

ease with which the sepals of Anemones are blown off by the wind. The Greek mythology tells us of a beautiful nymph, Anemone, who was loved by the god of the west wind, Zephyrus, and was turned, by the jealous goddess Flora into a flower which thus bears her name.

In Lieu of Flowers

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As a substitute for flowers, once the fall comes, leaves, especially the copper beech variety, can be preserved and kept for months. They should be picked when they begin to change color and dipped in crude glycerine. Then they are laid away for a few weeks in a dry, dark place and when brought out once more, they are glossy and bright and will retain their freshness throughout the winter months. My mother used to lay them under the carpet after they had been dipped, and it was always a pleasant surprise to me to see them emerge none the worse for their period of flattening. This also is the time of the year to gather weeds, bulrushes, etc., and paint them for winter bouquets.

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FOSSILS

While digging a basement, this summer, Carl Runyan, of Punnichy, found a stone containing the fossilized remains of a large worm, together with the impressions of two tiny shell-like objects in the shape of fans. This rock splits easily into layers. It would found five feet below the surface. He would like some information as to what these objects are.

Only a geological expert could tell what types of marine life these were, and how many million years ago they were deposited on the ancient ocean floor which at one time covered what is now the prairies of Saskatchewan.

When today, we dig down into the old ocean bed we may find many buried evidences of former life. If we could collect enough of these fossils and be able to read the story that is hidden with them, we would be in possession of a record of the ages and a knowledge of the world's ancient past.

Probably the most common fossils are like those you have found; the fossils of snails, clams and other animals, the bodies of which were covered with shells or protected by other hard coverings. These fossils were formed as follows: as the plant and animal bodies decayed, mineral matter from the water was deposited in their tissues. The mineral matter which thus was slowly deposited took the form of the plant or animal parts it replaced. Sometimes the deposited minerals took the places of even the softer structures, thus preserving the entire bodies of plants and animals.

