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PREFACE TO THE REPRINT, 1874.

BY C. B. CLARKE.

THE present selling price of Roxburgh's Flora Indica (Carey's Edition) in London is £ 5, and of Piddington's Index is £ 1. The present reprint is priced 10 s.: and this is a sufficient reason for the undertaking of the reprint.

The Flora Indica of Roxburgh is still the only Hand-book of the plants of India that we have: and the study of Indian Botany has been for years barred, both for students of the Medical College and for all English denizens who do not happen to have come to India well acquainted with a large number of the tropical Asiatic genera, by the impracticability of obtaining a copy of the only book that can help them. During my sojourn in India, scores of persons must have consulted me how to get some acquaintance with the numerous and striking plants around them: and to all I have been obliged to give one answer, viz., that there is but one book, and that unattainable. The Flora Indica of Roxburgh has been quoted so largely and widely in botanic literature that a copy is essential to every botanic library, and by the multiplication of such libraries the price of the few copies of Roxburgh floating in the market is being steadily pushed up.

In order that the present reprint may completely supply to professional botanists the place of the scarce original, the reprint has been made a verbatim and literal one; all the errors of the original having been faithfully retained; even the genus Loranthus is printed twice over, as Carey printed it twice. For the last reading of the proofs of the reprint before the press I am indebted to my friend H. H. Locke, Esq., whose name will be a sufficient guarantee (to all who know his work) of the careful accuracy of the reprint. The paging of Carey's edition is added in the margin so that the references to the original Roxburgh can be immediately found in the reprint without referring to the Index.

The publication of Roxburgh's manuscript Flora Indica was commenced by Carey and Wallich. The first volume containing the orders (in the Linnman succession) up to the end of Tetrandria was published in 1820, and is voveral cold Roxburgh's work, the remarks by Wallich himself being trifling. The second volume of Wallich's Edition published in 1824 is in form a continuation of the first, containing about two-thirds of Pentandria: but it really proceeds on an entirely different scale. It contains, indeed, the Roxburgh manuscript, but there are added crowds of species by Wallich from Nepal, &c., widening the area of the work altogether. In short, the area was so greatly widened, that Wallich never was able to get on any further with the publication.

Wallich's Edition of Roxburgh having thus come to a stop, Dr. Carey at the request of Roxburgh's friends published in 1832, in three volumes, Roxburgh's manuscript Flora Indica as he left it: the first portion, up to Tetrandria inclusive, coincides therefore with Wallich's first volume, and the remainder is homogeneous with this first portion, and represents Roxburgh's complete Botanical work in India, except the Cryptogams.

In the present reprint I have therefore taken no notice of Wallich's second volume, which is on a different scale, contains much that is not Roxburgh's, and is now not scarce or dear in the market; I have printed Roxburgh's own manuscript as it stands in Carey's edition, and have added Roxburgh's Cryptogams from the Calcutta Journal of Natural History. Griffith's editing of the Cryptogams of Roxburgh, unfortunately, contains internal evidence that it was

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written after the fall-out occurred between himself and Wallich. The Indian ferns have been better worked up moreover since than any other department of Indian Botany; and the Synopsis Filicum of Baker leaves little cause for unearthing the antiquated names and crude genera in Roxburgh: nevertheless, there is still something to be got out of Roxburgh's Cryptogams: and I have printed them as they occupy only a few pages and render the present reprint a completed abstract record of Roxburgh's work.

I have bestowed much thought and pains on the Index, and have finally adopted the simplest plan, viz., one Index in alphabetical order. I have always found myself that, if there is one Alphabetical Index only to a book, my fingers will find the word and the page mechanically without the current of thought being disturbed: if on the other hand there is one Index to English names, another to Latin names, a third Glossary of Botanic terms, a fourth of Economic Products, &c., I continually find that my fingers lead me to the wrong Index and my train of thought is disturbed with vexation by having to turn aside to consider for an instant in which Index the required word should be sought. It doubtless looks a jumble to see English, Sanskrit, Latin, Teloogoo, &c., words all intermixed, but the alternative, viz., an Index like that of Piddington to Roxburgh, is not an Index, it is rather a classified analysis.

I have included in the Index the native names, though on this point my experience does not lead me to adopt Roxburgh's estimate of the value of such names. Considerable assistance in discriminating Bamboos can doubtless be got from the dealers in Bamboos, though even in this case the name for the species differ in different districts of the same province. So with respect to some other plants, there is a class whose business requires them to know the plants well. But the natives of India have no idea of accurately observing anything, and the best names that even Roxburgh is able to give for common plants are sometimes only Chota Doodhee Luta, Doosera Sag, and such like. As to the grand Sanskrit names they are still of less value than the vulgar ones, being founded on less actual observation, with the object of enriching the language, an object still so dear to every educated Bengalee.

In these remarks I do not mean to say that the vulgar naming of Bengal plants by Bengalis is much worse than the vulgar naming of English plants by Englishmen. I have observed that the eagerness to get native or vulgar names for plants is directly proportioned to the ignorance of the enquirer: those who know nothing about the plants and who are unable to discriminate them under any names being always loud in their call for native or local names.

However, though I cannot think native names deserving the trouble that Roxburgh has bestowed upon them, as I am reprinting Roxburgh and not critically editing him, I have preserved these names both in the text and in the index. The English denizens have also many names of their own for plants; thus "Rhododendron" means Melastoma Malabathricum (or almost any large Osbeckia) and "Indian fir" means Guatteria longifolia: Roxburgh has passed by this class of names altogether; doubtless he thought them likely to mislead as to the affinities of the plants rather than to assist. A plea has been put in for preserving native names on account of their value in tracing the history of plants. But even for this purpose their value has been over-rated. Where no accurate description of the essential character of a plant is on record, there is always more or less doubt concerning the species meant, and whether more than one species may not be meant. It is about as dangerous to assume that a plant is introduced because there is no Sanskrit name for it as it is to assume that it is indigenous because there is a Sanskrit name for it. A very moderate percentage of the indigenous plants have any Sanskrit name. And in some cases where a new plant has been introduced, the Sanskrit name of an indigenous plant which it was supposed to resemble has been transferred to it, and has very soon been monopolised by the new plant. Thus the ancient name for the Tamarix (which species?) is Jhow: this name was applied to the newly-introduced Casuarina equisetifolia, and now while every body knows that this Casuarina is called the Jhow, very few know what the Jhow really means.

PREFACE. iii.

An Indian Flora is now being prepared at Kew under the direction of Dr. Hooker at the chief cost of the Secretary of State for India; and two parts containing the Natural Orders Ranunculaceæ to Balsamineæ have been published. This new work might be supposed to supersede Roxburgh altogether, and I proceed to shew that this is not the case. In the first place, owing as above shewn, to the extent to which Roxburgh has been quoted, he will always be wanted for reference.

In the second place, the present reprint of Roxburgh is not more than enough to satisfy the public wants of an Indian Hand-book of plants until the Indian Flora of Kew shall be completed, and, until complete, any systematic work is nearly useless for tyros. Of the Kew Flora Indica, two parts are already published it is true, but the earlier orders are comparatively easy: several Flora Indicas have got the First Volume out, (and stopped,) so that these early orders of the series have been worked up before. It is very different with the later orders such as Orchidaceæ and several smaller orders of Monocotyledons difficult to make out from Herbarium specimens. The completion of the Kew Flora Indica must be a work of time.

For, thirdly, the Kew Flora Indica comprises the plants of India from the crest of the Himalaya to Ceylon on one side, to Singapore on the other. With such a range, not merely of area but of level, it will contain hardly less than 15,000 plants; and I therefore doubt whether, with the public, it will ever supersede Roxburgh. I do not think that non-professional botanists can use a book containing 15,000 species: unless they have many landmarks, both of orders and genera, well fixed in their minds, to search a book of this size for a plant is worse than searching for a needle in a bottle of hay. Now Roxburgh's book, it has been found by experience, is a useful book for planters and other English denizens who, without being great botanists, take a sufficient interest in the plants to spend a little time in really working with a book.

And, fourthly, Roxburgh contains all the economic Indian botany known to him, and we have added very few economic facts since, as Mr. Blechynden the Secretary of the Agri-Horticultural Society observed to me. We have had plenty of Government and other reports, some very large and expensive ones it is true, but we have very little economic work by persons competent as botanists; and with reference to one large expensive report lately issued on an Indian economic plant, it was discovered, after it was printed, that the Commission never learnt what the plant was. Roxburgh is most trustworthy in his economic botany, and contains virtually all that is known on the subject: the Kew Indian Flora contains no economic botany (the book will be large enough without, and the economic botany is rightly omitted): so that in this important branch of his subject Roxburgh will not be superseded.

The Kew Indian Flora is of the highest value to Botanists, even each part of it as it comes out is so: it tells those in India what material there is at Kew and how the names are arranged there. And it will, when finished, form the foundation on which all future botanic work in India will be grounded. After the plants have been botanically determined, and the names attached so that we are tolerably sure in general that we all mean by the same name the same thing, we may commence economic and other branches of investigation with advantage. Drs. Hooker and Thomson have rightly urged that the Botanical Determination of the plants must come first before any satisfactory progress elsewhere can be made; and Indian Botanists have been right for generations in concentrating and narrowing their work in the manner that Drs. Hooker and Thomson indicated. The Government of India, but a few years back, called on Mr. Kurz to draw up a Forest Handbook for Burma which should comprise (among other things) a classified account of the different sorts of forests, with all the trees in each, and the plants that usually accompanied each: an account of the method of germination and habit of growth of each tree, and an account of the quality of the wood of each, and a special account of all the species likely to prove of economic value. This last requisition really credited Mr. Kurz with prophetic powers: but the whole command was a putting of the cart before the horse. There may be some 600 trees in Burma, of

which only a very few are thoroughly known to botanists: and if fifty years hence we are in a position to draw up an exhaustive Forest Hand-book of them shewing the method of germination of each tree, our Botanic progress in India will have been marvellous.

In India, the variety of plants at one level, and in one class of soil, is very much below the tropical luxuriance anticipated by readers at home. In the vast delta of the Ganges, Bruhmapootra, and Megna (omitting the isolated patches of red clay which appear as islands in the Mudhopoor jungle, &c.,) Dr. T. Anderson reckoned not more than 600 indigenous plants. But even without proceeding 500 feet above sea-level, there is an enormous increase in the variety of plants in the Terai jungles which skirt the base of the mountains and hills. For an Indian Hand-book Flora, we want a book that shall contain those 2,000 plants that come in the way of ordinary denizens of Calcutta and Madras. Few persons comparatively can visit the mountains or collect in the hot jungles at their base: and those who do so (as tea-planters,) and desire to know the wild plants, must use much larger books. Now Roxburgh's book includes essentially the plains Flora of Calcutta and Madras, with a considerable number of the plants in the Circar Hills up to 2,000 feet, and therefore covers the most useful area for people in general. Also Roxburgh contains an account of all the plants ordinarily cultivated in India in his day, and we have added wonderfully few since. enhances greatly the value of Roxburgh to horticulturists, and prevents much disappointment to those who search for some widely-spread plant in a hand-book, and are vexed not to find it because it is omitted as introduced.

In hand-books of English plants, the cultivated ones are never included: their number is too great. But the number of cultivated plants in India is very small, so that Roxburgh gets them in easily. In an English garden we can cultivate most plants of colder countries (except Alpine plants which are troublesome) and also most plants of even the Tropics in our stove-houses. In India it must be recollected that we have no corresponding ice-house conservatories, so that our horticultural efforts except for tropical and subtropical species are greatly circumscribed. Tropical jungle plants usually require a uniformity of moist heat which is what they do not get in India. At the Calcutta Botanic Garden there are not a dozen foreign trees that can be said to thrive so as to be worth cultivation. And the number of indigenous trees worth cultivation is small: the Calcutta garden list of trees recommended and furnished for planting by road-sides, &c., did not exceed twenty in all. Probably, ten times this number could be found which would grow luxuriantly in the Sikkim Terai. This statement will show that there is a tolerably clear line between the ordinary Indian Flora and the Flora of the jungles and mountains: the latter Flora is unmanageable in extent, the former is contained in Roxburgh.

Roxburgh's book contains, besides, a small number of the Terai and mountain plants from Nepal, Sylhet, and Chittagong, and some plants of Penang, the Moluccas (by which Roxburgh means Malaya) and even the Mauritius. Of these plants, (especially the Molucca ones,) the descriptions are often very short; and the species in Roxburgh are not sufficient in number to form any representation of the Flora of the countries. In any new edition of Roxburgh, it would be far better to omit all these species and make the book as a Hand-book of the India plains Flora as manageable in point of size as possible. In a reprint intended to be useful for reference, I have thought it best to retain everything.

The issue of the present reprint has been highly approved by my botanic friends in Bengal: but they have very generally expressed disappointment, because I have not added to each species the modern synonym. I might, from the reduction of Roxburgh's species published by Dr. T. Anderson in the Asiatic Journal, and some other less sure sources, give the modern synonyms for Roxburgh's species adopted at Kew, or I might give the reductions from my own manuscript list of Roxburgh's species. But neither plan would be satisfactory to me

Some three years ago I sent a paper home to Dr. Hooker, for publication in

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the Linnman Journal, on the Bengal Commelynacem. In this paper I reduced the two leading species of Roxburgh (Commelyna communis and Commelyna scapiflora) to quite different plants from those to which they had previously been supposed to mean: and this change naturally induced other great changes in the synonymy. But it was only after several letters, after sending home named specimens, and after Drs. T. Thomson and T. Anderson had kindly looked over my paper with the Herbarium bundles, that my proposed changes were accepted.

Doubtless, every order does not require so great changes as Commelynaceæ: still, the number of cases in which I should think it necessary to alter the synonymy of Roxburgh's species is very large; and, as I have learnt by experience in Commelynaceæ, every change would require a full working up of the order and a separate essay or paper in support of it, at least. Any such critical edition of Roxburgh, even were I prepared to undertake it, would be a volumizous work and would render the present "reprint" useless for the purposes for which it is principally intended. And on the other hand I decline to hash Roxburgh, or do imperfectly and unsatisfactorily what I could do much better.

Perhaps the next great advance in Indian Botany is the thorough working down of Roxburgh's species. But to do this requires a very complete acquaintance with all the plants of the Indian plains, and a systematic herborising over Roxburgh's best known ground, as Samulcotta. A large number of his species have been lost sight of altogether, and are not to be found in our Herbaria, though it is not therefore to be surmised that Roxburgh may have dreamt them: and many other of his species have been impertinently reduced by various hands to well-known species (themselves described by Roxburgh) on the assumption that Roxburgh had made two species out of one, the true explanation being that Roxburgh's second species was unknown to the man who reduced it as a mere synonym.

No doubt, it would be far more useful than the present reprint to prepare an Indian plains' Flora out of Roxburgh, arranging the plants in Candollian order, with the modern names, preserving the economic information and the cultivated plants, adding the new species, since discovered within the same area, and omitting the Molucca, Mauritius, Penang, and mountain plants. Such a work will be the next great step in advance for Indian botany, but would be the labor of a life: that is, if it were done well enough to supersede Roxburgh's book.

There are few botanical books of the date of Roxburgh's Flora (which was really written by him before 1820) that have not been superseded by modern work. No Indian Flora published, however, since Roxburgh's time has attained completion: (in this statement I do not reckon Drury which, being compiled out of books instead of grounded on a study of the material in Herbariums, adds nothing to the previous store of botanical knowledge): and besides this, many of the corrections proposed, even by learned botanists upon Roxburgh, are mistakes: Roxburgh was right. I may mention an instance: Wight and Arnott say that Luffa acutangula Roxb., has five stamens: Roxburgh says three, which is right. Wight evidently never got Roxburgh's plant. Nees has "corrected" Roxburgh's account of the large Cyperi, and "plucked aside" the synonyms in diverse directions: Roxburgh's arrangement, naming, and description of these is really excellent. Nees has positively hashed him. And in taking up any critical Indian genus, it is generally the best plan to get hold of Roxburgh's species first, and fit in all subsequent species afterwards: Roxburgh's work is so excellent, and his species so well conceived, that they form a solid frame-work, which being once put together, all the other species are easily fitted into their due places.

Besides the present Flora, Roxburgh contributed many papers to the Asiatic Society's Journal (some on non-botanical subjects): and he left at the Calcutta Botanic Garden, a set of life-sized colored drawings, with botanical dissections, of plants 2,542 in number, among which nearly all the Indian species described in his Flora Indica are depicted. By these (of which a duplicate set is preserved in the India House, Westminster) the species in the Flora Indica may be verified. Excellent as the Flora Indica is, it does not shew us what Roxburgh could have done had he lived to edit his own work: but after his long and arduous service

FLORA INDICA.

CLASS I.

MONANDRIA (MONOGYNIA.

CANNA. Schreb. gen. No. 1.

Auther single, attached to the edge of the petal-like filament. Style spatulate, grow- Page ing to the tube of the corolla. Stigma linear. Capsule three-celled. Seeds several, naked. Carey Ed.

Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Segments of the inner border of the corol lanceolate, and

bidentate.

Sans, Vuna-kelee, Surva-juva.

Beng. Lai Surva-juya, the red variety, and Shweta Surjuya, the yellow.

Teling. Kristma-tamara.

Katu-bala, Rheed, Mal. 11. p. 85. t. 43. Cannacorus, Rumph, Amb. 5. p. 177. t. 17. fig. 2. Common over India, and in flower and seed most part of the year.

Observation. The parts of the corolla are exactly alike in both varieties. C. lutea of Roscoe, must therefore be different, as in that, the inner limb of the corolla is bifld.

Andrea - PHRYNIUM. Willd.

Auther single, terminal on a short erect filament. Style growing to the tube of the corolla. Stigma infundibuliform. Capsule three celled, three-valved. Seeds solitary. arilled at the base, Embryo uncinate, and furnished with a perisperm.

-1. P. dichotomum R.

Shrubby, dichotomous. Leaves cordate.

Thalia cannaformis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 16.
Arundastrum. Touchat seytam. Rumph. Amb. 4. p. 22. t. 7.

Donax Arundastrum. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 15.

Sans. Vula, Godunika, Bhudra, Bhudroudunee, Shurakasthika, Kulyaninee, Bhudrabala, Ghata, Patce, Vulahwa.

Beng. Moocta-patee, Pattee-patee,* or Madar-patee.

This elegant shrub is a native of Bengal, as well as of various other parts of India, Flowering time the hot season; seeds ripen in the rains.

Root ramous, woody, perennial. Stems straight, tapering and simple to the branches, about as thick as a man's thumb, and from three to five, or six feet high, of a beautiful, highly polished green colour. Branches numerous, dichotomous, spreading in every direction, smooth like the stem, but jointed at every division. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovatecordate, smooth, entire, acute, from four to eight inches long; veins numerous, very fine and parallel. Petioles sheathing, except a small portion, one-tenth, or less, at the apex, which is round, and may be called the proper petiole. Racemes terminal, generally solitary, jointed, a little flexuous. Bractes glumaceous, in pairs on the joints of the raceme, each pair embracing between them a two-flowered pedicel. Flowers paired, on a common pedicel, from the alternate joints of the rachis, large, pure white. Pedicels clavate, thick, white, and fleshy, near the apex two-parted; divisions unequal, with two glands at their ends like the rudiments of flowers. Calyx above, three-leaved; leaflets oblong-conic, tapering to an acute point, and much shorter than the tube of the corol. Corol one-petalled, irregular. Tube funnel-shaped. Border double; exterior of three, equal, linear-oblong, recurved segments. Inner elevated far above the exterior on a continuation of the tube, and consists of five very unequal portions: the exterior two are larger, obcordate, with waved, expanding margins; the third or middle one stands opposite to the first two, is broad, obcordate, deeply emarginate, and of a middling size between the two exterior, and two interior segments; on the inside near the base a semilumar body which projects inward between the anther and stigma; the inner two small, and crown the mouth of the tube, closely embracing the stigma and anther. Filament short, attached to the margin of the smallest segment of the interior border of the corol. Anther erect, simple, ovate-oblong. In this species, as well as in P. capitatum, the pollen consists of remarkably large round Germ inferior, villous, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the

"Mats made of the split stems of this plant, being smooth, and particularly cool, and refreshing, are termed in Hindi Stalpeti, which signifies a cool met, whence the plant itself is said to bear the same name. Suspecting, however, this to be a misappropriation of the term, I have enquired of natives of the eastern parts of Bengal, who assure me, that the plant is named Mustapata, or Patti-pata, and the mat only is called Sital-pati."—Colebrooks.

MONANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Phrynium.

bottom of its cell. Style growing to the inside of the tube of the corol, and does not appear until above its mouth, when it enlarges into an infundibuliform, hooked stigma, surrounded with a lobate, callous margin, and directed in an oblique manner toward the face of the anther, as if in search of it, though separated by a callous projection from the base of the middle division of the inner border of the corol. Capsule broad, turbinate, size of a cherry, rugose, somewhat three-lobed, three-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seed solitary, round, resting on a small, partial, scaly aril. Integuments two; exterior soft and spongy, inner nuciform. Perisperm conform to the seed, horny, tinged blue; a fissure penetrates from the base pretty far up, separating the two extremities of the embryo. Vitellus; none has been discovered in any of the simple-authored scitamines which have been examined by me. Embryo pure white, hooked, with the convexity upward, which corresponds with the periphery of the seed.

_ 2. P. virgatum. R.

Stems simple. Leaves bifarious, lanceolate. Spikes terminal, filiform, compound. A native of Malabar, from thence sent to the late Dr. Anderson of Madras for the Cardamom plant, and by him presented to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms

during the rainy season.

Root a stout, crooked, tough, fibrous, horizontal main body, with numerous, thick, strong fibres therefrom ; every part void of odour. Stems numerous, erect, six to eight feet high, jointed, lower joint or two much swelled; invested in the sheaths of the leaves, fistulous; the largest are about as thick as a slender walking cane near the base, and at the top as thick as a common quill. Leaves bifarious, short-petioled on their sheaths, lanceolate, polished; from six to eighteen inches long. Sheaths and petioles smooth and even, except the inside of the petioles, where there are a few long, soft hairs. Spikes terminal, two or three together, and they are very generally two, or three cleft, very slender, and often near a foot long, jointed, with a two-flowered pedicel at each joint. Flowers pure white, inodorous. Bractes two or three at each division; and also embracing the two-flowered pedicels, size very various, but the shape ensiform, and channelled. Calyx of three, small, distinct, acute, conic, leaflets. Corol with a very short tube; exterior border of three, nearly equal, oblong, reflexed segments; within are two which are unequal and much larger; they form the conspicuous portion of the flower, one is obcordate, the other is obovate; inner segments three, and smaller, the two longest of them form yellow margined hoods for the auther and stigms. Filament inserted between two of the inner segments of the corol, erect. Anther one-celled, ovate. Germ inferior, hairy, base of three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the axis. Style growing to the short tube of the corol, above free, and uncinate. Stigma funnel-form. Capsule oblong-obovate, size of a field bean, rugose, when ripe pale yellow, threecelled, three-valved. Partitions opposed. Seeds solitary, oblong; a small lobate aril round the umbilicus at the base of the seed. Integuments two; exterior brown and glossy, interior membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, and as in P. capitatum, &c., a brown substance runs up from the base, into the arch of the embryo. Embryo simple, hooked, with the convexity upwards.

Obs. It is almost needless to observe that this plant has no relation to that which fur-

nished the Cardamom of Malabar, viz., my Alpinia Cardamomum.

3. P. spicatum. R. Leaves radical, bifarious, oblong. Spikes radical, shorter than the petioles, Stemless. subcylindric, bifariously imbricated.

Plants of this small species were sent by Mr. Felix Carcy from Pegu, to the Botanic

garden at Calcutta, where they blossom in April and May.

Root perennial, flexuose, creeping horizontally deep in the earth, thick as a ratan; fibres numerous from the main body, and spread in all directions. Stem none, the sheathing petioles unite from six to twelve inches in extent, and resemble one, as in the Curcumas. Leaves in little radical tufts, of three or four each, sub-bifarious, petioled, linear-oblong; base broad and rounded; apex tapering, and sharp, both surfaces quite smooth; position nearly horizontal; six to ten inches long, by two to three broad. Petioles, the most exterior of the tuft sheathing, with their upper part round and smooth, those in the centre (one or two) have no sheath, and are from apex to base round and smooth; general length of the whole from six to twelve inches, which is nearly the height of the whole plant, the position of the leaves being nearly horizontal. Spikes solitary in the centre of the petioles, or lateral from their base, short peduncled, sub-cylindric, acute, apex elevated but little above the soil, imbricated on opposite sides, with four to eight, alternate, bifarious bractes, or sheaths; each embraces a small spikelet of four or five pairs of sessile, small, nearly white flowers on the back, or interior side of the spikelet, which expand in succession, beginning with the lower pair. Rachis flexuose, smooth. Bractes ; exterior, or common, one at each joint of the spike, sub-cylindric, sheathing, smooth, and rather obtuse; interior, or proper one to each pair of flowers. Calyx three-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, smooth. Corol with a long, very slender, smooth tube. Border; exterior of three reflexed, oblong, obtuse segments; within these are two larger, round-obovate, erect, curled portions; interior, or nectarium small, and like the other species unequally three-lobed. Anther one-celled, attached to the inner border Germ inferior, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of the corol. of the cell. Style blended with the tube of the corol, as in the other species described by Stigma uncinate, thick, and fleshy. Seed vessel (not seen.)

4. P. imbricatum. R. Stemless, Leaves radical. Spikes simple, petiolar, solitary, short-peduncled; bractes

Phrynium.

MONANDRIA MONOGYNIA

imbricated, truncate, many-toothed.

Pittuli-pata, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is common in its wild state.

Flowers in March and April and the seeds ripen in August.

Root tuberous, &c., as in other scitamineous plants. Stem none. Leaves radical, long-petioled, from oblong, to broad lanceolar, tapering nearly as much at the base as at the apex, smooth, entire, finely acuminate; twelve to twenty-four inches long, by four to eight broad. Petioles longer than the leaves, cylindric, smooth, the flower-bearing ones have a hairy joint near the middle, and from the joint up, a slit of between two and three inches in length opens on one side for the spike, its margins thin and hairy. Spike solitary, short-peduncled, simple, linear-oblong, three to four inches long, imbricated. Bracles; exterior oval, truncate, with the transverse apex many-toothed, smooth, each embracing several small, pale, pink flowers, which expand in succession. Inner bractes small, and membranaceous. Calyx, corol, and stamen, as in P. parciflorum. Germ three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style, as in the other species, it grows to, and is blended with the tube of the corol, its apex free, thick and hooked. Stigma gaping, obliquely toward the anther. Capsule oblong, size of a large field bean, rugose, three-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds solitary, sitting on a partial aril, and attached to the bottom of the cell; external tunic hard, brown, and polished. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo erect, simple, the apex hooked. Radicle inferior, close to the umbilicus of the seed.

Obs. The simple, short-peduncled, imbricated, linear-oblong spike, bursting from the

middle of the petiole, readily points it out.

5. P. parviflorum. R.

Stemless. Leaves radical. Heads of flowers petiolary; bracles acute.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal. With P. capitatum, it blossoms about the

beginning of the rains.

Root tuberous, horizontal, hairy, in other respects as in P. capitatum, &c. Leaves long-petioled, elliptically oval, polished, entire, short, scute, pointed. Heads of flowers subglobular, sessile, always bursting from the inner side of the petioles, near, or above their middle, composed of many, imbricated sessile, distichous, compact, simple, or compound spikes. Bractes; the exterior two are broad-ovate, and common to the whole head; the rest within smaller; all are smooth, and end in a small, rigid, acute point. Flowers in pairs, small, nearly inconspicuous, yellow. Calyx, corol, and stamen, as in capitatum. Germ short-pedicelled, smooth, but hairy round the insertion of the calyx, three-celled, and in this species I have only found one of the cells fertile, in it is one ovulum, attached to the bottom of the cell. In capitatum all the three cells are fertile. Style as in the other species, it grows to the tube of the corol, its apex free and hooked. Stigma infundibuliform.

6. P. capitatum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 17.

Stemless. Leaces radical, long-petioled, oblong. Heads of flowers petiolary and ter-

minal, glomerate. Bractes truncate, incurvate.

Naru-killa. Rheed, Mal. 11. p. 67. t. 34.

Phyllodes Placentaria. Lour. Cochin Ch. 16. 17. Kudali. Beng. which also signifies a Plantain.

A native of Chittagong, and of various other parts of India. From the former place it was sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, by Dr. Buchanan in 1797. Flowering time the

rainy season, the seeds ripen in the cool season.

Root perennial, tuberous like ginger, with long, fleshy fibres from the crown, and various other parts. Stem none. Leaves radical, long-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides; from six to eighteen inches long, and broad in proportion. Veins numerous, fine and parallel. Petioles longer than the leaves, slender, round, smooth, taper a little from the hase, and are there expanded into a sheath for those immediately within; such as are destined to bear the flowers have a joint a little above the middle; immediately above this joint there is a swelling, which in due time is forced open on the inside by the growing flowers exactly as in our Indian species of *Pontederia*. It however sometimes appears, and even in the same plant, that some of the petioles, now scapes, extend no further than the flowers. Flowers numerous, collected into a pretty large, sessile head, which bursts from the anterior margin of the jointed petioles, small, and nearly hid among the large bractes; when they first expand in the morning rose-coloured, gradually becoming purple by the evening. Bractes, calvx of Louriero's Phyllodes, several, collecting the small sessile flowers into several fasciculi of two, three, or four pair, each of which expand in succession. The exterior one of each fascicle is large, sub-cylindric, of a firm texture, and reddish colour; apices truncate, with scariose, incurved margin; the rest are smaller, and more or less pointed. Calyx superior, three-leaved; leaflets ensiform, length of the tube of the corol, hairy about the points. Corol one petalled. Take funnel-shaped, scarcely perforated. Border double; exterior of three, equal, purple, spatulate, recurvate segments; interior more elevated on a continuation of the tube, and consists of five, very unequal segments; the exterior two larger, round, curled, and of a pale rose colour; the innermost one small, and running down the side of the filament like a wing. Filament solitary, short, inserted on the mouth of the tube close by the free, curved end of the style. Anther simple; grains of the pollen white, large, and spherical. Germ inferior, oblong, very short pedicelled, hairy, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style growing to, or blended with the tube of the corol. Stigma large, funnel-shaped, obliquely-incurved or hooked towards the anther. Capsule short, turbinate, three-sided, pretty smooth, size of a gooseberry, three-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seed solitary, nearly

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Page round, smooth, dark grey, resting on a small, squamiform aril, which is attached to and surrounds the short umbilical cord which unites the seed to the bottom of the partition.

Integument double; exterior spongy, inner thin and rather hard, adhering to the exterior, and to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, horny, tinged with pale blue; a fissure replete with a brown substance penetrates from the base to a considerable distance upwards. Embryo pure white, hooked, with the convexity upwards, which corresponds with the periphery of the seed.

MAA -HEDYCHIUM. Kön.

Corolla with a long, slender tube; both borders three-parted; inner resupinate. Anther double, naked. Capsule three-celled, three-valved. Seeds numerous, arilled. Embryo simple, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

 H. coronarium. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. p. 10. König in Retz. Obs. 3. 73.
 Leaves lanceolate. Spikes compactly imbricated; segments of the cleft lip of the corol semi-lunar.

Gandsulium. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 69. f. 3.

Goruk-natha of the Bengalees, also by them called Doolala-champa.

A native of various parts of Bengal and the neighbouring provinces. Flowers during

the rains; and the seeds ripen in the early part of the cool season.

Root horizontal, perennial, round, fleshy, marked with annular cicatrices, about as thick as a man's thumb, fleshy, with fibrous ramifications issuing from the cicatrices; taste simply herbaceous. Stems erect, from three to four feet high, round, every where covered with the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves sessile, alternate, bifarious, lanceolate, tapering to an evanescent point; above, a deep smooth green; below, striated, pale, and slightly covered with depressed, soft, white hairs; from nine to twelve inches long, and about two broad. Sheaths smooth on both sides, striated, terminating in a ligulated process, (as in many of the grasses) which is often two-parted. Spike terminal, solitary, erect, linear-oblong, about the size of the thumb, compactly imbricated with many large, oval, concave, green, common, permanent bractes. Flowers large, pure white, * very fragrant, from two to four to each common bracte, but seldom more than one or two expand at the same time. Bractes; besides the common exterior ones, already mentioned, there are as many interior as there are flowers in the fascicle; the largest of which is about half the length of the common bracte, and envelopes not only the most forward (exterior) flower, but all those of the same fascicle, gradually diminishing in size; all have a sheathing base, are membranous, and striated. Calyx superior, one-leafed, a little inflated, contracted at the mouth, a little hairy, striated, half the length of the tube of the corol. Corol one-petalled. Tube long and slender, from the apex of the exterior bractes recurved. Border flat, double. Exterior three-parted; divisions equal, lanceolate, acute, membranaceous, striated. Interior resupinate, three-parted; lower two divisions obliquely oval, short-clawed; upper division broad, obcordate, banner-like, with the fissure deep, and the lobes roundish; margins waved; towards the base tinged yellow. Nectory (of König and Retzius) two short, fleshy, subulate bodies embracing the base of the style. Filament from the lower margin of the mouth of the tube, between the insertions of the inner border of the corol, ascending; upper side channelled for the style, and inserted into the anther a little above its base. Anther linear, sub-erect, two-lobed. Germ obsoletely three-sided, three celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style slender, in length sufficient to elevate the large, hairy, perforated, glandular, green stigma just about the apex of the auther. Capsule oblong, threecelled, three-valved, opening from the apex; inside orange coloured. Seeds many in each cell, invested in their proper, multifld, crimson aril. Integuments two. Perisperm and vitellus together conform to the seed; the former occupies the lower and exterior portion; and the latter the upper and interior portion, and is in immediate contact with the embryo. Embryo simple, subcylindric, nearly as long as the seed.

Obs. This, to me, is the most charming of all the plants of this natural order that I have yet met with; the great length of time it continues to throw out a profusion of large,

beautiful, fragrant blossoms, makes it particularly desirable.

2. H. flavum, R. Leaves broad-lanceolar. Spikes terminal, imbricated. Bractes about four-flowered: interior two segments of the corol linear; lip obcordate, with apex deeply retuse.

A native of the vallies amongst the hills near Silhet, where it is called Kattia-rityam

by the natives. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root tuberous, like that of most other Scitaminea. Stems erect, two or three feet high, and rather stout. Leaves lauceolar, very fine pointed, smooth on both sides. Sheaths smooth, with a very large, smooth membranaceous stipula rising far above the mouth. Spike terminal, solitary, erect, oblong, imbricated; from six to eight inches long. Flowers numerous, large, yellow, resembling those of H. coronariam, fragrant. Bractes; exterior between oval and oblong, rather obtuse, smooth, finely nerved, three or four-flowered, about two or two and half inches long and nearly one and a half broad. Interior, one to each flower, and much smaller. Calyx superior, nearly as long as the tube of the corol, membranaceous, inflated, obliquely two or three-toothed. Corol; tube slender, length of the exterior bractes, all the five proper segments of the border linear, the inner two more deeply

^{*} A variety deeply tinged with yellow, is found in some of the interior provinces; and another of a pale yellow; all are equally fragrant,

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coloured and obtuse. Lip or sixth segment, obcordate, deeply retuse, placed on the interior Page or upper side opposite to the filament. Filament linear, and together with the two-lobed Ed anther about as long as the lip. Germ hairy, three-celled, with numerous ovula in each, attached to the inner angle. Style length of the corol Stigma large, and villous. Capsule turbinate, size of an olive, smooth when ripe yellow, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds a few, smooth, bright deep red, with a partial ragged aril of the same colour. Embryo simple, sub-lanceolate, furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.*

3. H. angustifolium. R.

Leaves linear-lanceolate. Spikes open ; fascicles of flowers subtern, segments of the eleft lip oblong; the other five segments of the corol linear.

Beng. Bhoo-ada.

Native of Chittagong, Silhet, and the eastern parts of Bengal, where it flowers about

the beginning of the rains, in June.

Root tuberous, horizontal, jointed, &c., as in the other scitamineous plants. Stems erect, from three to six feet high, entirely invested in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves bifarious, sessile on their smooth sheaths, narrow-lanceolate, very fine, I may say filiform, pointed, smooth on both sides; from ten to fourteen inches long, by one to two broad. Spike terminal, erect, rigid, from six to eighteen inches long, smooth. Fascicles of flowers generally three-fold, and spreading out considerably from the rachis. Bractes; exterior of the fascicle cylindrical, linear; interior, one to each flower, and smaller. Flowers rather small, dull red (lateritius.) generally about four in the fascicle, and expanding in succession. Calyx superior, cylindric, length of the tube of the corol; mouth equally threetoothed. Corol; tube slender, cylindric, about an inch long; five segments of the border linear (sub-filiform,) variously revolute. Lip lateral, with linear, channelled and two-parted lamina; the segments thereof semi-oval. Filament opposite to the lip, and twice its length, nearly straight, filiform, grooved for the style. Anther two-lobed, naked. Germ oval, a little hairy, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style filiform, its base embraced by the usual two subulate bodies. Stigma funnel form, projecting from the spex of the anther.

Notwithstanding the opinion which the distinguished Botanist Edwards (in his Bot. Regist.) has expressed, I am led to suspect that H. coccineum of Sir J. Smith (Rees's new Cyclopadia, in loco) is a distinct species, of which I have examined the original drawing, left by my inestimable friend and predecessor, Dr. F. Buchanan at the Botanic garden at

Calcutta.

4. H. gracile, R.

Leaves lanceolar. Spikes terminal, open; flowers solitary scattered; segments of the bifld, sessile lip, semi-lanceolar, the other five segments of the corol linear.

Khasee name, Kattia Laphya.

Obs. This is a slender species, about three feet in height, a native of the mountains on the North-East border of Bengal. Like the preceding two species it flowers in the rainy season. Its solitary-flowered spike of white corols with their scarlet filament, and its lanceolar leaves, distinguish it from H. angustifolium.

KÆMPFERIA. Linn. gen. pl. ed. Schreb. No. 9.

Corolla with a long, slender tube, and both borders three-parted. Anther double, with a two-lobed crest. Capsule three-celled many-seeded.
1. K. Galanga, Linn. sp. pl. ed, Willd. 1. 15.

Leaves sessile, round-ovate-cordate. Spikes central. Upper segments of the inner border of the corol oval.

Katsjula Kelengu. Rheed, Mal. 11. p. 81. t. 41. Alpinia sessilis, Kön, in Retz. Obs. 3. p. 62. Soncorus. Rumph, Amb. 5. p. 173, t. 69. f. 2.

Sans. Chandra-moolika.

A native of various parts of India, and common in gardens also. Flowering time the

rainy season.

Root biennial, tuberous, with fleshy fibres from the tubes. Stem none. Leaves radical, petioled, spreading flat on the surface of the earth, round-ovate-cordate, between acute and obtuse; margins membranaceous, and waved; upper surface smooth, deep green; below taper and somewhat woolly; streaked lengthways with ten or twelve slender lines. Petioles hid in the earth; in short they are only cylindric sheaths embracing those within, and the fascicle of flowers, their mouths being crowned with a membranaceous process. Flowers collected in small fascicles, from six to twelve, within the sheaths of the leaves, expanding in succession; pure, pellucid white, except a purple spot on the centre of each of the divisions of the inner border, or lip. Bractes three to each flower; a larger exterior; and two within at the sides; all are linear, acute, membranaceous, and half the length of the

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^{*} In January is16 I received roots of this most charming species from Mr. Smith at Silhet, which produced blossoms in the Botanic garden in October the following year. It differs from H. coronarious, in regard to its flowers, which are about one third smaller, having the inner segments of the corol linear clavate, the fissure of the lip narrow with straight sides, and its base contract-into a linear claw. They partake not only of the yellow colour of those of Mickelia champaca, but possess even the peculiar fragrance of the latter, only in a less powerful and therefore more grateful degree. In stature and leaves both species are alike.

tube of the corol. Calyx length of the bractes. Corol; tube long, filiform; border double, both three-parted. Exterior divisions linear, acute; interior, upper two divisions ovate, erect; under one expanding, two-parted, with lobes bifid. Filament short, apex two-parted, and recurved. Anther replete with white pollen, crowned with a bidentate crest, or continuation of the filament above the anther. Stigma funnel-shaped. Nectarial filaments of König two, filiform, erect, pretty long, embracing the lower part of the style. Pericarp; I never saw it ripen.

Obs. The roots possess an agreeable, fragrant smell, and somewhat warm, bitterish, aromatic taste; the Hindoos use them not only as a perfume, but also medicinally. They

are unknown to our best judges in London.

2. K. rotunda. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 15.

Leaves oblong, coloured. Spike radical, appearing before the leaves. Upper segment of the inner border of the corol lanceolar, and acute.

Malan-Kua. Rheed. Mal. 11. p. 17. t. 9. Sans. Bhoo-champaca. See Asiat. Res. iv. 242. Beng. and Hind. Bhooi-champa or Bhoo-champa.

This elegant plant is very generally found cultivated in gardens on account of the beauty and fragrance of its flowers, and though no doubt a native of various parts of India, yet I cannot say where it is indigenous. Flowering time in our gardens March and April,

at which period the plant is totally destitute of leaves.

Root biennial, tuberous. Stem none. Leaves radical, petioled, oblong, waved, smooth, generally coloured underneath; about a foot long in a good soil, and from four to six inches broad. Petioles sheathing, united into a short stem, as in Curcuma. Scapes just sufficient to elevate the flowers above the earth, embraced by a few common sheaths, of a greenish purple colour. Flowers sessile, from four to six to the scape, or spike, very large, fragrant; colour of various shades of purple, and white. Bractes two to each flower, surrounding the base of the germ; the inner one has its apex two-parted; the exterior, or longest is here only about half the length of the calyx. Calyx above, one-leaved, as long as the tube of the corol, somewhat gibbous; apex generally two-toothed, and of a dotted, purplish colour. Corol; tube long, slender, cylindric, nearly erect, obliquely funnel-shaped towards the mouth; border double, both three-parted. Exterior divisions drooping, linear, with margins involute, pure white. Interior border, the two uppermost divisions erect, lanceolar, acute; colour also white, with the margins slightly tinged with purple; the remaining inferior one is divided into two broad, obcordate, deflected lobes, of a deep purple colour, particularly towards the centre, and base. Nectarial filaments of König as in K Galanga. Filament short, erect, broad, inserted on the base of the uppermost two interior divisions of the corol. Anther linear, and enlarged with an ovate, two-forked, coloured, somewhat recurved crest Germ ovate. Style filiform. Stigma funnel-shaped.

Obs. Woodville observes, at page 362 of his Medical Botany, that the roots of Zedo-aria longa, and rotunda are both produced by the same species of plant, and are indis-

criminately used in the shops : the former, he says, are brought to us in oblong pieces, about the thickness of the little finger; two or three inches in length, bent, rough, and angular; the latter are roundish, about an inch in diameter, of an ash colour on the outside, and white within. I have never met with any of the roots of this plant that agree with his description of the long sort, and they are too small for the round ; so that I must conclude they are the produce of some other plant : at the same time Dr. Woodville's observations on the same page, give me reason to think my Curcuma Zedoaria may be the plant, which

yields this round sort of Zedoaria.

3. K. angustifolia. R. Leaves radical, linear-lanceolate, waved. Spikes hid in the centre of the leaves. Upper two segments of the inner border of the corol linear, oblong, obtuse.

Hind. Kunjan-boora, also Madu-nirbisha.

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root biennial, tuberous, with numerous ramous fibres from every part. Stems none. Leaves radical, numerous, sessile, linear-lanceolate, keeled; margins entire, and much waved; striated lengthways, with darker and lighter coloured green, smooth in every part; from six to eight inches long, and about one broad. Spikes hid in the centre of the leaves, bearing from four to six large, beautiful flowers in succession. Bracles two or three to each flower; one or two interior embrace the germ laterally, the exterior one is larger, all much pointed, and of nearly the same length. Calyx superior, one-leaved, half the length of the tube of the corol, opening obliquely, (spathe-like,) near the apex, which is a single acute point. Corol; tube very long, and slender, elevating the border about two inches above the earth; border double, &c., as in K. rotunda. Nectarial filaments of König, stamens, and pistil as in the last quoted species.

Obs. The root is used as a medicine for cattle, by the people of Bengal.

4. K. pandurata. R.

Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolate, smooth. Spike central. Corol, with the upper segments of the inner border obovate, the inferior one much larger, and panduriform.

Zerumbet claviculatum. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 172. t. 69. f. 1; and I could almost wish to quote Manja-kua, Rheed. Mal. 11. p. 19. t. ii., although referred to already by Linnaeus for Curcuma rotunda, a plant I have never met with, if this be not it.

From Sumatra, this beautiful plant was sent by Dr. Charles Campbell to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during the rains, chiefly in August.

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Root perennial, tuberous like ginger, but of a tolerably bright yellow colour ; from this, Carey straight, slender, fusiform, paler coloured portions descend deep into the soil. Stems scarcely any; height of the plant about a foot and a half. Leaves bifarious, petioled, oblong, acute, smooth; deeper green on the upper surface; veins parallel, and pretty conspicuous, from six to twelve inches long. Petioles above the bifid ligula, deeply channelled, and from two to six or eight inches long; the lower portion sheathing, and forming something like a stem. Spike hid in the centre of the sheaths of the leaves, unilateral, being imbricated on one side, (say the anterior,) with many, sessile, slender, lanceolate, colourless, one-flowered pairs of (exterior and interior) scales or bractes. Flowers pretty large, expanding in succession, and rarely more than one at a time. Calyx superior, membranaccous, irregularly three-toothed. Corol; tube long, and slender. Border double; exterior of three, slender, lanceolate, nearly equal, straight pale pink-coloured segments; inner of three unequal portions; the two superior, or lateral, obovate, the colour and length of the exterior three: the lower, or lip, somewhat panduriform, much broader and longer than the former, and of a much deeper colour. Filament very slender. Anther two-lobed, and crowned with an emarginate, recurved helmet. Germ three-celled, each cell containing many ovula, attached to the axis. Stigma large, with a semilunate opening, which has the straight portion of its margin three-toothed, and the semi-circular one even. Nectarial scales long and slender.

5. K. ovalifolia. Roxb.

Leaves oval. Spikes central, crest of authors laciniate.

A native of the peninsula of Malacca, and from thence sent, by Major Farquhar, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in July. It is an intermediate species, both with respect to size and habit, between K. Galanga and rotunda, and ought to be placed

between them in the system.

Root tuberous, as in the other species, and about biennial. Stems very short; I may say scarcely any. Leaves few, bifarious, patent, oval, with a short acute point, smooth on both sides, about six inches long, by four broad. Spikes central, hid by the short sheaths of the leaves, few-flowered; the flowers expand in succession, all pure white except the purple lip. Corol nearly as in rotunda and angustifolia, the upper two segments of the inner border are obtusely lanceolate, as in the latter : the lip or nectorium of a deep variegated purple colour, the shape cuneate-obcordate, and divided from the apex nearly half the length into two long emarginate lobes. Filament short. Author two-lobed, and crowned with a large, laciniate, erect, white crest. Germ three-celled, &c., as in the genus.

CURCUMA. Linn. gen. pt. ed. Schreb. No. 8.

Corolla with both borders three-parted. Anther double, base bicalcarate. Capsule three-celled; seed numerous, arilled. Embryo simple, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

SECT. I. Spikes lateral.

C. Zerumbet, Roxb. Ind. pl. 3. N. 201.

Bulbs and posmate tubers pale straw-coloured throughout. Leaves green, petioled, broadlanceolar, a dark purple cloud down the middle. Flowers shorter than their bractes.

Sans, Shutee, Gundha-moolee, Shud-grunthhika, Kurvoora, Kurchoora, and Pulasha.

Hind. and Teling. Kuchoora. Beng. Shathee, Kuchoora. Pers. Zerumbad.

Kua. Rheed. Mal. vol. 11. p. 13. t. 7. Zerumbed. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 168. t. 68. Amomum Zerumbeth. Kön. in Retz. Obs. 3, 55.

Zerumbet, or Cachora of Garcias.

The plants from which the following description was taken, were sent by Dr. F. Buchanan, from Chittagong, where they are indigenous, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1798, where they grow freely, and blossom in the month of April. Others have since been procured from thence under the Bengalee name Kuchoora. From that place the native

druggists in Calcutta, are chiefly supplied with the root or drug.

Root consists, as in all the other species of this genus, of ovate bulbs, giving support to the parts above ground; from their opposite sides spring the palmate tubers; these two sorts are inwardly of a pale yellow, or straw-colour, and possess an agreeable camphoraceous smell, and warm bitterish, spicy taste. From the bulbs chiefly, the proper fibrous roots issue: some of these are thicker than others, penetrate deeper into the soil, and end in an oblong, pearl-coloured, solid tuber; which is more spongy and less fragrant when cut, than the bulbs and palmate tubers. Stems no other than the united sheaths of the leaves, surrounded by two or three obtuse, smooth, green, faintly striated, appressed scales. Height of the whole plant about three feet, or three and a half. Leaves from four to six together, sub-bifarious; in general a pretty long, somewhat winged petiole intervenes between each and its stem-forming base. The leaf itself is broad-lanceolar, fine-pointed, and smooth on both sides; constantly a dark purple cloud runs down the centre; reins numerous, fine and parallel; from one to two feet long. Scape rises distinct from the leafy stems, and rather before or with them, stout, from five to six inches long, and surrounded with a few, obtuse, lax, green sheaths, of various length. Spike tufted, from four to five inches long, (so that

Page its apex is elevated nearly a foot above the surface of the earth;) covered with imbricated, oblong, concave bractes, connected by the lower half of their inner margins to the backs of those immediately above, forming as many sacks, or pouches as there are bractes; the those immediately above, forming as many sacks, or pouches as there are bractes; the lower half of these are broad, shorter; scarcely tinged with red, containing each about three or four beautiful, yellow, sessile flowers, which expand in succession, and are embraced laterally by their own proper, smaller, short, colourless bractes. The superior half of the large coloured ones, which form the tufts, are generally sterile, and of a deeper crimson, or purple colour, than those which contain flowers. Calyx superior; scarcely one-third the length of the corol, irregularly three-toothed, pellucid. Corol funnel-shaped. Tube a little curved. Border double; exterior three-parted, the two lateral segments equal; the third or upper one vaulted and crowned with a subulate point; colour, a very faint yellow. third or upper one vaulted and crowned with a subulate point; colour a very faint yellow. Interior three-parted; lower segment, or lip, broad, deep yellow, projecting, recurved, bind; upper or lateral segments obovate, equal, pale yellow, nearly as long as the lip. Filament short. Anther double, the lower end of each lobe terminating in a long, sharp, subulate spur. Germ beneath, hairy, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the inner angle of the cell. Style slender at the base, embraced by the two nectarial filaments. Stigma two-lobed, crowning the anther. Capsule oval, smooth, of a pale straw-colour, thin and nearly pellucid; three-celled, but without any regular division into valves: when the seeds are ripe the elasticity of the segments of the arils bursts the vertex into various portions, from whence the seeds are soon expelled. Seeds several in each cell, arilled: shape various, but the most prevailing is oblong. Aril cut to the very base into several slender, unequal, white, fleshy segments, which are united to the seed round the umbilicus. Integuments two; exterior spongy, with highly polished slippery, light brown surface; interior membranaceous. Perisperm pure white, hard but friable, and occupies the lower half of the seed. Vitellus clearer, but less white and of a tougher consistence than the albumen; it forms or occupies the upper half of the seed. Embryo nearly as long as the seed, tending to be clavate, both ends truncate, the upper half lodged in the vitellus, and the lower in the albumen, or perisperm.

Obs. The dry root powdered and mixed with the powdered wood of the Casalpinia Sappan makes the red powder called Abeer by the Hindoos, and Phag by the Bengalees. It is copiously thrown about by the natives during the Hooli, or Hindoo holidays in the

month of March. The root is also used medicinally amongst the natives.

In 1805, I gave some of the sliced and dried bulbous, and palmate tuberous roots of this plant to Sir Joseph Banks, which he gave to Dr. Comb, who found that it was the real Zedoaria of our Materia Medica, and by the same means ascertained that the root of my Curcuma Zedoaria, is Zedoaria rotunda of the shops.

C. Zedoaria, R.

Bulbs small, and, with the long palmate tubers, inwardly yellow. Leaves broad-lanceolar, sessile on their sheaths, cericeous underneath; the whole plant of a uniform green.

Amomum Zedoaria, Linn. sp. plant. ed. Willd. i. p. 7.

Sans. Vuna-huridra, Sholee, Vunarista, Sholika.

Beng. Junglee, or Bun Huldi, (wild turmeric.)

Arab. Jedwar, or Zadwar.

This beautiful species is a native, not only of Bengal, (and common in gardens about Calcutta,) but is also a native of China, and various other parts of Asia, and the Asiatic islands. Flowering time the hot season, the leaves appear about the same period, or rather after; for it is not uncommon to find the beautiful, large, rosy, tufted spikes rising from the naked earth before a single leaf is to be seen.

Root biennial, tuberous, &c., as in the last, and inwardly of a pretty deep yellow colour, approaching to that of turmeric. Stem no other than the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire, underneath covered with soft cericeous down, which is particularly conspicuous when the leaves are dry. The scape rises distinct from the leaves during the dry season, and often not only at some distance, but also sometime before them; it is round, as thick as a man's fore finger; a few inches long, and embraced by its own short, proper, green sheaths. Spike from six to twelve inches long, &c. exactly as in the last species. Bractes and calyx as in the before-mentioned species. Corol one-petalled; at the base tubular. Tube short, widening a little; its month shut with fine yellow pubescent glands ; throat ample. Border double ; exterior of three pale pink-coloured, erect, oblong divisions; the upper one more pointed, and incumbent over the anther and part of the two upper divisions of the inner border. Interior somewhat ringent, three-parted, fleshy, yellow; the lower lobe or lip longest, obovate, entire, projecting with a crown and erect margin, while a broad elevation of a deep yellow colour runs along its middle; upper two divisions obovate, and with the upper segment of the exterior border, forming a complete covering or dome over the anther. Filament short, inserted between the two upper divisions of the inner border of the corol. Anther two-lobed, each ending in a long, sharp spur at the base. Germ inferior, &c., as in the last. Style filiform. Stigma three-lobed, with a perforation in the centre.

Obs. The plant when in flower is highly ornamental, few surpassing it in beauty; at

the same time it possesses a considerable degree of delicate aromatic fragrance.

Dr. Woodville's observation and quotations, at page 362 of his Medical Botany, induce me to think that the roots of this plant are not only the longer species of the Zedoaria found in the shops; but also the shorter or roundish, their form and size depending on the manner in which they may have been cut for drying : and I have lately learned from Sir J.

Banks, that the dried root of this species agrees well with Zedoaria rotunda.

The Hindoos use the roots as a perfume, and also medicinally; they are sold in their shops, under the Arabic name Judwar, or the Bengalee one of Bun Huldi. When fresh as well as when dry, they are of a pale yellow colour; and possess at all times an agreeable fragrant smell, and warm, bitterish, aromatic taste; whereas the roots of Kæmpferia rotunda possess little or nothing of these sensible qualities, and are withal too rare in every part of India, where I have been, to allow me to think, any quantity of them can ever be collected for exportation.

3. C. zanthorrhiza. R.

Bulbs ovate, with both plamate and pendulous tubers deep yellow. Leaves sessile on

their green sheaths, broad lanceolar, a permanent purple cloud down the middle.

From Amboyna, this remarkable species was brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in the year 1798, and only flowered for the first time in April and May, 1810. It is the only kind I have yet met with, which has its pendulous tubers inwardly of a deep yellow colour, like that of the bulb and palmate tubers. The sheaths of the scapes and leaves are green. The coma large, and of a deep purple, or crimson colour. Exterior barder of the corol red. Leaves broad-lanceolar and oblong; there is a narrow purple cloud down the middle of them, which penetrates to the under side; the whole height about four feet.

4. C. elata. R.

Bulbs oblong, obovate, and with the numerous, large, incurvate, palmate tubers, inwardly of a pale yellow. Leaves sessile on their sheaths, oblong, villous underneath; the whole of an uniform green.

A native of Burma, and from thence introduced by Dr. W. Carey, into the Botanic gar-

den at Calcutta, where it flowers in March and April,

A full description of this species is unnecessary, as it resembles the other species already described, in every respect, except, in such as are pointed out in the definition, viz, its immensely large and numerous bulbs and tubers, which are inwardly of a pale yellow colour; the latter run very near the surface of the ground, and are much incurved. The pendulous tubers, as in every other species, except C. zastkorrkiza, are inwardly pearl-coloured; every part above ground is of a uniform green, the spikes excepted. The leaves appear when the flowers begin to decay, and are larger than in any other species I have yet seen; being from two to three, or even four teet long, by one broad, and villous underneath; the whole height is about six feet. The *pikes are large, with a deep rosy, or even crimson comm. Its external appearance resembles most C. Zedoaria, the roots bowever differ much, independent of their size. This plant is altogether a larger species than that.

5. C. casia. R.

Bulbs ovate, and with the palmate tubers inwardly bluish. Leaves lanceolar, petioled; a deep ferruginous purple cloud down the middle, which penetrates to the under surface; every other part green.

Beng. Neel-kunt'ha, or Kala Huldi. Tommon-itam. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 169.

This elegant, strongly marked species is a native of Bengal, where it blossoms in May, while the greatest heat prevails, just before the periodical rains begin; about the same time the leaves begin to appear. In the deep ferruginous purple cloud down the middle of the leaves, it resembles C. Zerumbet, but differs widely in the colour of the root.

Bulbs ovate. Palmate tubers many, and generally simple; these and the bulbs are inwardly pale blue, verging towards grey, (casius of Willdenow's scale,) in some the blue is pretty deep. Pendulous tubers ovate, oblong, inwardly of a pale watery pearl-colour, and less fragrant than in the former two species. This indeed is the case with all the other species I have examined. Leaves bifarious, petioled, lanceolar, smooth on both sides, a deep ferrugi-nous cloud runs the whole length of the rib, and penetrates through to the underside; every other part, petioles, and their sheaths, of a clear deep green colour; about eighteen inches long, by five broad. Petioles and their sheaths together, about as long as the leaves, making the whole height of the plant about four feet. Spikes lateral, appearing with, or rather before the leaves, about as long as their scapes, together about a foot long. Scales, lower fertile; bracles green, with a ferruginous tinge. Coma deep bright red, tending to crimson. Corol; exterior border red; inner yellow.

6. C. aruginosa. R.

Bulbs ovate, and with the numerous palmate tubers, inwardly æruginous. Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolar, smooth, above the middle a faint ferruginous, evanescent cloud on

the upper surface only; every other part green.

A very stately species, introduced from Burma by the Rev. Dr. W. Carey, into Bengal, where it blossoms in May, immediately after which the leaves begin to appear. It is distinguished from all our other Cureumas by the internal arraginous, or verdigrease-like colour of its ovate bulbs, and its short thick palmate tubers; while the oval pendulous tubers, with which it abounds, are inwardly of a clear pale pearl colour. The comose lateral spike is in this, as it is in the other species. The exterior border of the corol is rose-coloured; the interior deep yellow. The leaves are broad-lanceolar, of a firm texture, and smooth on both sides; from two to three feet long, and from six to nine inches broad. Petioles and their sheathing portions together from two to three feet long; which gives to the whole plant a height of from four to six feet.

7. C. ferruginea. R.

Bulbs and palmate tubers copious, inwardly pale yellow. Sheaths of the scapes, and

Page leaves ferruginous-red, with a faint mark of the same colour on the middle of the upper surface of the leaves.

A native of Bengal. Flowers in April and May. By attending to the pale yellow very fragrant roots, and to the rusty reddish sheaths of the scapes and leaves, this species will be readily known. The leaves, as in most of the others, are broad-lanceolar, (that is, they taper equally toward each end,) including the sheaths and petioles, they are four feet high, or more; a very faint ferruginous tinge runs down the middle, which is very conspicuous in those that appear first in the season; whereas it is scarcely to be observed in the latter. The flowers are large, few in number, with the exterior border red, and the interior deep yellow. The bracles to the fertile part of the spike ferruginous, those of the coma few, and of a pretty bright crimson colour.

8. C. rubescens, R.

Bulbs ovate-lanceolate, and with the palmate tubers inwardly pearl-coloured. Leaves broad lanceolate, on red winged petioles, above the sheaths; rib red. Scape and scales red. Flowers longer than their bractes.

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the months of April and May, soon after which the leaves appear; and decay about the beginning of the cool season, in November. Every

part has a strong, but pleasant aromatic smell when bruised, particularly the root.

Root of several, erect, solid, conical, pale straw or pearl-coloured, powerfully aromatic bulbs, which gave support to the former years foliage, and are strongly marked with the circular scars thereof; from their opposite sides, the scapes and stems of the succeeding year spring, which form similar new bulbs when those of the former year decay; but during their existence, there issues round their lower half, a number of strong fleshy fibers, many of which end in ovate or sub-cylindrical, pale white, slightly aromatic tubers, which also perish with the original parent bulb. Stems, as in the other species, no other than the united sheaths of the leaves, which like them, decay annually about the month of October, and appear again when the flowers begin to perish in April. Leaves bifarious, (six or eight of them forming the above-mentioned stems, of about three or four feet in height, leaves included,) petioled on their sheathing base, broad-lanceolate, cuspidate, smooth, strongly marked with parallel veins; of an uniform dark-green, with the nerves or ribs red, from twelve to twenty-four inches long, by five or six broad. Petioles and sheaths channelled, smooth, and of a deep red colour; a projecting process on the inside marks, in all this natural order, the limit of the sheath, and the beginning of the petiole. Scape radical, lateral, cylindric, about six inches long, invested in several, dark reddish sheaths. Spike tufted, five or six inches long, erect. Coma less deeply coloured than in Zerumbet. Bractes, or scales of the spike exactly as in the other species, each embracing four or five flowers, which expand in succession. Flowers small, bright yellow, rather longer than their bractes, fragrant. Tabe of the corol slender, its mouth completely shut with three villous, yellow glands. Fruit not seen in a rije state.

Obs. The ovate oblong, pendulous tubers of several species of Curcuma, yield a very beautiful, pure starch, like the Arrow-root, produced from Maranta arundinacea and Tacea pinnatifida, which the natives of the countries where the plants grow, prepare and eat. In Travancore, where some of these species abound, this flour, or starch, forms, I am told, a large part of the diet of the inhabitants. My C. angustifolia is another species which yields the same substance; and I have no doubt but the pendulous tubers of this species yield it

also, and equally good.

Since writing the above, I have received from Chittagong, Bhagulpore, and Mirzapore, plants of three other sorts, all employed for the same purpose.

9. C. comosa. R.

Bulbs large, oval, inwardly pale ochraceous. Spikes clavate; fertile bractes of a pale pink colour; coma copious and rosy. Leaves broad-lanceolar; a faint ferruginous cloud above the middle of the earliest ones; every other part green.

A native of Burma. From Rangoon Mr. Felix Carey sent plants to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they thrive well, and blossom in May, at which time it is by far the most beautiful, and the largest of the genus, I have yet seen.

Bulbs very large, oval, inwardly of a pale ochraeous colour. Palmate tubers scarcely any. Pendulous tubers lanceolar, and connected to the bulb by uncommonly long, thick, fibrous cords. Leaves bifarious, petioled on their sheaths, lanceolar, smooth, and green in every part, except in those which appear first in the season, which have a faint ferruginous cloud on the centre of the upper surface beyond the middle; from two to three feet long; the petioles with their sheathing bases measuring about as much more, making the whole height of the plant five or six feet. Spikes lateral, appearing rather before the leaves, short-scaped, large, clavate. Fertile bractes of a beautiful pale pink. Barren ones of the coma a deep, lively, rosy red; on account of the beauty and size of this part, I have given it the trivial name comosa. Corol with the exterior border pink ; inner pale yellow.

10. C. leucorrhiza. R.

Bulbs ovate; planate tubers long and far-spreading, like the former they are inwardly of a pale straw colour. Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolar, smooth, of an uniform green in

every part. Spikes few-flowered, with a coma as long as the fertile portion.

A native of the forests of Bahar. From Bhagulpore Mr. John Glass, the surgeon of that station, sent roots to this garden, under the name Tikor; and observed that the plant is not cultivated, but grows in the jungles, to the southward of that place. The process, he says, for obtaining the starchy substance called Tokor, is as follows: "The root is dug up, and rubbed on a stone, or beat in a mortar, and afterwards rubbed in water with the hand,

and strained through a cloth; the fecula having subsided, the water is poured off, and the Carey

Tikor, (fecula,) dried for use.

This plant grows freely in the Botanic garden, and flowers in May. Here the palmate, or horizontal tubers, are particularly straight, and often near a foot long: they run deep in the earth, and far. Their inward colour, as well as that of the bulbs, is a very pale ochraceous yellow, almost pure white. Pendulous tubers numerous, oblong, inwardly pearl white. Leaves broad-lanceolar, uniformly green, about two feet long; whole height of the plant from three to four feet. Spikes lateral, the inferior fertile portion not longer than the rosy coma. Flowers the length of the bractes: exterior border slightly tinged with pink; inner yellow. In the structure of the fruit it agrees perfectly with that of C. Zerumbet.

11. C. angustifolia. R.

Bulb oblong, with pale, oblong, pendulous tubers only. Leaves petioled, narrow-lanceo-Flowers longer than the bractes.

Tikor of the Hindoos.

Found by H. T. Colebrooke, Esq. in the forests from the banks of the Sona to Nagpore, and by him introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in July. leaves make their appearance at the same time with those of the other species, and decay

about the beginning of the cool season, in November.

Root, from a fusiform biennial crown issue many fleshy fibres, which end in smooth, oval, succulent tubers. Stem, consisting of a few pule-coloured, leafless, surrounding sheaths. Leavest petioled, narrow-lanceolar, most acute, striated with fine parallel veins, smooth on both sides; from one to three feet long, (petiole and sheath included,) which is in fact the whole height of the plant. Petioles from six to twelve inches long, the lower half or more of which, expands into a sheath to embrace those within; the upper half or proper petioles slender, and channelled. Spike radical; from four to six inches long, separate from the leaves, crowned with a tuft of oval, lively purple, neuter bractes. Bractes common below the coloured neuter ones, ovate-cordate, obtuse, expanding recurvedly, each embracing three or four flowers, which open in succession. Bractes proper boat-shaped, embracing the proper perianth, and germ of each flower. Flowers large, longer than their bractes, bright yellow, expanding at sunrise, and decaying at sunset of the same day. Calyx above, three-toothed, somewhat inflated. Corol; tube somewhat gibbons, contracted at the mouth, and there shut with short hairs; throat campanulate; exterior border pale-yellow, consisting of one large, vaulted, upper segment, and two lower, oblong, smaller, concave ones; inner border three-parted; lower segment or lip with its exterior part sub-orbicular emarginate, or bifid; upper segments obovate, cuneate, with the filament, or short antheriferous segment, between them. Anther as in the genus, double, with a spur from the lower end of each lobe. Germ beneath, villous, three-celled, with many seeds in each. Style slender, at its insertion are the usual two nec-

tarial bodies. Stigma globular, gaping on the auterior side.

Obs. From the oval pendulous tubers, Mr. Colehpooke observes, a sort of starch or Arrow-root-like fecula is prepared, which is sold in the markets of Benares, and is eaten by

the natives.

SECT. II. Spikes central.

 C. longa, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 14. Retz. Obs. 3, 72.
 Bulbs small, and with the numerous, long, palmate tubers, inwardly of a deep orange yellow. Leaves long-petioled, broad-lanceolar, of an uniform green.

Amomum Cureuma. Gmelin, and Jacq. Hort, Vind. 3, t. 4.

Manjella-kua. Rheed. Mal. 11, p. 21, t. 11.

Cureuma domestica major. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 162. t. 37.

Carcumaa of Avicenna. Dar-zard of Garcias.

Sans, Huridra, Huldee, Peeta, Kanchanee, Nisha, Varavarnince, Krimighna, Yoshitpriya, Harivilasinee.

Hind. and Beng. Huldee, Huludee, Pit-ras.

Heb. Kurkum.

Arab. Urukus-sufr, Urukus-saboghin.

Teling. Pampee. Pers. Zerd-chob.

Hulad, or Haladee. Mahrat.

Is much cultivated about Calcutta, and in all parts of Bengal. König's description published by Retzius, is so very exact and complete, that there is nothing left for me to add.

Cultivation,

The ground must be rich, friable, and so high as not to be overflowed during the rainy season, such as the Bengalees about Calcutta call Danga. It is often planted on land where sugar-cane grew the preceding year, and is deemed a meliorating crop. The soil must be well ploughed and cleared of weeds, &c. It is then raised in April and May, according as the rains begin to fall, into ridges, nine or ten inches high, and eighteen or twenty broad, with intervening trenches nine or ten inches broad. The cuttings or sets, viz. small portions of the fresh root, are planted on the tops of the ridges, at about eighteen inches, or two feet

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Page asunder. One acre requires about from nine hundred such sets, and yields in December and January, about two thousand pounds weight of the fresh root.

13. C. Amada. R.

Bulbs conic, and with the palmate tubers, inwardly pale-yellow. Leaves long-petioled, broad lanceolate, smooth. Spikes scanty, few-flowered. The whole plant uniformly

Amada of the Bengalees, which means mango-ginger, the fresh root possessing the peculiar smell of a green mange. It is used medicinally by the natives. It is a native of

Bengal. Flowering time the latter part of the rains.

Root consisting of horizontal, palmate, sessile tubers united to the sides of an ovate-conic bulb of the same colour, which gives existence and support to the leaves, and spike; from its sides and base long fleshy fibres issue, which penetrate deep into the soil; some of which end in oblong, paler (pendulous) tubers. Stems no other than the united sheaths of the leaves. Leaves radical, bifarious, petioled above their sheaths, ventricose, lanceolar, cuspidate, smooth on both sides; from six to eighteen inches long, by three to six brid or Men decay about the end of October, and appear again with the first showers of April or May. The petioles I divide into two portions: the lower or sheathing part from six to twelve inches long; and the upper or proper petioles, from three to nine; the whole measuring in general, from one to two feet. Scape central, about six inches long, invested in several alternate sheaths. Spike shorter than the scape, cylindric, crowned with a tuft of loose, coloured, pale rosy, abortive bractes. Bractes oblong, imbricated, the lower half of their margins united to the backs of the two next above, forming a pouch, for a fascicle of four or five, rather small, yellow flowers, which expand in succession; these have each a proper bracte, which embraces the tube of the flower only, and may be called an inferior calvx. Calyx superior, unequally three-toothed. Corol with a slender tube; its mouth shut with three yellow hairy glands; four sub-campanulate. Border double, both three-cleft, &c., as in the other species. Germ oval, hairy, three-celled, with several seeds in each attached to their central receptacles.

14. C. viridiflora, R.

Bulbs oblong, and with the palmate tubers inwardly of a deep yellow. Leaves longpetioled, broad-lanceolar. The whole plant, (even the spike and coma,) uniformly green.

Tammon Giring seu Giri. Rumph, Amb. 5, 169.

A native of Sumatra, and the other eastern islands; from Bencoolen Dr. Charles Campbell sent plants to this garden, where they grow luxuriantly, and blossom in July and

August.

Root consisting, like that of the other species, of bulbs, and palmate, pendulous tubers; aromatic, and bitter, and employed by the Malays of Sumatra to dye with. Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolar, smooth; from one to three feet long; the petioles, and sheaths thereof about as long. Spike central, large. Bractes, even those of the coma, uniformly green; the latter only paler. Flowers small, very pale yellow. 15. C. montana, Corom. pl. 2, N. 151.

Bulbs conic, with pale-yellow palmate tubers. Leaves short, petioled, oblong. The whole plant uniformly green, except the rosy coma of the spike.

It grows in moist places, amongst the Circar mountains. Flowering time the rainy

Root perennial, consisting of conical bulbs enveloped in the remaining sheaths of the leaves, and also of horizontal tubers, as in ginger, &c. with large fleshy fibres from their base. Leaves radical, three or four-petioled, their petioles from eight to twelve inches long, enveloped in a few sheaths, forming something like a stem; the leaves themselves are oval, pointed, beautifully veined, smooth, from eight to twelve inches long, and from five to six broad. Spikes rise from the centre of the petioles; their peduncle is of their length, and involved in its proper sheaths. Bractes numerous; the inferior roundish, the superior oblong; the lower half of the base of the two inner are united to the margins of the next without, forming a sack, which contains from two to four flowers, each of which has a smaller wedged-formed membranaceous proper bracte. The coma or superior bractes large, waved, rose-coloured, and (generally) without flowers. Calyx as in the two former species. Tubo of the corol widening, somewhat campanulate; border double. Exterior three-parted; divisions equal, entire. Interior two-lipped; upper lip erect, three-cleft; under lip entire, roundish, border waved, and a little notched. Filament no other than the middle segment of the upper lip of the interior border of the corol; anther two-lobed, linear, the under point of each lobe ending in a long sharp spur. Germ below. Base of the style embraced with the usual two nectarial bodies, which in this species are larger; stigma large, globular, twolipped, somewhat marked.

16. C. reclinata. R.

Bulbs fusiform, with scarcely any palmate tubers, but many straw-coloured, oval, pendulous ones. Leaves petioled, oblong, reclinate.

Discovered by H. T. Colebrooke, Esq. in the interior parts of India, where it blossoms

during the rains.

Root a bulbous head, from which descend many fleshy fibres, ending in large, smooth, oval tubers. Stem none, but the height of the whole plant (viz. the spike) is about six inches; the leaves, being reclined, add nothing to its height. Leaves radical (in the only plant at present in my possession, from which this description is taken); four in number, two on each side of the spike, embracing it closely, with the lower sheathing part of their petioles

reclined, oblong, acute; margins slightly waved; smooth on both sides; length, exclusive of Petioles, about nine inches, and about four or five broad. Petioles, including the sheath. ing base, from three to four inches long, deeply channelled, and smooth. Spike from the centre of the leaves, its short scape entirely hid by their sheaths, the rest loosely imbricated, with large, ovate, obtuse, expanded coloured bractes : the superior sterile, and more deeply coloured as in the other species of this family; but here, and in no other that I have yet seen, are the whole deeply coloured. Flowers small, of a dull dark pink colour, except the lower segment of the inner border, which is tinged with yellow. Calgar inflated, obscurely three-toothed, scarcely half the length of the tube of the corol. Tube of the corol sub-cylindric; throat campanulate. The border, stamen, and pistil, as well as the nectorial scales of König, as in the other species, already described.

17. C. petiolata. R.

Bulbs and palmate tubers few and small; inward colour pale yellow; tubers numerous, pendulous, on short fusiform fibres. Leaves long-petioled, oblong, ovate with the base rounded, (this is the only species known to me, in which they have this form.) The whole plant uniformly green, except the lilac-coloured coma of the spike.

A native of Pegu, and from thence sent by Mr. F. Carey to the Botanic garden at Cal-

cutta, where it blossoms in August.

Obs. This species differs conspicuously from all my other curcumæ in the cordate shape of the leaves. The spike is central, as in the other late flowering species, its coma small, and of a lilac colour; the bractes very perfectly united almost to the broad, reniform apex, forming uncommonly deep pouches for the small yellow flowers.

AMOMUM. Schreb. gen. plant. N. 3.

Corolla with the interior border unilabiate. Auther double, surmounted with an entire, or lobate crest. Capsule three-celled, three-valved. Seeds many, arilled. Embryo simple, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

A. cardamomum, Linn. spec. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 8.

Leaces short-petioled, lanceolar. Spikes half immersed in the earth, loosely imbricated with villous, lauceolate, acute, one-flowered bractes. Lip with the anterior margin threelobed. Crest three-lobed.

Cardamomum minus. Rumph. Amb. p. 152. t. 65. f. 1.

A native of Sumatra, and other islands to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal, and sent by Dr. Charles Campbell from Bencoolen to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms

Root perennial, creeping under the surface of the soil, like that of ginger, but smaller, less fleshy, more ligneous, and white; from which descend, and spread, many fleshy fibres. Stems about bieunial, several rising obliquely to the height of from two to four feet, about as thick as a stout ratan, invested in the smooth, deep green sheaths of the leaves. Leaves alternate, bifurious, short-petioled on their smooth stem-clasping sheaths; from broad-lanceolate below, to narrow-lanceolate at top, entire and smooth on both sides; point long, and very fine; from six to twelve inches long. Spikes radical, sessile, oblong, appearing amongst the stems, half immersed in the earth, loosely imbricated with one-flowered, lanceolate, acute, villous, nervous, scariose, ash-coloured bractes; when old their brittle tops are often broken off. Bractes; besides the exterior one-flowered ones, just mentioned, there is an inner, striated, downy, scariose, two-toothed, tubular one, (which I have sometimes considered an exterior and inferior calgar, and which König sometimes called an involucre,) inserted round the base of the germ. Flowers opening in succession, and not very conspicuous. Calyx clavate, tubular, downy, three-toothed, length of the tube of the corol. Tube of the corol, slender, and slightly incurved. Exterior border of three subequal pellucid divisions. Lip, or inner border, rather longer than the exterior great border, somewhat three-lobed, with a crenate, curled margin; middle lobe yellow, with two rosy lines leading up to it from the mouth of the tube. Filament scarcely half so long as the border of the corol, incurved over the mouth of the tube. There is a slender subulate horn on each side of the base of the filament, and nearly its length. Asther double, large, fleshy, with a large, three-lobed, concave crest; infundibuliform stigma rising through a deep greove between the two polleniferous lobes. Germ beneath, downy, and crowned with the two nectarial scales, within the base of the tube of the corol; in this species they are short, and truncated.

Obs. The seeds are to the taste agreeably aromatic, and are used by the Malays as a

substitute for the true Cardamomum of Malabar

2. A. angustifolium. Linn. spec. pl. ed. Willd, 1. p. 8.

Leaves broad-lanceolate. Spikes elevated, linear-oblong, compact; clavate bractes oblong, rather pointed. Lip obovate, cuneate, entire. Crest three-toothed.

Amomum angustifolium, Sonnerat, it. 2 f. 137.

A native of Madagascar. From the island of Mauritius Captain Tennant brought plants thereof to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1802, where they grow freely, and blossom at various times of the year. Every part of the plant, when bruised, or wounded, diffuses a strong, but pleasant aromatic smell.

Root perennial, tuberous, horizontal; strong fleshy fibres, together with runners, issue from the crown, or bulb; by these runners the plant soon spreads, and by these it is easily multiplied. Stems numerous, straight, round, smooth, rising to the height of from six to ten feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sub-sessile on their sheaths, broad-lanceolate, fine-

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Page pointed, smooth on both sides; from twelve to eighteen inches long, and from about four to six broad. Sheaths embrace about three quarters of the stem, are smooth, and rise in an obtuse process, (ligula,) above the insertion of the leaves. Scapes from the bulb, or base of the stem, where it unites with the root, rather slender, from six to twelve inches long, and closely imbricated with many, mucronate, smooth, sheathing scales. Spikes linear-oblong, about the size of a man's thumb, imbricated with similar, but larger scales than those of the scape; the inner more deeply coloured. Flowers few, pretty large, and possessed of a strong spicy fragrance. Bracles; proper two to each flower, linear-oblong, inserted round the base of the germ, like an inferior perianth. Calyx superior, deep blood red, smooth on both sides, slit two-thirds on the outside, apex obscurely three-toothed. Corol; tube clavate, about as long as the bractes. Exterior border red, consisting of one large, erect, oblong, concave segment, which protects the anther and stigma; and of two inferior, very narrow segments. Lip obovate-cuneate, entire, or slightly three-lobed, yellow, and about as long as the exterior border. Filament broad, particularly toward the base, where it has a small coloured hornlet on each side. Anther double, surmounted with a large, three-toothed coronet. Germ clavate, obscurely three-sided, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the partitions. Stigma funnel-shaped, somewhat bilabiate. Nectorial bodies of König are here larger, and longer than in the other species.

3. A. aculeatum. R.

Leaves sub-sessile, cordate-lanceolate. Spikes obovate, lax, even with the ground. Lip oval, ventricose. Crest amply three-lobed. Capsules echinate.

A native of the Malay Archipelago. It was raised from seed sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Mr. W. Roxburgh, in 1802, where the plants blossom in April and May, and

ripen their seed in October and November.

Root perennial, tuberous like ginger, with many, thick, fleshy fibres. Stems a little recurvate, the thickness of a walking caue, slightly pubescent; from five to ten feet high. Leaves alternate, bifarious, very short-petioled, cordate-lanceolate, mucronate, smooth, dark green; generally from twelve to eighteen inches long, and from three to four inches broad.

