

## THE INTERNATIONAL PHYTOGEOGRAPHICAL EXCURSION

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In the summer of 1911, there was organized in the British Isles under the auspices of the British botanists, the first International Phytogeographical Excursion. This was so successful in getting plant geographers from various countries together for the purpose of discussion in the field that it was unanimously decided to have a similar excursion in the United States in 1913. The 1913 excursion started at New York on July 26th, and closed at the same city on October 5th. The general route of the excursion included the following places: Niagara Falls, Chicago and the neighboring sand dunes; Lincoln, Akron, Colorado, Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Salt Lake City, North Yakima, Tacoma, Mt. Rainier, Crater Lake, San Francisco, Mt. Tamalpais, Yosemite, Carmel and Cypress Point, Salton Sea, Tucson, the Santa Catalina mountains, and New Orleans.

The excursion numbered from twelve to fifty, depending upon the number of American participants at various places. Ten European members were present at most all of the points visited. Among others, these Europeans included such well-known plant geographers as Professor Engler of Berlin; Professor Schroter of Zurich, and Mr. Tansley of Cambridge. Professor von Tubeuf, the famous student of trees and their diseases, was also a member of the party.

Nearly all of the great American types of vegetation were visited and studied, numerous photographs being taken and numerous plant specimens being collected. Professor Henry C. Cowles of the University of Chicago had general charge of the excursion, but was ably assisted by Professor Frederick E. Clements of the University of Minnesota; Dr. George E. Nichols of Yale University, Dr. George D. Fuller of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Alfred Dachnowski of Ohio State University, as well as by large numbers of botanists at the places visited.

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