

CLAPHAM,
WITH ITS
COMMON AND ENVIRONS;
CONTAINING AN
HISTORICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION
OF THE
PARISH AND MANOR,
PRINCIPALLY EXTRACTED FROM PAROCHIAL DOCUMENTS;
WITH A CATALOGUE OF
INDIGENOUS PLANTS
GROWING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD,
LIST OF POPULATION, RATES, AND OTHER PAROCHIAL
OCCURRENCES, FROM 1603 TO 1827,
AND A
LIST OF THE INHABITANTS,
CORRECTED TO 1841.
EMBELLISHED WITH FIVE VIEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMON,
DRAWN EXPRESSLY FOR THIS WORK.

CLAPHAM:
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A
Topographical and Historical Description
OF
CLAPHAM,
SURREY.

THE parish of Clapham* is situated in the east half hundred of Brixton, in the county of Surrey, four miles from the standard in Cornhill, and about three from Westminster, Blackfriars, and Waterloo bridges to the Terrace. It is bounded on the east by Lambeth, on the north and west by Battersea, and Streatham on the south. It contains 1120 acres, the greater part of which is taken up in ornamental grounds to the different villas, which surround the Common and its avenues; the Common contains 202 acres, and the remainder is pasture. The soil is mostly light and gravelly, except on the south and south east, where it is stiff clay of great depth.

The Common within the last century was little better than a morass, and the roads over it were almost im-

* There are other parishes of similar name, viz.

1. The parish of Clapham in the hundred of Brightford, and rape of Bramber, Sussex, 6 miles from Shoreham, and 5 from London.

2. A parish in the hundred of Stancliff and Ewcross, V. R. of York, 6 miles from Settle, and 238 from London.

3. A hamlet to Bedford, in the hundred of Stodden, 5 miles from Bedford, and 53 from London.

passable, till the late Christopher Baldwin, Esq. (who lived in the house now occupied by John Ravenhill, Esq.) by his influence as a magistrate, and laudable exertions as a resident admirer of the spot, forwarded it to its present state, by planting, draining, and improving the roads. The planting is so disposed as to give it the appearance of a park. In a very few years subsequently the value of property here so improved, that Mr. Baldwin disposed of some of his land at a greatly advanced price, fourteen acres being sold for £5000, that is, at the rate of £375 per acre, since which, land having been gradually improving in value, Mr. R. Thornton, in 1810, sold his at £500 per acre.

The plantations about the Common consist of many exotic as well as British trees.

Of the rarer species of indigenous plants, which have been observed growing on the Common, and in its vicinity, the following catalogue* is here introduced.

A CATALOGUE

Of the rarer species of indigenous plants which have been observed growing in the vicinity of Clapham; systematically arranged; with a reference to the figures in "English Botany."

Abbreviations, &c.—A. Annual; B. Biennial; P. Perennial; S. Shrub. E. Bot. English Botany (by Sir J. E. Smith,) 36 vols. 8vo.

The Numbers, as 4, 5, 6, &c. stand for the Month in which each plant flowers: as, April, 4. May, 5. June, 6. &c. Cl. Class; Ord. Order; according to the Linnean arrangement. Obs. Observation.

Cl. 2.—Ord. 1.

Circea lutetiana,—Enchanter's Nightshade. E. Bot. 1056. P. 6, 7. Uncommon; in shady lanes.

In the Lane leading from the fields to the Prince's

* For this valuable catalogue of indigenous plants, growing in the vicinity of Clapham, the editor is indebted to Mr. Wm. Pamplin, Junr., of Lavender Hill Nursery, where specimens of the plants may be seen either preserved or growing.

Head, Battersea (Mr. J. Gibbs) ; plentifully near Garrett by the Wandle.

Veronica scutellata,—Small Water Speedwell. E. Bot. 782. P. 7, 8. In peat bogs.

On Clapham and Wandsworth Commons.

Cl. 3.—Ord. 1.

Valeriana dioica,—Small Marsh Valerian. E. Bot. 628. P. 6. Moist meadows, &c. Battersea Fields.

Fedia olitoria,—Corn Sallad. E. Bot. (*Valeriana Locusta*) 811. A. 5, 6. Dry banks.

