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Flowers

Victorian Floriography Zine



I Introduction

I became interested in floriography after reading *The Grace Year* by Kim Liggett. In the novel, women live in an oppressive society, and one means of subversive communication is the use of symbolic flowers. As the novel progressed, the flowers became critical to the plot. This made me wonder if the flower language existed outside the novel.

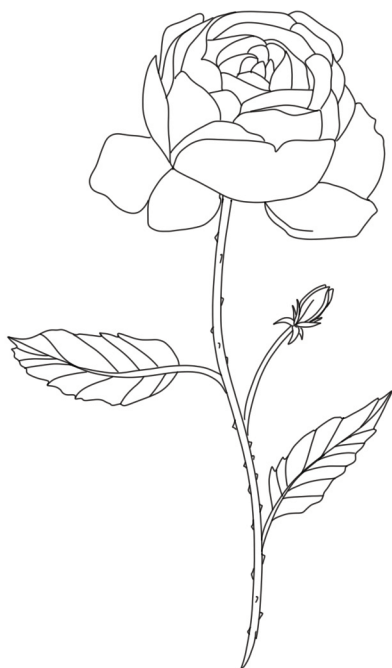
I then began a deep dive into the Victorian world of floriography. Cornell University has a digital collection of 90+ rare books on the subject. This lost art was mostly used for romantic purposes to connect with a lover in a time when emotions and self-expression were restricted. However, as I became familiar with the ~600 different flowers with known meanings, it became clear to me that this can be used for so many other purposes, such as communication with friends, enemies, and even for resistance.

Definitions for flowers can vary, and the source material for this zine was taken from *The Language of Flowers: an alphabet of floral emblems* (1876), published by T. Nelson and sons, Paternoster Row. From there, it became a fun data processing project to convert the images of the pages to text and reformat the definitions into this zine. The illustrations are mine.

Beyond the basic definition of the flowers, the arrangement or manner of acceptance also holds meaning. If flowers were handed over upside down, it meant the opposite of the original meaning. Furthermore, for a yes or no question, if a flower was accepted with the right hand, it meant 'yes', while the left hand meant 'no.' Enjoy the abridged and zine-ified version of *The Language of Flowers*.



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E

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H

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K

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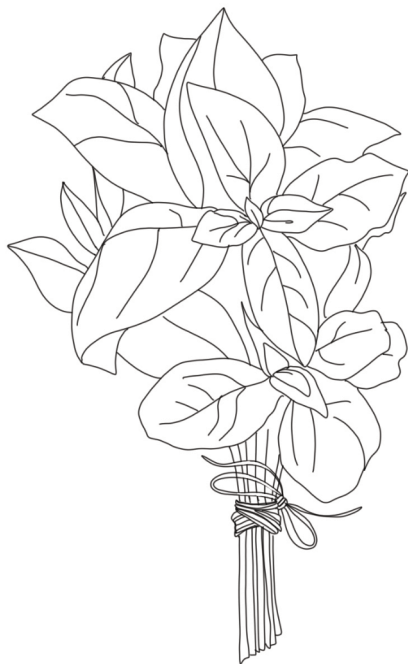
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 Disgust — Frog Ophrys
 Dissension — Pride of China
 Distinction — Cardinal Flower
 Distrust — Lavender
 Do me justice — Chestnut Tree
 Do not abuse — Saffron, Flower
 Docility — Bulrush, Rush
 Domestic economy — Houseleek
 Domestic happiness — Honeysuckle, Monthly
 Domestic virtues — Sage
 Dreams — Osmunda
 Drunkenness — Vine
 Duration — Dogwood

E

Early attachment — Rose, Thornless
 Early friendship — Periwinkle, Red
 Early youth — Primrose
 Eclat — Indian Cress
 Education — Cherry Tree
 Egotism — Narcissus, Poet's
 Elegance — Acacia, Pink, Locust Tree

