

RUSSIAN THISTLE.

So much attention has been drawn to this plant by the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, since its discovery in Manitoba, that the farmers of that province should be well informed as to its appearance and characteristics. Although occasional specimens of the Russian Thistle have been found in Ontario, there is little probability of its ever becoming a menace to agriculturists except in a country where the plants can blow long distances in winter. In Manitoba and the North-west Territories the farmers as a rule are now exceedingly wide awake as to the danger of neglecting noxious weeds and it is very unlikely that this weed will be allowed to propagate and spread, now that its dangerous capabilities have been made known.

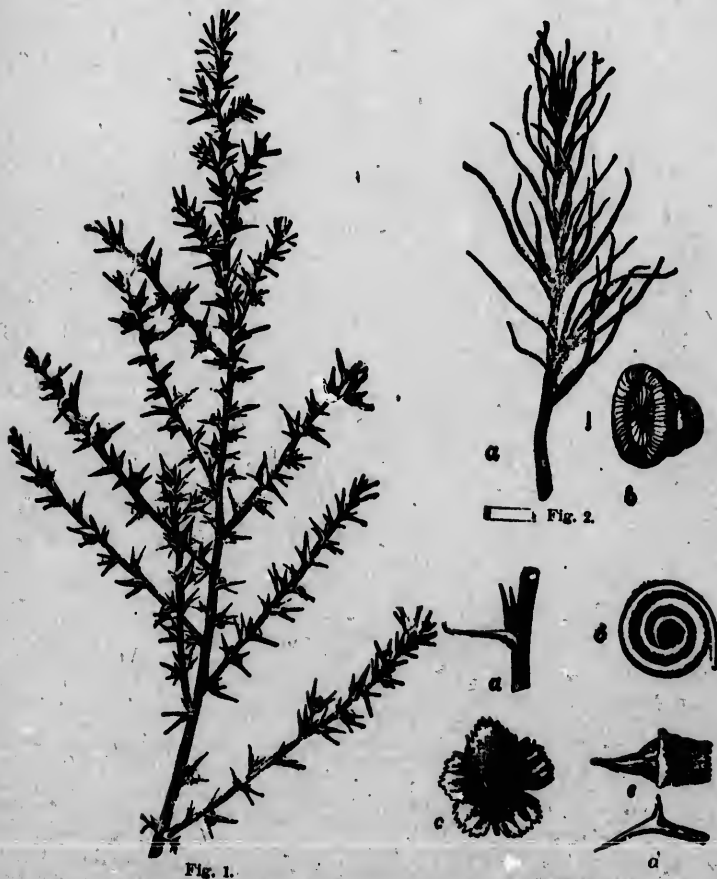


Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

Fig. 1.—A branch of a mature plant.
 Fig. 2.—A young stem before flowering, and a single seed enlarged.
 Fig. 3.—Enlarged prickles, flower and seed from which the seed coat has been removed.