

Whoever has been interested in the study of plants by this little book may be glad to know what is the best way of continuing his acquaintance with the subject in future. Nothing gives one such a grasp of the facts of botany and of life in general as careful study of the plants which grow in one's own country. Students in the British Isles should therefore buy a copy of Bentham and Hooker's *British Flora*, and seek by the aid of the key at its beginning to identify for themselves every flowering plant they come across in our woods and meadows. American students should get in like manner Asa Gray's *Manual of Botany*. In the course of identifying all the plants you find, you will begin to understand the nature of plant life and the course of plant evolution in a way that is quite impossible through any mere book-reading. Buy also a simple platyscopic lens, and a sharp penknife to assist you in dissection. Armed with these simple but useful tools, you will soon make rapid and solid progress in the knowledge of nature.

For further and more detailed information on the laws of plant life, you cannot do better than consult Kerner and Oliver's *Natural History of Plants*, which sets forth in full an immense number of interesting and curious facts, in language comprehensible to any attentive and careful student.