



AN ISLAND GARDEN
BY CELIA THAXTER

Arthur El Ruth Dayton

Appledore Nov. 17th 1873.

Dear Mr. Scribner:

I thank you heartily, and
herewith return the corrected proof.
I am sorry to give so much trouble and
thoroughly appreciate your kindness.

Very sincerely yours
Celia Thaxter.



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AT the Isles of Shoals, among the ledges of the largest island, Appledore, lies the small garden which in the following pages I have endeavored to describe. Ever since I could remember anything, flowers have been like dear friends to me, comforters, inspirers, powers to uplift and to cheer. A lonely child, living on the lighthouse island ten miles away from the mainland, every blade of grass that sprang out of the ground, every humblest weed, was precious in my sight, and I began a little garden when not more than five years old. From this, year after year, the larger one, which has given so much pleasure to so many people, has grown. The first small bed at the lighthouse island contained only Marigolds, pot Marigolds, fire-colored blossoms which were the joy of my heart and the delight of my eyes. This scrap of garden, literally not more than a