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(I) (16) list #26 b. Sept 4/75 (Four-o'clock)
4-o'clock cheated 1 Nicked a gin-ace ⁽¹⁾seeing / hour I 4-o'clock
 Nyctag . . gin-tray? / etc a bitter herb core horrors II funkia
 vύξ late **nicked** 2 th' hour funky a bitter herb III scarlet p / caerulea
 nox pm **gin-ace** II 3 eore<ehore?>horrors poor man's weatherglass
 night here / Aug-Oct 4 pimpnel weed it out <with and> funka
 Mirabilis (generic III 5 plantain leaves hosting their flowers
 Jalapa name, Jal. / Mex) re call **say** sigh say no
 or "Marvel-of- {vertical:} 6 only companion-bells each re / eat
 Peru; ↑aztec Xalapan 7 **their** aga <in galas an attic stairs>
 Umbrella-wort = 'place / of 8 evening endless <timeless> days sun four-/o'clock
 (Gray) water +sand' 2nd draft f. Sept 10/75
 tuberous roots Indian / town 1
 "Flowers solitary at time of 2
 or a few from conquest; / 3
 calyx-like 60 mi NW 4
 involucre of Vera Cruz 5
 the true 6
 calyx corolla- line 6 7
 like, tubular ends 8
 + variously recall no
 colored (red, line 8
 yellow, white" ends
 (Taylor); four-o'clock
 involucre eve → (no italics]
 campanulate
 herbaceous
 at leafy-bracted
 tips of stiffly
 ascending
 branches (III) Funkia (lily f.) hosta fortunei, plantain-lily
 = (II) ↓ (funky-skittish, e.g. horse)

hoast - Scotch cough
 horse
 core →
 horrors
 (bitter herb
 (prov. for bitter
 (ness
 (4) See Theophrastus (κορροπος
 (3) variable in size, scarlet or rarely white or in ^ (variety Caerulea sky-blue
 (2) the flowers in cloudy weather + opening again in | hence Eng. Poorman's Weather
 sunshine | petal fringe minuet teeth glass
 (no (perhaps) - <an> attic stairs time - persist?
 .. sets to falter? ? 411?
 (Taylor: "weed it out")

Scarlet Pimpernel <primrose f > - Gray: corolla rotate (flat + circular, wheelshaped), almost no tube, divisions broad - low spreading procumbent herbs - Anagallis Arvensis
 leaves ovate sessile, shorter than peduncles, Gk name ana = again
 + agallein, to delight in, from its habit of closing ↗ {pointing to (2) above right}
 (18) #56 Petunia (19) #29 Wild Geranium (20) Rose of Sharon / #30 Xmas Rose

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Four-o'clock

line 1: **Nicked a gin-ace seeing hour**
 line 2: **a bitter herb core horrors**
 line 3: **poor man's weatherglass cloudburst sun**
 line 4: **pimpernel weed it and funkia**
 line 5: **plantain leaves hosting their flowers**
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 line 7: **in galas an attic stairs**
 line 8: **evening timeless days sun four-o'clock**

Sept 4-10/75

line 1: **Nicked a gin-ace seeing hour**

Gray, **FAM. 57 NYCTAGINACEAE** (Four-o'clock Family). > **1. Mirabilis** L. FOUR-O'CLOCK, UMBRELLA-WORT. > **1. M. JALAPA** L. (old generic name from Jalapa in Mex.), FOUR-O'CLOCK, MARVEL-OF-PERU.— Stout-rooted, with ascending branched slender stem up to 1 m. high; leaves ovate, the lower primary ones petioled, acuminate, bright green, often viscid; involucre clustered at leafy-bracted tips of stiffly ascending branches; *involucre campanulate* {> Glossary: Bell-shaped; cup-shaped with a broadened rim}, *herbaceous, with erect teeth; calyx salverform, 3-6 cm. long, with long slender tube and reddish-purple* (in cult. often yellow, white or variegated) *corolla-like limb*; fruits ovoid (606).

