

80 Flowers - Epigraph

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- ✓ - thyme pronounced time ^{variety:} T. serpyllum ^{Century - common} wild thyme Prov. E
- ✗ - tread a measure - ^{thymus vulgaris sometimes called horse-thyme}
- ✓ - bird(s) tread ^{“horse for single harness uncertain any concept(s): firm will stand firm”}
- ✓ - and grows by the ^{circles the rose} rose tree(s) bud fire
- ✓ - [the Nine] ^{i.e. heart us invisibly}
- ✓ - gaping ^{bot. of} pod flower
- ✓ - Palládas: ^{ochney hand, skill of an artist} Ὀχνη, χείρὸς ἐμῆς ^{sweet work - hard-work} γλυκερὸς πόνος [ponus] peartree my handiwork (grafting the wild pear-tree (pyraster Ἀχράς) fruit in summer to make the upper stem fragrant-fruited)
- ✓ - as happens in 10 yrs
- ✓ - Népēta (catnip ^{corruption of} catmint) ^{mint family ..} trailing .. gen.
- ✓ aromatic* .. more or less hairy .. stems square
- ✓ .. leaves heart-shaped margins toothed ..
- ✓ blue or white flowers, often whorled close (or?) terminal spike
- ✓ clusters on stems ^ .. corolla 2-lipped, 2-upper, 3-lower joined at base, forming narrow tube .. fruit a 2-celled capsule which ripened splits into 4 parts
- ✓ L. Nepeta > Etrurian city .. / ^ ^{species} Nepeta cataria, ‘tonic & febrifuge’ of Malabar (SW India) coast, Nepenthe(s) epithet Egyptian drug > né & penthos sorrow Catnip .. “man’s éarthly hóusehóld peacé”
- ✓ & amaranth ‘(unwithering)’ ^{persists} persi Whose nature (who’s nature)’
- ✓ - downland - ^{“loveth not to dance in} quagmire(s)
- ✓ - sounds invisibly
- ✓ - ἄρτος (Gk. bread) heart us ^{A&C III xiii 178} artos

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