

Of all the flowers of the Fall, the fringed Gentian is the most lovely. I shall never forget the first time I saw a large bed of it fully open in the sunshine at the Isle of Orleans : the soft bright azure blue, the beautiful fringe, the immense mass of flowers and the unexpected way in which I suddenly came upon them, filled me with surprise and delight ; I was not aware of my ecstasies till they were commented upon. These Gentians must be seen where they grow to win the admiration their beauty deserved. The Pitcher Plant and many of our Wild Flowers which are sold in the market, are poor dried withered specimens compared with the same as seen growing in their own localities. And persons who go out to gather our Wild Flowers must be provided with tin boxes as the only means of bringing home their specimens in a good state.

The flowers which especially characterize the Flora of this part of North America are now in full bloom. The Yellow Solidagos, or Golden rod, may be seen on Mountain Hill and every hedge row and wayside. The Michaelmas Daisy with its blue, white, and tinted flowers crowds every vacant place ; these look very beautiful in the fields, but they baffle every effort to group them into an elegant bouquet ; they are loose and untidy, and yet they are very beautiful as they grow. We have many varieties both of Golden Rod and Michaelmas Daisy, but it is not easy to describe the difference in a popular sketch like this.

The *Spiranthes*, or Ladies' Tresses, is a very sweet scented Orchis, with white flowers placed as a spiral round the flower stalk ; I have found them near New Liverpool and the outskirts of the Gomin, but this is one of those plants which is apt to change its habitat from year to year.

The Purple *Eupatorium* is a coarse strong growing plant,