NEW OR LITTLE KNOWN PLANTS.

ROSA MINUTIFOLIA.

OUR wild Roses have an ill reputation among botanists for the uncertainty which often attends the determination of their species. But there are some, fortunately, about which there can be no doubt, and we have given the figure of one which carries its distinctive characteristics obtrusively to the front and cannot be mistaken. Not only is there no other American Rose like it, but it stands alone in the genus... It has been found only on the peninsula of Lower California, near All Saints (Todos Santos) Bay, about 40 miles south of San Diego, where it was discovered in 1882, forming low, dense thickets upon the dry hillsides bordering the shore.... Evidently the flower in its wild state cannot be commended as well suited to the florist's needs, but from its habit of growth the plant may well prove a decided ornament to the lawn and garden in our more southern States, where it would doubtless be hardy.

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