

PREFACE.

In introducing this Catalogue of American Mosses, the compilers believe that they are supplying a want which has long been felt by American Botanists. It is designed to be a convenient check and exchange list, and a basis for arrangement of genera, &c., in herbaria.

The classification is mainly that adopted by Prof. Schimper in his Synopsis of European Mosses.

All the authentic species and varieties reported, from Mexico to the Arctic regions, have been included and their habitats given with as wide a range as the examination of references and several good herbaria would permit.

Some plants hitherto classified as species are given in this list as varieties. Doubtful species so far as known, when admitted have been marked with a star.

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