Sheaths half stem-clasping, villous on the outside. Ligula short, and of a semi-lunar shape,
Scapes issuing from the base of the stem, under the surface of the ground, where it joins the root, diverging a little way under the surface of the earth, invested in oval, fleshy scales; those next to the spike longer, and more pointed. Spikes obovate, rising obliquely among, or near the stems, just so much as to elevate its flower-bearing apex above the surface of the earth. Flowers numerous, and expand in succession; prevailing colour deep orange. Bractes; exterior one-flowered, linear-oblong, length of the tube of the corol; inner tubula with two-toothed margin, and inserted round the base of the germ, like an inferior perianth. Calyx above, tubular, two or three-toothed. Corol, tube slightly incurved. Exterior border three-parted; segments unequal, erect, oblong, obtuse, the middle one larger, concave, and incumbent over the fissure of the inner border, together forming a campanulate tube. Lip sub-rotund, with crenulate, curled margin, and marked with beautiful crimson spots down the middle, on the inside. Filament erect, with a hornlet on each side of its base. Anther two-lobed; lobes linear-oblong, and surmounted with a broad, three-lobed crest. Germ inferior, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the inner angle. Stigma funnel-shaped. Capsule the size of a large nutmeg, oval, (not sulcate as in König's Amomum or Globba crispa, Retz. 3. p. 50.) but thickly beset with numerous, stout prickles, three-celled, three-valved; valves fleshy (not nuciform as in Globba crispa, Rump. Amb. 6. p. 137). Partitions membranaceous. Seeds many in each cell, oval, smooth, brown; surrounded with a pale, gelatinous, sweetish-acid pulp or aril, intermixed with fine woolly filaments, and attached to a central receptacle by very slender cords, which are enveloped in the same gelatinous pulp which surrounded the seed. Perisperm white, cartilaginous. Vitellus nearly spherical, lodged about the middle of the perisperm, and of a clearer colour, and harder texture. Embryo sub-cylindric, the inner end, or cotyledou, lodged in the vitellus, which in some seeds it passes entirely through. Radicle pointing directly to the umbilicus.

4. A. maximum, R.

Leaves petioled, lanceolar, villous underneath. Spikes oval, even with the earth. Bractes lanceolate. Lip elliptic. Coronet of one semi-lunar lobe. Capsules round, nine-

This plant is now growing in the Company's Botanic garden near Calcutta; it was introduced from the Malay islands by the late Colonel Kyd. Flowering time the hot season; the

seeds ripen three or four months afterwards.

Root tuberous, as in ginger, but much larger, and with large, conical bulb-like bases to the oldest stems. Stems nearly erect, round, and smooth; from six to eight or more feet high, invested in the smooth, long sheaths of the leaves. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar, and linear-lanceolar, acute, smooth above; villous underneath, with many large parallel veins; from two to three feet long, and about six inches broad; when dry the under side appears to be more closely covered, with most beautiful, soft, sericeous down, than while fresh. Petioles, the sheathing part long, between each petiole and its leaf there is a short, somewhat triangular portion, with a stipulary process, or ligula at the inside of its base. Spikes radical, short, their flower-bearing apex being only just above the earth; below the flowers it is covered with large, oval, concave scales. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, lanceolate, membranaceous, rather longer than the tubes of the flowers. Calyx tubular, a little gibbous, length of the tube of the corol; mouth three-toothed. Corol; tube funnel-shaped. Exterior border threeparted, as usual; but here they all converge upward into one helmet over the anther and Page stigma, as in the Orchidea. Lip entire, expanding, oblong, marked with a yellow stripe Ca down the middle; margins waved, and crenulate. Filament short, from the mouth of the tube of the corol, opposite to its interior border, on each side of its insertion, is a small hornlet. Anther double, or two-lobed, and crowned with a beautiful, broad, semi-lunar crest.

Nectorial bodies of König linear, fluted, and truncate. Germ short-pedicelled, striated, three-celled, with numerous ovula in each, attached to the inner angle, (axis.) Style slender. Stigma funnel-shaped, but shut transversely, except during anthesis. Capsule almost globular, size of a gooseberry, three-celled, three-valved, ornamented with nine, firm, short, ragged (when old and dry), membranaceous wings.

Obs. The seeds possess a warm, pungent, aromatic taste, not unlike that of Cardamoms,

but by no means so grateful.

5. A. dealbatum. R.

Leaves broad-lanceolar, villous underneath. Spikes radical. Bractes lanceolate, obtuse, (very perishable.) Exterior border vaulted. Lip round-oval. Crest of one, broad, truncat-

ed lobe. Capsules ovate-oblong, nine-winged.

A stately species, a native of Chittagong, and other countries which form the eastern frontier of Bengal: from the former it has been introduced into the Botanic garden near Calcutta, where it grows luxuriantly, and flowers freely during the months of March and

April; and the seeds ripen in September and October.

Roots perennial, tuberous crooked, jointed, creeping, like common ginger, with strong, fleshy fibres; inward colour of the tubers pale dull yellow, and when newly cut considerably aromatic. Stems numerous, erect in the centre, and oblique in the circumference of the clump. from three to five feet high. Leaves sub-bifarious, the lower sessile on their sheaths and oblong, the superior short-petioled and lanceolar; all are very villous, and paler underneath, length from six to twenty-four inches, breadth from three to six. Sheaths smooth, rising in a bifid ligula above the mouth. Spikes radical, roundish obovate. Scape short and imbricated with scales, &c. Bractes from ovate to lanceolate, obtuse, very perishable, pale, one-flowered. In this species there is no inner bracte, like an interior calyx attached to the base of the germ, so general in this natural order. Flowers numerous, large, white. Calgar superior, rather longer than the tube of the corol, three-cleft, and the bractes very perishable. Corol; tube short, the three exterior segments of the border form a vault over the auther, they are linear-oblong, and nearly equal. Lip broad-oval, emarginate; margins curled, white, with a little yellow in the centre. Filament short. Anther linear, crowned with an entire, broad, truncate, pure white crest. Germ short pedicelled, three-ceiled, &c. as in the genus. Capsules ovate-oblong, size of a nutmeg, nine-winged, three-celled, but I have not observed them separate into valves. Seeds many, shape various, but oval and ovate are most common. Integaments besides the aril, or its dried remains, a single, very hard, dark coloured, brittle one. Perisperm conform to the seed, white and cartilaginous. Vitellus lodged in the upper part of the perisperm, of a roundish shape, hard, sub-hyaline. lindric, its apex immersed in the vitellus, and its base at the umbilicus.

Obs. The seeds of this plant are insipid, whereas those of Amomum maximum, which is

nearly allied to it, are aromatic, and pass for a sort of Cardamom.

6. A. subulatum R.

Leaves lanceolar, smooth. Spikes ovate, echinated with the long subulate points of the bractes, calyx, and upper segment of the exterior border of the corol. Lip oblong.

A native of the lower range of mountains which skirt the plains of Bengal on the north, where it grows on the borders of the rills of water between the hills. Flowering time in the Botanic garden near Calcutta, March and April; and the seeds ripen during the rains

Root tuberous, erceping at a small distance under the surface of the soil, &c. as in the genus, and amply furnished with numerous, strong fibres. Stems erect, about three or four feet high, and about as thick as the little finger. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sessile on their sheaths, narrow-lanceolar, finely acuminate, deep green, and smooth on both sides; from twelve to fifteen inches long, by three or four broad. Sheaths smooth, margins coloured and rising above the mouth into an emarginate ligula. Spikes radical, compact, a little elevated above the soil, obcvate, size of a goose-egg, echinate with the long, subulate, pale vellow points of the bractes, inner cally and upper segments of the exterior border of the corol. Bractes numerous, the exterior imbricated upward, obovate dark-red, smooth, long-subulate, pointed, one-flowered; the inner, or inferior cally, spathiform, opening on one side. Flowers large, yellow. Calga superior, three-cleft, segments subulate, and much longer than the tube of the corol. Corol; exterior border of three nearly equal segments, the upper one ends subulately. Lip oblong, often emarginate; margins a little curled, deeper yellow than the exterior segments. Filament flat. Anther two-lobed and crowned with an entire crest. Germ three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the thick partitions, a little removed from the axis. Style, stigma and nectorial scales of König as in the genus.

7. A. aromaticum. R. Beng. Morung Elachi.

A native of the vallies on the eastern frontier of Bengal, where, as well as in the Botanic garden near Calcutta, it blossoms during the hot season, before the periodical rains begin; and the fruit ripens in September; the capsules are then carefully gathered by the natives, and sold to the druggists, who dispose of them for medicinal and other purpose, where such spices are wanted, under the name of Morung elachi, or cardamom; though the seed vessel of this species differs in form from all hitherto described sorts of this drug; however the seeds are similar in their shape and spicy flavour.

Root tuberous, running for a small extent at a small depth under the surface of the soil, &c. as in the order. Stems in tufts, erect, or more or less oblique according to their situation in the tuft, those in the centre being nearly erect, while on the outside they bend out considerably, all are covered with the sheaths of the leaves, general height two to three feet; duration from one to two years. Leaces bifarious, lanceolar, acuminate, smooth; from ten to twelve inches long, and from two to four broad. Spikes radical, imbricated, at first clavate, afterwards becoming roundish as the fruit advances. Scape from one to three inches long, hid under the surface of the earth, and embraced by numerous imbricated, sheathing scales, Flowers of a middling size, pale yellow. Bractes; exterior one-flowered, oblong, concave, smooth; interior, or inferior perianth, tubular, sheathing the germ, and lower half of the proper perianth. Calyx superior, cylindric, entire, or dentate, villous. Corol with a long, slender tube; segments of the exterior border sub-lanceolar, obtuse, the upper one somewhat vaulted over the stamina, and stigma. Lip nearly round, and undivided, tinged with red down the middle; no spurs, or projections between it and the base of the filament. Filament linear, incurved. Anther crowned with a three-lobed crest. Germ villous, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the axis. Capsule ovate, size of a large nutmeg, rather fleshy; surface somewhat rugose, three-valved, three-celled. Seeds several in each cell; oval, and obovate are the most prevailing forms. Perisperm conform to the seed. Vitellus nearly round, occupying a considerable portion of the upper part of the perisperm. Embryo clavate, length of the seed, its apex passing through the centre of the vitellus.

8. A. sericeum, R.

Leaves lanceolar, sericeous underneath. Racemes radical, sub-globular, ramous. Lip

obovate, base calcarate.

A native of the mountains on the north-east border of Bengal, where it is also called Dooi Kesha. It is a stately plant, with leaves about two feet long, and of the colour and appearance of highly polished silver underneath. The inflorescence a completely compound, sub-globular raceme with the short, villous, branches thereof two or three-flowered, each flower pretty longpedicelled and embraced during their early period with villous, oblong, membranaceous bractes, which soon perish; the calyx is more permanent, tubular, villous, and three-toothed. Flowers large, white, centre of the lip variegated with pink veins on a yellow ground; exterior border of three, nearly equal, oblong, white segments, the upper one ends subulately from an obtuse apex; two large spurs between the base of the lip and that of the rather long filament; anther of two linear lobes, crowned with a very large, curled, semi-lunar crest. Germ villous, nine-ribbed, three-celled, &c. as in the genus. Capsule long, narrow, ovate-oblong, threecelled, three-valved, surface even and smooth, colour a brownish red, inside deeper and brighter. Seeds many, obovate, black, and pretty smooth, aril white and fleshy. Embryo simple, erect, length of the seed, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

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Corolla with the interior border unilabiate. Anther double, crowned with a single, horn-shaped, curved beak. Capsule three-celled, three-valved. Seeds many, arilled. Embryo simple, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

SECT. I. Spikes radical.

I. Z. officinal. Roscoe in Trans. of Linn. Soc. viii. 348.

Leaves sub-sessile, linear-lanceolate, smooth. Spikes elevated, oblong; bractes acute. Lip

Amomum Zingiber. Rinn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 6.

Sans. Ardrukum, Shringuverum.

Arab. Zenjabil.

Beng. and Hind. Adraka, or Ada. The dry root Soontha.

Teling, Allam.

Inschi, sel Inschi kua. Rheed. Mal. 11. p. 21. t. 12.

Zingiber majus. Rumph. Amb. 5 p. 156. t. 66. fig. 1.

This plant is universally known, and cultivated over all the warmer parts of Asia; where to be found indigenous I know not. Flowering time the rainy season; but it is very rarely

found in that state; nor have I ever met with the seeds.

Root tuberous, biennial. Stems erect, and oblique, invested in the smooth sheaths of the leaves; generally three or four feet high, and annual. Leaves sub-sessile on their long, vaginated sheaths, bifarious, linear-lanceolate, very smooth above, and nearly so underneath. Sheaths smooth, crowned with a bifid stipulary ligula. Peduncles radical, solitary, a little removed from the stems, from six to twelve inches long, enveloped in a few obtuse sheaths, the uppermost of which sometimes end in tolerably long leaves. Spikes, oblong, the size of a man's thumb. Bractes; exterior imbricated, one-flowered, obovate; smooth, membranaceous-bordered, faintly striated lengthway; interior solitary, enveloping the germ, perianth, and the greater part of the tube of the corol. Flowers rather small, when compared with the rest of this natural order. Calyx superior, one-leaved, opening on segments. Lip three-toothed. Corol with a double border; exterior of three, nearly equal, oblong segments. Lip three-lobed, and of a dark purple colour. Nectarial filaments of König large, subulate, fine-pointed. Filament short. Auther oblong, double, crowned with a long, curved, tapering, grooved hornlet. Germ oval, three-celled, with many ovals in each. Style filiform. Stigma funnel-shaped, ciliate, lodged just under the apex of the hornlet of the anther. This famous plant is too well known

to require any further description.

. Z. zerumbet. Roscoe in Trans. of Linn. Soc. viii. 348.

Stems declinate. Leaves bifarious, sessile, lanceolar. Spike long-peduneled, oval, compact, obtuse. Bractes broad-obovate, obtuse, margins coloured. Lip three-lobed.
Amomum Zerumbet. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 6.
Katou-Inschi-Kua. Rheed. Mal. 11. p. 27. tab. 13.

Lampujum. Rumph. Amb. 5 p. 148. tub. 64. fig. 1. Zinziber spurium. Kön. in Retz. Obs. 3. 60.

Beng. Butch, or mahaburee-butch.

Found wild in the woods about Calcutta. Flowering time the rainy season, the seeds

ripen in November and December.

Root biennial, tuberous, as in ginger, externally whitish; internally pale yellow, and of a bitter aromatic taste. Stems annual, oblique, about three or four feet high, completely invested in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves bifarious, sessile, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth, waved ; ecias numerous, slender, parallel ; deep-green above, pale underneath. Sheaths crowned with a large, broad, membranaceous, emarginate ligula. Peduacle solitary, a little removed from the stems, erect, from twelve to twenty-four inches long, enveloped in imbricated sheaths. Spikes oval, obtuse, or with a round excavation on their apex, about the size of a goose-egg. Bractes (or scales of the spike) the exterior one-flowered, imbricated, broad-obovate, obtuse, with a broad membranaceous border; interior (or proper) solitary, one-flowered, enveloping the germ, perianth, and most of the tube of the corol. Flowers large, pale, of a sulphur colour. Calyx superior, one-leaved, sheathing the lower half of the tube of the corol. Corol; exterior border three-parted, &c. as in the genus; interior or lip broad, with the lateral lobes thereof particularly large; middle division two-parted; they are all beautifully curled, and of a pale yellow colour. Nectorial filaments of König as in the order. Filament scarcely any. Anther large, double, with its long, curved horn projecting over the lip. Stigma funnel-shaped, fringed with long, distinct hairs.

3. Z. Cassumunar. R.

Straight. Leaves sessile, linear-lanceolate. Spikes radical, strobiliform, oblong, acute, Bracles obovate, acuminate. Lip three-lobed.

Sans. Vana Ardrakam.

Hind, and Beng. Bun Ada, (wild ginger.) Teling. Karpushpoo, (small turmeric.)

A native of Coromandel, Bengal, and Bahar. Flowering time July and August, seed ripe

in November and December,

Root perennial, tuberous, furnished with long, white, fleshy fibres, and jointed like ginger, but much larger; when fresh of a deep yellow; possessing a strong, not very agreeable, camphoraceous smell, and warm, spicy, bitterish taste. Stems annual, erect, round, from three to five feet high, entirely enveloped in the imbricated sheaths of the leaves. Leaves bifarious, approximate, sessile on their sheaths, linear-lanceolate, deep green above; villous, and paler underneath, where the nerve also is hairy like the sheaths; from one to two feet long, and about three inches broad. Sheaths clothed with exceedingly pungent hairs on the outside; their mouths ending in a stipulary process on each side of the insertion of the leaf. Scapes radical, from six to twelve inches long, invested in several oblong, downy sheaths. Spikes oblong, strobiliform, compact, sharp-pointed, closely imbricated with numerous obovate, acuminate, greenish ferruginous (where exposed), villous bractes. Flowers solitary, (that is, one to each bracte of the spike, and blossoming in succession,) large, every part of a pale, uniform, sulphur colour. Catyx double; the exterior smooth, spathiform, three-dentate one, may be considered a bracte; it is inserted round the base of the germ, which, as well as the inner, or proper perianth, it entirely envelopes ; when forcibly expanded, oval. Inner or proper perianth, superior, one-leaved somewhat gibbous, membranaccous, three-toothed, on the outside divided nearly half way down. Corol; tube slender, as long as the scale of the spike; upper division of the exterior border boat-shaped, projecting over the stamen; under, two narrower and reflexed under the lip. Lip three-lobed; lateral lobes obliquely obovate, erect; middle lobe nearly round, with the apex emarginate, and the border slightly curled. Stam. Anther ending in a long, subulate, recurved beak.

4. Z. roseum. Roscoe in Trans. of Linn. Soc. S. 348.

Leaves short-petioled, lanccolate. Spikes lax, half immersed in the earth. Bractes lanceolate, coloured. Lip entire.

Amomum roseum. Corom. pl. 2. N. 126.

Teling. Bumacatchicay.

Is a native of the northern Circars, where it flowers in the rainy season.

Root biennial, horizontal, jointed, and white; with many large fibres. Stems several, invested in the sheaths of the leaves, &c. as in the other scitamineous plants, about two or three feet high, leaves included. Leaves somewhat petioled, bifarious, lanceolate, acute, tending to one side, smooth, finely veined, about twelve inches long, and from three to four broad. Spikes remote from the stems, just appearing above the ground when in flower, imbricated with lax, lanceolate, reddish, one-flowered bractes. Flowers solitary, colour a mixture of red and yellow. Bractes, besides the exterior one already mentioned, there is an interior one for each flower between it and the rachis, which is linear, with an obtuse, notched apex. Calyx one-leaved, tubular, above, membranaceous; month toothed. Corol; tube cylindric, erect, considerably longer than the bractes. Border double; exterior three-parted; in this plant the two approximated divisions are above, linear, pointed, and recurved, sometimes revolute; the

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lower division stands single, and is like the superior two, linear and revolute; all are of a bright red colour. Interior, or lip single, broad, obtuse, reflexed over the superior two divisions of the exterior border. Filament, and anthers as in the other species. Style rather longer than the horn of the anther. Stigma perforated, and ciliate. Two similar awl-shaped nectarial bodies at the base of the style, are also present here.

Obs. I have not found that the natives make any use of this plant.

5. Z. ligulatum. R.

Leaves approximate, sessile, lanceolate. Spikes lax, more than half hid in the earth, obo-Bractes cuneiform. Lip sub-hastate. 52

A native of Hindoosthan. Flowering time in the Botanic garden the rainy season; the

seeds ripen in November and December.

Root jointed, running horizontally at some depth under the surface of the earth, and furnished with long fleshy fibres from the joints; from these joints shoots rise, and by them the plant is readily propagated. Stems about two feet high, bending considerably to one side. Leaves alternate, approximate, bifarious, sessile on their sheaths, from cordate below to lanceolate toward the top of the plant, both sides smooth, and marked with paralleled veins, the under side paler green, length from three to twelve inches, and breadth about four. Sheaths smooth, from the mouth of each rises a remarkably large long strap, or ligula, which by the growth of the plant becomes bifid, and by age scariose. Spikes radical, half hid in the earth, oblong, loosely imbricated with cuneiform, pink-coloured, one-flowered, exterior scales or bractes; and the same number of inner colourless, tridentate shorter bractes; or, as they may be called, inferior periantles. Calyx superior, one-leaved, spathiform, about half the length of the tube of the corol, irregularly tridentate. Corol; tube slender, the length of the exterior scales of the spike, incurved. Exterior border of three, nearly equal, linear, acute, smooth, reddish divisions. Lip oblong, obtuse; margins much curled, with two expanding, more or less acute lobes at the very base; colour a pale yellow. Filament short; below the two lobed anther, linear, ending above in the usual long, taper, curved, grooved beak. Germ oval, villous, three-celled, each containing many ovula attached to a central receptacle. Style very slender, and so long as to elevate the funnel-shaped, ciliate stigma to an equal height with the apex of the filament. Nectorial scales long and stender, embracing the base of the style within the bottom of the tube of the corol. Capsule ovate, size of a large olive, threesided, three-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex down the angles; inside of the cells crimson. Calyx leathery, striated, pale, dull yellowish straw colour. Seeds many, oval, blackish brown; a little rugose, arilled. Aril white, nearly complete, and ragged at the upper end. Perisperm conform to the seed, cinereous. Embryo cylindric, central, nearly as long as the perisperm.

6. Z. rubens. R.

Leaves lanceolar. Spikes lax, half immersed in the earth. Bractes linear-lanceolate, straight. Lip narrow-ovate, entire.

A native of the interior of Bengal; from the district of Rungpore Dr. Buchanan sent

the plants to the Botanic garden, where they blossom in August.

Root tuberous, &c. as in the other species. Stems berbaceous, somewhat declinate, from two to four feet high. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sessile on their sheaths, smooth on both sides ; general length about twelve inches, and from four to five broad. Sheaths with a large, membranaceous, stipulary process at the mouth. Spikes several from the base of the stems, where they join the root, half immersed in the earth, sub-obovate, fastigiate, laxly imbricated with numerous straight, erect, licear-lanceolate, acute, involute, red, slightly villous, exterior bractes. Inner bractes, or inferior perianth, the length of the tube, but shorter than the exterior bractes, and irregularly tri-dentate. Calyx superior, sub-cylindric, membranaceous, pellucid, most slightly villous; month three-toothed. Corol with a long, slender, cylindric tube; segments of the exterior border linear-lanceolate, acute, red. Lip ovate-oblong, entire, speckled with red and yellow. Filament scarcely any. Anther of two long lobes, crowned with the long, characteristic, curved horn, which is incumbent on and reaches to the apex of the lip. Nectorial filaments of König oblong, and obtuse. Germ hairy, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the axis. Stigma funnel-shaped, and ciliate. Capsule 7. Z squarrosum. R.

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Leaves lauceolar. Spikes squarrose, half immersed in the earth. Bracles linear, with long, taper, waved, recurved apices. Lip three-lobed, apex bifid.

A native of Burma, where it ripens its seeds in December. From Rangoon Mr. F. Carey sent the fresh roots, entire capsules, and ripe seeds to this garden, where the plants

from both the seeds and roots grew freely, and the latter blossomed in August.

Root tuberous, as in ginger, &c. Stems herbaceous, considerably recurvate, from two to three feet high, entirely hid in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves bifarious, sessile, lanceolar, smooth above, slightly villous underneath, cuspidate. Sheaths with two large conical processes rising from their mouths, one on each side. Spikes from the base of the stems, three-fourths hid in the earth, ovate, laxly imbricated, size of a goose-egg. Bractes green; the exterior solitary, one-flowered, linear, concave, long, taper, waved, recurved. Inner, one or two, (generally one), as long as the tube of the corol, with a three-toothed apex. Flowers pretty large, inodorous. Calyx superior, &c. as in the other species. Corol with a slender tube. Exterior border of three, pink-coloured, lanceolate, acute segments. Inner, or lip two-lobed at the base; apex bifid, colour a speckled mixture of purple, red, and yellow. Filament short, anther and heak together nearly as long as the lip Germ villous, three-celled,

with many ovula in each. Style and stigma as in the genus. Capsule short-pedicelled, ovate, conic, three-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex, inside of the valves bright scarlet while fresh. (Those sent from Rangoon by Mr. F. Carey, were, when they reached me, perfectly dry, and then measured three inches in length, and one in diameter.) Seeds many in each cell, arilled, arranged in two rows, and attached to the inner edge of the partitions. Aril complete, fleshy, white. Perisperm conform to the seed. Vitellus covers every part of the embryo, which is clavate, and nearly as long as the seed.

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8. Z. panduratum. R.

Leaves petioled above their sheaths, broad-lanceolar, smooth; ligula large and scariose. Spikes radical, half immersed in the earth, lax. Bractes lanceolate. Lip panduriform, with oval, emarginate lamina.

This middling sized species is a native of the country about Rangoon. From thence Mr. F. Carey sent seeds to the Botanic garden in 1808, and in July, 1810, the plants raised

from them blossomed abundantly.

Root; numerous, long, fleshy, fibrous fibres, some of which swell into lanceolar tubers, as in Curcuma; no palmate tubers, as in that genus. It possesses but little taste and no fragrance. Stalks erect, herbaceous, about three feet high. Leaves bifarious, petioled above their sheaths, broad-lanceolar, acute, smooth on both sides; from six to twelve inches long, from three to four broad. Sheaths smooth above their respective leaves; each ends in a very long, scariose, smooth ligula. Spikes radical, the lower half immersed in the soil, oblong, and rather loosely imbricated with lanceolate, coloured, concave, one-flowered, interior and exterior bractes. Flowers rather small; exterior border of three, nearly equal, lanceolate, acuminate, pale red segments; inner or lip very pale yellow, panduriform, that is with two, pretty large, rounded lobes at the base, and the lamina nearly oval, retuse, truncate, or emarginate. Filament broad, and short Anther double, and crowned with the usual beak. Germ three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the inner angle of the cell. Stigma infundibuliform.

SECT. II. Spikes terminal.

9. Z. capitatum. R.

Herbaceous; leaves linear-lanceolate, stem-clasping. Spike terminal, erect, strobili-

A native of the forests of Robilcund, from thence Colonel Thomas Hardwicke sent plants to the Botanic garden, under the vernacular name Junglee Adruk. Here it flowers during

the rains and the seeds ripen in September and October.

Root composed of many, long-peduncled, oval, smooth, pale-coloured, insipid, watery tubers, issuing from the base and sides of the bulb, and palmate tubers, which are of a pale yellow colour, and somewhat spicy taste. Stems creet, round, enveloped in the sheaths of the leaves, which are often a little hairy; height of the whole plant when in blossom, from two to three feet. Leaves sub-hifarious, alternate, sessile on their sheaths, narrow-lanceolate, acute, smooth above, a little hairy underneath, about twelve inches long, and about two broad. Spike terminal, sessile on the mouth of the sheaths of the superior leaves, linear-oblong, somewhat strobiliform, many-flowered. Flowers sessile, large, pure yellow in very part. Bractes in pairs, one-flowered, permanent; exterior lanceolate, concave, erect, longer than the tube of the corol. Inner ovate, shorter, immediately enveloping the germ, calyx, and nearly the whole of the tube of the corol. Perianth superior, one-leaved, about half the length of the tube of the corol, membranaceous, white, two or three-toothed. Forol; tube cylindric, narrow. Lip with two, oblong, very distinct, expanding, lateral lobes; middle lobe very large, and nearly round. Anther with a very long curved beak. Stigma (as in most plants of the order), funnei-shaped, with ciliate margins. Nectorial scales (of Kōnig), or horulet conical. Capsule oval, three-sided, with the angles rounded, pretty smooth, size of a small olive, three-celled, three-valved; each cell containing several, black, shining sceds, enveloped in a deeply jagged, white aril. Perisperm conform to the lower half of the seed which it occupies, pure white, cartilaginous. Vitellus above the perisperm, occupying nearly the upper half of the seed. Embryo vertical, passing through the centre of both perisperm and vitellus, sub-cylindric, both ends obtuse, &c. in every respect so exactly like Z. Cassumusar, that the same drawings and description may well serve for both.

10. Z. marginatum. R.

Leaves sessile, lanceolate; ligula large and membranaceous. Spikes terminal. Bractes obovate, with transparent, membranaceous margin, Nectary three-lobed.

11. Z. elatum, R.

Leares bifarious, linear, recurved. Spikes terminal, lanceolar, compactly imbricated with lanceolate, one-flowered bractes.

A native of the interior of Bengal ; in the Botanic garden it blossoms in July and Au-

gust, and the seeds ripen in September and October.

Root tuberous, as in common ginger, but inwardly yellow; from the tubers proceed the proper roots, many of which end in oblong, paler coloured tubers as in Curcuma. Stems herbaceous, straight, from four to five feet high, including the spike. Leaves bifarious, linear, recurved, smooth above; with many adpressed, short, soft, white hairs underneath; from twelve to eighteen inches long, and only one inch broad. Sheaths a little hairy; month crowned with a very narrow, membranaceous process. Spikes terminal, solitary, of a narrow lanceolar shape, six inches long, and three in circumference, every part compactly imbricated with lanceolate, one-flowered bractes, which are an inch and a half long, and a little hairy on

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age the outside. Bractes ; interior, or inferior perianth shorter and broader than the enterior, but like them stiff, and a little hairy. Calyx superior, white, smooth; mouth unequally toothed, little more than half the length of the bractes. Corol exactly as in the other species, only considerably longer; the colour a tolerable bright, lively yellow. Stamina with a short filament, and very long curved beak crowning the linear two-lobed anther. Nectarial bodies subulate. Germ oval, hairy, three-celled, with numerous ovula in each, attached to the axis. Stigma ciliate. Capsule oval, size of a small olive, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds numerous, lucid, black, enclosed in a large white ragged aril. Embryo simple, sub-lanceolate, base truncate, embraced by the perisperm : the upper half by the ritellus.

COSTUS. Schreb. gen. No. 4.

Corolla with the interior border of one, campanulate, back-cleft lobe. Filament lanceolate, with the double anther attached far below its apex. Capsule three-valved, three-celled. Seeds numerous, arilled. Embryo simple, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

1. C. speciosus. Smith in Trans. of Lian. Soc. 1. 240. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 11. Leaves sub-sessile, spirally arranged, oblong, cuspidate, villous underneath.

Tjana-Kua. Rheed. Mal. 11. p. 15. f. 8.

Tsiama speciosa. Gmel. 9.

Herba spiralis hirsuta. Rumph. Amb. 6. p. 143. t. 64. f. 1. Sans. Kemooka.

Hind, and Beng, Keoo.

Banksia speciosa of Dr. König, See Retz. Obs. 4, 75.

This is one of the most elegant looking plants of the natural order Scitaminea. It is a native of moist shady places, such as the low banks of water courses, &c. Flowers during the wet season.

Obs. König's description agrees so well with my plant, that I have scarcely any thing to add : the chief differences are,

1st. Mine is generally from three to four feet high, ascending spirally, with the leaves spirally disposed up and round the stem.

2nd. In this the spike is at all times erect, and rigid; from about three to six inches

There is nothing like a crown to the authers; and,

4th. The stigma consists of two, broad, glutinous lips, which gape wide while the pol-len is shedding; between them is evidently seen with the naked eye, the mouth of the perforated style; on the back of the upper lip are seen the two white glands mentioned by König. I impute his not taking notice of the two large lips of the stigma, to his having

examined the flowers sometime after they were gathered, when they coalesce.

The fresh roots are almost insipid. The natives make a preserve of them, which they deem wholesome, and nutritious; the dry root does not at all resemble the Costus arabicus

of the shops.

ALPINIA. Schreb. gen. No. 5.

Corolla with the interior border unilabiate. Anther double, naked. Capsule berried, three-celled. Seeds few, or many, arilled. Embryo simple, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

SECT. I. Inflorescence terminal.

 A. Galanga, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 12. Roscoe in Trans. of Linn. Soc. 8, 345.
 Perennial. Leaves sessile, broad-lanceolar. Panicle terminal. Lip oblong, unguiculate; apex bifid. Capsule obovate, smooth; seeds few.

Galanga major. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 63.

Sans. Koolunyoga, Dhumoola, Teekshua-moola, Koolun-juna, Soogundha, Muhabhuravucha.

Hind. Koolinjan.

Arab. Kholinjan, or Khoolunjan.

Dr. Charles Campbell, at Bencoolen, sent the roots of these species from thence to the Botanic garden near Calcutta, where the plants thrive remarkably well, and are in blossom during the latter half of the hot season, April and May. Seeds ripen, though rarely, in November.

Root perennial, tuberous as in ginger, &c. possessing a faint aromatic smell, and strong pungent taste, like a mixture of pepper and ginger, accompanied with some degree of bitterness, and now ascertained to be the real Galanga major of the shops. Stems perennial, or at least more durable than those of herbaceous plants, nearly erect, round, smooth; general leugth, when in flower, about six or seven feet; and as thick as a slender walking cane, Leaves occupy from the middle of the plant upward ; the lower half being inverted in leafless sheaths only; they are short-petioled, bifarious, lanceolar, margins white and somewhat callous, both surfaces smooth; from twelve to twenty-four inches long, and from four to six broad. Sheaths smooth, with a short, rounded, ciliate, stipulary process above the insertion of the leaf. Panicle terminal, erect, oblong, crowned with numerous, spreading, simple dichotomous branches, each supporting from two to five, or six, pale greenish white, some-

what fragrant flowers. Involuces of König, in our plants generally two-leaved, lanceolate, Page first withering, then falling before, or while in blossom. Bractes concave, solitary at the divisions, and sub-divisions of the panicle. Calgar superior, sub-cylindric, smooth, white, scarcely the length of the tube of the corol; month one-toothed. Corol; exterior border of three, nearly equal, linear, recurved, smooth, pale greenish divisions. Inner border or lip unguiculate, somewhat ascending, so as nearly to meet the slightly declining anther; oval or ovate oblong, concave, apex divided into two lobes by a pretty deep, straight fissure; margins incurved, curled, minutely laciniate, white, with here and there a small reddish speck, and two recurved fleshy, coloured hornlets at the base of the claw. Filament rather longer than the claw of the lip. Author double, apex deeply emarginate, projecting horizontally over the middle of the lip. Germ bereath, smooth, oval, three-sided, three-celled, with only two ovula in each cell, attached to the middle of the partition. Style filiform, Stigma funnel-shaped, fringed; while the flower is in vigorous blossom, erect between the lobes of the anther, afterwards recurved under the anther. Nectarial bodies (of König) nearly square, fluted. Germ oblong, smooth, three-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the axis. Capsule the size of a small cherry, obovate, smooth, deep orange red, three-celled, but entire, as no separation seems to exist, the thin dry cortex crumbles, or breaks to pieces, without any tendency to separate into valves. Seed one, rarely two in each cell, much compressed, size of a grain of black pepper. Aril nearly complete, there being only an opening at the apex, thin, rather fibrous, and of a dull white colour. Integuments two, or three; exterior, tough, fibrous, polished, of a dark chesnut colour, a little wrinkled; inner hard, dark brown; between the two is a spongy lamina of the same colour, and I cannot well say to which it most properly belongs. Perisperm white, friable, and very hard. Embryo simple, dull white, (canus,) roundish in the body of the perisperm, and with the narrow, conic radicle, passing through it and pointing to the umbilicus.

Note by Mr. Colebrooke. " The root of this plant being ascertained to be the Galanga major of the druggists, conformably with what has been said of it by Rumphius, there is no doubt of its being Kholinjan of the Arabs, termed in Hindee Kulinjan. In Sanskrit it is called Kulanjana, according to one authority. (the Rajnighantu;) but Sugandha-vacha, sweetscented Acorus; as also Mahabhari-vacho, according to another Indian treatise. (the Bhavapracasa) If the first name be genuine Sanskrit, which is however doubtful, the similar names in other languages, including the European, must be derived directly, or immediately

from it.

 A. Allughas. Roscoe in Trans. Linn. Soc. 8. 346.
 Leaves lanceolar, polished. Panicle terminal. Lip bifid; lobes retuse. Capsules spherical, (black,) one-valved, many-seeded.

Hellenia Allughas, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 4. Mala-inschi-kua. Rheed. Mal. 11, p. 29, t. 14.

Sans. Taraka.

Beng. Taruka, or Tara.

This plant is common near Calcutta, in low moist places, among brush wood. Flowering

time the beginning of the rainy season.

Root tuberous, biennial, or perennial, horizontal, brownish, with many pretty thick fibres, considerably aromatic. Stem erect, slightly compressed, entirely covered with the sheaths of the leaves; from three to six feet high. Leaves alternate, bifarious, petioled, oblong, ending in a fine twisted point; both sides smooth, and glossy; the under side paler colour; reins numerous, straight, exceedingly fine, going off at an acute angle; generally about a foot long, and four inches broad. Petioles sheathing with a stipulary rounded process rising above the insertion of the leaf. Panicle terminal, bending slightly to one side. Flowers numerous, in succession, large, of a beautiful rose colour, inodorous. Calyx superior, gibbons, fleshy, generally two or three-toothed. Corol one-petalled; tube short; border double; the exterior three-parted; divisions nearly equal, outwardly downy, concave, particularly near the ends, pale greenish rose colour; the superior one more remote. Interior border, or lip two-cleft, with two fleshy protuberances near the base; divisions with two-toothed apices and waved margins, colour a beautiful mixture of deep, and pale rose. Nectary (of König and Retz.) two oblong, compressed, fleshy bodies, embracing the base of the style. Filament short, broad, much flattened. Anther double, each lobe ending in an obtuse hornlet. Germ inferior, globular. Style lodged in the groove of the filament. Stigma clubbed, somewhat three-sided, obtuse, with a crescent-like fissure, and ciliate margin. Capsule globular, inclining to be three-sided, smooth, when ripe black, and friable, not opening by sutures, but crumbling to pieces, crowned with the permanent, withered calyx, and corol, three-celled.

3. A. bracteata, R.

Leaves lanceolar, villous underneath. Raceme terminal, simple; pedicels one-flowered.

Bractes green.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal. In the Botanic garden near Calcutta it flowers in March. This is one of the smallest of our East India Alpinias ; this circumstance, and the green bractes, immediately distinguish it from malaccensis, which is not so easily done in a specific definition.

Root bisumial, or perhaps, perennial. Stems erect, about three feet high, entirely invested in the smooth sheaths of the leaves. Leaves bifarious, petioled, from ovate oblong below, to lanceolar above, fine-pointed; the upper surface smooth, polished, deep green, villons and paler underneath; length from six to eighteen inches. Petioles proper, about an inch long, and deeply channelled. Sheaths smooth, rising a little above the insertion of the

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proper petioles on the inside. Raceme terminal, erect, simple, about a span long, slightly villous; before expansion, embraced by one or two caducous sheaths. Pedicels throughout one-flowered, round, short, and villous. Bractes (or inferior perionth) solitary, one-flowered, more permanent than in the other species, and of a dull green colour, hiding the calyx. Calyx shorter than the bracte, open on the underside, bidentate. Corol; exterior border of three oval, nearly equal, white segments; lip somewhat three-lobed; lateral lobes large and incurved into a tube round the stamina; exterior narrower, with a bifid apex, colour a beautiful mixture of crimson and yellow, with a paler belt on each side. Filament short, with two curved spars at its base. Anther double, linear. Germ oval, three-celled; with many ovula in each, attached to the inner angle. Stigma funnel-shaped, sub-ciliate,

4. A. malaccensis. Roscoe in Trans. Linn. Soc. 8, 345.

Leaves lanceolate, petioled, villous underneath. Raceme terminal, simple. Lip obscurely three-lobed, with two spurs at the base; lateral lobes incurved. Capsules obliquely spheroidal.

Maranta malaccensis, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 14. Galanga malaccensis, Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 176, t. 71, f. 1.

A most beautiful and stately plant, a native of Chittagong, and from thence sent by Mr. W. M. Maddern, to the Botanic garden near Calcutta, where it blossoms in April and May,

the very hottest time of the year; and ripens its seed in the rains.

Root perennial. Stems numerous, (within four years, a single root increased so much, as to produce about fifty,) from six to ten feet in height; those in the centre erect, in the circumference bending out; in two, three, or four years, the stoutest blossom, ripen their seed, and decay. Leaves bifarious, petioled, lanceolate, acute; margins often waved, and slightly fringed with short brown hairs; upper surface smooth; under downy; length from two to three feet, and from three to eight or nine inches broad. Sheaths smooth, embracing the stems completely; ligula ovate, obtuse, entire, villous. Petioles (I mean the space between the ligula and leaf), about three inches long and channelled. Racemes terminal, solitary, erect, always simple; from six to twelve inches long. Pedancle round, and villous. Pedicels short, villous, one-flowered, the largest sometimes droop a little from the weight of the flowers. Involucee of two, or three, caducous, boat-shaped leaves embracing the raceme. Flowers very large, a pure smooth shining white, except the inner border, or labium; which is a beautiful mixture of orange and crimson. Bractes, (or inferior calyx), gibbous, bursting on one side to the base, and partially on the other. Calyx superior, one-leafed, gibbous, length of the bracte, splitting into various portions. Corol; exterior border of three, oblong, obtuse, entire segments, of which the upper is largest. Inner border or labium, very large; when expanded, three inches broad, and two and three quarters long, somewhat threelobed, the two lateral semi-circular and incurved into a tube; the middle one smaller, more projected, curled, and sometimes bifid; from the base on each side an incurved, sharp spur. Filament about as long as the large, broad, deeply bifid, obtuse, two-lobed anther. Nectary of König; in most of the other plants of this order, I have found this part to consist of two distinct bodies, here it is of one, very thick and short, with its truncated apex tuberculate. Germ inferior, obovate, hairy, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to central receptacles. Style toward the apex, hairy. Stigma rising erect through the hifid apex of the anther, funnel-shaped, hairy. Capsule obovate, spheroidal, size of a very large gooseberry, armed with short, sharp, stiff, slender bristles; when ripe nearly dry, and yellow, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds numerous, ovate, oval, or obovate immersed in a large portion of a soft pulpy matter, which in the immature state form distinct arils; on each side, and round the apex a groove. Integuments two, brown, and rather thin. Perisperm cartilaginous, cloven at both ends by a brown spongy fissure, but deepest from the apex. Vitellus, the centre of each of the superior limbs of the perisperm, is occupied by a small, thin, oblong body of a clearer colour; and widely distinct from both embryo and perisperm. Embryo, the upper part crescent-shaped, with its horns projecting into the limb of the perisperm, and in some degree into the vitellus. Radicle inferior, projecting straight from the convex, or under side of the crescent, with its base to the umbilicus.

Obs. This is the most beautiful plant of the whole genus, even surpassing A. nutans,

which I believe the Botanical Repository considers a species of Renealmia.

5. A. nutans. Roscoe in Trans. of Linn. Soc. 8.346.

Leaves lanceolar, short-petioled, smooth. Racemes compound, by the lower pedicels being two or three-flowered, drooping. Lip broad, three-lobed, the lateral incurved into a tube; the exterior curled and bifid. Capsules spherical, opening on the sides. Seeds few.

Beng. Poonnag-champa. Renealmin nutans, Andr. Bot. Repos. 5, t. 360. Globba nutans, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 15, 3.

This very elegant plant, a native of the Eastern Islands, was introduced by the Revd. Dr. Carey, into the Botanic garden near Calcutta, where it blossoms in April and May.

Root perennial, tuberous, &c. as in the other species. Stems more or less bent to one side, (a direction common to most of the plants of this order,) from four to six feet high. Leaves bifarious, sub-sessile on their sheaths, occupying the upper half of the stems; the lower are broad-lanceolar, the upper much narrower, all are entire, and remarkably smooth on both sides; while young the margins villous; length from one to three feet. Sheaths of the leaves smooth, with a stipulary bearded process, rising above the insertion of the leaf. Racemes terminal, compound, variously curved, villous, about a foot long, drooping under the leaves. Involucre of generally two, caducous, lanceolate, boat-shaped sheaths. Flowers nu-

merous, large. Pedicels two or three-flowered. Bractes large, concave, pure white, with a pink-coloured apex, smooth; a common one to the two or three flowers, and a proper, smaller one to the second and third flowers, which expand in succession for a long time after the first. Calyx superior, colour of the bractes, three-toothed. Corol with a double border; exterior three-parted, pale pink, with deeper rosy apices; upper division oval, incumbent; lower two linear-oblong, revolute, with the apices rounded. Inner lip large, ovate-cordate, obscurely three-lobed, lateral lobes incurved into a large campanulate tube; apex of the interior lobe bifid, margins curled; at the base are two spurs which embrace the base of the style, colour of the whole a mixture of deep orange yellow, with a dark crimson ground, and veins. Germ beneath, oval, hairy, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the inner edge of the partitions. Stigma on the first expansion of the flower erect through the fissure of the apex of the anther; afterwards, as the style lengthens, its apex becomes involute, and throws the stigma under the auther. Nectories (of König) two, square, fluted, fleshy bodies within the tube, on the apex of the germ, embracing the base of the style.

Obs. This is no doubt one of the most gandy of our East Indian Scitaminea. It multiplies itself by the root very fast, grows quickly, and continues to produce its numerous, large, elegant, drooping panicles, of beautiful flowers for two months, and more or less the

whole year round.
6. A. mutica. R.

Leaves short-petioled, narrow-lanceolar, polished. Racemes erect, compound. Lip threelobed, base spurless. Capsule buried. Seeds numerous, angular. Aril evanescent.

Found indigenous in the forests of Prince of Wales' Island by Mr. W. Roxburgh, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden near Calcutta, where it flowers about the

beginning of the rains, and ripens its seed from October till January.

Stems numerous, erect, involved in the sheaths of the leaves, from four to six feet high, generally biennial, as they do not perish till after the seed is ripe. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, narrow-lanceolar, acute polished, and entire, from ten to twenty-four inches long. Sheaths smooth, ending in a rounded ligula, above the insertion of the leaf. Racemes terminal, erect, compound, conical, many-flowered; peduseles a little downy. Pedicels alternate, short, villous, two, three, or even four-flowered. Bracles of the pedicels, and pedicelli solitary, oblong, caducous. Flowers numerous, large, drooping. Calyx longer than the tube of the corol, widening from the base; mouth irregularly three toothed, with the lower fissure deepest, pure white. Corol ; tube much recurved, much shorter than the calvx ; border double. Exterior three-parted; superior divisions incumbent, oval, concave, inferior two smaller, linear-oblong, narrower than the superior one; all are obtuse and of a pure glossy white colour. Lip or inner border, large, elegantly variegated with crimson and yellow, surrounded with an orange-coloured edging, three-lobed; the two lateral lobes semi-lunar, and incurved into a large sub-campanulate tabe under the upper segment of the exterior border; exterior lobe smaller, curled, and bifid. In this species there are no spurs between its base and the filament, as in most of the other species of this genus. Filament nearly as long as the broad double anther, which projects over the middle of the lip. Germ round, villous, three-celled, with many ovula in each attached to the partitions near the axis. Style filiform, embraced at the base by a single, truncate, dentate, glaudular body, (nectary of König, Retzius, and Willdenow.) Siigma funnel-shaped, ciliate, rising with a curve through the bifid upex of the anther. Capsule berried, size of a large gooseberry, deep orange, or yellow, according to their state of maturity; not opening spontaneously as in A. autans, when dry, wrinkled, and a little hairy. Seeds numerous, angular, arilled. Aril complete, but thin, and when perfectly dry scarcely traceable. Integuments two; exterior thin, inner dark brown, and spongy. Persperm cartilaginous, a deep pit at the base, and a deep cleft from the apex down to near the middle. Vitellus as in Alpinia malaccensis, in the centre of each of the superior lobes of the perisperm, is a somewhat clearer, distinct body, as if a continuation of the horns of the crescent of the embryo, but perfectly distinct, and readily separable from them and the perisperm. Embryo an inverted crescent, with the cylindric radicle descending from the convex side through the pit at the base of the perisperm to the umbilious.

Obs. This is also a very elegant species, and holds a middle rank between uutans and

calcarata.

7. A. calcarata, Roscoe in Trans. of Linn. Soc. 8, 347.

Leaves linear-lanceolar, polished. Spike compound, erect. Lip ovate-oblong, apex curled and bifid.

Reneulmia calcarata, Andr. Bot. Repos. 6, t. 421.

A native of China, and from thence introduced by Captain J. Garnault, into the Botanic garden near Calcutta in 1799; where it thrives luxuriantly in the common soil of the garden,

and blossoms in March, April, and May, but more or less all the year.

Roof personial, horizontal, somewhat woolly, crooked, pale-coloured, stoloniferous, fragrant, enveloped while young in short, alternate sheaths; when old marked with their cicatrices; and furnished with many fleshy ramous fibres. Stems oblique, smooth, from two to four feet high. Leaves alternate, bitarious, short-petioled on their sheaths, narrow-lanceolar, fine pointed, entire, smooth on both sides; length frequently twelve inches, and the breadth from one to two. Sheaths of the leaves stem-clasping, smooth, with a stipulary process projecting above the insertion of the leaf. Racenes terminal, solitary, erect, compound. Flowers numerous, large, generally in pairs or more, but expanding at different periods. Bracles solitary, bout-shaped, white, one-flowered. Periods superior, three-toothed, white, smooth. Corol with double border. Exterior three-cleft; divisions equal, linear, expanding, pellucid,

white. Interior, or lip ovate-oblong, large, deeply coloured with dark purple veins on a yellow ground, apex two-lobed, lobes rounded and curled; there are no lateral lobes in this species, nor are the sides much incurved; but two, incurved, sharp, subulate horns project from its two posterior angles, and embrace the base of the filament. Filament single, opposite to the lip of the corol, projecting, &c. as in the genus. Germ spherical, hairy, threecelled, with many ovula in each, attached to the inner angle of the cells. Stigma funnelshaped, ciliate. Nectarial scales nearly four-sided, with apices crenulate.

8. A. spicata. R.

Spike terminal, oblong, compactly imbricated with narrow lanceolate, acute bractes. A native of Sumatra, from thence introduced by Mr. Roxburgh into the Calcutta Botanic garden in 1803. Is the slowest growing and smallest of the genus in this garden. Flowering time the close of the rains.

Root as in the other species. Stems arising in an oblique direction to the height of about two feet, when from two to three years old the flowers appear, and after their functions are performed, the stems decay. Leaves bifarious, sessile on their sheaths, broad-lanceolar, fine-pointed, surfaces and margins smooth, from six to twelve inches long. Sheaths of the leaves smooth, ending in a long, bifid, or simple ligula. Spikes terminal, strobiliform, compact. Bractes, the exterior imbricate, ensiform-lanceolate, one-flowered, outside slightly villous. Interior or inferior catyx, one-leaved, sub-cylindric, length of the perianth proper, mouth obliquely truncate, outside villous. Calys superior, like the inner bracte, and of the same length, &c. Corol, exterior border of three, very acute, linear-lanceolate segments. Inner or lip uncertain, as the only two spikes I have yet seen did not expand sufficiently, to allow me to ascertain its form. Filament short, anther large, of two, long linear lobes with the style sunk between them. Germ oval, very hairy, three-celled, with numerous ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style slender. Stigma large, consisting of two, gaping, unequal lobes.

SECT. II. Inflorescence radical.

9. A. cardamomum. R.

Scapes from the base of the stem, compoundly flexuose, procumbent. Lip three-lobed, with calcarate base.

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Amomum repens, sen Cardamomum. Wood, v. 2. p 365. t. 131. Amomum repens. Roscoe, Willd. and Sonnerat.

Elettaria. Rheed. Mal. 11. p. 9. t. 4. and 5.

Cardamomum minus, Pharm. Lond. and Edinburgh.

Sans, Prithweeks, Chandravals, Ela, Nishkooti, Bahoola,

Beng. Elachi, Elaich.

Ailum chedy of the Malabars, of the Malabar Coast.

Hil of the Persians.

Kakulah, also Hal, of the Arabs.

Teling. Sana-yallacci.

Cardomum. Buch. Journey, 2, 336-510, 538, and 3, 225. A native of the mountainous part of the Coast of Malabar.

Root tuberous, with numerous fleshy fibres. Stems perennial, erect, smooth, joined, enveloped in the spongy sheaths of the leaves; from six to nine feet high. Leaces bifurious, sub-sessile on their sheaths, lanceolate, fine-pointed, somewhat villous above, and sericeous underneath, entire; length from one to two feet. Sheaths slightly villous, with a rounded stipulary process rising above the mouth. Scapes several (three or four) from the base of the stems, resting on the ground, flexuose, jointed, ramous, from one to two feet long. Branches or racemes alternate, one from each joint of the scape, sub-erect, two or three inches long. Bractes solitary, oblong, smooth, membranaceous, nerved, sheathing, one to each joint of the scape, which embrace the insertion of the raceme, or branch; and one at each of their joints. Flowers alternate; short-pedicelled, solitary at each joint of the racemes, opening in succession for a length of time, as the racemes lengthen. Calyx above, widening to the threetoothed mouth, about three quarters of an inch long, striated with fine nerves, permanent. Corol withering. Tubes slender, as long as the calyx. Border double, exterior of three, oblong, concave, nearly equal, pale greenish white divisions. Inner lip or nectary obovate, much longer than the divisions of the exterior border; margins somewhat curled, with the apex slightly three-lobed, marked chiefly in the centre, with purple violet stripes : at each side of its insertion and close by the base of the filament is a small acute hornlet, as in most of the plants of this genus, and in several of the other genera of our other Indian Scitaminea. Filament short, erect. Anther double, emarginate. Germ beneath, oval, smooth. Style slender. Stigma funnel-shaped. Nectarial scales of König, subulate, almost half the length of the tube of the corol. Capsule oval, somewhat three-sided, size of a small nutmeg; threecelled, three-valved. Seeds many, angular.

Obs. The following account of this interesting plant has lately been transmitted to me by Captain Dickson, the Commanding Officer of the district of Wynaad where the Cardonum is cultivated, viz.

"The Cardomum shrub is found in great abundance among the western mountains of Wynaad, and is called by the natives of Malabar Ailum chedy (the Ailum shrub). I cannot obtain any satisfactory derivation of the true import of the word Ailum, unless, as is alleged, it implies in the Sanskrit language, celebrity, and eminence.

"The shrub : said to be produced as follows. Before the commencement of the perio-

dical rains, in June, the cultivators of the Cardomum ascend the coldest, and most shady sides of a woody mountain; a tree of uncommon size and weight is then sought after, the adjacent spot is cleared of weeds, and the tree felled close at its root. The earth shaken, and loosened by the force of the fallen tree, shoots forth young Cardomum plants in about a month's time. I have repeatedly enquired of the natives the means by which the Cardomum plants are first produced, and have invariably been told as already stated. They attribute no other effects to the falling tree, which may be selected from any species, than such as are derived from its weight and strength, added to the shade and shelter which its branches afford to the young plants. I have heard it by some asserted that the Cardonum, like the famed Phoenix, would emerge from the ashes of any large forest tree, but these stories were uttered only by the ignorant, and are too absurd to require comment.

"The shrub continues to grow in this manner until after the early rains of the fourth year, in February, when it has reached its utmost height, which varies from six to nine feet; four or five tendrils are now seen to spring from its stem near the root, and afterwards the fruit is produced, which is gathered the following November; and requires no other prepara-tion, than drying in the sun. The fruit is annually collected in this way, until the seventh year, when it is usual to cut it down, and from the trunk other sprouts arise, in course of the next monsoon; which grow, flourish, and are cultivated as before. The husk with the seed I have called the fruit, as it corresponds with the native name. The seeds are termed the

rice, and the tendrils the threads of the plant.

"I do not hear of any varieties in the species, and now enclose you a specimen of some just given to me by the person who farms the collection, and accounted of an inferior growth. It may not be unnecessary to mention, that this commodity yields to Government from 25 to 30,000 rupces per annum. The inhabitants use it as a general condiment to their food, and it is likewise held in sacred estimation for the purposes of sacrifice. It is constantly chewed with betel, and some medicinal properties are ascribed to it when used in decoction for complaints of the bowels. I am assured, by all, that the seeds of the Cardonum will never produce plants, and that it is only to be propagated as already stated, or by cuttings.

A. punicea. R.

Leaves lanceolate. Spikes radical, compact, imbricated. Lip entire, sub-parabolic; base spurless.

A stately species, a native of Sumatra, from thence sent by the late Dr. C. Campbell,

to the Botanic garden near Calcutta, where it blossoms in March and April.

Roots hard and bifarious. Suckers numerous, running far under the surface of the earth. Stems numerous, erect, or oblique, smooth, swelled near the base; general height about six or seven feet, and as thick as a slender walking cane. Leaves sub-bifarious, shortpetioled on their sheaths, lanceolate, rounded at the base, both sides smooth; from six to twenty inches long, by from three to six broad. Sheaths smooth on both sides, rising into a short, ciliate ligula, above the insertion of the short, semi-cylindric, proper petioles. Spikes radical, half immersed in the earth, sub-cylindric, pretty compactly imbricated with from oblong to lanceolate, coloured, smooth, one-flowered bractes. Flowers large, colour a bright red, like the finest carmine. Bractes interior, or inferior perianth, tubular, length of the tube of the corol; with an unequally two, or three-toothed mouth. Perianth proper superior, tubular, length of the tube of the corol; mouth generally bifid. Corol with long, slender tube hid within the braces, and perianths. Exterior border of three, small, paler coloured, lanceolate segments. Lip highly coloured, large, entire, horizontal, sub-parabolic, the lower part broad, and incurved round the stamina; lamina linear, with entirely rounded, or slightly marginate apex. Filament short, base spurless. Anther double, apex bifid, and naked. Germ three-celled, with numerous ovala in each, attached to their respective receptacles, a little removed from the axis. Base of the style embraced by two subulate nectaries. Stigma a lamellate, ciliated gape.

11. A. Cardamomum medium, R.

Leaves lanceolar, villous underneath. Spikes radical, lax. Lip ovate-lanceolate. Capsules pedicelled, of an ovate oblong, conical shape, and nine-winged.

A native of the hilly countries in the vicinity of Silhet, where the plant is called Do-Keswa. It blossoms about the beginning of the rains, in June, and the fruits ripen in Sep-

tember, when they are gathered, and sold to the dealers in drugs.

Leaves petioled above their sheaths, linear-lanceolar, downy underneath, from two to three feet long, by two to four inches broad. Sheaths villous, rising in an obtuse ligula above the insertion of the leaf. Spikes radical, oblong, laxly imbricated, rising but little above the earth; lower part, or scape hid in the soil, and clothed with shorter scariose bractes. Flowers numerous, large, red, fragrant. Bractes; exterior, one under each flower, lanceolate, ribbed, smooth, yellowish pink; interior, or inferior perianth tubular, length of the proper perianth. Calyx superior, length of the tube of the corol, tubular, with three-toothed, coloured apex. Corol; tube cylindric, long and slender; segments of the border linear-oblong, obtuse. Lip with pretty broad cordate base, from thence tapering to its entire obtuse point, much longer than the segment of the exterior border ; margins curled. Filament, anther, germ, style, stigma, and nectarial bodies, as in the genus. Capsules pretty long-pedicelled, ovate-oblong, while fresh above an inch and a half long, and nearly one in diameter, somewhat three-lobed, each angle marked with a larger vertical wing, and two smaller on the flatter sides, between the large ones, three-celled. Seeds numerous, obovate, with a groove on one side. Integuments two ; exterior soft, while fresh it may be called the succulent aril; interior white and rugose. Perisperm conform to the seed, white, and friable, perforated by a spongy, brown substance

Page above the embryo. Vitellus somewhat hyaline, rising on each side of the perforation like two horns. Embryo sub-clavate, its small end lodged at the umbilicus.

Obs. The form of the capsule, which resembles that of Gartner's Zinziber Ensal, and the acrid, aromatic taste of the seeds, induce to conclude that this is the plant which produces the Cardamomum medium of the writers on Materia Medica.

12. A. linguiforme, R.

Spikes radical, linear, rather open. Lip linguiform, bifid; base broad, and spurless; sides incurved.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, where it blossoms during the rains,

Root perennial, throwing off numerous suckers, which run both above and under the surface of the earth, by which this species is soon multiplied. Stems many, erect, or nearly so, as thick as a man's forefinger, smooth, from four to six feet high. Leaves bifarious, sessile on their sheaths, lanceolate, smooth on both sides; from twelve to twenty inches long, by from four to five broad. Sheaths smooth, rising little above the insertion of the leaf. Spikes radical, solitary, the apex only rising above the soil, laxly imbricated with oblong, obtuse, smooth, exterior, and interior, one-flowered, green bractes; besides the interior, proper, tubular, thin, colourless bractes or inferior calyx. Calyx superior, tubular, length of the tube of the corol; mouth three-toothed, split quite down on one side; colour from the middle upwards deep red. Corol; exterior border of three, sub-lanceolate, obtuse, red segments. Lip sub-linguiform, the base broad, and axis incurved, forming an envelope for the stamen, from thence projecting almost horizontally, into a long linear, bifid lamins, with curled margins; colour yellow, with a little red down the centre. Stamen as in the genus. Germ hairy, three-celled; ocular many, attached to one fleshy receptacle in the inner angle. Style embraced at the base by the nectarial bodies, which are in this species bidentate. Stigma large, and red.

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Corolla with the interior border two-lobed, or none. Filament very long, base tubular, and winged with a cruciform lip. Anther double, with an appendix, or naked. Capsule onecelled, three-valved. Seeds many, attached to three parietal receptacles. Embryo simple, and

furnished with both perisperm and vitellus.

1. G. marantina. Willd. spec. plant. 1. 153.

Leaves lanceolar. Spike terminal, sub-sessile, strobiliform, bulbiferous. Anther fourhorned.

G. marantina. Smith's Exot. Bot. 2. p. 85. t. 103. Roscoe in Trans. of Linn. Soc. 8. 356. Lompujum silvestre minus. Rumph. Amb. 5. 150. t. 64. f. 2.

A native of the Moluccas, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden near Calcutta by bits of the root found amongst the earth in which nutmeg and other plants were brought from Amboyna. Flowering time, in Bengal, the rainy season.

Root perennial, consisting of many, small, oblong, fleshy tubers, united to the base of the

stems. Stems annual, about twelve or eighteen inches high, somewhat recurved, enveloped in the sheaths of the leaves, the whole as thick as a rattan and a little compressed. Leaves bifarious, sessile on their balf stem-clasping sheaths, broad-lanceolate, acute, smooth above, somewhat villous and whitish underneath, margins waved; length from one to six inches, the lower being very small, and cordate. Sheaths half stem-clasping, smooth, with semi-lunate, projecting, bearded mouths, rising above insertion of the leaves. Spikes terminal, sessile, solitary, strobiliform, oblong. Bracles numerous, ovate-cordate, the lower half, or more, and sometimes even the whole, have each a single, small, brownish, sessile, pointed, ovate bulb in the axill; the superior are smaller and generally embrace a single flower each. Flowers slender, brightyellow, and fragrant. Calyx superior, somewhat gibbous, three-toothed. Corol one-petalled. Tube long, and very slender. Border double; exterior three-parted, nearly equal, oblong, concave, and reflexed; inner of two lobes, which are longer by one-third than those of the exterior border, cuneate, and of a deeper yellow, reflected over the anterior two divisions of the outer border. Lip elevated on a continuation of the tube, a little above the former, consisting of two cuneate, reflected segments, united at the middle only. The upper end continued into a very long, slender, incurved, grooved filament. Anther double, with two horns from each side. Germ beneath, round, turbercled, one-celled, ovula parietal. Style slender, as long as the tube of the corol and filament, and lodged in a groove therein. Stigma funnel-shaped. Pericarp; I have not found it come to maturity. The little bulbs found in the axills of the lower bractes of the spike, readily vegetate, and thus the plant is abundantly propa-

2. G. bulbifera. R. Stems bulbiferous. Leaves oblong. Racemes terminal, erect, shorter than the leaves, bulbiferous.

Teling. Conda pooshpoo.

A native of the northern Circars.

3. G. orixensis, R.

Leaves oblong. Panicle terminal. Anther naked. Capsule verrucose.

Is a native of the moist vallies in the northern Circars, and flowers during the rainy

Roots biennial. Stems annual, bending obliquely to one side, as in the case with most plants of the natural order, about two or three feet long; lower part involved in a few simple sheaths, above with the sheathing petioles of the leaves. Leaves alternate, bifarious, very

short-petioled, oblong, ending in a tapering filiform point, entire, smooth, finely veined; from Page eight to ten inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles short. Sheaths opening on the side opposite to the leaf. Panicles terminal, erect, oblong, thin, rigid. Flowers sessile, small, deep orange yellow. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, oval, falling. Calyx one-leaved, mouth three-toothed. Corol; tube a little curved, widening gradually to the mouth, twice the length of the calyx. Border double; exterior three-parted; upper division largest, sub-erect, concave; the other two inferior, and ovate. Interior of two, smaller, opposite, ovate lobes. Filament very long, much curved. base tubular, and ornamented with a large, orange-coloured, two-lobed lip, or apron. Anther at the extremity of the filament, maked, double, or twolobed. Style embraced at the base by the two subulate bodies (nectaries of Konig); above the tube of the corol, it takes a curved direction like the filament, but is shorter, so that the curve is less; its end passes between the lobes of the anther. Stigma clubbed, half immersed between the lobes of the anther. Capsule sub-globular, watery, fleshy, one-celled. Seeds many. 4. G. Hura, R.

Leaves ovate-oblong. Racemes terminal, erect; pedicels tern, three-flowered. Anther with a membranaceous crest. Hura siamensium. Kön. in. Retz. Obs. 3. 49.

Native of the peninsula of Malacca.

5. G. pendula. R. Leaves lanceolate. Racemes terminal, compound, much longer than the leaves, pendu-Anther bicalcarate.

Found by Mr. William Roxburgh, on the Island of Pulo-Pinang. Flowering time the

Root fibrous. Leaves lanceolate, smooth, fine-pointed. Sheaths a little hairy on the outside. Racemes terminal, solitary, compound, very long, pendulous. Pedicels remote, diverging, generally three-flowered. Braces caducous; those of the pedicels solitary, oblong, ciliate; those of the flowers oval, ciliate. Calga campanulate, three-toothed. Corol; tube ascending, long and slender; border double. Exterior three-parted, of these the upper one is concave; the other two obliquely obovate, expanding, and flat. Interior border of two, opposite, lanceolate, expanding lobes. Filament very long, curved; base tubular and winged, with a bifid, cunciform, yellow lip or apron, above it is grooved for the reception of the style. Anther two-lobed; each lobe bending in a long curved, span. Green beneath, eval. Style 611. ther two-lobed; each lobe bending in a long curved spur. Germ beneath, oval. Style filiform. Stigma funnel-shaped, mouth ciliate. I have not seen the fruit.

6. G. Careyana. R.

Leaves ovate-lanceolate, villous underneath. Racemes terminal, compound, bulbiferous. Corol with the two segments of the inner border as long as the lip. Asther naked, sub-orbi-

From Pegue this pretty little plant was introduced by Mr. F. Carey into the Botanic gar-

den near Calcutta, where it flowers in August.

Roof tuberous, about biennial, perishing at one end, and shooting forth at the other. This may be considered the general habit of all the species. Stems numerous, oblong, as thick as a slender ratan, about eighteen inches high, and invested in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves sessile on their sheaths, alternate, bifarious, from broad-lancedate to ovate-oblong, very fine-ly acuminate, villous underneath; about six inches long, by two broad. Sheaths villous on the outside, scarcely ending in any ligula, but rising a little on each side. Racemes terminal, erect, composed of little, alternate fascicles, of about three flowers each, supported on very short, common pedicels; each of the lowermost of them produces a small, obovate bulb, and two or three more between the racemes and the leaves. Flowers numerous, small, of a deep orange colour. Bractes concave, acute, one to each fascicle; and a smaller coloured one to each flower; all caducous. Calyx superior, tubular, three-toothed, coloured. Corol; exterior border of three, nearly equal, oval lobes; Interior of two linear lobes, which are as long as the lip; soon after expansion they are reflected back over the exterior border, but become involute before the flower drops. Lip a little elevated above the five segments of the exterior border. der, billd at both ends. Filament long, incurved, &c. as in the genus. Author broad, ovate, or nearly round, with its two polleniferous cells within, projecting at the sides a little beyond its periphery, but without any other kind of appendage, as in most of the other species. Germ round, rugose, one-celled, containing many ovula, attached to three parietal receptacles. Style length of the corol and filament, filiform, taking a more direct course to the author than the groove of the filament. Stigma funnel-shaped, ciliate. Capsule globular, size of a large marrow-fat pea, warted, one-celled, three-valved. Seeds several, attached to the middle of the valves of the capsule, round-ovate, resting on a large spongy pedicel. Integuments two; exterior firm, light brown, a little villous; interior membranaccous. Perisperm conform to the seed, hard, and friable, even while fresh. Vitellus in small quantity, clear, lining the inside of the upper part of the cavity of the perisperm so as to embrace the upper half of the clavate embryo.

7. G. subulata. R.

Panicles radical. Filament with a subulate wing on each side near the base; anthers

semilunar, winged.

Found wild in the forests of Chittagong by Mr. W. Roxburgh, and by him introduced into the Botanic garden near Calcutta, in 1801; where it blossoms in April, May, and June, during which period the new foliage also appears above the ground. There is a constant succession of flowers from the extremities of the lengthening branches of the panicle, for nearly two

age months, which renders this levely plant one of the most charming of the whole natural order that I have yet with. The specific name is taken from the shape of the wings of the filament.

Root perennial, composed of numerous, diverging, fleshy fibres, some fusiform, some columnar. Stems annual, bending a little to one side; from one to two feet high. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sessile on their sheaths, lanceolate, with a long, withered, filiform point; villous on both sides; from six to nine inches long, and about one and a half broad. Sheaths smooth, keeled; ligula, or stipulary process truncated. Scapes radical, from three to four inches long, often several arise from the same cluster of roots, erect, enveloped in three or four, alternate, smooth, short sheaths. Panicle erect, about a foot high, including the scape, and expanding nearly as much, the whole a very lively bluish purple. Ramifications alternate, long, simple, diverging, bearing in succession numerous, alternate, sessile, small, lovely purple and yellow flowers. Bractes solitary, light purple, smooth; those of the ramifications oblong; those of the flowers cordate. Flowers solitary, sessile in the axills of their proper bractes. Calyx superior, clavate, smooth, light purple; mouth three-toothed, permanent, with the lower half of the tube of the corol. Corol; tube long and very slender; the lower half, which is inclosed in the tube of the calyx, projecting horizontally; the upper half erect; at the angle, which those portions of the tube make with each other, and which is nearly a right one, the flower drops, leaving the lower half to wither. Border single and three-parted; upper division erect, pressing on the back of the base of the filament, oblong, boat-shaped; lower two divisions obliquely cordate, and reflexed, all the three are of a light purple colour. Lip cuneate, deeply two-parted, much larger than the divisions of the exterior border, deep orange yellow, forming a pretty contrast with the lively purple of every other part of the panicle. Filament very long, very slender, on the first day much incurved, afterwards revolute, finely grooved on the underside for the reception of the style; near the base are two, very long, slender, flat, subulate, diverging, recurved wings. In my other six species with terminal inflorescence, these are entirely wanting, but the inner two-lobed border is present. Anther double, and enlarged at the sides with two, broad, reniform wings. Germ beneath, oval, with nine longitudinal ridges, a transverse section exhibits one cell only, with numerous seeds, affixed to three parietal receptacles. Style most slender. Stigma funnel-shaped. Capsule globular, purple, size of a small cherry, six-ridged, one-celled, three-valved, opening spontaneously from the apex. Receptacle a longitudinal ridge on the inside of each valve. Seeds many, minute, oblong, villous, connected by a large, white, spongy membrane to the parietal receptacles.

8. G. Spathulata. R.

Panicles radical. Filaments, with a spatulate wing on each side near the base; anthers

semilunar, winged.

This second, beautiful species, with large azure coloured, radical inflorescence, is a native of the vallies on the north and eastern boundaries of the province of Silhet, and from thence was introduced by Mr. M. R. Smith into the Botanic garden near Calcutta, where it flowers in April, at which time the foliage begins to appear. At the beginning of the cold season it

perishes down to the root.

Panicles radical, erect, oblong, from eight to twelve inches high, composed of many, diverging, simple, lengthening branches, every part, bracte included, of a pretty, light azure colour. Bractes oval, and oblong, concave, a larger one under each branch of the panicle, and one to each flower. Flowers numerous, produced in a continued succession for several weeks on the same panicle. Perianth superior, widening to its three-toothed mouth. Corol; tube long, slender, curved, and villous. Border three-lobed; lobes nearly equal and equally arranged, shape oblong, and concave. Lip as in G. subulata, but less divided; yellow, as in that species. Filament long, slender, recurved, &c. as in the genus; near the base, instead of an inner border to the corol, there is a spatulate, diverging wing on each side. From its shape the specific name is taken, and readily distinguishes this species from subulate, which it very exactly resembles when in flower. Anther with a semilunar wing on each side. Germ onecelled, containing many ovula, attached to three parietal receptacles.

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SALICORNIA. Schreb. gen. N. 14.

Calyx gibbous like an aril lining the inside of the cavities of the fructification in the joints. Corol none. Seed one.

1. S. brachiata. R.

Perennial, erect; branches numerous, decussate, joints clubbed. Spikes cylindric.

Teling. Quoiloo.

This seems an undescribed plant; nor can I collect what Dr. König thought it was. It is a small, generally erect, perennial species, growing plentifully on such low, wet, salt ground as is overflowed by the spring tides. Flowers all the year round. It should be compared with S. herbacea.

Stems generally erect, woody, about as thick as a goose-quill, though sometimes at the base as thick as the little finger; from twelve to eighteen inches high. Branches decussate, ascending, very numerous, divided, and subdivided in the same manner; their extremities are the succulent, cylindric jointed spikes. Joints of the spikes, or leaves, thick, succulent, annular, cap-like, portions, that closely surround the extremities of the filiform, woody branchlets, like beads strung on a thread; above they are concave, with two opposite elevations, the lower convex end of the next leaf above enters this concavity; these elevations, like the branches, are decussated with those of the next above and below, with a ring. Flowers conspicuous, three-fold, (three on each side of each joint,) opposite. Calyx, a flask-like fleshy substance, with a longitudinal slit for the stamen, and style; they adhere firmly to one another

and to the substance of the leaf, till the seed is ripe. Corol none. Stamens constantly one. Carey
Anther sagittate. Stigma two-cleft. Capsule, no other than the calyx now dry, which sepa-Anther sagittate. Stigma two-cleft. Capsule, no other than the calyx now dry, which separates, and drops with its single seed.

2. S. indica. Vahl. enum. pl. 1. 10.

Perennial, diffuse ; joints gibbous. Spikes cylindric ; flowers hid.

Beng. Jodoo Palung. Teling. Quoia-pipaly.

This is also very common, and grows with the former on similar ground.

Stems and large branches woody, diffuse over an extent of some feet; the latter sometimes alternate, sometimes opposite, those that are young, and covered with the leaves are ascending, or nearly erect. Joints, or leaves longer than in the former species, but in other respects the same. Floral joints or leaves, very short. Spikes terminal, cylindric, erect, obtuse, Flowers inconspicuous, opposite, three-fold, hid by the upper margin of the next floral leaf below. Calyx as in the former. Stamen; in this species I have never been able to discover even the rudiments of one. Pistil, &c. as in the former.

Obs. Cattle will not eat these plants, although their taste is simply saltish. These two species are very plentiful on the coast of Coromandel, where large quantities of the fossil alkali might no doubt be made at a low rate. Such manufactures deserve much encouragement, particularly here, where there are many more labouring people* than can possibly find employment. Large quantities of this substance are annually imported into England from the Mediterranean, for making soap, glass, &c. It is worth about twenty-eight or thirty shillings per cwt. and as labour is cheap on this coast, the alkali might be made, I think, at so low a rate as to admit of its being sent to England, and paying a freight of £10 the ton, or more; provided it could be there imported duty free.

DIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

MAG - NYCTANTHES. Schreb. gen. N. 21

Calify campanulate. Corol salver-shaped. Capsule superior, obcordate, compressed, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds solitary. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. N. arbor tristis. Linn. spec. plant. ed. Willd. 1. 35.

Parlium arbor tristis. Gart. Sem. 1, 234, t. 51. Scabrita scabra. Vahl. Symb. 2, 28, Gart. Sem. 2, 265, t. 128,

Scabrita triflora, Linn. Mant. 1. p. 37.
Manja pumeram. Rheed, Mal. 1. p. 35, t. 21.
Sephalica. As. Res. 4, 244.

Sans, Hind, and Beng, Singahar, Sewly, Nibari, Harsinghar, &c.

Of what country this is a native I know not, for I have never found it but in a cultivated state; and it is always raised from seed, which may be the reason we have no varieties of this most delightfully fragrant plant. In our gardens it is found in the state of a large shrub, or small tree. Flowers on the Coast nearly the year round; in Bengal only during the rains. The seeds ripen in the cold season.

Trunk erect. Bark scabrous. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction; the young shoots alone are four-sided; four ligneous, cord-like nerves, under the bark, forming the angles. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, cordate, those near the flowers oblong, pointed, sometimes entire, sometimes very grossly serrate, and sometimes the lower parts are angular; scabrous; from three to five inches long, and from one to three broad. Inflorescence a large, terminal, leafy, cross-armed panicle, composed of small, five-flowered, terminal umbellets. Flowers numerous, middle-sized, exquisitely fragrant, open at sun-set, and fall off at sun-rise; the tube orange-coloured, and the border white. Incolucre to the umbellets four-leaved, leaflets inverse-cordate, opposite, sessile. Calyx campanulate; mouth a little contracted, and lightly five-notehed, downy, withering. Corol; tube cylindric, length of the calyx. Border spreading, from five to eight, but generally six or seven parted, contorted; segments triangular, or obliquely lobed, exterior margin scolloped. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers two-lobed, sitting within the tube. Germ above, compressed. Style length of the tube. Stigma headed, glandular. Capsule size of a man's thumb nail, obcordate, or nearly orbicular, compressed, two-celled, two-valved, opening transversely from the apex. Seeds one in each cell, compressed, &c. as described and figured by Gærtner; I have not, however, been able to detect any thing like a perisperm.

Obs. The flowers of this tree are exquisitely fragrant, partaking of the smell of fresh honey, and on that account the plant is much esteemed; for when destitute of flowers it has but an indifferent appearance. The orange tubes of the flowers dye a most beautiful buff or orange colour, with the various shades between them, according to the preparation, and mode of conducting the operation; but unfortunately, no way has yet been discovered of rendering

this elegant colour durable.

^{*} This was written before the famine of 1791, 2, and 3; the case is now (1794) different, as fully half, if not more of the labouring classes were carried off by that deplorable calamity.

JASMINUM. Schreb. gen. N. 22.

Corol salver-shaped. Germ two-celled, one-seeded.* Berries one or two, superior. Seed solitary. Embryo erect, without perisperm.
1. J. Zambac. Willd. 1. 35.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, from cordate to oblong, acute, or obtuse. Segments of calyx subulate. Berries globular.
Magorium Sambac. Lamarek. Encycl. iv. 210.

Of this we have three varieties, viz.

1st. Single-flowered Arabian Jasmine, which I suppose to be,

Jasminum undulatum. Willd. 1. 36.
Tsjiregam-Mulla. Rheed. Mal. 6. p. 97. t. 55.
Mallica, and Asphota, As. Res. 4. p. 245, are I suspect both this variety. The first is found in gardens, though a small flower, and the second wild in hedges, &c.

Beng. Bun-mulika; or Deshi-mullika. 2d. Double-flowered Arabian Jasmine. Nalla-mulla. Rheed. Mal. 6. p. 87. t. 50.

Jasminum Limonii folio conjugato. Burm. zeyl. 128. t. 58. f. 2.

Flos Manoræ. Rumph. Amb. 5, p. 52, t. 30. Sans. Suptala, Nuva-mullika. See As. Res. l. c.

Beng. Bela, or mulika.

3d. Great double Arabian or Tuscan Jasmine. Beng. Mootta-bela ; Bura-bela, or Patna mullika.

Kudda-mulla. Rheed. Mal. 6. p. 89. t. 51. Flos Manoræ plenus. Rumph. ibid.

Septala. As. Res. l. c.

All the varieties flower during the rains chiefly.

