

PREFACE.

Now when every school has its nature class, an acquaintance with our common wild flowers is expected of both teachers and children. In order that all may familiarize themselves with the "flower friends" of our woods and fields, some inexpensive manual is a necessity. The absence of such a book is the only excuse for preparing this little volume.

The author puts forward no claim to originality. The matter has been selected, condensed and adapted with considerable care from the best known volumes on our flora.

The author would refer his readers to the following works for a fuller treatment of the subject, and at the same time would acknowledge his own indebtedness to them.

The High School Botany: by H. B. Spotton (\$1.00).

This volume will enable the student to identify all Canadian flowering plants.

An Illustrated Flora of the Northern United States and Canada: by Britton and Brown (3 vols. \$9.00).

These volumes describe and give illustrations of 4162 different flowers. Identification is a certain and simple matter with the aid of this work. It will long remain the standard authority.

Nature's Garden: by Neltje Blanchan (\$3.00).

This gives a popular treatment of the subject. Profusely illustrated in colors. Every child becomes an enthusiast under the witchery of its pages.

How to Know the Wild Flowers: by Mrs. Wm. Starr Dana (\$1.75).

Another popular treatment; 156 illustrations.

A Guide to the Wild Flowers: by Alice Lounsberry (\$2.00).

A popular treatment; well illustrated.

The illustrations have been largely copied from the above works.

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