

# Wooten, Louisa, zoology and botany notebook

Louisa Wooten botany and zoology notebook

1857



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English

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Max Rambod

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0.03 Cubic Feet 1 letter-sized file folder

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## Content Description

This collection contains one handwritten notebook from an English female student learning about botany and zoology in 1857. The notebook includes sixty-eight pages of notes and essays on plant and animal biology. The notebook cover has the handwritten signature of the original owner, Louisa Wooten (possibly Woodson or Woodrow).

It is unusual for a female student to study botany and zoology in 1857 so this notebook is remarkable in that regard.

The cover also notes an address "Sold at the Depository of the Home and Colonial School Society, 16 St. Chad's Row, Gray's Inn Road." An "Instructions to Student" is printed on the inside cover, with notes on how the composition book should be used.

All entries are dated, and weekly written class schedules are included throughout the notebook, listing coursework in Reading, Scripture, Language, Numbers, Writing, Natural History, Domestic Economy, Dictation, and Geography.

Louisa includes notes and short essays on topics including animal and plant life. Also included are entries on the Gospels and notes on her general academic performance from the past week: "6 errors in Gram. & Comp.; 4 omissions. This journal bears evidence of great carelessness."

Other entries include The Elephant, The Whale Tribe, What Buds Are, The Gourd Tribe, Botany Roots, and On Shells. "Tribe" is used here synonymously with genus or scientific family. Tipped into the notebook are three loose handwritten documents, two of which discuss plant life.

## Keywords

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