The single variety of this plant, (which is the one described,) is one of the most common in every forest on the Coast. Birds cat the berries, and drop the seeds, which vegetate. In this way, I account for its being so general. Flowers during the hot season.

Stem and branches woody, twining. Bark scabrous on old plants. Leaves opposite, shortpetioled, cordate-ovate, or oblong-waved, sometimes scollopped, pointed, smooth, except when young; in the axills of the veins on the back of the leaves there are tufts of down, as in some species of Gardenia. Flowers terminal, generally forming small, trichotomous umbellets, white, fragrant. Calyx bordered with from five to nine, long, subulate, permanent segments. Stigma clubbed. Germ two-lobed, one ovulum in each, attached to the lower part of the partition. Berries twin; each round, smooth, juicy, one-seeded, when ripe of a beautiful shining black. Seed conform to the berry; integument single. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle small, inferior.

Obs. From this species we have the common double; and rose, or great-flowered, and full Moogaries, (Arabian, or Tuscan Jasmines;) these are always raised from layers, and have

been improved by culture into their present state as above noted.

The plant that bears the common double sort still retains its twining habits, but it is lost in the great rose, or full-flowered sort; here the branches are erect, or spreading, but never twining.

I am inclined to think that Nyctanthes undulata, sp. pl. 2. p. 8. is only a variety of this species, arising from soil, culture, &c. for with the utmost attention, I could never discover any thing like a fixed specific character to distinguish it from Zambac, as the number of petals or divisions of the corol are inconstant, and at most mark only the variety.

2. J. scandens. Willd. 1. 37.

Shrubby, twining, and scandent, smooth. Leaves opposite, simple, cordate-oblong, entire, taper-pointed. Corymbs terminal, globular, trichotomous. Calycine segments six or seven, bristle-shaped, of the corol six to eight, lanceolate, very acute, nearly the length of the clavate Stigma bilobate.

Nyctanthe scandens. Retz. Obs. fasc. 5. p. 9.

A native of the southern parts of Bengal. The plants in the Botanic garden near Calcutta were reared from seed sent from Chittagong; which after they were two years old began

to blossom in January and February, and continue so to do, but have not produced good seed.

Trank none, but many, long, ligneous, at first scandent, but finally twining, round, smooth branches of considerable extent. Leaves simple, opposite, short-petioled, cordate-oblong, tapering from near the somewhat re-entering base, fine-pointed, entire, smooth, and rather lucid on both sides: from one to six inches long, and from half an inch to two inches broad. Petioles flattened, channelled. Corymbs terminal, sub-globular, dense, that which terminates the larger branches more compound. Peduncles short, with the pedicels still shorter, all are villous. Flowers numerous, pure white, delightfully fragrant. Calyx villous, border of six, or seven, bristle-shaped, spreading, villous segments. Tube of the corol widening to the mouth, and more than twice the length of the segments of the calyx. Border of from six to eight, lauceolate, acute segments, which are rather shorter than the tube. Germ turbinate, two-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the thickened middle of the partition.

3. J. elongatum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 37.

[&]quot; In all the species hereafter\mentioned, there is a two-lobed, two-celled germ, with one seed in each, attached to the upper end of the partition; and succeeded by two one-seeded berries, when both come to maturity.

Scandent. Leaves opposite, and alternate, lanceolate, villous on both sides. Corymbs Carey terminal. Corol eight or twelve-cleft; segments linear. Stigma bifid.
Nyctanthes elongata. Linn, suppl. 82.

A native of the forests about Hidgelee, near the mouth of the Hooghly in Bengal.

Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Stem woody, straggling to a considerable extent, or climbing. Bark of the woody parts light ash colour; of the young shoots very villous. Leaves opposite, and alternate; shortpetioled, from lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate; very soft with fine down in both sides; length from one to five inches. Flowers terminal, from simply tern to a large compound corymb, pretty large, pure white, fragrant. Pedicels clavate, villous. Bractes short, subulate, villous. Calyx villous, five or six-cleft; divisions short, and subulate. Corol; tube swelling towards the mouth, much more than the calyx. Border of from six to twelve, linear, spreading divisions with margins revolute. Filaments short. Anthers lodged just within the mouth of the tube of the corol. Germ turbinate. Style so long as to elevate the two-lobed stigma so as to make it level with the authers.

Obs. The species differs from my arborescens in being scandent, and in the shape of the leaves, as well as in the pubescence; here they are lanceolate, and very villous; there

cordate and smooth.

4. J. pubescens, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 37.

Leaves cordate, downy. Umbels terminal, sessile, many-flowered.

Katu-Tsjiregam-Mulla. Rheed. Mal. 6. p. 95. 1. 54.

Nyetanthes multiflora. Burm. Flor. Ind. p. 5. t. 3. f. 1.

Nyetanthes pubescens. Retz. Obs. 5. 9.

Sans. Maghyun, Koondum. See Asiat. Res. 4. 244.

Beng. Kounda.

A very ramous shrub, brought originally from China into the Company's Botanic garden.

It is also indigenous in Bengal. Is in flower during the rains chiefly.

Stein scarcely any; branches numerous, covered with ash-coloured bark; the young parts very downy. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, cordate, entire, downy, particularly while young; the terminal ones crowded (involucre-like) round the umbels. Umbels terminal, sessile, tending to be trichotomous, containing from ten to thirty, sessile flowers; downy in all parts. Flowers large, pure white, fragrant. Bractes few, lanceolate. Calga six-cleft; border of the corol from six to nine-parted; divisions lanceolate. Stamens within the tube. Authers beaked. Germ two-lobed, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the upper part of the partition.

Stigma entire, clubbed.

Obs. This is a goodly looking plant, its numerous, large, pure white, fragrant flowers, opening in succession make it very desirable.

5. J. laurifolium, R.

Scandent, polished. Leaves opposite, ovate-lanceolate, lucid, three-nerved. Flowers axillary, and terminal, from one to five, long-pediancled. Celycine segments six or seven, filiform; those of the corol from nine to twelve, linear, length of the tube.

A very elegant, climbing and twining, highly polished, shrubby species; a native of the

mountainous countries east of Bengal, where it flowers during the cool season.

Leaves opposite; sub-sessile, lanceolate, firm and glossy; margins entire, somewhat thick, faintly three-nerved, from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Peduacles terminal and axillary, sometimes single, sometimes several together, and sometimes, when terminal, sub-racemed; long and slender. Bracles opposite, subulate. Calyx from five to seven-cleft; segments long, slender, subulate, and smooth. Corol; tube twice the length of the calyx, sub-clavate; border of from nine to twelve, ensiform, spreading segments, which are as long as the tube. Stamina within the tube. Germ two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Style and stigma clavate, scarcely reaching to the anthers.

6. J. coarctatum. R.

Shrubby. Leaves oblong, smooth, acute. Corymbs terminal, peduncled, crowded with ternate, sub-sessile flowers, and amply bracted. Calyx five-cleft.

A very ramous shrub, without any tendency to ramble or climb. It is the first simple-leaved Indian Jasmine I have found which has not that habit. Is a native of the hills near

Chittagong, where it flowers in April and May; may be readily known, without any other mark, by the great number of flowers which form the little dense corymbs.

7. J. trinerve. Vahl. Symb. 3. p. 2.

Scandent, polished. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, long-acuminate, three-nerved, polished.

Flowers axillary and terminal, solitary. Calycine segments six or seven, subulate; those of the corol six or eight, sub-filiform, and longer than the long tube.

A native of the forests near Silhet, where it blossoms in March and April, and the berries

ripen in June.

Stem and branches together, some fathoms in extent, running up, and over large shrubs and trees. Bark of the old woody parts ash-coloured and rather rough; tender shoots polished, deep green. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate-lanceolate, long, fine-pointed, firm and glossy, three-nerved, three or four inches long, and one or one and a half broad. Petioles short, with a remarkable joint near the middle. Flowers terminal and axillary, solitary, sub-sessile, very large, white and sweetly fragrant. Calyx with a short, smooth tube, border of about six subulate segments which are nearly half the length of the tube of the corol. Corol; tube long, widening above the middle for the stamina; border of six to eight slender, spreading

Page segments, which are an inch and a half in length. Filament short. Anthers linear, lodged about the middle of the tube of the corol. Germ oval, two-lobed, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the partition. Style length of the tube of the corol. Stigma bifid.

Obs. The flowers were solitary the first year the plants were in the Botanic garden, but during the rainy season of the second year there were usually nine.

8. J. bracteatum. R.

Twining. Leaves opposite, ovate-oblong, acute, villous. Flowers in terminal bracted fascicles of three, five, or eleven flowers. Calycine segments from five to seven, subulate; those of the corol from five to eight, oblong, with rounded acuminate spices. Style longer than the tube. Stigma entire.

A native of the island of Sumatra. From Bencoolen Dr. C. Campbell sent plants to the Botanic garden, under the name Coast Jasmine. In Bengal they blossom during the

cool, and the beginning of the hot senson; the seed ripens in April.

Stem scarcely any; branches numerous, ligneous, climbing and twining, extending up and over trees of considerable size; tender parts round, and clothed with much, very soft, short, pale green down. Leaves simple, opposite, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, acute, entire, downy, two or three inches long, and one or two broad. Flowers numerous, pretty large, white, fragrant, in terminal fascicles of generally three, or five, sub-sessile ones, or growing on short, axillary branchlets; embraced by one, or two pair of large bractes, and by a greater number, when the fascicle terminates a primary branchlet; the addition in this, as in most of the other Indian species, proceed in opposite pairs of three-flowered peduncles. Bractes opposite, always two, generally unequal pairs, of an ovate-cordate shape, under each fascicle, and some small subulate ones within them, all villous, like every other tender part of the plant. Calyx downy. Tube short. Segments five, six, or seven, subulate. Corol smooth. Tube twice the length of the calyx, sub-cylindric. Border of from five to eight, oblong segments, rounded at the apex, with a small point in the middle. Germ two-celled, one ovulum in each. Style longer than the tube of the corol. Stigma entire, linear, with a groove on each side. Berries one or two, united from the middle downwards, size of a large pea, oval, smooth, succulent, and of a shining black colour when ripe, one-celled. Seed single, oval. Integuments two; exterior composed of woolly fibres; inner thinner and more tender, both dark, brownish black. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed, green. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle patelliform, inferior.

9. J. latifolium. R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate. Corymbs terminal; calycine segments from five to seven, subulate; those of the corol from ten to twelve, linear, and cuspi-Berries kidney-shaped.

Teling. Adivi-mulli.

To the best of my knowledge, this species is a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars only. It is much larger than the other species, though like them it has a woody twining, or climbing stem, but its branches are in general straight and spread. Branchlets opposite, smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, varying from oblong to broad-cordate, pointed, entire, smooth; size various. Corymbs terminal, divided by threes, diffuse. Flowers large, white, fragrant. Calyx with a short tube, and seldom more than five-cleft border. Corol tubular; border from eight to twelve-cleft; segments slender, and patent. Berries one or two; when single oblong; when two kidney-shaped.

10. J. arborescens. R.

Arborescent. Leaves opposite, and three-fold, oblong, downy. Flowers terminal, numerous, corymbiform, border from ten to twelve-cleft. Stigma two-lobed.

Sans. Suptula, Nuva-mullika. Beng. Bura-Koonda, Nuva-mullika.

Nyctanthes grandiflora. Loureir. Cochin Ch. 26.

A native of the more elevated parts of Bengal, where it blossoms about the beginning of

the hot season.

Trunk scarcely any; branches many, stout, woody, sub-erect, covered with smooth, ashcoloured bark ; young shoots round, and somewhat villous. Height of the whole tree ten or twelve feet. Leaves opposite, rarely three-fold, or alternate, short-petioled, ovate-cordate, acuminate; margins entire, and often waved, smooth on both sides; from two to four inches long, and from one to three broad. Petioles channelled, jointed near the middle. Flowers on terminal, trichotomous, three-flowered peduncles, often forming large, corymbiform panicles; they are large, white, and very fragrant. Bractes subulate, villous. Calyx crowned with five or six subulate, incurved, villous divisions. Corol; tube longer than the calyx. Border of ten or twelve, somewhat acute, linear divisions. Anthers ovate, within the tube. Germ turbinate, two-lobed, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the upper part

of the partition. Stigma two-lobed, about half way up the tube of the corol.

Obs. This species is nearly allied to my J. latifolium, and indeed the only specific difference I have yet been able to observe, is, that this species has no tendency to twine or climb;

11. J. angustifolium. Vahl. en. pl. 1. 29. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 36.
Shrubby, twining; polished. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, smooth, of a shining deep green. Flowers terminal, one, two, or three; corol eight or nine-parted. Berries single, ovate.

Nyctanthes triflora. Burm. Ind. 4. t. 2.

J. vimineam, Willd, loc. cit.

Katu-pitsjegam-Mulla. Rheed. Mal. 6. p. 93. t. 53.

This is much like Burman's figure quoted above, but does not accord with his character Page of alternate leaves; it is very common, and at the same time one of the most beautiful species Ed. of Jasmine I know. It abounds in every forest on the coast of Coromandel. Blossoms during the hot season; but in a state of cultivation flowers are produced the greatest part of the year.

Stem and branches woody, twining, smooth. Leaves opposite on every part of the shrub,

short-petioled, ovate-oblong, or oblong, sometimes nearly cordate, finely-pointed, smooth, shining, firm, very deep green, veinless. Flowers terminal, generally three-fold, peduncled, large, white, with a faint tinge of red, star-shaped, having a peculiar but very pleasant fragrance. Peduncles clubbed, smooth. Calux; tube short; segments acute. Corol; border generally eight or nine-parted; divisions lanceolate. Style short. Stigma lanceolate. Berries

oblong. Obs. I have for many years cultivated this species. It grows easily in every soil and situation, is constantly covered with leaves, and their bright, shining deep green colour, renders it always beautiful, and particularly well adapted for screening windows, covering

12. J. tubiflorum. R.

Scandent. Leaves sub-sessile, ovate-oblong, smooth. Flowers terminal, from three to five, short-peduncled. Calycine segments from seven to eight, subulate, one-sixth the length of the very long slender tube of the corol. Berries ovate.

A native of the Malay Archipelago, differs from all the other Indian species hitherto examined by me in the great length of its slender tube, which is three times longer than the seven or eight, lanceolate segments of its border.

 J. simplicifolium, Lian. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 38.
 Shrubby, spreading. Leaves oblong, polished. Flowers from three to many terminal. Border of the corol of from six to eight, linear, acute segments, equalling the tube in length.

Native place, the Friendly Islands, and the Eastern Archipelago, &c. Flowering time in the Botanie garden the hot season. It does not ripen seeds in Bengal.

Trunk searcely any; branches many, stout, ligneous, round, smooth; branchlets spreading in all directions. Leaves simple, opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire; highly polished on both sides; about two inches long, and about one broad. Flowers terminal, from three to a decussate panicle, with its ramification trifid. Pedicels clavate, round, smooth. Bracles minute, subulate. Calyx campanulate, with a five-toothed border. Corol; tube, many times longer than the calyx. Border from six to eight-parted; divisions linear, acute, about as long as the tube. Anthers half erect. Style shorter by half than the tube of the corol. Stigma two-cleft.

14. J. auriculatum, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 38.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves sub-ternate, leaflets ovate, the pair minute or wanting. Border of the calvx with five, obscure, glandular teeth. Corol seven-cleft. Berries globular.

Sans. Magudhee, Ganika, Yoot'hika, Umbustha. See Asiat. Res. iv. 246.

Beng. Jut'hi, or Jui.

This species is a native of various parts of India, but not common. Its habit is twining,

with a woody stem, and branches.

Leaves opposite, ternate. Leaflets, the pair very small, standing opposite, sometimes wanting; the terminal one at least ten or fifteen times larger; all ovate, entire, with a minute point, smooth, except when young, when they are downy. Corymbs terminal, always three-torked, dense. Flowers small, white, sweet-smelling, though less fragrant than those of the former species. Calyx five-notched, with a round firm glandular process on the outside of each. Corol; border from five to eight-cleft, divisions oblique, obtuse. Stigma clavate. Berry exactly as in Sambac.

15. J. lanceolaria. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaces ternate; leaflets lanceolar. Corymbs terminal. A native of the jungles or copses of Silhet, where it blossoms in May.

16. J. paniculatum. R.

Shrubby, erect, every part polished. Leaves ternate; leaflets oval, obtusely acuminate. Panicles terminal.

Sam-yeip-son-hing of the Chinese.

From Canton in China this fine erect, shrubby, highly polished species was received into the Botanic garden, where it blossoms during the rains. The leaflets are from oval to oblong, with an obtuse point, polished, of a hard texture. The flowers are small and white, but numerous, on terminal pretty large open, brachiate panicles.

17. J. chrysanthemum. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves alternate, pinnate; leaflets three, five, or seven, lanceolate. Corymbs sub-terminal. Calycine segments attenuate.

Hemapushpica, or yellow yuthica. Asiat. Res. iv. 246.

Sans, Hema-psoohpika.

A native of the mountainous countries north of Hindoostan. Colonel Hardwicke found it on his journey to Sirinagur, (see Asiat. Res. vi. 349. Jasminum, No. 3.) and Dr. Buchanan in Nepal. In the Botanic garden it grows freely from cuttings, and becomes a stout, erect ramous shrub, even a small tree, without the smallest tendency to lean, or twine. Flowers more or less the whole year; but, like the other species, the proper season is April and May, at which time it is the most desirable Jasmine I have yet seen.

Stem stout and woody, in plants seven or eight years old as thick as a man's leg. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Young shoots erect, flexuose, angular, smooth; height of the shrub from eight to twelve feet. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate; at the base of the young

shoots ternate or even sometimes solitary. Leaflets two, or more generally three pair, and a terminal one; opposite, lanceolate, smooth, dark green, but not glossy; from one and a half to three inches long. Corymbs generally terminal, from ten to twenty-flowered, as in the figure of Jasminum odoratissimum, in Curtis's Bot. Mag. No. 285. Flowers large, bright yellow, delightfully fragrant. Bractes ensiform. Calycine segments five, alternate, nearly as the tube of the calyx. Segments of the corol five, oval, obtuse, length of the tube. Filament short. Anthers linear, with their apices rather above the mouth of the tube of the corol. Germ two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Style half the length of the tube. Stigma clavate.

18. J. grandiflorum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 4).

Shrubby, scandent (in India). Leaves opposite, pinnate; exterior three or five leaflets.

confinent. Peduncles terminal.

Catalonian, or Spanish Jasmine.

Pitsjigam mullo. Rheed. Mal. 6, t. 52.

Sans. Soomuna, Malutee, Jati.

Beng. Jatee.

This plant I have only found in gardens, where it flowers the greater part of the year. 19. J. heterophytlum. R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, petioled, simple, sometimes ternate, ovate-lanceolate, waved,

hield, finely acuminate.

A stout shrubby species, a native of Nepal. In the Botanic garden its branches are weak and variously bent; the bark roughened with little elevated gray spots. While the plants are young the leaves are for the most part ternate, afterwards they are simple.

PHILLYREA. Schreb. gen. plant. N. 24.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol one-petalled, four-cleft. Germ two-celled, two-seeded. Drupe or berry superior, one or two-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. P. paniculata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, ovate-oblong, entire, smooth. Panicle terminal.

A native of China and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden near Calcutta, before 1793. Now, 1802, they have grown to be beautiful small trees, of from fifteen to twenty feet in height, clothed almost to the ground, with numerous, opposite, spreading, and

drooping branches, covered with smooth, ash-coloured back.

Leaves opposite, petioled, drooping, ovate-oblong, sides incurved, entire, leathery, smooth on both sides, above a shining deep green, underneath glaucous, with two or more obscure glands near their base : from four to five inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles. short, recurved, channelled. Stipules none. Panicles terminal from the exterior axills, ramifications thereof opposite, and smooth. Flowers very numerous, rather small, pure white, somewhat fragrant. Bractes minute, caducous. Calyx obscurely four-toothed. Corol one-petalled; tube short; segments linear, revolute, smooth. Filaments opposite, inserted into the bottom of the tube of the corol, and about as long as the segments of its border. Anthers incumbent. Germ above, but lodged deep in the bottom of the calyx, two-celled, with two ovula in each. Style short. Stigma clavate, entire. Drupe size of a small French beau, obliquely obovate, smooth, generally one-celled. Nut solitary, with the rudiment of a second, but I never saw more than one come to maturity; pointed at the base, furrowed on the outside, covered with a thick, somewhat indurated envelope, though scarcely hard enough to be called a nut. Embryo inverse, lodged in a pearl-coloured amygdaline perisperus.

Obs. Ligustrum japonicum. Thunb. Flor. Japan. p. 17. f. 1. is a tolerably good repre-

sentation of this tree; but the one-seeded nut, short style, and clavate stigma of my plant,

will not allow me to think they can be the same.

2. P. robusta, R.

Leaves ovate-oblong, entire, acuminate. Panicles terminal, large and spreading. Ber-

ries sub-cylindric, one-seeded. 102

Bhossemoora, the vernacular name in Silbet, where it grows to be a very large tree, and furnishes the natives, &c. with very hard durable wood. Flowering time June and July; the

seed ripens in January and February.

Young shoots void of pubescence, but dotted with small whitish specks. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, entire, smooth; three or four inches long, and one or one and a half broad. Panicles terminal, large, very ramous; ramifications four, round, and villons. Flowers oblong, acute, villons. Calgar bowl-shaped, four-toothed. Corol campanulate. Tube very short; border four-parted. Filaments short, inserted on the little tube of the corol opposite to each other. Anthers oblong. Germ superior, depressed, twocelled, with two ovula in each, attached to the top of the partition. Style and stigma clavate, apex flat and emarginate. Berries (for they can scarce be called drupes) sub-cylindric, smooth, succulent, dark olive-purple, size of a large berry, rarely more than one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the berry. Integuments two; exterior fibrous, and striated; interior rather thick, brown, adhering to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, oily. Embryo straight, nearly as long as the perisperm, inverse. Cotyledons lanceolate. Radicle cylindric, superior.

MILLINGTONIA. R.

Germ two-celled, two-seeded. Drupe with one, or two-celled, two-valved nut; seed solitary. Embryo curved and folded, with little or no perisperm, and with a curved inferior radicle.

Having found it necessary to deprive our countryman the late Sir Thomas Millington of the genus assigned to his memory by the younger Linnaus, (Supl. 45 and 201) because, on finding the ripe seed vessel of the only species thereof, I ascertained it to be a true Bignonia as I suspected; I have therefore restored that respectable name to the system, under a different dress, by giving it to the two trees which at present constitute this strongly marked family, and which, I am inclined to think, have not, until now, been described.

1. M. simplicifolia. R.

Leaves alternate, simple, broad-lanceolate.

A large tree, a native of Silhet, where it is called Dantrangee by the natives; the timber is used for various purposes. Flowers in February and March; seed ripens in July and

Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-lanceolar, tapering most toward the base, entire, or very remotely sub-serrate, in very young plants completely serrate, rather acuminate, smooth; veins simple and paralleled; from six to twelve inches long, by three or four broad. Paniele terminal, large, oblong, patent, brown, villous branches. Flowers numerous, sessile, very minute, yellow. Bracter oblong, clothed with ferruginous pubescence. Calyx three-leaved, independently of two or three minute, villous bractes, like a calyele; leaflets ovate, smooth, permanent. Petals three, broad-ovate, waved, twice the length of the calyx, permanent. Nectary a variously lobed, smooth scale from the base of each petal on the inside, they form a dome over the pistillum, and round the base of the germ is found a flat, triangular body, with its angles bidentate. Filaments two, opposite, incurved, inserted without the interior, three-angular nectary; bifid, the inner lamina supporting on its apex a patelliform receptacle, on which the two-lobed yellow anther rests. Exterior laming hifld, segments subulate, rising rather higher than the anther. Germ superior, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the thickened middle of the partition. Style single, short. Stigma obscurely two-lobed. Drope size of a pea, nearly round, succulent, smooth, black, one-celled. Net conform to the drupe, rarely more than one-celled, hard, cell somewhat angular; the second or abortive cell always traceable. Seed solitary, concave on the side next the abortive cell of the nut, hemispheric on the other. Integument single, membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo curved, and doubled, as in the Convolentacea, with a curved inferior radicle.

2. M. pinnata. R.

Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate; leaflets from six to twelve pair, sub-opposite, lanco-

Batiwa, the vermeular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, growing to be a middling sized tree, the wood of which is employed by the natives in constructing their houses.

Flowers in April and May. The seeds ripen in September,

Branchiels smooth. Leaves alternate, abruptly-pinnate; from six to eighteen inches long. Leaflets from six to twelve pair, sub-opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, remotely serrate, acuminate, smooth, three to six inches long, by one or one and a half broad. Panicles terminal, very large and very ramons, a little hairy. Bractes minute. Flowers numerous, small, white. Calgar three-leaved, with two smaller ones under them, which may be called bractes or a calycle; or, the calyx may be called five-leaved. Nectary, from the inside of the base of each petal arises a variously lobed, ragged leaflet or scale, which is incurved over the germ; besides which round the base of the germ is a small, three-sided cup with bidentate angles. Filaments two, opposite, length of the germ, short, broad, with enlarged apex; from the base on the outside, rises a broad, tridentate scale, of about the length of the filament. Authors twin, each lobe globular, opening transversely on the inside. Germ superior, cordate, two-celled, with two ovula in each cell, attached to the partition. Style short. Stigma small, bidentate. Drupe size of a pea, smooth, black, succulent, one-celled. Nat roundish, thick for its size and very hard, rugose, one-celled, two-valved, with a projection into the cell opposite to the remains of the style on one side near the base, which marks the abortive lobe. Seed solitary, conform to the nut. Integement single, membranaceous, Perisperm none, or in small quantity, and blended with the integument. Embryo curved, and folded up nearly as in the Convolvulacea. Cotyledons ovate-oblong. Radicle inferior, curved.

OLEA. Schreb. gen. N. 25.

Corol and calyx four-cleft. Germ two-celled, two-seeded. Drupe superior, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.
1. O. fragrans. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 4. 6.

Shrubby. Leaves oblong-lanceolate, slightly serrate. Peduncles axillary.

Olea fragrans. Thunb. Jap. 18. t. 2. good.

A native of China, in the Botanic garden it blossoms during the cool season.

2. O. paniculata, R.

Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, entire, smooth. Panicles axillary. Bractes deciduous. Lobes of the stigma divariente.

A small tree; a native of the Circar mountains. Flowers during the hot season.

Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, waved, entire, running down the petiole, smooth on both sides, firm, about five inches long, and two broad. Petioles an inch and half long, smooth, flat above. Stipules none. Panicles below the leaves, and also from the axills, small, thin, brachiate. Bractes small, nearly sessile. Calyx four-cleft, small. Corol one-petalled;

tube shorter; border four-cleft; divisions oblong, spreading, concave; apices sharp and incurved. Filaments two, opposite, short. Anthers large, oblong, erect. Germ superior, round. Style very short. Stigma two-cleft; divisions entire, acute. Ripe fruit not observed. 3. O. dioica. R.

Arboreous, dioicous. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, serrate. Panieles axillary. Atta-jam, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; also on the hills of Chittagong. In both places it grows to be a pretty large tree, the timber of which is reck-oned excellent, and put to many uses by the natives. Flowering time the month of March

and April; fruit ripe in July.

Bark of the old ligneous parts ash-coloured; of the young shoots smooth and green. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, tapering equally at each end, remotely, and acutely serrate, acuminate, smooth, from four to eight inches long, by from two to four broad. Stipules, the oval concave scales of the buds only. Panicles axillary, and opposite, below the
leaves, thin and not above half their length. Male flowers more numerous, small. Calyx four-toothed. Corol one-petalled, tube very short; border four-parted. Filaments two, very short, inserted on the short tube of the corol. Anthers oval, hid in the corol. Germ none, a small two-lobed gland supplies its place. Female on a separate tree, (probably HERMAPHRODITE, and in that case all the corols with the stamina, must have fallen off at a very early period; which I have no reason to think was the case, as they were examined at what I consider a proper age, and no traces of the place where a corol grew could be found.) Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Germ superior, ovate, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the top of the partition. Style short. Stigma two-lobed. Drupe nearly round, in size and colour much like the common sloe, Prunus Spinosa, one-celled. Nut conform to the seed, thin and rather brittle than hard, one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the nut. Integument single, thin. Perisperm conform to the seed, firm, pearl-colour. Embryo inverse, shorter than the perisperm, and considerably narrower. Cotyledons ovate-lanceolate. Radicle superior.

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CHIONANTHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 26.

Calyx four-parted. Corol one-petalled; segments long. Germ two-celled, two-seeded. Drupe superior, one or two-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. C. ramiflora. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolar, entire. Panicle below the leaves.

A native of the Moluccas. Flowering time March and April. Seed ripe in September. Trunk erect, bark smooth, ash-coloured; branches opposite; young shoots smooth, and round. Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire, acute, smooth on both sides; length about six inches. Petioles channelled, smooth, about an inch long. Panicles opposite, from the naked branches below the leaf-bearing shoots, ovate, brachiate, much longer than the leaves, smooth in every part. Flowers numerous, small, yellow. Bractes opposite, lanceolate. Calyx four-parted. Corol to the base four-cleft, consequently there is little or no tube, segments of the border lanceolate, with incurved margins. Filaments short and thick, inserted both on the base of the corol and the receptacle. Anthers a polleniferous groove on each side of the short, thick filaments. Style scarcely any. Stigma four-lobed. Drope oblong, onecelled. Nut oblong, striped, one-celled. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed.

2. C. Zeylanica. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 47.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, obovate, entire, smooth. Racemes axillary, often compound; flowers ternary. Bractes ovate.
Linociera purpurea, Vahl. En. pl. 1. 47.
Said to be a native of Ceylon.

I. 108 3. C. dichotoma. R.

Shrubby, dichotomous. Leaves cuneiform-lanceolar, recurved, entire. Racemes axillary ; pedicels three-flowered.

Native place Coromandel. The Asiatic synonima are uncertain. Flowering time in the

Botanic garden the month of March.

Trunk short; bark dark ash-coloured, with many, elevated, lighter coloured specks. Branches dichotomous throughout, very numerous; height of the shrubs in the Botanic garden, about seven feet in seven years. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-cuneiform, lanceolar, entire, rather obtuse; surfaces smooth, texture hard; three inches long by one broad. Racemes axillary, solitary, scarcely half the length of the leaves. Pedicels sub-opposite, diverging, three-flowered. Flowers small, white, inodorous. Calyx four-parted; segments ovate, obtuse, villous. Corol, the segments can scarcely be said to be united at the base, except by the filaments, which are inserted on the bases of two, and in that manner form two pair of segments; they are nearly exact, taper a little, and have their margins much incurved. Filaments two, short. Anthers large, with bifid apex. Germ four-sided, ovate, two-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the middle of the partition. Style short. Stigma obscurely two-lobed. Drupe superior, oval, or short obovate, size of a black current, succulent, when ripe purple, one-celled. Nut obovate, rather thin, and tender, marked with four ribs from the apex to the base, with four small, imperfect ones between, one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the nut. Integument single, thin, and tender. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle patelliform, superior.

SCHREBERA. R.

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Corol salver shaped. Capsule superior, turbinate, two-celled, twovalved. Seeds several, membrane-winged.

S. swietenioides. R. Corom. pl. 2. N. 101.

Teling. Mucaadi.

Tam. Mogalinga marum.

A large timber tree, a native of vallies over the mountainous parts of the Raja-mundri

Circar, Balaghata mountains, &c. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk erect. Bark scabrous. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, so as to form a large beautiful shady head. Leaves nearly opposite, petioled, piunate with an odd one, about a foot long. Leaflets, three or four pair, opposite, short-petioled, the lowermost largest, and obliquely-ovate, or cordate, while those towards the apex become narrower; all are entire, pointed, smooth on both sides, and about three or four inches long. Petioles round, smooth. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, thin, trichotomous. Bractes small, caducous. Flowers rather small, white and brown, variegated, very fragrant during the night. Calyx beneath, tubular, somewhat two-lipped; lips nearly equal, emarginate, sometimes there are two lateral toothlets, one on each side in the fissures which separate the lips. Corol onepetalled, salver-shaped. Tube cylindric, three times longer than the calvx. Border spreading, divided into five, six or seven cuneate, truncate segments. Filaments two, short, inserted below the middle of the tube. Anthers oblong, hid within the tube of the corol. Germ above, oval. Style a little longer than the tube. Stigma bifid. Capsule large, pear-shaped, size of a pullet's egg, scabrous, very hard, two-celled, two-valved, opening from the apex. Seed four in each cell, they are irregularly oval, and compressed, with a long membranaceous

Obs. The wood of this tree is of a gray colour, very close-grained, heavy and dur-It is reckoned less subject to bend or warp than any other hereabouts; on which account it is employed by weavers in many parts of their looms, particularly the beam. It is

also used for a great variety of other purposes. I am inclined to think it would answer well for scales to mathematical instruments; it does not look so well as box, but its not being subject to warp may render it fitter, though

not so handsome.

ERANTHEMUM. Linn. Flor. Zeyl. 15.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol hypocrateriform; border regular, or nearly so. Filaments four, Capsule two-celled, two-valved, bursting with elasticity opposite to the two of them sterile. partition.

1. E. montanum. R.

Shrubby, diffuse. Leaves oblong, acute. Spikes terminal. Bractes linear, hairy.

Justica montana. R. Corom. pt. 2. N. 176.

A small, straggling, jointed, under shrub; a native of the Circar mountains, flowers

during the cool season.

Stems many, striated, jointed, smooth, leaning on the ground, and rooting at the joints, young shoots four-sided. Leaces opposite, petioled, oval and oblong, pointed, running down the petioles, from three to four inches long, and about two broad. Spikes many, terminal, erect, slender. Peduncles four-sided. Bractes exterior, opposite, decussate, linear, acute, hairy, one-flowered. Bracteoles two to each flower, pressing laterally the calyx, and like the exterior, but much smaller. Flowers opposite, solitary, decussate, very pale blue. Calyx five-parted; segments subulate. Corol with a very long, and very slender tube, border of five equal obovate truncate, pale blue segments. Filaments short. Authors single, oblong, within the tube of the corol. Style length of the tube of the corol. Stigma unequally bild, appearing just without the tube. Capsule linear-oblong, compressed, pointed, two-celled, twovalved, opening across the partition, with an elastic jerk. Seeds two in each, compressed.
2. E. pulchellum. Andrew's Repos. vol. ii. 88.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves ventricose-oblong. Spikes terminal, imbricated. Bractes ovateoblong

Justicia pulchella. Roxb. Corom, pl. 2. No. 177.

Justicia nervosa. Vahl. En. pl. 1. 164.

Beng. Kalla-Jati.

Hind, Gool-sham. A most beautiful, stout, flowering shrub; a native of dry, uncultivated, shady places, over various parts of Iudia, flowering time the cold season. It is generally in its full beauty in February.

Stems many, erect, and ascending or nearly so; two or three feet high. Branches many; young shoots four-sided, smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, waved, pretty smooth; from six to nine inches long, and from three to four broad; they are of a much deeper and brighter green than in E. montana, which this resembles most. Spikes terminal, Bractes disposed as in the former, but larger, broader, ciliate, and much nearer to each other. Flowers disposed as in the former but large, and of a deep bright blue purple colour. Capsule and seeds as in E. montana.

3. E. suffruticosum. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaces ovate-oblong, smooth. Spikes terminal; bracles wedge-shaped,

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naked. Stamens within the tube.

A native of the Andamau Islands, whence several plants were brought to the Botanic garden, by Colonel Kyd; and are now (March 1797) in blossom. It is a small shrub, and of slow growth.

Stem and branches sub-erect, jointed; the younger somewhat four-sided and a little bairy. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, and ovate-oblong, somewhat repand, smooth on both sides. Spikes terminal, flowers opposite. Eractes three-fold, one-flowered, the exterior large, wedge-shaped, and maked; the interior daggered. Corol; tube length of the exterior bractes. Border regularly five-parted, pale blue. Stamens two, abortive filaments issuing from the base of the two fertile ones. Anthers half hid in the tube of the corol. 112

4. E. diantherum. R.

Suffruticose, erect. Leaves broad-lanceolar, smooth. Racemes terminal, in axillary, peduncled umbellets. Corol somewhat bilabiate. Anthers twin.

A small delicate, perennial plant, brought from the Moluccas in 1800, blossomed in the

Botanic garden in September 1801.

Stem curved, simple; branches few in our small young plants. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, obtuse, destitute of pubescence, somewhat bullate; about two or three inches long, by one broad. Flowers numerous, collected on small, long-peduncled, axillary umbellets; and in opposite fascicles, or solitary on a long terminal, slender, erect raceme; small, white, with a slight tinge of red, and some minute red spots on the base of the middle divisions of the under lips. Bractes, a single, ensiform one, at the base of each peduncle, with one or two, still smaller, about the middle of each pedicel. Calyx divided almost to the base into five slender, acute divisions. Corol; tube long, slender, and curved. Border sub-bilabiate: upper lip erect, two-parted; lower three-cleft; all the five segments equal. Filaments four, short, in the mouth of the tube, two of them very minute, and abortive. Anthers erect, twin. Capsule with two, or four, somewhat scabrous flattened orbicular seeds.

Obs. Is nearly allied to my E. racemosum, but differs from it in having long, slender-

peduncled fascicles of flowers in the axills of the leaves, as well as in having from one to three or more flowers on each of the lower opposite peduncles of the racemes, while in that there is only one; and lastly, in having the upper lip of the corol only two-parted, which in

that is three-cleft.

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5. E. racemosum. R.

Suffruticose. Leaves oblong, ventricose. Racemes terminal; corol somewhat bilabiate, both lips three-parted.

A small, under shrub, of great beauty, brought into the Botauic garden from the Moluc-

cas, in 1798; and blossomed in November, 1799.

Stem small, with a few, slender branches; height of the whole plant about two feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, ventricose, and running down on the petiole, entire, and pretty smooth; from two to three inches long, and broad in proportion. Racemes terminal, some of them long, and slender; others shorter. Flowers opposite, pedicelled, approximate, pretty large, colour a pale pink, or white, tinged with red. Bractes subulate, one at the base of each pedicel, and two on it. Calyx; divisions equal, and subulate. Corol infundibuliform ; border somewhat bilabiate ; both lips three-parted, the under one considerably larger. Filaments four, short, inserted within the mouth of the tube, two of them minute, and abortive. Anthers half erect.

6. E. barlerioides. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves ovate-oblong, smooth. Spikes terminal. Bractes wedge-shaped, naked. Stamens within the long slender tube, adjoined to them are two abortive filaments.

A native of the Andaman Islands, from whence several plants were brought to the Botanic garden, by Colonel Kyd, which blossom in March. It is a small shrub, and of slow growth.

Stem and branches sub-erect, jointed, the younger somewhat four-sided, and a little hairy. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong and ovate-oblong, somewhat repand, smooth on both sides. Spikes terminal; flowers opposite. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered, the exterior large, wedge-shaped, and naked; the interior daggered. Corol; tube length of the exterior bractes. Border regularly five-parted, pale blue. Stamens, two abortive filaments issuing from the base of the two fertile ones. Anthers half hid in the tube of the corol.

JUSTICIA. Schreb. gen. N. 35.

Corol one-petalled, irregular. Capsule superior, two-celled, two-valved, bursting with elasticity contrary to the partition.

SECT. I. Anthers single.

1. J. Echolium, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 85. Shrubby, erect. Spikes terminal, four-sided. Bractes oval, ciliate. Corol bilabiate, tube filiform; upper lip linear, reflexed, with bipartite apex. Capsule two-seeded. Carim curini. Rheed. Mal. 2. t. 20.

Hind. Oodoo-Jati.

A native of our Indian forests. Flowers the greatest part of the year.

Stems several, woody, straight, round, smooth, jointed, and swelled above the joints; from two to four feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval, tapering a little towards each end, smooth, a little waved. Spikes terminal, four-sided, imbricated with four rows of large, Page oval, sharply corrected; waved, one-flowered bractes. Flowers a pale blue or azure colour. Corol; tabe very long and slender; upper lip linear, reflexed, becoming revolute, apex bifid; under lip very broad, three-parted. Anthers simple, linear, erect. Stigma perforated, ciliate.

2. J. thrysiflora, R.

Capsule two-seeded.

Leares lanceolar, drooping. Racemes terminal, flowers verti-Shrubby, erect, smooth.

Corol sub-bilabiate. Capsule clavate, ten or twelve-seeded.

This beautiful stately species is a native of the interior part of Bengal, and from thence was introduced by Dr. William Carey, into the Botanic garden, where it flowers in Janu-

ary and February, and the seeds are ripe in March and April.

Root ramous. Stem straight, woody. Branches nearly straight, general height from four to eight feet; woody parts round, and covered with smooth ash-coloured bark; young shoots smooth, swelled at the insertion of the leaves, somewhat four-sided, and tinged with dull purple. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, drooping, lanceolar, entire, smooth on both sides, of a firm texture, the upper side deep green, the under side pale; from four to eight inches long, and from one to two broad. Racemes terminal, often solitary, though sometimes two, or even three-fold, thyrsiform, shape of the flame of a candle, crowded with large orange-coloured flowers. Pedicels four-fold, verticelled, approximate, one-flowered, shorter than the divisions of the calyx. Bracles three-fold, subulate; the inner two permanent, and inserted on the base of the pedicels; the exterior single one larger and caducous, Calyx simple, five-cleft, to the base divisions equal, straight, subulate, half the length of the tube of the corol. Corol about an inch long. Tube incurved, compressed, laterally somewhat villous. Border bilabiate; upper lip broad, projecting straight forward, deeply emarginate; under lip of three, equal, deeply-divided, ovate, acute divisions. Anthers even with the upper lip of the corol, dark brown, oval, an opening on the under side for the discharge of the white pollen, and studded on the back. Style scarcely so long as the stamina. Stigma entire. Capsule linear-clavate, smooth. Seeds five or six in each cell.

Obs. This is one of the most beautiful species of Justicia I have yet mot with in India,

even when only in foliage. It grows readily from cuttings.

3. J. vitellina. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves broad-lanceolar, reflexed, smooth. Racemes terminal, cylindric; flowers opposite; below fascicled, about the middle tern, and above single; sub-ringent, with ample-campanulate throat. Capsule linear, few-seeded.

A native of the hilly parts of Chittagong, where it blossoms in February and March.

Stems scarcely any, but several, erect, stiff, short branches, with their ultimate tender divisions four-sided, the angles sharp, and rather rough; whole height of full grown plants about three feet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, reflexed, from oblong to lanceolar, entire and pretty smooth; from two to four inches long, by from one to two broad. Racemes terminal, solitary, rigidly erect, cylindric; from three to six inches long. Rachis four-angled. Flowers rather small, colour yellowish pink, on the lower part of the raceme in opposite fascicles, about its middle in threes on common very short peduncles and pedicels; above single. Bractes to the single flowers, solitary; to the lower, three. Calga single, five parted; divisions broad-subulate. Corol with the tube shorter than the calyx, and an ample-campanulate throat; border sub-bilabiate; upper lip projecting almost horizontally, bifid; lower lip broad, and three-parted. Filaments much curved, hairy near the base. Anthers single, linear, lodged under the upper lip of the corol. Germ two celled, about four ovula in each. Stigma simple, obtuse. Capsule linear, smooth.

4. J. alba. R.

Shrubby, erect, smooth. Leaves opposite, ovate-lanceolate. Spikes terminal, and axil-Flowers remote. Corol with filiform tube, and bilabiate border.

This very pretty plant, a native of the Great Andaman, was brought from thence to the

Botanie garden, by Capt. Stokoe. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Stem erect, round, smooth, while young swelled above the insertions of the leaves. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, waved, smooth, and shining on both sides. Spikes numerous, terminal, and axillary, spreading, with a considerable recurvature, longer than the leaves, round, and smooth. Flowers opposite, remote, pure white. Bracles, three small ones to each flower, shorter than the calyx. Corol; tube long, straight, filiform; upper lip of two, erect, wedge-shaped divisions united below the middle; under lip three-parted; divisions broader and pointing downwards. Filaments short. Authors just without the tube.

5. J. picta. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 88.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves broad-lanceolate, pointed. Racemes sub-globular. Tube of the

corol widening, vertically compressed, margins of the segments of the border revolute.

Tojude maram. Rheed. Mal. 6. p. 111. t. 60.

Folium bracteatum. Rumph. Amb. 4. p. 73. t. 30.

A large, elegant, ramous shrub, common in gardens, and one of our finest ornaments. I

never saw it wild; it is in flower most part of the year.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate-lanceolate, smooth-pointed, generally variegated with large white spots, though sometimes of a uniform green, and we have a variety with the leaves uniformly ferruginous. Racemes terminal, short, erect, smooth. Flowers large, generally of a beautiful crimson colour. Bractes opposite; below three or four-flowered; above, one-flowered. Corol, throat compressed, divisions of the border soon after they expand becoming spirally revolute, with their inside wrinkled, and beautifully ornamented with small

chrystalline specks.

6. J. paniculata. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 89.

Herbaceous, erect, four-sided, brachiate. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate. Racemes terminal; flowers secund, erect. Corol bilabiate; lips linear, revolute. Anthers coalesced, and bearded at the base. Capsules linear, many-seeded.

Beng. Kala-megh, Kalap-nath, or Muha-tita; the last name implies King of bitters,

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and a very powerful, much esteemed one it is.

Kreat is the name by which it is known on the Malabar coast, &c. where it is much used in medicine, and is the bitter of the famous Nortrum, called Drogue amere.

Cara-canirum. Rheed. Mal. 9. p. 109. t. 5. 6.

Teling. Nella-vemgoo.

A native of dry ground, under the shade of trees, bushes, &c. Flowering and seed time,

the wet and cold seasons.

Stem erect, generally annual, at least down to the root, branchy; slender, four-sided, jointed, smooth, one to two feet high. Branches opposite, cross-armed, four-sided, spreading. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth; two or three inches long. Racemes terminal, and from the exterior axills, horizontal, long secund, four-sided. Flowers remote, rose-coloured, long-pedicelled, alternate, erect, downy. Bractes a large, exterior opposite pair; within the flower-bearing one there are two smaller, embracing the base of the pedicels. Corol bilabinte. Tube recurved; lips linear, and reflected; the superior broadest, three-toothed; the inferior two-toothed. Filaments as long as the lips of the corol, projecting, hairy. Anthers very flat, obovate, firmly united at the base, and three-bearded. Capsule erect, sub-cylindric. Seeds three or four in each cell, cylindric.

7. J. echioides. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. p. 87.

Annual, erect, four-sided, hairy. Leaves sessile, decussate, oblong and linear. Spikes axillary, recurved over the bosoms of the leaves, secund. Capsule oblong, with four, verrucose seeds.

Pee-tumba. Rheed. Mal. 9. t. 46.

A native of Coromandel, and generally found on old walls, in flower all the year.

Stem annual, erect, four-sided, hairy, with ascending, opposite, similar, branches from the base; whole height about a foot. Leaves opposite, decussate, sessile, from oblong to linear, obtuse, recurved, hairy; from one to two inches long. Spikes axillary, spreading out over 119 the bosom of the leaves, and in general shorter than them; in luxuriant plants compound. Bractes opposite, small, lanceolate, hairy. Flowers alternate, sessile, erect; upper lip purple, the rest white. Calyx of five, long, hairy, ensiform divisions. Corol bilabiate. Tube subcylindric; upper lip erect, broad, and trifid; under lip narrower, recurved, and bidentate. Filaments projecting, straight, and about as long as the lips of the corol. Anthers simple, united and bearded at the base. Capsule oblong, erect, hairy, length of the calyx. Seeds generally two in each cell, oblong, rough.

8. J. polysperma, R.

Annual, creeping, round, jointed. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, downy. Spikes imbricated. Bracles three-fold, one-flowered, woolly. Capsule with from twenty to thirty seeds.

Beng. Chhota-micheta.

It is a native of Bengal, and appears during the cold season amongst grass, &c. in un-

cultivated places.

Stems diffuse, or creeping, very ramous, six to twelve inches long, round, jointed, a little downy. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, entire, downy. Spikes terminal, and axillary, imbricated with opposite, decussated, flowers, and bractes. Flowers small, pale blue. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered, the lower one a little broader than the two lateral, all are woolly. Calyx woolly. Capsules linear, containing from twenty to thirty, small roundish seeds. 9, J. acaulis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 84, R. Corom. pl. 2, N, 127.

Root perennial, stemless. Leaves radical, sessile, ovate-oblong, crenate. Spikes ascending, imbricated. Corol ringent. Capsules many-seeded.

Elytraria crenata. Vahl. Enum. plant. 1. 106. Teling. Nella mura.

Grows on pasture ground, generally under the shade of trees. Flowering and seed time

the wet and cold seasons.

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Root perennial. Stem none. Leaves radical, spreading close on the ground, sessile, wedge-form or oblong, crenulated, rugose, woolly on the under side; from six to twelve inches long. Spikes radical, several, as long as, or longer than the leaves, ascending, imbricated from top to bottom, with small, rigid, pointed bractes, each of the superior ones embracing a flower, and two small lateral bractes. Flowers small, white. Calyx five-leaved, the superior leaflets much the largest. Corol; tube cylindric, recurved; upper lip vaulted, under lip broad, three-parted, with the divisions two-parted. Capsules conical, eight-seeded. Seeds kidney-form.

SECT. II. Corols bilabiate. Anthers double.

 J. nasuta. Vahl. Symb. 2. 15. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 90.
 Shrubby, erect. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate. Panicle axillary and terminal. Upper lip of the corol, linear and bidentate; under lip broad, three-lobed.

Pul-colli. Rheed. Mal. 9, 135, t. 69,

Sans. Yoothika-purnee.

Beng. Jooi-pana.

Teling. and Tamul, Naga-mulli.

This species I have only found in gardens: from whence it originally came, I cannot say. Flowers all the year round, but never ripens its seed, owing I imagine, to its being always propagated by cuttings, layers, or slips. It grows to be a large thin shrub, of five or more

Root woody, ramous. Stems many, erect, ramous, the old woody parts round, and covered with pretty smooth ash-coloured bark; the tender branches, and young shoots jointed, smooth, and obsoletely six-seeded. Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-lanceolate, point obtuse, above smooth, below a little downy, entire; from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Pasicles corymbiform. axillary, and terminal, always three-cleft, as also the subdivisions. Peduacles and pedicels short, round, a dittle downy. Bracles minute. Flowers small, white. Corol with a long, slender, compressed tube; under lip broad, three-cleft; upper lip erect, linear, sides reflected, apex bifid. Nectary, a fleshy ring surrounding the base Anthers without the tube, twin. Capsule; I have not seen it.

Obs. Milk boiled on the roots, is reckoned, by the Indian physicians aphrodisiacal, and as such often employed; for no medicines are more sought after by the natives of India than

those which are imagined to belong to that class.

The roots rubbed with lime juice, and pepper, are used, and often with good effect, to cure the ring worms, or Herpes miliaris, which in India is a most troublesome disease, and very common.

They are also used for the bite of poisonous snakes; hence the Tolinga and Tamul name Naga mulli, or Jasmine of the Cobra de capella; Naga is therefore prefixed to the name of the most of their antidotes, or medicines supposed to destroy the effect of poison, and occurs very often in their writings. For like the ancient physicians of Greece, Rome, &c. those of India at this day, make poisons, and their antidotes a very chief part of their studies; but from the seeming inactivity of a very large share of them, we may safely conclude, that their practice is equally frivolous with that of the ancients, and ought to be discouraged as much as possible; because at least, they prevent the application of more efficacious remedies.

11. J. lanceolaria. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaces petioled, lanceolar, smooth. Fascicles terminal, panicled, clammy, from two to four-flowered, embraced by many, long, ensiform, bractes. Tube of the corol curved, and twisted; upper lip three-dentate; under lip entire.

This beautiful shrub is a native of the Silhet district, where it is called Toogee. Flower-

ing time, the cold season.

Stem erect, or nearly so; branches round and smooth, and while young, swelled just above the insertion of the leaves; whole height from two to four feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, lanceolar, (that is tapering equally at each end) entire, acute, smooth; from three to six inches long, and one or two broad. Flowers numerous, large and rosy, collected in numerous terminal, clammy, fascicles of from two to four each, and embraced by numerous, ensiform, clammy bractes, like a common calyx, and longer than the proper perianths; the whole forming a pretty large panicle at the end of each branch. Calyx five-parted; segments ensiform, smooth. Corol; tube long, slender, curved outward, and like my J. speciosa, latebrosa, &c. has a half twist; which, as in the orchidea, brings the lower lip uppermost. Border bilabinte, lips nearly equal, oblong; the superior, in its inverted state, three-toothed; inferior entire. Filaments from the month of the tube of the corol, shorter than the lips, and projecting straight over the under one. Anthers double, one at the end of the other, forming one straight line; the exterior half of the posterior one being attached to the apex of the filaments, and to the base of the exterior anther.

12. J. speciosa. R.

Perennial, erect. Leaves ovate-cordate. Peduacles axillary and terminal, proliferous, few-flowered. Bractes opposite, foliaceous. Corol bilabiate, tube curved, and twisted; lips equal; upper one tridentate, lower one bidentate.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, where it blossoms during the cold season, and

is then one of the greatest ornaments of the forests.

Stems erect. jointed. Branches few, and erect. Bark of the lignous parts ash-coloured; of the young shoots smooth and green. Leaves opposite, decussate, petioled, ovate-cordate, entire, rather obtuse, a little wrinkled; from one to four inches long. Peduncles axillary, often proliferous and much longer than the petioles, supporting two, or three flowers. Flowers large, beautiful, bright carmine colour. Bractes or floral leaves opposite, sessile, from ovate to linear. Calyx simple, divided almost to the base into five ensiform, equal portions. Corol; tube long, slender, curved, villous, and somewhat twisted; upper lip linear-oblong, recurved over the tube, apex three-toothed, at the base some dark coloured spots; under lip broad-lanceolate, pointing directly to the earth, apex slightly two-toothed. Filaments inserted in the mouth of the tube of the corol, nearly as long as its border, and, with the lower lip, pointing downwards. Anthers double, linear, purple, with pale coloured pollen. Style as long as the stamens, and beyond the tube taking the same direction with them. Stigma slightly cmarginate. Capsules pedicelled, with two seeds in each cell.

13. J. tinctoria. R.

Shrubby. Leaves petioled, ovate-oblong. Flowers terminal, fascicled, involucred. Anthers linear.

Folium tinctorium. Rumph. Amb. vi. 51. tab. xxii. f. 1. Beng. Batia-rung.

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Found in the woods about Calcutta, in full flower in October.

Stem scarcely any; branches numerous, sub-creet; young shoots jointed, and swelled above the joints, round, a little downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, entire, covered with a little harsh pubescence, two to three inches long. Peduncles terminal, forming the exterior axills, each supporting some few fascicles, of four to six sessile flowers. Bractes opposite, sessile, entire; those of the flowers (better perhaps called involucels) linear, oblong, cordate, unequal: the uppermost being larger and incumbent over the fascicle of flowers. Calycine bractes small. Calyx five-toothed. Corol; tube, length of the largest involucres, filiform, having a small twist near the apex. Border two-parted, both divisions oblong, the upper one three-toothed. Nectary a gaping cup in which the germ rests. Stamens projecting. Anthers two on each filament. Style rather longer than the stamens. Stigma obtase.

14. J. bicalvis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 82.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolate. Peduncles axillary, and terminal, three to six-cleft; lateral pedicels often trifid; ultimate divisions bearing a small head of sessile flowers, between two, unequal, linear bractes. Capsule clavate.

A native of the Moluccas.

Folium tinetorium of Rumphius, quoted under the preceding species, does not so well agree with J. bivalvis. 1 think Adel-Odagam, Rheed. Mal. ix. 81. t. 43. belongs to neither of them.

15. J. chinensis. Vahl. en. pl. 1. 110.

Perennial, retroflex. Leaves cordate. Umbellets axillary, from three to five, and with the pedicels (from three to five), distichous, involucels obovate, unequal. Capsules round and thin.

J. chinensis. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 80. Burm. ind. 8, t. 4, f. 1. is bad if intended for this plant.

A middle-sized, straggling, suffruticose species introduced from China into the Botanic

garden, where it flowers from August till December.

Stem scarcely any; branches several, scarcely ligneous, straggling and ascending, slender, somewhat six-angular, pretty smooth; striking root where they rest on the ground; from one to two feet long. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate cordate, entire, somewhat acuminate, smooth, from one to two inches long. Peduncles axillary, from three to five in each axill, distichons; of various length, each supporting a little, distichous umbellet of from three to five, one or two-flowered short pedicels. *Involucres* of the pedicels two, subulate, opposite, of the flowers two, sessile, unequal, obovate, or oblong-ventricose, embracing between them one or two complete flowers, and one or two rudiments. Bractes (or inner calyx), ensiform, two to each flower, and rudiment. Flowers small, pale-pink. Calyx five-parted, segments ensiform. Corol; tube, length of the involucres, a little twisted. Border bilabiate; apper lip linear, three-toothed; under lip oval, and slightly emarginate. Anthers two on each filament, purple. Capsule pedicelled, small, flat, round, villous, two-celled, with two thin round seeds in

Obs. I have two varieties (if not distinct species) from the coast of Coromandel. first, the leaves are much narrower, and run more down on the petioles, and, with the bractes of the flowers, longer, more cuspidate, and ciliate. In the second variety, the leaves are cuneiform-lanceelate, and the bractes of the flower broad-ovate, short cuspidate, and hairy.

16. J. latebrosa, Kön. MSS.

Herbaceous; branches straggling, round, smooth. Leaves petioled, cordate-oblong, point-Tabe of the corol twisted; lips almost equal; the upper one three dentate, the lower one bidentate. Seeds solitary.

It grows always among bushes, or under their shade, in a dry barren soil. Flowering

time, the wet and cold seasons.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any; branches many, straggling, weak, round, smooth, jointed, ramous. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate-oblong, pointed, entire, smooth; size very various. Flowers terminal, large, of a bright, red colour. Bractes numerous, lanceolate. Calox single. Corol; tube twisted at the middle; lips equal, linear; the upper one threetoothed, and the under one emarginate. Stamens as long as the lips of the corol, projecting along the under lip. Anthers double. Stigma two-cleft. Capsules two-seeded, one in each cell.

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17. J. bicalyculata. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 81.
Annual, erect, six-sided, scabrous. Leaves short-petioled, ovate-cordate, oblong, pointed, calyx double; tube of the corol twisted, border bilabiate, seeds solitary.

Dianthera malabarica. Suppl. 85. J. malabarica, Ait. Hort, Kew, 1, 27

J. ligulata. Lam. illustr. 1. 40. t. 12. f. 2. Cavan. icon. 1. 52. t. 71.

Beng. Nasa-bhaga. Teling. Chebiera.

A poor looking plant, a native of rubbish, road sides, and hedges. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Stem erect, annual, ramous, six-angled, jointed, scabrous, and hairy, from three to five feet high. Leaces opposite, petioled, ovate-cordate, hairy, somewhat scabrons, size very various. Flowers terminal, and axillary, numerous, red, generally three-fold, or rather sub-panieled, and divided by threes. Bracies small. Calyx* double, or rather some bracies embracing the

^{*} The outer calyx may be called common, for there are always rudiments or buds of more than one flower in it, which often expand in succession.

proper perianth. Tube of the corol with a half twist about the middle; upper lip narrowest, Page linear, three-toothed; lower lip broad, oblong, emarginate. Filaments shorter than the corol, Ed. projecting along the under lip. Anthers red, two on each filament. Capsules four-seeded, two

SECT. III. Corols ringent. Anthers double.

18. J. Adhatoda, Willd. 1. 96.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves broad-lanceolar. Spikes short, long-peduncled; exterior bractes ovate, permanent. Corol ringent, upper lip vaulted, and emarginate.

Sans. Vidyumatri, Singhee, Vasika, Vrishu, Uturoosha, Singhashya, Vasooka, Vajidun-

Hind, and Beng. Bakus, Vasooka.

This small tree or large shrub, is common over most parts of India. Flowering time the

Trunk straight, bark pretty smooth, ash-coloured. Branches sub-erect, with bark like that of the trunk, but smoother. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, long, taperpointed, smooth on both sides, about five or six inches long, and one and a half broad. Spikes from the exterior axills, solitary, long-pedancled, the whole end of the branchlet forming a leafy paniele, flower-bearing portion short, and covered with large bractes. Flowers opposite, large, with small ferruginous dots; the lower part of both lips streaked with purple. Bractes three-fold, opposite, one-flowered. Exterior one of the three, large, ovate, obscurely fivenerved. Interior pair, much smaller, end sub-lanceolate; all are permanent. Calyx five-parted to the base; divisions nearly equal. Corol ringent. Tube short; throat ample; upper lip vaulted, emarginate; lower lip broad, and deeply three-parted; both streaked with purple. Filaments long, resting under the vault of the upper lip. Anthers twin.

Obs. The wood is soft, and esteemed very fit for making charcoal for gun-powder.

19. J. decusata. R.

Shrabby, erect; branches twiggy, villous, and decussated. Leaves from ovate to oblong. Flowers in opposite fasciculi on the leafless branchlets. Anthers double, all calcarate.

A tall, stout shrubby plant, a native of the country above Rangoon; and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it is in flower during the mouth of February and

Stem straight to the plant, ligneous; in two years' old plants as thick as a walking cane.

Branches regularly decussate, straight, all the younger shoots villous, and as they shoot into flower nearly leafless. Leaves short-petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, pretty smooth; from three to twelve inches long. Flowers in numerous little, opposite taseicles, of three to six, appearing sub-verticelled, over the slender, leafless twigs, sub-sessile, pale rose colour. Bractes numerous, slender, and very downy. Calyx five-parted; segments ensiform, villous. Corol ringent; tube gibbons near the base; upper lip sub-lanceolate, concave, erect; under lip broad and three-labed. Filaments nearly as long as the upper lip; apex much enlarged. Anthers two on each filament, all with a calcarate base. Germ oblong, sitting in a large, glandular, yellow ring. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma simple.

J. Gendarussa.* Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 87.
 Shrubby, diffuse, smooth. Leaves narrow-lanceolar. Spikes terminal, sub-verticelled.

Lower authers calcarate, Vada-Kodi, Rheed, Mal. 9, p. 79, t. 42, Gendarussa, Rumph, Amb. 4, p. 70, t. 28,

Beng. Jugut-mudun.

A handsome shrub. I have never met with it wild, but in gardens it is common, and grows readily from slips and cuttings; it is in flower during the wet sensons chiefly. I am

told it is indigenous on the Malay Islands.

Stem searcely any. Branches numerous, long, straggling, except when kept cut, they are then more erect. Bark of the young parts generally dark purple, and very smooth; in some varieties green. Leares opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, obtuse, frequently a little scolloped, smooth; nerve and veins dark purple, from three to six inches long, and from half an inch to an inch broad. Spikes terminal, erect, verticelled. Anthers double, the lower ones have a spur-like process projecting downwards and outwards,

21. J. Betonica. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 96.
Shrubby. Leaves sub-ovate. Spikes terminal. Bractes white, with green veins. Corol ringent. Anthers two-lobed, the lower calcarate. Seeds turbercled, two in each cell.

Bem-Curini, Rheed. Mal. 2. p. 33. t. 21.

A perennial species; a native of Coromandel. Flowering time the dry season chiefly, though it is more or less in blossom all the year, particularly when in a cultivated state

Stems several, while young, erect by age, leaning in various directions, round, smooth, swelled above the joints, the height of the whole plant from two to four feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, nearly ovate, entire, or slightly waved, smooth on both sides; from one to six mehes long. Spikes terminal, secund, sub-cylindric, erect. Bractes of the rachis opposite, ovate-oblong, villous, white with green veins, the posterior one always abortive; those of the flowers opposite and resembling those of the rachis, but narrower. Flowers pretty large,

Willdenow has spoiled this name. Lipnaus wrote it Gandarussa, which is nearer the truth. The word is Gandherwse.

Page whitish, with rose-coloured veins. Calyx single, five-cleft; divisions ensiform. Corol ringent; upper lip vaulted and two-toothed; lower three-parted. Anthers twin, the lower one with a spur from the lower end. Capsule longer than the calyx, villous. Seeds two in each cell, tending to be round, rough with numerous sharp points,

J. ramosissima. R.

Shrubby, creeping, very ramous. Leaves sub-ovate. Spikes terminal, secund. Bractes lanceolate. Lower lobe of the anthers calcarate.

A native of Coromandel. Flowering time, in the Botanic graden, the cold season.

Stem none, branches numerous, rising in every direction, as well as spreading on the ground, and striking root at the swelled joints; the tender parts striated, and slightly villous. Leaves opposite, petioled, sub-ovate, rather obtuse, tapering down the petioles nearly to their base. Spikes terminal, secund, erect, many times longer than the leaves. Bractes in opposite pairs, lanceolate, coloured green and white; the posterior one of the rachis always abortive, the other two are calycine. Flowers scarcely longer than the bractes, dull white, with a few rosy veins on the centre of the lower lip. Calyx of five linear-lanceolate, acute segments. Corol ringent; upper lip vaulted, with a bidentate apex; under lip broad, and three-cleft. Anthers double; lower lobe with a long curved, sharp spur. Capsule oblong, four-seeded, very protuberant at the seeds. Seeds nearly spherical, rugose.

Obs. In the foliage, spikes, flowers, and capsule, this species is exceedingly like J. Be-

tonica, which however, is always a tall, erect plant, with coloured bractes, while this is very bushy, spreads on the ground, and strikes root abundantly at the joints; the bractes also are

narrower, and greener.
23. J. tranquebariensis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 99.

Herbaceous. Leaves round, or broad-cordate. Spikes terminal, four-sided, occasioned by four rows of roundish ciliate bractes. Flowers solitary, in two rows on the fore-part of the spikes. Anthers calcarate. Common amongst bushes on a dry barren soil, over the coast

of Coromandel. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Roots perennial, somewhat granulated. Stems in young plants erect, in old ones uncertain; branches annual, small, straggling, round, a little downy, jointed, and swelled above the joints, from one to two feet long. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, or round, entire, pretty smooth. Spikes terminal, peduncled, long, erect, generally four-sided, occasioned by four rows of orbicular, short-petioled, opposite, ciliate bractes; besides these there are a pair of small pointed ones which press the calyx laterally. Flowers a mixture of pale yellow, and red; standing in the axills of the two rows of bractes that occupy the fore-part of the spikes; on the back part they are generally wanting. Calyx single. Corol; upper lip emarginate, erect; under lip broad, three-cleft. Anthers double, the lowermost calcarate. Seeds two in each cell, bristly.

24, J. glabra. Kön. MSS.

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Herbaceous, erect, branchy, round, smooth. Leaves petioled, ovate, pointed. Peduncles trichotomous. Upper lip of the corol vaulted. Lower anthers calcarate. Capsules four-

A native of similar places with the last described. Flowering time the same.

Root perennial. Stems several, erect, branchy, annual, round, smooth, jointed. opposite, oblong-cordate, pointed, entire, smooth. Panicles axillary, small, three-forked. Flowers rose-coloured, yellow, and whitish green mixed. Bractes small, pointed; generally two below every division of the panicle, and two or three pressing upon the calyx. Calyx single. Corol; tube short, widening; upper lip erect, vaulted; under lip broad, and three-parted. Filaments concealed under the upper lip. Anthers double, the lower ones calcarate. Stigma slightly bifid. Capsule four-sided, two seeds in each cell.

25. J. tomentosa. R.

Herbaceous, sub-erect, hairy. Leaves lanceolar, tomentose. Spikes terminal, strobili-

form. Anthers distinct. Capsules conic, four-seeded.

A native of wet, rich, pasture ground. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Root nearly spindle-formed, perennial. Stems several, sub-erect, round, hairy, from one to two feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire, very downy; the lower many times larger than the upper ones, the former being often twelve inches long, and the latter (or floral leaves) not more than one. Spikes terminal, oval, strobiliform, sessile on little terminal branchlets. Flowers small, bright, bluish purple. Bractes numerous, imbricated, oval, pointed, concave, hairy, one-flowered. Calyx four-cleft; the lower leaflet two-cleft. Corol; tube gibbous on the under side, contracted at the mouth; upper lip ovate, half two-cleft, divisions pointed; under lip very broad, three-parted. Anthers twin, equal, oval. Stigmatwo-cleft; segments broad. Capsules pointed, eight-seeded.

26. J. orixensis Kön. MSS.

Herbaceous. Branches straggling, four-sided. Leaves cordate, repand. Spikes termi-Bractes orbicular, ciliate. Capsules length of the bractes, containing about four echi-

nate seeds.

Obs. It is a native of high, dry, gravelly ground, in the vicinity of Samulcota. Is very

like J. tranquebariensis.

27. J. repens. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 96. Corom. pl. 2. No. 152.

Herbaceous, diffuse. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate. Spikes axillary and terminal, compressed. Bractes ovate, white, membrane-bordered, posterior rows neuter. Lower anthers crescent shaped.

Adhadota, spicata flosculos ex foliolis membranaceis producens. Burm. zeyl. 7. t. 3. f. 2.

A native of pasture ground. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Root perennial. Stems many, diffuse, round, jointed, smooth, sometimes rooting at the joints; one to two feet long. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, entire, sharp-pointed, smooth. Spikes axillary, peduncled, erect, somewhat compressed, secund. Bractes; exterior, four rows, oval, with a broad, white, membranaceous margin; the two rows on the back of the spike neuter; the two on the fore-part embracing the flowers; the calyx of each flower is also embraced laterally by two smaller lanceolate bractes. Flowers alternate, pale rose-coloured. Corol, stamens, pistil and capsule as in J. procumbens, which it much resem-

28. J. procumbens, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 87.

Root perennial; branches diffuse, herbaceous. Leaves sessile, from orbicular to linearlanceolate. Spikes terminal, four-sided. Bractes lanceolate, rigid. Lower anthers calca-

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Euphrasia, Alsines angustiore folio, &c. Pluk. Alm. 142. t. 56. f. 3.

Very common on pasture ground over the coast of Coromandel; flowering most part of

Root often perennial. Stems many, spreading, jointed, five-striated, often rooting at the joints, extremities sub-erect : size very various, but generally from six to twelve inches long. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, from round to linear-lanceolate, cutire, a little downy; size various. Spikes terminal, erect, four-sided. Flowers opposite, decussate, small, rose colour. Bracles three-fold, lanceolate. Calyx; upper divisions very minute. Corol; tube short; upper lip erect, two-cleft; under lip broad, three-parted. Nectary a yellow ring surrounding the base of the germ. Authers double; the lower calcarate or sharp-pointed. Stigma slightly bifid. Capsules four-seeded, two in each cell.

Obs. When this plant grows in wet places, it seems altogether another species, being many times larger, nearly erect, with linear-lanceolate leaves. I believe Dr. König described

this variety as a distinct species, under the name of J. juncea, or graminea.

29. J. quinqueangularis. Kön. MSS.

Perennial in a dry soil; branches five-sided. Leaves sessile, lauceolate, Spikes termi-Bractes linear. Capsules rather larger than the bractes, four-seeded. A native of the borders of rice-fields about Samulcota. It is but little removed from

procumbens, when growing in the same soil.

30. J. pectinata. Corom. pl. 2. N. 153.

Herbaccous, diffuse. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar. Spikes sessile, secund. Bractes five-fold, broad, white, membrane-bordered; lower authers calcarate.

Compare with J. parciflora. Retz. Obs. 5, p. 9.

A very beautiful, delicate, diffuse species, growing in shady places. Flowering time the

Stems many, diffuse, filiform, round, smooth, jointed. Branches alternate. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, depending, lanceolate, entire, smooth; the pair are generally unequal in size. Spikes axillary or terminal, sessile, much shorter than the leaves, secund, generally three together, the middle one largest. Flowers very small, bright blue. Bractes, to each flower five, of different sizes, oval or lanceolate, with beautifu! white, membranaceous margius. Corol; upper lip entire, acute, Anthers, the lower one of each filament has a long obtuse horn from the under end. Capsules four-seeded, two in each cell.

31. J. lamifolia. Kön. MSS.

Whole plant very downy, procumbent, annual. Leaves oval. Spikes terminal, imbricated. Calyx four-leaved.

Found in the vicinity of Calcutta, in uncultivated shady places.

Root fibrons. Stems and branches very numerous, round, spreading close on the earth, clothed with long soft hair, and down, somewhat glutinous, length from one to three feet. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, oval, entire, clothed and glutinous like the branches; about an inch long. Spikes terminal, oblong, closely imbricated with the bractes, and flowers. Flowers numerous, small, variegated with deep and light purple. Bractes ovate, one-flowered, hairy, clammy. Calyx four-leaved, the under leaflet with its apex bifid. Corol ringent. Tube gibbous; throat compressed; upper lip two-parted, and streaked with deep purple; under lip broad, and three-parted. Filaments short, inserted into the mouth of the tube. Anthers twin, singly oval, and all equal. Stigma of two, broadish, spreading lobes. Capsule conical. Seeds eight or ten, roundish.

Obs. It has the calyx of a Barleria and the stamina of a Dianthera. Mr. R. Brown informs me that he thought it would belong to a new genus, which he calls Nelsonia.

J. verticillata. R.

Erect, hairy, spines verticelled with their apices bifid, or trifid. Leaves petioled, ovate. Flower amongst the verticils of spines, sub-sessile.

Hind, Custoola.

Found by Dr. Hunter in the vicinity of Oujein, in seed and flower in March.

GRATIOLA. Schreb. gen. N. 37.

Corol one-petalled, irregular. Sterile filaments two, affixed to the lower lip of the corol.

Anthers double, and connected. Capsules superior, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous. 1. G. amara. R.

Annual (in Bengal), creeping. Leaves petioled, cordate, serrate. Peduncles axillary,

Page four to six-flowered. Calyx four-leaved, exterior pair cordate, inner subulate, apices of the sterile filaments free. Capsule ovate, hid in the calyx. Caranga amara. Vahl. enum. vol. 1. 100.

Serratula amara. Rumph. Amb. 5, p. 459. t. 170. f. 1. which has been quoted by mistake, I presume, for Scutellaria indica.

This pretty plant has been accidentally introduced into the Botanic garden, among spice

and other plants from the Moluceas. Flowering time the cold season.

Root fibrous. Stems and branches creeping, with their extremities sub-creet, four-sided, coloured, smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, deeply serrate, somewhat rugose, of a soft texture, but free of pube-cence; in general about two inches long. Pedancles axillary, solitary, rather longer than the petioles, supporting at their extremities, two or three pairs, of opposite pedicelled flowers. Bractes small, oblong, one under the insertion of each pedicel. Calgar of two pair of opposite leaflets; exterior pair large, cordate, often notehed; the upper 136 one larger, and incumbent over the rest of the calyx, and all the corol except the under lip; inner or lateral pair, linear-lanceolate, and much smaller than the exterior pair. Corol bilabiate; tube contracted at the middle; upper lip straight, narrow, with a two-lobed apex; under lip broad, three-lobed, drooping. Stamina, the fertile pair of filaments lodged under the upper lip of the corol with twin anthers, adhering by pairs, the sterile pair from the under lip, with large yellow, free, chivate apices. Stigma two-lobed. Capsules ovate, two-celled, hid between the exterior leaflets of the calyx. Seed numerous, very small.

Obs. As Rumphius observes, the leaves of this plant are exceedingly bitter, and might

no doubt answer valuable purposes in medicine.

G. grandiflora, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 105, Corom. pl. 2, N. 179.

Annual, creeping. Leaves sessile, broad-lanceolate, pointed, serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary. Capsules linear.

A native of moist places. Flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Stems several, annual, creeping, four-sided, smooth; from six to twelve inches long.

Leaves opposite, sessile, oblong, sharply-serrate, pointed, smooth. Pedancles axillary, about half the length of the leaves, erect, one-flowered. Flowers light blue. Corol; tube cylindric, upper lip entire; under lip broad, three-parted. Stamens, the two fertile filaments lodged under the upper lip, approaching archways. Anthers twin, united; the sterile filaments resting on the under lip and adhering to it, yellow, curved. Capsules lanceolate, longer than the

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3. G. alata. R.

Annual. Leaves petioled, ovate, serrate-dentate. Racemes terminal. Calyx five-toothed,

and five-winged. Sterile filament free. Capsule linear, bid in the calyx.

A native of the Moluceas, is one of the largerst of our Indian Gratiolas, and readily known by the five large membranaceous wings which run the whole length of the calyx.

4. G. involucrata. R.

Leaves unequally petioled, round-cordate, with large rounded lobes, many-nerved, serrulate, villous. Flowers collected into long peduneled, bracted heads. Sterile filaments free. Capsule hid in the villous, gibbous five-toothed calyx.

This species is also a native of the Moluccas.

G. rotundifolia. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 103. Cor. pl. 3, N. 204.

Annual, erect. Leaves sessile, round-cordate, serrrate-dentate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, longer than the leaves. Capsules globular.

A native of moist places, appearing and flowering during the wet and cold seasons.

Stems erect, four-sided, from four to six inches high. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, roundcordate, serrate, or notched, a little hairy. Flowers axillary, or between the leaves, white. Peduncles longer than the leaves. Corol; stamens and stigma as in the foregoing species. Capsules round, as high as the calyx.

6. G. integrifolia. R. Annual, while young straight, afterwards straggling, four-sided. Leaves sessile, ovate, three-nerved, entire. Peduncles solitary, axillary, one-flowered. Capsules the length of the

Tsjanga-pupum. Rheed. Mal. 9. t. 57.

A native of Bengal, where it appears as a weed in gardens, during the rains.

G. lucida, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, 1, 103, Ind. pl. 3, N, 202.

Annual, spreading, four-sided. Leaves petioled, ovate-cordate, serrate. Flowers long-peduneled, axillary, and terminal. Capsules ovate, hid in the calyx.

Crusta office minor. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 460. t. 170. f. 3.

Annual, and like the rest, appearing in moist places during the rainy season.

Stem scarcely any. Branches generally opposite, diffuse, four-sided, from six to twelve inches long. Leaves short-petioled, cordate, serrate, smooth. Flowers terminal, and also from the exterior axills, long-peduncled, of a bright deep blue colour. Capsules ovate, rather shorter than the calyx.

G. veronicifolia. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 103, Corom. pl. 2, N. 154.

Annual, while young erect, afterwards creeping. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, serrate. Spikes terminal. Flowers opposite. Capsules linear.

Crusta ollæ major. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 460. t. 170. f. 2.

A native of similar places with the last described; flowering time the same.

Stem several, creeping. Branches erect, four-sided, smooth; from six to eight inches long. Leaves opposite, sessile, decussate, oblong, glandular, smooth, fleshy, fine and most sharply serrate; serratures ending in a minute bristle. Racemes terminal. Flowers opposite, Page decussated, of a violet colour. Corol, &c. as in the last species.

9. G. racemosa, R.

Annual, erect. Leaves sub-sessile, linear-lanceolate, entire. Racemes terminal, brachi-Flowers long-pedicelled. Capsules linear, three or four times longer than the ealyx. A native of cultivated land over various parts of India, appearing in the rainy season.

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10. G. oppositifolia, Linn, sp. pl, ed. Willd, 1, 105. Corom. pl. 2, N. 155. Annual sub-erect. Lower leaves opposite to each other or to a one-flowered peduncle, lanceolate, serrate. Capsules linear.

G. oppositifolia, Retz. Obs. t. 4. N. 5.

A native of moist pasture ground. Flowering in the wet season.

Stems several, nearly crect, ramous, four-sided, smooth; from three to six inches high. Leaves sessile, opposite to each other, or a flower, linear-lanceolate, serrate, smooth. Peduncles leaf-opposed, or opposite to each other, short, horizontal, clubbed. Bractes solitary, embracing the insertion of the peduncle. Flowers small, blue. Anthers two pairs united. Sterile filaments small, white. Capsules linear, twice the length of the calyx.

11. G. serrata. R.

Annual, erect, four-sided, smooth. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, oblong, smooth, most acutely serrate. Racemes in the division of the branches, and terminal, long-peduncled. Capsules linear, diverging.

Beng. Bhoomi-nim.

Pee-tsjanga-puspum. Rheed. Mal. 9. t. 59. is exceedingly like this plant, though quoted by Linnaus for Ruellia astipoda, which I have never met with, if this be not it.

A native of Bengal, and in flower during the rains.

Root annual. Stem erect, four-sided, ramous, smooth, from two to eight inches high. Leares opposite, sessile, or stem-cla-ping, oblong, very obtuse, most neutely serrate; smooth on both sides. Racemes solitary, terminal, and also from the divisions of the plant, on long, four-sided peduncles. Flowers opposite, short-pedicelled, verging, pink-coloured. Braces lanceolate, the lower pair of the racemes deutate. Calax parted half way. Corol, upper lip 140 small, incumbent. Capsules lanceolate, twice the length of the calyx.

