

CHAPTER III.

EXAMINATION OF ANEMONE AND COLUMBINE--RESEMBLANCES BETWEEN THEIR FLOWERS AND THAT OF BUTTERCUP.

18. **Anemone.** Early in spring you may find everywhere on the prairie the purple Anemone or Windflower.

The blossom appears before the leaves of the season are developed, but some of the leaves of the previous year are sure to be available for examination. Procure, if possible, good specimens, exhibiting the various stages of growth from the opening of the flower to the ripening of the seed.

Begin the examination by setting the root. You will find that while some specimens have a thickish

stem-like part underground, still, in all cases, the real roots consist of fibres or threads somewhat similar to those of the Buttercup; so that they must in like manner be described as *fibrous*.

Next consider the stem. You will remember that the stem is that part of



Fig. 19.

Fig. 19.—Flower and leaf of Anemone.