Elevation — Fir Tree
 Eloquence — Lagerstramia, Lotus
 Embarrassment — Love-in-a-Puzzle
 Emblem of Scotland — Thistle, Common
 Enchantment — Holly Herb, Vervain
 Encouragement — Golden Rod
 Enduring affection — Gorse
 Energy in adversity — Camomile
 Ennui — Mosses
 Envy — Crane's Bill
 Error — Bee Ophrys
 Esteem — Sage, Spiderwort
 Esteem and love — Strawberry Tree
 Estranged love — Lotus Flower
 Evanescent pleasure — Poppy
 Expectation — Zephyr Flower
 Extent — Gourd
 Extinguished hope — Convolvulus, Major

F

Facility — Speedwell, Germander
 Faithfulness — Heliotrope, Violet, Blue
 Falsehood — Bugloss, Dogsbane, Lily, Yellow, Manchineal Tree
 Fame — Tulip
 Fantastic extravagance — Poppy, Scarlet
 Farewell — Pine, Spruce
 Fascination — Carnation
 Fashion — Lady's Mantle
 Fashionable — Queen's Rocket
 Fate — Hemp
 Feasting — Parsley
 Fecundity — Hollyhock
 Felicity — Centaury, Sweet Sultan
 Female ambition — Hollyhock, White

Female fidelity — Speedwell
 Fickleness — Lady's Slipper, Larkspur, Pink
 Fidelity — Ivy, Veronica
 Fidelity in love — Lemon Blossoms
 Fidelity in misfortune — Wallflower
 Filial love — Virgin's Bower
 Finesse — Sweetwilliam
 Fire — Horehound
 Fitness — Sweet Flag
 Flame — Fleur-de-lis, Iris, Yellow
 Flattery — Venus' Looking-glass
 Flee away — Pennyroyal
 Folly — Columbine
 Foolishness — Pomegranate
 For once may pride befriend me — Tiger Flower
 Force — Fennel
 Foresight — Holly
 Forget me not — Forget-me-not
 Forgetfulness — Moonwort
 Forsaken — Anemone, Garden, Laburnum, Willow
 Frankness — Osier
 Freedom — Willow, Water
 Friendship — Ivy
 Frivolity — London Pride
 Frugality — Endive

G

Gaiety — Butterfly Orchis, Lily, Yellow
 Gain — Cabbage
 Gallantry — Nosegay, a, Sweetwilliam
 Generosity — Orange
 Genius — Plane Tree
 Gentility — Geranium, Pomme Rose (Rose-Apple)

Gladness — Myrrh
 Glory — Bay Tree, Laurel, Mountain
 Good-nature — Mullen
 Goodness — Bonus Henricus
 Gossip — Cobæa
 Grace and elegance — Jasmine, Yellow
 Grandeur — Ash Tree
 Gratitude — Bell Flower, White
 Grief — Harebell, Marigold
 Guidance — Star of Bethlehem

H

Happiness — Mugwort
 Happy love — Rose, Bridal
 Hatred — Basil, Sweet
 Haughtiness — Larkspur, Double, Sunflower, Tall
 Health — Moss, Iceland
 Heartlessness — Hydrangea
 Hermitage — Milkwort
 Honesty — Honesty
 Hope — Hawthorn, Snowdrop
 Hope in adversity — Pine, Spruce
 Hopeless — Love-lies-bleeding
 Hopeless love — Tulip, Yellow
 Horror — Dragonwort, Mandrake, Snakesfoot
 Hospitality — Oak Tree
 Humility — Bindweed, Small, Lilac, Field
 Hypocrisy — Manchineal Tree

I

I am dazzled by your charms — Ranunculus
 I am worthy of you — Rose, Full White
 I am your captive — Peach Blossom