12. G. reptans. R.

Annual, creeping. Leaves opposite, from oblong to round, serrate. Racemes terminal. Sterile filaments free. Capsule linear.

A native of the Moluccas; from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it

blossoms during the rains.

Stems and branches round, smooth, and creeping close to the earth, with short, (about an inch long) floriferous, erect shoots. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, on the creeping shoots round, on the creet flower-bearing ones oblong, with rounded upices; all serrate, and smooth on both sides. Peduncles or racemes terminal, on the short, erect shoots, bearing several, approximate pairs of short-pedicelled, opposite, large, pale bluish pink flowers. Bractes opposite, one-flowered, ovate. Calyx five-leaved. Corol with an enlarged throat, and ringent border; upper lip of one pale coloured segment; under lip broad, deeper coloured, and three-parted. Sterile filaments large, yellow, clavate, with the apices a little recurved, perfectly free. Stigma of two, thin, broad, round lobes. Capsule linear, as long as the calyx, two-celled, two-valved.

G. parniflora, R. Corom. pl. N. 203.
 Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves sessile, ovate-oblong, three-nerved, serrate. Flowers long-

peduneled, solitary. Sterile filaments two-cleft. Capsules oblong.

Stems erect, ramous, four-sided; with their angles acute, about six inches high. Leaves opposite, sessile, avate-oblong, slightly serrate, acute, when large three-nerved. Flowers axillary, solitary, long-peduncled, small. I have seen some plants with white flowers, and others with blue ones. Anthers twin. Sterile filament two-cleft, each division headed. Capsules rather oblong, pointed, longer than the calvx.

14. G. Monnievia, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 102.

Annual, creeping. Leares sessile, long, obovate, entire. Peduacles axillary, solitary, one-flowered. Calyx seven-leaved. Corol campanulate; stamina four.

Beng. Adha-birni.

Teling. Sambrani-chittoo.

A native of moist places, borders of brooks, &c. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Stems several, annual, creeping, round, jointed, very ramous, smooth, succulent. Leaves opposite, sessile, obovate, wedge-shaped, or oblong, smooth, entire, obtuse, fleshy, dotted with minute spots. Peduscles axillary, alternate, solitary, round, smooth, shorter than the leaves, one-flowered. Flowers blue. Bractes two-awled, pressing on the calvx laterally. Calga fiveleaved, the exterior three leaflets large, oblong, the two interior small, linear, all are concave, smooth, pointed and permanent. Corol campanulate; border five-parted, nearly equal. Stamens as in Didynamia. Anthers two-cleft, at the base, blue. Stigma large, somewhat two-lobed. Capsule ovate, two-celled, two-valved. S-cds very numerous.

Obs. This plant certainly ought to be placed in the 14th class; it has no one claim, that

I can observe, to a place in this genus,

The natives use the expressed juice mixed with Petroleum, to rub on parts affected with rheumatic pains.

G. hyssopioides. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 104. Corom. pl. 2, N. 128.

Annual, erect. Leaves ensiform, stem-clasping, much shorter than the stem joints. Pe-

Page duncles axillary. Capsules linear-oblong.
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G. hyssopioides. Kön, in Retz. Obs. 4. p. 8. Linn. spec. pl. ed. Reichh. i. 48. Appears with the former species during the rains.

 G. Juncea. Corom. pl. 2. N. 129. 142

Annual, erect, columnar, nearly naked. Lower leaves lanceolate, stem-clasping; above minute. The two pair of anthers not united. Capsules globular.

Like the rest, this species delights in a wet situation, where it appears and flowers during

Stem erect, almost simple, round, jointed, smooth, from six to twelve inches high. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, lanceolate, obtuse, entire. Floral leaves minute, triangular. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered. Flowers rose-coloured, small. Authors twin, not united. The sterile filaments in this species stand between the fertile ones, and are very small. Capsules globular.

17. G. cuneifolia. R.

Annual, erect, simple, nearly naked. Leaves one pair at the base, cuneiform, obtuse; above one or two minute pairs. Flowers solitary, long-peduncled. Capsules round.

A native of wet places on the coast of Coromandel, and nearly allied to G. lobelioides,

and juncea.

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 G. lobelioides, Linn, sp. pl., ed. Willd. 1, 104. Retz. Obs. 4, 7, Vahl., enum. 1, p. 92. Annual, on the lower part of the simple stem grew from two to four pair of approximate, lanceolate, entire, sessile leaves. Flowers toward the apex, remote, solitary, long-peduncled. Capsules round.

A native of Coromandel, growing in wet places during the rainy season.

UTRICULARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 41.

Calyx two-leaved. Corol ringent, and generally calcarate. Capsule superior, one-celled. Seeds numerous.

1. U. stellaris. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 113.

Floating, leafless. Scape with a verticil of bladders. Corol without a nectary. Teling. Natsoo.

Grows in sweet waters, appears and flowers during the rains.

Root conferva-like, swimming in, and not on the water; I have always found small utriculi adhering to its filaments. Scape sub-erect, simple; raceme above the verticil of bladders, which rest on the surface of the water.

2. U. fasciculata. R.

Floating, leafless. Scapes naked; racemes four to eight-flowered. Utriculi sub-ovate, two-horned, scattered amongst the fibres of the root. Nectary horn-shaped, ascending to the edge of the under lip. Capsules beaked, drooping.

Teling. Natsoo. Beng. Janjee.

Found swimming in stagnant water in the vicinity of Calcutta, at the end of the cold,

and beginning of the bot seasons.

Stem jointed, length various, but often extending some feet. Radicles most numerous, in alternate fascicles, multifid, filiform, armed with minute, acute bristles pointing forward, Utriculi scattered, semi-ovate, dotted, becoming black by age, with two horns from the mouth. Scape erect, from four to eight inches high, bearing generally from four to eight, alternate, large, yellow, pedicelled flowers. Bractes ovate, obtuse, one-flowered. Calyx of two large, p rmanent leaflets. Corol as in the genus. Nectary horn-shaped, blunt, nearly as long as the under lip, and bending up to its margins. Capsules conical, pointed, reflected.

3. U. biflora. R.

Scape naked, two-flowered. Utriculi ovate, with filaments from their Floating, leafless. apices. Nectary horn-shaped, ascending, as long as the under lip. Capsules globular, erect. Beng. Chota-janjee.

Found with the last described in stagnant water near Calcutta, during the same seasons.

A much smaller plant.

Root of a few, scarcely compound, filiform fibres, and some scattered, subulate nigrescent utriculi, with two or more filaments from their apices, or mouths. Scape about three inches high, filiform, naked, generally two-flowered. Flowers yellow, small. Calyx and corol as in the genus, with the faux closed, and a horned, ascending nectary as long as the under lip. Capsules globular, erect.

LYCOPUS. Schreb. gen. N. 44.

Corol four-cleft, with one of the divisions emarginate. Stamina distinct. Seeds four, retuse.

1. L. dianthera. Buch.

Annual, erect, four-sided. Leaves petioled, rhomb-ovate, serrate. Calyx bilabiate.

A native of Nepala; from thence Dr. Buchanau sent the seeds to this garden, (in 1802,) where the plants thrive during the cold season, and blossom in March and April,

Stems annual. straight, four-sided; sides slightly grooved; angles somewhat hairy.

Branches axillary, decussate, four-sided, &c. like the stem; height of the whole plant from one to two feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, declined, rhomb-ovate; anterior margins serrate, dotted with minute, darker green glands underneath, general length about one inch, or less.

Racemes terminal. Bractes opposite, lanceolate, one-flowered. Flowers pedicelled, small, very Ca pale pink, almost white. Calyx bilabiate; upper lip ascending, tridentate; lower lip bipartite, and defended with hair on the inside. Corol; tube short, somewhat four-sided; upper division of the border broad and emarginate; lateral two of the same length, but narrower and semicircular; under one large, and nearly round. Filaments four, short, in the angles of the tube of the corol. Anthers twin on the long filaments, and tending to be so on the shorter ones, but very small, and abortive. Is nearly allied to Thymus.

SALVIA. Schreb. gen. N. 50.

Corol irregular. Filaments two-forked; anthers on the superior ones. Seeds naked.

S. Bengalensis, Kön, MSS.

Shrubby, Leaves linear-ovate, lanceolate, entire. Racemes verticelled, verticils distinct, many-flowered. An author to each division of the filaments.

From Bengal it was intro-The natives on the Coromandel coast have no name for it. duced into the gardens on the coast a few years ago, by Mr. Parsons; and is only found in

gardens, where it grows to be a large, straggling shrub.

Trank seldom erect, woody, sometimes as thick as a man's arm. Bark cracked, and peeling off in irregular pieces. Young shoots downy, round. Leaves as in salvia officinalis. Racemes terminal, often compound, verticelled. Verticils approximate, globular, many-flowered. Flowers white. Calyx gibbous, downy, three or four-toothed. Corol, both lips recurved, or spreading. Stamens, there are sometimes three or even four filaments, with their extremities bifid, each division bearing an oval proper auther.

Obs. The leaves of this plant smell and taste considerably stronger, I think, than those

of S. officisalis, and are applied to the same uses.

2. S. brachiata. R.

Annual, erect, brachiate. Leaves oblong, crenate, tomentose. Racemes verticelled; verti-

cils six-flowered; seeds elevated on a receptacle.

Is a native of moist places, over various parts of India. Flowering time the cold season. Stem annual, erect, ramous, four-sided, four-grooved, downy; from one to two feet high. Branches opposite, cross-armed, ascending. Leaves opposite, petioled, running down on the petioles, oblong, irregularly crenulate, waved, rugose, a little downy; two or three inches long. Racemes terminal, long, verticelled. Verticils six-flowered, six-bracted. Flowers amall, pale purple. Stamens as in the genus, with the rudiments of two additional sterile filaments between the large pair. Germ elevated on a large fleshy receptacle. This plant is slightly aromatic.

3. S. lanata, R.

Herbaceous, four-sided, villous. Leaves sessile, ovate-oblong, entire, woody. Flowers verticillate.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke on the most elevated mountain near Adwance, on the road from Hurdwar to Sirinagur. It is his S. integrifolia. See Asiatic Researches, vol. 6. p. 349. Obs. Salvia rosea of Vahl, is the same as S. coccinea, an American plant, which though

in a manner naturalized here, has no right to a place in this Flora.

BOERHAAVIA. Schreb. gen. N. 13.

Calyx inferior, gibbous, entire, permanent, and becoming an envelope for the seed. Germ one celled; ovula single, erect. Corol campanulate, inserted on the calyx. Seed solitary. Embryo conduplicate, with inferior radicle, and central perisperm.

1. B. procumbens. Herb. Banks.

Root fusiform, perennial. Branches procumbent, smooth. Leaves variously cordate, covered with a silver coloured pelliele underneath. Flowers terminal, in long-peduncled heads. Stamina three.

Saus. Poonurnava, Shotaghnee.

Beng. Gadha-poorna, the red variety; and Shweta-poorna, the white one.

Talu dama. Rheed. Mal. 7. p. 105. t. 56, good for a young luxuriant plant.

B. diandra, and erecta. Burm. Flora. Ind. p. 3. t. 1. seem to be our plant, taken at different ages.

B. erecta. Gart. Carp. ii. 209. t. 127.

This species, whatever it may be, whether diffusa, erecta, repanda or diandra, or all of them, is the only one I have yet found in India. It is not common every where, but is one of the most troublesome weeds we have. The long, fusiform, perennial roots, strike so deep, as to render it no easy task to dig them up. It produces blossoms and ripe seed during the

Root perpendicular, fusiform, slender, perennial. Stem none; branches many, herbaceous, with alternate, bifarious, round, smooth, jointed, often coloured branchlets spreading close on the ground, to an extent of many feet in a good soil, but never striking root. Leaves opposite, unequal in size, one of the leaves being alternately smaller in each pair; petioled, variously cordate, margins more or less scalloped, waved, and often coloured; sometimes acute, sometimes obtuse; all are smooth above, and covered with a silver coloured pellicle underneath; size very various. Petioles shorter than the leaves, channelled. Peduacles solitary, from the maked swelled joints between the leaves, but nearest to the small leaf. At the ends of the branches, where the joints approximate, they are so numerous as to form a

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paniele, each supporting, from one to five, or six small heads of sessile, red or white, minute flowers. Calux (apparently the germ), beneath, five-sided, covered with headed glutinous glands; mouth entire, and much contracted. Corol campanulate, plaited, inserted on the crown of the calyx. Nectary, a small fleshy, three-toothed cup, surrounding the base of the germ, in the divisions of which the filaments are inserted. It requires a powerful lens, and much patience to understand the structure of this part of the flower. Filaments generally three, as long as the style. Anthers of two round lobes. Germ oblong, hid in the belly of the calyx, one-celled; orulum single, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style slender. Stigma peltate. Pericarp turbinate, five-sided, covered with clanmy, pedicelled glands, &c. exactly as in Gærtner's figures of his Boerhaavia erecta.

Obs. There are two varieties of this plant in Bengul; one with red, the other with white flowers; in other respects they are the same. In the St. Helena plant, B. repanda of the Hortus Bengalensis, the leaves are more angular, the inflorescence terminal, racemes verti-

celled, with one bracte only to each pedicel.

FRAXINUS.

Polygamous, Calyx none, or four-parted. Corol none, or four-petalled. Samara oneseeded, with lanceolate wings.

1. F. chinesis. R.

Arboreous, with erect branches. Leaflets from three to seven, lanceolate, serrate. Panicles axillary, and terminal. Flowers without petals.

A native of China, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden by the late Col. Robert Kyd, prior to 1793: where they blossom in April, but have not produced seed, or even full

grown seed vessels.

Our small trees have little or no trunk; but several, creet, straight branches and branch-lets; giving an entire height of from ten to twelve feet. Leaves opposite, pinnate, and ternate. Leaflets from three to seven, opposite, huncolar, serrate, smooth. The pairs short-petioled, much smaller and shorter in proportion to their breadth than the terminal one, which is protruded on a longer winged petiolet. Petioles channelled, sometimes with a marginal wing. Panicles axillary, and terminal, small, drooping, and composed of most slender, simple and compound, sub-verticelled ramifications. Calyx, in all four-toothed. Corol none. Filaments in the completely hermaphrodite flower much longer than the onlys. In the female wanting, or abortive, and hid within the calyx. Male flowers not found. Germ ovate. Style long, and curved. Stigma conarginate.

LIGUSTRUM.

Corol four-cleft. Berry superior of two cells with two seeds in each cell.

1. L. nepalense, Wall.

Leaves ovate, or ovate-oblong, acuminate, villous below. Paniele terminal, villous, consisting of sub-erect crowded racemes.

A native of the mountains of Nepala, where it is called Goomgacha and grows to be a considerable tree, producing profuse clusters of white, sweet smelling flowers from April to

June ; berries ripen in four to six months.

Branches round, opposite, ash-coloured, dotted with callons spots; all the younger parts covered with abundance of soft hairs. Leaves opposite, spreading, on very short channelled petioles, varying considerably in size and figure, mostly evate with a rounded base, sometimes oblong or lanceolar, generally tapering into a long apex, terminated by a short cylindric point; from one to two, or even three inches long, of a firm texture, shining above, densely villous underneath, when old entirely smooth, with very fine remote nerves communicating with each other in reticulated arches near the margin. Paniele somewhat contracted, ovate, from four to six inches long, sessile, consisting of pretty crowded racemes, the uppermost very short and alternate. Peduncles round, villous, with a deciduous small lanceolate bracte under each division. Flowers short-pedicelled, smooth, disposed in small bunches. Calyx truncate, with four hardly discernible teeth. Corol; tube equalling the calyx; segments of the limb spreading, lanceolate, acute, twice as long as the tube. Stamina almost as long as the corol: filaments inserted within its mouth between two opposite fissures; anthers oblong, bursting lengthways on both sides. Pistil shorter than the stamina, smooth; ovarium roundish, two-celled, with two pendulous ovula in each cell; style short; stigma fleshy, oblong, acute. Berries oval, dark blue, with a beautiful bloom on them, rather smaller than those of the common Privet; pulp brown. Seeds one or two; colyledons broad-ovate. In other respects like those of Ligustrum. Gart. Carp. ii. 72. tab. 92.

Obs. This species differs from L. japonicum, Thunb. and lucidum, Ait. in the figure and villosity of its leaves and the contracted shape of its paniele. It may perhaps be found the same as L. sineuse, Lour. especially if the racemes, which in the flora Cochin-chinensis are attributed to that tree, are considered as panicles, which indeed has been done by the illustrious author of that article in Rees's New Cyclopædia.

VERBENA. See Didynamia Angiospermia.

DIANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

PIPER. Schreb. gen. N. 59.

Ament filliform, imbricated with peltate scales. Corol none. Germ one-celled, with a

single, erect ovulum. Berry one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with an ample peris-

P. nigram, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, 1, 159.

Leaces bifarious, obliquely ovate-cordate, acuminate, polished, from five to seven-nerved.

Pepper-vine. Marsden's History of Sumatra, p. 105.

Molago-codi. Rheed. Mal. 7, 23. t. 12.

Veilojang, Mureechang, Murichang, Kolakang, Krishnamooshanang, Dharma-Sans. pettenung.

Hind. and Beng. Murich, or Gol-murich. Tam. Moloovoo-kodi.

Pers. Pilpil. Arab. Filfil. Malay. Ladda.

Cultivated in various parts of India, and its Islands.

2. P. trioicum. R.

Triocous, shrubby, rooting. Leaves bifarious, obliquely-ovate, acuminate, from five to seven-nerved, glaucous. Aments leaf-opposed, cylindric, pendulous.

Teling. Murial-tiga.

Roots long, striking deep into the earth. Stem jointed, winding, when old woody, and scabrous, running along the ground to a great extent, or up trees, &c. when trained to them; from each joint issue roots which take firm hold of whatever they meet with. Branches numerous, alternate; the young ones smooth, the old ones woody, and scabrous like the stem. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, broad-oval, ovate, or oblong, pointed, from five to sevennerved, (generally five,) above, smooth and glossy, below, lighter coloured, often somewhat bubbled, from four to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles channelled, smooth, an inch or an inch and a half long. Stipules solitary, spathiform, falling off when

the leaf begins to be unfolded.

MALE PLANT. Calyx an ament, leaf-opposed, peduncled, filiform, pendulous, closely imbricated with five spiral rows, of fleshy, oval, one-flowered scales. Scales oblong, peltate, sessile, one-flowered. Corol none. Filaments three, very thick, and very short, scarcely elevating the authers above the margins of the scales of the ament. Authers four-lobed. Pistil, in some, a minute cylindric gland in the centre, in others, not the smallest rudiment of one.

FEMALE PLANT. Calyx an ament, leaf-opposed, shorter, thicker, and more rigid than in the male, imbricated with three spiral rows of scales. Scales as in the male. Corol none. Stamens none. Germ sessile, globose, immersed in the substance of the ament. Style none. Stigma three-lobed, white, glandular. Pericary, a small, round, red, somewhat fleshy berry.

Seed one, globose.

Obs. When I described the three vines included in this one species, I had not seen Piper nigrum, and took it for granted that this was it; but as soon as I had an opportunity of seeing that famous plant, I was immediately convinced that they were distinct species. In trioicum, the leaves have a glaucous appearance, which readily distinguishes it from P. nigrum, which has shining dark green leaves.

This vine I have found wild amongst the chain of mountains directly north from Coringa, in the Raja-mundri Circar. It delights in a moist, rich soil, well shaded with trees; to them it adheres most firmly, by means of the roots which issue from the joints. Flowering fime, in their wild state, during the latter part of the wet season, September and October. The pepper ripens in March. With me, in a cultivated state, they flower almost all the year round, but chiefly during the fore-mentioned period.

I have not met with any author, or any sort of information, that could lead me to think black pepper was the produce of a diocous plant, (male and female on distinct vines,) till upon examination, I found it was so. Attention to this circumstance will, I think, render the culture of pepper much more certain, and successful, viz. by planting to each prop tree a male and female plant, the male on the sides from whence the most prevailing wind blows; and

the female on the other.

The vegetable world is full of proofs that the sexual system of the immortal Linnaus is founded on the soundest principles; and not a single plant have I ever found in India, that does not corroborate this fact. The Arabians from time immemorial knew, that to render the female date-tree prolific, it was necessary to bring it in contact with the male; which they do by making a slit in the spathe of the female flower, just before it is ready to burst and thrusting therein a branch of the male spadix. I have therefore the utmost reason to conclude the pepper vine will be much more productive, if the above-mentioned circumstance be attended to, by the cultivators. I think, if the Malays in Sumatra had known it, the accurate Mr. Marsden would not have neglected mentioning so material a circumstance, when describing this plant, and the method of cultivating it there.

Soon after the above description was made, I found a third vine bearing aments with kerimaphrodite flowers; or hermophrodite and female flowers mixed on the same aments. At the same time I found that the pepper of the female vine did not ripen properly, but dropped while green, and immature from the plant, and that when dried it had not so much pungency as common pepper, whereas the pepper of this third sort ripens perfectly, when dry is exceedingly pungent; and has been, by pepper merchants at Madras, reckoned equal, if not superior to the best pepper of the Malabar coast, or Ceylon; consequently this must be the sort that

is found cultivated; the other two being, I conjecture, entirely neglected.

This hermaphrodite plant grows wild, with the male and female, in the moist, uncultivat-

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ed, over-run shady vallies, up amongst the mountains; and also upon the mountains, where springs keep them moist. Such places are common in the cliffs of the rocks, and there the vines thrive with the greatest luxuriance. In its stem, branches, leaves, and stipules, it agrees perfectly with the other two. The aments are also the same in every respect, except that here are four spiral rows of flowers; the scales of the ament are as in the other two, viz. the male and female plants. Stamens, generally two, fleshy, clubbed fllaments, shorter than the germ, and placed laterally, so as to press upon it. It frequently happens that they are entirely wanting, or only one is present. Anthers two oval pits in the apex of each fllament. Germ globular, immersed in the substance of the ament. Style none. Stigmas three, spreading. Berry globular, size of a small pea, red, smooth, one-celled. Seeds solitary.

3, P. longum, Willd. 1. 161.

Diœcous, shrubby, creeping. Lower leaves petioled, broad-cordate, floral leaves sessile, stem-clasping, oblong-cordate; all are from five to nine-nerved.

Cutta-tirpali. Rheed. Mal. 7. p. 27. t. 14.

Sans. Krishna, Oopukoolya, Videhee, Magudhee, Chupula, Kuna, Ooshuna, Pippulee,

Shoundee, Kola.

Beng. Pippul, the root Pippula-moola.

English. Long pepper

Pippul-chittoo is the Telinga name of the plant, and Pippuloo the pepper.

The plant I have found wild amongst bushes, on the banks of water courses, up towards

the Circar mountains. It flowers and bears fruit during the wet and cold seasons.

Root woody, perennial. Stems many, ereeping, jointed, round; joints swelled; young shoots downy. Branchlets bearing the fruit are erect, with the leaves sessile, or nearly so. Leaves on the creeping branches largest, petioled, broad-cordate, seven-nerved; on the erect, fruitbearing branchlets (floral leaves) stem-clasping, oblong-cordate, five-nerved; all are smooth, somewhat wrinkled; below pale green; size various. Stipules of the petioled leaves two, joining length-ways to the petioles, lanceolate; of the sessile leaves within the leaf, single, spathiform.

FEMALE FLOWERS. Ament sessile, leaf-opposed, peduncled, erect, cylindric, imbricated with five, or more, spiral rows of small, orbicular, permanent, peltated, one-flowered scales. Calyx none. Corol none. Stamens none. Germs numerous, aggregate, sessile, sub-orbicular. Style none or exceedingly short. Stigmas three or four-lobed. Pericarp aggregate, sub-cylindri-

cal, composed of firmly united, one-seeded drupes. Seed ovate, smooth.

Obs. It is in Bengal only, so far as I have been able to learn, that this plant is cultivated for its pepper. When the pepper (ament) is full grown, it is gathered and daily exposed to the sun, till perfectly dry; after which it is packed up in bags for sale.

The roots, and thickest parts of the creeping stems, when cut into small pieces and dried, form a considerable article of commerce all over India, under the name of Pippula moola; for which purpose it is particularly cultivated in many of the vallies amongst the Circar mountains. This sort is more esteemed, and bears a higher price than that of Bengal; where by far the largest proportion is cultivated. It is, as well as the pepper, chiefly employed

medicinally, and the consumption of both these drugs is very great.

CULTIVATION IN BENGAL. The long pepper is not propagated by seed, but by suckers, and requires to be cultivated upon a rich, high, and dry soil. The suckers are transplanted soon after the setting in of the periodical rains, and the pepper (which is preserved merely by drying it in the sun), is gathered in the month of January, after which the stalk, and branches of the plant wither, and the roots only remain alive. A bigha of land (the third of an English acre) will yield in the first year about a maund (eighty-four pounds) of the pepper, in the second year four maunds; and in the third, six; after which, as the plant becomes annually less and less productive, the roots are grubbed up, dried, and sold; and fresh roots or young shoots are set in their stead, the earth requiring merely a slight covering of manure. The plants are never to be watered, and at the commencement of the hot season the roots are to be carefully covered with straw to preserve them against the heat of the sun. The plants should be set about five feet asunder. Large quantities of this pepper and also of the roots are exported to Bombay, and Surat; where both are in great demand, the first for culinary, the latter for medicinal purposes. The ryots in this part of the country, usually sow radishes, or barley, or plant brinjals (Solanum melongena), in the intermediate space between the plants, 4. P. Chaba. W. Hunter in Asiat. Res. ix. 391.

Shrubby, creeping. Leaves short-petioled, ovate-lanceolate, base unequal, scarcely triple-nerved; aments leaf-opposed, erect, cylindrico-conical, firm and fleshy.

Sans. Chuvyung, Chuvika, Chuvee, Chuvikung.

Beng, Choee,

Piper longum. Rumph. Amb. 5, p. 333. t. 116. f. 1,
Obs. Cattu-tirpali. Rheed. Mal. 7, p. 27. t. 14. represents a very different species, the
fruit of which is also used over the continent of India, and particularly in the western part thereof, as long pepper, and is much cultivated in Bengal, chiefly for its root, which the natives call Pippula. Woodville's figure, in his Medical Botany, is very bad, for it answers neither to this, nor P. longum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 161. which may be called the long pepper of the continent of India. Blackwell's figure is still worse,

5. P. sylvaticum. R.

Leaves all petioled, broad-cordate, from five to seven-nerved, obtuse; lobes of the base large, equal, circular, Aments erect, short-peduncled, columnar; male flowers tetrandrous. A native of the mountains on the north-west border of Bengal, where the natives call it

Pahari peepul, or mountain long pepper, and use it, both green and ripe, in their dishes. In Page

the Botanic garden it blossoms, and the berries ripen during the rains.

Root perennial. Stem or rather branches creeping on the ground, or rooting on trees like Ivy, and most of the East India species of pepper; all the young parts polished. Leaves alternate, petioled, equally-cordate, obtuse, from five to seven-nerved, smooth, from three to five inches long, by from two to four broad. Petioles from one to two inches long grooved. Stipules interfoliaceous, &c. as in the genus. Male aments leaf-opposed, short-peduncled, or columnar, slender. Scales one flowered. Corol none. Filaments generally four, oval, fleshy, very short. Anthers one-celled. Germ none. Female aments on a different plant, leaf-op-posed, short, peduncled, cylindric. Germ oval, one-celled, ovula single, erect, that is, attached directly to the bottom of the cell.

6. P. peepuloides. R.

Leaves equally-ovate, and ovate-lanceolate, short-petioled, from three to five-nerved,

smooth, acuminate. Aments sub-sessile, cylindric.

Pippul the vernacular name in Silhet, and on the adjacent range of mountains where it is indigenous, and considered the Pippul, or long pepper of that country, and as such is used in medicine, &c. It differs specifically, no doubt, from the long pepper plant of lower Bengal, as well as from that of Rumphius, called P. Chaba by Dr. W. Hunter, who found it common on the Island of Pulo-Pinang. It is immediately known from P. longum by the shape of the leaves, as well by their being all equally petioled; and from P. Chaba, by both sides of the base being equal, or nearly so; whereas in Chaba the lower side is much larger and longer.

Root perennial, Stems and alternate branches creeping, young shoots smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from ovate-oblong to lanceolate, entire, acuminate; generally fivenerved, of which the exterior two are minute, and when absent the leaf is perfectly three-nerved, from three to five inches long, by from one to three broad. Stipules stem-clasping and petiolary. The female aments have only been found, which induces me to think this species is direcous, as most of them are; they are short-peduncled, solitary, and directly opposite to the leaves. Berries smaller than in common black pepper (P. nigrum) obliquely oval; pulp in small quantity, one-celled. Seeds solitary, conform to the berry. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo minute, lodged in a little hollow in the apex of the perisperm.

P. Betle, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, 159.

Perennial, diocous, creeping. Leaves alternate, bifarious, cordate, from five to seven-nerved, smooth, entire. Female aments sub-cylindric, drooping.
P. qui saururus, &c. Burm. Zeyl, p. 193. t. 83. f. 2.
Beetla-codi. Rheed. Mal. 7, 29, t. 15.

Sans. Tamboolavuliee, Tamboolee, Naguvallee.

Hind. and Beng. Pan.

I have never met with this plant in its wild state. It is much cultivated over India and

the Malay countries.

Roat woody, ramous. Stems woody, creeping on the earth, or rising up trees, poles, &c. when carefully trained to them; smooth on every part; innumerable roots issue from the joints, by which the plant is well supported after they have taken hold. Leaves alternate, petioled, bifarious, from broad-cordate to obliquely ovate-oblong, somewhat pointed, from five to seven-nerved, entire, smooth; from four to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles of various lengths, and channelled. Stipules as in P. nigrum. Female aments leafopposed, peduncled, filiform, sub-pendulous, closely imbricated with several spiral rows of scales, and corollets, exactly as in P. trioicum. The male flowers I have never found.

Obs. The plants are constantly raised from the slips, and cuttings, these are carefully planted in a rich moist soil, well inclosed, and shaded, so that they are in great measure, protected from both sun and wind. In some places, small plantations of Aschynomene grandi-flora, are made to train them to, and to keep off the sun; in others, poles are employed for the first, and a thin shed of mats over them for the latter purpose, they require to be frequently watered during the dry weather. Every history of India describes, and every body knows, the use the Hindoos of all ranks make of the leaves of this plant.

8. P. Cubeba, Gart. Carp. ii. 67. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 159.

Shrubby, creeping. Leaves petioled, ovate-lanceolate, scarcely triple-nerved. Aments

leaf-opposed, on pedancles longer than the petioles. Berries pedicelled,

Piper canninum. Rumph. Amb. 5, t. 28 f. 2.

A native of Prince of Wales' Island and the countries to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal.

9. P. lanatum, R.

Creeping, every part very woolly. Leaves petioled, ovate-lanceolate, scarcely three-nerved. Aments leaf-opposed, one-peduncled, as long as the petioles. Berries pedicelled, clavate.

A native of the Malay Archipelago.

10. P. methysticum. Linn. sp. pt. ed. Willd. 161.

Leaves short-petioled, from salient to obliquely re-entering, cordate, from seven to ninenerved, entire, smooth.

A native of the Malay Archipelago. There is no doubt but this is the Siriam decumanus. Rumph. Amb. 5, t. 27, but whether it be the South Sea Island intoxicating species, I cannot take upon me to say. The leaves are often a foot long, by six or eight inches broad, on sheathing petioles not more than an inch long. I have not seen the fruit.

11. P. arboresceus. R.

Arboreous, creeping. Leaves petioled, ovate-elliptic, acute, five-nerved. Aments leaf-

opposed, long, slender, cylindric, on peduncles about as long as the petioles. Sirium arborescens tertium. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 28. f. 1.

A native of the Molucca Islands.

12. P. lanceolatum. R 160

Shrubby, creeping. Leaves short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, prominently five-nerved, smooth. Aments leaf-opposed, long-peduncled, filiform.

A native of the Molucca Islands.

 P. Malamiris, Linn, sp. pl. ed, Willd, 160.
 Shrubby, creeping. Leaves rather long-petioled, from salient to re-entering, cordate, five or seven-nerved. Aments leaf-opposed, filiform, on peduncles that are generally shorter than the petioles.

Amalago, Rheed, Mal. 7. t. 16.

Sirium. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 116. f. 2. is no doubt P. Betle, consequently must be excluded from the list of synonyms belonging to this species.

14. P. rostratum. R.

Creeping, tender parts hairy. Leaves short-petioled, obovate, cuneate, obtuse-pointed, villous, five or seven-nerved, downy, meeting above the base. Aments leaf-opposed, short-peduncled. Berries beaked.

A native of the Moluccas.

P. diffusus. Vahl. enum. pl. 1. 333.

Leaves long-petioled, round-cordate, sharp-pointed, five or seven-nerved, smooth. Aments cylindric, short-peduncled.

Sirium frigidum, Rumph. Amb. 5, 345. t. 119. f. 2.

A native of the Moluccas, 16. P. sarmentosum, R.

Erect, ramous at the top, sarmentose. Leaves from broad-cordate to oblong, smooth, five-nerved, the superior ones sub-sessile. Aments leaf-opposed, short-peduncled. P. latifolium. Hunter in Asiat. Res. ix. 392.

Gadu. Cando, or Gudukh, of the Malays.

A native of the Malay Islands, and brought by Mr. Smith into the Botanic garden, where

it thrives luxuriantly, and is in fruit most part of the year.

Stems erect, from six to eighteen inches high, ramous at top, jointed, and smooth. Sarmentose shoots of a great length, issuing in abundance from the top of the root, and the lower part of the stem, by which the plant is quickly propagated to any extent. Leaves alternate, the lower ones petioled, broad, re-entering, cordate; the upper ones sub-sessile, obliquely oblong; all are smooth on both sides, and shining on the upper one. Aments solitary, opposite to the leaves, short-peduncled, oblong, very small, being rarely more than a quarter of an inch long. Germs oval, one-celled; ovalum one attached by the base to the bottom of the cell. Fruit compound, sub-cylindric, about the size of an infant's finger, when ripe softish, and of a dark green or livid colour. Berries numerous, most of the germs prove abortive, one-eelled. Seed solitary, oval, attached to the bottom of the cell. Integuments single, thin, light brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, friable. Embryo shape of a small broad inverted cone lodged Radicle superior. in the apex of the perisperm.

17. P. angustifolium. R.

Scandent, or creeping, smooth. Leaves sessile, obliquely-lanceolate, very smooth. Aments leaf-opposed, short-peduncled.

A native of the Malay Archipelago.

18. P. saxatile. Wall.

Stems furrowed, creeping, with villous joints and fascicled sub-erect branches. Leaves sub-sessile quatern, obovate-cuneate, fleshy, convex and villous beneath, with three coloured nerves, veinless. Spike terminal, filiform, elongated, peduncled.

A native of the neighbourhood of Katmandu in Napala, where it grows on rocks and

blossoms during the first four months of the year. A small succulent, probably annual species, which creeps to a considerable extent, sending forth fascicled, sometimes single, opposite or alternate branches from each joint, which scarcely rise four inches above the surface on which the plant grows. Stems thread-like, pubescent, with four or five furrows; branches once or twice sub-divided into small opposite branchlets. Leaves generally quatern, rarely tern, four or five lines in length, obtuse, cuneate at the base, shining and somewhat concave above, with copious short hairs below, slightly ciliated, without veins or ribs, and losing even the three pale-coloured nerves when dry; the lowest verticils many times, the others two or three times, shorter than the interstices between the joints. Leaves of the young shoots linear-oblong, measuring sometimes an inch in length. Petioles very short, villous, creet, with a gland-like body in their axills, villous. Spike terminal, very slender, from an inch to an inch and a half long, round, villous, excavated on its surface with innumerable small pores in which the flowers are lodged, on a peduncle about half its length.

Obs. All the parts of this elegant little species have a faint pungent taste. I have not

been able hitherto to examine its organs of fructification in a satisfactory manner.

TRIANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

CLASS III.

VALERIANA. Schreb. gen. N. 60.

Calyx none. Corol superior, one-petalled, gibbons on one side of the base. Seed one. 1. V. Jatamansi. Sir W. Jones in Asiat. Res. vol. ii. p. 405, and vol. iv. p. 109. Roxb.

Plowers triandrous. Leaves entire, four-fold, the inner radical pair petioled, and corlate; cauline sessile, lanceolate. Seeds crowned with a papus.

V. spica. Vahl. en. pl. 2, 13.

OLAX. Schreb. gen. N. 61.

Calyx entire. Corol three-petalled. Nectory of a few abortive filaments inserted on the petals. Germ one-celled; oculum one, erect. Drupe half hid in the enlarged calyx, one-Embryo inverse, and amply furnished with a perisperm.
 O. scandens. Corom. pl. 3. N. 102.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves ovate-oblong. Petals and nectarial filament bifid.

Fissilia psittacorum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 194.

Roxburgia baccata. König's Mss.

Teling. Turka-vepa.

A large, woody, climbing shrub, a native of forests. Flowers all the year round.

Thorns Trunk leaning, often as thick as a man's thigh. Branches numerous, climbing. one here and there over the old woody parts only, very large and strong, shaped like the horn of a Rhinoceros. Leaves alternate, bifarious, petioled, oval, entire, smooth, about two inches long, and one broad. Racemes axillary, solitary, half the length of the leaves, few-flowered. Flowers small, white. Calyx cup-form, entire, permanent, and enlarging with the fruit. Petals three; one, two, or all three half two-cleft; divisions linear, spreading. Nectary, a bifid, filiform, yellow body, rising from the inside of the base of each division of the petals. Filaments three, short, standing between the nectaries, inserted into the petals below their fissures. Anthers oblong. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, containing one orulum attached to the bottom of the cell. Style length of the corol. Stigma simple. Drupe or berry globular, three-fourths covered with the enlarged calyx, yellow, pulpy, one-celled. Birds are fond of them. Seed single, globular. Integuments two; exterior nuciform; inner one white and spongy. Perisperm conform to the seed, amygdaline. Embryo inverse, minute, lodged in the apex of the perisperm. Cotyledons two, equal, minute, semi-linear. Radicle larger than the cotyledons, oval, superior.

2. O. imbricata. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves bifarious, from ovate-lanceolate to oblong, entire, glossy. Racemes axillary, before the flower expands bifariously imbricated, (like the spicule in Briza.) Drupes ovate.

A very large climbing shrub, or tree, if any scandant plant can be so called; a native

of Chittagong, where it flowers in the hot season.

LOEFLINGIA. Schreb. gen. N. 71.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Capsules superior, one-celled, three-valved.

1. L. indica. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 191. Retz. Obs. 48.

Annual, diffuse, branchy. Leaves sub-verticelled, cunciform. Flowers terminal. Style three-cleft. Calgar fleshy.

Pharnaceum depressum. Mant. 564.

A small, diffuse, annual plant; appearing and flowering in the cold season.

Stems many, pressing on the ground, branchy. Leaves opposite sessile, with many smaller ones from their axills, which makes them appear verticelled, oval, smooth, from a quarter to half an inch long. Stipules four-fold, membranaceous, with many small similar scales about the flowers. Flowers sessile in the divisions of the branches, and terminal. Petals linear, with three or four-toothed apices.

HIPPOCRATEA. Schreb. gen. N. 73.

Calyx five-parted. Petals five. Germ three-celled ; ovula a few, attached to the axis. Capsules three, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds membrane-winged. Embryo erect, without perisperm

. H. indica, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, 1, 193. Corom. pl. 2, N. 130.

Shrubby, climbing by tendrils. Leaves oblong, ventricose, serrate. Corymbs axillary. Capsules oblong, two-seeded.

A large, twining shrub, a native of forests, hills, and wild uninhabited places, over vari-

ous parts of India. Flowers about the beginning of the hot season.

Tendrils simple, woody. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, pointed, serrate, smooth, shining, about two inches long. Panicles (Umbells) axillary, opposite, peduncled, about as long as the leaves, dichotomous, expanding. Flowers numerous, very small, of a rusty yellow Page Carey Ed.

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Led colour. Bracles minute. Petals linear-oblong. Germ superior, three-lobed, three-celled, I. with two ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style shorter than the stamens. Capsules from one to three, oblong, one-celled, one-valved. Seeds two, broad-winged, affixed to the bottom of the capsules by the apex of the wing.

2. H. obtusifolia, R.

Shrubby, climbing by the help of cirrhose branchlets. Leaves elliptically-oblong, entire, obtuse. Corymbs terminal and axillary. Capsules obovate, four-seeded.

A native of the coast of Coromandel. Flowering time in the Botanic garden, March and

April; the seeds take one year to ripen.

Stems and larger branches ligneous, and covered with cracked, spongy grey bark, climbing to a great extent by the help of the smaller, round, smooth, diverging, opposite branch-lets, which take a turn or two round their supporters. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, (large luxuriant leaves are sometimes obscurely serrate,) obtuse, firm, polished, length from three to four inches. Stipules of the leaves four-fold, minute, subulate; those of the branchlets larger. Corymbs terminal, or from the exterior axills, often compoundly dichotomous, and shorter than the leaves Bractes minute, ovate. Flowers small, pale greenish yellow. Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, ovate-lanceolate. Nectary, a large, fleshy receptacle receiving the base of the germ; its margin becomes thin, and is divided into three, tapering, antheriferous segments, which are at first erect, but soon become revolute. Filaments no other than the three segments of the nectary. Anthers two, round, one-celled lobes. Germ three-lobed, immersed in the thick, fleshy nectary, three-celled, each cell containing several seeds, attached to the axis. Style the length of the filaments; stigma three-toothed. Capsules three, obovate, thin, smooth, slightly veined, about two inches long, by one and a half broad, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds generally four in each capsule, two on each side, lodged about its middle, of a narrow-oblong shape, with a large, oblong, membranaceous wing proceeding from the base, and attached by its extremity to the very base of the capsule. Integuments two; exterior a very thin, smooth membrane; interior rather thick and somewhat, spongy. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Colyledons oblong, pale green while recent. Plumula two-leaved. Radicle short, inferior.

Obs. In the following species there are only two seeds in the capsule, in every other

respect it resembles exactly this species.

3. H. arborea, R.

Sub-arboreous, with climbing branches. Leaves opposite, oblong, serrulate, cuspidate. Corymbs axillary. Capsules linear-oblong, two-seeded.

B. Kathα-paharia.

A native of the interior parts of India. It blossoms in July, and the seeds ripen in

Trunk tolerably straight, but short, about as thick as a man's thigh, covered with smooth, dark brownish ash-coloured bark. Branches and branchlets spreading and climbing to a great extent, young shoots round and smooth, indeed highly polished; many of them form the claspers. Leaces opposite, short-petioled, drooping, oblong, taper-pointed, serrate, very smooth on both sides; from six to seven inches long, and about three broad. Stipules none, but two or three small, dark brown, scaly gems are found in each axill. Corymbs axillary, dichotomous, with a pedicelled flower in the divisions. Bractes opposite, small, permanent. Flowers very numerous and small, pale greenish yellow. Calyx beneath, generally four, though sometimes five or even six-parted; divisions rounded, and only about half the length of the corol. Corol four, five, or six-petalled, (six is the most common, and I suppose the natural number,) in a double series, equal, ovate-oblong, smooth. Nectary a three-sided, fleshy cup surrounding the insertion of the stamens and germ. Filaments three, membranaceous, shorter than the corol. Anthers four-lobed. Germ ovate. Style short. Stigma simple. Capsules three, cuneiform, striated, three inches long, and about one and a half broad, one-celled, two-valved; valves exactly boat-shaped. Seeds two, ovate, compressed, enlarged with an oblong, soft, thin, spongy wing, the attachment is between its apex and the base of the capsules. Integrment single, ochraceous. Perisperm none. Embryo oblique, compressed. Cotyledons conform to the seed, yellow. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle oval, sub-inferior.

JOHNIA. R.

Calyx inferior, five-leaved, or five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Nectary or receptacle of the stamina and pistillum sub-globular. Germ three-celled; ocula one or two in each cell, peltate. Berry one or more-seeded. Embryo without perisperm, direction various.

In honour of the Rev. Dr. John of Tranquebar. It is nearly allied to Salacia. Gen. pl.

ed. Schreb. 1380. Its proper place is probably the third order of this class.

1. J. salacioides, R.

Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate, entire, firm and polished. Calyx five-leaved. Petals

sessile. Anthers sessile on the three divisions of the nectary.

A native of Tipperah, Chittagong, and other parts of the eastern frontier of Bengal. It flowers in the Botanic garden during the hot season, and the fruit ripens about the close of the rains.

A large, very ramous shrub, with its branches spreading much, and often drooping elegantly. Bark of the ligneous parts brownish and somewhat scabrous, that of the young twigs smooth.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, recurved, broad-lanceolate, entire, firm, polished, obtuse-

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pointed; about four inches long, and half as much broad. Stipules minute, caducous. dencles axillary, several, longer than the petioles, one-flowered. Flowers small, deep greenish orange colour. Calgar of five round, villous margined, minute leaflets. Petals round, sessile, with the margins recurved. Filaments no other than the three, short, triangular segments of the fleshy arceolate nectary, elevating the three, large, twin auther even with the stigma. Germ above, conical; three-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style scarcely any; stigma acute. Berry size of a crab apple, round, smooth, dull-red. Pulp in considerable quantity, white, of a soft, tough, gelatinous consistence, and eaten by the natives. Seeds two, or three, separated by a thick partition of pulp; transversely oblong; flat on the inside, convex on the exterior. Integuments single, spongy, brown. Perisperm none. Embryo consisting of two equal cotyledons, conform to the seed, and until vegetation begins, so firmly, and closely united, that they seem to be of one entire piece. Radicle small, lodged at the umbilious, relative, centripetal.

2. J. coromandeliana. R.

Leaves opposite, serrulate, polished. Calyx five-toothed. Petals unguiculate.

A small, straggling tree, or rather a large climbing shrub, a native of forests and moun-

toins of Coromandel.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, smooth, slining, sometimes most slightly serrulate; about three inches long, and one and a half broad. Peduncles axillary, several, bowing, oneflowered. Calyx inferior, one-leaved, five-cleft. Petals five, clawed, round, or oval, spreading. Nectory a large globular, fleshy receptacle, elevating the stamens and pistil. Filaments three, spreading, shorter than the petals, inserted into the top of the nectary round the germ.

Authors small, twin. Germ half immersed in the nectary, three-celled, with one or two ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style very short. Stigma simple. Berry superior, globular, upon the remaining nectary, or receptacle, size and colour of a small red cherry; onecelled, one-seeded.

IRIS. Schreb. gen. N. 97.

Corol six-petalled, petals unequal, alternate, jointed and spreading. Stigmas (petals,) from cowled to bilabiate

I. chinensis, Curtis's Bot. Mag. N. 373.

Root creeping. Leaves ensiform, drooping; scape ramous, many-flowered.

This elegant species has been introduced from China into the Botanic garden, where it thrives best in cool, moist, shady situations. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season, viz. March and April.

MOREA. Schreb. gen. N. 80.

Corol six-petalled; the three inner spreading and narrower. Stigma three-cleft.

1. M. chinensis, Line, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 245. Thunb. Diss, N. 19.

Herbaceous, stems compressed. Leaves bifarious, ensiform. Umbels terminal, proliferons, all six-petals expanding.

Belameanda-shular mini. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 37. Ixia chinensis. Cart. Magaz. 171.

Pardanthus chinensis. Annals of Bot. 1. 416.

Beng. Dusbaha, or Dusbichandi.

A native of India, China, &c. Flowers in the rainy season in the Botanic garden near

Is common in gardens over India, where it blossoms during the rains, and ripens its seeds in the cold season.

COMMELINA. Schreb. gen. N. 86.

Calyx inferior, three-leaved. Corol three-petalled, often dissimilar. Nectaries or sterile filaments three, with a cruciform head. Capsules two or three-celled. Seeds one or more. Embryo simple, and furnished with a perisperm,

 C. communis, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, 1, 249.
 Polygamous, creeping. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, smooth; spathes many-flowered. Petals unequal. Anthers dissimilar. Capsules tricoccous.

Beng. Juta-kanshira.

Ephemerum dipetalum. Kempf. aman. p. 888. t. 889.

This species is common over the low moist parts of India; flowering time the rainy

Root fibrous. Stems numerous, creeping, dichotomous, jointed, round, smooth; length very various. Leaves alternate, sessile on tubular, vaginated sheaths, ovate-lanceolate, acute; margins waved; smooth on both sides, with delicate, parallel veins running lengthways on the under side ; from two to four inches long ; mouths of the sheathing petioles a little cili-Spatkes terminal, or sub-fascicled, semi-cordate.

2. C. bengalensis. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 250.
Polygamous, creeping. Leaves cordate. Spathes three-flowered. Petals unequal. Anothers dissimilar. Capsules three-celled, six-seeded.

Ephemerum bengalense, &c. Pluck. 1, 27, f. 3.

Beng. Kanshira, also Kanaraka.

Like the last described, this species is a native of wet places over Bengal, but much

scarcer and smaller; flowering time the same.

Stems creeping, dichotomous, jointed, hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, nervous, a little hairy, about an inch long and three-fourths of an inch broad. Petioles sheathing, hairy, and ciliate. Spathes terminal, and axillary, of a shape between that of a short, inverted cone and falcate; open on the upper side only; each containing a common peduncle of two hermaphrodite flowers, and a long peduncled male one. Flowers small, bright blue colour. Calyx as in the former. Corol three-petalled ; two of them larger, and long-clawed, as in the former species, the third small, and sessile, but coloured. Nectary, stamens and pistil as in C. communis, only the style is here beautifully spiral. Pericarp three-celled, three-valved, with generally two seeds in each cell.

3. C. moinceana. R.

Annual, creeping. Leaves sessile, oblong, about five-nerved. Flowers terminal, solitary, sub-sessile. Petals equal.

A native of the Moluccas. Compare with Vahl's C. attenuata.

4. C. salicifolia, R.

Polygamous, creeping. Leaves narrow-lanceolate. Petals three, equal. Spathes from four to six-flowered. Anthers dissimilar. Capsules pointed, three-celled, six-seeded.

Sans. Langulee.

Beng. Pance-kanshira.

Found with the former in wet places near Calcutta, it is also a native of the Coroman-

del coast ; flowering time the wet season.

Stems creeping to a great extent, ramous, round, smooth, jointed, very succulent. Leaves alternate, sessile on their cylindric sheaths, narrow-lanceolar, a little hispid on the upper side and margins, when the finger is drawn backward; from four to six inches long, and not quite one inch broad. Sheaths cylindric, striated; mouth ciliate. Spathes leaf-opposed, long-peduncled, semi-cordate, long-pointed. Flowers hermaphrodite, and male; large, of a beautiful deep azure colour, disposed as in the former species, only there are fewer to the common shorter peduncle, and often two on the longer one. Calyx as in the former. Petals three, equal, except that the lower one having a shorter claw is nearly sessile. Nectaries, stamens, and pistilum, as in the former. Capsules oblong, pointed, three-celled, three-valved, with two seeds in each. Cattle are fond of this species.

5. C. nana. R.

Creeping. Leaves cordate-lanceolate, stem-clasping. Flowers terminal, sub-panicled.

Petals equal. Capsules three-celled, many-seeded.

A native of wet places over India; it appears during the rainy and cold season.

Root annual. Stems or branches creeping, enveloped in the sheaths of the leaves; from three to six inches long. Leaves stem-clasping, sheathing, linear-cordate, somewhat ciliate, and waved; sheaths a little downy. Flowers terminal, sub-panicled, small, bright blue. Calyx equal, permanent. Corol of three, roundish, equal petals. Nectarial filaments as in the other Indian species, but naked. Filaments three, from the middle downwards clothed with hairs, converging over the stigma. Asthers blue. Style shorter than the stamens, straight and tapering. Capsules three-celled, with from three to six seeds in each.

Obs. Were the style longer, or even spirally bent, I should have concluded this plant to be Commelina spirala. Mant. 2 p. 176. Burman's figure of his C. diffusa. Flor. Ind.

tab. 7. f. 2. is so bad that no comparison can be made; they may be the same.
6. C. nudiflora. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 252.
Frequently creeping. Leaves linear, sessile, sheathing. Flowers terminal, racemed, diandrous. Petals equal. Capsules three-celled; cells two-seeded.

Beng. Kandeli

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Tali-pulla, Rheed. Mal. 9. p. 123. t. 63.

Tradescantia malabarica. sp. pl. 412.

A native of most of the warmer humid parts of India. Flowering time the rainy season. Stems none, but it has many short, creeping, smooth, jointed branches, with their flowerbearing extremities sub-crect. Leaves alternate, sessile, linear, sheathing, smooth, excepting a few fine hairs about the mouths of the sheath. Racemes terminal, long-peduncled, corymbed, bearing on their upper side many small blue flowers in succession. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, concave, caducous. Calyx three-leaved, equal. Corol of three, obovate, equal, blue petals. Nectarial filaments with a very few, moniliform, blue hairs; corpuscles two, clavate. Filaments three, two of them ascending, larger, and thicker, well clothed with beautiful jointed blue hairs. Anthers blue, oval, the third filament sterile. Style short, ascending. Capsules three-celled, with two scabrous seeds in each. .

7. C. cespitosa. R. Polygamous, creeping. Leaves lanceolate. Spathe cordate, peduncled, few-flowered; petals nearly equal. Capsules three-celled, with one or two seeds in each.

A native of Chittagong, from thence the plants were sent to the Botanic garden by Mr.

W. Roxburgh. It is in blossom most part of the year.

Stems and branches numerous, slender, smooth, jointed, creeping close over a space of some feet and striking deep root at the joints. Leaves alternate; sessile on their smooth cy lindric sheaths, ovate-lanceolate, the upper ones narrower and longer; all are entire, and smooth on both sides. Sheaths, besides the usual leaf-bearing one, there is a second or inner annular one wherever there is a peduncle. Peduncles solitary, leaf-opposed, about an inch long, round, and smooth. Spathe cordate, or rather semi-cordate, in their natural folded state,

the upper two reniform and pedicelled; the lower one cordate, and sub-sessile, all of a most beautiful light blue colour. Nectories three, erect, on the upper side opposite to the stamens. Filaments three, equal, ascending. Authors, the middle one larger and sagittate. Germ ovate, (in the male flowers wanting.) Style ascending, as long as the stamens. Stigma incurved, simple. Capsules oblong, three-celled, with one or two seeds in each.

8. C. scapiflora. R.

Root perennial. Racemes radical, erect, with alternate, many-flowered spathes. Petals equal. Leaves in a tuft, ensiform.

Beng, Kurelli,

A native of Hindcostan and introduced into the Botanic garden by Colonel Hardwicke, where it blossoms in March and April, at which time the plant is destitute of leaves, nothing Ibeing seen but the raceines ornamented with large lively blue flowers round the apex.

Root perennial, composed of several, smooth, elongated tubers, with a few filiform radiceles. Stems none, except the sheathing bases of the leaves which appear a month or two after the flowers; these are ensiform, waved, acute, smooth, and marked with several straight eveins; length from four to eight inches, breadth one. Racemes radical, erect, straight, smooth, invested at each of the remote two or three joints, with a small, solitary sheath; these sheaths towards the top are more approximated, each of them there embracing the insertion of a branchlet which bears several pedicelled flowers. Calga the three leaflets thereof broad-lanceolate, and considerably shorter than the corol. Petals equal, round, concave. Nectaries alternate with the stamens, hairy. Filaments three, alternate with the petals, llouger than the filaments of the nectaries, and like them hairy about the middle. Anthers blue. Pistil declining. Stigma minutely three-toothed.

9. C. herbacea. R.

Herbaceous. Stems jointed, ascending. Leaves lanceolate. Panicles terminal. Petals equal. Capsules three-celled, many-seeded.

A native of Sumatra, from thence introduced into the Botanie garden by Mr. Charles

Campbell, where it blossoms and ripens its seeds during the whole year.

Root percunial, consisting of long, firm, thick fleshy fibres. Stems several from the same root, herbaceous, jointed, ascending, round, smooth, much swelled at the joints, from two to three feet in height, nearly the whole enveloped in the sheath of the leaves. Leaves alternate, sessile on their sheaths, lanceolate, smooth, slightly marked with five parallel nerves, margins entire, waved, somewhat membranaceous, and coloured. Sheaths shorter than the joints, striated, and smooth, except a few white hairs round their mouths. Panicles terminal; there are also smaller ones from the superior axills, which are sub-globular, and smaller. Ramifications alternate, at first divaricate, afterwards recurved. Flowers numerous, small, short-pedicelled. Bractes triangular, acute. Calyx, leaflets three, equal, oblong, concave, espreading, fleshy, furrowed on the outside. Petals three, equal, oval, much larger than the earlyx, concave, entire, spreading and of a delicate translacent pale bluish white. Nectarial filaments alternate with the longer stamina, bearded (like the latter) towards the base, with delicate, slight blue hairs, and crowned with large incumbent, three-lobed, yellow glands, i Germ somewhat three-sided. Style oblique, length of the filaments. Stigma small, crowned with a tuft of hairs. Capsules three-celled, three-valved, with generally from four to six, or seeven, augular, rough seeds in each cell. Embryo lodged in a deep pit, in the back of the seed, small, oval.

SONERILA. R.

Calyx superior, three-toothed. Petals three on the mouth of the calyx, alternate with the stamina. Germ three-celled, cells many-seeded, attachment central. Capsule three-celled. Seeds numerous, minute.

1. S. maculata, Roxb.

Leaves opposite, unequally-cordate, bristle-spotted, serrulate, ciliate.

Soneri-ila. Rheed. Mal. 9. p. 127. t. 65.

Sootli, the vernacular name in the Khassee language.

It is indigenous amongst the mountains on the north-east border of Bengal, and used by the natives as a potherb. Flowering time the beginning of the rains. In its natural character it agrees very exactly with Bucmannia.

Root fibrous. Stearshort, being only a few inches high, and when old leaning much; branches opposite, longer than the stem, the lower reclinate, with their apices resting on the ground and striking root, all are nearly round and bristly; height of the whole plant from six to twelve inches. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, more or less unequally broad ovate-cordate, nerved, bristle-serrulate, pointed, surface bullate, and marked with numerous small white specks, from the centre of each rises a slender, subulate, bristle; veins and nerves bristly, from two to six inches long, by from one to three broad. Racemes axillary, spiral, their peduncles as long as the petioles, deeply coloured and hairy. Flowers springing from the upper convex side of the raceme, short-pedicelled, red, bristly. Bractes subulate, minute. Calyx superior, three-sided, and tubular; mouth three-toothed, permanent. Petals three, lanceolar, inserted into the mouth of the calyx, alternate with its segments, smooth on the inside, on the outside are frequently found some slender bristles. Nectary of three, laciniated

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scales round the base of the style. Filaments three, alternate with the petals, and about their length. Anthers sagittate, one-third as long as the filaments, until the flower has been expanded some time they are inverted within the tube of the calyx, afterwards erect. Germ clavate, three-sided, three-celled; ovula numerous, attached to their respective receptacles, rising from the axis, exactly as in Osbeckia chinensis. Gart. Carp. 2. t. 126. Style length of the stamens. Stigma simple. Capsules erect, three-sided, clavate; pedicel included, about half an inch long, three-celled, opening at the apex. Seeds very numerous, and too minute to admit of my ascertaining their internal structure.
2. S. emaculata, Roxb.

Leaves opposite, unequally narrow-cordate, acute, bristly, but void of spots, serrulate, ciliate.

A native of the Khassee mountains on the north-east border of Bengal, where it flowers in July, and differs from the preceding species, in the leaves being destitute of the little round white spots, into which the bristles are inserted, (viz. one in the centre of each spot.) It is also less robust than that plant, with longer peducles to the racemes, which are sometimes leaflet-bracted at the middle.

The flowers and seed vessels are alike.

3. S. angustifolia, Roxb.

Leaves opposite, unequally oblong-lanceolar, serrulate, bairy.

A native of the mountains on the north-east border of Bengal, and like the two former species in habit, but the shape of the leaves widely different, and only a little hairy.

4. S. moluccana. R.

Sub-caulescent. Leaves in pairs, entire, hairy, one minute and nearly round, the other unequally cordate. Racemes umbelled.

A native of the Molucca Islands,

XYRIS. Schreb. gen. N. 89.

Head with roundish one-flowered scales. Perianth beneath, three-leaved. Corol threepetalled, equal, waved. Nectaries three, bifid. Capsule one-celled, three-valved. Seeds numerous, on parietal receptacles

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1. X. indica, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, 1, 254. Leaves ensiform. Heads globular; scales round. Kotsjiletti-pullu. Rheed. Mal. 9. p. 139. t. 71.

Beng. Cheena ghauza. Dabi dooba.

Grows on a low clayey soil, over many parts of Coromandel, and Bengal. Flowering time November and December. Seeds ripen in January and February.

Root fibrous, annual. Leaves radical, bifarious, straight, sword-shaped, on one edge slit into a sheath for the scape, pointed, smooth; from six to twelve inches long. Scape naked, round, striated, erect, length of the leaves, each supporting a round, flower-hearing head. Flowers a beautiful bright yellow. Bractes, or scales one-flowered, orbicular, concave, hard, smooth. Calyx three-leaved, hid within the scale, membranous. Petals three, each supported on an unguis just long enough to raise their expanding, oval, crenate borders above the scales. Nectary, three filaments inserted, alternately with the petals, round the base of the germ; apex two-cleft, each division ending in a pencil of fine yellow hairs; adhering firmly at the cleft to the edges of the petals, near the apex of the claws. Filaments three, short, broad, crect, inserted on the inside of the apex of the claws of the petals. Anthers twin, erect, united by a continuation of the filament. Germ superior, three-sided. Style length of the claws of the petals, from thence three-cleft. Stigma torn. Capsule three-valved, one-celled. Seeds numerous, attached to a heel down the inside of each valve.

Obs. The following account of the virtues of this plant I have been favoured with, by

the Honourable John Hyde, who informs me that "the natives of Bengal esteem it a plant of great value, because they think it an easy, speedy, and certain cure for the troublesome irruption called ring worms." This accords with what Van Rheede says of it, at page 139 of the 9th volume of the Hortus Malabaricus, viz. Foliorum succus cum aceto mixtus impeti-

gini resistit. Folia cum radice oleo incocta contra lepram sumuntur.

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FUIRENA, Schreb. gen. N. 90.

Ament imbricated on all sides with tailed scales, Corol three-petalled. Seed naked. 1. F. ciliaris. R.

Culms erect, about twelve inches, columnar, jointed, leafy. Leaves hairy. Heads axil-

lary and terminal. Scales very hairy: Stigmas three. Seeds three-sided. Scirpus ciliaris. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 309. Rottb. gram. 5. t. 17. f. 1, Teling. Elagabora gaddi.

A native of moist places on the coast of Coromandel, with the Scirpi, &c.

Root fibrous. Culms nearly erect, about a foot high, round, striated, leafy, jointed, but not piped. Leaves sheathing, shorter than the culms, hairy, ciliated on the margin, concave on the inside, not keeled. Heads sub-globular, compound, axillary, and terminal, the terminal one is considerably longer, they are composed of several oval, imbricated, many-flowered, sessile spikes. Involucre of the terminal head one or at most two small leaves; of the others, nothing more than the sheath of the leaf from whence they issue. Scales of the aments, or spikes, corol, &c. as in the genus.

KYLLINGIA. Schreb. gen. N. 9.

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Ament imbricated. Flowers with calus and corol of two chaffy valves each. Seed one.

1. K. monocephala, Linn, sp. pl., ed. Willd. 1, 256. Vahl. in pl. 2, 379.

Rottb. gram. 13, t. 4, f. 4.

Culms six to eighteen inches high, triangular; head terminal, single; involucres three or four. Seeds obcordate, without angles.

Pec-Mottenga. Rheed. Mal. 12, p. 99, t. 53.

Gramen capitatum. Rumpā. Amb. 6. p. 8. t. 8. f. 2.

Beng. Sweta gothoobi; Nirbishee, its fragrant aromatic root being accounted an antidote to poisons.

Common over India on low shady pasture ground, when totally shaded the heads are

generally more green, which is rather uncommon.

Root fibrous, and stolouiferous. Calms erect, from six to eighteen inches high, generally about eight; three-sided, smooth, naked except near the base; angles sharp, and sides hollowed. Leaves sheathing, as long as the culm, smooth, sharp keeled. Head terminal, sessile oval, generally white. Lucolucre three-leaved, unequal, the largest leaf as long as the culm. Back of the glumes of the corol hispid. Stamens three. Stigma three-cleft. Seed obliquely obcordate, much compressed, smooth, light brown.
2. K. triceps, Lian, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 256.

Culms from six to twelve inches high, three-cornered. Heads terminal, sessile, from three to six; involucres three or four; florets diandrous. Seed oblong, without angles.

Mottenga. Rheed. Hort. Mal. 12. p. 97. t. 52.

A native of low shady pasture ground.

Root somewhat tuberous, with capillary fibres. Culms straight, from six to twelve inches high, smooth, naked, except at the base, obtasely three-sided; angles rounded. Leaces sheathing, nearly as long as the culm, smooth. Head terminal, composed of from three to six sessile, oval, white spikes, the largest one is in the centre, the rest in the circumference. Involucre as in K. monocephala. Stamens seldom more than two. Stigma two-cleft. Seed oblong, much compressed, white, no angles.

Obs. It differs from K. monocephala not only in having a compound head but in being diandrous, with a bifid style, and oblong lanceolate seed. I have found luxuriant plants with

more than one flower in the calyx.

3. K. umbellata, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 257. Rottb. gram. 15, t. 4, f. 2.

Culms from one to two feet high, three-sided, umbel of sessile and peduneled, eylindriral, ragged spikes, involucres many; involucels none. Seeds three-sided, linear-oblong.

Kolpullu. Rheed. Hort. Mal. 12, t. 63.

Mariseus umbellatus. Vahl. Enum. pl. 2. 376.

Beng. Bura-gothoobi.

A native of wet or marshy places.

Root tuberous, rust-coloured, with rust-coloured fibres. Culms erect, from one to two feet high, three-fourths naked, three-sided, smooth. Leaves sheathing, nearly as long as the culm. Umbel terminal, sessile, composed of sessile, and peduncled, cylindrical spikes of numerous diverging flowers. Involuere; universal, many leaved, unequal; the largest leaf often as long as the culm ; partial, none. Calyx and corol, &c. as in the genus. Seeds three-sided.

Obs. As this plant wants the partial involucre it may be K, sumatrensis of Retzius. 4. K. cyperoides. R.

Culms from six to eight inches high, three-sided. Umbel compound, consisting of glo-bular heads of numerous spikelets, incolucre three-leaved. Seeds oblong, three-sided.

Au elegant cyperus-looking small species, a native of moist pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, two-thirds naked from six to eight inches high, three-sided, smooth. Leaves sheathing, as long as the culm. Involuers; universal, three-leaved, very unequal, the largest leaf being as long as the culm, and the smallest one inch; partial, minute. Calyx, corol, &c. as in the genus, excepting that there are sometimes two flowers in the same calyx.

TUNGA. R.

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Ament ovate, imbricated on all sides. Calyx one-valved, one-flowered. Corol two-valved.

The plants which come under definition I cannot by any means reconcile to the character of Schwaus, nor indeed to any genus known to me. I have therefore constituted a new one of them, under the Telinga name Tunga, which is applied to the whole family of Calamaria. Linn, Cyperoidea. Juss. This genus is probably the same as Vahl's Hypaelyptum.

1. T. tricops. R.

Culsus from four to eight inches high, a little compressed; spikes two or three, terminal; involucre two-leaved.

A native of Coromandel, growing with other cyperi.

Root fibrous. Calous erect, mostly maked, from four to eight inches high, a little compressed, smooth. Leaves sheathing, broad, nearly as long as the culm. Spikes terminal, generally three, sessile, oval, imbricated with innumerable small rust-coloured flowers. Inco. fucre two-leaved, the largest is often erect, and looks like a continuation of the culm, it is Page from two to three inches long; besides these there are two or more oval, lateral, scales. Calyx, a scale, single, nearly as in the scirpi, one-flowered, wedge-shaped, striated. Corol two-valved, membranaceous, shorter than the scale. Stamens three. Stigma three-cleft. Seed oblong, three-sided without bristles.

2. T. lavigata. R.

Culms from one to two feet high, three-sided. Spikes several, terminal. Involuce threeleaved.

A native of moist vallies.

Root fibrons. Culms erect, from one to two feet high, nearly naked, three-sided, smooth, Leaves numerous, sheathing half as long as the culm. Head terminal, generally composed of about seven oval, sessile, closely imbricated spikes. Involucre two or three-leaved, very 184 unequal, the largest from five to eight inches, the shortest one, or one and a half. Calyx as in T. triceps, only sometimes three-lobed at the apex. The rest as in T. triceps.

3. T. diandra, R.

Culms leafy, two or more feet high, three-sided; corymbs terminal; involucres alternate. Flowers diandrous. Style two-cleft.

A stout, erect, smooth, long-leaved species; a native of Amboyna.

Culm jointed, three-sided, smooth. Leaves one at each joint, sheathing, rising much higher than the culm, linear, smooth, acute, three-nerved, about three feet long. Corymbs terminal, decompound or more. Involucres several, the largest at the first division of the corymbs, and like the leaves of the culm, but smaller; spikelets oval, minute, composed of many small brown imbricated flowers as in the scripi. Calyx, a glume, roundish, smooth. Corol; the two valves, small, placed transversely with respect to the calyx, and smaller than it. Filaments two, one rising laterally from the bosom of each valve of the corol; anthers linear. Germ oblong; style deeply two-cleft. Seed oval, rather longer than the ealyx.

SCHENUS. Schreb. gen. N. 92.

Calyx, or Corol, glumes several; seed one, naked.

S. articulatus. R.

Culms three-sided, erect, from four to five feet high, jointed, leafy. Corymbs terminal and axillary, compound and decompound. Style undivided. Seed obovate, beset with bristles. and crowned with the conic base of the style.

Teling. Konda-tunga.

A native of marshy places up amongst the Circar mountains. It may be referred to

Vahl's Rynchospora enum. pl. 2, 229.

Culms erect, three-sided, leafy, jointed, smooth, from four to five feet high, angles sharp, between the joints fistulous. Leaves of the root as long as the culm, smooth, except that the margins are a little hispid, slender considering their great length, those of the culm from five to eight, sheathing, shorter than those of the root. Umbels the terminal one decompound, those only from the exterior axills compound. Involucee of the terminal umbel, from three to four-leaved, about as long as the umbel, leaf-like; the axillary numbels have no involucre, or, at most, a very trifling one. Flowers sub-solitary, chesnut-coloured. Calyx none. Corol; petals four. Style undivided, with a permanent conical base. Stigma entire, acute. Bristles, six permanent ones surrounding the germ. Seed a little compressed, crowned with a large brown, spongy, conical body, the base of the style.

Obs. There is frequently a very slender male flower within the large or inner glume of the corol; it consists of one glume or scale, and three stamens. The plant is so very coarse

that cattle will not eat it.

CYPERUS.

Glumes chaffy, bifariously imbricated. Corol none. Seed one, naked.

SECT. I. with culumnar Culms.

C. setaceous, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 269. Retz. Obs. 5, p. 10. Culins setaceous, from two to three inches high; spike terminal, solitary, naked.

A native of Coromandel, appears and flowers during the rainy season chiefly.

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C. mucronatus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 273. Retz. Obs. 5. 10.
 Culms from six to eight inches high, round, incurved, half-naked. Spikes lateral, ses-Involucre one-leaved, besides the continuation of the culm. Seed oval, rounded.

A native of moist sandy places, over various parts of India,

Root creeping, invested in brown sheaths. Culms half naked, issuing singly from the root at some distance from each other, nearly round, ascending, from six to eight inches long; the lower half is involved in the sheath of a single, short leaf. Leaf sheathing, generally one to each culm, which is only about half its length. Head about an inch and a half below the extremity of the culm, it consists of five or six small, oval, ten or twelve-flowered spikes. Involucre one-leaved, about as long as the spikes; besides these there are some small, chaffy, calyx-like scales. Seed maked, oval, compressed, white.

3. C. lateralis. Forst. descript. 13. N. 28.

Culms erect, columnar, from eight to twelve inches long, naked; head of five or six sessile spikes beneath the straight apex of the culm ; stigma bifid ; seed oval, compressed.

A native of Coromandel.

Root creeping, dark rusty brown. Culms straight and perfectly erect, from eight to Carey twelve inches high, round and naked. Leaves no other than a short sheath or two, embracing the base of each culm. Spikes sessile, five or six, forming a small head on one side of the culm about an inch and a half below its apex. Involucee, a minute, subulate leaflet immediately under the spikes, and of the same length with them. Scales of the spikes numerous, ovate-oblong, white, smooth and rather obtuse. Stamina three. Stiqua billd. oval, flat on the inside, and convex on the exterior, lead-colour or grey, and smooth.

Obs. This differs from the plant which I consider to be C. mucronatus of Retz. fasc. 5. p. 10. in being perfectly erect and destitute of foliage; whereas that species has leaves. is smaller, and always ascends in a curved direction; in that the scales of the spike are acute, in this obtuse, in other respects they are very much alike. At present I am inclined to think C. mucronatus of Vahl and Rottboel may be referred to this, consequently Willdenow's

C. mucronatus, sp. pl. 1, 273, includes these two species.

4. C. nudus. R.

Culm from three to four feet high, round, naked, inwardly intercepted. Leaves none; umbel compound; involuere chaffy. Stigma three-cleft. Seed three-sided.

A native of stagnating, or slowly running sweet water over India.

Root perennial, fibrous. Culms erect, round, naked, articulated, smooth, from three to four feet high, above as thick as a common large quill. Leaves no other than a rusty coloured sheath or two embracing the base of each culm. Umbel terminal, generally compound, though sometimes decompound. Involuces several small, chaffy scales. Umbellets long, slender, peduncled, bowing, composed of from eight to twelve linear, sessile, rust-coloured spikes. Involucels like the involucres. Seed sub-linear, three-sided, smooth, light brown.
5. C. semi-nudus. R.

Culms from two to six feet high, round, tending to be angular at the top, naked. Leaves none. Umbels decompound, with an involucre half its height. Stigma three-cleft; seed three-sided.

Beng. Gola-methee.

Teling. Godoo tunga kooda.

This species is with the former a native of wet places.

Root percunial, creeping, fibrous. Culus erect, from two to six feet high, round, smooth, naked, except at the base, which is embraced by three or four sheaths. Leaves no other than the sheaths just mentioned. Umbels generally decompound, erect. Involucre three-leaved, equal, shorter than the umbel, sides and keel hispid. Umbellets and partial umbellets peduncled, composed of linear-lanceolate, yellowish spikes. Seed three-sided, smooth.

Obs. Cattle are not fond of it, and it is only eaten occasionally by buffaloes.

SECT. II. with a three-sided Culm.

8. C. dubius. Rottb. gram. 20. t. 4. f. 5. Linn. sp. pt. ed. Willd. 1. 273.

Culm from six to twelve inches high. Head terminal, roundish, sessile. Incolucre of four or five long leaves, some of them longer than the culm.

Cyperus longus. Rumpk. Amb. 6, p. 5, t. 2, f. 1.

kyllingwoides. Vahl. enum. pl. 2. 312.

Teling. Tagada tunga. Beng. Chhota-gothoobi.

This species is much like Kyllingia monocephala; and is with it, a native of shady, moist

Root, a somewhat tuberous head, with many rust-coloured capillary fibres. Culms erect, from six to twelve inches high, three-sided, smooth, the lower third or fourth part involved in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves sheathing, radical, embracing the base of the culm, very smooth, many of them longer than the culm. Head globular, size of a large cherry, composed of numerous, lanceolate, sessile, white-pointed spikes. Incolucre four or five-leaved, unequal, some of them longer than the culm. Seed three-sided, pointed, dark rust-coloured, smooth.

Obs. Cattle eat it. 7. C. monocephalus, R.

Culms from twelve to eighteen inches high, straight; head terminal, ovate, compound; invaluere, from three to four-leaved; spikelets ovate. Style undivided. Seed three-sided, elevated on a spongy receptacle.

Beng. Gothoobi.

A native of low wet places over Bengal.

Root fibrous. Culms straight, three-sided, smooth, general height from twelve to eighteen inches. Leaves three, four, or five, investing with their sheaths, the lower parts of the culms straight and smooth, length various, the longest about as long as the culm. Incolucre, leaves several, diverging, of very unequal lengths, the longest as long as the culm, and the shortest about an inch. Heads terminal, composed of a larger one in the centre, and four or five smaller ones in the circumference, all rigidly sessile. Spikelets ovate, incurved, ten or twelve scaled, each spikelet embraced on the under side by an ovate-cordate, smooth, dark brown, bracte. Scales boat-shaped, pointed; keel greenish; sides deep, polished, chesnut colour. Stamens three. Style simple and undivided to the extremity. Seed three-sided, elevated on a spongy whitish receptacle.

Obs. The undivided style and spongy receptacle of the seed distinguish this from all the other species I have yet found in India,

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8. C. diffusus, R.

Diffuse, from two to four inches high. Heads terminal, glomerate, sessile; spikelets incurved. Scales daggered. Involuce many-leaved.

Mulen-pullu, Rheed. Hort. Mal. 12. p. 101. t. 54.

A native of moist pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culms three-sided, several, diffuse, from two to four inches long, smooth, towards the base leafy, and of a dark chesnut colour. Leaves sheathing, two or three embracing the base of each culm and about the same length. Head terminal, sessile, composed generally of one large capitulum in the centre, and four or five in the circumference; these are again composed of small, incurved, from eight to twelve-flowered spikes. Involuce manyleaved; the exterior three larger, being as long as the culm or longer. Stigmas two, revolute. Seed three-sided.

9. C. squarrosus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 274.

Culms erect, from four to six inches high, leaves as long as the culms. Head terminal, glomerate, round. Involuces many-leaved. Scales with acute, recurved points. C. pygmæus. Rottb. gram. 20. t. 14. f. 4.

A native of Coromandel.

10. C. cistatus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 275. Rottb. gram. 23. t. 6. f. 1.

Culm from three to six inches high, with sharp angles. Heads generally single, and sessile; scales with a long recurved point. Involucre three-leaved.

Scirpus intricatus. Mant. 182.

A native of moist pasture ground. It is in general from three to six inches high, though

sometimes I have met with luxuriant specimens ten inches in height.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from three to six inches high, three-sided, two-thirds naked, smooth; sharp. Leaves sheathing, erect, short, sheaths purple. Head generally simple, and sessile, though sometimes, there is a second, which is peduncled; and in the larger plant above-mentioned there are two or three sessile, and two or three peduncled, they are composed of small, sessile, ragged, from six to eight-flowered spikelets. Incoluere three or fourleaved, broad, unequal, the largest being about the length of the culm. Calyx; scales tapering to a long, fine recurved point, which gives the spikes the ragged appearance they have. Seed three-sided.

11. C. pectinatus, R.

Culms three-sided, leafy, from eight to twelve inches high, straight. Umbel terminal, sessile. Involuere length of the umbel. Spikes all sessile, linear, pectinate, scales mucro-Seeds three-sided.

A native of Coromandel.

Culms erect, straight, three-sided, leafy toward the base; from eight to twelve inches high. Umbel terminal, simple, sessile, globular, composed of about twelve sessile, linear, diverging spikes. Involuere from two to three-leaved, the longest leaflet about as long as the umbel. Scales with long, acute, recurved apices. Stamina three. Style with a three-cleft apex. Seed obovate, three-sided, smooth, dark ash-coloured.

12 C. niveus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 273. Retz. Obs. 5, p. 12.

Culms from five to eighteen inches high. Umbels or rather heads, sessile. Involucre two-leaved. Style three-cleft. Seed three-sided.

A native of shady moist pasture land.

Root creeping, fibrous. Culms erect, from five to ten inches high, mostly naked, three-Leaves surrounding the base of the culm, sheathing, those that are nearest the root are little more than sheaths, those within are nearly as long as the culm, and waved. Umbel terminal, simple, sessile, about an inch each way, composed of linear, many flowered, sessile spikes. Involucre two-leaved, length of the spikes. Seed three-sided. 13. C. jemenicus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 281.

Culms from two to four inches high, obscurely three-cornered; base bulbiferous. Umbels simple. Involucres and spikelets alternate. Scales acute. Seed roundish, three-sided. Puri-gaddi is the Telinga name of the plant, and Puri-dumpa that of the roots.

