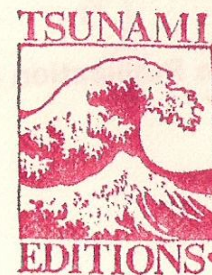


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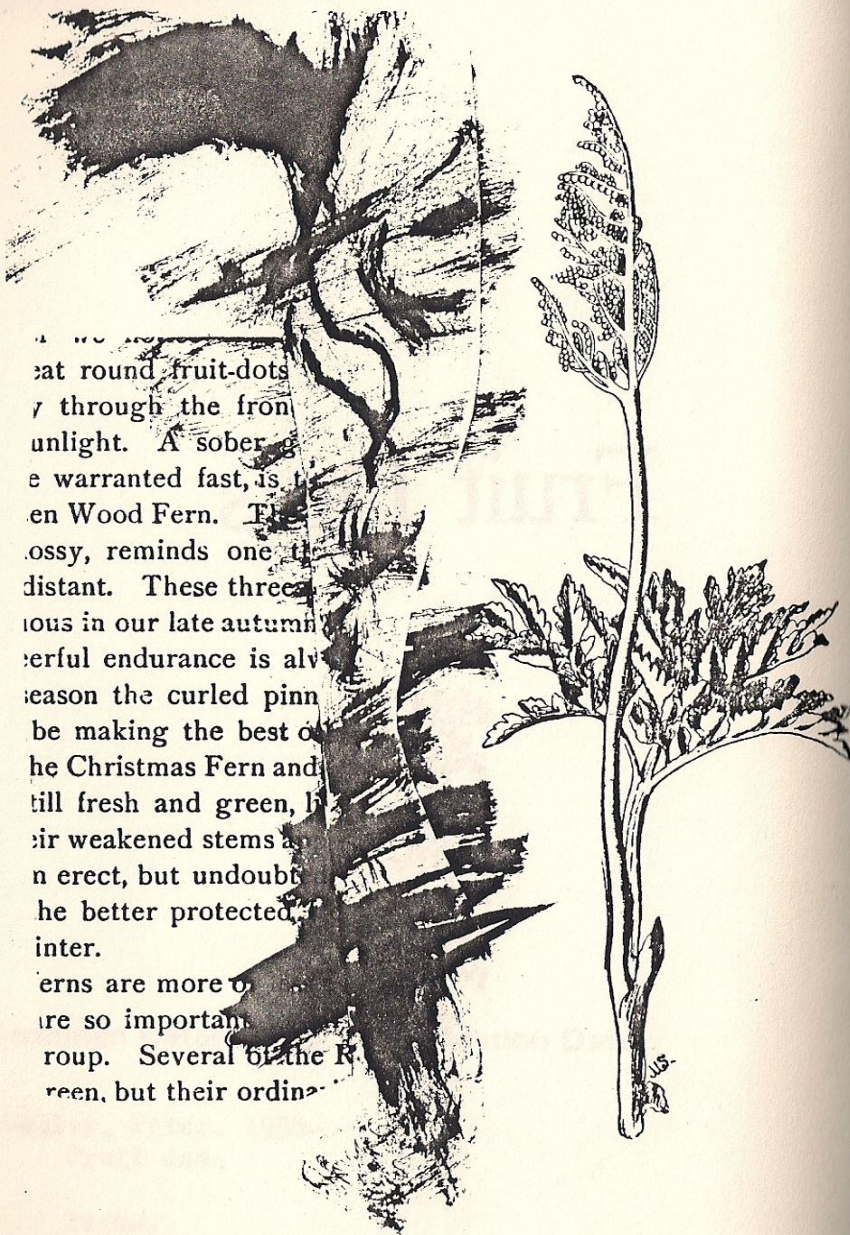
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at round fruit-dots
 through the frond
 unlight. A sober, g
 e warranted fast, is
 en Wood Fern. The
 ossy, reminds one, th
 distant. These three
 ous in our late autumn
 erful endurance is alv
 season the curled pinna
 be making the best of
 he Christmas Fern and
 till fresh and green, b
 air weakened stems a
 n erect, but undoubt
 he better protected
 inter.

erns are more o
 re so important
 roup. Several of the R
 reen, but their ordin-

in May.

in May. As it unfolds

spores are discharged.

Tuft of rusty wool

above the fruiting pinnae,

shallow vase formed, flood

the woods with golden light.

Other osmundas, absence of the

fertile fronds. Erect,

curving outward,

oblong-lanceolate; obtuse divisions

taller than the sterile

entire or toothed.

Of the midrib, indisium delicate--
 little fronds, ecstatic presence
of the deeper woods.

Arched across the rock-broken
 stream, carpeted with low;
where precious red-cupped mosses
stretch basswood overhead
 cliff which forms.