Battersea Fields, Lavender Sweep, &c

Scirpus Triqueter,—Triangular Club Rush. E. Bot. 694. P. 8. Rare. Banks of the Thames between Vauxhall and Battersea.

1. *Panicum verticillatum*,—Rough Panic-Grass. E. Bot. 874. A. 7, 8. Rare. Battersea Fields (Sir J. E. Smith).

2. *P. viride*,—Green Panic-Grass. E. Bot. 875. A. 7, 8. Rare. Battersea fields, near the Red House, and between the Bridge Road and the Nine Elms, near the footpath. (Mr. W. Anderson.)

3. *P. crus-galli*,—Loose Panic-Grass. E. Bot. 876. A. 7. Rare. Moist arable land. Near Battersea, according to Curtis and others.

Bromus diandrus,—Upright Annual Broom-Grass. E. Bot. 1006. A. 6. Rare. On an old wall near Battersea Church (Curtis).

Avena flavescens,—Yellow Oat-Grass. E. Bot. 952. P. 6, 7. Not common. In the footpath from Battersea Bridge to Lavender Hill.

Cl. 3.—Ord. 3.

Montia fontana,—Water Chickweed. E. Bot. 1206. A. 4, 5. Damp sandy places. Clapham and Wandsworth Commons.

Cl. 4.—Ord. 1.

Plantago Coronopus,—Buckshorn Plantain. E. Bot.

892. A. 5—8. Dry gravelly banks and footpaths ; frequent.

Cl. 4.—Ord. 3,

Mænchia erecta,—Upright Pearlwort. E. Bot. (*Sagina erecta*) 609. A. 5. Dry sandy ground. Clapham and Wandsworth Commons, also on old walls.

Radiola millegrana,—Thyme-leaved Flaxseed. E. Bot. 893. A. 7, 8. Moist sandy ground ; west side of Wandsworth Common.

Cl. 5.—Ord. 1.

1. *Myosotis palustris*,—Great-water Scorpion Grass, or, Forget me not. E. Bot. 1973. P. 6—8. Ditches and marshy grounds ; plentiful in Battersea fields, &c.

Obs.—An elegant plant, well worth cultivating. The emblem of affection among the Germans. (Sir J. E. Smith.)

2. *M. cæspitosa*,—Tufted Water Scorpion Grass. P. 5, 6. By the margin of shallow pools on several parts of Wandsworth Common.

Obs. This is evidently the species described by Sir J. E. Smith (Eng. Flora, vol. 1, p. 250,) under the above name ; and readily distinguished from the foregoing by its light brown root, erect stem, weak habit, and less conspicuous flowers. The difference is very striking when cultivated (as I have it) by the side of *M. palustris*.

3. *M. versicolor*,—Yellow Scorpion-Grass. E. Bot. 480. fig. 1. A. 5—8. Dry sandy banks, fields, and on old walls. Not uncommon.

Obs. I can discover no blue in the corolla of either of the many specimens which I have examined.

Lithospermum arvense,—Corn Gromwell. E. Bot. 123, A. 5, 6. Battersea cornfields ; not common.

1. *Primula vulgaris*,—Primrose. E. Bot. 4. P. 4, 5. Meadows, &c. Seldom met with so near London, except in private enclosures.

2. *P. veris*,—Cowslip. E. Bot. 5. P. 5. Meadows and pastures. It was observed near the Swan, Stockwell, May 1827. Fields on Lavender Hill, &c.

Villarsia nymphaeoides,—Fringed Villarsia ; or, Lesser Yellow Water Lilly. E. Bot. (*menyanthes nymphaeoides*) 217. P. 7. S. In the pond opposite the Five Houses, Wandsworth Common, abundantly, where it was placed not many years ago by my much respected and excellent friend, Mr. Wm. Anderson, Curator of the Apothecaries' Garden, at Chelsea. The present plant is now become completely naturalized to this situation, and makes a beautiful appearance at the season of flowering. It is one of our rarest and most beautiful aquatics, and, I believe, peculiar to the Thames. I have met with it in several places west of Kingston bridge in a wild state.

Hottonia palustris,—Water Violet. E. Bot. 364, P. 5, 6. Ditches and pools. In the principal ditches in Battersea fields ; plentiful in Letchmere ; also on the Common, between Tooting and Streatham.

Obs. An extremely elegant plant.