A native of dry sandy pasture ground near the sea. Root bulbiferous, stoloniferous. When the small oval bulbs are taken up entire they appear covered and entirely surrounded with two, three, or four black and brown, longitudinally striated sheaths, which burst and fall off in succession. There are many capillary fibres issuing from the base of the culm. The stolones generally push their way up through the sheaths, and out at their mouths, run horizontally, producing from their extremities the new plant. On removing the sheath a small truncated, pointed ball is observed, resting in the upper side of the base of the culm, which (onion-like) is formed by the united sheaths of the leaves. This little bulb, which is slightly connected to the base of the culm on which it rests, is the catable part; it is composed of two or three coats, and about the size of a pea; when its proper exterior brown membranous sheath is removed, it is very white, inviting to the eye, and pleasant to the taste. Culm erect, two-thirds naked, between round, and three-sided, two, three, or four inches long. Leaves a few, filiform on the upper side, grooved, four or five inches long, below the surface of the earth, their sheaths form the little firm culm abovementioned; from its head the capillary roots and stolones issue. Umbel simple, composed of from six to ten sessile, linear, diverging spikes. Involucre generally three-leaved, unequal, the largest twice as long as the spikes; they issue not as usual from the same point, but alternately one above another. Scales oblong, striated. Stigma two-cleft. Seed roundish, three-sided, grey.

Obs. The little bulbs are gently roasted or boiled, then rubbed between the hands or the folds of a cloth, to take off the sheaths, which is all the preparation the natives give them, to make them a pleasant wholesome part of their diet, which they have frequent resource to, particularly in times of scarcity. Some dry them in the sun, grind them into meal, and make bread of them, while others stew them in their curries and other dishes; they are palatable, tasting like a roasted potatoe. I wish they could be enlarged by culture, when some and tedious gathering and cleaning any quantity of them.

14. C. polystachyos. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 275. Rottb, gram. 39. t. 11. f. 1. Vahl. enum. pl. 2. 315. they might soon prove a valuable acquisition, for on account of their smallness, it is trouble-

Culm twelve inches long; leaves short; umbel compound, sessile, crowded, Involucre many-leaved. Style two-cleft. Seeds linear, obserdate, without angles.

Gramen cyperoides, &c. Pluck. mant. 97. tab. 416. fig. 6, is not unlike this plant.

A native of moist pasture land, of ditches, &c.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, about a foot high, simple, three-sided, smooth, lower part involved in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves shorter than the culm, smooth. Umbel terminal, compound, crowded, sessile, about an inch each way. Umbellets sub-sessile, crowded, composed of numerous, sessile, linear-lanceolate spikes. Incolucre from four to six-leaved, unequal, the longest being from six to eight inches long, and the shortest, only one. Stigma two-cleft. Seed compressed, oblong-obcordate.
15. C. punctatus. R.

Culius from two to six inches high, shorter than the leaves. Umbel compound. Incolucres longer than the leaves. Seeds oval, compressed, dotted.

Gramen eyperoides elegans, &c. Pluck, t, 192, f. 3.

A small elegant species; a native of moist pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from two to six inches high, half naked, three-sided, smooth. Leaves sheathing, the lower ones little more than the sheaths, the superior ones longer than the culm. Umbel terminal, compound, about an inch each way. Umbellets some sessile, some peduncled, composed of linear, many-flowered spikes. Involuere from three to fourleaved, unequal, longer than the culm; scales daggered. Seed compressed, obovate, beautifully marked with white dots, on a dark-coloured ground, hence the specific name.

Obs. In König's catalogue he called this C. pygmæus. 16. C. capillaris. Kön. Mss.

Culm filiform, from one to two feet high. Umbel of one sessile, and two pedicelled umbellets. Involvere three-leaved, filiform, florets diandrous. Style two-cleft. Seed obovate, without angles.

A native of moist pasture ground.

Roof fibrous. Culas erect, from twelve to eighteen inches high, three-sided, filiform, three-fourths or more naked. Leaves sheathing, generally two to each culm; the lower one short, superior one as long as the culm, very slender and smooth. Umbel small, compound, generally composed of one sessile, and two peduneled umbellets, these are again composed of linear, many-flowered spikes. Involuces three-leaved, filiform, the largest is longer than the culm ; the shortest about an inch long, and the other between the two. Scales membranaceous, obtuse. Stamens two. Style two-cleft. Seed obovate, compressed, brown, pretty smooth, half hid in the rachis.

17. C. compressus. Linu. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 282. Vahl. enum. pl. 2. 324.

Culius from six to ten inches high, shorter than the leaves, angles blunt. Umbel simple or compound. Involuere three-leaved. Scales daggered. Seed obcordate, triangular.

Gramen cyperoides rarius, &c. Pluck, t. 192. f. 1.

Beng. Chooncha, Toling, Salitunga.

Delights in a moist soil.

Root fibrous. Colins erect, from six to ten inches high, two-thirds naked, three-sided. smooth; angles blunt. Leaves numerous, sheathing, many of them longer than the culms, smooth and glossy. Umbel terminal, simple, or compound; when compound the umbellets are peduncled, from one to three, and consist of from three to six, green, linear, sessile, many-flowered spikes. Involuces three-leaved, smooth, the largest of them is nearly as long as the culm. Scales acute. Seed turbinate, three-sided, smooth, dark-brown colour.

Obs. The upper flowers of the spike are incomplete. 18. C. castaneus, Linn. sp. pl., ed. Willd, 1. 278.

Culms from two to six inches high, length of the leaves. Umbels generally compound; length of the involuere. Scales with long recurved points, monandrous. Seed rugose, obtusely triangular.

A most beautiful delicate, small species; delights in moist, sandy, pasture land.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from two to six inches high, naked, three-sided, smooth.

Leaves sheathing, filiform, scarcely so long as the culm. Umbel terminal, one or one and a half inch, simple, or compound, but in general composed of from one to five small peduncled umbellets, and one or two sessile ones. Spikelets linear, many-flowered. Scales three-keeled, with a recurved point, green keel and chesnut-coloured sides. Stamen single, (at least I have not found more.) Style two-cleft. Seed obtusely three-sided, oblong, rugose.

19. C. difformis, Linu, sp. pl. ed. Willd, 1, 280, Vahl, enum, 2, 337.

Culm from nine to eighteen inches high, angles sharp. Umbels; compound umbellets globular; spikelets crowded. Involucre from two to three-leaved. Scales imbricated. Seed

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Page obovate, three-sided.

Gramen cyperoides, &c. Pluck. alm. 192. f. 3.

Beng. Behooa.

Grows equally in either a dry, or wet sandy soil.

Root fibrous. Culms two-thirds naked, erect, from nine to eighteen inches high, three-sided, smooth, angles sharp. Leaves sheathing, as long as the culm, keeled, smooth. Umbel compound, small, being only an inch and a half each way. Umbellets from two to four, subsessile, and from two to four longer or shorter peduncled, globular, composed of innumerable, very small, oval spikes. Involucie from two to three-leaved, very unequal, the longer being half as long as the culm; and the third (when present) less than an inch. Scales imbricated. 196 margins membranaceous. Seed three-sided.

20. C. pumilus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 282. Rottb. gram. 29. t. 9. f. 4. Vahl. enum.

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Culms about six inches high, angles blunt. Umbels compound; umbellets sub-globular. Spikelets; scales daggered.

Delights in a moist soil.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, six inches high, half naked, obsoletely three-sided, smooth, angles rounded. Leaves sheathing, shorter than the culm. Umbel compound; umbellets from three to six, shorter or longer peduncled, globular, composed of ten or twelve linear, manyflowered spikes. Involucre three or four-leaved, unequal, the largest as long as the culm. Scales acute.

21. C. cruentus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd, 1, 275. Rottb. gram, 21. t. 5. f. 1.

Culms three-sided, from six to twelve inches long. Leaves sub-radical; umbel compound; involucre three or four-leaved. Scales obtuse. Flowers diandrous. Style two-cleft. Seed round and smooth.

A native of low pasture land all over Bengal, &c. where it is found growing in tufts during the rainy season, like most of this natural order.

Obs. Cattle rarely eat it except when pressed by hunger.

22. C. incurvatus. R.

Culms triangular, base leafy, incurvate. Umbel compound. Involucres two or three, incurvate. Spikes needle-shaped, incurved. Scales oblong, obtuse. Stigma three-cleft.

A native of the moist banks of the Ganges. Flowers during the cool season.

Roots creeping, stoloniferous, with dark-coloured fibres. Leaves ensiform, polished, shorter than the culms. Culms slightly incurved, leafy round the base, triangular, with sharp angles, concave sides, and from one to two feet high. Involucre two, or three-leaved, incurved, one of them two or three times longer than the umbel. Umbel compound. Spikes needle-shaped, incurved. Scales oblong, obtuse, with a green rib. Stamina three. Germ ob-Stigma three-cleft. Seed linear, oblong, three-sided, smooth, brown.

23. C. tortuosus. Kön. Mss.

Culms obtusely three-sided, from six to eight inches high. Umbel compound, length of the involucre. Spikelet linear, incurved, flowers diandrous. Seed obovate, compressed, without angles.

A native of moist pasture ground.

Root somewhat tuberous, with filiform fibres. Culms erect, from six to eight inches high, naked, three-sided, smooth. Leaves radical, shorter than the culm. Umbel compound. Umbellets from four to eight, shorter and longer peduncled, composed of large, linear, manyflowered, chesnut-coloured, curved spikes. Involucre three-leaved, longer than the umbel. Stamina two. Style two-cleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, smooth.

 C. rotundus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 283, Vahl, enum. pl. 343.
 Root tuberous. Culms from one to two feet high, obtusely three-sided. Umbel compound; spikelets alternate; involuers three-leaved, length of the umbel. Seed angled.

C. rotundus, Rumph, Amb. 6, p. 1, t. 1, fig. 1, 2.
 C. hexastachyos, Rottb. 28, t. 14, f. 2.

Sans. Moosta, Moostuka.

Beng. Mootha.

Teling. Shaka-tunga.

This is by far the most common species we have in India; it delights in a moist sandy

soil, though it grows abundantly every where.

Root tuberous, with filiform fibres; tubers about the size of filberts or acorns, of irregular form, outwardly a dark brownish rust colour; inwardly firm, tender, white, and very fragrant. Culms erect, from one to two feet high, naked, three-sided, smooth, with the angles rounded. Leaves radical, or only investing the base of the culm, sheathing, shorter than the culm, smooth, glossy. Umbels terminal, compound in very luxuriant plants, sometimes decompound, from two to three inches each way. Umbellets from two to eight, all having peduncles of from one-fourth of an inch to two inches long. Involucre generally three-leaved, unequal, smooth, the largest is only a little longer than the umbel. Spikes linear, subsessile.

Seed obsoletely three-sided, brown, a little rugose.

Obs. Cattle eat it. Hogs are remarkably fond of the roots. Dried and powdered they are used as a perfume at the weddings of the natives. It is by far the most troublesome weed we have in our gardens, there is no extirpating it, as every little bit of the root grows readily.

C. pertenuis, R.

Culms from three to four feet high, sub-rotund at the base, three-cornered above. Leaves

Seeds three. Page Carey Ed. Umbel compound and decompound. Spikelets filiform, many-flowered. sided.

Beng. Nagur-Mootha.

This most delicate, tall, slender species, I have only found in low wet places, in the vici-

nity of Calcutta.

Root somewhat tuberous, with many dark-coloured villous fibres. Culms naked, except at the base, straight, generally three or four feet high, slender, tapering much, toward the base nearly round, becoming more and more three-sided, till they are acutely so at the umbel. Leares one or two at the base of each culm, slender, about one-third the length of the culm. Umbel compound and decompound, very small for the height of the plant, generally composed of one sub-sessile umbellet, and three or four, on naked, smooth, filiform peduncles, of different length, and these again composed of from four to twelve, most slender, long, filiform, many-flowered spikelets. Involuce three-leaved, the longest about the length of the umbel, the other two shorter, all slender, and tapering to most acute points. Scales membranaccous. Stamens three. Style three-cleft. Seed three-sided.

Obs. Its naked delicate form, small and compound umbel, short slender leaves, and scanty involucre, immediately distinguish it from all the other Indian species I have yet met

with.

26. C. tuberosus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 281. Rotth, gram. 28. t. 7. f. 1. Vahl,

enum. pl. 2. 340.

Root tuberous. Leaves linear, length of the culms. Umbels compound, or decompound. Involucre three-leaved, longer than the umbel. Style three-cleft. Seed oblong, three-

This seems to me to be only a luxuriant variety, if so much, of C. rotundus. It grows in the same places, the roots are tuberous, &c. in short, I can scarcely perceive any differ-

27. C. tenniflorus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 284. Rottb. gram. 30. t. 14. f. 1. Vahl.

enum. pl. 2, 374.

Culm from two to four feet high, sharp angled. Involuces three or four-leaved, much Honger than the decompound umbel. Spikelets alternate. Scales obtuse. Seeds obcordate, three-sided.

Teling. Gelleba-tunga.

Grows in standing sweet water.

Root creeping, with ramous fibres. Culm erect, from four to six feet high, naked, threesaided, smooth; augles sharp. Leaves mostly radical, shorter than the culm, deeply chanmelled, smooth. Umbel terminal, decompound, from four to eight inches each way. All the the thirty-flowered spikes. Incoluere three or four-leaved, very unequal, the largest being from one to two feet long, and the shortest about one or two inches. Scales obtuse, apex often emarginate and membranaceous. Seeds three-sided, obovate.

28. C. strictus. R.

Culms about twelve inches high, stiff and straight, shorter than the leaves; angles ssharp. Umbel decompound, straight; flowers diandrous. Seeds obovate, compressed, without sangles.

Delights in a moist uncultivated soil.

Root fibrous. Culm straight, rigid, about a foot high, obtusely three-angled, three-Ifourths naked, smooth. Leaves mostly radical, sheathing, many of them longer than the coulm, erect, rigid, much keeled, smooth. Umbel erect, linear, thin, sometimes decompound, though in general only compound. Umbellets, one or two sessile; and from three to eight with peduncles of unequal lengths; the largest peduncles are compound. Involucre from three to five-leaved, very unequal; the largest nearly as long as the culm, the smallest not smore than an inch long. Spikes sessile, lanceolate in small plants, in large ones linear. Stamens two. Style two-cleft. Seed compressed, obcordate.
29. C. flavidus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 279. Retz. Obs. 5, 13. Vahl. enum. pl. 2, 334.

Culms from six to eight inches high, generally shorter than the leaves. Umbel decompound, longer than the involuere; umbellets globular; spikelets crowded; flowers monan-

Seeds obcordate, three-sided.

This is a small delicate species, a native of moist places on the coast of Coromandel.

Root fibrous, dark purple. Culm erect, from six to eight inches long, naked, three-sided, smooth. Leaves sheathing, very short, embracing the base of the culm. Umbel compound, or decompound, from one to two inches high; umbellets one or two sessile, and from two to right on peduncles of various lengths; the highest sometimes bears a small partial umbellet. Incolners two-leaved, shorter than the umbel. Spikes lanceolate, chesnut-coloured. Flowers monandrous. Seeds white, short, three-sided, a little rough.

30. C. Iria, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 286. Vahl. enum. 2, 360. Culms from one to two feet high; angles sharp; umbels decompound, shorter than the anvolucres; spikelets alternate; flowers rather distinct; scales imbricated. Seeds obovate, angular.

Ira. Rheed. Mal. 12. p. 105. t. 56. does not very well agree with my plant. Gramen eyperoides, &c. Pluck. Almag. t. 191. f.7. is much more like this plant than the

above-quoted plant of Van Rheede.

Beng. Burn-choochn.

Is a native of moist, cultivated lands.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from one to two feet high, four-fifths naked, three-sided, sharpangled. Leaves sheathing, nearly the length of the culm, keeled, smooth. Umbel decompound, from two to four inches high; umbellets from four to eight, one or two sessile, the rest unequally peduncled; partial umbellets lanceolate, raceme-like, being composed of alternate, linear, from six to twelve-flowered spikes. Involucre from three to four-leaved, the largest two or three times as long as the umbel. Scales imbricated, with membranaceous sides. Style two-cleft. Seeds three-sided, length of the scales.

31. C. inundatus, R.

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Culms from two to four feet high, exactly triangular. Leaves as long as the culms. Involucre from four to five-leaved, one very long. Umbel decompound. Spikelets lanceolate. Stamens two. Style two-cleft. Seed obcordate, a little compressed.

Beng, and Hind. Patee.

Found in great abundance on the low banks of the Ganges and rivulets near Calcutta; where the tide rises high over it, it thrives most luxuriantly, and helps much to bind, and pro-

tect the banks from the rapidity of the water.

Root jointed, creeping, stoloniferous, perennial. Culms creet, from three to four feet high, exactly three-sided, about as thick as the little finger. Leaves numerous, radical, or surrounding the base of the culms, smooth, deeply channelled on the inside, and keeled on the back. Universal involucre composed of four or five leaves of very unequal lengths, the largest being two feet or more long, and the shortest as many inches; partial involucre subulate. Umbel decompound, erect, about a span long. Spikelets sessile, diverging, lanceolate, rigid, obtuse. Style two-cleft. Seeds obcordate, a little compressed, smooth.

32. C. Pangorei. Rottb. gram. 31, t. 7. f. 3. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 284.
Culms from three to four feet high, naked. Leaves scarcely any. Umbels decompound; involucee three or four-leaved; involucels setaceous. Spikelets filiform. Seeds oblong, compressed.

Heng. Chumati Patee.

It is common on the banks of the Ganges, and serves, with C. inundatus, the same useful

purposes, though in an inferior degree.

Root jointed, creeping, stoloniferous, perennial. Culms erect, naked, smooth, three-sided towards the apex, sides concave, from two to four feet high, and about as thick as a goose-quill. Leaves one or two, sword-shaped, very short, involving with their sheaths the base of the culm. Universal involucre three or four-leaved, very smooth, the longest twice the length of the umbel; partial minute, setaceous. Umbel decompound, composed of one sessile umbellet in the centre, and from four to eight spreading, compound ones in the circumference, supported on fine, compressed peduncles of unequal lengths. Spikelets filliform, from ten to twentyflowered. Scales obtuse. Stamens three. Seed oblong, compressed.

Obs. Its naked, exactly three-sided culms, and scarcity of short leaves readily distin-

guish it from all the other species I have yet described. C. tegetum has the angles rounded,

and no leaves.

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33. C. procerus. Rottb. gram. 29. t. 5. f. 3.

Culms from three to six feet high, angles sharp. Umbel decompound. Involucres none; Spikelets alternate, linear; flowers diandrous. Seeds obcordate, compressed, without angles. Pota-pullu. Rheed. Mal. 12. p. 93. t. 50.

Is a native of moist vallies, rivulets, &c. amongst the mountains.

Obs. In Bengal this plant, or one exceedingly like it, (for it differs from it only in having three stamens, the culm, leaves, umbels, scales, and seeds being the same) grows on the banks of the Ganges and so low as frequently to be entirely under water during the high tides; yet it thrives and helps to bind the banks of the rivers where it grows, and is one of those plants that prevent their giving way so much to the rapidity of the stream as they otherwise would do.

34. C. spinulosus. R.

Culms from three to five feet high, rigid. Umbel searcely decompound; spikes long and short peduneled, globular; spikelets rigid, from three to four-flowered; involucre and involucels many-leaved.

Teling. Kurra-tunga.

A large strong coarse species, grows in ditches and water courses.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from two to five feet high, very rigid, obsoletely three-sided, smooth, four-fifths naked. Leaves sheathing, length of the culm, rigid, striated, margins hispid. Umbel terminal, decompound, from six to eight inches each way. Umbellets with peduncles of various lengths, composed of peduncled, globular heads, and these again of numerous small, sessile, linear, lanceolate, rigid, spinulous-pointed, from three to four-flowered spikelets. Involuere from four to six-leaved, unequal, the largest being from two to three feet long, and the shortest about the same number of inches, margins hispid, like those of the leaves. Involucel from three to six-leaved, length of the umbellets. Scales linear.

Obs. I have not seen the pistil nor seed. It is a remarkably coarse species; no animal

eats it.

35. C. elatus, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 287. Vahl. enum. 2. 363.
Culms from six to twenty feet long, sharp-angled. Umbel scarcely decompound. Spikes all sub-sessile, linear, erect. Spikelets most numerous, alternate, from six to eighteen-flowered, anthers ending in a thread. Seeds oblong, three-sided.

Beng. Gol-mulunga. Teling, Rakisha.

This is by far the largest species on the coast of Coromandel. It grows in sweet stand- Carey

Root fibrous. Calms erect, from six to twenty feet high, and thick in proportion, naked, except near the base, three-sided, angles sharp, rigid and scabrous, so as to cut the hand readily, other parts pretty smooth. Leaves sheathing, in small plants, as long as the culm, about an inch in diameter at the broadest part, triangularly concave, with the keel and margins sharply serrate. Umbel terminal, decompound, erect, small for the size of the plant, being only about a foot high in middle-sized plants. Umbellets one, or two, sub-sessile and from eight to ten peduncled, composed of erect, linear, short-pedicelled, compound spikes, of simple, sessile, lanceolate, from six to ten-flowered spikelets which surround every part of the compound spikes. Incolucre three-leaved, with some smaller within these three, margins and keel as in the leaves. Involucels small, one-third the length of the umbellets. Scales membrane-bordered, acute. Filaments three, membranaceous. Anthers ending in a thread. Seeds three-sided.

36. C. umbellatus, Vahl, enum, pl. 2, 362.

Culms from four to six feet, blunt-angled. Umbel decompound; spikes all sub-sessile, linear, spreading; spikelets numerous, alternate, from three to four-flowered. Seed elliptic, three-sided.

Teling. Pedda shaka.

A large species, growing in standing fresh water.

Roof fibrous. Culms erect, from four to six feet high, pretty smooth, naked, except at the base, obsoletely three-sided, angles rounded, sides hollowed. Leaves mostly radical, sheathing, the longest of them about as long as the culm. Umbel decompound, spreading, about six inches each way. Umbellets, two or three sub-sessile, and from five to ten on pretty long peduncles of unequal lengths; they are composed of small partial, short-pedicelled umbellets of three to six linear compound spikes, composed of numerous, small, sessile, from three to four-flowered, simple spikelets. Involucel from three to four-leaved, of the length of the umbeliefs. Isvolucre from three to six-leaved, unequal; the longest from two to three feet, the shortest as many inches. Seeds three-sided, smooth.

37. C. digitatus. R.

Culms from one to six feet high. Umbel decompound, fastigiate. Involucee and inco-Incels many-leaved; spikes digitate, linear; spikelets diverging, many-flowered; scales with long recurved points.

A middle sized species; grows in marshy places, ditches, &c.

Root, a somewhat tuberous head with many fibres. Calm erect, from one to six feet high, mostly naked, smooth, three-sided. Leaves sheathing as in the other species, their margins slightly armed with minute prickles. Umbel compound or decompound, from two to four inches high. Umbelieta sessile, and peduncled, composed of erect, compound spikes, of small diverging, linear, acute, from four to six-flowered spikelets. Involuce many-leaved, unequal, most of them longer by far than the umbel, margins armed like the leaves. Incolucel manyleaved, length of the purbellets. Seed three-sided, oblong, with grooved sides.

Obs. In Bengal I have met with this species six feet high, with a decompound umbel, a foot or more every way, and with from twelve to twenty four flowers to the spikelets, the

culm between round and three-sided, and in the largest almost entirely round.

38. C. verticillatus, R.

Culms four feet high, three-cornered, leafy at the base. Umbel decompound; involuces many-leaved; involucels filiform, spikes of the umbellets verticelled; spikelets lanceolate. Scales with a blunt point. Seed linear, oblong, three-sided.

Beng. Purethi.

Found during the rains, in wet low places, in the vicinity of Calcutta.

Root perennial, somewhat tuberous, with numerous dark-coloured, thick, spongy fibres. Culms naked, except just at the base, from two to six feet high, and about as thick as a stout quill, absolutely three-sided, smooth, shining, deep green. Leaves, one, two, or three at the base of each culm, and about the same length, keeled, somewhat spongy, very deep green, whitish underneath, margins armed with uniqute, short, sharp, aciculæ, pointing forwards. Umbel, compound and decompound. Umbellets many on smooth somewhat angular peduneles of various lengths, composed of from five to eight cylindric, spreading spikes in a verticel, with an erect, sessile, simple or pedicelled compound one in the centre. Spikelets most numerous, imbricated, lanceolate, from eight to twelve-flowered. Involuce many-leaved, some of them nearly as long as the culm, and like the radical leaves keeled and armed on the margins. Involucels scarcely so long as their respective umbellets. Scales of the spikelets boatshaped, with membranaceous margins, and sharp thickened points. Stamens three. Seed oblong, obsoletely three-sided,

Obs. This species comes near Rottboel's Cyperus alopecuroides.

39. C. distans. Linu. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 288. Vahl. enum. pl. 2. 362.

Culms about three feet high, three-cornered. Umbel decompound, with the involuces and incolneels many-leaved; spikelets linear, alternate; flowers distant, with obtuse scales. Seeds oblong, three-sided.

C. elalus. Rottb. gram. 37. t. 10.

Reng. Panee-mulanga.

It is a native of wet places around Samulcota.

Roof fibrous. Culms erect, two feet high, four-fifths or more naked, three-sided, smooth; angles blunt. Leaves from two to four, embracing the base of the culm, and nearly as long,

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Page sheathing, deeply grooved above, and keeled below, smooth. Umbel decompound, from four to Umbellets some sessile, and from four to eight, with erect peduncles of unsix inches high. Partial umbellets oblong, raceme-like, being composed of alternate, needleequal lengths. like, diverging spikes. Involucee from three to six-leaved, unequal; the largest about a foot, or fifteen inches long, all are smooth. Involucels three-leaved, length of the umbellets. Flowers remote, scales obtuse. Seed three-sided.

208 40. C. tegetum. R.

Leafless, culms from three to six feet high, angles rounded, umbel decompound. Involucre as long, and longer than the umbel; involucels chaffy. Spikelets linear-lanced, alternate. Seed clavate, three-sided.

Hind. and Beng. Madoor-kati.

Is common in ditches, borders of lakes, &c. in the vicinity of Calcutta during the rains.

Root creeping under ground, percunial. Calms naked, generally from three to six feet high, obsoletely three-sided, smooth. Leaves no other than two or three sheaths embracing the base of the culms. Umbel decompound; umbellets sub-sessile, and on peduncles of various lengths, sub-erect. Involucre about four-leaved, one or two of them longer than the umbel. Involucels minute. Spikelets alternate, linear-lanceolate, many-flowered. Seeds eliptically triangular.

Obs. Those elegant, useful, durable, large mats so common on the floors of rooms in and about Calcutta, are made of the culm of this plant. When green they are split into three or four pieces, which in drying contract so much as to bring the margins in contact, or to

overlap each other; in this state they are woven.

41. C. alopecuroidus. Rottb. gram. 38. t. 8. f. 2. Vahl. enum. pl. 2. 368.

Culms from four to five feet high. Umbel decompound; involucre three-leaved; spikes nodding; spikelets alternate, many-flowered.

Wara-pulla. Rheed. Mal. 12, p. 77. t. 42. Cyperus glomeratus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 12, 277. This is also a large species, and a native of the same places.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from four to five feet high, except at the bases three-sided; smooth. Leaves as in the other species. Umbel decompound, drooping, from six to twelve inches high. Umbellets one or two sub-sessile, and from four to eight with peduncles of various lengths. Partial umbellets peduncled and composed of beautiful, linear, bowing, compound racemes of lanceolate, many-flowered, chesnut-coloured spikelets. Involucre three-leaved, unequal. Involucels small, frequently only chaffy scales. Seed three-sided, smooth.

Obs. I have seen small plants with the umbellets small, dense and globular. 42. C. nudus. R.

Leafless, Culms from four to six feet high, three-cornered. Umbels super-decompound, naked. Involuces, and involuces chaffy; spikelets subulate, alternate. Seed oblong, compressed without angles.

Beng. Goola-Methhi.

A native of low wet places over Bengal. Flowers during the rains.

Root perennial, somewhat tuberous. Leares no other than a short sheath or two, which envelope the base of the culm, the uppermost one sometimes ends in a short ensiform leadet, Culm about five feet high, naked, smooth, bright-green, three-cornered, with the angles rounded. Involuces three or four, sub-lanceolate, erect, about one-fourth the length of the umbel. Umbels decompound and super-decompound, with the sub-divisions, and slender, smooth compressed peduncles of various length. Spikelets alternate, subulate, of a bright brown colour, each bearing from twenty to thirty flowers. Stamens three. Style three-cleft. Seed oblong, compressed, without angles.

Obs. This species is very like C. tegetum, and about the same size, though I am informed, never used for mats, as that is. To know it from C. tegetum attend to the involucre, which in this is only about one-fourth the length of the umbel, but in that as long or longer.

43. C. Haspan, Linn, sp. pl. ed, Willd. 1. 287.
Culms from four to sixteen inches high. Umbel super-decompound, involucre two leav-

ed. Seeds globular, white.

Gramen cyperoides madasarpatanum, &c. Pluck. alm. 192. f. 2.

Teling. Poo-eushalie.

An elegant small species, a native of cultivated moist places.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from four to twelve inches high, three-fourths naked, obsoletely three-sided, smooth. Leaves sheathing, often as long as the culm, very slender. Umbet super-decompound, in small plants as long as the culm. Umbellets one or two sessile, and from four to six-peduncled. Partial umbellets of the first and second degrees pedicelled. Involuce generally two-leaved, unequal, the longest rather longer than the culm; involucel a few chaffy scales only. Stamens two or three. Seed sub-globular, pure white, smooth.

SCIRPUS.

Glumes chaffy, imbricated on all sides. Corol none. Seed one.

SECT. 1. Without Leaves.

Root tuberous. Culms culumnar, jointed, leafless. Spikes terminal, cylindric, naked. Scales oblong. Base of the style cordate. Seed obcordate, beset with glochidate bristles.

Pi-tsi, Maa-tai, Pu-tsai, or Pe-tsi, or water chesnut of the Chinese

It is mentioned by Abbe Grosier under the first name, and under the other appellations was transmitted from Canton, by Mr. Duncan, at the desire of the Governor General, for the Company's Botanic garden, where it blossoms about the close of the rains, in September.

Root fibrous, with stoloniferous shoots and round turnip-shaped tubers. Culms erect, naked, slightly twisted to the right, inwardly intercepted by slender membranes, distant ine, or a line and a half from each other, every eighth or tenth of these partitions, is of a firmer texture than the others and visible on the outside, even when the plant is growing. Leaces none except a slender short sheath or two at the base of each culm. Spike terminal, ssolitary, cylindric, naked. Scales oblong, membranceous margined. Stamens three. Style itwo or three-cleft, at the base swelled out into an ovate-cordate, compressed shape. Seed cobcordate, surrounded with glochidate bristles.

Obs. For the economical uses of the tuberous roots of this plant, I beg leave to refer (to Abbe Grosler, and other historians who have had opportunities of observing in what manmer they are employed by the Chinese, and to the following extract from Mr. Duncan's letter

which accompanied the plants.

"The Man-tai, Pee-tai or Pi-tse of Abbe Grosier, the water-chesnut, grows in ponds, which are manured for its reception about the end of March. A pond being drained of its water, small pits are dug in its bottom, these are filled with human manure, and exposed to the pond, and the slips or roots of the plant deposited therein; the water is now returned to (the pond, and the new crop of tubers comes to perfection by the beginning of September.

"This nut is in high estimation among all ranks of Chinese, not only as a pot root, but salso a medicine. It is eaten either boiled or raw. I will not vouch for the truth of the singular virtues ascribed to the Maa-tai, but just relate one of the most plausible. The children here often play with cash in their mouths, which sometimes slip down into the stomach, sand bring on alarming symptoms. The nut is immediately given in quantities, either raw or Iboiled, and they say it never fails to give relief, being considered a specific which has the ceffect of decomposing the metal."

S. plantaginus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1, 291. Rottb. gram. 45. t. 15. f. 2, Vahl. senum. pl. 2, 251. Retz. Obs. 5, 14.

Culms culumnar, from two to four feet high, intercepted. Spike terminal, naked, subecylindric; scales oblong, obtuse. Seeds beset with bristles

A leafless, rush-like species; it grows in shallow standing sweet water.

Root stoloniferous, with thick, spongy, and capillary fibres. Calm erect, round, smooth, maked, except the lower part, which is covered with a membranaceous sheath or two; inwardly intercepted with transverse, rigid septums, at every inch and quarter, besides numberless, birregular, smaller ones between. Spike terminal, cylindric, two inches long, naked. Scales sobovate, smooth, a little keeled, margins membranaccous. Stamens three, with bristles intermixed round the base of the germ,

3. S. tumidus. R.

Culms from two to three feet high, round, regularly intercepted. Spike terminal, cylind-Scales broad-lanceolate. Seeds beset with simple bristles

This species is very much like the last described, and a native of similar places, but much

Frarer

Root, the same. Culm erect, three feet high, round, smooth, naked, seemingly swelled, intercepted with a conspicuous transverse partition every sixth of an inch. Leaves none, but scheaths as in the former. Spike single, terminal, erect, cylindric, an inch long. Scales, bbroad-lanceolate, acute, a little keeled, otherwise smooth. Stamens, bristles, &c. as in the other species.

4. S. spiralis, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 290. Rottb. gram. 45. t. 15. f. 1. Vahl. 2.

Culms from two to three feet high, three-sided. Spike terminal, naked, cylindric, obtuse. Scales lapped. Seeds beset with bristles.

This is a native of the same places with the last described.

Root stoloniferous, &c. as in S. plantaginus. Culm erect, from two to three feet high, naked, three-sided, angles sharp, smooth, not articulated, nor interrupted inwardly. Leaves none, but a sheath or two embracing the base of the culm. Spike as in S. plantaginus, but the flowers are more numerous. Scales imbricated seemingly without order, smooth, lapped, margins broad, and membranaceous. Stamens, bristles, &c. as in the two preceding species.

5. S. acutangulus, R.

. Culms from two to three feet high, triangular. Spike terminal, tapering, acute; scales somewhat acute; seeds bristly.

Grows in similar places to those which produce the two last species.

Root as in the last species. Culm three-sided, from two to three feet high, naked, smooth; langles very sharp, even almost winged. Leaves no other than a sheath or two involving the base of each culm. Spike terminal, &c. as in the two former. Scales disposed spirally, oval, somewhat acute, striated, margins membranaceous. Filaments membranaceous. Bristles, &c. as in the former two.

Obs. It differs from S. spiralis in having the angles of the culm sharp. In having the Sowers few and disposed spirally. In having the scales striated, oblong and somewhat pointed,

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6. S. medins. R.

Culms from one to two feet high, three-cornered. Spike terminal, sub-cylindric. Scales obtuse. Seeds bristly.

A species resembling the last, and growing in similar places.

Root as in the species already mentioned. Culm erect, one or two feet high, smooth, three-sided, angles rounded. Spike as in the former. Scales smooth, obovate. Stamens, 214 bristles and pistil as in the last four species.

7. S. incurvatus. R.

Culms in tuits, culumnar, from six to nine inches high, incurved, leafless, intercepted. Spikes in a globular, naked verticil near the base of the culm. Stigma trifid. Seed three-

A native of moist places near Calcutta. Flowers during the cool season.

Root of rust-coloured, capillary fibres. Culms numerous, from their incurved shape forming nearly a globe, leafless, round, smooth, intercepted at every half inch or less; general length from six to eight inches, and thicker than a crow quill. Sheaths a few between the spikes and root. Spikes numerous, sessile, ovate-oblong, forming a round vertical about an inch and a half above the root. Scales round, ovate-obtuse. Seed ovate, triangular. 8. S. articulatus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 290. Vahl. enum. ii. 358.

Culms from two to four feet high, culumnar, intercepted with conspicuous partitions. Spikes pointed, crowded into a head near the base. Seed naked, three-sided.

Tsjelli. Rheed. Mal. 12. p. 135. t. 71. Hind, and Beng. Putputi-chechka.

Teling. Lutti-pitta-allie.

This is also a native of standing sweet water.

Root stoloniferous, and fibrous as in the former. Culm erect, from two to four feet high, round, smooth, naked, intercepted inwardly by transverse septums at every inch, or half inch; they are conspicuous on the outside, even while the plant is growing. Leaves no other than a short sheath or two, involving the base of the culm. Head lateral, near the base of the culm sessile, sub-globular, composed of many, (fifty to sixty) oblong-pointed, sessile, many-flowered spikes. Scales broad-cordate, a little pointed. Stamens three; the bristles of the foregoing five species are here wanting. Style slightly two-cleft. Seed three-sided, smooth, white.

9. S. subarticulatus. R.

Culms from two to three feet high; culumnar, intercepted with inconspicuous partitions. Spikes obtuse, crowded into a head near the base. Seed three-sided, pointed.

A native of the same places with the former.

Root resembling that of the preceding species. Culm erect, from two to three feet high, round, smooth, naked, intercepted every quarter of an inch by a slight membrane; their places do not appear externally even when the plant is dry. Leaves no other than a sheath or two. Head lateral, near the base of the culm, sessile, globular, composed of many (about one hundred) small, oval, obtuse, sessile, many-flowered spikes. Scales oval, membranaceous. Seed three-sided, white, smooth.

10. S. dubius, R.

Root tuberous. Culms naked, culumnar; intercepted with numerous partitions.

Teling. Allike.

Roots tuberous, with stolones and numerous fibres issuing from them, outwardly of a dark dusky colour, inwardly white. Leaves erect, cylindric, smooth, about a foot long.

Obs. I have never met with flowers of this plant which is a native of wet sandy pasture ground, and was formerly considered as a species of Isocles. The natives boil and cat the

roots which they say are as good as yams.

11. S. capitatus, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 294, Vahl. ii. 250.

Calms naked, from four to eight inches high, culumnar. Spikes terminal, globular. Seed black, roundish, bristle-beset.

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S. caribœus. Rottb. gram. 46, t. 15, f. 3,

A native of barren, sandy, moist places. Root fibrous. Culms erect, from four to eight inches high, round, smooth, naked. Leaves no other than a sheath or two. Spike terminal, naked, sub-globular; permanent bristles surround the germ in this species, as in those with single terminal, cylindric spikes. Style twocleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, smooth, shining black.

12. S. juncoides, R.

Culms from one to three feet high, culumnar. Spikes oval, from three to five in a sessile head, far below the apex. Seed roundish, beset with bristles.

A native of wet and marshy places.

Root fibrons. Culms erect, from one to three feet high, naked, round, and slender in proportion to the height, striated, otherwise smooth. Leaves none, except two shearhs embracing the base of each culm. Spikes from three to five, lateral, sessile, oval, maked, from four to six inches, below the apex of the culm, which is erect, and like that below the spikes. Involuere none. Stamens three, intermixed with bristles. Stigma two-cleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, smooth, white.

S. mucronatus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 303. Vahl. enum. ii. 256.

Culms from six to twelve inches high, three-cornered. Spikes peduncled and sessile below the apex. Seed black, scabrous, sub-triangular.

A native of sandy ground.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from six to twelve inches high, firm, naked, three-sided, Carey striated, with rounded angles, above the spikes half round, with a groove on the flat side. Spikes lateral, sessile and peduncled, naked, from six to twelve, oblong, many-flowered. Nectarial bristles of the germ wanting. Seed somewhat three-sided, black, with scabrous spots.

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14. S. triangulatus. R.

Culms in tufts, erect, two feet high, naked, acutely three-angled. Spikes from eight to welve, sessile just under the straight three-winged apex. Germ embraced by six long, slenler bristles, besides the three-broad filaments.

Native of Chittagong, where like most of the order, it delights in low wet ground.

S. supinus, Vahl. enum. sp. ii. 257.

Culms in tufts, curved, three-cornered, generally naked. Spikes several, under the grooved apex, sessile and peduncled. Incolucre one-leaved, besides the apex of the culm. Seed three-sided, transversely rugose on the back, black.
S. lateralis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 302. Retz. Obs. iv. 12.

Found growing in tufts, in wet places, in the vicinity of Calcutta, during the cool season.

Root of brown capillary fibres. Cubus numerous, about a foot high, curved, three-cornered, angles rounded, above the spikes incurved, and deeply channelled. Leaves rarely any other than a few short sheaths, investing the base of the culms, and they generally end in an nsiform point, when present solitary and like the culm above the spikes. Spikes many, peluncled and sessile, considerably under the apex, oblong. Scales ovate, mucronate, with from chaffy margins. Seed three-sided, black, transversely rugose.

 S. globulosus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 301.
 Culms from one to two feet high, nearly culumnar. Umbel compound; involucre shorter han the umbel. Seed long, obovate, smooth.

Teling. Billapa.

A native of wet sandy places.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from one to two feet high, as thick as a crow-quill, a little compressed, smooth, except near the base which is involved in, from three to five, large, sointed sheaths. Umbel terminal, small, compound. Spikes oval. Involuce two-leaved, mequal, erect, shorter than the umbel. Filaments three, broad, and membranaceous. Style road, margins fringed. Stigma two-cleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, smooth, light brown.

17. C. pectinatus, R.

Culms from three to four feet high, culumnar. Panicle lateral, just below the straight abulate apex of the culm. Scales daggered. Stigma two-cleft. Seed roundish, beset with our pinnate bristles.

Grows chiefly in marshy places, where the soil is sandy.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from three to four feet high, as thick as a quill, naked, sound, smooth. Leaves no other than a sheath or two round the base of each culm. Umbel ateral, about its own length below the apex of the culm, compound, rarely decompound, bowing. Spikes oblong. Incolucre no other than the termination of the culm, which is erect and about as long as the umbel. Scales chaffy, daggered. Stigma two-cleft. Nectarial bristles two on each side of the germ they are beautifully pinnate, and permanent. Seed oborate, compressed, smooth, brown, embraced by the nectarial bristles.

18. S. pentagonus, R.

Culms, from six to nine inches high, somewhat five-sided. Umbel terminal, compound; secluere chaffy; flowers monandrous. Seed obovate, triangular.

A native of pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, from six to nine inches high, naked, somewhat five-sided, dightly striated, otherwise smooth. Leaves no other than a sheath or two. Umbel terminal, compound, small, erect. Involucre, a few small chaffy scales, with long tapering points. Stanens single. Stigma three-cleft. Seed somewhat three-sided, white, scabrous.

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 S. atropurpureus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 294.
 Grows in small tufts. Culms from three to four inches high, setaceous, creet, culumnar, onger the leaves. Spikes terminal, naked, solitary, oval.

A native of poor, wet sandy, pasture land.

20. S. minimus. R.

Grows in tufts. Culms from one to two inches long, setaceous, curved, shorter than the caves. Involucre three-leaved. Spikes terminal, globular, squarrose, about as long as the inrolucre.

Found with S. atropurpureus on poor, wet sandy lands.

21. S. monostachyos, Kön.

Culms straight, from six to twelve inches long, culummar. Spike terminal, solitary, naked, scales roundish. Seed obcordate, smooth.

Delights in barren sandy pasture lands.

Root fibrons, purple-coloured. Calms erect, from six to twelve inches high, round, smooth, three-fourths or more maked. Leaves sheathing, nearly as long as the culm, filiform. Spikes erminal, single, naked, ovat; flowers few. Scales sub-orbicular. Style broad, with downy nargins. Stigma two-cleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, smooth, light brown.

22. S. strobilinus, R.

Culms two feet high, three-sided, base leafy. Leaves triangular. Spikes lateral, solitary.

Scales cordate, cuspidate. Stigmas two-cleft. Seed roundish, beset with bristles. A native of the soft, wet banks of the Ganges. Flowering time the cool season.

Root stoloniferous with pale-coloured fibres. Culms simple, straight, about two feet high, three-sided. Leaves two or three, of different sizes, embracing the base of each culm, the longest nearly the length of the culm, keeled and deeply channelled, smooth. Spike solitary, lateral, one-third part of the culm below its apex, ovate-obloug, about one inch in length. Lavaluere one-leaved, besides the continuation of the culm, length of the spikes. Scales cordate, cuspidate, smooth. Stamina three, with about double the number of bristles between them.

Anthers linear, when old spiral. Germ obovate. Stigma two-cleft. Seed flat, particularly on the inside, roundish, obcordate, crowned with a minute portion of the remaining style, and embraced by about six slender, soft, permanent bristles which are about the same length.

23. S. scaber. R.

Culms erect, from four to eight inches high, angular. Spikes terminal. Scales oblong, diandrous. Stigma bifid. Seed obcordate, scabrous.

Compare with S. potytrichoides. Retz. Obs. iv. p. 11,

A native of dry, sandy pasture ground on the coast of Coromandel.

Root composed of dark purple capillary fibres. Culms erect, from four to eight inches high, four-fifths naked, angular, smooth. Leaves sheathing, mostly radical, filliform, half the length of the culm. Spike single, erect, oblong, many-flowered. Incolucre two or three-caducous scales, shorter than the spike. Scales oblong, apex rounded, falling as the seeds ripen. Stamens generally two. Stigma two-cleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, lead-coloured, rugose.

24. S. bispicatus. Kön.

Culms erect, from six to twenty-four inches high, filiform. Spikes from two to three, terminal, sessile, and peduncled, involucred; scales roundish. Seed obcordate, with a callous margin.

Teling. Khooshi-tunga. Beng. Kesoori-mulunga.

Delights in a moist rich soil, grows in large distinct tufts.

Root fibrous. Culms sub-erect, four-fifths naked, very slender, filiform, somewhat fivesided, smooth. Leaves sheathing, in large plants long, slender, and often twisted a little, in small plants more rigid. Spikes two or three terminal, ovate; one is always sessile, the other one or two peduncled. Involuere one or two leaved, about as long as the peduncled spikes. Scales nearly orbicular. Stamens and style as in S. monostachyos. Seed obcordate,

compressed, white, with a thick callons margin.
25. S. schoenoides. Kön. Retz. Obs. v. 14.
Culms erect, from six to twelve inches long. Spikes one or two, terminal, naked, acute. Scales pointed. Seed obcordate, angular, dotted.

Beng. Moormoori.

A native of dry pasture ground, generally amongst bushes.

Root fibrous. Culms sub-creet, from six to twelve inches high, three-fourths naked, filiform, a little compressed, particularly towards the tops, and striated. Leaves as in the former. Spike generally single, though there are sometimes two, in which case one is peduncled, few-flowered. Involucre entirely wanting. Scales large, with a large keel and sharp point. Style enlarged at the base. Stigma three-cleft. Seed three-sided, very scabrous, pearl-coloured. 26. S. tristachyos. Vahl. enum. ii. 254.

Culms from six to eight inches long, slender, curved, striated. Leaves shorter than the culms. Spikes from two to four, oblong. Involucre two-leaved, one longer than the spikes, apparently a continuation of the culms. Style two-cleft, villous. Seed obcordate.

A native of Bengal, appears during the cool season in low moist places.

Root fibrous, brown. Culms numerous, in tufts, slender, variously bent, though nearly erect, slender, grooved, particularly deep on the opposite sides, from six to eight inches high. Leaves few, subulate, hard, half the length of the culms. Spikes generally three, varying however from one to five, sometimes short-peduneled, oblong. Involuce two-leaved; one erect, longer than the spikes, seems a continuation of the culm. Scales oval, somewhat mucronate. Germ cordate. Style villous. Stigma two-cleft.

Obs. It differs from Rottboel's plant in having the scales mucronate, and the stigma

two-cleft; yet I think they must be the same.

27. S. squarrosus, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 308. Rottb. gram. 49. t. 17. f. 5. Culms from three to six inches long. Spikes three; involucre two leaved. Scales ending in a long recurved hairy horn. Seeds angular, Motta-pullu. Rheed. Mal. 12. p. 72. t. 38.

Beng. Goori.

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A small delicate species, growing in distinct tufts on dry sandy pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culms numerous, bent in various directions, from three to six inches long. four-fifths naked, round, smooth, filiform. Leaves a few only, sheathing, shorter considerably than the culm. Spikes terminal, generally three, sessile, oval. Involucre two-leaved, the largest about an inch long; being nearly erect, it appears a continuation of the culm. Scales

namerous, terminating in a long, hairy, recurved point. Seed three-sided, oblong, smooth.

28. S. monander. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 311. Rotth. gram. 50. t. 14. f. 3.

Culms erect, from three to six inches high, angular. Head terminal, of three to five spikelets; involucre from two to three-leaved; scales acute, monandrous. Seed roundish, an-

A native of sandy pasture ground.

Root consisting of capillary fibres. Culms naked, straight, from three to six inches high, angular, smooth. Leaves fliiform, as long as the culm, woolly near the mouth of the sheaths. Head terminal, sessile, composed of from three to five small, sessile, few-flowered spikes. Involuce from two to three-leaved. Scales pointed. Stamen single. Stigma three-cleft. Seed three-sided, short, thick, smooth, white

29. S. antarcticus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 310. Vahl. enum. ii. 261.
Culms erect, from three to six inches high, round. Head terminal, of many spikelets. Involucres from two to three-pointed. Seed three-sided.

Grows on sandy pasture ground.

Root fibrous, Culms erect from three to six inches high, round, smooth. Leaves radieal, embracing the base of the culms, sheathing, half the length of the culm. Head or umbellet terminal, globular, composed of numerous small, sessile, few-flowered, conical, pointed spikes. Involuere from two to three-leaved, scarcely the length of the head. Scales pointed.

Seed three-sided, smooth.

30. argenteus. Kön. Rollb. gram. 51. t. 17. f. 6. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 311.

Culms sub-creet, from four to eight inches high, semi-culumnar. Head terminal, of many sub-sessile spikelets. Involucres from two to three; scales obtuse, monandrous. Seed roundish, compressed.

Finabristylis argentea. Vahl, enum. ii. 294.

Found on sandy pasture ground, growing in large tufts, with the exterior cubus of the tuft curved.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, or ascending, mostly naked, from four to eight inches high, round on one side, and flattened on the other, sometimes with a groove on the flat side.

Leaves as in the former species. Head or umbellet terminal, composed of from fifteen to twenty cylindrical, obtuse, sessile, silver-coloured, many-flowered spikes. Involuces two, three, or four-leaved, unequal. Scales oblong, obtuse; keel green, the rest silver-coloured. Stames single. Stigma two-cleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, smooth, pearl coloured.

31. glomeratus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 296.
Culos six inches high, semi-culumnar. Leares numerous, from one to two inches long. Umbel composed of from six to twelve ovate spikelets. Incolucres and involucels the length of the spikelets.

Hind, Bura Nirbishee.

Native of Coromandel and Bengal. 32. S. arvensis. Retz. Obs. iv. p. 11.

Culms from six to twenty-four inches high, compressed, furrowed. Leaves tortuose. Umbel simple. Incolucre one or two-leaved, shorter than the umbel. Scales obtuse, diandrous. Seed obcordate, striated and dotted.

A native of various parts of India, appearing in low moist places during the rainy season.

Culsus about six inches high, compressed, and furrowed. Leaves radical, or surrounding the lower portion of the culms, narrow, a little twisted, and nearly as long as the culms. Umbel generally simple, of from four to six sessile, or pedicelled, evate-oblong brown spikes; sometimes one of the pedicels supports two spikes. Incoluers one or two-leaved, small and shorter than the umbel. Scales of the spikes ovate, chaffy. Stamens two. Style thick at the base; aper two-cleft, and villous. Seed obcordate, furrowed longitudinally, and dotted with white ou a brownish ground.

33. S. tenellus. R.

Culms twelve inches high, leafy, sub-cylindric. Umbels thin, scarcely compound. Involucies minute. Style with enlarged base. Stigma three-cleft. Seed obovate, dotted, pearl-coloured.

A native of Coromandel.

Culms many, uncommonly slender, erect, about a foot high, toward the base invested with the sheaths of a few slender leaves. United very thin, composed of one sessile, oblong spike, and of from six to twelve or about half the number of pedicels of various lengths. Incolucres minute, the longest scarcely exceeding the sessile spike. Scales boat-shaped, scariose, with a short point. Style swelled at the base to the full size of the germ; this swelled part, however, is not more permanent than the rest of the style. Sligma trifid. Seed obveate, Obscurely three-sided, much dotted, pearl-coloured.

34. S. tridentatus. R.

Culms straight, from two to five feet high, angular. Umbel compound; involuces from two to three ; spikelets pointed ; seales lapped, jagged and daggered. Seed roundish, threeangled, and bristly.

Compare with S. maritimus. Teling. Goorapa-shaka-tunga.

Grows in water courses, ditches, &c. where the water is fresh; never in salt, or brackish

Root stoloniferous with some small tubers, and many fibres. Culms erect, rigid, leafy, jointed, from two to five feet high, three-sided, smooth, angles sharp. Leaces numerous, sheathing, sub-erect, rigid, keeled, smooth. Umbel compound, small for the size of the plant. Inrolsers from two to three-leaved, erect, unequal, the longest being three times the length of the umbel, and the shortest equalling the latter. Spikes lanceolate or cylindric, large; some sessile, some peduncled. Scales three-toothed, the interal ones torn, the middle long and sub-

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Page ulate, keel green, the rest rust-coloured. Seed three-sided, short, thick, smooth, with bristles

Obs. I believe König called it S. maritimus indicus, but the form of the seeds and jointed culm, will, I think, render it a very well marked and distinct species.

35. S. strictus, R. Culms straight, from twelve to eighteen inches high, culumnar. Umbel compound. Involucres chaffy; scales obtuse, diandrous and roundish, compressed.

Grows on a moderately dry, hard, barren, sandy soil.

Root fibrous. Culms straight, naked, rigid, from twelve to eighteen inches high, round, very smooth. Leaves radical, short, rigid, but smooth. Umbel terminal, sometimes decompound, contracted, seldom more than two inches long, and one broad. Involuce from two to four, small, chaffy, tapering sheaths. Spikes ovate, small, many-flowered. Scales with a broad, white, membranaceous border. Stamens two. Stigma two-cleft. Seed much compressed, obcordate, dotted with brown. 36. S. brevifolius.

Culms erect, from six to eight inches high, semi-culumnar. Umbel decompound; involucels chaffy; scales cuspidate, monandrous. Stigma bifid. Seeds obcordate, striated.

Is found generally on low sandy pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, mostly naked, from six to eight inches high, flat on one side and rounded on the other. Leaves sheathing, short. Umbel terminal, decompound. Involucre from two to three-leaved, shorter than the umbel. Spikes small, oblong; while young sessile, but when old appearing peduncled, the scales and seeds gradually dropping off and leaving the rachis naked. Scales keeled and pointed. Stamen single. Style broad, enlargened at the base; above, the margins are hairy. Sligma two-cleft. Seeds obcordate, convex on the outside, flat on the inner, white, striated.

Obs. The single stamen and striated seed are the best specific marks. It much resembles Rottboel's figure of S. dichotomus, but that species is described by Vahl as having three stamina: (see Fimbristylis dichotoma, enum. ii. p. 227.) consequently they must be different. 37. S. aestivalis. Retz. Obs. iv. 12.

Spikes rounded, sub-squarrose; involucre six-leaved, longer than the compound umbel; scales monandrous. Vahl. enum. ii. 288. (under Fimbristylis.)

I received this elegant little grass from Nepala where it grows in low fields during

the rainy season.

38. S. diphyllus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 301.

Culms erect, from one to two feet high, semi-culumnar. Umbel decompound; scales obtuse, diandrons. Seeds roundish, obcordate, smooth.

Fimbristylis diphylla. Vahl. enum. ii. 249.

Delights in a rich wet soil.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, seven-eighths naked, from one to two feet high, sometimes a little compressed. Leaves chiefly radical, half the length of the culm, rigid. Umbel terminal, decompound, Involuere two or four-leaved, the larger about the length of the umbel; partial involucres small; spikes numerous, oblong, some sessile, some peduneled, exclusive of the naked rachis of those that are old, dark brown. Scales oblong, obtuse, dark brown. Stamens two. Stigmas two-cleft. Seed obcordate, much compressed, smooth, brown.
39. S. miliaceus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 305. Rottb. gram. 57. t. 5. f. 2. Retz. Obs.

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Culms erect, from one to two feet high, semi-culumnar. Umbel decompound. Involucres and involucels shorter than the umbels and umbellets. Seed obcordate, striated.

Fimbristylis miliacea. Vahl. enum. ii. 287. This species delights in wet pasture ground.

Root fibrons. Culms erect, from one to two feet high, seven-eighths naked, generally round, though sometimes a little compressed, and chiefly near the apex striated, otherwise smooth. Umbel decompound, very thin. Involuces three or five-leaved, unequal, but the largest is seldom so long as the umbel. Involuces like the involuce, but much smaller, Spikes sessile, or peduncled, oval, rust-coloured, many-flowered. Scales broad, a little pointed very concave. Stamens two or three. Style enlarged at the base, broad, with hairy margins, Stigma two-cleft. Seed obcordate, compressed, pearl-coloured, striated, without bristles.

40. S. complanatus. Vahl. enum. ii. 279. Retz. Obs. 5. 14.

Culms sub-erect, from one to two feet high, edged. Umbel from compound to super-de-

compound. Involucre two-leaved, erect; scales lanceolate. Seed obcordate, dotted.

Hind. Kuratiya-juvani.

A native of moist or wet places.

Root fibrous. Culms nearly erect, but waving a little, from one to two feet high, naked except at the base, compressed, two-edged; edges sharp, and turned different ways, striated, smooth, often a little twisted. Leaves radical, or embracing the base of the culm, nearly as long as the culm, linear, waved, often a little twisted, apex abrupt. Umbel super-decompound, dense. Involucre two-leaved, opposite, erect, unequal, the longest about the length of the umbel. Involucels chaffy, ending like bristles. Spikes sessile, or short-pedicelled, oblong, few-flowered.

Scales rust-coloured, acute. Seeds obcordate, rugose, white,

41. S. tetragonus. R. Culms from one to two feet high, four-angled. Umbet decompound and super-decompound. Involucre and involucels bristly; scales roundish, diandrous. Seed round.

Hind. Bura-juvani.

Teling. Murcushalee.

Grows with the other species on moist pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culms nearly erect, from one to two feet high, naked, except at the base, four-sided, smooth. Leaves radical, and about the base of the culm, bifarious, tapering, nearly as long as the culm. Umbel super-decompound, rather thin, and of an irregular form. Involucee and involucels small, bristle-like. Spikes minute, globular, many-flowered. Stamens, from one to two, rarely three. Stigma two or three-cleft. Seed nearly globular, compressed on the inside, scabrous, white.
42. S. quinquangularis. Vahl. enum. ii. 279.

Culms from one to two feet high, five-angled. Umbel super-decompound; involucre much shorter than the umbel; scales oval, monandrous. Seed three-sided, rugose.

A native of similar places with the last species.

Root fibrous. Culms as in complanatus, and tetragonus, and of the same height, but in this species always five-sided. The angles sharp and the sides concave. Leaves as in S. complanatus. Umbel super-decompound, rather thin, and unequal as in Sc. tetragonus. Involucre threeleaved, the largest about the length of the umbel. Spikes mostly pedicelled, oval, very small, few, from six to eight-flowered. Scales oval. Stamen one. Stigma three-cleft. Seed oblong, three-sided, rugose.

43. S. pallescens, R. Culms from six to ten inches high, culumnar. Umbel super-decompound, rather shorter than the involucre, monandrous. Scales obtuse. Seed obcordate, without angles, streaked and

wrinkled.

A native of low pasture ground.

Root fibrous. Culous nearly erect, from six to ten inches high, mostly naked, nearly round and striated. Leaves sheathing, as long as the culm, concave; edges slightly serrulate, somewhat woolly. Umbel terminal, super-decompound, large in proportion to the rest of the plant. Involuces two-leaved, nearly erect, opposite margins slighly serrulate, longer than the umbel, a few small scales intermixed. Spikes very minute. Scales oval, concave. Stamens solitary. Style two-cleft. Seed obcordate, a little compressed, striated longitudinally, and wrinkled transversely.

44. Sc. anceps. R.

Culm erect, twelve inches high, two-edged. Involucre two-leaved, shorter than the superdecompound, four or five times-divided umbel.

Beng. Joopi. A native of Bengal. 45. Sc. Kysoor, R.

Culms from five to six feet high, triangular, and hispid. Umbel super-decompound. Spikes Seed oblong, three-sided, crowned, and beset with five villous bristles.

Beng. Kesoor or Kesooree.

Common in Bengal, growing on the borders of lakes, ponds, &c. of fresh water, in flower

during the latter part of the rains.

Root tuberous, with numerous ferruginous fibres. Culms straight, from four to six feet high, three-angled, the sides deeply grooved and the angles very sharp, and backwardly hispid. Leaves several to each culm, and about their length, sheathing at the base, above that part deeply channelled, with the margins and keel while young, somewhat hispid, and the points long and subulate. Umbel terminal, super-decompound. Involucre about three, very unequal, the largest from one to two feet long, and the shortest as many inches; resembling the leaves in form. Spikes ovate, brown. Scales roundish oval, concave, chaffy, brown, smooth; the rib or nerve ending in a subulate point beyond the rounded apex. Stamens three on the exterior side of the germ, one-bearded bristle between each filament, and three on the back, making in all five. Germ ovate. Style with swelled, permanent, cordate base. Stigma three-Seed oblong, three-sided, surrounded by the five-hearded bristles.

Obs. It approaches Sc. grossus. Vahl. enum. ii. 270; the best marks to distinguish them by, are the bristles which embrace the germ, and continue with the seed; here they are five in number and villous, there six, and barbed, or armed on the margin, with sharp bristles pointing backward. My Sc. maximus is a much larger species, and the germ destitute of bristles.

Sc. grossus. Vahl. enum. ii. 270.
 Culms erect, from six to ten feet high, triangular. Umbel super-decompound. Seed

three-sided, beset with six, backwardly hispid bristles.

Exclude Sc. grossus. Retz. Obs. v. 15, which I presume is my Sc. maximus; the germ and seed being there destitute of the bristly involucre. To which of these Sc. grossus, Linn. Suppl. ought to be referred, I cannot say

This, next to Sc. maximus, is by far the largest species I have ever met with. It grows

in standing sweet water.

Culm erect, mostly naked, from six to ten feet high, three-sided; augles sharp, sides concave. Leaves radical, and round the base of the culms sheathing, much keeled, almost as long as the culms; edges slightly scabrous. Umbel super-decompound, five or eight inches each way. Incoluere three-leaved, the largest about two feet, the shortest six inches, they taper to a long, acute point; margins pretty smooth. Involucels chaffy. Spikes oblong, dark-brown, many-flowered. Stamens three, with two bristles between each pair. Style threecleft. Seed three-sided, embraced by the six enlarged bristles, which are armed on the edges with stiff, bent back, short hairs.

47. Sc. maximus. R.

Culms straight, from six to fifteen feet high, triangular. Umbel decompound; spikelets roundish. Seed obcordate, three-sided, without bristles.
Sc. grossus. Retz. Obs. v. 15. and probably Linn. Suppl. p. 104.

Teling, Booda-tunga,

Is found only in pretty deep, standing, sweet water. 232

Root fibrous, and stoloniferous. Culms erect, most rigid, naked, except at the base, from six to lifteen feet high, and from one to two inches in diameter, three-sided; angles very sharp; sides somewhat concave. Leaves mostly radical, almost as long as the culm, much keeled, (a transverse section appears like the letter V.) smooth, inside only a little striated. Umbel superdecompound, generally about a foot long. Involucre from three to four-leaved, the largest from three to four feet long, the smallest from three to four inches, smooth. Involuced chaffy. Spikes minute, ovate, few-flowered. Scales broad, and short. Stamens three. Stigma three-cleft. Seed three-sided, without bristles, which easily distinguishes it from the last Sc. grossus.

Obs. I have not in any of the foregoing genera of Cyperoidea taken notice of the sheaths which embrace the base of the peduncles and pedicels of the umbels, and their subdivisions; because they are common to all, and so much alike, that I do not think they can convey any information. Nor have I attended to the form of those peduncles and pedicels; because I have not found it uniform. The culm, inflorescence, involucre, and seed, are I think, the best marks to discriminate the species by, particularly the culm and seed. The number of stamens and divisions of stigma, sometimes vary even in the same plant, much more in different plants of the same species.

Nearly the whole of the plants belonging to the six foregoing genera (called Calamaria by Linnaus and Cyperoidea by Jussieu) are natives of low, barren, moist places, and borders of rice fields on the coast of Coromandel. They appear, blossom, and ripen their seed during the rains, and the beginning of the cool season. They are in general rejected by cattle.

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TRIANDRIA DIGYNIA.

PEROTIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1714.

Calyx none. Corol two-valved; valces equal, and awned.

1. P. latifolia. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 324.

Culms piped, from nine to eighteen inches high. Leaves short, waved, and ciliate. Raceme cylindrical.

Tsjeria-kuren-pulla. Rheed. Mal., 12, 117, t. 62.

Anthoxanthum indicum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 157.

Saccharum spicatum. Linn. sp. pl. 79.

Is a native of high, dry, sandy, barren ground, over the coast of Coromandel.

Root fibrous. Culms at the base resting on the ground, and there branchy, above erect, leafy, jointed, from nine to eighteen inches high, smooth. Leaves sheathing, short, broad at the base, margins waved and hispid; sheaths about half the length of the joints. Racemes (not spikes) terminal, erect, cylindrical, lead-coloured. Flowers numerous, diverging. Calyx two-valved, both awned, and are totally destitute of hairs round their base, or any where else. Corol two-valved, very minute. Seed

Obs. Cattle are not fond of this grass.

CENCHRUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1574.

Involuers echinate, and four-flowered. Calyx from two to three-valved, one or twoflowered.

1. C. biflorus, R.

Spikes simple, cylindric. Involucres two-flowered; segments subulate, hooked and hairy within.

A native of the interior, elevated, dry parts of the Coromaudel coast.

Culms straight, from six to twenty-four inches high, smooth. Leaves long, slender, somewhat scabrous; mouths of their sheaths a little hairy. Spikes terminal, solitary, simple, cylindric, from three to four inches long. Rachis flexuose, three-sided. Flowers numerous, solitary, alternate. Involuce two, rarely one-flowered, multifid, divisions longer than the flowers, subulate, grooved on the back, inside hairy, apex slightly hooked. Both flowers hermaphrodite. Calgar three-valved, one-flowered, the exterior one smaller, all are thin, smooth, nerved. Corol two-valved, valves hard, acute, but not awned, in length nearly equal, and scarcely language than the salve. States two planners scarcely longer than the calyx. Stamina three. Styles two, plumose.

SACCHARUM. Schreb. gen. N. 104.

Calyx one-flowered, two-valved, girt at the base with wool; corol uncertain.

 S. cylindricum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 323.
 Culms from one to two feet high, shorter than the leaves. Panieles linear, white with the wool of the calyx. Corol and calyx two-valved and diandrous.

Lagurus cylindrica. sp. pl. 120. S. Thunbergi, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 323, Retz. Obs. v. p. 17.

Gramen caricosum. Rumph. Amb. 6. 17. t. 7. f. 2.

Beng. Ooloo.

Teling. Baroombiss. Is a native of moist, stiff, pasture ground, and particularly common over Bengal, where

the fields are white with it when in flower, after the first rains in April and May.

Root creeping at some depth under the surface. Culms erect, simple, from one to two feet high, leafy, jointed, joints bearded. Leaves, those of the root or lower part of the culm are much longer than the culm, tapering equal towards each end, smooth, those of the culm are little else than sheaths. Panicles terminal, cylindric, from three to four inches long, composed of small, erect branchlets, of a bright cotton-like whiteness, from the quantity of wool that surrounds the insertion of the flowers. Flowers pedicelled, generally simple. Calyx

two-valved, with here and there a long white hair. Corol two-valved, minute. Stamens two.

Obs. Cattle are not fond of it, particularly when old. It is used in the marriage ceremonies of the Telingas. In Bengal it is much used for thatch.

2. S. spontaneum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 321.

Culms from five to fifteen feet high. Leaves involute when dry. Panicle linear, spreading vertically appriled to a standard of the contraction. ing, verticelled; ramification simple; calyx ciliate. Corol one-valved.

Sans, Kasha. Hind. Kagara.

Teling. Relloo-gaddy.

Grows on the banks of rivers, in hedges, and on moist, uncultivated land; in a good soil,

it is frequently from ten to fifteen feet high, in a poorer soil, from five to ten.

Root perennial, creeping very deep in the ground. Culms annual, erect, leafy, round, lower parts perennial, and as thick as the finger, annual shoots about as thick as a common quill, solid, height various as above observed. Leares sheathing, remarkably long and narrow, but firm; margins hispid; a transverse section appears crescent; sheaths with their mouths woolly. Panieles terminal, spreading, erect, oblong, from one to two feet long, composed of verticelled, filiform, simple, (except the lower verticil or two.) spiked racemes; spiked, because half the flowers are sessile, and half pedicelled. The immense quantity of long, bright, silver-coloured wool, which surrounds the base of the flowers gives this species a most conspicuous, gaudy appearance. Flowers paired, one-pedicelled, the other sessile. Calgar twoleaved: margins ciliate, acute, surrounded, with many soft, very long, silver-coloured hairs.

Corol one-valved, ciliate, acute, membranaceous. Stigma feathery, purple.

Obs. I have not seen the ripe seed. It is so very coarse that cattle do not eat it, except while very young. It makes good mats for various purposes, and is used to thatch

houses.

3. S. fuscum. R.

Erect, five to eight feet high. Leaves sub-lanceolate, smooth. Paniele spreading, verticelled; ramifications compound. Flowers paired, both pedicelled, wool of the calyx short and scanty. Corol three-valved.

Beng. Khuree or Pata Khuree.

A native of damp places over Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season.

Culms erect, from five to eight feet high, as thick as the little finger, hairy near the top. Leares sheathing, linear-lanceolate, smooth in every part, except the margins of the sheaths, which are fringed with much soft hair; length about three or four feet, breadth about, or under two inches. Panicles from one to two feet long, erect, linear, verticelled, except towards the spex; ramifications compound; ramule nodding. Flowers paired, one short-pedicelled, the other longer, both hermaphrodite; wool of the pedicels, &c. short and in small quantity. Calyx with ciliate margins, otherwise smooth and shining. Corol three-valved, of which two are equal and nearly as long as the calyx, the third minute, all much ciliated. Seed long, obovate, brown, smooth.

Obs. The natives make their pens of the culms of this and the following species, and use it for screens and light fences.

4. S. semidecumbens.

Lower portion of the culms procumbent, and perennial, Leaves narrow, channelled. Panicle oblong, lax, with compound verticelled ramifications; corol one-valved.

Beng. Kharee.

A native of Bengal, where it delights in low wet places, blossoms about the close of the

rains, and the beginning of the cold season.

Root perennial. Culms of great length, i. e. from eight to sixteen or more feet long, one half or more, generally resting on the ground, and striking roots at the joints; this portion is often as thick as the little finger, and perennial; the extreme portion erect, straight, and taper to the thickness of a crow-quill at the panicle; filled with pith in every part. Leaves from one to six feet long, very slender, pointed, channelled, bottom of the channel white, margins most acutely hispid, mouths of the sheaths and for some way above them bearded with much soft white hair. Panieles ovate, or ovai, erect, large. Ramifications coloured, verticelled, compound. Flowers approximate, paired; one sessile, the other pedicelled, both girt with much, pure white, soft hair. Calyx two-valved; inner valve ciliate. Corol onevalved, ciliate.

5. S. Officinarum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 321.

Culms from six to twelve feet high. Leaves that. Panicle ovate, spreading; branches alternate, decompound. Corol one-valved.

Sans. Ikshoo, Rusala, the light-coloured varieties; Poondra, and Kangaruka, the red, Beng. Ik, Ook, Ak, Kooshiar, also Poori and Kulloon the two pale varieties, and Kajooli the red.

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Teling. Cherukoo-bodi, or Cherukoo-duboo.

Where wild, I do not know. Panicles terminal, spreading, erect, obling, from one to three feet long, of a gray colour, from the large quantity of long soft hair that surrounds the flower. Ramifications alternate, very ramous, expanding. Rachis striated. Flowers hermaphrodite, in pairs; one sessile, the other pedicelled. Calyx two-leaved, smooth. Corol one-valved, smooth, membranaceous, rose-coloured. Stamens and pistil as in the genus. I have not seen the seed.

Obs. It is much cultivated in the Rajamundri Circar, where they only make a coarse sort of brown raw sugar, which is sold on the spot for about three half-pence per pound. The cane is cultivated on their best lands, which can be easily watered; but, unless the farmer pleases, not easily flooded during violent rains.

The land is first well ploughed during the month of April and beginning of May. The field is then flooded from the river, if there is not sufficient rain; the upper part of the cane is then cut into two lengths of one or two joints each, (the lower part of the same canes are employed to make sugar from) these are placed over the wet field, at about fifteen or eighteen inches asunder, in rows, the rows about four feet from one another, and trode under the soft wet surface with the foot; in six days after the planting, the field is again flooded, if if there has not been rain. In about eight days more the shoots appear; the land is soon after slightly hoed and weeded. A month after the planting some rotten chaff, or other such manure, is scattered about the young plants. Every ten or fifteen days, if there be not sufficient rain, the field is watered; two months from the planting, some stronger manure is strewed about the plants; and every fifteen or twenty days the field is slightly hoed, and the weeds rooted out.

During the wet season, drains must be made, to carry off the superabundant water. By August or September, the cane will be from three to five feet high; in each shoot, the produce of every cutting, which may contain from three to six canes, a straight bamboo is stuck into the earth, in the centre; to this the canes are tied by their leaves. In this country the leaves are never stript from the cane, but as they wither are tied round them. This must impede the free circulation of air, which may be conceived hurtful. In January, viz. between nine and ten months from the time they were planted, the cane, when stript of its leaves, and the useless top cut off, will be about as thick as a good stout walking cane, and from four to six feet long; they then begin to cut the cane, express the juice, and boil the sugar, which is with the natives here, a very simple process; a small mill turned by cattle squeezes the cane, and one boiler boils it.

In Bengal there are three varieties cultivated, viz. The above described or common yellow cane, called by the Bengalees *Poori*. Secondly, the purple cane called by them *Kajooli*, which is said to yield juice one-eighth part richer than the yellow cane; but the sugar thereof is always of a dark colour. The third and last, is a very large, light-coloured cane, called *Kullooa*, which grows in a low swampy soil, where neither of the other two will succeed; its juice is still weaker than that of the yellow cane; but it has these advantages, that it grows to a much larger size, and where neither of the other two will thrive. It is therefore much cultivated, because the other sorts planted on higher situations are apt to suffer from drought.

6. S. sinensis. R.

Culms from six to ten feet high. Leaves flat, with margins hispid, panicles ovate, with simple and compound verticelled branches. Corol of two valves on the same side.

Stem erect, jointed, whole height from ten to fifteen feet; the greatest part covered with the sheaths of the leaves; joints from four to eight inches long, and from two to three inches in circumference, colour pale brownish yellow. Leaves sub-bifarious, tapering from the base, to a long, fine, point; plain, smooth on both sides; margins armed with numerous, small, very acute spines pointing forward, length from two to three feet, and about an inch and a half broad at the base. Sheaths smooth, with a small ligula, or stipulary ring round the inside of the mouth. Panicle ovate, erect; branches, simple and compound, sub-verticelled, reclinate, long and slender. In S. officinarum the branches of the panicle are scattered over the common rachis and are decompound, and super-decompound; on this I rest the most obvious specific deference, independent of the additional small inner scale, or valve of the corol. Calyx, and its surrounding wool, as in the genus. Corol of the two valves on the same (anterior) side, the inner one very small. Nectary of two, large, broad, cuneate, crenulate, fleshy scales, which occupy the two posterior sides of the germ, opposite to the two valves of the corol.

Obs. This new species, for such it appears to me, was introduced from China into the Botanic garden, at the close of the year 1796, in hope of finding it in some respects better than the common cane cultivated over India. It promises considerable advantage; particularly from its being so solid, and hard, as to resist the forceps of the white ants, and the teeth of the jackal, two great enemies to our East Indian sugar plantations. At the same time it bears drought much better than the sorts in general cultivation. It produces a profitable crop even to the third year; while the common cane of India must be renewed every year. It is also said to yield jnice of a richer quality.

This seems to be the sort employed over China for making their sugars, as appears from the following extract of a letter from Mr. A. Duncan, surgeon to the factory at Canton, to Richard Hall, Esq. President, &c. of the Select Committee, dated Canton 26th October, 1796, which accompanied plants of this cane from China; explaining the mode of cultivation and manufacturing the sugar in the province of Canton.

" Sugar canes. A first and second sort are cultivated in the province of Canton; the

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former being small, compact and highly saccharine, is manufactured into sugar, whereas the Page latter, being of a larger size, and looser texture, is generally cut into joints, and eaten by the Ca

natives, either raw, or gently heated.

"The culture of sugar canes commences about the middle of March or beginning of April, in proportion to the temperature of the weather, when a good, light, sandy soil is thrown up into beds of about four feet diameter leaving intermediate spaces of one and a half, which serve as drains and passes for the husbaudmen. A composition of human manure and water is thrown over the beds; after which the tops of sugar canes, fifteen inches long, (the Chinese are here economical) are planted in a slanting position, and occasionally watered at sun-set, till the young shoots rise a cubit high; when the husk and refuse of the ground nut, or of some oleaginous seeds after the oil is extracted, are well beaten into a kind of powder and put round the root of the plants, in small quantities, and afterwards covered over with earth. The canes are now left to the fertility of the soil till they arrive at maturity, except when it proves such a dry season, that watering becomes requisite, and are cut down about the 1st of November. The first sort planted in the foregoing manner, generally yields three crops while the second requires fresh planting.

"The sugar caues are now removed from the ground to the mill for expression. The juice, being extracted, is carefully strained, mixed with a small quantity of lime water, then poured into large warm iron pans, placed on a platform of brick work, with fire places below; it is now boiled for a length of time, and being removed from the fire, and allowed to cool, it is a second time strained, and being again returned to the pans the boiling is repeated for once, or twice, till it acquires a saccharine consistence. The sugar, still very moist, is now put into cylindrical jars, which have a small hole in each of their bottoms, for the purpose of draining; and their tops being covered over with from half an inch to an inch of clayey moist earth, these are placed on stands, and remain for three or four days; when the old earthen covering is removed, and a fresh one put on. They continue in that situation for three or four days more, the covering is then taken off, and the sugar being sufficiently clarified is removed from the jars, and spread out on flat baskets, exposed to the sun till dry, when

"The mill for expressing the juice, of which I have sent a very exact miniature model, appears so far as I recollect, preferable to those used in India. The machine is wrought by a buffalo yoked to the small end of the crooked beam, while its thick end is fastened to the long axle of one of the cylinders. The canes having undergone one expression, and being consequently in a split state, are not thrust a second time through till all the irons are greased. The cylinders are not always of the same dimensions; those I examined were two cubits high, and one and two-thirds in diameter, these are the common size; I am however told they are sometimes much larger.'

To point out the benefit that may accrue to the cultivators of this sugar cane, I need only add the following copy of a letter from Mr. Richard Carden, superintendent of the Honourable Company's rum and sugar works at Mirzapore Culna in Bengal, to me, dated 13th

August, 1801, soon after the introduction of the cane

"With respect to the produce of the common Bengal sugar canes, I have never been able to collect an account that can be depended upon; the natives generally manufacture the juice into Jaggery in my neighbourhood, which yields them nearly 14 cutchs maunds, of 60 sicca weight, per bigha on an average; and a profit of about 11 or 12 rupees per bigha. Neither the white ants nor jackals have committed any depredations on the China canes that I have planted, although the latter have often been seen among them, which certainly gives these canes a decided preference to the Bengal sugar canes. I do not think the China ones degenerate in the least, nor do they improve; they appear to me to remain nearly in the same state. If planted at the same time the natives put their canes into the ground, they will not make such good returns as the Bengal sort, but planted in the West India mode, in the month of September or October, and suffered to remain on the ground till the December or January twelve mouths, they will then yield double the returns of what the Bengal canes do, which is owing in part to the length of time they are in the ground, and principally to the ants and jackals not destroying them, whereas if the Bengal cane was to remain so long on the ground, the natives would have great difficulty to prevent the greatest part of them from being destroyed, and the young shoots would suffer very much from the hot winds, and ants, which I witnessed the second year I came to Mirzapore; but the shoots from the China canes I cut last January, stood the last hot season uncommonly well, and will next January, I have reason to believe, from the present appearance, make half, or nearly three-fourths the quantity of sugar they did last January; and that with the trifling expense of clearing the ground twice; cutting, and manufacturing the juice. I should be extremely happy to have sent you a more particular account, but that is not in my power, as the native statement is not to be de-pended upon. I did purchase twelve cottas of the best Bengal canes last January, merely as an experiment, which yielded just half the quantity of sugar my China canes did."

