



Colony of Solomon's-Seal on a wooded slope above White Oak Creek, Houston County, Tennessee.

SOLOMON'S-SEAL

Polygonatum biflorum (Walt.) Ell.

This rather large lily may be found in moist woods and thickets throughout in the spring. Stems are usually arching and with numerous alternate leaves. Small greenish-white flowers occur mostly in pairs and give the specific name (*biflorum* = two-flowered), or sometimes as singles or in threes, but they always dangle on slender peduncles in the leaf axils. Dark blue fruits replace the flowers in June and July. Plants are perennial and often grow in clumps from elongated and knotted rhizomes. The genus name is from *polys* (many) and *gonu* (knee or joint) in reference to the jointed rhizome (**Liliaceae**, the Lily Family).

Flowers of Solomon's-Seal.

