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Home is the nicest word

there is.

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flow'er (flou'er), n. [ME. flour, OF. flour, flur, flor, F. fleur, fr. L. flos, floris. Cf. blossom, EFFLORESCE, FLORET, FLORET, FLOURS, FLOURSH.] I. In popular usage, that part of a seed plant which normally bears reproductive organs, esp, when some or all of its parts are colored or conspicuous; a bloom or blossom. The word is thus used not only of single blossoms with colored floral leaves, as the pansy, rose, etc., but of a whole inflorescence or cluster, as the head of a daisy or clover. In this sense floral structures destitute of perianth, as those of grasses, oaks, elms, etc., would not be called flowers. Cf. Bloom, n.

2. Any plant cultivated or esteemed for its blossoms; as, a garden planted with flowers instead of vegetables.

3. Bot. In the higher plants, a modified shoot of the sporophyte, adapted for reproductive purposes, and consisting of a shortened axis bearing one or more series of floral leaves, of which some or all are sporophylls. In the widest sense the term may be applied to the metamorphosed reproductive shoots of gymnosperms and man y pteridophytes, as the come of a pine or that of a horsetall. Some botanists, however, follow popular usage in limiting flower to a besaid to produce true flowers. Structural analogies and the preponderance of opinion, however, favor the wider application of the word. A typical complete flower of a seed plant consists of an external protective envelope, or perianth, often differentiated into calyand corolla; an advaccium, composed of one or more samens, which bear microspores, or pollen grains; and a gynaccium, often called a pisid, consisting of one or more samens, which bear microspores, or pollen grains; and a gynaccium, often called a pisid, consisting of one or more carpels bearing orules, each of which contains a megaspore; whe latter, when fertilized by the contents of the microspore, organizes from its egg cell a new individual or embryo, which remains for a time dormant in the seed.

4. An ornament; specif.: a A figure of speech; an ornament of st

flow'er (flou'er), v. i.; FLOW'ERED (-Grd); FLOW'ER-ING.
[From the noun. Cf. FLOWISH.] 1. To blossom; to
bloom; to produce flowers; as, this plant flowers in June.
2. To come into the finest or fairest condition.
When flowered my youthful spring.
Spenser.
3. To froth; to ferment gently, as new beer. Obs.
4. To come off as flowers by sublimation. Obs.
flow'er, v. t. 1. To cause to bear flowers; to grow until
the bloom appears; as, to flower azaleas under glass.
2. To embellish with flowers; to adorn with or as if with
flowers; as, flowered silk.
flow'er-age (-fi), n. State of flowering; flowers in general; floral ornament.
flower bud. An unopened flower; a bud which produces
a flower instead of foliage leaves.

flower Cup. a A calyx. b The cuplike interior of a flower. Chiefly Archaic or Poetical.
flow/er-de-luce' (flou'er-de-lus'), n. [Corrupted fr. fleur-de-lis.] The iris; specif., the form chosen for the royal emblem of France by Charles V., probably the white-flowered Florentine iris (I. florentina). See Fleur-de-lus, 2. flow'er-et. A small flower; a floret. flower head. Bot. A capitulum, as that of the daisy. flow'er-ing, vb. n. of Flower. Specif.:

1. Act or state of blossoming, or the season when plants blossom; anthesis; florescence.

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2. Act of adorning with flowers.

flow'er-ing, p. pr. of flower. Specif.:

p. a. Having conspicuous flowers; —

used as an epithet with many names of Flower-de-luce.

plants, the whole phrase often designating a species unrelated to that indicated by the noun.

flowering almond, a small Japanese rosaceous shrub (Amsgradatus spornica), often cultivated in gardens for its pink or blush-white flowers. — f. ash, the fringe tree. — f. box, cowberry a. — f. currant, the buffalo currant. — f. cypress, the tamarisk. — f. dogwood, a common dogwood of the eastern United States (Cornus, floridal), with large white involucral bracts surrounding the heads of small greenish flowers, the whole resembling a single large flower. — f. fern, a fern of the genus Comunda, in which the naked sporangia are borne conspicuously on certain modified portions of the frond — f. glume, Bot., the outer of the two chaffy glumes or scales inclosing the sporophylis of a grass. — f. maple, any ornamental species of Abution having maplelike leaving commental species of Abution having maplelike leaving the produces flowers, fruit, and seeds, as distinguished from ferns and other cryptogams. See seed prant. — f. rush, a Buropean rushlike plant (Bulomus umbelland), with an umbel of rosy blossoms. — f. spurge, a common spurge of the eastern United States (Euphorbia corollad) with showy white involucral appendages resembling petals. — f. thistle, the prickly poppy. — f. willow, the dosert willow. — f. wintergreen, a small American herb (Polygala paucifolia), with leaves somewhat like those of the wintergreen or checkerberry, and bearing a few showy crested rose-purple blossoms.