Nicked a gin-ace < *Nyctaginaceae*

line 2: **a bitter herb core horrors**

Theophrastus VII. vii. 2: There are also many more including the plant which has become proverbial* for its bitterness, blue pimpernel {Index: κόρχορος, *Anagallis caerulea*}, which has a leaf like basil. {*Note:} κόρχορος ἐν λαχάνις is the proverb.

core horrors < κόρχορος, *korchoros* {= blue pimpernel}.

line 3: **poor man's weatherglass cloudburst sun**

Gray, **FAM. 135 PRIMULACEAE** (Primrose Family) > **6. Anagallis** L. PIMPERNEL. Corolla rotate {> Glossary: *Rotate* (corolla). Wheel-shaped; flat and circular in outline}, with almost no tube; the divisions broad. Stamens 5; filaments bearded. Capsule membranaceous, many-seeded. — Low spreading or procumbent herbs, nat. of Old World, mostly annuals with opposite or whorled entire leaves and solitary flowers on axillary peduncles. (The ancient Greek name, probably from *ana*, *again*, and *agallein*, *to delight in*, from its habits of closing the flowers in cloudy weather but opening the again in sunshine.)

1. A. ARVENSIS L. (of cultivated fields), COMMON or SCARLET P. — Leaves ovate, sessile, shorter than the peduncles; petals obovate, obtuse, fringed with minute teeth and stalked glands. — Waste sandy fields, June-Aug. — Flowers variable in size, scarlet or rarely white, or in forma CAERULEA (Schreb.) Baumg. (sky-blue) petals blue and often nearly or quite destitute of ciliation, quickly closing at the approach of bad weather; whence the English popular name of "POOR MAN'S WEATHER-GLASS". (Natzd. From Eu.) (1142-1143).

See Taylor line 4.

line 4: **pimpernel weed it and funkia**

See Gray line 3.

Taylor, **Anagallis** > **A. arvensis**. Scarlet pimpernel; called also poor-man's weatherglass. A prostrate annual. See the list at **Weeds**. > "The Fifty Worst Garden Weeds": **Scarlet pimpernel** (*Anagallis arvensis*). A low, often nearly prostrate herb with tiny bell-shaped, red or white flowers. Called also poor-man's weatherglass. Cultivate it out.

See Taylor line 5.

line 5: **plantain leaves hosting their flowers**

Taylor, **Plantain-Lily**. Perennial, widely cult. garden herbs of the genus **Hosta** (hos'ta) of the lily family, often known under the names of Funkia and Niobe. Of the 10 known species, all from China and Jap., most are in common cult., especially those below. They are tufted plants, grown both for their handsome, conspicuously ribbed, basal leaves, and their white, lilac, or blue flowers in terminal clusters (spikes or racemes) terminating a usually bracted stalk that arises from the leaves. Flowers tubular, usually expanded at the summit, the six lobes not distinguishable as petals and sepals, all petal-like. Stamens 6. Fruit an elongated capsule, rarely produced in some species. (Named for N. T. Host, Austrian botanist.)

hosting < *Hosta*

line 6: **only companion-bells each recall no**

See Gray line 1.

See Gray, **Anagallis** line 3.

line 7: **in galas an attic stairs**

in galas < *Anagallis* {see etymology Gray line 3}

{NBk: "w Pt J attic stairs time - day," suggesting reference to a clock in the Port Jefferson house}.

line 8: **evening timeless days sun four-o'clock**

See Gray line 1.

Taylor, **Mirabilis** > **M. Jalapa**. Four-o'clock; also called Marvel-of-Peru. A perennial (grown as a tender annual) 14-30 in. high, quick-growing. Leaves ovalish, smooth, the stalk about half the length of the blade. Flowers nearly 1 in. wide, the tube 1-2 in. long, usually solitary in the involucre, Aug.-Oct. Flowers open late in the afternoon.