S. procerum. R.

Perennial, from ten to twenty feet high, erect. Leaves ensiterm, with a white rib, and hispid margins. Panicle diffuse, with verticelled, compound and decompound branches. Corol of the pedicelled flower two, and of the sessile three-valved, with the inner one retuse

Bong. Teng.

A native of Bengal, and by far the most beautiful of the genus I have yet met with. It comes nearest in appearance to S. Officinarum, but is a taller and much more elegant plant. Culms perennial, straight, simple till the second or third year, then branchy, about as

Page thick as a slender walking cane; joints from six to twelve inches long, and filled with insipid pith; height of the whole plant, when in flower from ten to twenty feet. Leaves from three to five feet long, tapering to a long and very fine point, the greatest breadth is at one or two feet above the sheath, and is there from one to two inches; nerve white, margins hispid. Sheaths bearded round the mouth, and at their insertion on the outside. Panicles large,

244 from one to two feet long, ovate, erect, composed of numerous expanding, sub-verticelled, compound, woolly branches, when in blossom much expanded, afterwards they become erect, and pressed in on the common rachis, forming a dense cylindrical panicle, and I have repeatedly observed this variation in the form of the panicle at different periods, to run through the whole genus. Flowers in parts, one sessile, the other pedicelled. Calgar purple, woolly. Corol of the sessile flower three, of the pedicelled two-valved, all are exceedingly delicate, and the third valve of the sessile flower is retuse.

Obs. The seeds or culms are long, strong and straight, and employed by the natives for skreens, and various other economical purposes.

8. S. Sara. R.

Erect, from eight to twelve feet high. Leaves flat with prickly margins. Panicles dense, sub-verticelled; ramfications decompound. Flowers paired, one of the pair sessile. Corol three-valved.

Sans. Goondra, Tejunuka, Shura.

Beng. Shur.

Sara. Asiat. Res. iv. 247.

Found in the vicinity of Calcutta, but rather rare, whereas S. spontaneum (which Sir William Jones mistook for Sara) is very common every where. It is readily distinguished by being a stronger reed, the leaves much larger, with very hispid margins, the ramifications of the panicle decompound, and a corol of three valves. Culms perennial, erect, from six to sixteen feet high, often near the base as thick as the little finger, smooth, remarkably strong. Leares, the lower ones from four to eight feet long, and narrow; the superior ones shorter, broader, tapering from the base to a most fine point, strong, and rigid; concave above, margins hispid. Sheaths from twelve to eighteen inches long, with a tuft of hair above their mouths on the inside. Paniele dense, when in flower open, when in seed condensed and of a lanceolate shape, from one to three feet long; branches decompound, or more; the inferior alternate, the superior sub-verticelled with generally three sharp angles armed with small stiff bristles besides long white silky hairs. Flowers paired, one sessile, the other pedicelled. Calyx two-valved, clothed with long, soft, white, silky hairs. Corol three-valved, fringed.

9. S. exaltatum. R.

Culms from ten to sixteen feet high. Leaves flat with prickly margins. Panicles linear, crowded. Calyces woolly. Corol two and three-valved.

Kerpa. Hort. Mal. 12. t. 46. seems to be this, rather than S. spontaneum.

Teling. Konda-Kanamoo.

A very high beautiful species, a native of vallies. Compare with S. Arundinaceum.

Root creeping. Culms many, creet, from ten to sixteen feet high, towards the base perennial, ligneous, inwardly spongy, (not piped,) smooth, round, without any groove, or hollow any where, about an inch in circumference at the thickest part which is near the middie. Leaves alternate, sheathing, remote, remarkably long and narrow, but firm, tapering from the middle towards each end; margins armed with very sharp spines, mouth of the sheaths woolly. Panicles terminal, crowded, when the flowers are on the decay, linear, oblong, erect, eighteen inches long, three in diameter, and composed of beautiful cream-coloured, downy, short, sub-erect, ramous, sub-verticelled spiked racemes. Rachis round, striated. Flowers in pairs, one sessile, the other pedicelled, both hermaphrodite. Calyx one-flowered, two-valved, both valves pointed, and covered with much long, cream-coloured soft hair as well as their pedicels, and particularly round their insertion. Corol of the sessile flower threevalved, of the pedicelled flower two-valved, membranaceous, white. I could not observe any nectary. Stamens, &c. as in the genus. Seed clavate, smooth, clear whitish yellow. Obs. Cattle do not eat it.

10. S. Munja, R.

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Straight, from eight to ten feet high, every part smooth, except the inside of the base of the hispid, long, margined, linear, white nerved, channelled leaves. Panicles large, oblong, spreading; branches thereof verticelled, and super-decompound. Flowers all hermaphrodite. Corols two-valved.

Hind, Munja See Asiat. Res. iv. 248.

A native of the countries about Benares where the natives make ropes of it. In the Botanic garden it blossoms in November. I never saw it, nor, so far as I can find, is it known so low down as Bengal, otherwise I might have thought it König's S. bengalense.

11. S. canaliculatum. R.

Perennial, erect, (from eight to twelve feet high.) Leaves subulate, deeply channelled, very long. Panicles linear-oblong; ramifications simple, and verticelled; calycine values with thick callous base and fringed margins; corol one-valved.

A most beautiful stately species, a native of Bengal, in most thickets, &c. where the soil is rich, flowering in August and September.

Culins about as thick as a common ratau, incrusted with a white substance under the heaths; filled with pith. Leaves from five to seven feet long, semi-cylindric, no where thicker than a pack thread, the whole being only a perfect channel; their sheaths simply bearded at the mouth. Panicle sub-cylindric, about two feet long, waving with its immense quantity

of silver-coloured, long, soft hair, to every breeze. Flowers paired, one sessile, the other Carey pedicelled. Calycine valves are remarkable on account of their large thick smooth callous Ed. pedicelled. Calyciae values are remarkable on account of their large thick smooth callous

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ANTHISTIRIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1567.

Polygamons. Involuce one-valved, seven-flowered. Hermaphrodite flower solitary, with a two-valved, one-flowered calvx, and corol of one valve and an awn. Accessary florets male or neuter, six; four sessile, resembling a calyx, and two pedicelled, their structure various.

A. ciliata, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 899.

Erect. Leaves taper from the ciliate base. Accessary florets two or three-valved, neuter, exterior valve of the sessile flower papillose, ciliate near the apex.

A. ciliata. Gart. Carp. ii. p. 465. t. 75.

An erect annual species, a native of various parts of India, appears about the close of

the rains, in October and November, and continues during the cool season.

Culms erect, about two feet high, in our rich soil of Bengal, more slender than a crowquill, smooth, and often coloured. Leaves few, ensiform; broadest at the base and there more ciliate, particularly the small floral leaves. Sheaths much shorter than the joints, smooth, and carinated on the back. Ligula short and chaffy. Panieles sometimes drooping, though in general erect and composed of a few, rather remote, axillary branches. Involucres longer than the flowers, smooth, cuspidate.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS bearded at the base. Calyx two-valved; valves hard, obtuse, and somewhat hairy, by age changing from straw colour to dark brown. Corol one small, pellucid valve, and a very strong, long, thick, brown, hairy awn on the opposite side. Stigma three, Styles two, with ochraceous plumose stigmas, which become brown by age. Nectorial scales

large, with crenate, truncate apices.

ACCESSARY FLORETS Six, all neuter. Calgoes two-valved, those of the sessile four, papillose, ciliate near the apex; those of the upper pedicelled two, smaller and smooth. Corols none, or of one, small, hyaline valve. Stamina none.

2. A. polystachya, R.

Culms numerous, sub-erect. Leaves taper from their sub-ciliate base. Accessary florets three-valved, male, exterior valves of the sessile four, papillose, ciliate near the apex

A native of Bengal, and with the other species which are natives of the same country,

appears at the close of the rains, in October and November.

Culms many, annual, erect, or ascending, smooth, from one to two feet high. Leaves about the length of the joints of the culm, taper from the base, and there sometimes sub-ciliate. Pasicles slender, erect, or nearly so, composed of a few alternate, axillary branches. Incolueres longer than the flowers, smooth, sub-aristate.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS bearded at the base. Calux two-valved, both hard, a little hairy awn on the opposite side. Corol one-valved, with a long, strong, hairy awn on the op-

posite side.

Accessany Florers six, all male. Calyces two-valved, the exterior one of the four sessile florets papillose, ciliate near the apex. Corol of one transparent valve. Stamens three. Pistil

3. A. zcandens. R.

Perennial, ramous, scandent, geniculate, emitting roots from the joints. Floral leaves with the base ciliate. Panieles copious, shaggy. Incolueres smooth. Accessary florets twovalved, neuter; exterior valve of the sessile four, papillose, ciliate near the apex.

A native of Bengal; flowers during the cool season.

Root perennial. Culms scandent, running to an extent of many feet, smooth, ramous, jointed, and coloured; from the joints numerous roots issue, and enter the ground if not too far removed from it. Leaves ensiform, the floral ones much shorter, and ciliate at the base. Posicle terminal, composed of erect ramifications of numerous, rather remote fascicles of axillary, short-pedicelled umbellets, each of which is furnished with a boat-shaped spathe or bracte, and consists of four, sessile, neuter, two-valved florets in a verticil; above these are two more, but much smaller, on short pedicels, with one sessile, awned, hermaphrodite one in the centre, on a short scaly receptacle. Calgar two-valved, the exterior valves of the lower four neuter florets bearded, of the hermaphrodite ones boat-shaped, and very obtuse. Corol of the hermaphrodite flower two-valved, with a long, ferruginous, straight arista.

Obs. It differs from A. ciliata in being an extensively scandent, perennial plant.

A. heteroclita. R.

Culms leaning, geniculate. Leaves eiliate. Involucres five-flowered, two awned hermaphrodite ones, and three ciliate male ones.

This is one of the smallest of the genus, a native of newly made pasture land in the vicinity of Calcutta, where it appears about the close of the rains, and during the cool season,

Culms annual, erect, or leaning, geniculate, smooth, and coloured; from twelve to twentyfour inches high. Leaves ensiform, soft and hairy. Sheaths much shorter than the joints. Panieles copious, hirsute, composed of numerous small umbels and these in general of five or more umbellets, the former with a common cymbiform, bristly involucre, and the latter with a small, proper characteristic involucre, equally bristly; all the bristles have a round bulbons base. Umbellets five-flowered; the two hermaphrodite ones award, and the three male ones pedicelled, and awnless; one of the former is sessile below, with a pedicelled male one by it;

the other elevated on a common peduncle, embraced by the other two male ones on their proper pedicels, in all of them the calyx is two-valved, no corol, the arista in the hermaphrodite flowers excepted.

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Obs. This species may be immediately distinguished by its umbellets being composed of two hermaphrodite awned florets, and three male ones. In all the rest, which I have met with there is one awned hermaphrodite, and six male, or neuter florets in the umbellet.

 A. prostrata. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 901.
 Creeping. Leaves scarcely longer than their sheaths. Involucres smooth. Accessary florets male, with a two-valved hairy calyx and one-valved awnless corol.

A common grass, delighting in rich pasture ground,

Culms creeping, or leaning on other plants, filiform, ramous, winding from joint to joint, round, smooth, from one to three feet long. Leaves below, and on leafy shoots bifarious, small, particularly the floral ones, smooth. Sheaths short, compressed. Panicles thin, leafy. Flowers numerous, collected in little pedicelled, involucred fascicles from the axills of the exterior leaves. Fascicles, or umbellets, their peduncles are jointed near the apex, and from thence upwards embraced by a long, boat-shaped sheath or involucre. Flowers of the umbellet seven; one hermaphrodite or female, and six male; four of the male florets on their proper short pedicels surround a common pedicel which elevates the hermaphrodite or female one, and the other two male florets; these last two have also their proper pedicels; all their insertions are surrounded with hair.

HERMAPHRODITE TWO, OR FEMALE THREE FLOWERS. Calyx two-valved, pointed. Corol one-valved, a pretty long twisted awn occupying the place of the other. Stamens three, or none. Male flowers, four at the base, and two embracing laterally the hermaphrodite, or female flowers, each of these two has its proper pedicel. Calyx two-valved, lanceolate, hairy. Corol one-valved. Stamens three.

Obs. It often happens that there are two hermaphrodite, and seven male flowers in the fascicle; in that case one of the usual lateral pedicels supports the additional two flowers.

251 A. cymbaria, R.

Erect, ramons. Leaves many times longer than their sheaths. Involucres smooth. Accessary florets male, with a two-valved, ciliate calyx, and a one-valved, awnless corol.

Andropogon cymbarius. Linn. mant. 303. sp. pt. ed. Willd. iv. 909.

Teling. Pedda Ghella.

This is a large species. I have generally found it amongst bushes on mountains.

Culms many, erect, from three to six feet high, very ramous, smooth, solid, ligneous, joints smooth. Leaves large in proportion to the size of the plant. Panicles linear, leafy, erect, composed of innumerable bracted fascicles like those of the last described. Bractes boat-shaped, ending in a very long, subulate point, sometimes coloured, and in luxuriant plants fringed with many long rigid hairs. Flowers seven in each fascicle or umbellet as in the last, and disposed exactly in the same manner, only here the four male flowers that surround the base of the common pedicel are sessile.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS. Calyx two-valved. Valvelets nearly equal, obtuse, smooth, of a firm texture. Corol one-valved, the place of the second is occupied by a long twisted

awn. Stamens three, &c. as in the genus.

Male Flowers. Calyx two-valved, the exterior valve fringed with many strong hairs about the apex. Corol one-valved. Stamens three.

7. A. arundinacea. R.

Perennial, straight, from six to twelve feet high; leaves from four to eight feet long; accessary florets male, with both calyces and corols two-valved; the exterior valvelet of the

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the beginning of the cool season.

Root perennial. Culms straight, jointed, glaucous, between the joints much contracted, round and very smooth, the lower joints of the large plant as thick as the fore finger; every part filled with white spongy pith; height of the whole plant when in flower, from six to sixteen feet. In the Botanic garden where the soil is rich some plants are full sixteen feet high. Leaves from six to eight feet long, slender, deeply channelled toward the base, recurvate, margins hispid. The radical ones are bifarious, the floral ones alternate, sheaths smooth, compressed, much shorter than the joints of the culm. Paniele, the whole upper half of each culm may be so called, and is composed of numerous, axillary, very ramous branches, bending elegantly to one side, particularly with a breeze of wind. Bractes one to each umbellet of flowers, boat-shaped. Umbellets numerous, long, slender, pedicelled, drooping, each one is composed of four, sessile, awnless accessary male flowers surrounding, and inserted on a short clavate pedicel, which supports an hermaphrodite awned flower, and two pedicelled awnless ones.

MALE FLOWERS. Calyx, glume, two-valved, the exterior valve clothed with much diverging fulvous hair, making it quite shaggy. Corol, glume, two-valved, linear, membranaceous. Nectary of two cuneate, truncated scales. Stamens three. Pistil none.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS. Calyx two-valved, villous. Corol one-valved, a long arista occupies the place of the usual second valve. Nectary and stamen as in the male. Germ oblong ; styles two, villous,

ANDROPOGON. Schreb. gen. N. 1566.

rol for the most part two-valved, and generally awned. Male, or neuter pedicelled. Calyx Page Carey as in the hermaphrodite. Corol for the most part two-valved, generally awnless.

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SECT. I. With terminal Spikes.

 A. serratus. Retz. Obs. v. 21. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 903.
 Spikes solitary, or paired, imbricated with sessile, hermaphrodite, awned flowers on the outside, and two rows of awnless pedicelled male ones on the inside,

Sans. Vence, Khura, Guree, Uguree, Khuraguree, Guraguree, Devutara, Jeemoota.

Beng. Detara, or Deta.

A native of pasture ground. Flowers during the cold season.

Culing at and near the base creeping, branchy, with only about a foot of their flowerbearing extremities erect, and as thick as a sparrow's quill, round, smooth, joints slightly villous. Leaves small, inside a little hairy, mouth of the sheaths hairy. Spike terminal, generally solitary, though sometimes there are two or even three; when single, long-peduncled, when two, each has a very short, erect pedicel; the spike or spikes are about an inch and a half long. Flowers in pairs, numerous, imbricated, on one side are two rows of sessile, hermaphrodite ones, and in the other two rows of pedicelled ones; male rachis waved, jointed and hairy. Hermaphrodite flowers sessile. Calyces two-valved, the exterior one broad, compressed, striated, a little hairy, rounded at the apex; margins fringed with hairs; incolnere smooth, glossy, keeled, pointed. Corol of the hermaphrodite flower one-valved; the arista which is pretty long and twisted, occupies the place of a second; that of the male twovalved, the inner one slender and bifid.

Obs. Cattle will eat it, but not greedily.

2. A. contortus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 904
Monoicons. Spikes solitary; inferior flowers male or neuter and awnless; superior flowers one female and awned, the other male and awnless.

Teling. Yeddi.

Grows in tufts on rich pasture ground.

Calms near the base spreading a little, there compressed and ramous, the rest from one to two feet high, erect, round, and smooth; joints smooth. Leaves below bifarious, middlesized, upper side scattered with a few hairs, margins and mouths of the sheaths hairy. Spikes always single, terminal, bowing, cylindric; rachis jointed, waved, round, below where it is occupied by the male and neuter flowers smooth; above where the female flowers are, it is covered with much short, brown hair. Flowers numerous, imbricated in pairs; on the lower half of the spike they are all neuter, or male, and awuless, one sessile, one pedicelled; on the upper half the sessile flower is female, and the pedicelled one male.

MALE or neuter Flowers. Calyx two-valved, one-flowered; exterior valvelet green, and covered with stiff white hair; inner valve membranaceous, and smooth, except the margins, which are slightly ciliate. Corol two-valved, membranaceous, margins slightly ciliate.

Stamens three or none.

FEMALE FLOWERS. Calyx one-valved, one-flowered, rigid, embracing the corol on all sides, brown, a little hairy. Corol one-valved, small, the place of the other is supplied by a very long, twisted arista.

3. A. tenellus, R.

Filiform, spikes paired. Flowers paired, the sessile ones hermaphrodite, and awned; the pedicelled ones neuter, and awnless; exterior valves of both calvees oblong, striate, hairy, and three-toothed; neuter corol of one minute valve.

A most delicate tall grass, a native of Bengal, where it appears in hedges, &c. during the cool season.

Culms from two to three feet long; at the base resting on the ground, ramous, scarcely so thick as a pack thread; joints villous. Leaves slender, a few hairs toward the base. Spikes paired, erect, short-pedicelled; outside imbricated with two rows of sessile, awned, hermaphrodite flowers ; iaside with rows of pedicelled, awnless, neuter ones. Rachis jointed and hairy. Calyces two-valved; exterior oblong, three-toothed, striated, hairy; interior acute, three-nerved, that of the neuter flower shorter. Corol of the hermaphrodite flower one-valved, with a long brown awn on the opposite, or inner side, that of the neuter flower single, and very minute.

4. A. binatus, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 918. Retz. Obs. v. 24.

Slender, towards the base creeping; spikes paired, incurved; flowers paired; the sessile ones hermaphrodite, and awned; the pedicelled ones male, with an awnless, two-valved corol.

A native of Bengal, appears during the cool season,

Culms very slender, toward the base ramous, and creeping; joints with a scanty short beard. Leaves slender, somewhat hairy toward the base. Spikes paired, on a long filiform peduncle, short-pedicelled, somewhat incurvate; outside imbricated with two rows of sessile, awned, hermaphrodite flowers; issue with two very distinct (for they are separated by a deep groove) rows of pedicelled, awnless, male ones. Rachis jointed, and hairy. Calyces of both two-valved; exterior oblong, hairy, ciliate, five to seven-nerved, edges thin, spex of the male tridentate, of the hermaphrodite obtuse. Inner valves acute, three-nerved. Corol of the hermaphrodite flower of one hyaline valve on the outside and an arista for the other; of the male one of two very unequal hyaline valves. Styles two; stigma purple, villous. Seed oblong, smooth.

5. A. conjugatus. R.

Straight, very ramous, filiform. Spikes conjugate, both flowers hermaphrodite, and both awned; exterior valves of the calvees lanceolar, and copiously ciliate.

A native of Bengal, and the smallest of the genus I have yet met with. Flowers during

the cool season. 256

Root a few very slender, brown fibres. Culms in tufts, and very ramous, filiform, erect, smooth, even the joints; from six to twelve inches high. Leaves minute, a few hairs near the base. Spikes always exactly paired as in most species of Ischamun, erect, flat on the inside, where they touch each other. Rachis winding, and clothed with long, silver-coloured hairs, length about an inch. Flowers in pairs, one sessile, one pedicelled, both hermaphrodite, and both awned. Calyces two-valved, one-flowered; exterior valve in both lanceolate, with the margins copiously ciliate. Corol two-valved; valves transparent, and brown; that (the inner) which gives support to the arista, bifid. Stamens three. Styles two. Stigmas long and plumose.

6. A. filiformis. R.

Filiform, annual, erect. Spikes paired. Flowers all sessile, solitary; hermaphrodite, diandrous, with a corol of one valve, which ends in a long awn.

This is the most delicate species I have yet met with; appears in small tufts, on pasture

land near Calcutta, in the months of October, November, and December.

Culms numerous, filiform, smooth, erect, from nine to twelve inches high. Leaves small, slender, and smooth. Spikes two, terminal, filiform, scarcely two inches long. Flowers all hermaphrodite, solitary, sessile, no pedicelled flower being found, no pubescence about the calyx, or rachis. Calyx two-valved, one-flowered. Corol of one large, awned valve. Stamina two, one of the anthers larger. Germ ovate. Styles two.

7. A. tristachyos. R.

Spikes three, both flowers hermaphrodite, and both awned. Calyces lanceolate, and ciliate.

A delicate, beautiful species found on newly laid down pasture ground in the vicinity of

Calcutta, and in flower in October, November, and December.

Annual, with numerous, nearly straight, erect, smooth, slender, pithy culms, of from one to two feet in height. Leaves taper from the base, most acute, about as long as the joints of the culms; a few long soft hairs on the inside near the base. Sheaths smooth, shorter than the joints. Spikes two, rarely three, and I have not seen four, one sessile the other two a little more elevated on a common pedicel, expanding; from two to three inches long. Rachis jointed, winding, and hairy. Flowers in pairs, one sessile, the other pedicelled, both hermaphrodite, and both awned. Calyces two-valved; valvelets lanceolate, ciliate; backs smooth, and brown. Corol of two, small. pellucid, brownish valves, the inner of each, ends in a long, brown, arista, proceeding from the bitid apex of the valvelet.

8. A. tridentatus, R.

Spikes paired, hirsute, both flowers hermaphrodite, and awned. Calyces shaggy, exterior valves cuneate, truncate, tridentate. Corols four-valved.

A delicate, rather tall species; a native of Coromandel.

Culms straight. Leaves small. Spikes terminal, paired, sessile, lanceolate, shaggy. Flowers in pairs; one sessile, the other short-pedicelled, both hermsphrodite, and both awned. Calyx, exterior valves in both flowers cuneiform, with apices truncate, tridentate, back striated; middle part, as well as the margins from thence down, and the base bearded with fulvous hairs; inner valve longer than the exterior, ending in a pretty long arista; margins amply fringed with long fulvous hairs. Corol in both flowers four-valved; the exterior one on the inside bifid, and awned.

9. A. lanceolatus. R.

Leaves lanceolate, with cordate stem-clasping base, bristle-ciliate. Spikes tern, peduncled. Sessile or hermaphrodite flower awned, with the margin of the exterior valve of the calyx

acutely pectinate, serrate,

A native of Coromandel, and very much like Panicum setigerum.

Culms scandent, or creeping, emitting roots from the joints, seems percunial. Leaves lanceolate, base cordate, and stem-clasping, apex acute, smooth on both sides, but the edges, from the middle down, bristle-ciliate. Spikes terminal, two, three, or four, peduncled. Rachis and pedicel of the male flower somewhat woolly. Calyees lanceolate; exterior valve, and chiefly that of the hermaphrodite sessile flower with the margins minutely and acutely pectinate-serrate. Corol in both two-valved, with an arista in the hermaphrodite one.

10. A, scandens. R.

Climbing; spikes from three to six, digitate; calyx lanceolate; male corols one-valved, and awnless; hermaphrodite ones with a one-valved corol and an awn.

Grows commonly in hedges, and on that account scandent; appears and flowers during

Culms long, ramous, creeping, or climbing over bushes, &c. emitting long roots from the joints; smooth and deeply grooved on one side; flower-bearing extremities erect, and about one or two feet long; joints woolly. Leaves sometimes a little hairy on the upper side, mouths of the sheaths membrane-stipuled, and hairy. Spikes generally from three to six, terminal, short pedicelled, sub-panicled flowers in approximate pairs; one hermaphrodite, and sessile, the other male, and pedicelled. In both the calvx is of two lanceolate, somewhat hairy valves. In the hermaphrodite one the corol is of one valve, and the place of the second valve is occupied by a long twisted arista. In the male one it is two-valved.

Obs. It is a coarse grass. Cattle are not fond of it.

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A. pertusus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 922.

Near the root creeping. Spikes from four to eight, digitate, pedicelled, exterior valve of the sessile, awned, hermaphrodite calyx with a pit on the back; male or neuter corol onevalved.

Holcus pertusus. Kön. Linn. Mant. 301.

Is found on old pasture ground, which is generally shaded by trees.

Culms creeping near the base, &c. as in the last two species; joints bearded. Leaves small, ciliate; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes from four to eight, in other respects exactly as in the last species. Flowers, the specific mark is to be found in the pit of the exterior valves of the calyx of the hermaphrodite flowers, as in A. strictus, and A. punctatus, to be described; an arista occupies the place of the second valve of the corol; the valvelets of the calyx are both awnless.

Obs. I should doubt this being König's Holcus pertusus, if he had not pointed it out to

me himself.

 A. Bladhii, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 920.
 Sub-scandent; joints pubescent. Spikes from three to six, sub-panieled. Calyees lanceolate; male corols two-valved; hermaphrodite ones one-valved with an arista; flowers paired. Beng. Louri.

A native of hedges and road sides, but chiefly of old pasture ground.

Culms as in the last described species; joints much bearded. Leaves the same. Spikes from four to eight, short-pedicelled, inserted round the last half in each of the culms; in other respects they are as in the last described species. The flowers resemble those of that species, but are a little more remote. Calyx and Corol the same as in A. scandens.

13. A. Ischæmum. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 921.
Spikes from six to eight, fascicled, peduncled; rachis hairy. Flowers lanceolate; hermaphrodite, sessile, and awned; male pedicelled and awnless; calyces acute; exterior valve

hairy.

A native of Coromandel, a stout, erect species, with a branch from the axill of each of the superior smooth short leaves, having much the appearance and habit of Bladkii and pertusus; from the former it differs most conspicuously in the valves of the calyces being acute, whereas in Bladhii they are broad and rounded; and from pertusus in the want of the pit on the back of the exterior valve of the hermaphrodite flower.

SECT. II. With long peduncled, axillary Spikes.

14. A. monandrus. R.

Erect, filiform, with erect, filiform, branches at the top. Spikes solitary, flowers hermaphrodite, and female; exterior valvelet of the calyces and corols of both awned; hermaphrodite monandrous.

A native of mountainous countries.

Culms many, ramous, filiform, straight; about a foot high, round and smooth. Leaves ssmall, base and mouths of the sheaths hairy. Spikes generally solitary, terminal, and from the exterior axills, long-peduncled, straight, about an inch long. Peduncles filiform, jointed, and spathed at the middle. Rachis jointed, winding, hairy. Flowers numerous, imbricated in

pairs; one, the hermaphrodite, sessile, and the other, female, pedicelled.

Hermaphrodite Flowers sessile. Calga two-valved, nearly equal, exterior valvelet conding in a long slender arista, the inner one with its apex obtuse, and bearded. Corol, exterior valve ending in a long slender awn. Stamen one. Styles two, &c. as in the genus.

FEMALE FLOWERS pedicelled. Calyx and corol as in the hermaphrodite ones; only the inmer valve of the calvx is pointed, and bearded.

15. A. strictus. R.

Straight, ramous at the top; base of the leaves ciliate. Spikes fascicled on their own proper pedicels; exterior valvelets of both calyces pitted; inner glume of the hermaphrodite corol awned.

A native of mountains, and their vicinity.

Culms straight, ramous, about two feet high, and as thick as a sparrow's quill, round and smooth; joints bearded. Leaves slender, a little hairy, and ciliate near the base; mouths of the sheaths stipuled. Spikes from three to six, long-pedicelled, and collected on a com-anon peduncle, one of which is terminal, and one or two more from the next one or two exterior axiils; very slender, perfectly erect, and about an inch long. Ruchis as in the former species. Pedicels most fine, straight, two inches long, jointed near the base, where a fine slender spathe begins. Flowers in pairs; one hermaphrodite and sessile, the other small and pedicelled.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS sessile. Calyx as in the genus, except that the exterior targe valvelet has a large pit in it, as in A. pertusus. Corol, inner valve slender, ending in a long twisted awn,

MALE FLOWER pedicelled. Calyx one-valved, and pitted as in the hermaphrodite flower. Corol two-valved, awnless.

16. A. polystachyos, R.

Straight: spikes numerous, axillary, simple, each elevated on a long jointed, sheathed peduncle. Flowers, inferior pairs male and awnless; one of the superior ones is female and amply awned, the other male and awnless.

A native of the Peninsula of India. The flowers greatly resemble those of A. contortus,

but the habit of the grasses is very different.

Culms straight, ramous. Leaves ensiform, straight, acute, ciliate at the base. Spikes simple, many together on the axill of the leaves, each elevated high on its long, filiform, jointed, sheathed peduncle, length from one to two inches. Flowers paired, those on the lower two-thirds of the spike are all male, and awnless, and, as usual, one of them sessile, the other short-pedicelled; superior pairs, the sessile one of each of these is a slender female, amply bearded at the base with much dark brown hair, which is the more conspicuous as every other part of the spike is smooth; the other short-pedicelled, male, and awnless, like the inferior pairs.

MALE FLOWERS. Calyx two-valved. Corol two-valved. Stamina three.

Female Flowers. Calyx of one linear, striated, hard, dark brown valve. Corol one-valved, with a very long, twisted awn on the other side. Stamina none. Styles two.

SECT. III. Panicles naked, and terminal.

17. A. aciculatus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 906.

Creeping. Leaves shorter than their sheaths. Panicle linear-oblong, erect; ramifications three-flowered, one hermaphrodite, sessile, and two male, peduncled. Gramen aciculatum. Rumph. Amb. 6. t. 5. f. 1. good. Raphis trivalvis. Lour. Cochin. Ch. 676.
Kudira-pullu. Rheed. Mal. 12. p. 97. t. 43.

Sans. Shunkhinee, Chora-pooshpee, Keshinee.

Beng, Chora-kanta.

Grows on barren, moist, pasture ground; its seeds are exceedingly troublesome to those who walk where it grows, as they stick in the stockings, and produce a disagreeable itching.

Culms straight, simple, from one to two feet high, round and smooth. Leaves small, waved, with the margins prickle-ciliate. Paniele terminal, erect, linear-oblong, from two to three inches long. Ramifications (or rather pedancles) verticelled, simple, three-flowered, nearly erect; apex armed with short stiff hairs. Flowers, one sessile, hermaphrodite, and two pedicelled male ones on each peduncle.

HERMAPHEODITE FLOWER. Calyx two-valved, nearly equal; the inner one ends in a short arista, and has the keel scabrons; base involved in brown short hair. Corol twovalved, the inner one ending in a short rigid arista. Stamens three, &c. as in the genus. 263

MALE FLOWERS. Calyx and corol as in the male, except that there is no arista to the

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Obs. It is of a very coarse nature. I never found it touched by cattle.

18. A. verticillatus. R. Erect. Leaves long, and very hairy; panicle conical; ramifications verticelled, threeflowered; one hermaphrodite, sessile, with two awns; and two-pedicelled, male, with one

A native of mountains, flowering about the end of the wet season.

Root woody, perennial. Culms erect, simple, very leafy, smooth, round, towards the base soiled, as thick as a small goose-quill; from four to six feet high. Leaves approximated, eighteen inches long, and three quarters of an inch broad; margins set with minute spines, and particularly hairy on the inside near the base. Panicles erect, conical, lax, from eight to ten inches long, composed of many verticelled, most simple filiform, waved, bowing, threeflowered branches, as in A. aciculatus.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS sessile. Calyx, glume one-flowered, two-valved, inner valve awned, both hairy, having the base surrounded with much brown hair. Corol one-valved, a long twisted awn occupying the place of the other. Stamens three. Style yellow.

MALE FLOWERS pedicelled, one on each side the hermaphrodite one; pedicels covered with brown hairs. Calyx, exterior valve a little hairy, and awned, base involved in short brown hair. Corol two-valved. Stamens three.

 A. saccharoides, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 912.
 Sub-creet. Leaves remarkably long. Panicle oblong, composed of simple, alternate, filiform, short-pedicelled, erect, patent branches; neuter florets two-valved and pedicelled.

A large, leafy, sub-erect species; a native of the mountainous parts of the Northern Cir-

I am not possessed of any other description of Swartz's A. saecharoides than the specific character, as it stands in Willdenow's edition of the species, which agrees with my plant; I therefore conclude they are the same.

20. Ischæmum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 921.

Spikes from six to eight, fascicled, peduncled; rachis hairy. Flowers lanceolate, herma-

phrodite, sessile and awned; male pedicelled and awnless; calyces acute, exterior valve hairy.

A native of Coromandel. It is a stout erect species, with a branch from the axill of each of the superior smooth short leaves; it has much the appearance and habit of Bladhii, and pertusus; from the former it differs most conspicuously in the valves of the calyces being acute, whereas in Bladkii they are broad and rounded; and from pertusus in the want of the pit on the back of the exterior valve of the hermaphrodite flowers.

21. A. punctatus. R.

Erect, simple. Leaves large, long, and numerous. Paniele of numerous, simple, second ramifications. Exterior valves of the calyces of both hermaphrodite and neuter flowers

This is a mountain grass. Culms from two to four feet high, without branches, below bent towards the earth for half a foot, often erect, entirely surrounded with the sheaths of the leaves ; not piped, but replete with spongy pith. Leaves numerous, large, with some long white hairs scattered over them near the base ; mouths of the sheaths stipuled, bearded, and woolly. Panicle erect, oblong, from four to five inches high, composed of many, erect, short-peduncled, filiform, secund, spiked racemes; rachis and flowers exactly as in A. fascicularis; except that here the outer valve of the calyx of both flowers has a pit in the middle. The corol of the hermaphrodite flower wants the inner valve; in its place is a pretty long twisted awn.

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22. A. fascicularis. R.

Erect, ramous. Panicle composed of fascicled, simple, or divided branches. Flowers paired; hermaphrodite ones awned; neuter ones awnless and without a corol,

Teling. Kunda-jeri. A native of mountains,

Culms erect, jointed, smooth, rather thicker than a crow's quill, from three to five feet high, sulcated, mostly naked, rush-like, not piped. Leaces from three to four, small, remote, retrorso-scabrous; mouths of the sheath hairy; from each sheath springs a short paniele-bearing branch. Panicle terminal, six inches long, erect, fascicled; fascicles remote, alternate, composed of several erect, filiform, often ramous, secund spikes, or spiked-racemes. Flowers in pairs; the hermaphrodite ones sessile; the neuter peduncled. Common rachis round, smooth; partial one undulated, jointed, compressed, woolly.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWER. Calyx, glume one-flowered, two-valved, smooth, awnless, base surrounded with wool. Corol, exterior valve the length of the calyx; inner short, bifid, with a long twisted awn from the fissure. Neuter floret small, its pedicel woolly, length of

the hermaphrodite flower. Calgar two-valved. Corol none.

23, A. muricatus. Retz. Obs. iii. N. 95. and v. 20.

Erect in all situations. Leaves sub-bifarious, long, narrow, and rigid. Paniele verticelled; ramifications simple, expanding, hermaphrodite and male flowers awaless, with muricate calvees, and corols of three valves.

Sans, Veeranung Veeraturung.

Beng. Bena, the name of the plant, and Khuskhus the root. Tam. Woetiwear.

Virana. Asiat. Res. col. iv. p. 306.

It is very common in every part of the coast and Rengal, where it meets with a low,

moist, rich soil, especially on the banks of water courses, &c

Root of many perennial, long, spongy, brown fibres. Culms many, smooth, simple, rigidly erect, a little compressed at the base, jointed, smooth, inwardly spongy; from four to six feet high and as thick as a goose-quill. Leaves near the base bifarious, narrow, erect, from two to three feet long, pretty smooth, rigid. Panicle from six to twelve inches long, conical, composed of numerous spreading, short-peduncled, simple, linear, verticelled spiked-racemes, Rackis of the spiked-racemes jointed, winding, naked. Flowers paired, awnless; one hermaphrodite, sessile; the other male, and pedicelled; insertions nearly naked.

Hermaphrodite Flower, Calyx two-valved, nearly equal, muricated. Corol threevalved, membranaceous. Nectory, two obcordate scales embracing the germ and insertions of the filaments. Stamens three. Stigmas feathery.

MALE FLOWER. Calgr as in the hermaphrodite. Corol two-valved. Nectory as above. Stamens three.

Obr. The roots, when dry, and then gently moistened, emit a pleasant kind of fragrance; they are employed to make large fans, commonly called Fissaries; and also screens which are placed before windows and doors, which being kept moist during the hot winds render the air that passes through them, both cool and fragrant. See Observation on Aristida setacea. The

grass is often employed for thatch.

Dr. König was too accurate a Botanist to describe this very conspicuous plant under two names, viz. A. squarrosus. Linu. sp. pl. Willd. iv. 908, and A. muricalus; the former is evidently a very different species, and found by him in Ceylon, floating on pools of water; whereas A. muricatus (which I formerly called aromaticus) is always rigidly erect, whether growing in water, or on dry land. Its root is delightfully aromatic, as mentioned by König himself, and by Sir William Jones, particularly when moistened with water.

I am inclined to think König's A. squarrosus is my Panicum paludosum; a species with

thick spongy culms, which is generally found swimming on pools of sweet water.

24. A. glaber, R.

Erect, ramous, smooth. Paniele ovate, verticelled; ramification simple, two or three-Flowers paired, the hermaphrodite ones awned, with the calyx pitted; the male ones neither pitted nor awned, with a two-valved corol.

Beng. Gundha-goorana.

Found thinly scattered on rather elevated spots over Bengal.

Root perennial. Culms sub-erect, very ramous, smooth, from three to four feet high. Leaves glossy, smooth in every part. Panieles ovate, verticelled; ramifications simple, and two-cleft, or even three-cleft sometimes. Flowers paired; the hermaphrodite ones sessile and awned; the male ones pedicelled, and awnless,

HERMAPHEODITE FLOWERS. Calgar two-valved, smooth, purple-coloured; exterior valve

pitted on the back. Corol one-valved, a long awn occupying the place of the second.

MALE FLOWERS nearly as large as the female. Calyx not pitted. Corol two-valved.

25. A. montanus. R.

Shrubby near the base, creeping. Leaves long and slender. Panicle sub-verticelled; ramifications ramous; flowers paired; the hermaphrodite ones awned; the neuter awnless, with a corol of one valved.

Teling. Auroots hangali.

A native of mountainous countries.

Culms many, below resting on the ground and rooting, round, smooth, from three to four 268 feet high, and as thick as a large crow's quill. Leaves long and narrow, a little hairy on the upper side near the base only; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Paniele terminal, conical, from four to eight inches long, composed of many, ramous, sub-verticelled spikes, or rather spikedracemes; rachis winding, jointed, a little hairy. Flowers as usual, in pairs, an hermaphredite one sessile; and a neuter one pedicelled.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS. Calyx two-valved, the exterior one a little hairy. Corol one-valved, a twisted awn two or three times the length of the corol supplies the place of the other. Neuter flowers like the hermaphrodite ones, but without arista.

26. A. bicolor. R.

Erect. Paniele diffuse, with expanding, decompound and super-decompound branches; hermaphrodite calyces with smooth backs, and fringed margins; corol three-valved, and awned; calyx of the neuter flower hairy, with a two-valved corol.

Holeus bicolor. Linn. sp. pl ed. Willd. iv. 929.

Beng. Kala-deodban. Hind. Kala-jooar.

Teling. Muka-janoo, and Muka-janoolar the grain.

I have only found it in a cultivated state.

Culms generally single, straight, round, smooth, from four to ten feet high, and as thick as the finger or thumb, mostly covered by the sheath of the leaves. Leaves from one to three feet long, and from one to three inches broad, smooth; months of the sheaths bearded. Paniels erect, oval, dense, composed of many ramous, expanding, sub-verticelled branches, the various ramifications angular and very hispid when the finger is drawn backwards over them, their flower-bearing extremities bairy. Flowers paired, and, as in the genus, the sessile one is her-maphrodite and the pedicelled one neuter.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS sessile. Calyx; valvelets nearly equal, with the back smooth, and as they ripen becoming of a shining black, with many white hairs round the margins (ciliated.) Corol three-valved, fringed, the second or solitary valve ending in a short twisted arista. Seeds oval, brown, smooth, free, with an impression on the back near the base.

NEUTER FLOWERS pedicelled. Calyx striated, hairy. Corol two-valved, awuless. Sta-

mens none.

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Obs. This and the following species A. Sorghum seem to me to possess more of the character of Andropogon than of Holcus. I have therefore changed their places from the latter to the former.

 A. Sorghum. R.
 Erect. Panicle contracted, dense; hermaphrodite calyces hairy. Corols three-valved, awned.

Holeus Sorghum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 929. Beng. and Hind. Jooar.

Teling. Tella, or Konda (white) janoo the name of the plant, and Tella-janoolar the grain.

This also I have only found in a cultivated state. It differs from the former, Obs. 1st. In having the panicle contracted, very dense, and less regularly verticelled. In having the glumes of the calyx of a whitish green colour and very woolly.

3d. In having three valves to the neuter flowers.

There are two other sorts, which I take to be only varieties of the last; their names in

Telinga are Pacha (green) Janoo and Yerra (red) Janoo.

These last two with their varieties are much cultivated on a rather elevated, good soil. Seed time October; and harvest time, January. The produce in good soil is often upwards of an hundred-fold. The grain is much used for food. It is probable that through the whole of Southern Asia as many of the inhabitants live on the various kinds of dry or small grain, as upon rice, and they are reckoned fully as wholesome as that is,

All kinds of cattle are remarkably fond of the straw notwithstanding its thickness, and solidity.

28. A. cernuus. R.

Erect, from five to fifteen feet high; lower half with verticils of roots from the joints. Panicles oval, with numerous, long, compound, cernuous branches; glumes villous and fringed. Corol three-valved and fringed, the inner scarce awned.

Holeus cernuus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 930.

This species, (or variety of Sorghum.) is the kind cultivated by the inhabitants of the

Munipoora, Koonkee, and other mountainous districts immediately east of Bengal. The grain is milk white; some of it was sown in the Botanic garden, during the early part of the rainy season of 1812, and in November the plants were from ten to fifteen feet high, several ramous stems arising from the same root, or grain of seed; all the joints of the lower half of the original stems which are as thick as a slender walking cane, throw out copiously verticils of roots from all the joints, the lower ones near the soil enter it, and give additional support and nourishment to the lants, which are of two, or more years' duration, if suffered to remain the

leaves are from twenty to forty inches long, by two or three broad, soft and smooth, the rib white on both sides. Panicles large, oval on the more slender branches, and in those, while in flower erect; but in such as terminate the primary stems, the form is obscure, from the drooping habit of their branches. The flowers agree with those of Shorghum, except that the awn is so small and short as to be hid within the glume of the calyx; the neuter flowers are very minute, and consist of only one or two slender, villous, calycine glumes. The grain of this plant is the staff of life of those wild savage mountaineers, who inhabit the abovementioned countries, where it is one of the few articles cultivated by them. Cattle are fond of the straw, or rather canes.

29. A. saccharatus. R.

Erect. Panicles verticelled, with ramifications drooping. Calyx hairy; corols awnless; hermaphrodite three-valved, neuter one-valved.

Holcus succharatus. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 930.

Hind, and Reng. Deo-dhan.

Is much cultivated over various parts of India during the rainy and cold seasons upon

land which is too high for rice.

Root ramons. Culms erect, round, jointed, sometimes ramons, lower joints radicating from eight to twelve feet high, three or four inches in circumference near the base. Leaves bifarious, sheathing, sword-shaped, margins hispid, the rest smooth, with a white nerve on the upper side, three feet long, and three or four inches broad. Sheath as long as the panicle is when young, afterwards the whole is completely bent down from the weight of the seed. Flowers paired, one hermaphrodite, sessile; the other neuter, and pedicelled.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS sessile. Calgar one-flowered, two-valved, both valves hairy.

Corol three-valved, the solitary valve daggered; dagger, shorter than the calyx. Seed oval,

white.

NEUTER FLOWERS pedicelled. Calyx two-valved, hairy. Corol one-valved, awnless. Sta-

mens none.

Obs. The only circumstance that renders me uncertain whether this is Holcus succharatus of Linnaeus is the total want of the arista in the hermaphrodite flowers; in other respects they agree.

30. A. laxus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 907.

Erect, from one to fifteen feet high. Panicle ovate, lax; ramifications sub-verticelled, compound and decompound. Calga hairy; corols fringed, those of the hermaphrodite threevalved, and awned.

Beng. Kula-moocha. Teling. Gaddi-janoo.

Grows in hedges, on banks of water-courses, and on land that has lately been in cultivation. Root somewhat woody, perennial. Culsa near the base bending to the earth, and there rooting at the joints, the rest erect; the whole is of a firm ligneous texure, inwardly spongy, jointed, round and smooth; below naked, above covered by the sheaths of the leaves. In hedges on the banks of the rivers, &c. where the soil is good, it is often from ten to fifteen feet high; while on a barren dry soil, not more than one or two. Leaves long, smooth, except the margins, which are scabrous. Pasicle very large, oval, often bowing, rather thin, composed of sub-verticelled, ramous, spreading branches, with woolly insertious; the branchlets of the branches are composed of four or six pedicelled, spiked racemes. Rachis of the spikes jointed, &c. Flowers paired, &c. as in the other species.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS sessile. Calgar two-valved; valuelets equal, hairy. Corol

three-valved, membranaceous, margins fringed with hairs; the second one retuse, with a pretty long twisted arista; the inner one very small. Nectary as in the last species. MALE FLOWERS pedicelled. Calga as in the hermaphrodite. Corol two-valved.

31. A. miliacens. R.

Erect, from six to ten feet high. Panicle ample, lax; ramifications verticelled. expanding, or drooping. Corol three-valved, in both hermsphrodite and male flowers.

The seeds of this most beautiful stately grass were sent me from Lucknow, by the late Gen. Claude Martin, under the name of hill grass. It being a native of the mountains north of

Quile. It blossoms in this garden during the latter part of the rains.

Culms erect, ramous, smooth, the largest of them nearly as thick as the little finger, general height (in the rich soil of the Botanic garden) about ten feet. Leaves ensiform-lanceolate, soft, and smooth, except the margins, which are armed with minute sharp bristles, pointing forward, general length from two to three feet, and from one to two inches broad near the base, where broadest. Sheaths smooth, except at the mouths, and there bearded on both sides. Pasicle very large, erect, with long, slender, smooth, elegantly drooping, verticelled, compound and decompound ramification. Flowers in pairs, as in the genus; one hermaphrodite, and sessile; the other male, and pedicelled. Calyx two-valved, one-flowered, oval, rather obtuse, and hairy, but without the characteristic woolly, or hairy involuere round the base of the flowers. Corol in both sorts three-valved, membranaceous, and fringed, sometimes the hermaphrodite flower is awned. Nectory two, fleshy, broad, truncated, fringed scales.

Obs. In habit this beautiful species comes near my Andropogon tumbackianus, from the

Cape of Good Hope, but is more elegant in the panicle.

SECT. IV. Paniele foliaceous.

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Erect, twelve inches high; panicles composed of numerous axillary, and terminal, conjugate spikes, on long, jointed sheathed peduncles. Calyx of the sessile hermaphrodite, flower awned, cuspidate.

A native of Coromandel, and one of the smallest of the genus.

Culms ramous, erect, smooth. Leaves rather small, particularly the floral ones, which are little more than large sheaths. Paniele composed of numerous, axillary, and terminal, conjugate, hirsute, secund spikes, elevated on slender, jointed peduncles, embraced by many delicate, chaffy bractes at the base, and by a sheath from the joint upwards. Flowers in pairs on the joints of the hairy rachis, one sessile and hermaphrodite, the other peduncled and male. Calyx two-valved, that of the hermaphrodite flower cuspidate. Corol one-valved, an arista occupies the place of a second in the hermaphrodite flower.

33. A. parviflorus. R.

Ascending. Leaves linear. Panicle leafy, thin; spikelets solitary, with proper, jointed, leafy spathes; both flowers awned, the pedicelled one a rudiment only

A very beautiful most delicate species, a native of pasture land up amongst the Circar

mountains and also of the mountains themselves.

Culms very branchy, ascending, filiform, about a foot, or a foot and a half high. Leaves numerous, small, linear, rather obtuse, mouths of the sheaths stipuled. Spikes axillary, minute, peduncled, generally one or two, rarely three. Rachis jointed and waved as in the other species, but here it is smooth, except at the insertions of the flowers. Peduncles most slender, jointed at the middle, from whence a small spathe ascends, which generally hides a part of its spike. Flowers in pairs; one bermaphrodite and sessile, the other merely the rudiment of a floret on a long clubbed pedicel.

34. A. Schænanthus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 915.

Perennial, erect. Pasicle sub-secund, linear, leafy; spikelets thereof paired, on a common, spathed pedicel, with proper pedicels and spathes; flowers of both sorts awnless, the male corol one-valved.

Sans. Malatrinukung, Bhoostrinung. Beng. Gundha-bena.

Ramacciam. Rheed. Hort. Mal. 12. p. 137. t. 72.

Schenanthum amboinicum. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 181. t. 72. f. 2.

Schoenanthus, or Juneus odoratus of the Materia Medica. On the coast I have only found this elegant valuable species in a state of cultivation, few gardens being without it; I

have but twice found it in flower and both times during the rainy season.

Root perennial, young propagating-shoots issue from the axills of the leaves that surround a short, sub-ligneous leaf-bearing culm. Culms from five to seven feet high, erect, simple, smooth, about as thick as a goose-quill. Leaves many, near the root bifarious, few on the upper part of the culm, of a soft texture, pale, green colour, slightly scabrous on the margins when drawn backward against the fingers, otherwise smooth; from three to four feet long including their sheaths, and about three-quarters of an inch broad. Floral leaves small. Paniele linear, a little bent to one side, composed of many fascicles of spikes that are both terminal, and from the exterior axills. Spikes generally paired on a common peduncle, with a common boat-like spathe, or involucre at the division; each has also its proper pedicel, and both spathe-shaped. Rachis articulated, much waved, hairy. Flowers in pairs, one hermaphrodite and sessile, the other male and pedicelled; the last hermaphrodite flower of each spike has two males; below, only one male, as the rachis occupies the place of the other; this is the case with most of the species of the genus.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS sessile. Glume girt at the base with wool, &c. as in the family. Corol two-valved, awnless. Nectary, two, broad, short, wedge-formed, obliquely lobed, crenulated bodies embrace the insertions of the filaments and the forepart of the germ.

Male Flowers pedicelled. Calyx, glumes as in the hermaphrodite ones. Corol one-valved,

awnless. Nectary as in the hermaphrodite. Stamens three.

Obs. The fresh leaves are much used as a substitute for tea. The white succulent centre of the leaf-bearing culms is often put into curries, to give them an agreeable flavour.

35. A. Iwarancusa, Philosoph. Transact. vol. 80, 284. t. 16.
Perennial, erect. Leaves long, and very slender. Panicles linear; spikelets paired, five jointed, with common spathes; hermaphrodite flowers awned; male one-valved and awnless.

Beng and Hind. Ibharankusha, Iwarankusha, Kurankusha.

Iwarancussa. Asiat. Res. iv. 109.

A native of the skirts of the northern mountains of India. Dr. Blane found it between the river Raptee and the mountains, and Dr. Boyd about Hurdwar; it is therefore probably a native of a very extensive tract along the skirts of that range of mountains which bounds the plains of Bengal, Bahar, Oude, &c. Flowering time the rainy season.

It grows in large tufts, each tuft composed of a number of plants adhering together by

their roots.

Root perennial, the principal parts thereof are thicker than a crow's quill, and marked with circular cicatrices, from these issue many small, firm, aromatic fibres. Culms erect, generally simple; from three to six feet high, smooth in every part, not hollow, but filled with a light spongy substance. Leaves, those near the root longer than the joints of the culm, margins hispid when the finger is drawn backwards over them, otherwise smooth in every part. Panicle axillary, and terminal, or the whole may be reckoned a long linear, erect, or drooping, intercepted panicle, composed of numerous, (many of them proliferous,) fascieles of slender, pedicelled,

thin spikes of five joints; each fascicle is furnished with its own proper boat-shaped spathe, Page besides many chaffy bractes within it among the insertions of the pedicels; and a proper spathe Ed. to each pair of spikes. Flowers on the body of the rachis paired; one awned, hermaphrodite, and sessile; the other awnless, male, and pedicelled, the terminal florets are three, one hermaphrodite, sessile, and awned; the other two male, pedicelled, and awnless.

HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx one-flowered, two-valved, base girt with wool, as is also the rachis, and proper pedicels. Corol two-valved, and fringed; inner valvelets two-parted, with a short arista in the fissure. Neclary two, minute, leaflets embracing the germ laterally. Stamens, pistil, and seed, as in the genus.

MALR. Calyx as in the hermaphrodite. Corol one-valved; nectary and stamens as in the hermaphrodite, no pistil.

Obs. This species comes remarkably near to A. Schananthus both in habit and taste. For the virtues of the roots of this plant, see Dr. Blane's account thereof in the second part of the 80th volume of the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London; also

Asiatic Researches, iv. p. 100. The virtues seem to reside almost entirely in the larger parts of the root, marked with annular cicatrices, the taste is agreeably aromatic, with some degree of hitterness.

36. A. Martini, R.

Perennial, erect. Pasicles linear, sub-secund; spikelets paired, three-jointed, with com-

mon spathes only; hermaphrodite corols of one valve, and an awn; male awnless.

A native of the high lands of Balla-ghat. General Martin collected the seeds while there with the army, during the last war with Tippoo Sultan, and has reared abundance of it at

It is also now plentiful in the Company's Botanic garden, raised from seed sent from thence by that gentleman, whose name I have applied as a specific one for this elegant

plant.

Roof perennial, with long wiry fibres. Culms erect, from three to six feet high, often ramons, smooth, filled with a spongy pith. Leaves very long, tapering to a very fine point, smooth in every part and of a soft delicate texture. Sheaths shorter than the joints on full grown plants, with a membranaceous stipulary process at the mouth. Panieles as in A. Iwaraucusa; spikelets paired, but with only three joints. Flowers also paired, &c. as in the former species, only there the lowermost pair on the most sessile of the two spikelets are both unde, and one of them rests upon a smooth, convex, callous receptacle instead of a pedicel. Rachiz-jointed, and woolly. Calga as in A. Iwarancusa. Corol one-valved, a long black awn oc-cupies the place of the other, which has two small filaments near its base. Nectory, &c. as in the foregoing species

Obs. General Martin, who sent me this grass from Lucknow, writes to the following

"I took particular notice of a sort of long grass which the cattle were voraciously fond of, which is of so strong an aromatic and pungent taste, that the flesh of the animals, as also the milk and butter, have a very strong scent of it. Of this grass I send you a small stalk, some roots, and seed; if you taste the latter, though old, you will find it of a very pungent aromatic taste."

PASPALUM. Schreb. gen. N. 81.

Calyx one-flowered, two-valved, valvelets rounded, equal. Corol of two valves, and like

the ealyx. Seed adhering to the corol.

1. P. serobiculatum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 330.

Spikes axillary and terminal, sessile, alternate, erect. Flowers alternate, in two rows, or crowded, smooth. Calyers from three to five-nerved. Culms erect, two feet high, smooth. Seed round, smooth.

Sans. Korudoosha, Kodrava.

Beng. Koda. Hind. Koda-ka-choul.

Teling. Aruga.

This is cultivated by the natives over many parts of India. It delights in a light, dry, loose soil, but will grow in a very barren one. Time of cultivation the rainy season.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, ramous, jointed, smooth; about two feet high, involved in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves sheathing, bifarious, longer than the culm, every part smooth. Sheaths longer than the joints, often embracing the spikes like a spathe. Spikes axillary and terminal, from two to four, alternate, sessile, erect, secund. Rachis broad, membranaceous, with a waved keel on the inside. Flowers oval, alternate, in two rows; in luxuriant plants the flowers are crowded without order. Calyx; exterior valve three-nerved; interior valve five-nerved. Seeds brown, smooth, size of those of hemp.

Obs. The seed is an article of diet with the Hindoos, particularly with those who inhabit the mountains and most barren parts of the country, for it is in such countries only where it is cultivated, it being an unprofitable crop, and not sown where others more beneficial will thrive. I have eaten of the boiled grain, and think it as palatable as rice.

2. P. Kora. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 332.

Spikes terminal, alternate; flowers alternate, in two rows, smooth. Calyces from three to five-nerved. Culms below procumbent, from one to eight feet high.

P. orbiculare. Forst. prodr. N. 35.

Hind. Kodu.

Teling. Neer (i. e. water) Aruga.

A native of the borders of water courses.

Root fibrous, annual. Culms resting on the ground near the base, above ascending, branchy, jointed, smooth; from one to three feet long. Leaves as in P. scrobiculatum, but shorter. Spikes generally two, or three, though in very luxuriant plants I have seen seven or eight, terminal, sessile, horizontal, and erect, the rest as in the last described species.

Obs. Cattle are very fond of these two species, whether green or dry.

3. P. longiflorum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 332. Retz. Obs. iv.15.

Spikes paired, terminal, horizontal. Calyces oblong, obtuse, smooth. Culms creeping.

Teretu-pullu. Rheed. Mal. 12. p. 81. t. 44. Paspalum longiflorum. Retz. Obs. iv. p. 15.

A native of low pasture ground. Compare it with P. distichum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 322.

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Root creeping. Culms creeping, with their extremities ascending six or eight inches high, jointed, smooth. Leaves sheathing, alternate, bifarious, short; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes paired, terminal, sessile, spreading, secund. Flowers in two rows, alternate, oblong, somewhat paired, smooth. Calyx and corol without nerves.

4. P. longifolium. R.

Erect, simple. Leaves as long as the culms. Paniele of many simple, alternate, diverging spikes scattered round a three-sided rachis. Valvelets of the cally three-nerved. Seed oval, lucid, and marked with minute pits.

Of what country this is a native is uncertain. It appeared in the Botanic garden in 1807, in a place where plants from Sumatra had been planted, it is therefore more than pro-

bable that the seeds were in the earth.

Culms several from one root, simple, straight, jointed, nearly erect, round and smooth, height of the whole plant when in flower above three feet. Leaves long, viz. from one to three feet, sheaths included, slender, acute, smooth, except the edges when rubbed backward. Sheaths longer than the joints of the culm, and smooth, except at the top, where there are a few, long, soft hairs near the short scariose ligula. Panicle composed of from twelve to twenty-four, simple, diverging spikes, scattered alternately round a three-sided rachis, nearly a foot in length. Spikes sessile, with a few, long, straight, white hairs round their insertious, about three inches long. Rachis flat, with a waved keel on the underside, and coloured, waved margins. Flowers in numerous, alternate, imbricated pairs on the underside of the flat rachis, on unequal, short pedicels. Calyx of two, very equal, oval leaflets with a nerve or rib round the margins, and one down the middle. Seeds oval, dotted with inuumerable, small pits, shining.

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LAPPAGO. Schreb. gen. N. 131.

Calyx from two to three-valved. Corol two-valved, resupine.

Culms creeping. Pedicels two-flowered; inner valvelets of the calvx armed with hooked bristles.

Phalaris muricata. Forsk. descript. 202.

It is a small, prostrate grass, a native of the dryest pasture ground on the Coromandel

Culms pressing on the earth, and striking root from the joints, from six to twelve inches long, ramous. Leaves short, margins ciliate, and waved; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Racemes terminal, simple, from one to two inches long. Pedicels short, diverging, two-flower-ed. Flowers lanceolate, echinated on the back, or outside, diverging on all sides round the rachis, which is waved, angular, striated, and downy. Calyx one-flowered, two-valved; the exterior valve very minute, second or inner valve, (for there is no other,) lanceolate and completely embracing the corol on all sides, on the back and sides covered with many, strong, hooked bristles. Corol two-valved, membranaceous. Nectarial scales large. Stamens, pistil, &c. as in the genus.

PANICUM. Schreb. gen. N. 107.

Calyx, glume one or two-flowered, three-valved; exterior valvelets minute; seed adhering to the corol.

SECT. I. Spikes simple.

1. P. indicum. Mant. 184. Retz. Obs. iii. p. 9.

Culms from four to eight inches, ascending from a repent base. Spikes sub-cylindric,

naked. Calyx smooth, no involucres. P. conglomeratum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 341. does not agree with our plant in having cylindrical spikes with flowers equally disposed on all sides. This is a very small species, a native of Coromandel.

2. P. barbatum. R. Culms from three to five feet high; very ramous at top. Leaves lanceolate. Spikes simple, cylindric. Involucrets simple, and bearded, surrounding on every side a single flower; Page seed smooth.

This species spring up in beds, in the Botanic garden where earth had been thrown that

came from Sumatra, or Amboyna. Compare with P. polystachyon. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i.

Rest formulai in Bengal. Culms erect, about five feet high, simple, till near the top, there very ramous. Leaves lanceolate, often a foot and a half long, hispid on the margins, otherwise smooth; the sheaths about half the length of the joints, with a few single hairs at the mouth. Spikes terminal, and solitary (though from the numerous ramification of the top of the culms the whole may be called a large leafy paniele) sub-cylindric, about three or four inches long. Involucrets of two sorts, the longest about twice the length of the flowers with their lower half bearded, (hence the specific name, which for the same reason is also applicable to my Panicum holeoides,) the innermost one is in this species about double the length of the other five, six, or seven; all are of a reddish brown colour from the bearded part to the point. The other sort of involucrets are simple and about the length of the flowers. The two sorts surround on all sides a single flower. Calyx one-flowered, exterior valve very minute. Seeds smooth, slender and pointed.

Obs. It differs from my P. holcoides in the culms being very ramous at the top only, and in the leaves being lanceolate; from polystuckyon it differs, I think, in having two sorts of involucrets equally disposed round the flower, and in the leaves being lanceolate and smooth.

 P. spicatum. R.
 Erect. Spikes cylindric. Involuces hairy, surrounding from one to three awnless polygamous flowers. Calyces two-valved, both shorter than the corol, the inner longer and

Holeus spicatus. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 928. Gramen paniceum. Pluck. &c. alm. t. 32. f. 4. good.

Hind. Bujera, or Bujra.

Pedda-Gantee is the Telinga name of the plant, and Gantiloo, the grain.

I have only found this in a cultivated state. It is sown about the beginning of the rains,

viz. the end of June, and the beginning of July, and is ripe in September.

Culsus several, if the soil is good, from the same grain of seed, erect, with roots from the lowermost joint or two, round, smooth, from three to six feet high, and nearly as thick as the little finger. Leaves alternate, sheathing, broad and long; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes or rather racemes, terminal, cylindric, erect, as thick as a man's thumb, or more, and from six to nine inches long. Pedicels generally two-flowered, though sometimes only one and sometimes as many as four. Flowers surrounded with many, woolly, hispid purple bristles or incolucres, about the length of the flower. Calgs two-flowered, one hermaphrodite the other male, two-valved; exterior valvelet minute, interior nearly as long as the corol, retuse, both awnless. Corol of the hermaphrodite flower two-valved, of the male one-valved. Style single. Stigma two-cleft, feathery. Seed obovate, pearl-coloured, smooth.

Obs. It agrees perfectly well with our Indian species of Panicum, on that account I have

transferred it to that genus.

This species is much cultivated over the higher lands on the coast of Coromandel. The soil it likes is one that is loose and rich; in such it yields upwards of an hundred-fold, the same ground will yield a second crop of this or some other sort of dry grain during October, November, December, and January.

The Hindoo farmer knows four other varieties of this species, all of which he cultivates, Their Telinga names are 1st. Pitta (birds) Gautee; 2d. Munda-boda-Gautee; 3d. Palla-boda-

Gantee ; and 4th. Yerra-Gantee.

Cattle are fond of the straw, and the grain is a very essential article of diet amongst the natives of these parts.

4. P. involveratum. R.

Erect. Spikes cylindric, numerous, scattered, two-flowered, alternately longer and ciliate; shorter and smooth. Calyces two-valved, the exterior one minute, the inner one shorter than the corel, and emarginate.

A native of mountains chiefly, where it grows wild.

Culms as in the last species, from two to four feet high; joints woolly. Leaves, mouths of their sheaths bearded. Spikes as in P. spicatum, but the pedicels smaller, two-flowered. Incolors, many bristles surrounding on all sides the flowers; they are of two sorts, simple ones awled, the longer ones with fringed margins. Calyx one or two-flowered; valvelets as in the last species. Corol when there is only one to the calyx it is hermaphrodite, when two, one bermaphrodite, the other male, as in the last species. Styles two.

Obs. I know of no use this is put to at present; it may be Panicum spicatum in its wild

state, though it is more like my Panicum holcoides in its present wild state.

5. P. glaucum, Linu. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 335.

Culms erect, from one to three feet high; our oluved one bundle of hairy bristles, oneflowered. Flowers generally polygamous. Seed transversely rugose.

Beng. Pingi-natchi. Teling. Naka-kora.

This species is generally found on cultivated lands, growing amongst the different sorts of small or dry grain.

Root fibrous. Calms sometimes near the base resting on the ground, and striking root; the rest erect, ramous, smooth, a little compressed; from one to three feet high. Leaves

Page sheathing, nearly bifarious, smooth; mouths of the sheaths hairy. Spikes terminal, columnar, from two to six inches long. Flowers solitary, or joined to the rudiments of one or two more, short-pedicelled, numerous. Involucels longer than the flowers, consisting of one bundle of hairy bristles which issue from the middle of the underside of the pedicel. Calyx generally two flowers, in which case one is male, the other hermaphrodite, with its corol, as in the family. The male corol consist of one membranaceous glume between the inner valve of the corol and inner glume of the calyx, it has three stamens only.

Obs. It may propably be P. helcolum of the Supplementum Plantarum, 197.

In India we have two or three varieties of this coarse grass. Can any of them be

Alopecurus indicus? The small reddish one comes very near it.

6. P. holcoides. R.
Erect. Involucels numerous, scattered, one-flowered, alternately one longer and woolly, and another shorter and smooth; flowers sometimes polygamous. Seed oblong, smooth, resembling a small grain of common oats.

Beng. Swati.

Grows, with the former, on cultivated lands, but chiefly up amongst the mountains.

Root fibrous. Culms erect, ramous, from two to four feet high, round, smooth. Leaves sheathing; sheaths half the length of the joints; mouths bearded. Spikes as in P. glaucum, but larger. Flowers solitary, short-pedicelled, without order. Involucels numerous, bristles entirely surrounding the flower; of two sorts, the largest twice the length of the flower, and woolly from the middle down, the other sort are smaller, and without wool or hair. Calyx one or two-flowered, as in the last; exterior valve minute, the other two as long as the corol, of which the apex of the exterior one is somewhat three-toothed. Seed smooth, very like common oats, but smaller.

Obs. In differs from P. Polystachyon in having the involucels scattered round the pedicels and flower, It may thererefore be Rumph's gramen caricosum, vol. vi. t. 7. f. 2. A. 7. P. interruptum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 341.

Culms above water erect. Spikes simple, cylindric; flowers crowded, smooth, polygamous; seed smooth.

Beng. Nardula. Teling. Wolam.

A very large species, grows in deep standing water.

Cuims ramous, those parts under the water swelled, as thick as the little finger, with many fibres from the joints; the parts above the water erect, about as thick as a common quill, from two to four feet high, smooth, involved in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves, sheaths longer than the joints, smooth. Racemes or spikes simple, erect. columnar, from four to six inches high. Flowers small, oval, pedicelled, numerous, generally many, from nearly the same place. Involuce entirely wanting. Calyx two, inner glumes striated, from six to seven-nerved. Corol, the small flower is present here. Seed oblong, smooth, shining, white.

8. P. curvatum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 352.

Culms erect. Spikes curved; flowers crowded, smooth, hermaphrodite; seed smooth.

Grows about the borders of lakes.

Culms numerous, ramous, erect, as thick as a crow's quill, from two to three feet high, smooth. Leaves numerous, very long, slender, and smooth. Racemes, or spikes columnar; lower part somewhat ramous; branchlets adpressed. Flowers numerous, covering most completely every part of the racemes, pedicelled, oval. Calyx, two inner glumes striated. Corol no neuter, only one hermaphrodite. Seed smooth, shining, white.

Obs. This may be only a variety of P. interruptum. 9. P. dimidiatum. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 339.

Spikes secund, jointed; joints excavated, daggered on alternate sides of the apex, from one to five-flowered. Calyx two-flowered, one hermaphrodite, the other male.

A native of the Peninsula of India, scarce.

Culms short, oblique, smooth; whole height from six to twelve inches. Leaves slender, smooth, obtuse, rather broad toward the apex. Spikes solitary, secund, jointed, smooth, from three to five inches long. Joints of the rachis from eight to twelve, rigid, excavated for the reception of the flower, except the lower one or two, which are longer; in all except these a long sharp point or dagger proceeds from the apex, on the alternate sides of the articula-Flowers lodged in the concave joints of the rachis, on very unequal pedicels, the lowermost having each three or more, while those about the middle of the spikes have uniformly two, and the last two or three only one. Calgar two-flowered, two-valved; flowers both sessile, one hermaphrodite, the other male; valves unequal, the exterior one smaller; the inner one about as long as the valve of the corol, or it may be described with three valves as in the genus; but then the male flower will have but one glume. Corols two-valved; valves nearly equal, those of the male flower much firmer, the sides of the exterior one (which may be called the inner valve of the calyx, if it be allowed, to have three), with the sides bent in at right angles. Stamina three. Germ in the hermaphrodite flower oblong. Style undivided for a short distance. Stigma plumose. Seed oblong, dark brown, dotted; on the anterior side near the base is an oblong elevated mark.

Obs. Dr. Rottler, of Madras, an excellent Botanist, obliged me with the only specimens of this rare grass which I have yet met with, and had be not informed that this was considered to be P. dimidiatum I should have been inclined to have taken it for an Ischaemum.

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SECT. II. Spikes paired.

10. P. conjugatum. R. Spikes conjugate, secund. Flowers solitary, sessile, awnless. Corol, with an accessary neuter valve.

A slender, soft, villous, half creeping species; a native of Coromandel. It differs from P. distuction in the number of the spikes being constantly two, and the flowers always solitary and sessile. To these marks of distinction may be added that the valves of the calyx are three-nerved, and the accessary one particularly large.

 P. squarrosum, Lina, sp. pl. ed. Willd, i. 345, Retz. Obs. iv. 15, and v. t. 1.
 Culms creeping, from ten to twenty inches long. Spikes paired, horizontal, rachis articulate; flowers in a fascicle on the upper end of each joint of the rachis.

Cenehrus muricatus. Mant. 302.

P. dimidiatum, Burm. Ind. 25. t. 8. f. 2. A native of dry sandy ground near the sea.

Culius branchy, creeping, with their flower-bearing extremities sub-erect; from ten to twenty inches long. Leaves short, but rather broad, and covered with soft bair; sheath large, downy, involving most of the culms. Spikes two, terminal, spreading, horizontal, or ascending like a pair of horns, secund. Rachis composed of from four to eight, oblong joints, divided by a waved ridge; on each side of the ridge membranaceous. Flowers collected in sessile bundles of from four to eight, alternately disposed on the upper end of each joint. Calyx, the exterior one minute, and ianceolate; the second large, embracing loosely the corol, pointed, and striated; the inner one nearly as small as the exterior, tapering from the base to a fine point, three-nerved; margins fringed, of a chaffy texture. Corol as in the genus, and rather longer than the inner glume of the calyx, here is a third neutral membranaceous valve, as in many species of this genus.

SECT. III. Spikes fascicled.

12. P. Dactylon. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 342.

Smooth, creeping. Spikes digitate, secund, corol gibbous on one side, and twice as long as the calvees.

Agrostis linearis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 375. Retz. Obs. iv. N. 51. Sir W. Jones.

Ariat. Res. iv. p. 248.

Sans. Doorva, Shataparvika, Sahasraveerya, Bhargavee, Ourooha, Unanta.

Beng. Doorba. Toling. Ghericha Tam. Arugam-pilla.

This is by far the most common and useful grass in India. It grows every where abun-

dantly, and flowers all the year.

Root creeping. Culms creeping, with their flower-bearing branchlets erect, from six to twelve inches high, smooth. Leaces small, and smooth. Spikes from three to five, terminal, sessile, filiform, expanding, secund, from one to two inches long. Rachis waved. Flowers miternate, single, disposed in two rows on the underside. Calyx much smaller than the corol. Corol, the large or exterior valve boat-shaped, keel slightly ciliate. Stigmas villous, purple.

Obs. This most valuable grass forms three-fourths of the food of our horses and cows in India. It is by the brahmuns of the coasts held sacred to Guneska, (the Janus of the ancients,)

sunder the name of Doorscall.

 P. aegyptiacum, Lian. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 343.
 Creeping at the base. Spikes from four to eight; corymbed, smooth. Flowers paired on unequal pedicels; accessary valve of the calvx minute or wanting, the other two very unsequal, nerved, and ciliate on the margins only.

Obs. Is rather a scarce grass in India, and grows in tufts. Cattle do not seem fond of it, whereas all are fond of Dactylon.

14. P. ciliare. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 344.

Culms creeping at the base. Spikes sub-digitate. Flowers paired, one sessile, the other oedicelled; inner two valves of the calvees equally long, and bearded with four woolly ridges;

Hind. Makur-jalee. Teling. Shangali-gaddi.

It delights most in newly laid down pasture ground.

Culms creeping, with one or two feet of the extremities erect, these ramous, round and smooth. Leaves sheathing, short for the size of the grass; margins ciliate near the base; heaths sometimes a little bairy, shorter than the joints of the culm, their mouths rise above he insertion of the leaf, stipule-like, as in Dr. Smith's Erharta calycina, but here it is entire. spikes or rather spiked-racemes, from four to ten, digitate, expanding, secund. Florers paired, ne sessile, one pedancled. Rachis three-sided, waved. Calyx, exterior valve most miinte. Interior two, many-nerved, four of the nerves are clothed with very long, white, soft

Obs. Small plants on a poor soil, have much the appearance of Agrostis radiata. Catde are very fond of this grass.

15. P. filiforme. Linu. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 343.

Creeping, illiform, smooth. Spikes, from two to four, sub-digitate, filiform, secund;

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flowers paired, one sessile, the other pedicelled. Calyx with the accessary valve, minute; inner one half the length of the corol or middle one; these last two are three-nerved, and villous on the margin.

From China it was brought to the Botanic garden, where it thrives well, and blossoms

the whole year, but chiefly during the rains.

Culms ramous, creeping, very delicate, and smooth, a large portion next the spikes erect, naked, coloured and filiform. Leaves soft and small, ciliate, with a few long hairs at the base. Spikes generally from two to four issuing from the same point, very slender, secund. Rachis flexuose. Flowers in a pair, one sessile. Calyx one-flowered, flower hermaphrodite; accessary valve exceedingly minute, but by careful observations may always be found; second valve as long as the corol, the inner one only half their length, which is one of the best specific marks; these two have three smooth nerves on the back, and their

margins are slightly bearded. Corol two-valved.

16. P. lineare, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 344.

Sub-erect, smooth. Spikes from two to six, digitate, filiform. Flowers all hermaphrodite, awnless, and pedicelled. Calycine valves, the accessary one minute; the inner two equalling the corol, and three-nerved.

P. lineare. Burm. Ind. p. 25. t. 10. f. 3, is a tolerable representation of this pretty

delicate grass.

A native of China, accidentally introduced from thence into the Botanic garden, where it is in flower the whole year; but like most other grasses most luxuriant during the rains, It has a great resemblance to P. dactylon, ciliare, filiforme, and aegypticum, but does not creep like them. The flowers are less regularly paired, more minute, smooth, and obtuse, the two inner valves of the calyx equal and as long as the corol, and the accessary one very minute, or not to be found.

17. P. cimicinum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 344.

Culms erect, hairy, from one to two feet high. Racemes peduncled, corymbed; flowers polygamous, in pairs; exterior valvelets of the calvees fringed; corol awned.

Milium cimicinum. Mant. 184.

A rare plant, native of ground that has been lately in cultivation.

Culms from one to two feet high, sub-erect, hairy. Leaves short and broad, hairy, and fringed round the margin; sheaths also hairy. Racemes from four to ten; when more than four or five, the rest are elevated on a common peduncle above the point from whence the first four or five issue; all are pedicelled, bowing, secund. Flowers in two rows and in pairs, scarcely ever single. Calyx, border of the inner valve fringed with red hairs. Corol, the arista is sometimes wanting, and its valves three-nerved; in mine there is a second, or male floret, as in many species of Panicum.
18. P. corymbosum. R.

Sheaths of the leaves bristly. Spikes numerous, corymbed. Calyces two-valved. Seeds oblong, smooth.

Teling. Cheepa-bora-gaddi.

This species I have found only in the vallies amongst the Circar mountains; it grows to

a great size in standing sweet water.

Culms of great extent, creeping, or floating, with their extremities erected above the water; on dry ground I have also found it, where it is in general from one to four feethigh. Leaves as in other grasses; sheaths covered with stiff white hairs. Spikes corymbed, numerous; from four to eight inches long, filiform, sub-creet, secund, level-topped. Rachis, common striated; partial three-sided. Flowers oblong, in two rows, paired; one very short pedicelled, the other longer. Calyx two-valved; the exterior valve small, the other as large as the vorol, and striated, but no third or inner valve. Corol as in the family. Seed oblong, smooth, white.

SECT. IV. Spikes alternate on one side only of a common rachis.

19. P. brizoides. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 338.

Culms sub-erect. Leaves short. Spikelets remote, adpressed. Flowers oval, solitary, poly-

gamous; inner two valves of the calyx equal; nectarial petals long; seed ovate, pointed, rugose.

P. flavidum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 339. Retz. Obs. iv. 15. appears to be the same plant growing on a barren soil; this was the opinion of König. P. flavidum of the Banksian Herbarium seems the same, or a variety only.

Teling. Oda, or Woodoo-gaddi.

It is common in every soil and situation, even in deep water; in one that is rich and moist, it is often two to four feet long, and again on one that is dry and barren only as many

inches. It grows in tufts, various parts of it are often tinged purple.

Culms near the base resting on the ground, and rooting above, regularly ascending, compressed, smooth. Leaves bifarious, smooth, their length differs much; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes compound, secund, their length various according to the size of the plant. Spikelets secund, number very various, alternate, erect, pressing on the common rachis; below they are often two or three times their length from each other; above less remote. Rachis common, somewhat three-sided, and a groove on the outside where the spikelets rest. Flowers always disposed in two rows, sub-globular. Calyx two-flowered. Inner valve the size of the corol, middle valve rather shorter; all are striated with green nerves. Corol, one ker-maphrodite, and one male, as in some of the species already described, always present, except in very minute plants, and even then the stamens of the second floret are only sometimes

wanting. Nectary, in each two obovate scales. Seed short, oval, pointed, slightly rugose. Page

20. P. fluitans. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd, i. 338.

Culms from two to three feet high, creeping at the base. Leaves long. Spikelets numerons, approximate, longer than the interstices. Flowers hermaphrodite, oblong, two exterior valvelets of the calyces minute; seed oblong.

Beng. Peti-nar. Teling. Doosa.

