

(19) list #29

(Wild geranium) (p 25)

- See Notes used for Epigraph 80
- Gray, <f.> Geranium. Cranesbill Peduncles 1-many flowered. Gk. gérānos <(L. grus)>, a crane, the long fruit-bearing beak resembling a crane's bill (p 946)
- G maculatum (mottled) wild or spotted L.I. April-June flowers <four to many> petals entire rosy-purple (lilac)
- G. Pratense (of meadows <roadsides etc.> sepals hirsute, petals bluish purple <fruiting recurved> rarely <rarely to> N.Y. June-Aug.

(3) f. ?

scalloped →

bottoms

purpling (2)

(1) blue- magenta

- Taylor. Geranium maculatum. Wild . . E. woodlands also called alumroot + chocolate flower <perenn. herb> 12-20" H
- lvs 3-5 parted nearly to the middle, flwrs ± 1" rose-purple Apr-May esp. rocky woods. G. pratense 18-30" lvs 7-parted flowers ½" purple. (catmint or catnip)

- Gray. Glechōma, Ground-ivy [differing from (Népeta Cataria = having flwrs in axils of leaves, not at stem branches summer]

(f. mint)

Gk (Labiatae)

↓eta

cf. Hedēoma

mock Pennyroyal > Gk

hēdyosmon,

hedys = sweet

osmé = scēnt

H. pulegioīdes

(like Mēntha ↗

Pulegium)

Pennyroyal

of Am, Pudding-

Grass N Eng

corolla bluish

<scarcely exerted ->

2-lipped Var. H

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May Sept [Pt. J.]

(sand rock etc)

Theophrastus IX {xvi} i

(ΓΑΗ'ΧΩΝ) Ionic

for βληχ̄ω̄ which

he uses

- Runaway-Robin <leaves> creeping everywhere, smooth to minutely hairy stems + leaves petioled, kidney-shaped round crenate green or purplish on one or both sides < top + bottom > (corollas purplish blue. Roadsides yards, damp shade (calyx tubular ± incurved- N.Y. July-Sept. (see Theophrastus v.i)\* \*2-lipped
- Taylor Mentha Pulegium. Peren. herb prostrate much-branched. Lvs downy round-oval, small marginal teeth. Flowrs small bluish-lilac in circles in leaf axils
- <L.> cat fēles <or faelis in best mss> root fe- v. felix; prop. she that bears (\* ) young, i.e. (metaph.) lucky, happy, fortunate but cātūllus = a whelp; the young of animals + esp. a young dog, puppy (dim. of canis Old Latin)

1st draft b. Sun. Sept 28/75 - f. Tu. Oct 7/75

- 1 Friends <Not> that <? / a> friends hateds times
- 2 must friend or end head/s'
- 3 us <us> May-scent mints all? <all> poor legacies ←[all
- 4 Run<->away-Robin leaf blue-purpling scallops
- 5 gleek home marsh foolish-fire pudding-grass <pennyroyal> 2-lipped pudding-grass
- 6 pennyroyal weeds dress the <on> earth
- 7 cranesbill-fruiting-beak wild geranium unhedged / deepest
- 8 to uproot the <to> reed oak

W.S. Ado V ii

(Beatrice) Never love

- lit. foolish fire med L

that which my friend

ignis fatuus - phosphercent marsh <swamp> gas friar's

hates (Cym IV ii 267

lantern, will-o'-the wisp

T + C, I ii 82 / [To thee] the reed\*

time must

[is as the] oak\*

unhedged - our needful knowledge, like our

friend or

needful food, | Unhedged, lies open in

end

life's common field. Young N. Thought

V

\* \* \*

2nd draft f. <Tues> Oct 7/75

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{2nd draft, but in copying it out LZ inadvertently dropped a line,  
crossed out the entire draft unfinished and started over below.}

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8 to uproot t̄ <the> reed oak



**Sources**

Taylor, *Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening*, **Geranium, Mint**

Gray, *Gray's Manual of Botany*, **Geraniaceae** (Geranium Family) > **Geranium** (Cranesbill) > **G. maculatum** (Wild or Spotted Cranesbill) and **G. Pratense** (947); **Labiatae** (Mint Family) > **Glechoma** (Ground-Ivy) > **G. Hederacea** (Run-Away-Robin) (1224); **Labiatae** > **Hedeoma** (Mock Pennyroyal) (1238) > **H. pulegioides** (1239)

Theophrastus, *Enquiry into Plants* IX. xvi. 1

*Century Dictionary (CD)*, **cat, crane, Felis, ignis fatuus, unhedged, weed**

\*Onions, *A Shakespeare Glossary*, **gleek**

Liddell & Scott, *A Greek Lexicon*, ΓΑΗ'ΧΩΝ

Shakespeare, *Much Ado About Nothing* V. ii. 70-72

*Troilus and Cressida* I. ii. 83-85

*Cymbeline* IV. ii. 264-269

**Wild Geranium**

line 1: **Not a friend hated time**

line 2: **must friend or end heads'**

line 3: **May-scent mint all poor legacies**

line 4: **Run-away-Robin leaf blue purpling scallops**

line 5: **gleek home marsh foolish-fire pennyroyal**

line 6: **two-lipped pudding-grass weeds dress earth**

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line 8: **to uproot the reed oak**

Sept 28-Oct 7/75

lines 1 & 2: **Not a friend hated time / must friend or end heads'**

Shakespeare, *Much Ado About Nothing* V. ii. 70-72:

*Beatrice*. If you spite it for my sake, I will spite it for  
yours; for I will never love that which my friend hates.