Lysimachia vulgaris,—Great Yellow Loose Strife. E. Bot. 761. P. 7. Ditches in Battersea fields, towards the Red House.

Viola Canina,—Dog's Violet. E. Bot. 620. P. 4—6. Frequent on Clapham and Wandsworth Commons.

Obs. I have a variety from Wandsworth Common, differing from *canina*, with the two lateral petals remarkably erect, nearly converging, and a yellow spur ; I can not reconcile it, however, with Sir J. E. Smith's description of *V. flavicornis*, Eng. Flora, vol. 1, p. 304.

Samolus valerandi,—Brookweed, Water Pimpernel. E. Bot. 703. P. 7. Rare. In a marshy spot on the left of the footpath leading from the Red House to Battersea.

Cl. 5.—Ord. 2.

1. *Chenopodium bonus Henricus*,—English Mercury. E. Bot. 1033, P. 5, 6. Hedge banks and cultivated ground. Battersea fields.

2. *C. olidum*,—Fætid Goosefoot. E. Bot. 1034, A. 7, 8. Hedge banks, &c. Rare. Between Lavender

Hill and Wandsworth, by the roadside. A weed in the Lavender Hill Nursery, 1826.

Sium inundatum,—Least Water Parsnip. E. Bot. (*Sison inund.*) 227. A. or B. 5, 6. Gravelly Pools. Wandsworth Common.

Cicuta virosa,—Water Hemlock. E. Bot. 479. P. 8. Wide ditches, &c. Rare. Battersea. Inserted on the authority of Martyn (*Plantæ Cantab. Appx.* 94.) and others, not having seen it myself.

Obs. Deadly poison to men and cattle.

Conium maculatum,—Common Hemlock. E. Bot. 1191. B. 6, 7. Hedges and waysides. Uncommon. In the lane leading from the north-western extremity of Clapham Common to Lavender Hill; also by the footpath from Battersea Bridge to the Red House, (Mr. J. Gibbs.)

Obs. A very dangerous plant.

1. *Ænanthe fistulosa*,—Water Dropwort. E. Bot. 363. P. 7, 8. Ditches and swamps. Letchmere and Wandsworth Common.

2. *Æ. crocata*,—Hemlock Water Dropwort. E. Bot. 2313. P. 7. Rare. Banks of the Thames, a quarter of a mile east of Battersea Bridge, and on the opposite side of the river, in the premises belonging to the Chelsea Waterworks' Company.

Obs. Deadly poison to men and cattle.

3. *Æ. Phellandrium*,—Fine-leaved Water Dropwort. E. Bot. (*Phellandrium Aquaticum*) 684. B. 6, 7. In the large ditches and pools, Battersea fields.

Obs. A very poisonous plant.

Smyrniurn Olusatrum,—Alexanders. E. Bot. 230. P. 5, 6. Waste grounds near old houses. Dry situations in Letchmere.

Cl. 6.—Ord. 1.

Ornithogalum umbellatum,—Star of Bethlehem. E. Bot. 130. P. 5. In a piece of waste pasture near the Thames, west of the Red House. I have seen it plentiful in a meadow near Mortlake.

Obs. The roots of this plant are supposed to be implied by the word which our translators of the Bible have rendered "dove's dung," II. Kings, vi. 25., which interpretation appears highly probable from the obvious identity of the name, *ornithogalum*, and which was applied to this plant by many of the antient writers, as, Dioscorides, Pliny, &c. and from the circumstance that they are eaten at the present day by the poorer inhabitants of Palestine, where it grows in abundance, whence its English name "Star of Bethlehem."

Scilla nutans,—Harebell Squill; or, Wild Hyacinth. E. Bot. 377. P. 5. Thickets, borders of fields, &c. frequent.

Cl. 6.—Ord. 3.

1. *Rumex Sanguineus*.—Blood-veined Dock. E. Bot. 1533. P. 7. Rare. Bank of a ditch on Lavender Hill, between the Nursery and the footpath.

2. *R. pulcher*,—Fiddle Dock. E. Bot. 1576. P. 8. Hedge banks, &c. In the footpath from Battersea bridge to Lavender Hill, and elsewhere.

3. *R. palustris*,—Yellow Marsh Dock. E. Bot. 1932. P. 7, 8. Rare. On the inundated parts of Letchmere.

