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A GARDEN OF HERBS.*

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On becoming a flat dweller in Cincinnati I was forced to fall back on the front yard of the laboratory of the Wm. S. Merrell Company as the only available piece of ground which I could convert into a garden. This the firm kindly placed at my disposal together with a liberal appropriation for expenses and here we have the beginning of a "Garden of Herbs" which promises to be of considerable interest.

Prior to the Civil War Cincinnati was the center for the collection of indigenous drugs. But now this center is in the mountains of North Carolina. Within twenty-five miles of Cincinnati I have found forty or fifty medicinal plants some of which, such as *Hydrastis*, have been almost entirely wiped out by the drug collector.

The intensive cultivation of the land constantly reduces the areas where indigenous drug plants can be found while commercial diggers soon clear out of such woods as are left near the cities the more valuable drugs for which there is a ready market.

In Hamilton County, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Kenton and Campbell Counties, Kentucky, just across the river the following drug plants were indigenous but have been exterminated:

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