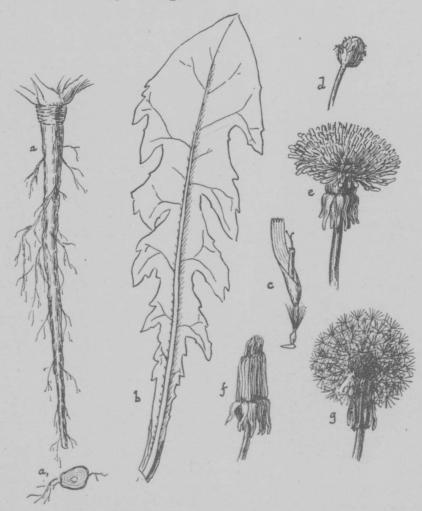
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a brown skin or epidermis at the outside, a soft spongy tissue under that, and in the centre a hard core of vascular bundles. In the soft spongy tissue when the flowers are all gone and the winter is approaching, this

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milky juice is found in large quantities. This store of juice prepares the plant for the winter and gives it a supply of food with which to commence growth in the spring.



Some Features of the Dandelion.

(a) The long tap root and rootlets; at the top is the short stem as shown by the rings of scars; (b) a leaf showing its peculiar, irregular margin; (c) a single floret from a flower-head, showing the ovary at base, the pappus above it, the strap-shaped corolla, and the stamens surrounding the style; (d) the young flower-bud; (c) the flower-head fully opened up, showing the old corollas as a dried tuft on the top of the closed bracts; (g) the "seed-ball" drying itself, almost ready to be blown away.