

Wild Garden Exhibit at the State Fair



The flora of Minnesota is being represented in the Horticultural building at the state fair grounds in the exhibit of the Glenwood garden of Minneapolis.

Large roses, carnations and other sweet-scented species of the flower family have not a place in the exhibit. It is entirely devoted to specimens grown in a natural condition, consisting of 54 species of trees, 84 shrubs and 400 herbs, including 37 species of ferns. The garden was started in March, 1907, by Miss Eloise Butler, instructor in botany at the South Side High school. It is seven acres in extent and the plants, weeds and trees grow as nature directs.

The weed exhibit is especially interesting to the farmers, who ask about each variety of weed, whether harmful to the crops or useful in any way.

The exhibit is illustrated by over 100 photographs taken by Mary K. Meeker, 210 Fifteenth street east. Scientific as well as common names for the specimens are printed on cards.

Large photographs also hang inside of the railing of the exhibit. The largest white oak tree in the city is in Glenwood park. A tall elm tree stands partly overhanging a swamp in the garden, which has been named "The Inner Guard." Another stands near the edge of the garden, which is called "The Low Sentinel."