Delights in a moist rich soil, such as the banks of water-courses, borders of rice fields,

Culms at the base creeping, above nearly erect, round, smooth, from one to four feet long, including the part that rests on the ground. Leaves smooth, except about the mouths of the sheaths where they are bearded, and sub-ciliate. Spike compound, secund, exceedingly like that of P. brizoides, only here it is generally longer, with often as many as twenty-five or thirty spikelets; their distance from one another is not so regular and is generally less than their own length. Flowers disposed in two rows on the outside of the spikelets, which are oblong. Calyx one flowered, the two exterior valves very small. Seed oblong, pointed,

21. P. lanceolatum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 337.

Culms creeping. Leaves lanceolate, mouths of their sheaths elevated and bearded. Flowers hermsphrodite; valvelets of the calyces equal, the exterior one awned. Seed smooth, ob-

P. aristatum, of the same author, seems the same grass.

Compare with P. compositum, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 346. In the Banksian Her-

barium the same species is labelled P. unguinonum. Grows under the shade of trees.

Culms creeping, ramous, with their extremities, from one to two feet high, sub-creet. Leaves lanceolate, waved, often tinged with purple; sheaths shorter than the joints, hairy; months elevated, stipula-like, and hairy. Spikes composed, secund; from six to twelve inches long. Spikelets alternate, somewhat remote, secund, direction between expanding and adpressed. Rachis, common and partial three-sided. Flowers generally paired, one sessile, the other short-pedicelled; insertions often surrounded with hairs, when single there is an awn, or the rudiments of a second floret accompanying it.

Caiya, the exterior glume as large as the next within it, and ending in a long waved, (purple awn; exterior glume rather longer. Corol no neuter, nor male floret. Seed oblong,

smooth, slightly three-nerved.

Obs. Cattle are not fond of it.

22. P. Burmanni, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 339. Retz. Obs. iii. N. 16.

Culms creeping. Leaves lanceolate, hairy; flowers hermaphrodite; all the valvelets of the calyces hairy, and awned. Seed slender, smooth, pointed.

P. hirtellum, Burm. Ind. 24. t. 12. f. 1.

Hippogrostis amboinica. Rumph. Amb. iv. p. 14. t. 5. f. 3.

This species is always found on pasture ground, under the shade of large trees.

Culms creeping, branchy, with their extremities erect. Leaves sheathing, lanceolate, waved, hairy; sheaths half the length of the joints; very hairy. Spikes compound, secund, erect. Spikelets from four to eight, alternate, secund, adpressed. Rachis, common and partial, three-sided. Flowers generally paired; one sessile, the other pedicelled. Calyx, the two exterior glumes are hairy, and have long awns, that of the inner is shorter and smoother.

23. P. stagninum, Linn. sp. pt. ed. Willd. i. 337.
Culms from one to four feet high. Leaves smooth. Flowers polygamous, three-fold, subsessile. Calyces hairy, and hispid; inner valvelets awned.

Beng. Dul.

Teling. Pedda-woondoo.

Delights in wet, cultivated, paddy lands.

Culms, towards the base resting on the ground, and striking root; above erect, which part is from one to four feet high. Leaves smooth, soft, with only the mouth of the sheaths ciliate. Spikes compound, secund, creet. Spikelets alternate, sessile, secund, expanding a little. Rachis, both common and partial three-sided. Flowers, very numerous; three-fold below, above in pairs, all sessile, or nearly so; their insertion surrounded with small bristles involucrelike. Calyx, only the inner valve awned, all striated, hairy and hispid. Corol complete; male florets, besides the usual hermaphrodite one.

Obs. This is a coarse species. Cattle are not fond of it.

24. P. crus corvi. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 337.

Culms creeping at the base. Leaves downy. Spikes from six to ten, three times longer than their interstices. Calyces downy. Corol three-valved. Seed oblong, obtuse, smooth.

A middle-sized, delicate, rare species, found on pasture ground. Culms filiform, creeping at the base, above nearly erect. Leaves soft, downy; sheath hairy. Spikes compound, secund, from one to three inches long. Spikelets from four to twelve, alternate, adpressed, secund, about three-fourths of an inch long; sometimes there is a very small ramification at the lower part of one or two. Rackis common, two-furrowed; partial, three-sided, downy. Flowers paired or single, in two rows; both pedicelled; pedicels hairy, of unequal length, but both short. Calgar striated, very downy. Corol, the neuter valve is here present. Seed oblong, smooth, shining white.

25. P. colonum, Linu, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 338.

Culms creeping at the base. Spikes from six to ten, short. Flowers three-fold, sub-sessile.

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Page Glumes of the calvees three-nerved. Corol three-valved. Seed roundish, smooth, three-

Beng. Shama. There is a reddish variety, called Lat-shama.

Teling. Woondoo-gaddi.

Delights in rich pasture ground,

Culms, below resting on the ground, and rooting; above sub-creet, that part is from one to two feet high, branchy, a little compressed, smooth. Leaves tending to be bifarious, short, smooth, tapering from the base to a sharp point. Spikes compound, secund. Spikelets, from six to twelve, alternate, somewhat remote, secund. Rackis both common and partial three-297 sided; the two sides from whence the spikelets issue concave. Flowers two or three from the same point, generally three; all sessile, or very nearly so; sometimes a few small bristles mixed with them. Calyx as in the genns, all the glumes three-nerved, a little hairy, and scabrous. Corol, the neuter valve is here present, but no stamens. Seed broad, oval, smooth, a little pointed, three-nerved.

Obs. Cattle are very fond of it, yet it is not cultivated in these parts.

26. P. grossarium. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 349.

Culms creeping. Leaves soft and downy. Spikes from six to ten; flowers solitary, subsessile. Corol three-valved. Seed oblong, acute, transversely rugose.

Loves fresh pasture ground.

Culms, in a good soil creeping to a great length, in a poor soil nearly erect. Leaves, tapering from the base to a fine point, somewhat downy, and very soft. Spikes compound, secund. Spikelets from four to twelve, alternate, secund, expanding on one side, most simple, in two rows. Calyx pretty smooth. Corol, the neuter valve is always present. Nectary a rugose gland between the germ and exterior valve of the corol. Seed oblong, white, slightly rugose in a transverse direction.

Obs. The form and rugosity of the seed distinguish it from P. colonum, the flowers also

are here single, there two or three from the same point.
27. P. umbrosum. Linn. sp. pl. ed Willd. i. 343.

Culms, at the base creeping. Leaves soft. Spikes, from six to ten; flowers paired on a common pedicel. Corol three-valved. Seed ovate, longitudinally streaked, and transversely 298

This is also a native of pasture ground, but chiefly that which is shaded. It is exceed-

ingly like the last described species.

Culms creeping, &c. as in the last. Leaves also the same. Spikes, the same as in P. grossarium. Spikelets or rather racemes, the lower one or two sometimes branchy in luxuriant plants. Rachis, common, striated; partial three-sided, and downy. Flowers, the inferior ones in pairs, upon a short, common pedicel; besides, having their partial pedicels, one of which is nearly as long as its flowers; above they are often single, and somewhat remote; hairs surround the insertion of all. Calyx hairy. Corol, the neuter valve is here present. Seed ovate, a little pointed, rugose, like that of the last species.

Obs. The chief character consists in the lower flowers of the racemes being paired on a

common peduncle, with pedicels of very unequal lengths and hairy involucres.

28. P. cuspidatum. R.

Creeping near the base, wholly smooth. Leaves linear, without ligula. Spikes compound, secund; spikelets adpressed, secund. Flowers from one to three, equally sub-sessile, all hermaphrodite; valves of the calyx three-nerved, and cuspidate. Seed cuspidate.

A native of Bengal. Found in a rich moist soil, in flower and seed in April.

Culms, numerous in luxuriant tufts, creeping near the original root, then ascending to about two feet in height, ramous, smooth. Leaves ensiform, smooth, with coloured margius. Sheaths shorter than the joints, smooth, and completely destitute of ligula. Spikes compound, secund, slightly recurvate, with the secund spikelets on the convex side pressing on the common, three-sided, hispid rachis; often of a dull purple colour. Flowers, from one to three together, and equally sub-sessile. Calyx, all the glumes three-nerved, and cuspidate, and generally armed with a few minute bristles. Corol three-valved; the third or accessary one membranaceous, and neuter. Seeds ovate, smooth, cuspidate.

SECT. V. Spikes alternate on all sides of a common rachis.

29. P. setigerum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 338.

Culms, below creeping, sub-ligneous. Leaves with cordate base and ciliate margins. Insertions of the spikelets and flowers bristly. Corol three-valved. Seed oval, transversely rugose.

Beng. Bura-jal-ganti.

P. setigerum. Retz. Obs. iv. 15.

Grows amongst bushes or under the shade of trees.

Culms long, straggling, rooting when they rest on the ground, firm, almost woody towards the base, but small, and very smooth; joints downy. Leaves sheathing, broad-cordate at the base, tapering from thence to the point; margins ciliate, and waved; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes compound. Spikelets from four to twenty, secund, spreading, disposed equally on all sides. Rachis, common four, five, or six-sided, partial three-sided. Flowers paired; pairs alternate, in two rows, one sessile, one pedicelled, intermixed with many long strong hairs, like an involucre. Calyx, the two inner glumes downy and striated lengthways with many green nerves. Corol, the neuter membranaceous, valve always present, but no

stamens. Seed oval, transversely rugose.

Obs. When exposed to the weather, the leaves are of a smooth shining deep green, when

under trees, of a pale colour, soft, and somewhat downy, which made me long think they were different species. Cattle are fond of it.

30. P. repens, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd, i. 347.
Creeping. Leaves broad, waved, base cordate, stem-clasping, and ciliate. Spikes from four to ten, equally disposed on all sides. Flowers awnless; involuere hairy. Corol three-

P. repens, Burm. Ind. t. 11. f. 1. is like this, only the partial spikes are rather too long,

and the leaves too narrow.

Common about the beginning of the rains on cultivated lands, in gardens, &c. near

Calcutta. It is a pretty, cespitose species which cattle are fond of.

Culms, creeping to the extent of from one to two feet, geniculate, smooth, often coloured. Leaves lanceolate, base cordate, stem-clasping, and ciliate. Sheaths shorter than the joints, somewhat hairy. Spikes from four to ten, small, short, sessile, secund, equally inserted on the four or six-sided, villous rachis. Flowers generally paired, and both unequally pedicelled, with an involucre of long soft hairs on the outside of the pedicel. Calga; exterior valve minute, and truncate; the inner two equal, five-nerved. Corol, with neuter valve.

31. P. hirsulum. Kön.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, with cordate, stem-clasping base, waved, ciliate, and hairy. Flowers polygamous, solitary, sessile. Seed ovate, transversely rugose.

Teling. Salla-woodoo.

Is found on the borders of cultivated land, on pasture ground, &c.

Culms, spreading at the base; resting on the ground and rooting; above ascending; joints downy. Leaves broad, base cordate and embracing the culms, much waved, hairy, with the edges ciliate; sheaths also hairy with a thick beard round the mouths. Spikes composed of six or twelve, simple, alternate, secund, expanding spikelets, surrounding a common, four or five-sided, hairy rachis. Partial, rachis three-sided, hairy. Flowers in two rows, single, alternate, sessile, often intermixed with bristles. Calga, all the valves hairy and striated. I. Corol, a complete, one-valved male floret in the same calga with the hermaphrodite. Seeds 301 ovate, transversely rugose, white, daggered.

Obs. Cattle are very fond of it.

32. P. tomentosum, R.

Culms sub-erect. Leaves hairy; spikes from ten to twelve, oblong, from six to eightflowered, intermixed with hispid bristly involucels. Seed ovate, transversely wrinkled,

This is a delicate, rare species, found growing in tufts, or dry pasture ground over vari-

Culms ascending, compressed towards the base, branchy, from twelve to eighteen inches high. Leaves soft, covered with much, long, soft bair; sheaths half the length of the joints; mouth bearded. Spikes compound, terminal, consisting of ten or twelve (generally alternate, though sometimes in pairs) spikelets of six or eight flowers, intermixed with hispid bristles, they are not placed on one side, but round the common rachis, which is generally three-sided. Calyx, the two interior valves five-nerved; the second, half the length of the corol, as in P. glaucum. Corol has a third neuter valve. Seed transversely wrinkled, as in P. glaucum.

33. P. verticillatum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 334.

Spiker cylindric. Spikelets quatern, sub-verticelled. Involucels, backwardly hispid bristles. Seeds oblong, three-nerved, and rugose.

Hind. Dora-byara. Teling. Chicklenta.

Delights in a rich soil in out of the way corners, where there is rubbish, &c.

Culms, below resting on the ground and striking root, above weak, often leaning over to one side, smooth, length of the creeping part, from one to two feet, and that of the more erect culms from one to two feet. Leaves sheathing, linear-lanceolate, a little downy; margins hispid when felt backwards; mouths of the sheaths hairy. Spikes columnar, compound, from three to four inches long, generally matted together by means of the bristly involucels. Spikelets or rather racemelets, tending to be verticelled, generally four in the verticel, composed of three or four short pedicels, each bearing a few flowers; all intermixed with very stiff hristles (involucels) armed with short, stiff, recurved points, by which they adhere firmly to every thing that touches them. Calga as in the family. Corol, a third neuter valve, but no stamens to it. Seed three-nerved, and slightly waved across.

Obs. Cattle will not eat it, so that it is reckoned a troublesome weed wherever it is found. Plants reared from English seed, were not near so luxuriant as those of India, but evidently the same species. Thunberg's large cultivated variety is certainly Panicum italicum. Curtis's figure in his Flora Londinensis is represented with the leaves broader at the base than our

Indian plant, or even than in plants reared in India from English seed.

34. P. italicum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 336.

Cuims creet. Spikes nodding; spikelets scattered, ovate; pedicels from two to three or four-flowered, with smooth bristles intermixed. Seed ovate, three-nerved,

Panicum, Rumph, Amb. v. p. 202. t. 175. f. 2. Sans. Kungoo, Priyangoo.

Beng. Kungoo, and Kunguee. Hind. Kora.

Teling. Kora; Koraloo, the grain.

This is one of the plants call dry or small grain. It is cultivated in many parts of India,

and requires an elevated, light soil. I never saw it wild.

Culms several from one grain of seed, erect, from three to five feet high, round, smooth; roots issuing from the lower joints. Leaves, margins backwardly hispid; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes compound, &c. There is more or less of a third, or neuter valve on the corol. Obs. Small plants have the spike more erect, and uniform, without vacancies between 303

the racemelets.

The seed is an article of diet with the natives. It delights in a light, elevated, tolerably dry soil. Seed time for the first crop, about the months of June and July; harvest time in September; produce about fifty-fold in a favourable season. A second crop may be had from the same ground, between September and the end of January.

35. P. strictum. R.

Culms straight, from two to three feet high. Spikes compound, cylindric, straight, with numerous expanding spikelets. Glumes of the calyx hairy, and acute. Corol three-valved. the innermost one awned.

Beng. Gang-bena.

A native of Bengal, where it is found, though rarely, on dry barren spots.

Culms straight, from one to three feet high, slender as a crow's quill, hairy, particularly at and near the joints. Leaves short, straight, broadest at the base, and from thence tapering to a fine point; a little hairy, particularly underneath. Sheaths more hairy, their mouths bearded with much long, soft, white hair. Spikes, (panicles) cylindric, straight, composed of numerous, one-ranked, expanding, short spikelets. Flowers paired, on shorter and longer pedicels which unite before their insertions into the rachis of the spikelets. Calyx, valvelets acute ; two exterior with a few straight hairs, inner one smooth ; corol-like. Corol threevalved, the inner and smaller one awned.

36. P. hispidulum. Retz. Obs. v. p. 18. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 346.
Culms erect, from three to four feet high. Spikes panicled, erect, lanceolate; spikelets secund ; flowers two-fold, both sub-sessile ; valvelets of the calyx bristly, the middle one daggered, the inner one awned. Corol three-valved. Seed ovate, pointed, polished.

Beng. Bura-Shama.

Grows on the borders of rice lands, and rich moist places. Is never cultivated nor made any use of.

Culms erect with a few erect branches. Leaves long, narrow, fine-pointed, smooth. Spikes straight, panicled, composed of numerous, secund, erect spikelets, surrounding the common four, five, or six-sided rachis. Flowers numerous, almost always two together and equally sub-sessile. Calyx, all the three valves harsh with numerous sharp bristles issuing from the nerves of the glumes. The two exterior ones with sharp subulate points; the inner one ends in a pretty long, strong, hispid arista. Corol, with a third, membranaceous, neuter valve. Seed ovate, pointed, polished.

Obs. It comes near my P. frumentaceum, and may probably be the same in its wild

state.

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37. P. frumentaceum. R. Culms erect, from two to four feet high. Panicle erect; spikes secund, incurved; flowers three-fold, unequally pedicelled. Valvelets of the calyces daggered, or awned; seed ovate, smooth.

Sans. Shyamaka. Beng. Shama.

Teling. Bonta-shama; shamaloo, the grain.

This I have only found in a state of cultivation, it delights in a light, tolerably dry, rich soil; the same ground yields two crops between the first of the rains in June, July, and the

Culms erect, ramous, a little compressed, smooth, from two to four feet high. Leaves large, margins hispid. Panicle erect, oblong, rigid, composed of numerous, secund, condensed, incurved spikes; they entirely surround the common rachis and sometimes tend to be verticelled. Rachis, common five or six-sided, a little hairy; partial three-sided, waved. Flowers almost always three from the same point, one sessile, the second short pedicelled, and the third a little longer pedicelled. Calyx, with all the glumes three-nerved; the two large daggered. Corol, with a third neuter valve. Seed ovate, pointed, smooth,

Obs. There are several varieties of it known to the Hindoo farmers. The seed is wholesome and nourishing, it is an article of diet, particularly amongst the lower classes of the natives. It yields about fifty-fold in a good soil. Cattle are fond of it.

SECT. VI. Panicled.

38. P. trigonum, Linn. sp. pl. ed, Willd. i. 352.

Culms creeping, Paniele halved. Leaves stipuled. Pedicels two-flevalve of the calvees vaulted. Corol three-valved. Seed, half round, smooth. Pedicels two-flowered. Inner

Grows on pasture ground, under the shade of trees, &c.

Culms creeping, fillform, from one to two feet long, with a few inches of the extremities erect. Leaves lanceolate, soft, a little downy; sheaths ciliate, with a stipule-like process. Panicle halved, oblong, smooth, composed of from three to ten ramous branchlets, rising on one side only when the plant is small; pedicels two-flowered. Partial pedicels unequal.

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Calyx, inner valve cucullate, obtuse; all the valves striated and hairy. Corol, with a neuter, Carcy but small valve. Seed smooth, obtusely and obliquely three-sided. but small valve. Seed smooth, obtusely and obliquely three-sided.

39. P. patens. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 352.

Culms creeping. Leaves with a cordate base. Paniele oblong. Pedicels one-flowered. The three valvelets of the calyces equal. Flowers polygamous. Seed, flat on one side, smooth.

A small, delicate, creeping species; it delights in shady pasture ground.

Culms like those of P. trigonum. Leaves broad, with a cordate base, from thence tapering to a fine point, downy; sheaths hairy, their mouths want the stipule-like process. Pani-cle small, about one and a half or two inches long, oval, ramous; ramifications smooth. Flowers oval, solitary. Calux, two-flowered, the three valves are nearly equal, all smooth but striated; the inner one appearing more like a second valve to the male floret than one of the calyx, and the more so as it drops off with the seed, leaving the two exterior ones behind. Corol, one male, or sometimes one neuter, and one hermaphrodite. Seed oval, smooth.

40. P. brevifolium. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 353.

Culms creeping. Leaves lanceolate, cordate. Panicle ovate, very ramous, partly hid in the sheath of the exterior leaf, second valvelet of the calvees bearded; corol three-valved. Seed ovate, smooth.

Grows, with the two preceding species on shaded pasture ground, and is very much like

Culms creeping, as in the two last described species, but rather more robust. Leaves broad, and somewhat cordate at the base, waved; margins of the sheaths ciliate. Panicle, the lower part always confined within the sheaths of the extreme leaf, oval, from three to five inches long, composed of numerous very fine capillary ramifications, the common rachis and larger branches very woolly. Flowers obliquely-oval, numerous, on very fine, long pedicels. Calyx; the exterior valve lanceolate, the second boat-shaped, with the outside covered with very long soft wool, the third oval. Corol, with a neuter valve, but no stamen. Seed oval, smooth, white.

41. P. tenellum. R.

Culms ascending. Leaves long. Panicles oblong, very ramous. Flowers solitary, remote; second valvelets of the calyces recurved, and pointed. Corol, three-valved. Seed oval, smooth, five-nerved.

Grows on pasture ground, borders of cultivated lands, &c.

Culins many, branchy, near the ground prostrate, rooting at the joints, the rest ascending ; from one to two feet high, and as thick as a sparrow's quill. Leaves soft with white hairs. Pasicles oblong, generally as long as the rest of the plant, thin, composed of expanding, capillary, ramous branches. Flowers remote, oval, small. Calyx, the glumes strinted, otherwise smooth. Corol, with a third neuter valve. Seed oblong, smooth, light-brown, fivestreaked.

42. P. serrulatum. R.

Culms erect, from two to four feet high. Leaves sword-shaped, with serrulate margins. Panicle, spiked valvelets of the calyces sharp-pointed. Seed smooth, oblong.

A large erect, coarse species; a native of moist vallies.

Culms erect, ramons, from two to four feet high. Leaves somewhat cordate at the base, from thence tapering to a point, margins ciliate; sheaths as long or longer than the joints, smooth. Panicle erect, linear, composed of erect, linear, ramous ramifications, which stand somewhat remote, particularly below, so that the panicle appears to be a compound interrupted spike. Flowers lanceolate. Calyx, glumes lanceolate, very acute, the two inner ones somewhat hispid on the back. Corol single, hermaphrodite. Seed oblong, smooth, white.

43. P. paludosum. R.

Culms erect, from two to three feet high. Panicle erect, ovate, thin; ramifications few, three-sided, with sharp hispid angles; pedicel two-flowered; valvelets of the calyces cuspidate. Corol three-valved. Seed oblong, smooth.

Beng. Bornti, and Kulus-nar.

Teling. Soda.

It grows generally in sweet water amongst the Circar mountains.

Culms erect, from two to three feet high, swelled under the water, and there emitting roots from the joints. Leaves erect, acute, retrorso-hispid; sheaths longer than the joints, with a thick bearded mouth. Paniele oval, diffuse, thin, composed of scattered, sub-alternate, ramous branches; all nearly triangular, the angles sharp, and armed with fine points. Flowers oblong, pointed, in pairs on a common pedicel with unequal partial pedicels. Calyx, exterior valve short, broad, involving the bottoms of the others. Corol, with a small neuter glume, always without stamens. Seed oblong, smooth, brown.

Obs. This grass is of a coarse nature; cattle are not therefore fond of it. When it

grows on dry ground, the grass is much smaller, but the panicle larger.

44. P. uliginosum. R.

Culms erect, from two to four feet high. Paniels thin; ramifications four-sided, smooth; flowers polygamous, solitary. Seed oblong, smooth.

Beng. Burunda. Teling. Gundru.

A native of the moist borders of rice fields, in wet ground.

Root fibrous, white. Culms many, ramous; below resting on the ground and rooting; above erect, r. little compressed, smooth; from two to four feet high. Leaves short and sharp,

Page inside a little downy; sheaths shorter than the joints; mouths bearded. In paludosum they are surrounded on the inside with hair. Here the ramifications are compressed, and somewhat four-sided, there triangular, and hispid. Panicle more contracted than in paludosum. Calyx the same. Corol, with a complete male floret. Seed oblong, smooth.

Obs. To distinguish it from P. paludosum, attention must be paid to the leaves, rami-

fications of the panicle, and male florets.

45. P. sarmentosum. R.

Perennial, inane, hairy, sarmentose, with sub-erect, floriferous shoots from the joints.

Panicle patent. Flowers solitary; calyces smooth and obtuse, containing one hermaphro-309 dite and one neuter floret.

A native of Sumatra; and from thence introduced by Dr. Charles Campbell into the Botanic garden in 1804, where it grows luxuriantly, and blossoms throughout the year.

Culms round, sarmentose, and of great length, inane, with nearly erect, frequently ramous, floriferous shoots of about two or three feet in height rising from the joints; every part clothed with much soft hairy pubescence, particularly the runners. Leaves ensiform, soon becoming reflex, margins hispid, length from six to twelve inches, from half to three quarters of an inch in breadth at the broadest part. Sheaths rather longer than the joints. Panicle terminal, ovate; composed of many, single, alternate, patent, compound, smooth branches. Flowers very numerous, awaless, smooth, solitary, pedicelled. Valves of the cally three, obtuse, slightly marked with green nerves, the exterior one long, containing a two-valved hermaphrodite flower, and a small neuter one. 46. P. miliare. Lamarck.

Culms erect, ramous, from two to three feet high, smooth. Panicle thin; flowers paired on a common pedicel, with unequal partial pedicels; corol three-valved; seed ovate, smooth, five-streaked.

Teling. Nella-shama. Nella-shamaloo, the grain.

This species I have found only in a cultivated state, it is one of the sorts of dry or

small grain which is generally cultivated on an elevated, light, rich soil.

Culms, many from the same seed, erect, branchy, round, smooth, from two to three feet high. Leaves smooth. Panicle oblong, beautifully bowing with the weight of the grain; branches alternate, ramous; capillary, angular, hispid. Flowers oval, paired upon a common pedicel, with unequal partial pedicels. Calyces, glumes smooth, striated lengthways with nerves. Corol, accompanied by a neuter valve. Seed oval, striated, smooth, shining brown.

Obs. The seed is an article of diet with those Hindoos who inhabit the higher lands,

Cattle are fond of the straw.

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47. P. miliaceum, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 348.

Culms erect, ramous, from two to four feet high; the whole plant very hairy. Panicle oblong; glumes of the calvees cuspidate. Corol three-valved; adventitious valve two-toothed. Seed oval, smooth, five-streaked.

Sans. Vreehib-heda, Unoo. Hind. and Beng. Cheena,

Teling. Worga; Worglo, the grain.

This is another of the cultivated cerealia; the same soil suits it as is proper for the last described species. Time of culture immediately after the rains.

Culms many from the same seed, erect, ramous, very hairy; from two to four feet high.

Leaves large, with long sheaths, which involve most part of the culms, every part covered with much white hair. Paniele as in the former, only here and there a few hairy. Calyx all the three glumes are much pointed. Corol the neuter valve is here emarginate. Nectary two, triangular, emarginate bodies embrace the germ laterally. Seed oval, mouth brownish, with smooth, coloured streaks lengthways, as in the last.

48. P. tenue. R.

Culms erect, ramous; from one to six feet high. Panicle thin, flowers paired on a common hairy pedicel, with unequal partial pedicels. Corol three-valved. Seed ovate, transversely waved.

This is a wild species, which grows amongst the Circar mountains.

Culms erect, sometimes resting on the ground, and striking root there, ramous, smooth, from one to six feet high. Leaves large; upper-side hairy; edges armed with very sharp points. Sheaths shorter than the joints, bairy, with their mouths bearded. Panicle erect, till the
 seeds are ripe, then, as in the cultivated sorts last described, bowing from the weight of the grain, it is composed of alternate, compound, nearly secund racemes. Rachis; common from four to five-sided; partial three-sided, winding, and hairy. Calyx, glumes many nerved, otherwise smooth. Corol, the neuter valve is here present, and in luxuriant plants, the stamens also. Seed oval, transversely wrinkled, which distinguishes it from all the other panicled species.

49. P. plicatum. R.

Erect, herbaceous, harsh with stiff hairs. Leaves lanceolate, plicate. Paniele lanceolate, ramifications compound, flowers paired, polygamous.

Introduced into the Botanic garden, from the Island of Sumatra. Flowering time the

beginning of the cold season.

Root perennial. Culms erect, or ascending, below as thick as a goose-quill, and then somewhat compressed; every part filled with pith. Leaves sub-bifarious, expanding, lanceo-late, plicate, a little hairy; from six to twelve inches long, and from one to two broad. Sheaths about the length of the joints of the culms, armed with sharp, rigid hairs; mouth ciliate.

Panicle oblong, lax; lower ramifications rather remote, above approximate, and composed of Page unilateral short spikelets. Flowers solitary, paired, or threefold, when more than one they are on pedicels of unequal lengths; sometimes there is a single coloured bristle from the pedicels of the exterior flowers. Calyx three-valved, two-flowered, one of the flowers male, with a corol of one membranaceous glume; the other hermaphrodite, and having the usual two-valved corol. Seed oblong, rugose on the convex side.

Obs. It is of too coarse a nature for cattle, but its foliage make it ornamental in the

shrubbery, or flower-border.

50. P. nervosum. R. Erect, from three to four feet high. Leaves lanceolate, plaited. Sheaths longer than the joints, with the mouths bearded. Panicle very thin, composed of long, simple, filiform, remote branches. Flowers generally single, with a neuter valve to the corol.

From Nepal Dr. Buchanan sent the seed to the Botanic garden, where the plants blos-

somed in October, just one year from the time the seed was sown.

Root perennial. Culms erect, slender, completely invested in the sheaths of the leaves, except from six to twelve inches below the paniele; height three or four feet. Leaves lanceolate, plaited, a little hairy, particularly near the base, from six to twelve inches long, and one and a half broad. Sheaths longer than the joints, a little hairy; mouths bearded. Panicle svery thin, and composed of long, simple, filiform, drooping branches. Spikelets remote near the base, secund, bearing a few alternate, generally single flowers. Calyx three-valved, smooth, from three to seven-nerved. Corol, with a third neuter valve, but no stamens.

Obs. In foliage this agrees very exactly with my Panicum plicatum, but differs widely

in the paniele.

51. P. costatum. R

Culms creeping. Leaves lanceolate, plaited, very hairy, as also their sheaths, which are shorter than the joints. Panicle composed of short expanding, secund, spiked-racemes. Flowers polygamous.

Introduced into the Botanic garden from the Mauritius, by Captain Tennant, in 1802.

Culms creeping, throwing out numerous strong roots from the joints; from three to six sfeet long. Leaves lanceolate, plaited, hairy; about six inches long, by one broad. Sheaths shorter than the joints, very hairy. Panicle oblong, smooth, composed of somewhat compound, secund, spiked-racemes, with here and there an arista-like coloured bristle. Calgar threewalved, smooth, from three to five-nerved. Coral three-valved, two-flowered; the exterior fidoret one-valved and male. Seed transversely rugose.

Obs. In the foliage this is perfectly like my P. nervosum and plicatum.

52. P. montanum. R.

Culms erect, smooth, from three to four feet high. Leaves lanceolate, unequally divided by the nerve. Paniels oblong; ramifications capillary, straight. Corol two-valved. Seed mooth, oval, three-nerved on the back.

A native of the Circar mountains.

Root fibrous, from a ligneous perennial head. Culms erect, smooth, of a firm woody texture, as thick as a crow's quill, and three to four feet high. Leaves lanceolate, large, beautifully atriated lengthways, somewhat hairy, lower margins next the mouths of the sheath ciliate; the nerve divides the leaf unequally, which is an uncommon circumstance in grasses. Panicle inear, oblong, from twelve to eighteen inches long, composed of straight, sub-crect, capillary namifications. Flowers small, oval, remote. Calyx as in the genus. Corol as in the family; this is one of the few instances of the want of a male or neuter floret. Seed smooth, brown, with hree stripes.

PHLEUM. Schreb. gen. N. 128.

Calgar two-valved, sessile, linear, truncated, with a bicuspid tip. Corol inclosed.

Grows in tufts. Culms ascending. Panicle linear, crowded with innumerable soft, bearded camifications; both glumes of the calyx awned and ciliate, and the large glume of the corol owned.

A native of Nepal, and of the northern part of India.

From the former country it was introduced into the Botanic garden by Dr. Buchanan;

and from the latter by Col. Hardwicke.

Culms numerous from a single root, ascending, length from six to twelve inches, round, anoth, and involved in the sheaths of the leaves, which are longer than its joints. Leaves usiform, from three to six inches long, smooth. Panicle linear, oblong, dense, exceedingly soft om the immense number of most delicate, pale-coloured awns. Flowers minute and num is. Calyx; glame one-flowered, two-valved; valves nearly equal, with a most delicate, long, oft arista from the apex; hairy, chiefly on the back, and membranaceous ciliate margins. corol two-valved; valves obtuse, much shorter than the calyx, as in general a very minute wn issues from the apex of the larger valve. Seed smooth, oblong, but obtuse.

Obs. In the cold season of 1802-3, I reared the same grass from seed sent from England

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MILIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 10.

Calyx, glume one-flowered, two-valved. Corol two-valved, less than the calyx. 1. M. filiforme. R.

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Creeping smooth. Leaves short, with a stipulary process at the mouth of the sheath. Racemes two or three, terminal, erect. Flowers alternate, solitary, awnless.

Hind. Kanka juriya.

Grows on pasture ground, is a small, delicate species, has much the appearance of Agrostis linearis.

Culms creeping, except a small flower-bearing portion, which is erect, round, smooth; and from six to twelve inches high. Leaves small, smooth; mouths of the sheaths stipuled. Racemes two or three, terminal, sessile, erect, secund. Rachis membranaceous, a little waved. Flowers single, alternate, imbricated in two rows, awnless. Calyx, glumes nearly equal, membranaceous, a little hairy. Corol, valves rigid, smooth.

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2. M. sanguinale. R.

Culms sub-erect, smooth. Racemes sub-digitate; flowers three-fold, on unequal pedicels. Panicum singuinale. Burm. Flor. Ind. t. 10. f. t.

Beng. Chiri-chira.

A native of pasture ground.

Culms sometimes creeping near the base, the rest erect, smooth, and about a foot and a half high. Leaves long, narrow, smooth in every part. Panicle racemed, sub-erect. Racemes from four to eight, secund, erect, rachis three-sided. Flowers generally in threes, though sometimes in pairs or in fours, all have pedicels of unequal length. Calyx and corol as in the last species.

3. M. ramosum, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 361.

Smooth; culms sub-erect, from two to four feet high. Panicle six or eight, remote, with somewhat ramous branches. Flowers paired on common pedicels. Calyces pointed, and very Found growing in large tufts, on moist, rich pasture ground.

Root creeping. Culms from one to four feet long, spreading near the base, and striking root at the joints that rest on the ground. Leaves smooth. Panicle oval, very thin, composed of a few, from tour to eight-compound, spreading, secund, racemes. Rackis of the racemes three-sided. Flowers below, on a common pedicel, besides which each has its proper pedicel, but of unequal length; above single. Calyx, valves equal, pointed, and very hairy. Corol, the exterior valve ends in an awled point.

AGROSTIS, Schreb. gen. N. 111.

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Calyx, glume one-flowered, two-valved. Corol two-valved, larger than the calyx.

 A. coromandeliana. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 374. Retz. Obs. iv. N. 52.

Culms from four to eight inches high. Panicle verticelled ; ramification simple, secund ; inner valve of the calyx as long as the corol; exterior valve minute. Seed naked, obovate, rugose

Teling. Yellika-tungoo-gadi. A native of pasture ground.

Culms spreading near the base, then ascending, from four to eight inches long, mostly involved in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves rather broad, waved and slightly ciliated; mouths of the sheath bearded. Panicle oblong; large for the size of the grass, composed of expanding, simple, verticelled, secund racemes. Flowers awuless, generally in pairs, unequally pedicelled. Calyx, exterior valve small, like that of the accessary valve in Panicum. Inner as large as the corol, and gaping with it when the seed ripens. Seed, it drops uncovered by the corol, leaving it and the calyx in their places; it is of an oblique oval form, brown, and transversely

2. A. tenacissima. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 374.

Smooth, creeping. Leaves minute. Panicle filiform; exterior valvelet of the calyx shorter than the corol.

Teling. Toema-gerika.

A small, rigid species; growing on old, poor, stiff, pasture ground, where it forms exten-

sive plants of tenacions turf.

Culms ramous, creeping to a great extent, with from four to eight inches high of their flower-bearing extremities, erect, smooth, filiform, and very firm. Leaves very small, and smooth. Paniele erect, linear; ramifications and flowers adpressed, from one to two inches long. Calyx, exterior valve smaller than the interior. Corol as large and long as the inner valvelet of the calyx.

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3. A. Matrella, Linn, sp. pl. ed, Willd, i. 366.

Creeping. Leaves pungent. Spikes terminal, solitary, few-flowered.

A native of the barren sandy lands, near the sea on the coast of Coromandel.

4. A. diandra, Linn, sp. pt. ed. Willd. i. 371. Retz. Obs. v N. 37.

Smooth. Culms erect, from one to three feet high. Panicle linear, branchlets short. expanding; flowers paired, diandrous. Calyx scarcely half the length of the corol. Seed naked, obovate, rugose.

Beng. Bena-joni.

A native of moist pasture ground, in the vicinity of Calcutta.

Culms nearly erect, from one to three feet high, almost covered with the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves narrow, tapering to a fine point, smooth; mouths of the sheaths slightly bearded. Panicle linear-oblong, bowing a little, often a foot long, composed of expanding, alternate, compound, seemingly simple racemes. Flowers in pairs on a common peduncle, but unequally pedicelled. Calyx, valves equal, scarcely half the length of the corol, smooth, Page membranaceous. Stamens two. Seed narrow-obcordate, dropping from the calyx and corol, brown, obtusely rugose.

5. A. maxima, R.

Culms erect, from four to twelve feet high. Paniele ovate, expanding. Calyces minute, exterior valvelets of the corol fringed with long hairs. Stamens two.

This is the largest species I know; it is a native of hedges, &c. amongst the mountains. Root ligneous, perennial. Culms erect, from four to twelve feet high, often as thick as the little finger, round, and smooth, inside replete with a fibrous spongy substance. Leaves smooth, from one to two feet long; and from one to two inches broad at the base, tapering from thence to a fine point. Panicles erect, oval, or oblong, from one to two feet long, composed of alternate, ramous, filiform, expanding or bowing branches. Calyx, valves equal, four times shorter than the corol. Corol, exterior valve fringed round the margins, with

long, soft, white hairs. Stamens two.

Obs. The leaves of this plant are much more like those employed by the Chinese to

pack up various articles with, than any other I have yet seen.

HOLCUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1565.

Polygamous. Calyx, glume two-valved, one to three-flowered. Corol, glume two-valved, the hermaphrodite awned. Stamina three. Styles two.

1. H. nercosus. R.

Erect, hairy. Panicle oblong. Glumes three, and five-nerved, cuspidate, two-flowered. Flowers both sessile, one hermaphrodite and awned; the other male and awnless.

A native of Coromandel.

Culms erect, ramous; long, wiry roots issuing from the lower joints. Leaves and their sheaths papillose, hairy. Panicles oblong, smooth. Ramifications alternate, simple. Flowers paired; one sessile, the other pedicelled. Calyces two-flowered, three to five-nerved, smooth, straight, cuspidate, longer than the flowers. Corol in both two-valved, the exterior floret male, large, and awnless, the inner minute, hermaphrodite, and awned. Stamens three. Styles two, in the hermaphrodite.
2. H. ciliatus. R.

Erect, hairy, panicle linear, hirsute. Glumes papillose, ciliate, two-flowered, both flowers sessile, one hermaphrodite and awned, the other male and awnless.

A native of Coromandel.

Whole plant about a foot high, erect. The culms with bearded joints. Leaves rather large, hirsutely papillose, as are also their sheaths. Panicles linear, shaggy with the numerous hairs of the calyces. Calyx two-valved, two-flowered; valves nearly equal, considerably longer than the flower, backs covered with little warts, from each of which arises a very conspicuous hair; apices cuspidate, and recurvate. Corol two-valved in both. Exterior floret rather larger, male or male hermaphrodite, and awnless; inner hermaphrodite and awned. Stamina three. Styles two in the hermaphrodite, in the male hermaphrodite the rudiments of two, but no germ.

ISCHÆMUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1569.

Polygamons. Calyx two-valved, two-flowered. Corols two-valved.

1. I. aristatum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 939.

Annual. Leaves sword-shaped, ciliate and hairy, with coloured margins. Spikes paired, secund. All the calvees two-flowered; values stricted; exterior of the sessile flower with a bifid membranaceous border round the anterior margin; an awned hermaphrodite floret in

A native of newly formed pasture land, in various parts of India, appearing about the

close of the rains. It is a scarce grass, and does not appear to be fit for cattle.

Culms at the base resting on the ground and there rooting, ramous; erect portions from one to two feet long, slender, with woolly joints. Leaves length of the spikes, ensiform, broadest at the base and there cordate, hairy, ciliate, with hispid, coloured margins. Spikes two, terminal, secund, from one to two inches long. Rachis flexuose, jointed, three-sided, with the angles very hairy. Flowers in pairs, one sessile, the other pedicelled. Pedicel three-sided, and ciliate. Calyx of the sessile flowers two-valved, two-flowered; one floret hermaphrodite, the other male. Exterior valves striated, with its anterior margins and apex males and with a least should be solved with the sessile flowers. enlarged with a broad, membranaceous, bifid border; inner valve boat-shaped, keeled, ciliate, and sub-aristate, one floret male, the other hermaphrodite. Corol, glumes of each floret two-valved; the exterior one of the hermaphrodite floret bifid. with a long arista in the fork. Calyx of the pedicelled flower two-valved, two-flowered; valvelets equal, boat-shaped, keeled, ciliate, and sub-aristate; one floret male, the other hermaphrodite. Corol, as in the sessile flowers, and also awned in the same manner.

Obs. I am not certain that this is the original L. aristatum of Linnaus and Retzius.

I. rugosum, Lina. sp. pt. ed. Willd. iv. 940.
 Erect, ramous. Leaves lanceolate; spikes paired, both flowers awned; calyces oblique,

obtuse, hard, and transversely rugose.

Is generally found growing among rice, and is so much like it, the inflorescence excepted, that they are not, till in flower, to be distinguished. Leaves large, smooth; months of

Page the sheaths crowned with a long, two-parted ligula. Spikes terminal, and from the exterior Carey axills paired, erect, from two to three inches long. Rachis jointed. Flowers in pairs; one sessile, the other on a short, thick, angular, clubbed pedicel.

Sessile Flower. Calyx two-valved; valvelets in size nearly equal, the exterior one rugose, and very hard; one of the florets hermaphrodite, the other male, each with two membranaceous valves; the inner valve of the hermaphrodite flower has a long twisted awn issuing from the middle of its back.

PEDICELLED FLOWER smaller. Calyx as in the other, but containing two male flowers, one of which is also awned.

3. I. semisagittatum. R.

Annual. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, semisagittate. Spikes paired, secund, all the calvees twoflowered, exterior valvelets transversely rugose; hermaphrodite floret of the sessile flower 321

A native of newly formed pasture land in Bengal. It is a rare grass, appearing about the close of the rains.

Culms ramous, resting on the ground near the base, and there striking root at the joints, the sub-erect portion from twelve to eighteen inches, very delicate, firm, and smooth. Leaves short, broad-ensiform, or rather ovate-lanceolate, with a cordate base, and one of the lobes generally projecting considerably beyond the culm; margins slightly hispid, length one and a half or two inches. Spikes two, terminal, sub-secund, an inch and a half long. Rachis jointed, scarcely flexuose, three-sided; angles hairy. Flowers in pairs, one sessile, the other subsessile, both with their base bearded. Calyces of both flowers almost alike, two-flowered, twovalved; exterior valvelets obliquely-lanceolate and rather obtuse, the lower gibbous half transversely rugose, as in I. rugosum, upper portions striated lengthways; margins of the lower rugose portion notched; of the upper striated part ciliate; inner boat-shaped in both, one floret is male, the other hermaphrodite. Corol; glumes of each floret two-valved; the exterior valvelet of the hermaphrodite floret bifid, with a long arista in the fork.

Obs. It ought to be compared with I. barbatum.

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 I. conjugatum. R.
 Partly creeping. Leaves short, acute, with broad cordate base. Spikes conjugate, seemingly united. Flowers paired, with the exterior valves of both calyces even, and very woolly; the sessile one hermaphrodite, awned.

A native of pasture land in the vicinity of Calcutta, appearing in the cool season.

Culms very ramous, creeping near the base, filiform, smooth, length from six to eighteen inches, generally purplish. Leaves with broad cordate base, from thence tapering to a fine point, sheaths smooth. Spikes conjugate on a slender, clavate, purple peduncle; united at the base, at all times continuing close as if one. Rachis very hairy, and jointed. Flowers from four to eight pairs on each spike, one sessile, the other sub-sessile. Calyces nearly alike, twovalved, two-flowered; the exterior valves even, acute, and uncommonly woolly on the back; the inner boat-shaped, acute, and smooth. In each, one of the florets is hermaphrodite, the other male. Corols all two-valved, hyaline; the inner valve of the hermaphrodite floret in the sessile flower bifid and awned. Stamina three. Styles two,

I. geniculatum. R.

Stems geniculate, creeping, smooth. Leaves ensiform. Spikes conjugate, apparently only Calyces two-flowered, smooth, and crested; with the hermaphrodite flowers awned.

A small species, a native of Bengal. Flowering time the cool season.

Culms polished, from one to two feet long, very ramous, diffuse, geniculate; joints large, emitting smooth, very brown roots. Leaves small, ensiform, smooth; sheath smooth, and shorter than the polished joints of the culm. Spikes terminal, conjugate, generally so close as to seem only one, smooth, about an inch long. Rachis jointed, flexuose; angles sharp, and sometimes hairy. Flowers paired, one sessile, one peduncled. Calyees, both two-flowered; one hermaphrodite and awned, the other male and awnless. Exterior valves of the sessile flower enlarged with two, hard, serrulate crests, one on each side of the apex; inner mucronate, with a similar crest on the back, under the apex; of the pedicelled flower both are boat-shaped, mucronate, or sub-aristate, and the exterior one crested on the back under the apex; all are smooth and marked with green, longitudinal veins. Corols two-valved; the exterior valve of the bermaphrodite flowers bifid and awned.

6. I. tenellum. R.

Creeping near the base. Leaves linear. Spikes paired. Exterior valve of the sessile flower truncate, the rest cuspidate, hermaphrodite flower alone awned.

A weak straggling species.

Culms weak, creeping and ramous towards the base; towards the heads erect; the thickness of a pigeon's quill; joints bearded. Leaves a little hairy near the base, mouths of the sheaths ligulate, and hairy. Spikes paired, &c. as in the last species. Flowers paired, &c. Calyx of the sessile flowers two-valved, two-flowered; exterior valve retuse and bordered; inner valve ending in an awled point. Flowers two, one hermaphrodite with a two-valved corol, the exterior of which ends in an arista, the other is male with an awnless two-valved corol. Calyx, of the pedicelled flowers both valves alike, and ending in an awled point; it contains a single flower, which is sometimes hermaphrodite, and sometimes male, with the rudinent only of the second flower.

7. I. repens. R. Creeping. Leares short and acute. Spikes paired. Flowers all polygamous and awnless; glumes of the calvees smooth and cuspidate. Rachis smooth,

A native of Pulo Pinang.

Culms creeping, flexuose, smooth, from one to two feet long. Leaves bifarious, sword-shaped, short, rigid. Sheaths as long as the joints, a little hairy, with a stipulary process at the mouth. Spikes terminal, paired, uniting a little above what seems to be their base. Rachis jointed, three-sided, smooth. Flowers about six pair, one of each pair sessile, the other peduncled, both the pedicelled and sessile one consisting of a two-flowered, two-valved, rigid, neute, smooth calyx. Flowers polygamous, one hermaphrodite, the other male, both awnless, each floret having a corol of two acute valves.

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8. I. cuspidatum. R.

Floating on sweet water with a portion of the tops of the plant emerging. Leaves linear, smooth. Spikes three-fold. Exterior valve of the calvees with a long, waved, ensiform point; all the corollets two-valved, and awnless.

A native of Bengal, where it is found floating on pools of sweet water, and blossoming

about the close of the rains in October,

Culms appear to be percunial, a fathom or two long, jointed, as thick as the little finger, floating. Leaves linear, acute, from one to two feet long, margins backwardly hispid, in other respects smooth. Spikes terminal, three in the only plant that has yet blossomed in this garden, each about six or eight inches long, a little compressed; when the flowers expand about noon they appear like Chevaux de frise, at other times they appear smooth. Flowers in pairs, one sessile, containing one hermaphrodite, and one male floret, the other pedicelled and neuter, or with two male florets. Calyx two-valved; exterior valve rigid, with hispid margins and long, flat, waved, hispid-margined, ensiform points; inner valve boat-shaped with a flat hispid keel. Corols of each floret two-valved.

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Polygamous. Involuces one-valved, two-flowered, one sessile, the other pedicelled with a pedicelled neuter radiment. Calyces two-flowered, the sessile one polygamous, the pediceiled one the same, or with male only. Corols two-valved.

1. A. aristata. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 938.

Perennial, creeping, or scandent. Leaves lanceolate. Hermaphrodite flower awned.

Beng, Goroma.

Teling. Pootstrangali.

Is commonly found in hedges, under the shade of trees and such like places.

Culms erceping, or climbing, as thick as a crow's quill, jointed, coloured, the lower part naked, inwardly spongy; from the joints spring erect, ramous, flower-bearing branches of from one to seven feet high. Leaves very elegant, somewhat bifarious, sheathing, petioled, linearlanceolate, backwardly hispid ; from six to eighteen inches long ; sheaths smooth, mouths shortstipuled. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills, or, the whole may be considered, as one linear leafy panicle. Bractes three-flowered, boat-shaped, with an awned point. Flowers, one of the three sessile, or rather sitting on a globular receptacle, consisting of a common, twoflowered calyx, one of which is sessile, awned, and hermaphrodite; the other sessile, male and awnless; just without the calyx on each side, there is a bent, compressed pedicel, one of these supports a common calyx, with two male, two-valved, awnless flowers, the other only the rudiments of one or more florets.

2. A. geniculata, R.

Perennial, creeping, or scandent, intricately geniculate. Leaves lanceolar. In each calyx one heramphrodite, and one male flower, all awnless.

Found on the banks of the Ganges in flower during the latter part of the rains and the

Culms erecoing, or climbing amongst bushes, reeds, &c. to an extent of many feet, smooth, and slender, bent at angles about a span distance at the swelled joints, emitting numerous wiry roots, filled with spongy pith, the thickest about the size of a crow's quill. Leaves linear lanceolate, and smooth, but much smaller than in A. aristata. Sheaths shorter than the joints. Ligula lacerate. Panicles terminal, composed of numerous slender branchlets of distinct fascicles of flowers, each fascicle containing many short-pedicelled, three-flowered, boat-shaped, cuspidate, smooth, bractes or involucres. Flowers one of the three sessile, containing one hermaphrodite, and one male floret; the other two clevated or broad sulcate; proper pedicels, one minute and abortive, the other polygamous as in the sessile flower. Calyers of both the sessile and pedicelled flowers two-valved, two-flowered, Corol in all of them two-valved; valves unequal, exterior one thin and transparent,

Obs. The accurate Gærtner, Carp. vol. ii. p. 466. t. 175, gives to the sessile flower of A. mutica, one hermaphrodite, and one female floret, and to the pedicelled one two male ones,

consequently this must be different, and a second awnless species.

AIRA. Schreb. gen. N. 112.

Calyx two-valved, two-flowered, without the rudiment of a third.

A. filiformin. Kon. Man.

Smooth, erect, one foot high. Leaves ensiform. Panicles oblong, compound, of simple, linear, secund racemes.

A native of pasture ground,

Culms erect, mostly naked, round, smooth, about a foot high. Leaves small, smooth; mouths of the sheaths enlarged by a membranaceous, torn process. Pasiele erect, thin, oblong,

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age composed of alternate, simple, one-ranked, filiform, expanding racemes. Flowers in two rows. Calyx two-flowered, large.

MELICA. Schreb. gen. N. 113.

Calyx two-valved, two-flowered, with the rudiment of a third.

M. digitata, R.

Culms from four to five feet high. Spikes terminal, expanding, mostly five-fold. Calyx one-flowered; outer valvelets of the corol and rudiment awned.

A large beautiful species, and native of hedges, thickets, &c.

Culms near the base procumbent, but when supported by bushes erect and often from four to five feet high. Leaves upperside somewhat hairy; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes four to five, digitate, secund, spreading, filiform, from six to nine inches long, hairy at the base. Rachis three-sided. Flowers in two rows, sessile, awned. Calyx one-flowered; glumes unequal, the interior being three or four times longer than the exterior, and short-awned. Corol, valves unequal, the largest has a long awn issuing just below its apex on the outside. Corpuscle, or neuter floret pedicelled, and awned.

2. M. refracta. R.

Perennial, ascending. Leaves lanceolate. Panicle ovate, with the ramifications refract-Petals bearded, with stiff refracted bristles.

A native of the Moluccas, and from thence introduced amongst other plants, into the

Botanic garden, where it blossoms during the cold season.

Root perennial. Culms ascending, from one to three feet long, round and smooth. Leaves lanceolate, smooth; sheaths smooth, scarcely bearded at the mouths. Panicle terminal, ovate; ramifications somewhat compound, and refracted like the drooping branches of some species of Pinus. Calyx smooth, two-valved, two-flowered, with an abortive third, or the rudiment of one. Corol, exterior glumes, chiefly of the second flower, bearded with refracted, sharp, stiff bristles which fix to every thing that touches them.

3. M. diandra. R.

Smooth. Culms from two to four feet high. Leaves lanceolate. Panicle of long, simple, expanding racemes; flowers awnless, diandrous.

Poa malabarica, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 394.

A native of mountains on the Coromandel coast.

Culms ascending, from two to four feet high, firm, smooth, about as thick as a fine quill. Leaves bifarious, lanceolate, striated, smooth; margins waved, unequally divided by the nerves, about an inch and a half broad, and six inches long; mouth of the sheaths projecting above in a membranaceous process. Panicles large, thin, oblong, bowing a little, composed of sub-alternate, simple, spreading racemes. Flowers awnless. Calyx two-flowered, with the characteristic corpusele, which is also here pedicelled, but awnless. Corol, exterior valve of the inner one has its margins and keel ciliate. Stamens two.

4. M. latifolia, R.

Perennial; culms erect, simple, from four to eight feet high. Leaves lanceolate. Panicles large and open, with alternate, compound drooping branches.

A native of the Garrow hills, from thence it was brought to the Botanic garden, by Mr.

Robert Kyd, where it blossoms in March, at which period and indeed at all times it is one of

the most elegant plants in the whole order.

Stems very numerous from the same root, erect, straight, and always without branches, more or less invested in the sheaths of the leaves; very smooth, texture remarkably hard, and filled with firm pith, generally about as thick as a goose-quill, and when in flower from six to eight feet high. Leaves sessile on their sheaths, lanceolate, smooth; from six to twenty inches long, and from one to four broad. They are much like the leaves employed by the Chinese to put between the boxes and lead canisters in which their teas are packed. Seed ventricose-oval, smooth, both ends rather pointed.

CHLORIS.

Polygamous. Calyx two-valved, from two to six-flowered; hermaphrodite flowers sessile; male, or neuter ones pedicelled. Corol of the hermaphrodite flower two-valved; of the male, 329 or neuter one-valved, all of them awned.

1. C. tenella, R.

Spikes solitary; spikelets with three or four hermaphrodite awned florets, and a neuter rudiment.

A native of the Peninsula of India.

Culms delicate, erect, smooth, about a foot high. Leaves rather large in proportion to the rest of the plant, smooth, and soft. Spikes solitary, secund, scarcely two inches long. Spikelets alternate, and alternately pointing two ways. Flowers of the spikelets, or to each calyx, three, four, or five, all hermaphrodite, (at least in the rather imperfect state in which I have found this rare species) except the innermost one which is a one-valved corpuscle or rudiment, as in Melica. Calyx from three to five-flowered, two-valved; valvelets unequal, broad lanceolate, smooth, acute, permanent. Corol of the hermaphrodite two-valved; exterior valvelets obcordate, cucullate, awned; margins smooth, but with three hairy nerves on the back and sides; interior oblong, with edges ciliate and always awuless.

2. C. montana. R.

Spikes digitate, secund, united at the base; hermaphrodite flower ciliate, and awned; Page

neuter of three awnless valves.

This is a native of mountainous tracts only. It differs from C. barbata only in the following respects. 1st. The spikes are in number from four to six, and united into a common flower-bearing rachis near the base. 2d. The neuter floret has a third awned valve and the awns are all straw-coloured.

3. C. barbata, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 926.

Spikes digitate, secund; hermaphrodite corol ciliate, and awned, neuter of two awned valves.

Andropogon barbatum. Linn. Mant. 302, 588. Konda-pulla. Rheed. Mal. 12. p. 95. t. 51.

Grows in large tufts on pasture ground, &c. very common every where.

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Culms, below creeping, and ramous, the joints perfectly smooth. Leaves near the base bifarious; margins near the base and mouths of the sheaths ciliate. Spikes terminal, from six to twelve, sessile, secund, expanding, from one to two inches long. Rachis striated, not hairy, nor jointed. Flowers pedicelled, alternate, in two rows on the outside of the spikes. Calyx two-flowered, two-valved, membranaceous and awnless. The lower flower is sessile and hermaphrodite, its corol consists of two unequal ciliate valves, the base of which is surrounded with hairs, the exterior one ending in a long, coloured awn. The other floret I have always found neuter; it stands on a short pedicel and consists of two obcordate, awned valvelets; awn and margin of the valvelets coloured.

Obs. Cattle eat it till in flower ; after which I never saw any animal touch it.

4. C. polystachya. R.

Spikes from ten to twenty, fascicled. Exterior glume of the hermaphrodite flower with ciliate margins; neuter florets two, with single smooth valves.

A native of the Peninsula of India.

Culms below procumbent for a little way, then erect, and about two feet high. Leaves as in other grasses, and smooth. Spikes about sixteen, in a terminal, sub-fastigiate umbelliform fascicle, secund with the alternate spikelets, or flowers pointing to opposite sides, from two to three inches long. Colyx of two, unequal, lanceolate, boat-shaped, smooth, permanent awnless valves, which contain one two-valved, hermaphrodite, awned flower; and two peduneled, one-valved, awned, neuter florets. The exterior valvelet of the hermaphrodite flower has its margins ciliate.

POMMEREULLA. Schreb. gen. N. 97.

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Calyx, glumes two-valved, from three to four-flowered; valcelets four-cleft, awned on the

P. Corucopiae. Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 314. Vahl. en. pl. ii. 393. R. Corom. pl. ii. N. 131.

A very singular, small, rare grass; growing under bushes on dry uncultivated ground.

Root, culms, and leaves, as described by König, but mine has the spike compound and secund, the rest as he says, alba base abvolluta folia sub-spatheformi. Spiculis distichus, each having an involucre of two, lanceolate, acute, membranaceous valves. Within these two valves, is a short, clubbed, downy pedicel supporting the partial spikelets of four flowers, with their common calyx, it is joined to the involuere by an articulation and drops off most readily, particularly when dry, leaving the involucre attached to the rachis. Calyx, corol, and stamens, are as König describes them; but the germ is obcordate, and there are always two styles with feathery recurved stigmas. Seed as he describes it.

POA. Schreb. gen. N. 114.

Calyx two-valved, containing many flowers of two unequal valvelets disposed alternately on distichous spikelets.

 P. bifaria, Vahl, symbol, ii. 19. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 401.
 Smooth. Culms straight, from one to two feet high. Spikes terminal, straight, secund. Spikelets sessile, alternate, bifarious, the inferior from four to six-flowered, above manyflowered.

Teling. Wooda-tallum.

I believe König called it Poa malabarica.

Grows on mountains and other dry situations.

Culms straight, simple, from twelve to twenty-four inches high, a little compressed, smooth. Leaves small, smooth. Spikes straight, secund, from four to eight inches long. Spikelets alternate, sessile, lanceolate, in two spreading rows, though issuing from one side of

the common rachis. Calyx below, from four to six-flowered; above many-flowered.

2. P. chinensis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 395.

Smooth, from two to four feet high. Panicle of many alternate, simple, expanding, secund ramifications. Spikelets alternate, short-pedicelled, from four to six-flowered.

Beng. Bura-pini-nuti.

A large, beautiful species, growing on the borders of water courses, and places where there is much moisture.

Culms ramons, creeping near the base, above expanding, from two to four feet high, every part smooth, and a little compressed. Leaves as in other grasses, smooth; moeths of the sheaths bearded. Paniele large, oval, composed of long, alternate, filiform, simple, ex-

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3. P. procera. R.

Smooth, erect, from three to five feet high. Ligula large; ramifications of the panicle simple ; spikelets pedicelled, rather remote, linear, many-flowered.

Teling. Rewa.

Delights in a moist rich soil.

Culms nearly erect, branchy, from three to five feet high, round, smooth, much covered by the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves long, slender and smooth. Sheaths longer than the joints, with their mouths crowned with a long ragged membranaceous process. Panicle large, from nine to eighteen inches long, oblong, bowing a little, composed of numerous, long, fili-333 form, expanding racemes, scattered round the common rachis; which is filiform, waved, threesided, and hispid. Spikelets alternate, pedicelled, linear, remote, many-flowered.

4. P. cynosuroides. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 393.
Smooth, straight, from one to three feet high. Leaves long and acute. Panicle straight, sub-cylindrical; ramifications horizontal; spikelets depending, from six to twelve-flowered. Uniola bipinnata. Linn. sp. pl. 104.

Sans. Koosha, Kootha, Durbha, Puvitrung.

Cusa or Cusha. Asiat. Res. iii. 255. and 490. and iv. 249.

Beng. Koosha.

Teling. Durbha, Dubha, or Durpa.

A strong coarse species, a native of dry barren ground.

Root ereeping, perennial. Culms straight, rigid, round, smooth, from one to three feet high. Leaves numerous, very long, chiefly about the base of the culms, rigid margins hisoid. Paniele erect, linear-oblong, often tending to a conical form, composed of many somewhat three-fold, verticelled, horizontal, short, rigid, secund ramifications. Spikelets many-flowered, depending, in two rows, from the under side of the ramifications. Corol, valves pointed, the inner one rather the largest.

Obs. It is employed by the brahmsuns in their religious ceremonies. Cattle do not eat it. Can this be Gramen capillaceum? &c. Pluck. Alm. p. 176. t. 34. Fig. 2. Cusa, or Cusha, the Sanscrit name of this much venerated grass, was given to it at a very early period. by the Hindoo Philosophers, and believed, by Sir William Jones, to have been consecrated to the memory of Cush, one of the sons of Ram. See Asiatic Researches, vol. iii. p. 490. If so, we have here a very ancient precedent for the present very convenient practice of giving

such arbitrary names to plants, and to their families

 P. ciliaris. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 402.
 Smooth, sub-erect, from one to two feet high. Panicle contracted, linear, with the lower ramifications remote. Spikelets from six to twelve-flowered; inner valvelets of the corol

Delights in the same soil and situation with the last described species.

Culms near the base procumbent, above erect for one or two feet. Leaves as in the last. Paniele linear, from three to six inches long, the ramifications short, those of the lower part stand at some small distance, their insertions are not hairy. Calyx from six to twelve-flowered, not ciliate. Corol, only the inner valve ciliate. Seed as in the last,

6. P. cylindrica. R.

Erect, slender, from twelve to eighteen inches high. Leaves slender. Panicle cylin-Spikelets from six to dric, crowded with short, adpressed, ramous, alternate branches. twelve-flowered. Flowers diandrous, inner valve of the corol ciliate.

From Canton in China the seed was received into the Botanic garden, where the plants grow freely and blossom during the rains and the cool season.

7. P. ciliata. R.

Smooth, sub-erect, from one to two feet high. Paniele columnar; spikelets from six to twelve-flowered; margins of all the valvelets of the calyces and corols ciliate. Seed globular.

Is generally found on a poor dry soil.

Root perennial. Culms erect, rigid, smooth; from one to three feet high. Leaves smooth; mouth of the sheaths downy. Paniele columnar, from two to four inches long, branches thereof crowded, insertions hairy; spikelets from six to twelve-flowered. Calyx, margins ciliate. Corol, the margins of both valves much ciliate, the exterior one has three nerves and is pointed, the inner one two-nerved. Seed obovate, smooth, brown, dropping from the corol when ripe.

8. P. interrupta. Kön. Mss.

Erect, smooth, from one to three feet high; ramifications of the linear panicle short, and collected into remote fascicles. Spikelets from six to twelve-flowered. Seed obcordate.

Teling, Nakurnaral. Grows about at the borders of rice fields.

Culms generally erect, from one and a half to three feet high, round, smooth. narrow, long, sharp, and smooth. Panicles erect, from six to twelve inches long, linear; ramifications sessile, nearly erect, remote, particularly those of the lower part, where they are often twice their length asunder; one, two, or more from the same point, which makes it appear verticelled. Spikelets minute, pedicelled, from six to twelve-flowered. Corol, valves smooth. Seed as in the last two species.
9. P. nutans. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 395. Retz. Obs. iv. 19.

Erect, smooth, from three to five feet high, panieles contracted; ramifications adpressed,

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fascicled, and approximated. Spikelets from eight to fourteen-flowered. Seed oblong.

Teling. Urenka. Delights in a rich, moist soil, such as the banks of water-courses, borders of rice

fields, &c. Culms erect, from three to five feet high, generally simple, round, smooth. Leaves narrow, long, sharp, and smooth. Paniele linear, from one to two feet long; ramifications filiform, peduncled, adpressed, one, two, or more from nearly the same place, but seldom so far asunder as their own length. Spikelets pedicelled, from eight to fourteen-flowered. Calyx and corol smooth. Seed oblong, smooth, brown.

Obs. The best mark to distinguish it from the last species is the form of the seed which in that is obovate, in this oblong. Cattle are not fond of any of these tall, erect, coarse

species.

10. P. diandra. R.

Erect, smooth. Leaves long, fine-pointed; panicle linear, half the length of the whole plant; ramifications scattered, compound, expanding, smooth. Spikelets from four to eightflowered. Flowers diandrous.

A native of Bengal, where it blossoms during the cold season.

Culms erect, growing in tufts, with few branches, smooth; height of the whole plant in a good soil, from three to six feet. Leaves from one to two feet long, smooth in every part, tapering to a long fine point. Paniele linear, half the length of the whole plant; ramifications thereof scattered, expanding, smooth, compound, from two to three inches long. Spikelets lanceolate, small, smooth, from four to eight-flowered. Corol with both valves smooth, and rather obtuse. Stamens two. Anthers purple.

11. P. viscosa. Lina. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 398. Retz. Obs. iv. p. 20.

Culms ascending, from nine to eighteen inches high, chammy. Panicle linear-oblong; ramifications verticelled, short, spreading; spikelets from three to twelve-flowered; inner glumes of the corol ciliate.

This species grows in tufts on dry pasture ground.

Culms numerous, spreading, with their extremities ascending, ramous, from nine to eightteen inches long. Leaces small, margins involute; sheaths shorter than the joints, with their mouth surrounded with long, slender, white hair. Panicles linear-oblong, from two to four inches long, composed of short, sub-verticelled, sessile, expanding ramifications. Calgar from three to four-flowered. Corol, inner valve ciliate.

Obs. Every part of the plant is covered with tenacious gluten.

12. P. tenella. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. l. 395. Erect, smooth, from one to two feet high. Panicle linear-oblong, verticelled. Spikelets spedicelled, from four to six-flowered, smooth.

A native of pasture ground.

Culms erect, round, smooth, from one to two feet high. Leaves smooth, mouth of the sheaths much bearded. Panicles linear-oblong, composed of verticelled, filiform, expanding, ramous branches, having always at their insertions and sub-divisions a few fine, long hairs. Spikelets pedicelled, from four to six-flowered. Calga and corol smooth. Seed oval, brown, smooth, falling from the corol when ripe, as do all the other species of this genus that I have yet seen.

Obs. The anthers shine through the valves, as in P. punctata, and indeed in most,

af not all the Poas.

 P. plumosa, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 403. Retz. Obs. iv. 20.
 Sub-erect, smooth. Panicle ovate-oblong; ramifications scattered, horizontal; insertions hairy; ramuli depending. Spikelets pedicelled, from four to six-flowered; inner valvelets of the corols ciliate.

Tsjama-pullu. Rheed. Mal. xii. p. 75. t. 41. Gramen fumi. Rumph. Amb. vi. p. 10. t. 4. f. 3. Is found growing in tufts on pasture ground.

Culms filiform, many, ramous, spreading a little at the base, above erect, from one to itwo feet high, round, smooth. Leaves, mouths and margins of the sheaths fringed, with long delicate white hairs. Panicle oblong, composed of many capillary, alternate, horizontal, ramous branches, their insertions and sub-divisions are fringed with a few fine, white chairs. Spikelets minute, pedicelled, depending, from four to six-flowered. Calyx smooth, Corol, inner valve fringed with hairs in the back. Seed oblong, brown, smooth.

14. P. punctata. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 395.

Erect, smooth, from six to eighteen inches high. Paniels oblong; ramifications simple, expanding, lower ones verticelled. Spikelets from twelve to fourteen-flowered, smooth. Seed obliquely oblong.

This species grows in tufts on pasture ground.

Culms erect, generally simple, round, smooth; from six to eighteen inches high. Leaves small, smooth; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Panicle oblong; ramifications simple, excanding, the lower ones collected into one verticel; above alternate. Spikelets pedicelled, eather remote, linear, from twelve to fourteen-flowered. Calyx and corol smooth, thin, showing the unexpanded anthers and stigmas through them. Seed oblong, smooth, brown.

15. P. elegans. R.

Sub-erect, smooth, from one to three feet high. Panicle oblong, nodding ramifications olitary, ramous, adpressed. Spikelets from eight to twelve-flowered. Seed globular.

A very elegant, tall, delicate species, a native of moist pasture ground.

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Culms simple, at the base spreading for a few inches, the remaining part is erect, round, smooth; from one to three feet high. Leaves few and very small, smooth in every part, except the mouth of the sheaths, which are bearded. Panicles linear-oblong, nodding, composed of erect, adpressed, distinct, somewhat remote ramification, each of which forms a small, but similar panicle. Partial rachis with the angles hispid. Spikelets pedicelled, linear, from eight to twelve-flowered, purplish. Corol, outer valve three-nerved. Seed globular, smooth, and brown.

P. multiflora, R.

Sub-erect, smooth, from six to eighteen inches high. Panicle longer than the rest of the plant, nodding. Spikelets crowded, from fifty to seventy-flowered. Seed globular.

Is found on dry elevated places.

Culms nearly erect, naked, except at the base, from six to twelve inches high, round, and smooth. Leaves one or two near the base of each culm, short; mouths of the sheaths a little hairy. Paniele oblong, bowing; ramifications sub-sessile, short, filiform, simple, the lower collected into one or two remote branches; the upper ones alternate. Spikelets pedicelled, very long, linear, from fifty to seventy-flowered. Calyx smooth, obtuse. Corol smooth,

outer valve three-nerved. Seed round, smooth, brown.

17. P. unioloides, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 393. Retz. Obs. v. 19.

Erect, smooth, from one to two feet high. Paniele ovate; ramifications short, simple, below fascicled; above solitary, horizontal; spikelets long-pedicelled, from sixteen to twentyflowered. Seed oblong.

Beng. Konee.

A most elegant species, a native of dry elevated situations.

Culms, below ramous, with a small portion resting on the ground, the rest erect, and from one to two feet high, round and smooth. Leaves few, small, and smooth; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Panicles half as long as the whole plant, erect, oblong, thin; ramifications peduncled, filiform, disposed as in multiflora. Spikelets ovate, from sixteen to twenty-flowered, generally of a bluish purple colour. Corol, outer valve three-nerved, as in P. multiflora. Seed oblong, smooth, brown.

18. P. flexnosa. R.

Sub-erect, flexuose, nodding, smooth, from eighteen to twenty-four inches high. Panicle ovate, crowded; ramifications solitary, ramous, expanding, insertions hairy; spikelets twentyflowered. Seed globular.

A pretty large species, growing in tufts on old walls, so exactly resembling P. unioloides as to be easily mistaken for it. It has much the habit of Briza Eragrostis.

Culms sub-erect, winding, round, smooth; from one and a half to two feet high. Leaves much larger than in the last species, and the mouths of the sheaths more hairy. Panielo oval, very large, generally more than half the length of the whole plant, branches alternate, nearly horizontal, ramous, with a brown, hairy gland in the axill of each division of the panicle. Spikelets white, or pale green, lanceolate, large, about twenty-flowered. Seed globular, brown, and smooth.

19. P. paniculata. R.

Erect, smooth, from two to four feet high. Leaves long; mouths of their sheaths bearded.

Panicle oblong; ramifications most numerous, filiform; insertions hairy. Spikelets from four

to sixteen-flowered; valvelets of the calyces ciliate. Seed globular.

Culms sub-erect, round, and smooth; length from one to two feet high to the paniele, which is about the same length, making the whole height from three to four feet. Leaves large, mouths of the sheaths very hairy. Panicle oblong, very large, composed of numerous, ramous, filiform, expanding branches, their insertions and sub-divisions involved in fine, long, white hairs. Spikelets long pedicelled, linear, from four to sixteen-flowered. Corol, outer valve round at the apex, and three-nerved; inner one slightly ciliate on the back,

20. P. gangetica. R.

Grows in very dense tufts. Panicle thin. Spikelets linear, from thirty to forty-flowered.

A native of the banks of the Ganges, but scarce.

Culms numerous, and ramous, growing in crowded tufts, smooth in every part, general length about a foot. Leaves few, small, and smooth. Paniele ovate, composed of a few, remote, alternate, sub-diverging branchlets, each supporting a number of heaped, linear, acuminate, smooth spikelets, of from twenty to fifty flowers each; as they advance from the apex the lower florets drop, leaving the zigzag rachis naked as they ripen. Calyx both valves smooth and obtuse. Seed oval, smooth, brown.

DACTYLIS. Schreb. gen. N. 117.

Calyx two-valved, compressed, one valvelet larger, keeled. Seeds few.

1. D. lagopoides. Linu. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 410. Burm. Ind. 28. t. 12. f. 2.

Creeping. Leaves rigid, with spinescent points. Heads globular. Calyces from six to eight-flowered, hairy, as are also the corols; anthers blue.

It is generally found growing on a salt sandy soil near the sea.

Culms creeping to a great extent, with from four to eight inches of the flower-bearing portions, erect, they are of a firm, ligneous texture, round and smooth, every part of the erect portions covered by the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves numerous, small, approximate, firm, acute, resembling thorns. Head, or spike terminal, short-pedicelled, globular, composed of many, closely crowded, sessile, roundish spikelets. Calyx from six to eight-flowered; glumes

equal, shorter than the flowers, obtuse and hairy. Corol two-valved, exterior striated, hairy, Page and obtuse; inner membranaceous, involving the stamens and pistillum. Stamens three. Anthers blue.
2. D. brevifolia, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 410.

Creeping, ramous. Leaves short. Heads sub-globular, composed of three, secund spikes. Calyces acute, from six to twelve-flowered. Corols hairy, acute

It is found on dry sandy ground at a small distance from the sea.

Culms spreading, ramous, creeping, with their flower-bearing extremities ascending, from six to twelve inches long. Branches generally opposite. Leaves short, with their margins ciliate. Head or spike terminal, long-peduncled, globular, composed of two or three, sessile, secund, short spikes, which are again composed of two rows of alternate, from six to twelveflowered, sessile, ovate-oblong spikelets. Calyx, from six to twelve-flowered, equal, acute, striated. Corol, outer valve keeled, acute, three-nerved, very hairy near the base, inner valve as in Poa, with its back ciliate. Seed oval, compressed, smooth, and brown; dropping from the corol when ripe.

Obs. Both these species are of a coarse nature.

The Linnman definition of the genus does not accord well with the only two species I have met with in India. That of Poa agrees better with their essential character; and had not Burman, in his Flora Indica, made them both belong to this genus, I should certainly have considered them as species of Poa, though in their general habit they by no means agree with the elegant plants of that genus. When I had an opportunity I forgot to examine the seeds in a sufficiently exact manner. I suspect they have the aril of the following genus, because they have much of its general habit.

ELEUSINE. Gort. Carp. i. p. 7.*

Calyx two-valved, containing many flowers of two equal valvelets. Seed with a complete membranaceous aril.

1. E. Coracana, Gart. Carp. i. 8. t. 1.

Culms erect, from two to four feet high, compressed. Leaves bifarious. Spikes digitate, incurved. Calgoes from three to six-flowered. Seed round.

Cynosurus Coracanus. Lisu, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 415.
Tsjetti-pullu. Rheed. Hort. Mal. xii. p. 149. t. 78.
Panicum gramineum seu Naatsjoni. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 203. t. 76. f. 2.

It is called Nutchance by Europeans on the Coromandel coast.

Ponassa, or early Soloo, is the Telinga name of the grain, and Sodee the name of the plant

Beng. Murooa.

Raggee of the Coast Mahomedans.

This species is cultivated during the rains. I never saw it wild.

Culcus erect, generally several from the same grain of seed; from two to four feet high, a little compressed, smooth. Leaves bifarious, large, smooth; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Spikes, from four to six, digitate, incurvate, secund, from one to three inches long, composed of two rows of sessile, from three to six-flowered spikelets. Rachis compressed, a little waved. Calyx from three to six-flowered, exterior glumes twice as long as the interior; both are keeled, obtuse, and membranaceous margined. Corol, valves nearly equal. Seed globular, dark brown, a little wrinkled, covered with a thin, pellucid, membranaceous aril.

2. E. stricta. R.

Culms erect, from two to five feet high, compressed. Leaves bifarious. Spikes digitate, straight. Calyees from three to six-flowered. Seed round.

Teling. Pedda, viz. great Soloo.

Hind. Raggee.

This is still more cultivated than the last, and differs from it only in having the spikes straight, being generally of a larger size, and more productive, the great weight of the seed, when full grown bends the spikes down into a horizontal direction.

There is a variety of this straight-spiked sort, which the Telinga farmers called maddee

rooba soloo; it grows to a still larger size, with a greater number of straight spikes.

They all require a light rich soil, on which the water does not remain after heavy rains. The first or early sort does not require so rich a soil as the other two, it is sown earlier by which means the same ground yields two crops. From July to January inclusive they reckon on an increase of about one hundred and twenty fold if the soil and season are favour-

The second sort requires a richer soil; it is sown later in the season; its increase is

The third sort, maddi ruba soloo, requires a still richer soil; land fit for it is scarce, and the rent high. I am informed that it is nearly twice as much as that of land fit for the first sort, the increase of this kind is prodigious, five hundred fold, the farmers say, if the season and soil are favourable.

About twenty years ago, there came up accidentally amongst some rubbish in my garden at Samulcotah, two tufts of this plant, each, upon examination, I found to be the produce of

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^{*} I adopt Gærtner's name on account of the aril, which envelopes the seed, and the total want of the involucre of Cynosurus in all the Indian species that I have yet met with.

age one seed, each had twenty-five culms, and each of these culms had on an average two lateral branches, making in all seventy-five culms and branches, each produced upon an average six spikes, (for they had from four to eight) in all four hundred and fifty spikes, each of these at a medium sixty spikelets, and each spikelet ripened on an average three or four seeds, total produce eighty-one thousand. I was myself particularly attentive in counting the above produce because it was so astonishingly great.

In the Rajamundry Circar, where these observations were made, the soil is in general

rich, and the season favourable.

3. E. agyptica. R.

Culms with a creeping base, from one to two feet high. Spikes four-fold, cruciate. Calyces daggered, from three to four-flowered. Seed oval, somewhat three-sided, and transversely

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Cynosurus ægypticus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 416. Gramen vaccinum. Rumph. Amb. vi. p. 10. t. 4. f. 1. Cavara-pullu. Rheed. Mal. xii. p. 131. t. 69. Hind. Makura-jali.

Grows in pasture ground, and by road sides, &c.

Culms, creeping near the base; the remaining part nearly erect for a foot, or a foot and a half, ramous, a little compressed, and smooth. Leaves fringed with hairs. Spikes terminal, from three to five, horizontal, secund, &c. as in E. Caracana. Calyx from three to four flowered; glumes acute, particularly the exterior one which ends in a short awn. Corol, outer valve very acute. Seed oval, somewhat three-sided, wrinkled, arilled, but in this species the aril is so thin and delicate, as to be often removed by the time the seed is full grown.

Obs. Cattle are fond of it.

4. E. indica. Gart. Carp. i. p. 8. t. 1. Erect, smooth, from one to two feet high. Leaves bifarious. Spikes from five to seven, digitate. Calyces from three to five-flowered; seed oblong, three-sided, rugose.

Cynosurus indicus. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 417.

Hind. Mal-ankuri.

Teling. Kuror, viz. wild soloo.

