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Excerpt: .generally characterized as a monstrosity. Flower-buds proceed from the axils of leaves. Such leaves are termed floral leaves, or bracts (bractea, Lat. a thin leaf). Sometimes these bracts are coloured, as in Bougainat others they remain green, as in the Lime. All intermediate leaves, of whatever size, form, or colour, intervening between the bract and the calyx, are called bractlets. A. single bract may become so enlarged and folded as to inclose many flowers, which are arranged on a spadix. Such form of bract is termed a spathe (spatha, Lat. fruit-branch of a palm). It is either membranaceous, foliaceous, or woody (Fig. 108). Ex. Arum. If several bracts are arranged in a whorl or verticel around the base of certain kinds of inflorescence, such as an umbel or capitulum, such a verticel of bracts is called an involucre. Ex. Fool s parsley. Small bracts which...



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