

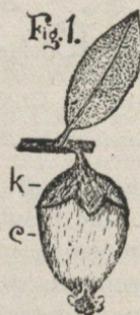
no weed but will, on careful study, unfold for us a wealth of beauty and order. There is more to be learned from the knot-weed at our feet than is dreamt of in most of our philosophies.

All plants from the giant sequoia to the minutest single-celled fungus are grouped into families or orders. These families are divided into genera and the genera into species.

The May-flower or Trailing-Arbutus is a member of the Heath family, an order of world-wide distribution and of varying characteristics.

In our Island the heaths form a large part of the vegetation of what we call "the barrens," which are in many cases tracts of really good land over which forest fires ran in the days of early settlement. Such heaths as Rhodora, Labrador Tea, Sheep Laurel, Blue-berry and Cassandra make gay those desolate places and dispute the cold swamps with the mosses and ferns.

The next heath-bloom to follow the Mayflower in opening its blossoms is the Cassandra. In the illustrated heading



a branch of this plant is shown bearing a raceme of flowers. The white blossoms of the Cassandra deck the bog-lands in the early days of May. This season its earliest blooms were observed on May 10th. A striking peculiarity of the plant