

diversiloba be merely a form of the same species. The foliage is very variable in size and shape.

“The ‘poison ivy’ is very much dreaded by the natives.”—*Lefroy*. “It is strange that this plant should prove so poisonous to some persons, that even a close approach to it is sufficient to cause a severe attack of inflammation of the face, whilst others may handle it, or even rub the leaves on their faces, with impunity.”—*Jones*. In the following passage from the *History of the Bermudaes* (p. 2) we have evidence of the existence of this shrub in the islands when they were first settled. . . . “As likewise the poysonous weed, being in shape but little different from our English yuie [ivy]; but being touched causeth rednesse, itchinge, and lastly blysters, the which, howsoever, after a while they passe awaye of themselves without further harme; yet because for the time they are somewhat painefull, and in aspect dangerous, it hath gotten to itselfe an ill name, although questionlesse of noe very ill nature.”

LEGUMINOSÆ.

PAPILIONACEÆ.

Medicago lupulina, Linn.

Medicago lupulina, Linn., Sp. Pl., ed. 1, p. 779; Chapm., Fl. Southern U.S., p. 90; Michx. in Ann. Mus. Hist. Nat., Par., viii. p. 359.

BERMUDAS.—Introduced. The commonest plant in the islands, growing everywhere, and forming nearly the whole of the verdure—*Michaux*, 1806; common throughout the islands, especially on pasture lands, and thriving in the shallowest soil—*Jones*; without special locality—*Moseley*; *Lefroy*.

An annual, native of Europe, &c., and naturalised in many countries.

Medicago denticulata, Willd.

Medicago denticulata, Willd., Sp. Pl., iii. p. 1414; Gray, Manual, ed. 5, p. 128.

BERMUDAS.—Introduced. Without locality—*Moseley*; *Lefroy*.

An annual, native of Europe, North Africa, and Western Asia.

Medicago maculata, Willd., and *Medicago muricata*, All., have also been collected in the islands by Sir J. H. Lefroy. They are both annuals or biennials of European origin.

Melilotus officinalis, Willd.

Melilotus officinalis, Willd., Enum. Pl. Hort. Bot. Berol., p. 790; Chapm., Fl. Southern U.S., p. 90.

BERMUDAS.—Introduced. Common in many places—*Jones*.

Europe and Asia. Introduced in America.