

COW COCKLE.

The cow cockle also called Cow-herb and China Cockle is an annual plant which has been introduced into Manitoba from southern Europe. It has spread with rather alarming rapidity throughout the southern portions of the province and has been detected in many other parts of Manitoba and the North-west Territories. The cow cockle grows from seed every year and forms a rather elegant plant from one to two and a-half feet high, much



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branched and bearing, in July, a great many pretty pink flowers about half an inch across; these are followed by roundish capsules contained in the five angled enlarged calyces. The seeds are round, hard and black, slightly roughened on the surface, a character by which they can be easily distinguished from the seeds of wild vetches, which are of about the same size.