

called the flower is beautiful, but the smell is abominable, whence its name "Skunk Cabbage." I introduced a gentleman from Europe to this flower :—he went and gathered it again and again, seemed fascinated by it, and at last became so saturated with its odor as scarcely to be admissable into society. The Indians are said to boil and eat it, which I dare say is correct ; for many poisonous and disagreeable plants of this family, when properly cooked, yield wholesome food. If this plant be compared with the Arum, or Calla *Æthiopica*, which we almost all cultivate in our windows, they will be found to belong to the same family.

The Hepatica is a pretty little flower, appearing directly after, or almost before, the snow has disappeared from the ground ; it may be found on the Island and at Pointe Levi, at the places indicated on the Map ; the flowers grow in clumps, and the clumps commonly (not invariably) in large patches, so that the places where they are found resemble large garden beds of Hepaticas. I was told they did not grow nearer Quebec than Château Richer, or Three Rivers, but in 1859 I found them at the Island almost out of flower, and in 1860, I first stumbled unexpectedly upon a clump of them at Pointe Levi, in full bloom in the sunshine. I stood and gazed and gazed again on the lovely sight :—I seized upon them roots and all, brought them home in triumph, and for some time they graced the window of my library. The Hepatica is a lowly growing plant, the leaves and flowers springing directly from the ground, and the flowers appearing before the new leaves ; they are of all shades of color, pink, blue and white. At Orleans they are found near the ferry, and at Point Levy near the railway station.