mine.
Clover, Red, industry.
Clover, White, think of me.
Coltsfoot, justice shall be done.
Columbine, Purple, resolved to
win.

Columbine, Red, anxious and trembling.

Convolvulus, bonds.

Convolvulus, Blue (Minor), repose; night.

Convolvulus, Major, extinguished hopes.

Corn, riches.

Cowslip, pensiveness; winning grace.

Cowslip, American, divine beauty.

Cress, stability; power.

Crocus, abuse not.

Crocus, Spring, youthful gladness.

Crocus, Saffron, mirth.

Cuckoo Plant, ardour.
Cudweed, American, unceasing remembrance.
Cyclamen, diffidence.
Cypress, death; mourning.

Daffodil, regard.
Dahlia, instability.
Daisy, innocence.
Dandelion, rustic oracle.

Eglantine (Sweetbriar), poetry; I wound to heal. Elder, zealousness. Elm, dignity.

Fennel, worthy all praise; strength.
Fern, fascination.
Fig, argument.
Fir-Tree, elevation.
Flax, domestic industry.
Flax-leaved Goldy-tocks, tardiness.
Fleur-de-Lis, flame; I burn.

Fleur-de-Lis, flame; I burn Fleur-de-Luce, fire. Flowering Fern, reverie. Fly Orchis, error. Forget-Me-Not, true love. Foxglove, insincerity. Fuchsia, Soarlet, taste.

Geranium, Ivy, bridal favour.
Geranium, Rose-scented, preference.

Geranium, Scarlet, comforting. Geranium, Bilver-leaved, recall. Geranium, Wild, steadfast picty. Gillyflower, bonds of affection. Glory-Florer, glorious beauty Gout's Rue, reason.
(folden-Rod, precaution.
(fooseberry, anticipation.
(frape, Wild, charity.
Grass, submission; utility.

Harebell, submission; grief. Hawthorn, hope. Hazel, reconciliation. Heath, solitude. Helenium, teurs. Heliotrope, devotion. Hepatica, confidence. Holly, foresight. Hollyhock, ambition: fecundity. Honesty, honesty; fascination. Honey-Flower, love sweet and secret. Honeysuckle, generous and devoted affection. Horse-Chestnut, luxury. Houseleek, vivacity; domestic industry. Hyacinth, sport; game; play; unobtrusive loveliness. Hydrangea, a boaster.

Indian Cress, warlike trophy.
Indian Jasmine (Ipomosa), attachment.
Indian Pink (Double), always lovely.
Indian Plum, privation.
Iris, message.
Ivy, fidelity; marriage.

Jasmine, Yellow, grace and elegance.

Jonquil, I desire a return of affection.

Laburnum, forsaken; pensive beauty.

Larch, audacity; boldness.

Larkspur, iightness; levity.

Laurel, glory.

Laurestina. a token.

Lavender, distrust.

Lemon, zest.

Lilac, Purple, first emotions of love.

Lilac, White, youthful innocence. Lily, Day, coquetry.

Lily, Imperial, majesty.
Lily, White, purity; sweetness,

Lily, Yellow, falsehood; gaiety.
Lily of the Valley, return of

happiness.

Linden or Lime Trees, conjugal

love.

Lobelia, malevolence.

London Pride, frivolity.

Lotus, eloquence.

Lotus-Flower, estranged love.

Lotus-Leaf, recantation.

Magnolia, love of nature.

Maple, reserve.

Marigold, grief.

Marigold, African, vulgar minds.

Marigold, French, jealousy.

Marjoram, blushes.

Mezereon, desire to please.

Mignonette, your qualities surpass your charms.

Mint, virtuc.

Jasmine, amiability.

Hyssop, cleanliness,

Iceland Moss, health.





Mistletoe, I surmount difficulties.
Monkshood(Helmet-Fiower), chivalry; knighterrautry.
Moss, maternal love.
Mountain Ash, prudence.
Musk-Plant, weakness.
Myrrh, gladness.
Myrtle, love.

Narcissus, egotism.
Nasturtium, patriotism.
Night Convolvulus, night.
Nightshade, truth.

Oak-Tree, hospitality.
Oats, music.
Olive, peace.
Orange - Blossoms, your purity
equals your loveliness.
Orange Flowers, chastity; bridal
festivities.
Orchis, a belle.
Osmunda, dreams.

Palm, victory.

Pansy, thoughts.

Passion-Flower, religious superstition.

Pea, Everlasting, lasting plea-

Peach, your qualities, like your charms, are unequalled.

Pear-Tree, comfort.

Peony, shame; bashfulness.
Peppermint, warmth of feeling.
Periwinkle, Blue, early friendship.

Periwinkle, White, pleasures of memory

Pimpernel, change; assignation.

Pine, pity. Pine-apple, you are perfect. Link, boldness. Pink, Carnation, woman's love. Pink, Indian, Double, always lovely. Pink, Indian, Single, aversion. Pink, Mountain, aspiring. Pink, Red, Double, pure and ardent love. Pink, Single, pure love. Pink, Variegated, refusal. Pink, White, ingeniousness; tolent. Polyanthus, pride of riches. Polyanthus, Crimson, the heart's mystery. Polyanthus, Lilac, confidence. Pomegranate, foolishness. Promegranate - Flower, mature elegance. Poular, Black, courage. Poplar, White, time. Poppy, Red, consolation. Poppy, Scarlet, fanta-tic extravagance. Ponpy, White, sleep: my bane. Primrose, early youth. Primrose, Evening, inconstancy. Primrose, Red, unpatronised

Quaking grass, agitation.

merit.

Ranunculus, you are radiant with charms.

Ranunculus, Garden, you are rich in attractions.

Reed, music.





Rhododendron (Rosebay), danger; beware.

Rose, love.

Rose, China, beauty always new.
Rose, Christmas, tranquillise my
anxiety.

Rose, Daily, thy smile I aspire to.
Rose, Damask, brilliant complexion.

Rose, Deep Red, bashful shame. Rose, Musk, capricious beauty. Rose, Musk, Cluster, charming. Rose, Single, simplicity. Rose, White, I am worthy of you.

Rose, Vellow, decrease of love; jealousy.

Rose, White and Red together, unity.

Rosebud. Red. pure and lovely.
Rosebud. White, girlhood.
Rosebud. Moss, confession of love.
Rosemary, remembrance.
Rue, disdain.

Saint-John's-Wort, animosity.
Sensitive Plant, sensibility.
Shamrock, light-heartedness.
Snapdragon, presumption.
Snowdrop, hope.
Sorrel, affection.
Sorrel, Wood, joy.
Southernwood, jest; bantering.

Speedwell, female fidelity.

Speedwell, Germander, facility.

Star of Bethlehem, purity.

Starwort, afterthought.

Stock, lasting beauty.

Sunflower, Dwarf, adoration.

Sunflower, Tall, haughtiness.

Sweet Basil, good wishes.

Sweetbriar, American, simplicity.

Sweetbriar, European. I wound

Sweetbriar, European, I wound to heal.

Sweet-William, gallantry.

Thistle, Common, austerity
Thistle, Scotch, retaliation.
Thyme, activity.
Tuberose, dangerous pleasures.
Tulip, Red, declaration of love.
Tulip, Variegated, beautiful eyes.
Tulip, Yellow, hopeless love.

Vervain, enchantment.
Vine, intoxication.
Violet, Blue, faithfulness.
Violet, Sweet, modesty.
Violet, Yellow, rural happiness.

Wall-fower, fidelity in adversity.
Water-Lily, purity of heart.
Whin, anger.
Woodbine, fraternal love.