I attach myself to you — Jasmine, Indian
 I change but in death — Bay Leaf
 I declare against you — Belvedere,
 Liquorice, Wild, Tansy
 I desire a return of affection — Jonquil
 I desire to please — Mezerion
 I die if neglected — Laurestina
 I engage you for the next dance —
 Geranium, Ivy
 I feel all my obligations — Lint
 I feel your kindness — Flax (Linum)
 I have lost all — Mourning Bride
 I live for thee — Cedar Leaf
 I love — Chrysanthemum, Red
 I partake your sentiments — China Aster,
 Double
 I shall die to-morrow — Cistus, Gum
 I share your sentiments — Daisy, Garden
 I surmount all obstacles — Mistletoe
 I will not answer hastily — Honeysuckle,
 Monthly
 I will not survive you — Mulberry, Black
 I will think of it — China Aster, Single,
 Daisy, Wild
 I wish I were rich — Kingcup
 I wound to heal — Eglantine (or Sweet
 Brier)
 Idleness — Mesembryanthemum
 If you love me you will discover it — Rose,
 Maiden-blush
 Immortality — Amaranth
 Impatience — Balsam
 Impatient resolves — Touch-me-not
 Importunity — Burdock, Fuller's Teasel
 Inconstancy — Primrose, Evening
 Inconstancy in love — Honeysuckle, Wild
 Incorruptible — Cedar of Lebanon
 Independence — Plum Tree, Wild

Indifference — Agnus Castus, Candytuft,
 Mustard Seed, Senyvy
 Indiscretion — Reeds, Split
 Industry — Bee Orchis, Clover, Red
 Ingeniousness — Pink, White
 Ingenuity — Geranium, Pencil-leaved
 Ingenuous simplicity — Blaeberry,
 Chickweed, Mouse-eared
 Ingratitude — Ranunculus, Wild
 Injustice — Hop
 Innocence — Daisy, White, Violet, White
 Insincerity — Foxglove
 Insinuation — Bindweed, Great
 Inspiration — Angelica
 Instability — Dahlia
 Intellect — Walnut

J
 Jealousy — Marigold, French, Rose, Yellow
 Jest — Southernwood
 Joy — Wood Sorrel
 Joys to come — Celandine
 Juice — Fir of Gilead
 Justice — Rudbeckia
 Justice shall be done — Coltsfoot

L
 Lady — Geranium, Oak
 Lamentation — Aspen Tree
 Lasting pleasure — Pea, Everlasting
 Life — Lucerne
 Light-heartedness — Shamrock
 Lightness — Larkspur
 Longevity — Fig

