

specimens of the same from British Columbia, Manitoba and Sable Island.\* As regards *S. apetala* we have seen no specimens from North America, but it would be very strange if this should not be found here also.

In order to facilitate the identification of *S. apetala* and *S. neglecta*, we have thought it worth while to illustrate these besides giving a few notes upon their principal characteristics.

*Stellaria apetala* Bernard. (Plate 1, fig. 1.)

This has the general aspect of ordinary forms of *S. media* in regard to the leaf-shape and inflorescence, but it is pale green and the flower has no petals; however, rudimentary petals may occasionally be found in the earliest developed flowers; the number of stamens varies from two to five, and the styles (fig. A.) are diverging horizontally from near the base, while in *S. media* (fig. B.) the styles are erect and only recurved at the apex. The seeds are of a pale yellowish-brown colour, minutely tubercled like those of *S. media*. The figure (1.) is drawn from a Swedish specimen, natural size.

*S. neglecta* Whe. (Plate 2, fig. 2.)

Generally taller, but more slender than *S. media*, deep green. The lower leaves have long petioles (fig. C) and the blade is very distinctly pointed in contrast to the leaf of *S. media*; the inflorescence is more lax and the flowers are borne on long, very slender peduncles, which bend downwards after the flowering, but become erect soon after the seeds have fallen. The petals are as long as the calyx or even a little longer, while they are shorter than the calyx in *S. media*. The stamens are ten in number, but the styles are erect with recurved apex, as in *S. media*. The seeds (fig. D.) are larger than those of *S. media* (fig. E) and the tubercles are much more prominent and often cone-shaped. The figure (2) is drawn from a specimen collected near Washington, D.C. *S. neglecta* is, according to Murbeck,<sup>13</sup> a well marked type in North and Middle Europe, but specimens from the Mediterranean,

\* These specimens are labeled: Cedar Hill near Victoria B.C.; Burrard Inlet B.C.; Killarney Man.; Sable Island, N. S.

<sup>13</sup> Murbeck 'Sv. Die nordeuropäischen Formen der Gattung *Stellaria*. Botaniska Notiser. Lund. 1899, p. 193.