



## A Popular California Flora, or Manual of Botany for Beginners: With Illustrated Introductory Lessons, Especially Adapted to the Pacific Coast (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from A Popular California Flora, or Manual of Botany for Beginners: With Illustrated Introductory Lessons, Especially Adapted to the Pacific Coast Assuming that facts in natural history are useless if merely memorized from the book, and that the student must earn his knowledge by observing and experimenting, it is obviously best to encourage him at first by showing him how to try simple experiments whose results are easily interpreted. Seeds are the best material for such experiments, since the phenomena connected with their germination are not only easily observed, but deeply interesting. For this reason what may seem a disproportionate space in the Introductory Lessons is devoted to The Beginnings of Plant Life. There are no lessons of greater educational value than those given to observing eyes by the growth of a plant from the first quickening of the dry embryo to the putting forth of flowers and the ripening of fruit. A sunny window in each school-room should be devoted to these beautiful object lessons of nature. It must not be forgotten, however, that since most young...



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