Obs. This species is seldom found but in the neighbourhood of London. See the curious metropolitan *Habitats* given by Dillenius in *Raii Synopsis*, 142.

4. *R. Hydrolapathum*,—Great Water Dock. E. Bot. (*R. aquaticus*) 2104. P. 7, 8. Wide ditches. Battersea fields in many places.

Triglochin palustre,—Marsh Arrow Grass. E. Bot. 366. P. 6, 7. In Battersea marshes, between the bridge and the Red House.

Cl. 6.—Ord. 4.

1. *Alisma plantago*,—Water Plantain. E. Bot. 837. P. 7. Ponds and Marshes.

Obs. This species requires diligent investigation. Three or four remarkably distinct varieties, if not species, are met with in this district. Var. γ of the En-

glish Flora, vol. 2. p. 203, maintains its character admirably on Lavender Hill, near the milestone.

2. *A. damasonium*, — Star-headed Water Plantain. E. Bot. 1615. P. 5, 6. Shallow gravelly pools; rare, unless near London. On Wandsworth Common plentifully.

3. *A. ranunculoides*, — Small Water Plantain. E. Bot. 326. P. 7, 8. Shallow rivulets, on a gravelly soil Rare. Wandsworth Common sparingly.

Cl. 8.—Ord. 1.

1. *Erica tetralix*, — Cross-leaved Heath. E. Bot. 1014. S. 7, 8. Moist Heaths. Wandsworth Common.

2. *E. Cinerea*, — Fine-leaved Heath. E. Bot. 1015. S. 7, 8. Wandsworth Common, &c.

Cl. 8.—Ord. 2.

Polygonum Bistorta, — Bistort; or, Snakeweed. E. Bot. 509. P. 6, 7. Rich meadows. Rare. Battersea meadows, where it was observed by Hudson, *Flora Anglica*, p. 168.

Cl. 9.—Ord. 1.

Butomus umbellatus, — Flowering Rush. E. Bot. 651. P. 6, 7. Wide ditches: between Battersea bridge and Vauxhall plentiful.

Obs. A very handsome plant.

Cl. 10.—Ord. 2.

1. *Saxifraga granulata*, — White Saxifrage. E. Bot. 500. P. 5. Meadows and pastures frequent. Battersea and Wandsworth.

2. *S. Tridactylites*, — Rue-leaved Saxifrage. E. Bot. 501. A. 4, 5. Old walls, &c. Clapham, Battersea and Wandsworth.

Cl. 10 —Ord. 3.

Stellaria Uliginosa, — Bog Stitchwort. E. Bot. 1074. A. 5, 6. Spongy bogs: uncommon. Wandsworth

and Clapham Commons, and in a wet meadow, west of the Britannia, Wandsworth Road.

Arenaria rubra,—Purple Sandwort. E. Bot. 219. A. 5—7. Dry sandy soil. Clapham and Wandsworth Commons and fields abundant.

Obs. A pretty annual plant.

Cl. 10.—Ord. 4.

Sedum reflexum,—Reflex Yellow Stonecrop. E. Bot. 695. P. 6, 7. Old walls, &c. Near Battersea.

Lychnis flos Cuculi,—Meadow Lychnis. E. Bot. 573. P. 6. Moist meadows. Battersea meadows, &c. Occasionally with a white flower.

Cl. 12.—Ord. 3.

Potentilla argentea,—Hoary Cinquefoil. E. Bot. 89. P. 6, 7. Sandy ground: not common. Wandsworth Common, under the Park pales, at the north-east corner.

Cl. 13.—Ord. 1.

Chelidonium majus,—Celandine. E. Bot. 1581. P. 5—7. Hedge banks, &c. Battersea fields and Lavender Hill.

Papaver dubium,—Long Smooth-headed Poppy. E. Bot. 644. A. 6, 7. Uncommon. A weed in the gardens on Lavender Hill, also in Battersea fields, together with the common *P. Rhæas* and *Argemone*.

Cl. 12.—Ord. 2.

Stratiotes aloides,—Water Aloe. E. Bot. 379. P. 7. Pools and deep ditches: rare. In the pond opposite the Five Houses, Wandsworth Common, and in the wide brook at the foot of Lavender Hill.

Obs. It was first introduced to this neighbourhood by Mr. Wm. Anderson, of the Chelsea Garden, and has now become completely naturalized.

