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OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

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Those members of our flora which have been introduced, or which have the habits of naturalized species, we may refer to one or other of five groups:—

- I. Incidental escapes.
- II. Adventive plants.
- III. Naturalized foreign plants.
- IV. Species which are both indigenous and naturalized.
- V. Native species which have the habits of introduced plants.

The first, second, and third groups are well known, and only require a passing notice.

The first group embraces species which have escaped from cultivated grounds, have propagated themselves in neglected gardens, or have been casually introduced with grain or grass-seed, or in other ways, and which are not in the least permanent. Stray plants of wheat, oats, corn, and other grains growing upon our country roadsides, and upon the tracks of the railways, are familiar to us. The little heartsease, the ragged robin, and morning glory are some of our garden plants, which, unaided by continued cultivation, have occasionally, for a brief period, struggled to retain their places in the neglected flower plots.

The term adventive has been applied to foreign plants which have permanently located themselves in the country, and yet are so dependent upon some of the accompaniments of civilization