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"To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears."

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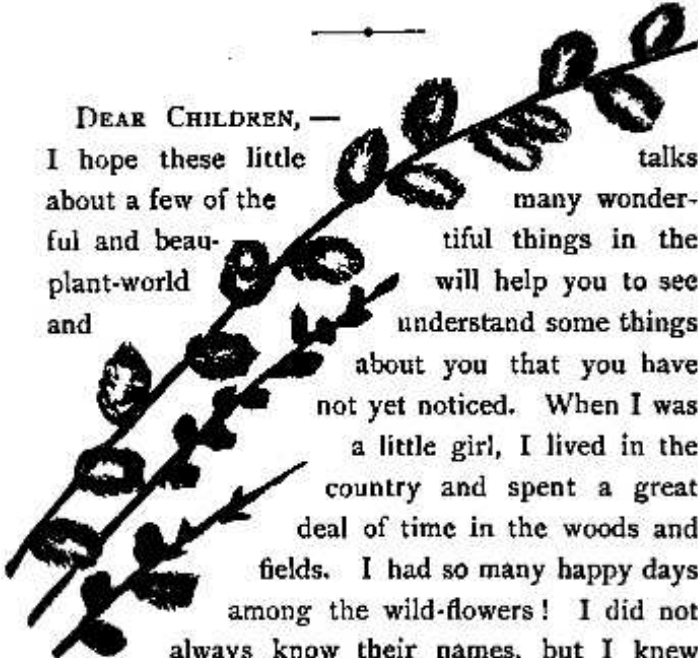
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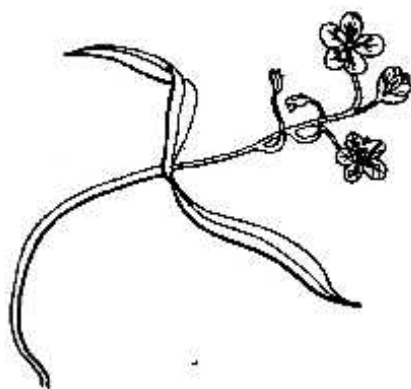
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DEAR CHILDREN, —



I hope these little talks
about a few of the many wonder-
ful and beau- tiful things in the
plant-world will help you to see
and understand some things
about you that you have
not yet noticed. When I was
a little girl, I lived in the
country and spent a great
deal of time in the woods and
fields. I had so many happy days
among the wild-flowers! I did not
always know their names, but I knew
the little plant-folks themselves, and knew the very
spot where I was to look for this or that particular
kind. From the putting out of the soft, silvery,

pussy-willow catkins, in the very first spring days, and the scarlet mist made a little later by the thick clusters of the tiny red flowers of the maples along the still leafless branchlets, to the plumes of the goldenrod and the modest asters of early autumn, each week and almost each day brought some new blossom for which to search in woods or fields. The



THE SPRING-BEAUTY.

spring-beauty with its gracefully hanging buds and pink-and-white bells, which is to Western children what the sweeter Mayflower is to those who live in New England, came very early in the spring, and grew plentifully both in woodlands and in grass-fields, particularly along the fence-rows. About

the same time, at the roots of old stumps or in sheltered nooks we might expect to find clumps of the large, thick leaves of the bloodroot unrolled enough to show the pale stems, each crowned with the white flower whose petals so soon fall from the yellow centre in a snowy shower. On the side of a low hill stood the only service-berry tree in our neighborhood. When it shook forth its filmy white blossoms we felt that the wild-flower time had really begun. Later, on the borders of the woods the showy dogwoods hung out their white or sometimes pale rose-colored banners. The flowery branches both of service-berry and of dogwood were easily



BLOODROOT.