Love — Honey Flower, Myrtle, Red Bay,
Rose, Violet, Blue

Love at first sight — Coreopsis, Arkansa

Love in idleness — Violet, Wild

Love is dangerous — Rose, Carolina

Love of nature — Magnolia

Love returned — Ambrosia

Love's Oracle — Dandelion

Lowliness — Bramble

Luxury — Chestnut

M

Magnificent beauty — Calla Æthiopica

Majesty — Crown Imperial, Lily, Imperial

Malevolence — Lobelia

Marriage — Saffron

Maternal affection — Cinquefoil

Maternal love — Moss

Maternal tenderness — Woodroof

Matrimony — Ivy

Mature elegance — Pomegranate Flower

Meaning — Flower

Meanness — Cuscuta, Dodder

Meekness — Birch Tree

Melancholy — Cypress and Marigold,
Geranium, Dark

Melancholy mind — Geranium, Sorrowful

Memory — Red Bay, Syringa

Mental beauty — Clematis, Kennedy

Mirth — Saffron, Crocus

Misanthropy — Fuller's Teasel, Wolfsbane

Modest worth — Woodroof

Modesty — Lilac, White, Violet, Purple

Mourning — Cypress, Willow, Weeping

Music — Oats

My bane — Poppy, White

My best days are past — Meadow Saffron

My compliments — Iris

My regrets follow you to the grave —
Asphodel

N

Neatness — Broom

Neglected beauty — Throatwort

Never-ceasing remembrance — Cudweed

Night — Convolvulus, Minor, Night
Convolvulus

O

Obstacle — Rest Harrow

Only deserve my love — Rose, Campion

Ornament — Hornbeam Tree

P

Painting — Auricula

Painting the Lily — Daphne Odora

Parental affection — Sorrel

Participation — Daisy, Double

Passion — Dittany, White, Iris, Yellow

Paternal error — Cardamine

Patience — Dock, Ox-Eye

Patriotism — Nasturtium

Peace — Olive Branch

Pensive beauty — Laburnum

Pensiveness — Cowslip

Perfect excellence — Strawberry

Perfection — Apple, Pine

Perfidy — Laurel, Common

Perform your promise — Plum Tree

Perplexity — Love-in-a-Mist

Persecution — Fritillary, Chequered
 Perseverance — Canary Grass, Magnolia, Swamp
 Persuasion — Althaa Frutex
 Philosophy — Pine, Pitch
 Pity — Pine, Black
 Plan — Nettle Tree
 Platonic love — Acacia, Rose
 Play — Hyacinth
 Pleasant recollections — Periwinkle, White
 Plesantry — Balm, Gentle
 Pleasure and pain — Rose, Dog
 Pleasures of memory — Periwinkle, Blue
 Poetry — Eglantine (or Sweet Brier)
 Poor — Vernal Grass
 Poverty — Clematis, Evergreen
 Precaution — Golden Rod
 Precocity — Rose, May
 Preference — Apple Blossom, Geranium, Rose or Pink
 Present preference — Geranium, Apple
 Presumption — Snapdragon
 Pretended love — Catchfly
 Pretension — Lythrum, Willow-Herb, Spiked
 Prettiness — Pomme Rose (Rose-Apple)
 Pride — Rose, Hundred-leaved
 Pride of riches — Polyanthus
 Privation — Indian Plum, Myrobalan
 Profuseness — Fig Tree
 Prohibition — Privet
 Promptitude — Stock, Ten Week
 Prosperity — Beech Tree, Wheat
 Protection — Bearded Crepis, Juniper
 Prudence — Ash, Mountain, Service Tree
 Prugality — Chicory
 Pure and ardent love — Pink, Red Double

Purity — Lilac, White
 Purity and sweetness — Lily, White

Q

Quick-sightedness — Hawkweed

R

Reason — Goat's Rue
 Recall — Geranium, Silver-leaved
 Recantation — Lotus Leaf
 Reconciliation — Filbert, Hazel
 Refusal — Carnation, Striped, Pink, Variegated
 Regard — Daffodil
 Rejected addresses — Ice Plant
 Remembrance — Forget-me-not, Rosemary
 Remorse — Raspberry
 Rendezvous — Chickweed
 Repose — Buckbean
 Reserve — Maple
 Resistance — Tremella Nestoc
 Resolution — Columbine, Purple
 Restoration — Persicaria
 Retaliation — Thistle, Scotch
 Return of happiness — Lily of the Valley
 Revenge — Trefoil
 Reverie — Fern, Flowering
 Reward of merit — Bay Wreath
 Reward of virtue — Roses, Crown made of
 Riches — Corn
 Rigour — Lantana
 Rivalry — Rocket
 Royalty — Angrec
 Rudeness — Clotbur

Rupture of a contract — Straw, Broken
Rustic beauty — Honeysuckle, French

S

Sadness — Dead Leaves, Yew
Safety — Traveller's Joy
Sorrow — Hyacinth, Purple
Satire — Pear, Prickly
Scandal — Hellebore
Scepticism — Nightshade
Sculpture — Hoya
Secrecy — Rose, Full-blown, placed over two buds
Secret love — Acacia, Yellow, Motherwort, Toothwort
Self-esteem — Narcissus, Poet's
Selfishness — Dodder of Thyme
Semblance — Speedwell, Spiked
Sensitiveness — Mimosa (Sensitive Plant)
Sensuality — Jasmine, Spanish
Separation — Jasmine, Carolina
Severity — Thorns, Branch of
Shame — Peony
Shyness — Vetch
Sickness — Anemone, Field
Silence — Belladonna
Simplicity — Sweet Brier
Sincerity — Fern, Honesty, Satin Flower
Skill — Spider Ophrys
Slander — Nettle, Burning, Snake's Lounge
Sleep — Poppy, White
Slighted love — Chrysanthemum, Yellow...
Snare — Catchfly, Dragon Plant
Solitude — Heath, Lichen
Sorcery — Nightshade
Sorrowful remembrances — Adonis

