

# Götterblick

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The relations between the Beautiful and the Useful in Forestry (1892), by Heinrich von Salisch



1. Consideration of aesthetics protects against economic mistakes, because along with the striving for beauty, which leads to perfection, one achieves the good and therefore the useful at the same time.

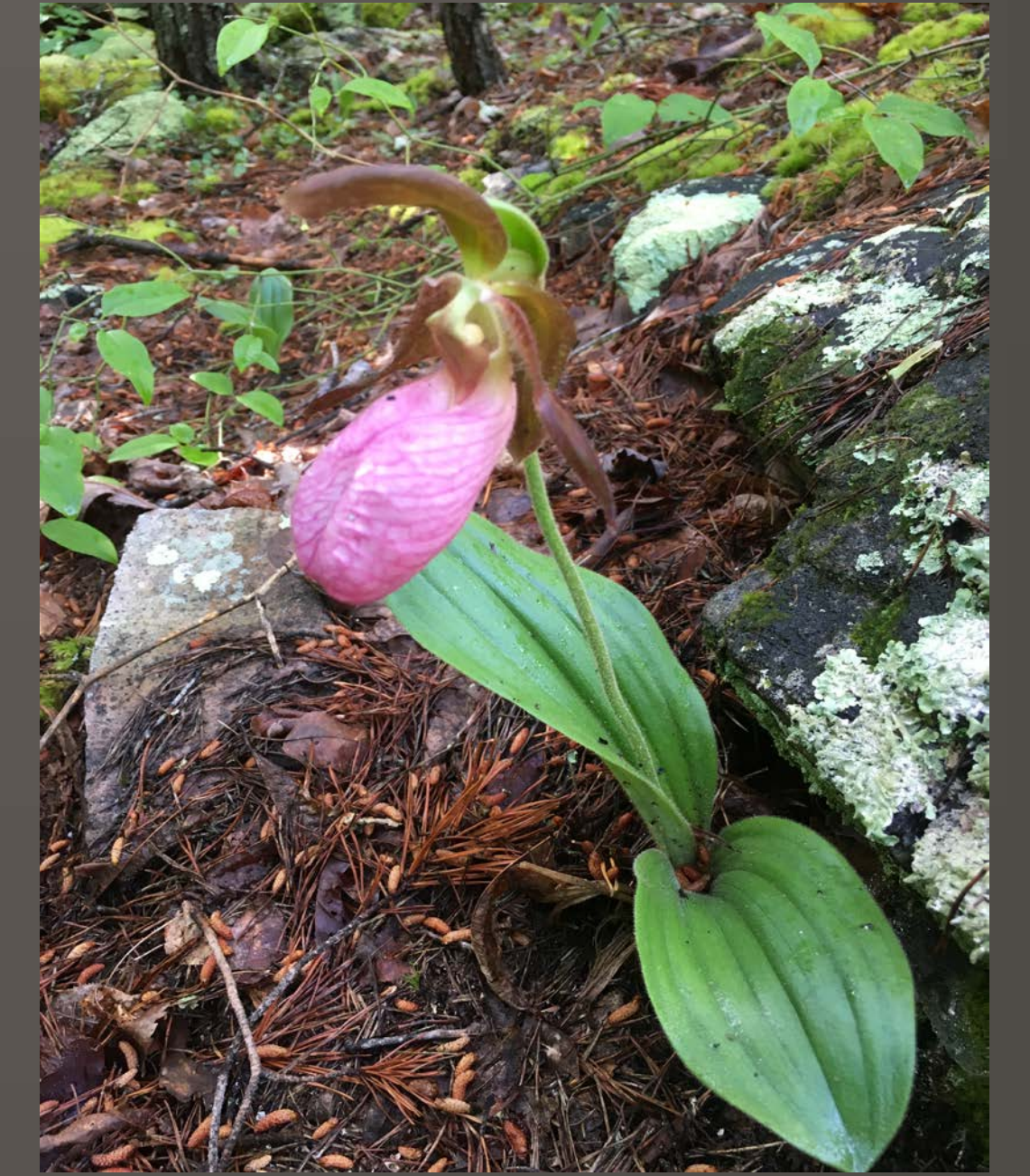
2. The eagerness of the people to do their work is dependent on the beauty of their workplace. Knowledge without love does not work. True love for the forest always goes along with love for people.



GÖTTERBLICK is a German word which literally translates as “God’s insights” and came to be used to describe the rationale used by early foresters to explain their decision-making when managing a forest.

Betretungsrecht is the centuries-old German “right to roam” law. Nicknamed Schwammerlparagraph (mushroom clause), it guarantees “...the enjoyment of natural beauty and recreation in the outdoors, in particular the access to forests and mountain meadows, the use of waterways and lakes and the appropriation of wild fruits” and obligates everyone to treat nature and the landscape with care.

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3. The beauty care of the forest is a means to satisfy the ideal mental need of humans and also a means of protection, as the aesthetically beautiful forest wins the interest of all educated people.

4. The enjoyment of the beauty of a nearby forest is going to make the population settle down, because even those who do not own forestland can enjoy its beauty and its utility to the community.

