FRUIT DOTS

Peter Culley
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,
posessed 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

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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.
Day count.

Columbine flings out
just uncurled
roots of some great
noding 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--