Sourness — Barberry
Spleen — Fumitory
Splendour — Nasturtium, Scarlet
Sport — Hyacinth
Stability — Cresses
Steadfast piety — Geranium, Wild
Stoicism — Box
Stratagem — Wallflower
Strength — Cedar Tree, Fennel
Stupidity — Almond Tree, Geranium, Scarlet
Submission — Grass, Harebell
Success crown your wishes — Coronilla
Succour — Juniper
Sun-beamed eyes — Lychnis, Scarlet
Superior merit — Rose, Full Moss
Superstition — St. John's Wort
Surprise — Betony, Truffle
Suspicion — Champignon, Mushroom
Sympathy — Balm, Thrift

T

Talent — Pink, White
Taste — Fuchsia, Scarlet
Tears — Helenium
Temperance — Azalea
Temptation — Apple, Quince
Thankfulness — Agrimony
The colour of my fate — Honeysuckle, Coral
The Fine Arts — Acanthus
The first emotions of love — Lilac, Purple
The heart's mystery — Polyanthus, Crimson
The incense of a faithful heart — Frankincense
The perfection of female loveliness — Justicia

Thou art all that is lovely — Rose, Austrian
 Thoughts of absent friends — Zinnia
 Thy smile I aspire to — Rose, Daily
 Ties — Tendrils of Climbing Plants
 Time — Pine, Pitch, Poplar, White
 Timidity — Amaryllis, Marvel of Peru
 Touch me not — Burdock
 Tranquillity — Maidwort, Stonecrop
 Tranquillize my anxiety — Rose, Christmas
 Transient beauty — Night-blooming Cereus
 Transient impression — Rose, Withered
 White
 Transport of joy — Jasmine, Cape
 Treachery — Bilberry
 True love — Forget-me-not
 Truth — Chrysanthemum, White,
 Nightshade, Bitter

U
 Unanimity — Phlox
 Unbelief — Judas Tree
 Uncertainty — Convolvulus
 Unchangeable — Amaranth, Globe
 Unchanging friendship — Arbor Vita
 Unconscious — Daisy, Red
 Unconscious beauty — Rose, Burgundy
 Unfading beauty — Gilly Flower
 Unfortunate attachment — Mourning Bride
 Unfortunate love — Scabious
 Union — Rose, Lancaster
 Unity — Rose, White and Red, together
 Unpatronised merit — Primrose, Red
 Unpretending excellence — Camellia
 Japonica
 Useful knowledge — Parsley
 Uselessness — Diosma, Meadowsweet,
 Spiraea

Utility — Grass

V
 Variety — China Aster, Rose, Mundi
 Vice — Darnel, Ray Grass
 Victory — Palm
 Virtue — Mint
 Vivacity — Houseleek
 Voraciousness — Lupine
 Vulgar-minded — Marigold, African

W
 War — Milfoil, Rose, York
 Warlike trophy — Indian Cress, Nasturtium
 Warmth — Peppermint
 Warmth of sentiment — Spearmint
 Weakness — Moschatel, Musk, Crowfoot
 Widowhood — Scabious, Sweet, Sweet
 Sultan Flower
 Winning grace — Cowslip
 Winter of age — Rose, Gelder
 Wisdom — Mulberry Tree
 Wit — Lychnis, Meadow, Ragged Robin,
 Sorrel, Wild
 Witchcraft — Nightshade
 Woman's love — Pink, Carnation

Y
 You are a prophet — St. John's Wort
 You are aspiring — Pink, Mountain

You are cold — Hortensia
You are hard — Ebony
You are merry — Rose, Mundi
You are my divinity — Cowslip, American
You are rich in attractions — Ranunculus,
Garden
You are the queen of coquettes — Queen's
Rocket, Violet, Dame
You are young and beautiful — Rosebud,
Red
You have no claims — Pasque Flower
You make no pretension — Flora's Bell
You occupy my thoughts — Pansy (Heart's-
ease), Violet, Purple
You please all — Currants
You will be my death — Hemlock
Your image is engraved on my heart —
Spindle Tree
Your looks freeze me — Ficoides
Your presence revives me — Rosemary
Your presence softens my pain — Milkvetch
Your purity equals your loveliness —
Orange Blossom
Your qualities surpass your charms —
Mignonnette
Youthful gladness — Crocus, Spring
Youthful Innocence — Lilac, White
Youthful love — Catchfly, Red

Z

Zealousness — Elder
Zest — Lemon

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