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NEW OR LITTLE KNOWN PLANTS.

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The following plants are new or little known to the flora of Iowa:

Lechea tenuifolia Mx. Van Buren county. Common in sandy soil. July.

Circaea alpina L. Clayton county. Deep woods along the Mississippi river. Rare as compared with *C. lutetiana* L. July.

Collinsia verna Nutt. Jefferson county. Frequent.

Gilia linearis Gray. Decatur county. Frequent in prairie soil. June.

Inula helenium L. Johnson county. Common locally where it has been observed for many years.

Corallorhiza odontorhiza Nutt. Reported in Natural Science Bulletin of the State University of Iowa (Vol. 3, No. 4) as new and rare. The species was very common in several localities in Johnson county during the month of August, 1896. It occurred in deep upland woods where there was a considerable depth of decaying leaves. The plants occurred singly or collected in tufts. Often only one or two were able to pierce the mat of leaves, the remainder blooming beneath. The specimens from beneath the leaves were frequently dwarfed as well as pale in appearance, though many good specimens were found in that position. This habit of growth probably prevents the specimens from being observed by the collector. The time of gathering was from the 16th to the 30th of August, which is a month later than the limit given by Gray. About 200 specimens were collected.