

Gray: corolla
of perfect flowers
rotate 5-lobed;
fertilized
unopening &
greatly reduced
flowers in lower
axils; capsule
prismatic, cylindric
+ awl shaped 3-
locules, opening
by 3 small lateral
valves above the
middle; axillary
blue + purplish
flowers earlier
European name
Specularia Speculum-
Veneris, mirror of V.
was Specularia perfoli-
ata:
leaves clasping, about
as
broad as long expanded
corollas usually borne
at several upper nodes
capsule pores sub-
median

Taylor

Bell-looking-glass
(one word
2 hyphens)

only
quotes [??]
Onions [??]

follow Lindley
he would!
! LZ

+V

Venus + Adonis
away .. thru..
empty skies .. queen
and not be seen
(final stanza)

Gray → Venus's Looking-glass

Taylor: Venus's-looking-glass
also known as Campanula
Corolla to speculum; leaves alternate
3/4 across margins sometimes toothed to 1 1/2" L
15" H 1-3 flower clusters flwr deep blue
Sometimes white, erect habit
[i.e. "bell" upright]

Field Flowers illust.p9 Specularia

perfoliata (Belleflower
f.)

has two kinds of flowers .. earliest
borne on lower part of stems .. insignificant
in appearance .. set seeds without recvg
pollen from other flowers .. the later ones
higher up .. showy .. visited by insects
which carry pollen from one to the other & bring
about cross-fertilization. Season:
May-Sept. Flowers: solitary or 2 or 3
together .. 5 (rarely 4) reddish-violet petals
annual 6 in to 2ft tall stems rather
weak Leaves shell-shaped stem-clasping
1" or less D.

? cf. campanula rotundifolia "bluebell-of-
Scotland or bluebell or harebell,
[bell = looking-glass L. Z.]

Century: "many plants take their names from
familiar animal without obvious reason"
low herb with delicate drooping blue, bell-
shaped flowers, linear-lanceolate stem-
leaves, those near the root round-heart
shaped or ovate, but early disappearing
.. rarely seen with the flowers.

W.S. Shak. Cym. IV 2: The azur'd hare-bell
222 John 1799

like thy veins Lindley -1865

(restricted) the spelling harebell

(to) Scilla nutans (i.e. the wild
hyacinth or Hyacinthus non-scriptus

["Scotch" (Century Dict) "rarely so used in English

works" Cym's British, tho Lindley
was also English, botanist & horticulturist
taught at U. of London. Prob. (See
Gray re - Wild Hyacinth affected
by the old Latin name Scilla = squill
of lily family for the wild Hyacinth
Scilla Nonscripta = without writing
because the petals are not veined like
writing as in the Hyacinthus-Apollo story]

??? last "comment" mine

- has to be - LZ