
This article, however, is not intended to suggest any limitation in the classification, but merely to ascribe to these indefatigable laborers the designation which they have earned in the very infancy of human observation.

BOOK NOTICES.

Bulletin of the United States National Museum, No. 22. Guide to the Flora of Washington and vicinity. By Lester F. Ward; 8vo., pp. 264.

This is the twenty-sixth of a series of papers intended to illustrate the collections of natural history and ethnology belonging to the United States and constituting the National Museum at Washington. In the introductory remarks which precede the list proper, the author gives a great deal of useful general information relating to the Flora of Washington and vicinity. In the list the common as well as botanical names of the plants are given, with dates of flowering and localities for the rarer species. This general list is followed by a check list, including 1,384 species. The report closes with an instructive appendix in which many useful suggestions are given to beginners in the study of botany.

Proceedings of the American Society of Microscopists; 6th meeting held in Chicago, August, 1883; 8vo., pp. 275.

We have been favored by the Secretary, Dr. Kellicott, of Buffalo, with a copy of the above work, which contains a number of very interesting papers on natural history and other subjects. So energetic an organization as the American Society of Microscopists cannot fail to greatly stimulate microscopic research in all directions in this country. The volume referred to gives abundant evidence of the good work being accomplished.

The Number of Segments in the Head of Winged Insects. By Dr. A. S. Packard.

We are indebted to the author for a copy of this paper, recently published in the *American Naturalist*.