Early meadow rue--
lobed and rounded leaflet
 crowds to the roadside
moist hollows: fronds

tremulous on their black
 chance to be driving
by a bank overgrown,

possessed by a tormenting love
 sadly state but firm;
aloofness which adds

haunts are dim.
 Summit of the slender
black and polished, recurved

branches bearing
 several slender,
under margin of a lobe

dotted with fragrant heaps.

Entered the cool
shade, beauty and luxuriance,

rich green arched above

rigid fruit-clusters.

Crown firmed rigid;

by means of underground runners

crawled under

a tight board fence --

free veins with simple veinlets

do not reach

the midvein. Reflexed marginal

rows of bright brown sporangia

wedged in neighboring

crannies, sprang from limestone cliffs;

so blended, with their rocky

self-assurance at variance.

Prostrate among the rocks

rise the firm

graceful crowns:

conspicuously marginal

fruit-dots, caudex covered by the bases--

apex and the tips

of its pinnules, plumes

of departing summer,
 of the greenhouse.
 Above the black leaf-mould,

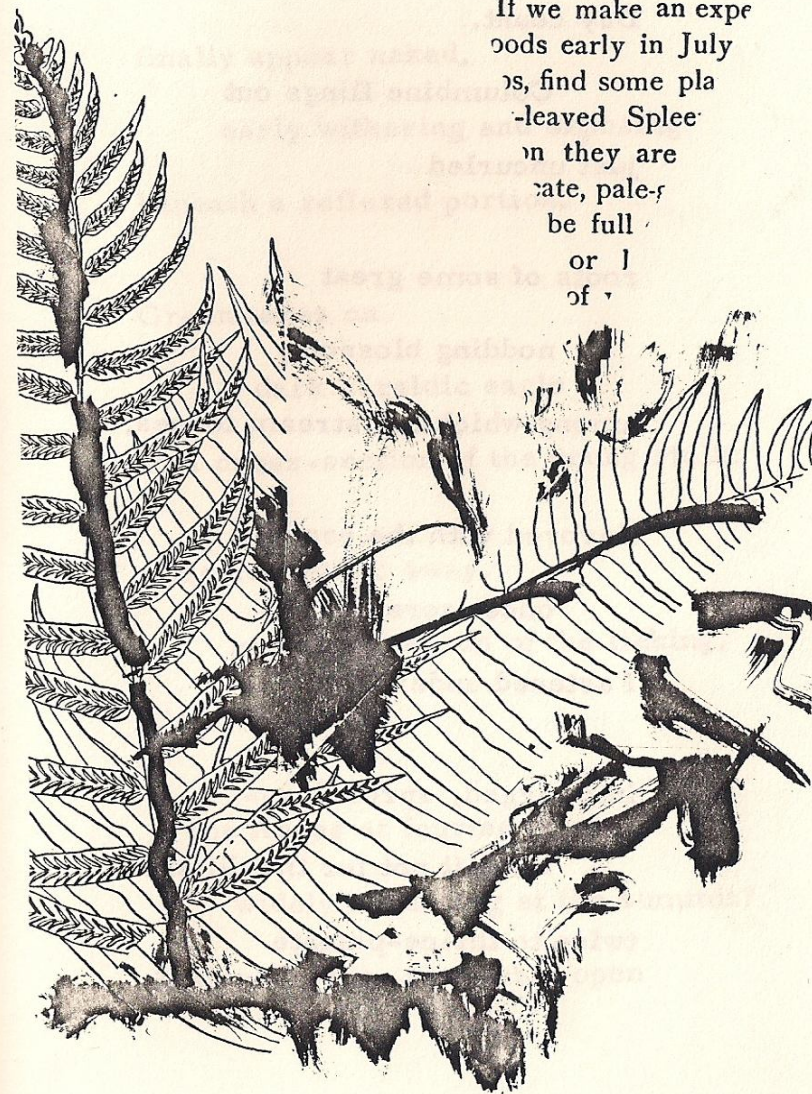
 immortal in the swamp herbage,
 centre shades away
 less chaffy stalks; mossy ledges

 above star-like stumps of decaying.

 A projecting shelf
 of bluish-green;

 leathery, tapering,
 decayed at its tip
 a flower yet unnamed.

If we make an expeditions
 early in July
 find some plants
 -leaved Spleen
 on they are
 rate, pale-
 be full
 or I
 of



Day count.

Columbine flings out
just uncurled
roots of some great
nodding blossom,
among which the stream forces,
flavored with the essence
once more.

Fastened underneath
into jagged, spreading--
were it not for the difference
twice to thrice-pinnate

finally appear naked,

early withering and exposing
beneath a reflexed portion.

Green takes on

a dark heraldic eagle
in a cross-section of the young stalk:

does not wither away,

grown by reason of the licking.

Shall shellfish

in the Andes at fourteen feet

widely spreading at the summit?