Shakespeare, *Troilus and Cressida* I. ii. 83-85:

*Pandarus*. Well, the gods are above; time must friend or end. Well, Troilus, well;  
I would my heart were in her body.

Gray, **FAM. 151 LABIATAE** (Mint family) > **24. Hedeoma** Pers. MOCK PENNYROYAL. Calyx ovoid or tubular, gibbous on the lower side near the base, 13-nerved, bearded in the throat, 2-lipped; upper lip 3-toothed, the lower 2-cleft. Upper lip of corolla flat, notched at the apex, the lower spreading the 3-cleft. Posterior stamens 0 or sterile. — Low odorous Am. annuals, with small leaves and loose axillary clusters of flowers (in summer) often forming terminal leafy racemes. (Name altered from *hedyosmon*, an ancient name of Mint, from the Greek *hedys*, *sweet*, and *osme*, scent.) (1238).

**heads' / May-scent** < *Hedeoma*, *hedyosmon*

line 3: **May-scent mint all poor legacies**

See Gray line 1.

line 4: **Run-away-Robin leaf blue purpling scallops**

Gray, **FAM. 151 LABIATAE** (Mint Family) > **11. Glechòma** L. GROUND-IVY. LIERRE TERRESTRE (Que.) {...} (Old Greek name *glechon*, for pennyroyal.)

**1. G. HEDERACEA** L. (ivy-like), GILL-OVER-THE-GROUND, RUN-AWAY-ROBIN. — Extensively creeping; stems and leaves smoothish to minutely pubescent; leaves petioled, round-reniform, crenate {> Taylor: i.e., scalloped or with an irregularly waved margin; mostly applied to leaf margins}, or in forma ACUTÍLOBA Neuman (acute-lobed) sharp-toothed, green or purplish on one or both sides; corolla 1.6-2.2 cm. long, purplish-blue. (*Nepeta* Trevisan; *N. Glechoma* Benth.) — Roadsides, yards and damp shaded places, Nfld. to Ont., s., somewhat locally, to N.S., N.E., Va., Tenn. and Mo. April-July (Natzd. from Eu.) (1224).

line 5: **gleek home marsh foolish-fire pennyroyal**

See Gray line 4.

**gleek home ma-** < *Glechoma*

\*Onions, **gleek** sb.: gibe, jest 1H6 III. ii. 123, Rom. IV. v. 115; so **gleek** vb. MND. III. i. 154, H5 v. i. 78.

*CD*, **ignis fatuus** [NL., lit. ‘fool’s fire,’ i.e. illusive fire, a term first used in the ML. or NL. period: L. *ignis*, fire; *fatuus*, foolish: see *igneous* and *fatuus*.] A meteoric light that sometimes appears in summer and autumn nights, and flits in the air a little above the surface of the earth, chiefly in marshy places, near stagnant waters, or in churchyards. It is generally supposed to be produced by the spontaneous combustion of small jets of gass (carbureted or phosphureted hydrogen) generally by the decomposition of vegetable or animal matter.

Gray, **FAM. 151 LABIATAE** (Mint family) {see line 3} > **24. Hedeòma** > **1. H. pulegioides** (L.) Pers. (like *Mentha Pulegium*), PENNYROYAL of America, PUDDING-GRASS. — Erect. branching, *hairy*; whorls few-flowered; *upper calyx-teeth triangular*, the lower setaceous-subulate; corolla bluish, pubescent, scarcely exerted, 3-5 mm. long; taste and odor nearly of the true *Pennyroyal* (*Mentha Pulegium*) of Eu. (1239).

See Gray line 3.

line 6: **two-lipped pudding-grass weeds dress earth**

See Gray lines 5 and 1.

*CD*, **weed<sup>2</sup>**, *n.* [< ME. *wede*, *wæde*, < AS. *wæde*, neut, wæd, f., a garment, {...}] A garment of any sort, especially an outer garment; hence, garments in general, especially the whole costume worn at any one time: now commonly in the plural, and chiefly in the phrase *widows’ weeds*. {NBk: “Pt. J. 5/14/75 {...} Weeds dress (the?) / earth (A.S. + Med. E weeds + clothes)” (VII)}.

line 7: **cranesbill-fruited-beak wild geranium unhedged deepest**

Gray, **FAM. 86 GERANIACEAE** (Geranium Family) > **1. Geranium** L. CRANESBILL. {...} (An old Greek name, from *geranos*, a crane; the long fruit-bearing thought to resemble the bill of that bird.) (946).

**1. G. maculatum** L. (mottled), WILD or SPOTTED C.

**2. G. PRATÉNSE** L. (of meadows). {...} Fields and roadsides, Lab., Nfld. and Que. to N.A. and Me. (947).

Taylor, **Geranium**. Hardy perennial, biennial, or rarely annual herbs, commonly called cranesbill, and comprising about 275 species of the family Geramoaceae. {...} (*Geranium* is from the Greek for a crane, the beaked fruits resembling a crane's bill.)

**G. maculatum**. Wild geranium of eastern woodlands; also called alumroot and chocolate-flower. A perennial 12-20 in. high. Leaves 3-5-parted, its roots thick. Flowers magenta or pink, the petals not notched. Southern Eu. June-July.

CD, **unhedged**, a. Not hedged.

Our needful knowledge, like our needful food,

*Unhedged*, lies open in life's common field.

*Young*, Night Thoughts, v.

line 8: **to uproot the reed oak**

Shakespeare, *Cymbeline* IV. ii. 264-269 (Song):

*Arviragus*. Fear no more the frown o' th' great;

Thou art past the tyrant's stroke.

Care no more to clothe and eat;

To thee the reed is as the oak.

The sceptre, learning, physic, must

All follow this, and come to dust.