Cl. 13.—Ord. 3.

Thalictrum flavum,—Common Meadow Rue. E. Bot.

367. P. 6, 7. Battersea meadows and on the banks of the Thames.

Nepeta Cataria,—Cat-mint. E. Bot. 137. P. 6—8. Roadsides : not common. On the bank of a field adjoining the Nursery at Lavender Hill

Lamium incisum,—Cut-leaved dead Nettle. E. Bot. 1933. A. 5—10. Cultivated fields : but rare. Several places in Battersea fields, and in the Lavender Hill Nursery equally plentiful with *L. amplexicaule* and *purpureum*.

1. *Scutellaria galericulata*,—Common Scull-cap. E. Bot. 523. P. 7, 8. By the ditches, Battersea fields.

2. *S. minor*,—Lesser Scull-cap. E. Bot. 524. P. 7, 8. Moist peaty soil. Wandsworth Common.

Obs. These two species are very elegant plants, and worth cultivating.

Prunella vulgaris,—Self Heal. The White flowered variety rarely met with. Found in the meadow at the foot of Lavender Hill.

Cl. 14.—Ord. 2.

1. *Pedicularis palustris*,—Tall Red Rattle. E. Bot. 399. P. 5—7. Rare. In the moist meadows near the Red House, Battersea.

Obs. A most beautiful and elegant plant.

2. *P. Sylvatica*,—Dwarf Red Rattle. E. Bot. 400. P. 5—7. Frequent. Wandsworth Common.

Obs. Nearly equal in beauty to the last, but far more common: I have found it with a perfectly white flower.

1. *Antirrhinum Cymbalaria*,—Ivy-leaved Snapdragon. E. Bot. 502. P. 5—10. On old damp walls at Clapham, Battersea, Wandsworth, &c.

2. *A. spurium*,—Round-leaved Fluellin ; or, Snapdragon. E. Bot. 691. A. 7—9. Rare. In some newly ploughed land on Lavender Hill, 1826.

3. *A. Linaria* β ,—Regular-flowered Yellow Toadflax. E. Bot. 260. P. 7, 8. Rare. Observed by Martyn (*Plantæ Cantab. Appx.* 94.) in sandy fields near Clap-

ham. This singular plant has hitherto escaped my notice in this district.

4. *A. orontium*,—Lesser Snapdragon. E. Bot. 1155. A. 7. 8. Cornfields, &c. Battersea fields.

Obs. A pretty annual plant.

Cl. 15.—Ord. 1.

Teesdalia nudicaulis,—Naked-stalked Teesdalia. E. Bot. (*Iberis nudic.*) 327. A. 5. Dry sandy commons, and gravel-pits : rare. On Wandsworth Common, but sparingly.

Obs. An interesting plant to the British Botanist, as well on account of its curious alpine habit and characters, as in its commemorating the botanical skill of the late Mr. Robert Teesdale.

Cochlearia armoracia,—Horse Radish. E. Bot. 2323. P. 5. Frequent in Battersea fields and on Wandsworth Common.

Cl. 15.—Ord. 2.

Nasturtium terrestre,—Annual Yellow Cress. E. Bot. (*Sisymbrium terrestre*) 1747. A. 6—9. Damp low situations : rare. Ditch by the roadside near Vauxhall bridge.

2. *N. amphibium*,—Amphibious Yellow Cress. E. Bot. (*Sisymb. amphibium*) 1840. P. 6—8. Battersea near the Thames, Letchmere, &c. plentifully.

1. *Sisymbrium irio*,—Broad Hedge Mustard. E. Bot. 1631. A. 7, 8. Rare. In waste ground about Battersea (Curtis).

Obs. Ray says "it came up abundantly after the great fire of London, in the years 1667 and 1668." *Raii synopsis*, p. 298.

2. *S. sophia*,—Fine-leaved Hedge Mustard. E. Bot. 1963. A. 7. Waste ground. Dry situations in Letchmere.

Erysimum Cheiranthoides,—Worm-seed Treacle-Mustard. E. Bot. 942. A. 7. Hedges, but rare : by

the footpath from Battersea Bridge to Lavender Hill, 1827.

Cl. 16.—Ord. 1.

Erodium Cicutarium,—Hemlock-leaved Stork's Bill. E. Bot. 1768. A. 5—8. Waste ground. Plentiful in this neighbourhood.