Reflexed edge, somewhat open

borne in a continuous line;

stout stalk, from the trunks
somewhat lustrous --

upward turning

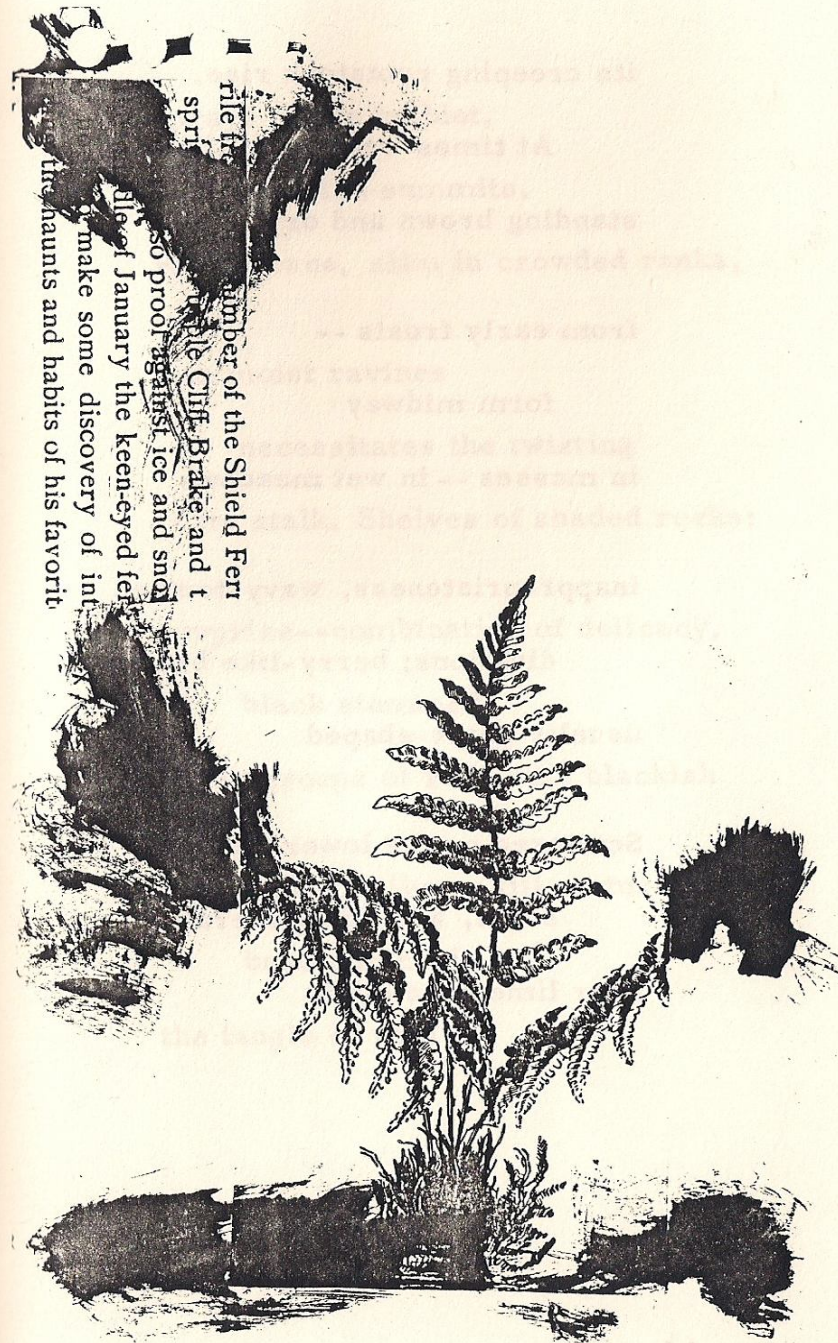
on their upper
through the winter.

In rocky woods

having shiny scales,
convex; persistent

along the roadside

and in wet,
found of the tiniest



its creeping rootstock rise.

At times wear very light,
standing brown and dry

from early frosts --

form midway
in masses -- in wet meadows
inappropriateness, wavy-toothed
divisions; berry-like bodies
usually heart-shaped.

Scattered on the lower surface
shale, and conglomerate
near limestone cliffs

sprays of the bulblet,
turreted summits.

Rigid grace, slim in crowded ranks,
into moist ravines

necessitates the twisting
of its stalk. Shelves of shaded rocks:

surprise--combination of delicacy,
black stemmed
under groups of red, with blackish

and shining, silvery till maturity,

base auricled;
the tangle of wild

close to the roadside fence.

Of some amber-coloured brook
the wild bergamot

its swift noiseless flow.

Uncurl in May --
present a rather blotched
delicacy, scarlet cluster,
background. Of grain shine
between umbrella-like Brakes:
so recently unfolded texture
seems a trifle.

Close against the rails;

as the curves and dimples,

little undulations

of the August woods' border--

