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Biographical / Historical Description

The identity of M.Gillet is unknown, but it is possible that this may have been the work of a female student as botany was one of the few scientific pursuits deemed suitable for women in the nineteenth century.

Content Description

This collection contains a single-bound manuscript produced by an English student of botany, dated 1838 with the name and date "M.Gillet" inscribed on the front endpaper with "M. Gillet" stenciled with a floral wreath border in the front free endpaper. The book contains watercolor, pencil, and ink illustrations of plants. The manuscript opens with tissue-guarded images of common English plants, including a key to leaves ("roundish," "linear," "kidney-shaped," "trowel-shaped"). The text appears to be the student's own synthesis of botanical terms and concepts, rather than the transcription of a published work. The fourteen numbered ink plates throughout the text are as follows: "Elementary organs," "Compound organs," "Linnaean classes," "Linnaean orders," and "A table of the primary divisions of the natural order."

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