The ethereal solution was separated into acidic, phenolic, and lactone fractions. The acidic fraction was chromatographed on KSK silica gel. On elution with ether, acicular crystals with mp $201-202^{\circ}$ C deposited which, on the basis of their IR spectrum, R_f value, and a mixed melting point were identified as the coumarin scopoletin. Then the unsaponifiable neutral fraction was chromatographed on alumina. From a methanolic eluate we isolated a substance with the composition C₂₀H₅₀O, mp 139-140° C (from acetone), which gave the Liebermann-Burchard reaction for sterols.

By comparing the IR spectra and R_f values and by means of a mixed melting point test the substance was identified as β -sitosterol. Scopoletin and β -sitosterol have not previously been found in <u>Artemisia dracunculus</u>.

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FLAVONOIDS OF ARMORACIA RUSTICANA AND BARBAREA ARCUATA

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In the epigeal parts of <u>Armoracia rusticana</u> Gaerth. Mey et Scherb. and <u>Barbarea arcuata</u> Rchb. by one-dimensional and two-dimensional paper chromatography and qualitative reactions [1] we have detected not less than five and eight flavonoid substances, respectively. The total flavonoids were separated on a column of Kapron. On elution with aqueous methanol, methanol, and mixtures of chloroform and methanol and of acetone and water, two individual compounds were isolated from the leaves of <u>A. rusticana</u> (X-1 and X-2) and three from the flower clusters of <u>B. arcuata</u> (C-1, C-2, C-3).

As a result of alkaline cleavage and acidic and enzymatic hydrolysis and the features of the IR and UV spectra with ionizing and complex-forming reagents [2-4], X-1, with mp $275-277^{\circ}$ C was identified as kaempferol, X-2 with mp $311-313^{\circ}$ C as quercetin, C-1 with mp $306-309^{\circ}$ C as isorhamnetin, C-2 with mp $166-176^{\circ}$ C as isorhamnetin $3-\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside, and C-3 provisionally as isorhamnetin $3-\beta$ -D-glucoside.

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PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS OF RHODODENDRON LUTEUM

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We have previously reported the isolation from <u>Rhododendron luteum</u> Sweet (pontic azalea) growing in the Ukrainian Poles'e the flavonoids quercetin, hyperoside, and avicularin [1]. From the same species growing in the Caucasus myricitrin