Obs. A pretty plant.

Cl. 16.—Ord. 2.

1. *Geranium pratense*,—Blue Meadow Crane's Bill. E. Bot. 404. P. 6, 7. Uncommon. Near the Red House, Battersea fields: now almost eradicated from that spot. I observed it, however, in 1826.

2. *G. Robertianum*,—Herb Robert. E. Bot. 1486. B. 5—10. Hedges. By the footpath from Lavender Hill to Battersea Bridge.

3. *G. Lucidum*,—Shining Crane's Bill. E. Bot. 75. B. 5—8. Not common. In the lane leading from Clapham Common to Lavender Hill.

4. *G. molle*,—Common Crane's Bill.

5. *G. pusillum*,—Small-flowered Crane's Bill.

6. *G. pyrenaicum*,—Perennial Dove's-Foot Crane's Bill. E. Bot. 405. P. 6, 7. Banks: uncommon. In several parts of Battersea fields.

7. *G. rotundifolium*,—Soft Round-leaved Crane's Bill. E. Bot. 175. A. 6, 7. Banks: rare. Bank of the Lavender Hill Nursery; by the roadside near the Prince's Head, Battersea.

Obs. Readily distinguished from *G. molle* by its entire petals and general appearance.

8. *G. dissectum*,—Jagged Crane's Bill. E. Bot. 753. A. 6, 7. Frequent. Battersea fields, &c.

Obs. This district is peculiarly rich in *Geraniæ*: 8 out of the 13 British species being found here.

Cl. 16.—Ord. 3.

Malva rotundifolia.—Dwarf Mallow. E. Bot. 1092. A. 6—9. Waysides.

Cl. 17.—Ord. 2.

Polygala vulgaris,—Milkwort. E. Bot. 76. P. 5—8. Commons, &c. Clapham and Wandsworth Commons.

Obs. Varies in colour, as, white, pink, red, blue, purple, &c. An elegant plant.

Cl. 17.—Ord. 3.

Ulex nanus,—Dwarf Furze. E. Bot. 743. S. 8—10. Frequent. On Wandsworth Common.

Ononis arvensis,—Rest Harrow. E. Bot. 682. S. 6—8. Heaths, &c. Wandsworth Common abundant.

Obs. A pretty variety, with white flowers, grows on the northern angle of the Common, which I do not recollect to have seen elsewhere.

Lathyrus Aphaca,—Yellow Vetchling. E. Bot. 1167. A. 6—8. Very rare. Cornfields near Battersea.

This scarce plant was found a few years since by Mr. John Gibbs, collector and preserver of natural history subjects to the late George Montagu, Esq. the celebrated Ornithologist.

Ervum hirsutum,—Hairy Tare. E. Bot. 970. A. 6. Not very common. Osier grounds near Battersea.

Ornithopus perpusillus,—Common Bird's Foot. E. Bot. 369. A. 5. Gravelly soil. Clapham and Wandsworth Commons.

Trifolium fragiferum,—Strawberry-headed Trefoil. E. Bot. 1050. P. 7, 8. Moist pastures : uncommon. Letchmere plentifully.

Obs. This plant had escaped my notice until the autumn of 1826.

Cl. 18.—Ord. 1.

1. *Hypericum humifusum*,—Trailing St. John's Wort. E. Bot. 1226. P. 7. Clapham and Wandsworth Commons.

Obs. A very pretty plant.

2. *H. pulchrum*,—Small upright St. John's Wort. E. Bot. 1227. P. 7. Thickets and bushes. Clapham and Wandsworth Commons.

Obs. An extremely elegant plant.

Cl. 19.—Ord. 1.

Tragopogon pratensis,—Yellow Goat's Beard. E. Bot. 434. P. 5, 6. Meadows, &c. Battersea fields, towards Lavender Hill.

Cichorium Intybus,—Wild Endive ; or, Succory. E. Bot. 539. B. 7, 8. Waysides, &c. Battersea fields. I have once met with the white variety.

Carduus Marianus,—Milk or Variegated Thistle. E. Bot. 976. B. 7, 8. Rare. Clapham Common, and on the northern extremity of Wandsworth Common, with the variety β .

