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arises from the base of a one-celled ovary. Most of the plants of this order are acrid and caustic in the highest degree. The roots of one, *Plumbago Europæa*, used to be employed by beggars to raise ulcers upon their bodies to excite pity, and another, *P. Scandens*, is so very acrid that in the island of St. Do-

seè lavender or marsh rosemary. The root of *Statice Caroliniana* is one of the most powerful astringents in the vegetable materia medica, while the bruised fresh bark of the roots of *Plumbago Zeylanica* acts as a splendid blistering agent, or to speak more elegantly it is a vesicatory or vesicant.

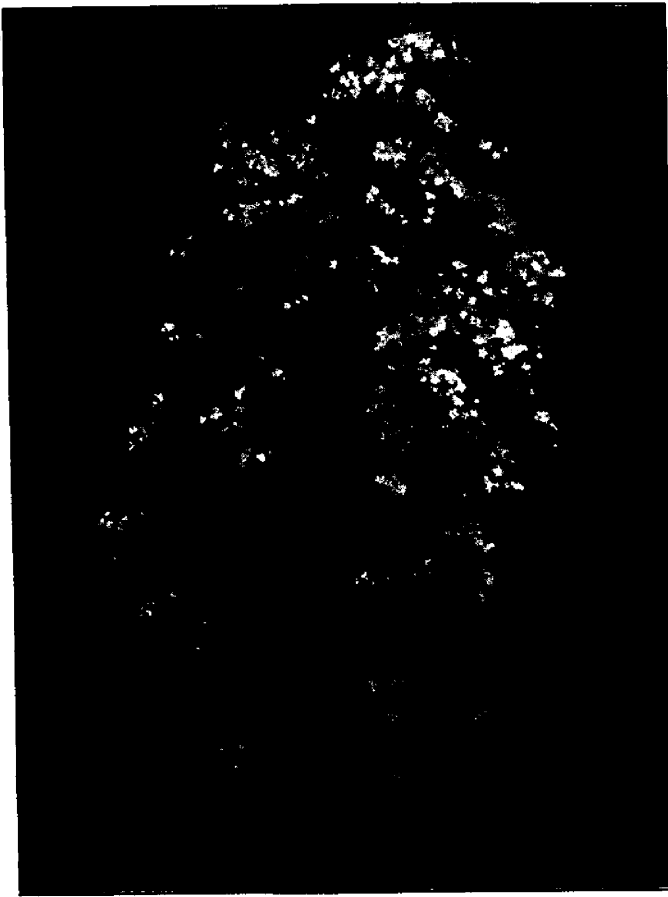


FIG. 1482.—

mingo it is called, on this account, *herbe du diable*, or the devil's herb.

Only one member of this family figures in North American botany, viz, *Statice Limonium* and its variety, *Statice Caroliniana*, which are found along the sea coast in salt marshes, and is called

Before I proceed to speak particularly of the member of the family whose name heads this paragraph I might observe that the reason the order is called the *Leadwort* family is not because the color of the flower of some of the members of the typical genus, *Plumbago*, re-