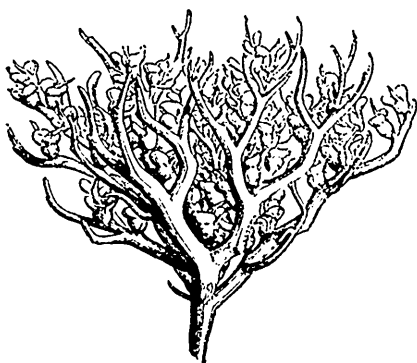


Europe and America, under the name of Resurrection plant; but is closely allied with it and has almost the same range. The form most usually seen in curiosity shops is *S. lepidophylla*, which extends from Texas to Peru and of which an excellent figure is given herewith, copied from the American supplement of the Encyclopedia Britannica. These plants, like the mosses, nearly all of which—as pointed out by John Ruskin—may be called Everlasting plants and will regain their green colour and former beauty upon being moistened, even when they have been quite dead for years.

ROSE OF JERICHO—(*Anastatica Hierochuntina*.)



Probably the plant most widely known under the name of Resurrection plant—the generic name of which, indeed, is derived from the Greek word *Anastasis*, resurrection—is a small annual Crucifer belonging to the Cress family, which grows wild in Syria. It is a curious little plant, with thick stems, fleshy leaves and small white flowers. The leaves fall from the plant after flowering, and the many branches and branchlets thickly beset with short seed-pods then become dry and woody and rising upward, bend inward at their points. In this condition the dry plant becomes separated from the ground, and like the “Tumbling-weed” of our western plains, is driven long distances across the desert by the winds. It is stated in Nicholson’s Dictionary of Gardening that this is supposed by some commentators to be