ilex, glyptostrobus, magnolia, poplar, willow, and other familiar trees.⁹² The forests of that part of Europe during Pliocene time conjoined some of the more striking characters of those of the present Canary Islands, of North

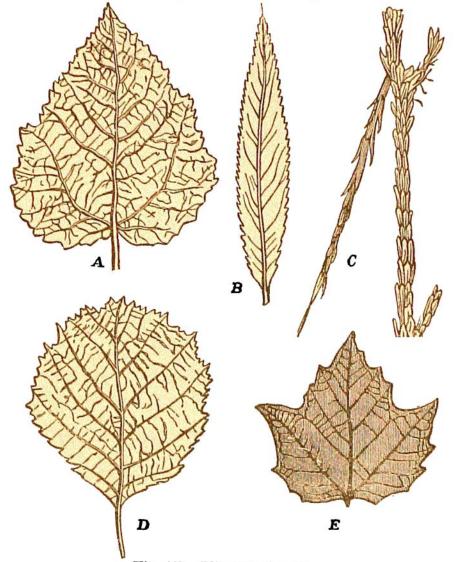


Fig. 443.—Pliocene Plants. (A) Populus canescens; (B) Salix alba; (c) Glyptostrobus europæus; (d) Alnus glutinosa; (E) Platanus aceroides (%).

America, and of Caucasian and eastern Asia, including Japan. There is evidence, however, that a marked refrigeration of climate was in gradual progress, during which the plants, such as the palms, especially characteristic of warmer latitudes, one by one retreated from the

⁹² "Recherches sur les Vegetaux fossiles de Meximieux," Archiv. Mus. Lyon, i. 1875-76, and his "Monde des Plantes," p. 314.