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"Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every day is the world made new."

Madonna Lilies and Other Flowers That Are Sacred

In these sunny days life grows re-orient from the dust, a latent consciousness of wings stirs in the buried seed, and as if from very gladness of heart the sap in the naked trees mounts upward, ever upward, into the golden light. The tiny leaves, close-clasped together in the bud, flutter timidly apart, to grow bravely green, and flaunt their color on the passing breeze. The maple tree in the yard now hears a voice out of the unseen, calling from the blue skies, bidding it come up higher, and gladly does it make answer in the green tassels and shining leaves, telling of new growth and broader horizon.

Out on the old arbor, the rough and scraggy grapevine is sending forth little gray tendrils, reaching farther toward heaven and away from the earth that hides its foothold. How blithely does nature echo forth her yearly message to every waiting heart—her message of resurrection, joyous activity, high-mounting aspiration! Her myriad voices cry through every sense, to touch and penetrate the spirit with gladness and good cheer. New readings from the Gospel of eternal hope are seen on every side, in the growth of plant, the unfolding of leaf, the blossoming of flower. The woods are full of these shy spring darlings—violets, dandelions, adder's tongues, spring beauties, bluebells and many a nameless wildling, all hurrying gayly to deck the earth and celebrate the Eastertide.

Certain flowers and plants have always been set apart as sacred things, and from the very dawn of history we hear of flower-decked altars and wreaths of sacrifice. The heathen temples were adorned with earth's fairest blossoms, scattered on the altars, and twined around the brow of priest and acolyte. The amaranth bloomed in deathless beauty upon the Olympian heights, the myrtle was beloved of Apollo, the rose, the lily, the mistletoe were favorites of legend and myth. The flowers once sacred to Freya, the spring goddess of northern mythology, were chosen for their spotless purity, in form and color. And when heathen myth gave place to Christian truth, these sacred treasures were transferred to the Virgin, and became symbols of the queen of heaven.

So it is that in every story of saint or madonna we find either the lily or the rose—the lily with its fragrance, its bending, bowing, waving bells, seems to whisper of purity and worship; the rose, with its faint and far-away odor, which seems to hint of eternal hope. One might almost fill a garden with flowers all named for the Virgin Mary, generally because they chance to blossom on Our Lady's days (such as the visitation, the assumption, her birth, baptism, purification). There are lady's slipper, lady's mantle, lady's fingers, lady's smock, lady's tresses. Virgin's bower, or clematis, begins to bloom in July, the feast of visitation, and is at full bloom at assumption in August.

The lily was first found in connection with the Virgin in the story of her ascension to heaven, and it originated probably in the second century. According to this legend, it was three days after the burial of our Lord's mother that the apostles visited and opened her grave and found it filled with fragrant, spotless lilies. Since then these matchless flowers have been called "Madonna lilies," or "flowers of the Virgin." The common white lily of our gardens, that blooms in July, and is the sweetest and most graceful of all flowers, might well be called "holy." No one seems to know its origin. It is never found wild in Palestine, nor can we find just where it grows without culture. But we see it in the faded pictures of old Italian masters and Netherland painters, made long before the discovery of this New World.

Nearly all of our great poets have praised this flower. Chaucer and Spenser speak of it as a mystical blossom in their far-away gardens and lady's bowers. Shakespeare it was who first said: "To gild refined gold and paint the lily," and these lines from one of his sonnets tell a truth that can never be forgotten:

For sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds;
Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds.

Milton loved the lily and always spoke of it in connection with the rose as did also Swinburne when he talk of

The lilies and languors of virtue;
The roses and raptures of vice.

And Tennyson says of Maud's garden that it was—

Fairer than aught in the world beside,
All made up of the lily and the rose.

Dear old Herrick, that sweet singer of spring, has one lily thought that is like a sigh:

But vanished man,
Like to a lily lost, never can bloom anew
Or bring his days to see a second spring.

Shelley has the lily in his wonderful garden along with his sensitive plant. Wordsworth often praises it. Burns mentions it frequently. Tennyson has lovely lily thoughts; but our own Longfellow draws the prettiest picture of maidenhood—

Bears a lily in thy hand—
Gates of brass can not withstand
One touch of that magic wand.

James Russell Lowell always comes near to the heart of things and lift us more than one sweet lily poem and allusion, and our minor poets all tell their love for this perfect specimen of nature's handiwork.

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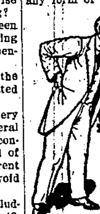

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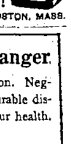

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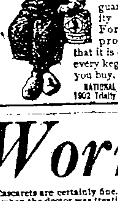

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