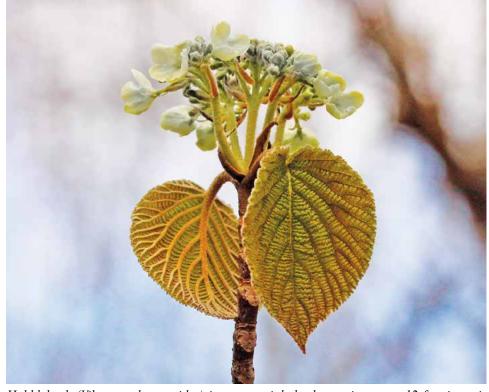
# **Spring Blue**



Early or Northern Blue Cohosh (Caulophyllum giganteum) is a perennial that is native to the northeastern U.S. and adjacent Canadian provinces, and found in moist forests. The wildflower's half-inch blooms open before the leaves unfurl. In early America, a root tea from this flower was used to treat a variety of human illnesses. If you find Blue Cohosh during a deep forest hike, let it be. It is considered vulnerable in a couple of neighboring states. Photo taken in the rich woods of Petersburgh by Trix Niernberger.

# **Hikers Beware**



Hobblebush (Viburnum lantanoides) is a perennial shrub growing up to 12 feet in moist forests, swamps and streambanks in the eastern U.S. and adjacent provinces of Canada. The large white flowers can be seen now. Red edible berries develop in late summer. The bush has branches that take root when touching the ground, which can trip or "hobble" hikers stumbling upon it. Photo taken in the rich woods of Petersburgh by Trix Niernberger.

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## The Life Of George Holcomb

by George Holcomb • Transcribed by Betty McClave • Edited by Alex Brooks

### George's Wife Lucinda Injures Her Head

Saturday, June 1, 1850: Today I took my on highway. 24th of May. Nelson Perkins came with said Sheldon after the trunk.

grass seed in the young orchard on the hill. Today in the middle of the day we washed our sheep near the Douglass plastered corn. Today Geo P. worked on bridge on side the road on Daniel Gard- the highway with the team. The most part ner's land. I put them in the water, my of the work on the highway this year has two sons and Edwin Leonard washed been building up the road along against them. I killed one sending it in the water. my orchard. Today John F. and Charlotte Monday: This forenoon or part of the E went to Troy with one horse wagon forenoon my two sons and Edwin and carried boosums and collars to Ben-Leonard worked on the highway and it nett's and Vanvalkenburgh for ourselves was rainy. We had the ox team to work and others. Tonight at sunset Mr. Gustus on said highway. Geo P. was overseer Rollo had a son die, a little boy.

one horse wagon and carried my wife Tuesday: I this forenoon took the one and daughter Charlotte to the Christian horse wagon and went to the west part Chapel to conference meeting. On the of Lebanon to Smith's mill and paid way home I called to Mr. Leonard's the two dollars and 25 cents for six huntailor by trade and bargained with him dred pounds of plaster. On the way to hire his boy by the name of Edwin home through Lebanon I called to Squ to work for me four months at six dol- Wheeler's the gate tender and paid him lars per month. This evening or nearly ten cents which pays up my commute night, my wife hit her head against to September a reckoning in the apple a door catch and hurt it bad, it struck trees Geo P. let said Wheeler have this her nerves and went through her whole spring towards commute, which was 40 system and was chilled with ague and cents. I called to F. Everett's store and bad pain in the head. Tonight after we paid six cents for one pound roll brimwere all abed and asleep Rensselaer stone to burn to keep the crows from Sheldon came and got his trunk. He quit the corn field. This afternoon I and my work for Geo P. on Friday morning the hired boy Edwin planted over potatoes where the crows had pulled up the corn and my two sons worked on the highway Friday, June 7: I sowed the oats and the with the team and Edwin this forenoon worked on the highway.

Wednesday: This forenoon I and Edwin

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