Cnicus pratensis,—Meadow Plume Thistle. E. Bot. (*Carduus*) 177. P. Peat bogs : rare. On the south-east side of Wandsworth Common.

Obs. A scarce species, and appears but little known to continental botanists.

Onopordum Acanthium,—Common Cotton Thistle. E. Bot. 977. B. 7, 8. Waste grounds, &c. Roadsides, in several places.

Bidens cernua,—Nodding Bur-marygold. E. Bot. 1114. A. 8, 9. Less common than *B. tripartita* : they are both found in Battersea fields.

Eupatorium cannabinum,—Hemp Agrimony. E. Bot. 428. P. 7, 8. Uncommon. Banks of the Wandle, near Garrett.

Cl. 19.—Ord. 2.

Erigeron canadense,—Canada Flea-bane. E. Bot. 2019. A. 8, 9. Gardens and waysides.

Obs. Most probably indigenous, though some botanists have thought the contrary.

Tussilago Petasites,—Butter-Bur. E. Bot. 431. P. 4. Marshes, &c. By the Thames at Battersea plentifully.

Achillea ptarmica,—Goose-Tongue. E. Bot. 757. P. 7, 8. Wet ground on high situations. Wandsworth Common.

Cl. 19.—Ord. 3.

Centaurea Calcitrapa,—Star Thistle. E. Bot. 125. A. 7. 8. Gravelly soil : rare. Wandsworth Common.

Cl. 20.—Ord. 1.

Orchis morio and *maculata* are said to have been found in Battersea meadows.

Listera ovata,—Common Twayblade. E. Bot. (*Ophrys*) 1548. P. 5, 6. Rare in this district. In the meadow at the foot of Lavender Hill, by which the footpath leads to Battersea. First noticed in 1826, while in company with Messrs. Wright and Shepherd. Several plants were observed there in the spring of 1827.

Epipactis Latifolia,—Broad-leaved Helleborine. E. Bot. (*Serapias*) 269. P. 7, 8. Rare. About a mile west of Wandsworth, on the bank of Lord Spencer's park. I have observed it in this spot several years.

Cl. 21.—Ord. 2.

Typha angustifolia,—Lesser Cat's Tail ; or, Reed-mace. E. Bot. 1456. P. 6, 7. Rare. Ponds on Wandsworth Common and in Letchmere plentifully.

1. *Sparganium ramosum*,—Branched Bur-Reed. E. Bot. 744. P. 7, 8. Ditches frequent. Battersea fields.

2. *S. simplex*,—Lesser Bur-Reed. E. Bot. 745. P. 7, 8. Gravelly ponds. On Wandsworth Common.

1. *Carex dioica*,—Common Separate-headed Carex. E. Bot. 543. P. 5, 6. Banks of ditches. Battersea fields, and the brook at the foot of Lavender Hill.

2. *C. flava*,—Yellow Carex. E. Bot. 1294. P. 5, 6. Moist heaths. Wandsworth Common.

3. *C. remota*,—Remote Carex. E. Bot. 832. P. 5, 6. Not common. Bank of the brook at the foot of Lavender Hill.

4. *C. præcox*,—Vernal Carex. E. Bot. 1099. P. 4, 5. Heaths, &c. Wandsworth Common.

5. *C. riparia*,—Common Bank Carex. E. Bot. 579, P. 4, 5. Ditches, &c. Battersea fields abundantly.

Myriophyllum spicatum,—Water Milfoil. E. Bot. 83. P. 7, 8. Ponds, &c. Clapham Common, &c.

Sagittaria sagittifolia,—Arrow Head. E. Bot. 84. P. 7, 8. Ditches, &c. Battersea fields and by the Thames' side.

Cl. 22.—Ord. 7.

Mercurialis annua,—Annual Mercury. E. Bot. 559. A. 7—9. Waysides, &c.: not common. Battersea, by the Prince's Head, and elsewhere.

Hydrocharis morsus Ranæ,—Frog-bit. E. Bot. 808. P. 7. Ditches and pools.

Cl. 23.—Ord. 1.

Atriplex patula,—Spreading Orach E. Bot. 936. A. 6, 8. Frequent: on rubbish, &c.

Cl. 24.—Ord. 1.

Equisetum limosum,—Smooth naked Horse-tail. E. Bot. 929. P. 6. Bogs, &c. Battersea fields, plentiful.
