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Hidden Flowers.

Perhaps some of your readers who admire the pretty blue violets, or "Johnny-jump-ups," of early spring, have searched for seeds when the flowers were gone; if so, they probably searched in vain. Many may have wondered why the plants produced no seeds; and may have asked how such barren plants could propagate themselves. Others beside young people have had the same wonder, and have asked the same question: but they have found a readier answer than I suspect you have found. We will suppose that along the fence-row, beside the pasture, the common blue violet, with heart-shaped leaves, whose lower margins are curled upward, blossoms in abundance every spring. We will follow the botanists in calling this plant *Viola cucullata*, "hooded violet"—so named in allusion to the upturned leaf-margins. Of course, we wish to procure seeds for the garden; but after making a thorough search a week or two after the flowers are gone, we find

none. Later in the season, probably in August or September, we stray again to the fence-row, almost thoughtless of the violets that grew there in May. The leaves have grown large, and as we part them and look closely at the roots of the plants, we discover a number of peculiar white, pointed buds, on short, curved stalks. We are almost tempted to believe that these buds are the beginnings of runners which are to spread the plant. A closer look will disclose a number of seed-pods, perhaps full-grown, on exactly similar stalks. We almost suspect that the little buds are imperfect flowers, and that some of them have gone to seed. So they are: very small, rudimentary flowers. The showy petals are not there; and if one were opened, it would be found that the inner organs, the stamens and the pistils, are very small and but partially developed.

Now, it has always been supposed that, to produce good seeds in abundance, flowers must be cross-fertilized—that is, pollen from one flower must be taken to another flower. This transfer of pollen is made by insects or the wind. If by insects, commonly the plant provides itself with attractions to insects, such as conspicuous colours, odors, and nectar. If wind carries the pollen, the plant hangs out large or feathery stigmas to catch the floating grains. But what attractions to insects or adaptations to winds, have these hidden, colorless, odorless, honeyless flowers of the violet? Moreover, these little flowers are completely closed, and allow of no meddling. There is but one conclusion: these flowers are in-and-in breeders, they are self-fertilized. In other words, the pollen fertilizes its own flower.

—My times are in Thy hand, O Lord! Go Thou with me and I am safe. And above all, make me useful in promoting Thy cause of peace and good will among men.

Squirrel Wisdom.

Solomon in his day described "four things which are little in the earth, but exceedingly wise,"—the ant, the coney (a kind of rabbit), the locust and the spider. If he had seen our squirrels, he might have added them to the number. In regard to one of the rarest exhibitions of the instinct of these animals, a Western paper has the following:

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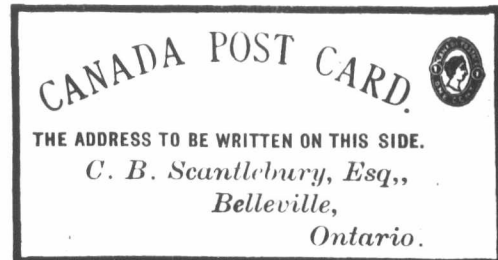
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