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the sum of oxygen and carbon dioxide was 20.9, the normal oxygen content of the atmosphere.

The respiration quotient of Carrington loam under various treatments was determined, using a Haldane microgas analysis apparatus for the measurements. The average respiration quotient for untreated Carrington loam was 0.87; for Carrington loam treated with cellulose 0.83; and for Carrington loam treated with dextrose 1.27.

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THE SOMATIC CHROMOSOMES OF CYPRIPEDIUM HIRSUTUM AND SIX SPECIES OF HABENARIA

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The chromosome numbers of eight species of the *Orchidaceae* were reported last year. The purpose of this paper is to report seven more species. The material was collected in Minnesota and Massachusetts. The following numbers were found: *Cypripedium hirsutum*, 2n = 20; *Habenaria blephariglottis*, 2n = 42; *H. clavellata*, 2n = 42; *H. dilatata*, 2n = 42; *H. Hookeri*, 2n = 42; *H. hyperborea*, 2n = 42; and *H. obtusata*, 2n = 42. The size relationships are the same as in the species studied last year. The Cypripedium has very large chromosomes, and the Habenarias relatively very small ones.

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THE EFFECTS OF EXFLORATION ON THE SOYBEAN

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Most of the literature on growth and reproduction in plants leaves the implication that cessation of vegetative activity in plants of an indeterminant type of growth is due to the drain of nutrient materials imposed on the plant by the developing fruits. This is not true for the soybean. The variety used in this investigation flowers early and continues to grow for some time afterward and