A common coarse species, found growing in large tufts on pasture ground, road sides, &c. Culms ascending at the base, ramous, a little compressed, smooth, from one to two feet high. Leaves bifarious, large, with a few long white hairs scattered over the insides and sheaths. Spikes terminal, from three to six, expanding; one generally standing single a little below the rest, linear, secund, from two to four inches long; insertions glandular and hairy, spikelets in two rows on the underside. Calyx from three to five-flowered; glumes equal, as long as the flowers, smooth, and rather obtuse. Corol, valves smooth, obtuse. Seed obtusely three-sided, rugose, arilled.

Obs. Cattle are not fond of it.

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5. E. verticillata, R.

Erect, smooth, from one to four feet high. Leaves bifarious. Spikelets numerous, panicled. Calyces from eight to twelve-flowered; glumes daggered. Seed oblong, wrinkled,

It is a native of moist pasture ground.

Culms erect, round, smooth, from one to four feet high. Leaves as in the last described. Panicle erect, oblong, composed of many verticelled, expanding, round, sessile, linear spikes, much resembling those of E. indica; spikelets imbricated in two rows on the underside of the spikes. Calyx from eight to twelve-flowered, corol-like. Corol; exterior valve ending in a long dagger; inner valve membranaceous. Seed oblong, wrinkled, arilled; in this species the aril is fully as delicate as in E. agyptica, and is nearly found whole on the full grown or ripe seed.

6. E. calycina. R.

Erect, from two to three feet high. Panicle linear. Spikes numerous, alternate; glumes of the calvees equal, many times larger than those of the corol, daggered, three-flowered. Seed three-sided, wrinkled.

Teling. Wadata-toka-guddee.

Grows in small tufts on dry pasture ground, but generally amongst bushes.

Culms erect, generally about two feet high, much covered by the leaves.

Leaves very thinly scattered with hairs. Panicle linear, erect, from eight to welve inches long, composed of many sessile, expanding, alternate, secund spikes. Spikelets occupying, as in the other species, the underside of the spike. Calyx generally three-flowered, glumes equal, twice as long as the three flowers they embrace, each ending in a long, sharp dagger. Corol, valves obtuse. Seed three-sided, wrinkled. I cannot say that I have seen the aril in this species, though I have often looked for it; it may therefore be a species of Dactylis.

ARUNDO. Schreb. gen. N. 124.

Calyx two-valved, containing one or more two-valved flowers, surrounded with long hairs.

1. A. bifaria, Retz. Obs. iv. 21. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 455.

Erect, smooth, leafy, from twelve to eighteen feet high. Panicle creet, linear, oblong, dense. Calyces three-flowered, much longer than the florets; glumes of the corol woolly.

Teling. Patoo-ederoo. Is found chiefly among bushes on the banks of rivulets, lakes, &c. on the Circar mountains. Culms sword-shaped, smooth, about ten to fifteen inches long, and from one to two Page broad. Pasiele erect, oblong, very much crowded with innumerable ramifications, which stand erect and press close on one another while in seed. Flowers erect, on a common woolly pedicel within the calyx. Calyx three-flowered; glumes equal, pointed, larger than those of the flowers. Corol, exterior valve twice the size of the inner one, it is pointed and woolly on

Obs. The leaves seem to be one of those sorts with which the Chinese line the inside of their sugar-candy tubs and other packages.

2. A. Karka, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 456. Retz. Obs. iv. 21.

Erect, smooth, leafy, from eight to twelve feet high. Paniele loose, verticelled. Calyces, from three to four-flowered exterior glume of the corols three-nerved, and daggered.

Sans. Nuda, Nula, Dhumuna, Potugula.

Beng. Nul., Nur.

Teling. Naga-sara maitantos.

Is a native of similar places with the last described.

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Culms erect, ramous, from eight to twelve feet high, and as thick as the last, round, smooth, entirely covered with the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves approximate, sword-shaped, smooth, from twelve to twenty-four inches long, and one or one and a half broad; mouths of the sheaths bearded. Panicle bowing with the wind, but if not disturbed erect, oblong, comsposed of many filliform, erect, (in luxuriant plants drooping,) sub-verticelled, ramous branches. Rachis of the branches angular and hispid. Florets alternate, on a longer common woolly pedicel than in A. bifaria, within the calyx. Calyx from three to five-flowered; glumes unsequal, the largest shorter than the exterior valve of the corol. Corol, exterior valve threemerved, tapering into long fine subulate points, inner valve scarcely half so long. Stamens often only two, and the pistil is frequently wanting.

Obs. It does not agree with Retzius's description of A. Kacka in the number of flowers in the calyx. Pipes are made of the culms, particularly those used by the people who carry

sabout the dancing snakes.

In Bengal it is more luxuriant than on the coast. The common Durma mats of that splace are made of the stalks split open. Vessels from the port of Calcutta are generally dunmaged with them.

 A. bengalensis, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 455. Retz. Obs. v. 20.
 Culms, from six to ten feet high, fistulous. Leaves bifarious, sword-shaped, drooping. Panicle lax; calcelets of the calyx equal, from two to three-flowered; exterior valve of the egrol woolly, daggered, and three-nerved.

Reng. Gaba-nul.

This elegant species is found growing in ditches, and low places in the vicinity of Calcentta, where it blossoms during the months of October and November.

Culms erect, from six to ten feet high, fistulous. Leaves very numerous, approximate, bifarious, drooping, sword-shaped, from one to two inches broad at the base, from thence taper to a fine point; smooth on both sides, and in the margins. Sheaths also smooth, with an long membranaceous margin round the mouth. Paniele oval, lax, from one to two feet long, cerect; ramifications alternate, ramous, drooping a little. Flowers pedicelled, scattered. Calga two or three-flowered; valves nearly equal, and of the length of the flowers. Corol exterior valve three-nerved, and woolly on the back, with a very fine, long, taper point. Inner valve small and smooth. Nectory two, cunciform scales embrace the germ on the two sides.

Obs. The wool which girds the base of the corol, in most of the species, is in this species found growing on the back of its exterior valve.

ARISTIDA. Schreb. gen. N. 125.

Calux two-valved, one-flowered. Corol one-valved, with three awas at the top.

 A. selacea, Retz. Obs. iv. 22. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 460.
 Erect, smooth, from two to four feet high. Panicle linear-oblong, composed of fifteen to to twenty sub-alternate, erectish ramifications.

Teling. Shipur-gadi.

Grows in a dry, barren, binding soil.

Root perennial. Culms straight, generally simple, from two to four feet high, and about as thick as a crow's quill at the base, solid, and of a very firm ligneous texture, round and smooth. Leaves few, narrow, margins involute, nerveless, smooth. Panicle bowing with the wind, linear, from six to twelve inches long, composed of sub-sessile, remote, adpressed

ramifications. Calgx, corol, &c. as in the family, except that the three awas are erect.

Obs. Cattle do not eat it, yet it is very useful. The Telinga paper-makers construct their frames of the culms; it also serves to make brooms and tooth-picks. It is employed in preference to other grasses for making the screens called Tatties, for this purpose it is spread thin on bamboo frames, and tied down; these placed on the weather side of the house, dursing the hot land winds and kept constantly watered during the heat of the day, renders the temperature of the air in the house exceeding pleasant, compared to what it is without. thermometer in the outside exposed to the wind, but not to the sun, will then be at one hunsided, or one hundred and fifteen degrees, or even more; and within if the Talties are properly disposed and well watered, they will keep it down to from eighty-five to ninety, with two or even three rows of Talties, made very thin, and all kept well watered, the thermomester, when it blows hard, may be brought down to eighty, but then it is absolutely chilling,

and disagreeably cold. The difference between the open air and this refreshed air, is to the feeling inconceivably great. The thermometer in the sun, at this season rises to from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and forty. This contrivance we received from Bengal, and by it the hot season which used to be so much dreaded, is now rendered to those who can keep within doors tolerable. I have never observed any bad effects from this cool moist air; however the hot season is the most healthy of the whole year.

A. Hystrix. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 459.

Culms diffuse, about two feet long. Paniele oval, large, thin; ramifications spreading, two-forked.

Teling. Shilpuroo-kalli.

This species is a native of the same soil with the last described.

Culms depressed, straggling, crooked, rigid, somewhat branchy, about two feet long. Leaves as in the last species. Panicle large, oval, thin; direction various, composed of diverging, generally two-cleft peduncles and pedicels. Calyx, corol, &c. as in the genus. 351

Obs. This species is of no use that I know of.

3. A. depressa, Retz. Obs. iv. 22. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 461.

Ascending, ramous, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Panicle linear, of six to eight alternate ramifications ; glumes of the calyces keeled.

Teling. Nalli-pootiki.

Is found upon the same kind of land with the two last species.

Culms below depressed, ramous; above ascending, filiform, round, smooth, solid, rigid; from twelve to eighteen inches high. Leaves as in the former. Paniele smaller, and with fewer ramifications than in A. setacea. Calyx, the glumes have a large green keel. Corol, &c. as in the genus.

Obs. This is also so far as I know, perfectly useless.

MANISURIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1570.

Polygamous. Rachis jointed. Hermaphrodite calyx two-valved, one-flowered. Corol twovalved, less than the calyx. Male, or neuter calyx two-valved, one or two-flowered. Corol two-valved.

M. Myurus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 945. Corom. pl. 2. N. 117.

Culms ereeping, from nine to eighteen inches high. Spikes solitary; exterior valve of the hermaphrodite calyx panduriform and emarginate; male calyx two-flowered.

Teling. Nalla-punookoo.

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Is a native of dry elevated sandy ground.

Culms several, ramous, diffuse near the base, rooting at the joints, extremities ascending, from nine to eighteen inches long, as thick as a crow's quill, compressed, smooth, not piped. Leaves small, smooth; mouths of the sheaths increased by a lacerated membranaceous border or stipule. Spikes solitary, terminal, and from the exterior arils peduncled, secund, jointed, smooth, a little compressed, from one to two inches long. Peduncles articulated, and bracted at the middle. Flowers, the hermaphrodite ones occupy a waved row of pits on the four sides of the spike, while the male ones possess two sides, the back is naked.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS. Calyx two-valved, one-flowered; the exterior valvelet has a broad coloured margin, which is emarginate, and deeply indented at the sides, like a fiddle; inner valvelet oblong, lodged in a pit of the rachis. Corol two-valved, membranaceous. Nectary two obcordate, crenulated scales embrace the germ. Stamens three. Styles two.

Male Flowers. Calyx two-flowered, two-valved, valvelets nearly equal, boat-shaped.

Corol with two membranaceous valves. Stamens three. Pistil none.
2. M. granularis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. 945. Corom. pl. 2. N. 118.

Ramous, sub-erect, hairy, from one to two feet high; spikes fascicled. Hermaphrodite calyx oval, and rugose; male or neuter one-flowered.

Grows among bushes.

Culms very ramous, nearly erect, filiform, bairy, from one to two feet high. Leaves numerous, very hairy, stiff and sharp. Spikes terminal, and axillary, peduncled, several together, small, compressed, from half au inch to an inch long. Panicles as in the former. Rachis jointed, much waved and excavated as in Rottbællia. Flowers from four to ten of each sort, their situation exactly as in the last species, viz. the hermaphrodite occupy the forepart, while the male, or neuter are placed on the sides, the former are globular, and the latter lanceolate.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS. Calyx one-flowered, two-valved, exterior valve round or rigid, and very rugose; inner valve less rigid. Corol two-valved, membranaceous. Stamens three. Styles two.

MALE OR NEUTER FLOWERS. Calyx two-valved, one-flowered. Corol two-valved. Stamens three or none.

ROTTBŒLLIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1572.

Rachis (generally) jointed, variously excavated for the reception of one, or two flowers in a two-valved calyx, in each excavation. 1. R. glabra. R.

Near the base creeping, with extremities erect, smooth. Leaves bifarious, all hermaphrodite. Calyx one-flowered; corol three-valved.

Beng. Buksha. A native of Bengal, where it grows on pasture lands, the borders of rice fields, and other

moist places. Cattle are fond of it.

Culms jointed, smooth, compressed, filled with pith, creeping near the principal root for a foot or more, the remaining part from one to two, or even three feet, erect. Leaves alternate, bifarious, approximate, short, spreading, ensiform, smooth. Sheaths shorter than the joints of the culm, smooth. Spikes axillary, solitary, or in pairs, with a solitary terminal one, subulate, three-sided, smooth, short-peduncled, the peduncles with generally a part of the spikes hid in the sheaths of the leaves; general length from two to three inches. Flowers opposite, in general all, or the greatest part hermaphrodite, and as long as the joints of the rachis. Calgar one-flowered, two-valved, smooth, cartilaginous. The exterior valve of one of the pair obliquely emarginate, the other scute. Corol, the hermaphrodite and male three-valved, one valve on

the inside, and two on the outside; all tinged with deep red at the base.

2. R. compressa. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 465. Corom. pl. ii. N. 156. Retz. Obs. iii. 12.

Cuims climbing, from five to twenty feet high, smooth, compressed; spikes axillary and terminal ; rachis jointed ; flowers opposite, hermaphrodite calyces one-flowered. Corol threevalved.

Beng. Pansheroo.

Teling. Shervoo, i. c. lake panookoo.

It is found on the borders of lakes, amongst other roots of long grass, and brushwood.

Culms several, creeping or climbing, ramous, compressed, from five to twenty feet long, piped, smooth, about as thick as a common quill, and very hard. Leaves numerous, bifarious, small for the size of the plant, smooth and soft; sheaths short, compressed, and smooth. Spikes peduncled, terminal, and from the exterior axills, generally from two to five together, compressed, a little smooth, from two to four inches long. Peduncles articulated at the middle and there bracted, lanceolate, chaffy, bractes also surround their insertion. Flowers all hermaphrodite, opposite, decussated, lodged in the excavations of the jointed rachis. Calyx oneflowered, two-valved, valves nearly equal; the flowers have alternately their valves pointed and somewhat longer than the excavation in the rachis, both cartilaginous; and obtuse, equal to the pits in the rachis, with the exterior one only cartilaginous. Corol three-valved, valves membranaceous. Nectary, two triangular bodies embracing the base of the stamens and germ.

Stamens three. Styles two; stigmas plumose.

3. R. exaltata, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 466. Corom. pl. 2. N. 157.

Polygamous. Culms erect, hirsute, from six to ten feet high. Spikes solitary, secund.

Polygamous flowers on the front with neuter ones on the sides.

Beng. Bura-swoonte. Teling. Konda panookoo. A native of mountains.

Roof consisting of strong woody fibres. Culms erect, ramous, a little compressed. inwardly of a spongy nature, from six to ten feet high, and as thick as the little finger near the base, where they are armed with strong and short, white hairs. Leaves large and numerous, smooth on the outside, and hairy on the inside; margins hispid; sheaths very hairy; hairs elevated on glandular points, very stiff and sharp. Spikes terminal, and from the exterior axills, generally solitary, cylindric, &c. Flowers of three sorts, hermaphrodite, male, and neuter, the first and second occupy alternate pits or one side of the spike, while the neuter stand on each side of them, so that the spike may be called secund. Calyx of the hermaphrodite and male floret two-valved. Corol as in the last. Stamens &c. as in the genus. Calyx of the neuter flower two-valved, valvelets oblong. Corol, glumes two, membranaceous.

R. corymbosa, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, i. 443. Corom. pl. ii. N. 181.

Polygamous, erect, smooth, from three to five feet high. Spikes fascicled, terminal and axillary; rachis jointed; flowers alternate, on opposite sides of the spike. Calyces generally two-flowered.

Teling. Pedda-panookoo.

R. punctata. Retz. Obs. iii. 12. Aegilops eraltata. Retz. Obs. ii. 27.

A native of low rich pasture ground, grows in erect tufts.

Cuims many, straight, mostly naked, the sheaths of the leaves being short and covering but a small part of them; round and smooth, from three to five feet high, and like those of the last species, very firm, and not piped. Leaves a few, from six to twelve inches long; margins sometimes fringed with a few hairs; sheaths short and smooth. Spikes terminal and from the exterior axills several, peduncled. Peduncles filiform, curved, jointed near the base and there bracted, besides there are chaffy, filiform bractes at their insertions. Flowers alternate in two rows; one row on each side of the spike. Calgar two-flowered, twovalved. Corol, one hermaphrodite within, and one male without, each has two valves, sometimes there is only one hermaphrodite floret, in which case it has three valves.

 R. perforata. Corom. pl. ii. N. 182.
 Culms erect, smooth, from three to five feet high. Spikes solitary, below the flowers are opposite, and the rachis perforated. Calyx generally two-flowered; one flower male, the other hermaphrodite.

Beng. Kurki. Teling. Panookoo.

This species is rather scarce, it grows on low rich pasture ground.

Culms many, erect, simple, round, smooth, jointed, but not piped; from three to five feet high, and about as thick as a crow's quill. Leaves small for the size of the grass, slender and smooth; margins hispid; mouths of the sheaths and a little way up the base of the leaves woolly. Spiker terminal, and from the exterior arils, solitary, peduneled, round, smooth, as thick as a crow's quill, and from three to six inches long; where the flowers are opposite, there is an oblong perforation of the rachis, so that the backs of the inner glumes of the calyx touch one another. Flowers in pairs, nearly opposite on the lower half or more of the spike; above alternate, sometimes all hermaphrodite, sometimes hermaphrodite and male mixed. Calyx one or two-flowered, two-valved; valvelets simple; the exterior one rigid, the interior one firm and white, both obliquely linear-oblong. Corol, when single, hermaphrodite, and three-valved; when double the exterior one is male, in which case the two have four valves, viz. two valves each; all membranaceous, in shape conforming to that of the calyx, but smaller.

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6. R. setacea. Corom. pl. ii. N. 132.

Erect, setaceous, smooth, from two to six inches high. Spikes solitary, terminal, unilateral; rachis not joined. Calyces one-flowered. Corols two-valved, hermaphrodite. Grows on old walls.

Culms many, erect, ramous, filiform, smooth, from two to six inches high. Leaves, inside a little hairy, in size proportioned to the plant. Spikes terminal, solitary, awled, second, about an inch, or an inch and a half long. Rachis excavated on one side, but not joined. Flowers, they are all hermaphrodite, imbricated transversely on the excavated side of the rachis. Calyx one-flowered, two-valved; valvelets equal, membranaceous margined. Corol twovalved, membranaceous, hairy. Stamens three. Styles two.
7. R. Thomaa, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd, i. 464. Corom. pl. ii. N. 132.

Erect, compressed, about two inches high. Spikes solitary, terminal, two ranked. Rachis not jointed. Calyces one-flowered. Corol two-valved.

R. Thomasa and pilosa. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 464. 5. are, I suspect this very

species.

Grows, with the last species, on old walls.

Culms minute, erect, compressed, about an inch high, exclusive of the spike, and two with it. Leaves bifarious, numerous. Spikes terminal, solitary, subulate, distichous, compressed. Rachis waved, excavated on the opposite side, not articulated. Flowers all hermaphrodite, disposed alternately in the excavations of the rachis. Calyx one-flowered, two-valved; exterior valvelet rigid, linear; interior boat-shaped, and less rigid. Corol two-valved, membranaceous, hairy. Stamens three. Styles two.

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8. R. biflora. R.

Setaceous. Spikes simple, subulate; rachis not articulate, but bifariously excavated

for the reception of the two-flowered spikelets.

A native of the Peninsula of India; and in size and appearance very like R. Thomas and setacea; and were they not two-flowered in the same calyx I should no doubt have taken it for R. incurvata. Linn.

Culms scarcely more than may be called the scapes of the spikes, the whole plants being but two or three inches high. Leaves many, filiform; rachis rigid, and with the sheaths somewhat pilose. Spikes terminal, solitary, subulate, about two inches long. Rachis not jointed, but alternately excavated on the opposite sides for the reception of the flowers. Calyx two-valved, two-flowered; raires very unequal, the exterior being many times larger than the inner one, which is a minute scale in the bottom of the excavations of the rachis, and not readily detected. Florets two in each calyx, both hermaphrodite, one sessile and the other short pedicelled, each with a corol of two equal membranaceous, smooth valves.

HORDEUM. Schreb. gen. N. 129.

Calyx lateral, two-valved; valves narrow, acuminate, distant, altogether forming a sixleaved involuere, one-flowered, by threes at each toothlet of the rachis.

1. H. hexastichon. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 473.

All the flowers hermaphrodite and awned, placed regularly in six rows.

Sans. Yuva, Situshooka.

Beng. Juha. Arab. She-eer.

This species is much cultivated in most of the temperate parts of Hindoostan during the cool season.

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TRITICUM. Schreb. gen. N. 130.

Calyx two-valved, solitary, generally three-flowered.

1. T. astivum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 476.

Calyces four-flowered, ventricose, smooth, imbricate, awned.

Sans. Godhooma, Soomuna.

Beng. Gom.

Hind. Gioon.

Pers. Gundum.

Arab. Burr.

Two varieties are very generally cultivated in the interior and northern parts of Hin-

doostan during the cool season.

T. hybernum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 477.
 Caluees four-flowered, ventricose, even, imbricated, with little or no awn.

Two varieties of this species are also cultivated in the northern parts of Hindoostan during the cool season.

TRIANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

MOLLUGO. Schreb. gen. N. 139.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Capsule superior, three-celled, three-valved, many-seeded. Embryo annular, and furnished with a perisperm.

 M. pentaphylla. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 492.
 Annual, diffuse. Leaves verticelled, cuneate-lanceolar. Flowers panicled. Hind. and Beng. Khet-papara.
 Teling. Veri Shadrasi.

A common weed in gardens throughout India.

M. triphylla. Lour. Cochin Ch. 79.
 Annual, diffuse; branches angular, smooth. Leaves sub-verticelled, lanceolate, unequal.

 Panieles of long dichotomous racemes of alternate flowers. Seeds dotted.

Beng. Jul-papara.

Alsine multiflora. Pluck. Phyt. 21. t. 259. f. 2. good.

Mullugo stricta. Linn. Syst. 129. is probably the same plant, if so, the specific name is a very improper one. It is also a weed in gardens all over India.

3. M. verticillata. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 492.

Annual, diffuse, dichotomous, smooth. Leaves sub-verticelled, sessile, cunciform pedun-

cles inserted amongst the leaves, one flowered. Seed furrowed along the back.

Obs. Found over most parts of India, and a common weed in our gardens during the dry season chiefly.

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TETRANDRIA (MONOGYNIA.)

RHOPALA. Schreb. gen. N. 144.

Culux none. Corol four-petalled, bearing the stamina above the middle. Nectury four-

scaled. Germ one-celled; ovula two, attached to one side of the cell.

1. R. molaccana. Brown. Linn. Trans. x. p. 191.

Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, oblong, cutire, racemes axillary, and from the branchlets, longer than the leaves. Nectarial scales naked.

A native of Pulo Pinang.

As my description is taken from dry specimens I cannot say whether it be a tree or shrab, but the large woody specimens evidently show it to be perennial. Leaves short-petioled, alternate, obovate, oblong, obtuse-pointed, entire and smooth on both sides, six or more inches long and less than three broad. Stipules none. Racemes generally solitary, from the naked woody branchlets below the leaves, very long and completely clothed to the base with numerous beautiful, diverging, pretty large, delicate flowers. Braces minute. Calyx none. Petals four, very long and slender, near the apex they expand into a concave lanceolate shape for the reception of the stamens; they first open in the middle then at the apex, and soon after become revolute. Nectary, four scales embracing the lower part of the germ. Filaments four, short, inserted into the petals above the middle. Anthers linear, curved in an opposite direction to the petals. Germ above, ovate, style long and slender. Stigma clubbed.

2. R. servata, Brown, Linn. Trans. x. p. 192.

Leaces alternate, sub-sessile, oblong, servate. Racemes axillary; pedicels two-flowered.

Nectorial scales ciliate.

A native of the Malay Archipelago.

My description and drawing being from dry specimens, I cannot say whether it is a tree or shrub. Young shoots clothed with ferruginous down. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, acute, tapering at the base, serrate, firm and smooth on both sides; from four to six nches long, and from one to three broad. Spikelets none. Racemes axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, clothed with ferruginous down. Pedicels two-flowered. Bractes minute, cordate, one at the base of each common pedicel. Calga none. Petals few, long, slender, clavate; from the middle downwards, their sides touch, and form a slender tube. Nectarial scales our between the base of the petals and germ, obcordate, ciliate. Filaments four, inserted on the petals, about one-third below their apices. Anthers ovate. Germ superior, very hairy. Style as long as the corol. Stigma clavate. Seed cessel not seen.

3. R. excelsa. R.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, cuneate-oblong, obtuse, pointed, smooth, with a few large blimt serratures near the apex. Racemes axillary and terminal, as long as the leaves, downy. Nectorial scales four, distinct, and naked.

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A large timber tree, a native of the forests of Chittagong, where it flowers in March and

Trunk of the full-grown trees about four feet in circumference, covered with dark-coloured, scabrons bark; branches numerous, spreading far, and dividing much; young shoots clothed with ferruginous down. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, cuneate-oblong, obtuse-pointed; interior margins generally with one, two, or three large, blunt serratures on each side, texture firm and polished ; length from four to six inches, by two or three broad. Racemes axillary, and terminal, but chiefly the former, one, two, or three together, nearly as the leaves, straight and simple, densely clothed with ferruginous down. Pedicels short, two-flowered. Bractes, a small oval one at the base of each common peduncle, and one about the middle of each pedicel. Flowers numerous, crowded, small, yellowish green. Calyx none. Petals four, linearly spatulate, revolute. Nectarial scales four, rounded, smooth and distinct. Filament short, inserted on the petals. Anthers linear. Germ oblong, very completely covered with long, reddish brown hairs, one-celled, and containing two ovula attached a little to one side of the bottom of the cell. Style filiform. Stigma clavate, entire.

4. R. robusta, R.

Leaves alternate, sessile, cuneate-oblong, smooth, remotely serrulate. Racemes axillary, and below the leaves, smooth. Nectory a smooth four-toothed cup.

Joweea, the vernacular name in Silhet where it is indigenous, and grows to be a large,

stout timber tree. Flowering in June.

Young shoots smooth. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, cuncate-oblong, obtuse-pointed, remotely and acutely serrulate, smooth on both sides, about twelve inches long, by five or six broad. Racemes axillary, and below the leaves, one, two, or three together, about half the length of the leaves, smooth. Pedicels short, two-flowered. Braces smooth, one at the base of each common pedicel, and one about the middle of each of the proper ones. Flowers numerous, pale, greenish yellow, and fragrant. Calyx none. Petals four, linearly spatulate, smooth, revolute. Nectary one-leaved, cup-shaped, obtusely four-toothed, with the margins somewhat ciliate. Germ superior, oblong, smooth, one-celled; ovula two, attached to one side of the cell. Style filiform. Stigma clavate, entire.

HEDYOTIS. Schreb. gen. N. 153.

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Calyx four-parted. Corol one-petalled, funnel-shaped. Capsule inferior, two-celled, many-seeded. Receptacles adhering to the partition their whole length. Embryo centripetal, and furnished with a perisperm.

H. hispida. Retz. Obs. Bot. iv. p. 23. Linn. sp. pl. ed. i. 565.

Diffuse, four-sided, rooting at the joints. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, with hispid margins. Flowers axillary, crowded.

It sprung up and blossomed in December in the Botanic garden, amongst plants intro-

duced from the Moluccas, in 1798-9.

Stem none, but several square, creeping branches, with their floriferous extremities ascending. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate; margins hispid, and entire, smooth, from two to three inches long; the connecting membrane divided into many subulate portions. Flowers axillary, sessile, small, white. Capsule roundish, two-celled. Seeds numerous.

2. H. geniculata, R.

Weak, straggling, jointed, round, smooth. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, smooth. Flowers sub-verticelled, short-peduncled.

A native of the Malay Islands.

3. H. scandens. R.

Perennial, scandent, round, smooth. Leaves broad-lanceolate. Panicles corymbiform, terminal; mouth of the tube of the corol and apex of the style bearded.

Gujee, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; flowers and ripens its seed

during the hot and rainy seasons.

Stems and branches perennial, round, scandent. Leaves smooth, short-petioled, broadlanceolate, smooth, entire. Stipules cup-shaped, connecting the leaves, with a short process on each side between the leaves. Panicle corymbiform, terminal, sub-globular, throughout trichotomous, all the ramifications a little villous. Bractes linear, spreading. Calyx fourtoothed. Corol with the tube longer than the calyx, its mouth and the base of the four linear segments of the borders of the corol very woolly. Germ oval, two-celled; orula numerous, attached to the sub-globular receptacles, rising from the middle of the partition. Style longer than the corol; apex woolly; stigma two-cleft. Capsule ovate, two-celled, many-seeded.

4. H. lineata. R.

Annual, diffuse, hairy. Leaves sessile, ventricose lanceolar, longitudinally marked with simple, parallel veins. Peduncles axillary, two or three together, pretty long, many-flowered.

Capsula round, hairy. Native of Chittagong, where it blossoms during the rains ..

5. H. Auricularia, Linn.

Sub-dichotomous, diffuse, adscending, villous. Leaves lanceolate, sub-sessile, smooth above, many-nerved below. Flowers sub-sessile, densely whorled. Capsules villous.

Mariguti. Rheed. Hort. Mal. x. pl. 63. t. 32.

A native of Silbet and Nepal, where the plant blossoms during the hot and rainy seasons. From the former place the plant was introduced in 1815 in the Botanic garden near Calcutta, by Mr. Smith.

Beng. Muttia-lata. Root fibrous. Stem short, woody, divided into many slender generally once or twice dichotomous roundish or slightly four-sided branches, measuring a foot in length, densely villous, sometimes rooting at the base. Leaves lanceolate, tapering and acute at both ends, an inch or an inch and a half long, even above, with several oblique villous nerves underneath, margins scabrous; pairs approximate and exceeding in length their interstices. Petioles very short, the uppermost somewhat longer, hispid, uniting into a membranaceous, villous, stipulary membrane, which is terminated by long hispid cilia. Flowers small, crowded into sessile, globose, axillary, copious, villous, verticils, concealing, but scarcely longer than the petioles and rendering their stipules reflexed. Lacinia of the calyx linear. Tube of the corolla scarcely longer than the enlyx. Lacinia lanceolar, acute. Throat pubescent. Stamina exserted, erect, shorter than the limb of the corolla, with pubescent fliaments. Style barbate. Stigma oblong. Capsule small, round, slightly furrowed.

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SPERMACOCE. Schreb. gen. N. 155.

Calyx four-leaved. Corol funnel-shaped. Capsule inferior, crowned, two-celled, twovalved. Seed solitary, longitudinally furrowed on the inside Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

S. sumatrensis. Linn. op. pl. ed. Willd. 571. Retz. Obs. iv. 23.

Shrubby, erect, four-sided. Leaves lanceolate, remote, short-petioled. minal, decompound. Capsule opening from the base. Corymbs ter-

A native of moist places amongst the Circur mountains. Flowers during the rainy

Stem erect, woolly, obsoletely four-sided. Branches opposite, four-sided. Leaves opposite, spreading, short-petioled, lanceolate, downy; size very various. Stipules connecting, membranous, two or three-toothed. Umbel compound, terminal. Flowers white, very small. Calvx four-leaved. Corol with short, gibbous tube. Capsule oblong, two-celled, two-valved, two-partible from the base. Seed solitary.

Obs. This species ought to be carefully compared with Hedwotis fruticosa, Rezt. Obs. iii. 8; and the capsule of the same species in Linu, Flor. Zeyl. N. 63, should be well examined. The stipules seem the chief difference. In my plant they are always a lacerated

connecting membrane.

Knoxia corymbosa, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. p. 582, which he considers as Gartner's K. stricta, appears to me to be this plant. Indeed the two genera Spermacocc and Knoxia differ so little from one another as to induce me to think one of them might be spared.

Shrubby, erect, round, villous. Leaves opposite, remote, lanceolate, entire, villous. Corymbs terminal, decompound, alternate; divisions becoming spikes when in seed. Stamens erect, but hid in hairs. Style twice the length of the corol.

Knoxia umbellata, Banks, Herb.

Found by Dr. Buchanan in the woods of Koorg, from whence he sent the seed to the

Botanic garden, where the plants thrive well, and blossom during the rainy season.

Stem erect, perennial, round, while young villous. Branches opposite, a little inflected, round and villous, height of the whole plant about three feet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled. danceolate, downy, entire; length from two to four inches high. Connecting membrane with several erect, filiform divisions; when they accompany the divisions of the inflorescence, they sare more numerous, and may be called an involucre. Corymbs terminal, brachiate, with the ultimate divisions lengthened into short spikes by the time the seeds are ripe. Corol, mouth of the tube shut with much long white hair, which entirely conceals the large, erect anthers lodged amongst it. Style erect. Stigma two-cleft with divisions involute.

Obs. This has much the habit of Hedyotis fruticosa, but differs widely in the stipules, (even if the pericarp of that plant should be that of a Spermacoce,) and in the form of the stem and branches. It is also very like S. sumatrensis, but there the branches are four-sided, there perfectly round; there the tube of the corol is smooth, short and gibbons, here cylindric, and shut with hairs; finally the capsule is there bipartible, opening from the base, with oblong brown seed, in reality it is that of a Knoxia; here it does not open spontaneously, and

has black round seed.

3. S. exserta. R. Shrubby, straight, tender parts villous. Leaves remote, opposite, petioled, lanceolate. Corymbs terminal, decompound. Stamina and the hilld stigma exsert. Capsule oval.

A native of the Circars, where it blossoms in October and November.

Obs. Is nearly allied to S. teres; farther examination may prove them the same.
4. S. glabra. R.

Shrubby, round, smooth, erect. Leaves linear-lanceolate, smooth. Corymbs axillary, compound; styles hairy. Stigma clavate. Capsules globular, smooth.

A native of Pulo Pinang, has much the habit of a strong grass or slender bamboo, the

situation of the leaves excepted.

Branches round, smooth, straight, jointed, in the dry specimens fistulous. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, linear-lanceolate, smooth, entire, length from four to six inches; connecting membrane with unequal awned processes from its month. Pedaneles axillary, bearing several eross-armed, minute umbellets or headlets of small cream-coloured flowers. Reactes minute. Corol bell-shaped, mouth of the tube hairy. Style longer than the corol, hairy. Stigma cla-

vate, grooved. Capsule globular, smooth, size of a large pin's head. 5. S. lævis. R.

Biennial, straight, round, smooth. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolar. Corymbs terminal. Anthers hid in the bearded mouth of the infundibuliform corol.

A native of the interior of Bengal; in the Botanic garden it blossoms and ripens its seed from September till February, and is by far the prettiest Spermacoce I have yet met with.

Stems erect, perfectly straight, round, smooth. Branches opposite, and like the stems, whole height about three feet. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate, smooth, entire; from one to three inches long. Connecting membrane divided into several subulate segments. Corymbs terminal, compound and decompound. Flowers numerous, large, pale pink. Bractes small, and at the divisions of the corymbs chiefly. Calyx one of the four segments large, all the segments permanent. Corol funnel-shaped, before expansion the apex is large, with four horns; after expansion these projections form a conical knob under the apex of each segment, Month of the tube bearded. Filaments short; anthers linear, just within the tube. Germ two-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the top of the partition. Style longer than the tube of the corol. Stigma bifid. Segments revolute. Capsule oblong, crowned, two-ceiled, two-valved; valves keeled on the back. Seed solitary, longitudinally grooved on the middle of the inside.

Obs. It may be readily distinguished from S. teres (the only species known to me that

it can be mistaken for) by its smoothness, greater size of the flowers, and the segments of their borders being enlarged with a conic knob on the outside of their points.

6. S. lineata. R.

Erect, ramous, hairy. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate, acuminate, linear. Stipules triangular and shaggy. Heads axillary on trichotomous short peduncles. Stamina protruded.

A native of the Moluccas. The lineate, hairy, very acute, tapering leaves, long shaggy triangular stipulæ, and small peduncled heads of exillary flowers, readily distinguish this species from all the other East Indian species known to me.

7. S. nana. R.

Erect, simple, nearly round and smooth; leaves petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth. Flowers axillary and terminal, sessile, crowded.

A very small species, less than six inches high, a native of the Island of Honimoa.

8. S. stricta, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 573.

Annual, erect, four-sided. Leaves sessile, linear-lanceolate. Flowers in dense, globular, axillary verticils. Capsules scabrons, gaping at the apex.

Teling. Sookukada.

An annual, a native of wet rice fields, appears and flowers during the rainy season.

Stem erect, branchy, four-sided, about a foot high, angles acute and scabrous. Branches decussated, stem-like, but slenderer. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, entire, a little scabrous. Stipule, a connecting membrane, ciliate. Verticils globular. Involucres leaf-like. Flowers most numerous, minute, white. Tube cylindric. Stigma globular. Capsule twocelled, opening at the apex. Seed solitary.

9. S. costata, R.

Diffuse, very downy. Leaves broad-lanceolate, or oblong, ribbed. Flowers crowded on little axillary, proliferous umbellets. Stamina protruded.

Hedyotis Auricularia. Linn.

Supposed to be a native of the Moluceas, as the plant sprung up in the Botanic garden, from some earth brought with the spice plants from those Islands in 1800. It blossoms and

ripens its seed during the greatest part of the year.

Root biennial, if not perennial. Stems or rather branches many, diffuse, round, from one to three feet long, clothed with long, soft diverging hairs. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, broad-lanceolate, entire, ribbed with numerous large, simple, parallel veins; downy on both sides, from two to three inches long, and about one broad; connecting membrane with generally three, unequal, slender, subulate divisions. Flowers axillary, numerous, pale pink, very small, crowded together into small round heads, on short peduncles, and pedicels, the whole forming little, proliferous, villous umbels. Involucre and involucels annular, villous, from three to six-parted. Calyx, divisious equal, acute, hairy. Corol funnel-shaped, hairy on the outside, and in the throat of the tube; divisions of the border recurved. Stamens protruded beyond the mouth of the corol. Germ beneath, broad-turbinate. Style about as long as the tube of the corol. Stigma two-cleft, villous. Pericarp with two seeds.

10. S. semierecta. R.

Stem variously bent, but ascending, square. Branches brachiate, alternately smaller. Leaves ovate. Flowers in small, compact verticils. Stamens and style inclosed. Capsule

turbinate, hairy.

A native, I suppose, of Sumatra, as the plant from which this description is taken, sprung.

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and a half high. The lower branches brachiate; the superior often solitary, they are all very exactly foursided with angles sharp and somewhat hispid; in other respects they are very smooth. Leaves opposite, with smaller ones in their axills, short-petioled, acuminate, entire, very slightly scabrous, particularly the margins, with nerves and veins on the underside. Connecting membrane divided into several filiform portions. Flowers numerous, very small, white, sessile, collected into small compact, round verticils. Corol, divisions of the border bearded in the centre. Anthers within the tube,

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11. S. scabra, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 572.

Annual, diffuse, round, hairy. Leaces opposite, sessile, round, obovate, the hairy margins much curved, and somewhat carled. Flowers axillary, sessile. Stancas and style creet.

Tardavel. Rheed. Hort. Mal. 9. p. 149. t. 76. The leaves however are a little too sharp

for our Coromandel plant.

Stem short and generally annual. Lower branches opposite, superior alternate, round, coloured, very hairy, somewhat scabrous, weak, spreading and variously curved. Leaves opposite, sessile, round, obovate, or nearly oval, somewhat acute; hairy on both sides, edges recurved and more or less curled. Connecting stipule with three, four, or five filiform processes. Flowers axillary, generally in pairs, though often several together, but expanding in succession, sessile, small, purple. Calyx, the four divisions or in this species rather leaders, lanceolate, nearly as long as the tube of the corol. Corol sub-campanulate, half four-cleft. Stamens as long as the segments of the corol. Style as long as the stamens. Stigmus two, two-lobed, segments revolute. Capsule oval, two-celled. Partition membranaceous. Seed solitary, oval, equally obtuse at each end.

12. S. articularis. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 572.

Annual, diffuse, four-sided. Leaves opposite, sessile, broad-lanceolate; connecting stipules from three to five-bristled. Flowers verticelled. Corol infundibuliform, four times longer than the calyx. Stamens and style erect.

A native of the sandy soil on the coast of Coromandel near the sea, and in flower the

greatest part of the year.

Roof generally annual. Stem searcely any, but many diffuse straggling, four-sided, alternate, hispid branches from one to two feet in length. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, a little hairy; veins simple, from one to two inches long, and half an inch broad. Connecting stipules cup-shaped, with from three to six bristles from each side. Flowers axillary, sessile, two, three, or four, expanding in succession from the same axill. Calga with slender, linear divisions. Corol infundibuliform. Tube slender, three or four times longer than the calyx. Stameas erect. Stigma erect, bifid; lobes broad, and revolute. Capsule two-celled, partition membranaceous. Seed solitary, oval, furrowed on the flat side.

13. S. hispida, Linn. Mant. 558, sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 572.

Annual, with diffuse, obsoletely four-sided, hairy branches. Leaves obovate, cuncute, waved, scabrous. Flowers verticelled, two, three, or four in each axill. Tube of the corol twice the length of the calyx. Stamens and style erect.

Teling. Madana-bunta-kada. Galeopsis zeylanica. Burm. Zeyl. 20, f. 3, agrees pretty well with my plant except in the numerous pedicelled flowers.

Common on the sandy lands near the sea on the coast of Coromandel.

HYDROPHYLAX. Schreb. gen. N. 159.

Calyx four-parted; corol campanulate. Germ two-celled, one-seeded, inferior. Capsule inferior, angular, two-celled. Seed solitary; embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm. 1. H. maritima, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 581.

Sarissus anceps. Gart. carp. i. p. 118. t. 25. f. 4.

Diodia orientalis. Kön. Mss.

A native of the sand hills along the shores of Coromandel and Malabar, where it is in

blossom most part of the year.

Root perennial. Stem none, but many long, slender, variously bent, striking, round, coloured branches running over the sand and often striking root from the joints. Leaves opposite, approximate, short-petioled, from a deep, stem-clasping, dentate cup. Flowers axillary, sub-sessile, one or two together, of a pale pink colour. Calyx above, four-parted; divisions ensiform, permanent. Corol campanulate, tube hairy on the inside near the bottom, the four divisions of the border ovate, spreading, with their apices somewhat revolute. Filaments four, erect, shorter than the corol, and inserted on the mouth of its tube, opposite to its fissures. Anthers purple. Germ oblong. Style length of the corol. Stigma of two round lobes. Pericarp when ripe a dry berry, of a lanceolate shape, crowned with the remaining calyx, two-celled, with a single linear oblong seed in each, as detailed and figured by that very eminent and most accurate botanist Gærtner.

RUBIA. Schreb. gen. N. 164.

Calyx scarcely any. Corol one petalled, from four to five-parted. Berries inferior, twin. Seeds solitary. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

R. Munjista. R.

Perennial, seandent. Leaves four-fold, long-petioled, cordate, acute, from five to sevennerved, hispid. Corol flat, five-parted, pentandrous. Fleming in Asiat. Res. xi. 177.

Saur Manjistha, Vikusa, Jingee, Sumunja, Kalemeshika, Mundooku uruee, Bhundeeree or Bhandiree, Bhandee, Yozanavallee.

Beng. Manjit or Manjistha.

A native of Nepal, and other mountainous countries, north and north-east of Bengal. It grows in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, but requires uncommon care to keep it alive during the rainy season, and has never blossomed there.

Root perennial. Stems woody, scandent, climbing over trees and bushes. Branches

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cross-armed, from the axill of the large pair of leaves, jointed, swelling at the joints, hairy for a little distance below them, four-sided; angles sharp and armed with small, recurved prickles; the exterior cortex, which forms these angles, drops off by age, leaving the longer branches and stems round, and covered with a soft reddish somewhat downy bark. Leaves four-fold, petioled, one of the pairs always much larger, viz. about double the size of the other, and with 375 longer petioles, all are beautifully cordate, entire, acute, pointed, generally five or sevennerved, though in the largest there are sometimes nine, and in the smallest three, or even sometimes obliterated; these nerves are armed with small recurved prickles, like those on the angles of the branchlets; both sides channelled. Panicles terminal, oblong, composed of numerous, opposite, small, sub-globular, trichotomous panicles from the axill of the floral leaves. Peduncles and pedicels four-sided, smooth. Bractes opposite, sessile, long, cordate. Flowers. numerous, minute. Calyx, if any, so minute as not to be visible. Corol flat, five-parted; divisions lanceolate, acute, with points inflected. Stamens five, shorter than the corol. Germ beneath, twin. Style scarcely any, stigma large, two-cleft. Berries two, or one; the second not always coming to maturity, globular, size of a small grain of pepper, smooth. Seed single, round, smooth, with a deep pit on one side.

Obs. It differs from R. cordifolia in being pentandrous. The roots, stems, and larger

branches are used to dye red with.

IXORA.* Schreb. gen. N. 167.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol one-petalled, funnel-shaped. Tube long, with the stamina in its mouth. Germ two-celled, one-seeded, lateral. Berry inferior, two-seeded. Embryo erect, eurved, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. I. coccinea. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 609.

Shrubby. Leaves oblong, cordate, sessile, acute, smooth, entire. Segments of the corol ovate-banceolate, acute. Berry crowned with the shut segments of the calyx.

Schetti. Rheed. Mal. ii. p. 17. t. 12. is a pretty good figure of it, but the description of the colour of the flowers does not so well agree.

Jasminum flore tetrapetalo. Burm. Zeyl. 125, t. 57, good.

In the Taujore country and in China I have found this most beautiful shrub in great abundance in its wild state. In a cultivated state it flowers all the year round. I have had it eight years in my garden, and it is not more than three or four feet high, with many erect branches, but scarcely any thing like a trunk.

Leaves opposite, sessile, approximated, decussate, oblong, pointed, entire, smooth, shining, from three to four inches long, and one and a half broad. Stipules within the leaves with an awled process on each side. Corymb terminal, three-forked. Bractes small, rigid. Peduncles and pedicels short, coloured. Flowers numerous, pretty large, bright scarlet, inodorous. Calyw four-toothed; divisions acute. Corol, stamens and pistil as in the genus. Berry size of a small cherry, red, juicy, two-celled. Seed solitary, convex on one side, and flat on the other.

Obs. Flamma sylvarum. Rumph. Amb. iv. p. 105. t. 46. is a very bad representation of this species, and much more like my Lvora fulgens. I have therefore doubtfully quoted it for that plant.

2. I. Bandhuca. R.

Shrubby, spreading. Leaves oval, stem-clasping. Corymbs crowded. Segments of the corol ovate, obtuse. Berries crowned with the open calyx.

Asiat. Res. iv. p. 250.

Suns. Ruktuka, Bundhooka, or Bundhooka, Bundhoojeevuka.

Beng. Rungun, Rujuna.

A very elegant, uncommonly ramous, bushy shrub, a native of Hindoostan. Sir William Jones observes that the flower is often mentioned by the best Indian Poets. It is in flower the whole year but chiefly during the rains, when it is highly ornamental.

Stem none, but branches iunumerable, which divide much and spread close on the ground, forming a large hemispherical bush. Bark of the large branches dark brown, and rather scabrous; that of the young shoots, smooth, and green. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, oblong, obtuse, with a small point, entire, firm, smooth on both sides. Stipules interioliaceous, annular, with a subulate process on each side. Corymbs terminal, crowded, divisions many, but short. Flowers numerous, when they first open scarlet, changing afterwards to crimson. Bracles opposite, conic, acute. Calgar superior, four-toothed, coloured, permanent. Corol with a very long slender tube; segments of the border four, ovate, rather obtuse, spreading. Filaments four, short, inserted without the mouth of the tube, spreading, anthers linear, spreading. Germ two-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Style length of the tube of the corol. Stigma bild. Berry spherical, size of a large pea, smooth, fleshy, when ripe purple, two-celled. Seed solitary, oval, convex on the outside flat, with a deep pit on the inside. Integuments two; exterior nuciform; inner membranaceous. Perispera conform to the seed, cartilaginous. Embryo erect, curved, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons reniform, cordate. Radiele cylindric, longer than the cotyledous, inferior.

Obs. This species is nearly allied to I. coccinea, but differs in the following respects:

1st. This is a very ramous spreading bush, that much less so, and nearly erect.

tion of a piant which has already a classical name.

2d. In this the leaves are stem-clasping, and obtuse; in that sessile and acute. 3d. In this the segments of the border of the corol are ovate, and rather obtuse; in that ovate-lanceolate, and acute; and lastly,

4th. The calvx on the fruit is open in this species, in that shut into a conical point. 3. I. fulgens. R.

Shrubby. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, acute. Corymbs terminal, highly coloured. Segments of the calyx cordate. Tube of the corol long and filiform, with smooth contracted mouth; segments lanceolate, and larger than the erect stamens. Berries two-lobed.

Flamma sylvarum. Rumph. Amb. iv. 105. t. 46? pretty good.

This elegant, highly ornamental shrub is a native of the Moluccas, and from thence was

introduced into the Botanic garden, where it blossoms most part of the year.

Trunk short, soon dividing into many straggling weak branches, covered with smooth dark-brown bark. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, acute, smooth on both sides; from six to eight inches long, and from one to three broad. Stipules connecting, with an acute point on each side. Corymbs terminal, composed of short, decussate, highly coloured branches, and branchlets, supporting numerous, short-peduncled, long-tubed, pretty large, scarlet flowers, with the four segments of their border acute, and broad-lanceolate, stamens erect. Berry two-lobed, size of a marrowfat pea, smooth, when ripe of a deep purple, two-celled, Seeds solitary, nearly round, convex on the back, with a deep cavity on the inside, and from thence attached by a thick short cord to the centre of the partition. Integuments two, the exterior corresponding with what Gærtner calls the avillus in Coffee, ash-coloured, and firm like parchment; the inner membranaceous, and darker coloured. Perispers conform to the seed, pale blue, and of a soft cartilaginous consistence. Embryo erect, one-third shorter than the perisperm, curved. Cotyledons two, cordate. Radicle sub-clavate, inferior.

4. 1. stricta. R.

Shrubby, straight. Leaves sub-sessile, oblong. Corymbs dense, compound, hemispheric. Lacinia of the corol round, spreading. Anthers bristle-pointed

Ixora coccinea. Lourier, Cochin Ch. 95. Curtis's Botanical Magazine, No. 169.

Flamma sylvarum peregrina. Rumph. Amb. iv. 107 t. 47.

This beautiful plant was brought to the Botanic garden from the Moluccas in 1798, where it is in constant blossom the whole year round; but rarely ripens its fruits. The plant, when in flower is highly ornamental, though by no means so gaudy as I. coccinea and Ban-

dhuca, which are certainly two of our most showy Indian shrubs.

Trunk scarcely any, but a few perfectly straight branches, covered with dark-brown smooth bark; height from three to four feet. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides. Stipules interfoliaceous, long, taper, acute-pointed. Corymbs terminal, very dense, sub-hemispheric, primary divisions brachiate, and short, extreme divisions trichotomous; all smooth and of a bright, deep red colour. Flowers numerous, colour at first a lively orange approaching to scarlet, becoming deeper and deeper from the time of expansion. Calgar bright red, fleshy; divisions short and obtuse. Corol, tube, cylindric. Border of four round, spreading segments. Filaments without the tube, short, spreading, flat, with their linear acute authors over the divisions of the border of the corol. Stigma two-cleft, elevated a little above the mouth of the tube. Berry spherical, smooth, succulent, red, twocelled, with a single rugose seed in each.

Obs. In the Botanic garden at Calentta there is a more ramons variety of this charming plant introduced from China, where it is called Hong-mou-tang, with pale pink flowers which

it bears in abundance all the year.

5. I. alba. Linn. sp. pl. ed. i. 906.

Leaves sessile, broad-lanceolar. Corymbs decompound, dense, sub-hemispheric; lacinia of the corol obovate and reflexed.

Until I came to Bengal I had not an opportunity of seeing this elegant plant. I have found it only in gardens. Flowering time the hot and rainy seasons. The shrub itself is much like Ixora coccinea.

Ramous, erect, and smooth in every part. Leaves opposite, sessile, broad-lanceolar, smooth, a little waved, from three to six inches long Stipules within the leaves. Corymba terminal, compound, or decompound, dense, often hemispheric; divisions or sub-divisions by threes. Flowers very numerous, inodorus, white, with a straight, rather longer and more slender tube than in Ixora coccinea; divisions the border reflexed, obovate.

Obs. This is probably nothing more than a variety of I. stricta, or that of this. It was originally brought from China, where it is called Ta-mou-tang.

6. I. cuncifolia. R.

Shrubby. Leaves broad-cuneate, lanceolate, pointed. Corymbs terminal, long-peduncled. Flowers erowded; segments of the calvx oblong, conic.

A native of the country about Dacea, from thence the late Colonel Peter Murray sent seeds to the Botanic garden, where the plants grow freely, blossom in March, and ripen their

seed in August and September.

Trunk short. Branches opposite, nearly erect, round and covered with smooth brown bark; young shoots smooth, and green. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad, cuneate, lanceolate, recurved, entire, taper, obtuse-pointed, firm and polished, somewhat buliate; length from four to six inches, by one and a half or two broad. Stipules tapering, subulate, pointed. Corymbs terminal, long-peduncled, trichotomous, alternate divisions ending in fascicles of sub-sessile, crowded, pure white flowers, with a slight tinge of pink on the outside. Bracles in opposite pairs, at the various divisions of the corymband under the celyx subulate. Flowers

Page very numerous, pure white, fragrant. Calyx four-cleft to the base, divisions long, narrow and acute. Tube of the corol cylindric, very slender, three quarters of an inch long; the four segments of the border oblong and obtuse. Filaments from the inner edges of the fissures of the border of the corol. Anthers narrow, sagittate. Germ oval, two-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Stigma of two linear lobes, elevated considerably above the mouth of the tube. Berry round, turbinate, size of a small cherry, when ripe bright red, and smooth, two-celled. Seed solitary, round, oval, convex on the outside, with a large deep pit on the inner. Integuments two; exterior nuciform; inner membranaceous, and greenish. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo erect, curved like the convex seed. Cotyledons reniform. Radicle cylindric, length of the cotyledons, inferior.

Obs. Vahl's figure of I. parviflora, Symbol. Bot. iii. t. 52, is much like this plant; his description however agrees better with what I bave always considered to be his parviflora, and which is so labelled in Sir Joseph Banks's herbarium. They differ in the following respects. That (I. parviflora) is a tree, this a shrub; in that the leaves are linear oblong with a cordate base, of a much firmer texture, and more polished; in this they taper for two-thirds of their length to the base, (hence the specific name cuneifolia.) In that the segments of the calyx are short and obtuse, in this long and acute. In that the berries are round and black; in this short, turbinate and red. The corymbs also differ somewhat. In both species the

flowers are white, but in this much larger.

I. brachiata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar. Panicles brachiate, with remote, diverging branches.

A stout shrub, a native of the forests of Bengal. In the Botanic garden it flowers in

March, and the seeds ripeu in May.

Trunk erect. Branches opposite, spreading much, but they are not so numerous as in I. parciflora. Bark brown, and pretty smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, obtuse, smooth, of a hard texture, from four to six inches long, by less than two broad. Sti-pulos triangular, acute. Panicles terminal, brachiate; ramifications few, remote on long, round, smooth peduncles. Flowers numerous, minute, much smaller than in I. parciflora. Calyx small, deeply four-toothed, coloured. Corol with a filiform tube; segments of the border obovate, emarginate. Filaments none. Anthers linear, attached by their backs to the bottom of the fissures of the border of the corol. Germ turbinate, two-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the partition. Style scarcely longer than the tube. Stigma large, twolobed. Berry the size of a large pea, smooth, succulent, dark brown purple, two-celled. Seeds solitary, round, convex, on the outside concave, with a pit on the inner. Integuments two, exterior white, hard, thin, and elastic; inner tender and thin. Perisperm acetabuliform, amygdaline. Embryo erect, curved. Cotyledons cordate. Radicle cylindric, curved, inferior.

Obs. A handsome shrub, and nearly allied to Vahl's I. parviflora, though very different from the plant so labelled in the Banksian herbarium, which grows in abundance in this

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1st. In the shape of the leaves, which in that species are sub-sessile, and generally have a broad stem-clasping base; in this the petiole is about half an inch long, and the leaves taper

more towards the base than at the exterior end.

2d. In the thinness of the panicle, (though of the same conformation), and the size of the flowers, which in this species are much smaller, and every way more delicate, and also in their shape, which in that species is oblong before expansion, but in this round.

3d. In this the anthers are sessile, in that they have short filaments.8. I. villosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaves broad-cuncate, lanceolar, villous underneath. Corymbs super-decompound to the sixth or seventh degree, divisions trichotomous, villous. Calycine segments oblong and ciliate.

Beng. Choonaree.

This species is a native of Silhet, where it grows to be an elegant middling sized shrub

with large crowded corymbs of fragrant white flowers, which appear in May and June.

Young shoots straight and villous. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-cuneate, lanceolar, entire, acuminate, underneath soft with very short down; from six to ten inches long, by from two to four broad. Stipules downy, with the ends subulate. Corymbs terminal, from four to eight times trichotomous, all the divisions downy, and the last three-flowered. Bractes opposite, downy; two slender small ones pressing the base of each calyx. Calyx four-parted, segments oblong, ciliate. Corol with a very long, smooth, filiform tube; segments of the border four, oblong, spreading; in the oblong obtuse bud they are imbricated.

9. I. acuminata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves petioled, lanceolar, acuminate, smooth; floral pair stem-clasping, and broader. Corymbs super-decompound, much crowded, and smooth. Calycine segments ensiform.

A very charming shrubby species, a native of the forests near Silhet, where it blossoms during the hot season, and perfumes the air with the fragrance of its flowers

 I. parviflora, Vahl. Symbol. iii. p. 11. t. 52. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 609.
 Arboreous. Leaves sub-sessile, oblong, smooth. Panicles ovate oblong, decussated. Lacis. nice of the corol ovate. Style hairy. Berries round.

Beng. Gundhul-rungun. 384

Teling. Tadda-pullu. Among the mountains of the coast of Coromandel this species grows to be a pretty larger tree; in the low lands it is much smaller, seldom exceeding fifteen or twenty feet in height Flowering time February and March.

Bark dark-coloured, scabrous. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, linear-oblong, pointed at the base, often cordate; smooth, shining, firm, entire, from three to four inches long, and from one and a half to two broad. Stipules as in I. coccinea. Panicles ovate, terminal, erect, cross-armed; divisions always three-forked. Bractes at the principal divisions stipulaceous, with four subulate processes; the rest are small, one below each ramification. Flowers small, white, fragrant. The style is hairy. Berry generally two-seeded, somewhat two-lobed, size of a pen, black.
11. I. barbata. R.

Twie of the corol long; mouth bearded. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth, shining; floral leaves, round cordate, sessile. Panicles open.

This elegant, densely ramons, large shrub, or small tree, I have found only in the Botanic

garden. Flowering time the hot season.

Trunk scarcely any, branches numerous, opposite. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth, and shining on both sides, from six to nine inches long. Stipules within the leaves as in the other species. Corymbs, or rather panicles terminal, decompound, large, diffuse, always trichotomous, smooth in every part. Bracles, the lowermost pair embracing the base of the common peduncle, large, and cordate. (they may be called floral leaves;) the rest gradually decrease in size till they become very minute at the ultimate divisions. Calyx as in the genus, with acute divisions. Two of the corol long and slender, its mouths crowned with long white hairs. Style the length of the corol. Stigma clubbed, just without the mouth of the tube, apex slightly bifid. Berry red, smooth, size of a pea, two-seeded.

Obs. Benr-Schetti, Rheed. Mal. ii. p. 19. t. 13, is a tolerable representation of this plant, but a bad one of what I consider to be Ixora alba.

12. I. undulata. R.

Leares opposite, broad-lanceolar, acute, much waved. Panicles terminal, open; diviusions of the calyx acute. Filaments as long as the anthers. Stigma two-cleft. Berries transversely oval.

Beng. Paluka-Jooi.

A ramous shrub, a native of forests in Bengal, flowering time the hot season.

Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, spreading, broad-lanceolar or oblong, pointed, margins much waved, smooth on both sides but not shining. Stipules within the leaves, with a long awled process on each side. Corymbs or rather panicles terminal, decompound, &c. as in I. barbata, but much smaller. Bractes as in the other species. Flowers numerous, small, white. Calyx, divisions acute. Corol, divisions on the border reflexed, rather shorter than the tube. Filaments from the fissures of the corol, pretty long, spreading and variously bent. Anthers as in the genus. Style rather longer than the tube. Stigma two-cleft; divisions recurved.

13. I. Pavetta, R.

Sbrubby. Leaves short-petioled, smooth, entire. Panicles fastigiate, axillary, and terminal. Style twice the length of the corol. Stigma entire. Berries globular.

Pavetta indica, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 610.
Pavetta, s. Malleamothe, Rheed. Hort. Mal. v. 19. t. 10, is certainly this plant.

Beng. Kookoora-choora. Teling. Nooni-papoota.

A middle sized shrub, common on road sides, hedges, uncultivated lands, &c. where 386

there is a good soil.

Brasches cross-armed, ascending. Bark ash-coloured. Leaves opposite, petioled, bblong, entire, pointed, always smooth on both sides, which forms the chief difference besween this and the next species; from four to six inches long, and two, or two and a half aroad. Stipules as in the former species. Corymbs compound, terminal large, nearly sevel-topped, cross-armed. Pedancles and pedicels round, and smooth. Bractes as in the former species. Flowers white somewhat fragrant. Calyx, divisions obtuse. Style twice the length of the tube. Stigma clubbed. Berry globular, size of a pea, one or two-seeded.

14. I. tomentosa, R.

Shrubby. Leaces oblong, ventricose, entire, tomentose. Panieles lax, sub-globular, omentose; style twice the length of the corol. Stigma entire. Berries globular.

Beng. Jooi.

Teling. Nam-papoota

A large shrub, native of the same places, but not so common as the last described.

Flowers the beginning of the hot season.

Branches cross-armed, ascending. Bark ash-coloured. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, cointed, entire, both sides very downy, from four to eight inches long, and from three to ive broad. Stipules as in the former species. Panieles terminal, globular, cross-armed, livisions always three-forked. Peduacles and pedicels round, downy. Bractes as in the ormer species. Flowers numerous, white, faintly fragrant. Style twice the length of the ube. Stipma clubbed. Berry generally two seeded.

Obs. In all the foregoing species the berries are two-seeded, though it often happens that but one comes to perfection. I never met with any that had three or four. I do not find that the inhabitants of these posts make one of the trees great for find

and that the inhabitants of these parts make use of the trees, except for fuel.

15. tenniflora. R.

Leaves short-petioled, oblong, obtuse, smooth. Panicles terminal, corymbiform, contractid. Segments of the calyx cordate, and obtuse, tube of the corol long, and most slender.

Page Segments of its border oblong, obtuse, and longer than the erect style, or stamina.

A native of the Moluceas, and with flowers infinitely more delicate than I. fulgens which it most resembles.

16. I. congesta. R.

Shrubby. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, strongly veined. Corymbs terminal, short, dense. Flowers sub-sessile. Segments of the calyx obscurely reniform; those of the border of the corol oblong, and obtuse.

A native of the Moluccas, and differs from I. fulgens in the firm somewhat coriaceous.

leaves, with stronger parallel veins. 17. I. lanceolaria. Colebr.

Shrubby, smooth; branches slender, pendulous, sub-dichotomous. Leaves in approximate pairs, very long, linear-lanceolate, acuminate, short-petioled. Corymb terminal, sub-sessile, small, with coloured scaly, crowded peduncles. Tube of the corol filiform; laciniae linear-oblong. Anthers linear, with deeply bifid base.

A native of Travancore. Introduced into the Botanic garden by Dr. A. Berry in 1803.

Time of blossoming the hot season; the fruit ripens towards the close of the rains,

An erect shrub, five, six, or even more feet high, with dichotomous, very little spreading, ash-coloured branches. Branchlets very slender and twiggy, hanging, green, with numerous compressed widened joints, like all the other parts of the plant smooth. Leaves spreading, from five to seven inches long and almost as many times exceeding their interstices, an inch or less broad a little above their acute base, from thence tapering into a sharp acumen, opaque and somewhat glaucous above, pale beneath, with a slender white rib and very fine sub-opposite nearly transversal nerves which communicate with each other in sub-marginal arches. Petioles about two lines long, channelled. Stipules adpressed, lanceolate, as broad as the interstices between the insertion of the two opposite leaves, tapering into a subulate point which generally exceeds the petioles in length. Corymb small, supported by a pair of very short leaves, consisting of twice or thrice trichotomous, reddish, pubescent pedancles, with opposite linear, subulate bractes under each division, having a stipuliform, fimbriated process between their bases. Pedicels ternate or fascicled, two or three lines long, with three pairs of reddish fleshy subulate scales, the uppermost adpressed to the calyx. Calyx very small, oblong, reddish, with erect subulate teeth; at the bottom, within, there is a series of fleshy, subulate, withering and sphacelated cilia as in the family of Asclepiadea and Apocynea. Corolla white; tube slender, half an inch long; timb spreading, equalling the tube, with linear oblong-falcate, slightly pubescent lacinia. Anthers linear and long, the base bind and ending in two whitish processes. Filaments short, exserted. Style clavate. Stigma two-lobed, subulate, spreading, elevated above the mouth of the corolla. Rerry as large as a marrow-fat pea, red, smooth, crowned with the four subulate, erect teeth of the calyx. Seeds cup-shaped, hemispherical.

PYROSTRIA. Juss. gen. ed. Ust. 229.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol with cylindric tube, and four-cleft border. Drupe inferior, with as far as eight, one-seeded nuts.

1. P. hexasperma. R.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, acute, entire. Corymbs axillary, and also within the cuspidate, hairy, stipules, dichotomous. Drupe six-seeded.

A native of the Island of Honimon.

Tender shoots clothed with brown hairs. Leaves opposite, approximate, short-petioled. oblong, acute, entire, a little hairy; from three to four inches long. Stipules within the leaves cuspidate, hairy. Peduncles opposite; with the stipules many times longer than the petioles, each ending in a small twice dichetomous, corymbiform, panicle of recurved secund spikes. Bracles subulate, one-flowered. Flowers rather small, hairy. Calyx four-toothed, Corol with a slender, cylindric, villous tube, and contracted, four-parted horder. Filaments none. Anthers linear in the mouth of the tube of the corol, and affixed to it by their backs. Germ beneath. Style shorter than the corol. Stigma simple. Drupe round, six-ribbed; size of a pea. Seeds or nuts regularly six, sub-cylindric.

SALVADORA. Schreb. gen. N. 220.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol one-petioled, four-cleft. Style none or short. Berry inferior, one-seeded.

S. persica, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 695. R. Corom. pl. i. N. 26.
 Rivina paniculata, Syst. nat. x. p. 899.
 Teling. Pedda-warago-wenki.

A middle sized tree, a native of most parts of the Circars, though by no means common; it seems to grow equally well in every soil. Produces flowers and ripe fruit all the year round.

Trunk generally crooked, from eight to ten feet high to the branches, and one in diameter. Bark very scabrous, and deeply cracked. Branches exceedingly numerous, spreading, with their extremities perfectly pendulous, like the weeping willow. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval or oblong, entire, very smooth, and shining on both sides, without veins; from one to two inches long, and about one broad. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills. Flowers minute, very numerous, greenish-yellow. Bractes minute. Calyx inferior, four-toothed, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube short, border four-cleft; segments

oblong, revolute. Filaments four, inserted into the tube of the corol under its fissures, and Parather shorter than the border. Anthers oval. Germ globular, style none. Stigma scabrous.

Berry very minute, much smaller than a grain of black pepper, smooth, red, juicy. Seed one. Obs. The berries have a strong aromatic smell, and taste much like garden cresses. The bark of the root is remarkably acrid, bruised and applied to the skin, soon raises blisters, for which purpose the natives often use it. As a stimulant it promises to be a medicine possessed of very considerable powers.

CALLICARPA. Schreb. gen. N. 175.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol one-petalled, tubular, four-parted. Germ four-celled, cells one-seeded : ocula attached to the middle of the axis. Berry four-seeded. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. C. arborea, R. Arboreous. Leaces long-petioled, oblong, ventricose, tapering much toward both ends,

entire, hairy underneath. Pasicles axillary, sub-globular, throughout dichotomous.

A stout tall tree; a native of Chittagong. Flowers at various times through the year.

Trunk nearly erect, and in trees nine years old, thirty-three inches in circumference four feet above the surface of the soil. Branches spreading. Branchets obtusely four-cornered, and mealy. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, oblong, ventricose, tapering equally at each end, entire, smooth above, hairy underneath, while young and unexpanded very mealy on both sides; length from six to twelve inches, petiole included, which may be reckened one-fourth of the whole. Panicles axillary, solitary, or paired, the largest on a peduncle as long as the petioles, sub-rotund, from six or eight times dichotomous, all the ramifications somewhat four-cornered and mealy. Flowers small, very numerous, lively purple, or illac, small, rather offensive. Bracles minute. Calyx cumpanulate, obscurely four-toothed, mealy on the ontside. Corol with the tube much longer than the calvx, one of the segments of its border smaller. Filaments twice the length of the corol. Anthers brown. Germ superior, round, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style as long as the stancers, and bent in an opposite direction. Stigma headed. Berry superior, round, polished, lively purple, succulent, size of a small grain of black pepper; one-celled. Seeds four, convex on the outside, with two flat faces on the inner, rough; interior integument hard like the shell of a nut. Perispera oval, soft, amygdaline. Embryo straight, erect, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle oblong, the length of the cotyle-

2. C. lanata. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 620.

Arborcous, all the young parts mealy. Leaves opposite, oval, entire, downy. Corymbe axillary, dichotomous throughout. Corols oblique.

Tomex tomentosa. Flor. Zeyl. N. 59.

A pretty large tree, a native of the Circur mountains, and of the vallies between them. Trunk perfectly straight, and of a considerable height. Bark smooth, ash-coloured.

Branches few, and near the top, forming but a small head for so large a trunk. Young shoots somewhat four-sided, and covered with gray faring. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, tapering to a point, entire, downy, below whitish with much down; from nine to ten inches long, and five or six broad. Petioles round, two or three inches long, covered with down. Corymbs axillary, erect, two-forked throughout; every part covered with gray forms. Braztes small. Flowers very numerous, small, purple. Calyx short; border four salented, permanent. Corol, tube bent to one side. The other parts as in the genus. Style determing. Obs. The wood of this tree is white, spongy, and of course not fit for much use.

3. C. cana, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 620.
Shrubby, downy. Leares ovate, glandular-dentate-serrate, downy underneath. Panicles axillary, sub-globular. Stigma bifid. Herries purple.
Callicarpa americana. Louriero. Cochin Ch. ed. Willd. 1. p. 88.

This shrub was introduced into the Botanic garden from the Moluccas in 1798, and in three years had attained to the height of from four to eight feet high, considerably ramous, with the young parts downy, and the ligneous ones covered with smooth, pale ash-coloured bark. They are in blossom in March and April chiefly, though more or less the whole year.

Leaves opposite, short petioled, from broad cordate to oblong, reticulated with margins

glandular-dentate-serrate; upper side soft and of a deep green colour, but very downy, and pale underneath. Cymes axillary, dichotomous, scarcely longer than the petioles, villous. Flowers numerous, small, pale red colour. Bractes subulate, caducous. Calyx woolly, four-toothed. Corol campanulate; divisions sub-cordate. Filaments longer than the corols, and inserted into the base of its tube, ascending. Style declined, length of the filaments. Stigma two-

. Berry small, round, smooth, deep purple. Seeds four.

Obs. It differs from C. americana, Willd. in having a woolly, toothed calyx, two-lobed

stigma and in the form of the leaves.

4. C. incana. R.

Shrubby, young shoots hoary. Leaves lanceolate, obtusely serrulate, fine and entirepointed, hoary underneath.

Mashandari. Asiat. Res. iv. 233.

Beng. Muttura, Muttrunja.

A stout shrub, with all the tender parts and the under surface of the leaves densely sclothed with long, soft, white, stellate pubescence; common in the vicinity of Calcutta, where

Page it is in flower and seed nearly the whole year.

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Ed. 1 long considered this to be Vahl's macro I long considered this to be Vahl's macrophylla, but on rearing what I also took for the same species from Silhet and Chittagong, in the Botanic garden, I could plainly observe a striking difference when growing near each other, and as the Chittagong and Silhet sort agrees much better with Vahl's figure and description, I must consider it to be his macrophylla. In the Calcutta plant, which I now call incana, the leaves are never so broad in proportion to their length, more round at the base; much more pointed, with the long taper points entire; all the rest of the margin, except what may be called the base, obtusely serrulate. In macro-phylla, the leaves are crenate, more obtuse, and the margins cut to the very apex; the two are however very nearly allied, though I think sufficiently distinct to authorize their being considered as different.

5. C. macrophylla. Vahl. Symbol. iii, 13. t. 53.

Shrubby, downy. Leaves opposite, ovate lanceolate, serrulate, reticulate, hoary underneath. Corymbs axillary, dichotomous, rather longer than the petioles. Berry minute white.

A native of Silhet and Chittagong.

A shrub, from four to eight feet in length. Trunk scarcely any, but several, round, erect branches, covered with white down. Leaves opposite, petioled, lanceolate, or oblong lanceolate, fine-pointed, finely serrate, wrinkled, above soft, and a little downy, below covered with much whitish soft down, from six to nine inches long, and two or three broad. Stipules none. Petioles about an inch long, downy, many times shorter than the leaves. Pedioneles as long as the petioles, round, downy. Bractes lanceolate, one under each division of the corymb. Flowers very numerous, small, rose-coloured. Calyx woolly, the four divisions distinct and acute.

6. C. acuminata. R.

Shrubby, tender parts hoary with a stellate pubescence. Leaves broad-lanceolar, acuminate, remotely repand, denticulate. Panicles axillary, long-peduncled, dichotomous, shorter

A native of Silhet, flowers in May. In this species the panicles are elevated on longer peduncles than in the other species, the leaves and young parts hairy, except the upper surface of the former when fully expanded, which is then naked and reticulate; from four to five inches long by nearly two broad.

7. C. longifolia. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 621.

Shrubby, with erect weak branches. Leaves rather long-petioled, broad-lanceolate, serrulate, smooth above, downy underneath. Panicles axillary, dichotomous, length of the petioles. Berries white.

A native of Prince Wales' Island, where it blossoms in June, July, and August.

8. C. cuspidata. R.

Shrubby, all the tender parts, and the under surface of the short-petioled, elliptic, dentate, cuspidate leaves woolly. Corymbs axillary, their division and the calyces clothed with minute grains under the wool.

A native of the Moluccas; the leaves are always acutely dentate, and end in a long

taper, acute point. The berries are very small, smooth, and purple.

9. C. lanceolaria. R. 395

Shrubby, hairy. Leaves lanceolar, serrulate, acuminate. Panicles axillary, short-peduncled, sub-globular. Berries white.

H. Koamoora.

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A pretty, shrubby species, with narrower leaves than any of the other species I have yet met with in India, they taper most toward the base, are nearly smooth on the upper surface, but very hoary underneath; as are all the other tender parts. Flowers numerous, minute, purple.

A native of the forests of Silhet, where it is in flower most part of the year.

C. pentandra, R.

Shrubby, tender parts mealy. Leaves opposite, with an alternate one between, oblong entire, cuspidate. Corymbs axillary. Flowers pentandrous. Stigma from three to four-lobed.

A native of the Moluccas,

C. purpurea, Juss. Shrubby; branchlets and younger parts slightly scaly. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, acuminate, serrate, with sub-entire cuneate base, smooth above, glandular-dotted below. Co-rymbs axillary, very small, dichotomous. Flowers glandular.

Porphyra dichotoma. Lour. Cochin Ch. ed. Willd, i. 87.

A native of China. Introduced in 1812, into the Botanic garden, at Calcutta, where it thrives extremely well, has attained a height of from four to six feet, and blossoms from April

to September. The berries ripen at the close of the rainy season.

Shrubby, spreading, with roundish branches, covered with scabrous gray bark. Branchlets very slender, slightly scabrous, and beset with ferruginous stellate and somewhat scaly pubescence; new shoots almost mealy. Leares from lanceolate to oval, two inches long, tapering at both ends, but more so at the base, and only there entire: the rest of the margin serrulate; without any hair or down, but scabrous below, from a great number of minute brown shining glandular dots which impart on being rubbed, a faintly aromatic smell; nerves and ribs elevated and slightly scaly. Petioles very short. Corymbs axillary or rather supra-axillary, small, round, two or three times dichotomous, many times shorter than the leaves; peduacles short, divaricate, beset with mealy pubescence, with minute lanceolate scales under each subdivision.

Flowers fragrant, purple, marked with glandular dots. Calyx turbinate with very small obtuse teeth. Corol about three times longer than the calyx, infundibuliform; lacinia oval, obtuse. Ed. Filaments almost twice as long as the corolla, purple; anthers large, orange-coloured, covered with many glandular dots. Stigma sub-capitate, elevated about the anthers. Berry very small, purple, at last red, with one or two fertile seeds.

BUDDLEIA, Schreb. gen. N. 184.

Calyx four-cleft. Corol four-cleft. Capsule superior, bisulcate, bilocular. Seeds nu-

1. B. Neemda, Buchanan.

Arborescent. Leaves lanceolate, sub-serrate, hoary underneath. Spikes terminal, lengthen-

ing, with flowers three-fold.

Nimda the vernacular name at Chittagong, where the plant is indigenous, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden by Dr. Buchanan, where it begins to blossom about the

close of the cold season. Seeds ripen in March and May

Trunk creet; branches numerous, opposite. Bark of the longer woolly parts ash-coloured; young shoats covered with white down. Height of the tree, in two years, about fifteen feet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, slightly hairy; from four to eight inches long. Petioles short, their bases joined by a connecting membrane. Spikes terminal, generally three-fold, there being a larger, and longer in the centre, with a smaller on each side; long, slender, hairy, lengthening, and blossoming for three months. Flowers generally three-fold, sub-opposite, sessile, very numerous, small, pure white, and of a pleasant smell. Bractes lanceolate, one under each flower. Calyx inferior, four, rarely five-toothed, villous. Corol one-petalled, hypocrateriform. Tube the length of the calyx; mouth villous, border of four, rarely five, rounded, equal segments. Filaments short, inserted near the base of the tube of the corol. Anthers broad, sagittate, hid in the tube. Germ conical. Style short. Stigma large, oblong, bisulcate, even with the tops of the anthers. Capsule ovate-oblong, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds minute, numerous, imbricated, compressed.

Obs. The whiteness of the leaves, and young shoots of this plant, independently of its numerous, beautiful, small, fragrant, pure white flowers, makes it highly ornamental, particularly amongst plants with darker foliage.

EXACUM. Schreb. gen. N. 185.

Calyx four-leaved. Corol salver-shaped. Capsule superior, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds many.

1. E. bicolor. R.

Annual, erect, four-sided. Leaves sessile, ovate, five-nerved. Flowers axillary; apices of the segments of the corol blue, the rest white. Anthers erect.

A native of Cuttack, where it appears during the cool season.

Root almost simple. Stem erect, branchy, four-sided; angles somewhat winged, from one to two feet high. Leaves sub-sessile, opposite, oval, five-nerved, smooth, size very varions. Floral leaves small and narrow. Flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled, large, of a beautiful white and blue colour.

2. E. tetragonum, R.

Annual, simple, erect, four-sided. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, five-nerved. Flowers numerous, terminal. Stamens and style declinate.

Reng. Koochwri.

A native of Bengal, where it grows among long grass; and flowers during the rains.

Stem erect, simple, exactly four-sided, smooth; from two to three or even four feet high. Leaves opposite, decussate, sessile, lanceolate, five-nerved, smooth and shining, from two to four inches long. Flowers terminal, numerous, large, of a most beautiful blue colour, inodorus. Calyx divided nearly to the base into four, daggered segments. Corol, segments obdong, acute, spreading. Filaments on the tube of the corol, short. Anthers linear, bending to one side, with two pores at the top, for the discharge of the pollen, as in Cassia. Germ oval. Style projecting obliquely with the stamina; stigma enlarged. Capsule two-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous.

Obs. This is one of the most elegant plants I have met with, the flowers being not only numerous, large, and beautiful, but retaining their beauty and expansion for many days, which is a rare circumstance in an Indian plant.

3. E. zeylanicum. R.

Annual, pentandrous. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate, three-nerved. Flowers five-Calgy with five, broad membranaceous wings with subulate points.

Chironia trinervia. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 1065.

Lysimachia folio sinuato, acuminato trinervio, flore cœruleo, amplo calvee carinato, alato. Burm. Zeyl. p. 145. t. 67.

A native of Ceylon.

Stem erect, somewhat four-sided, smooth, annual. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth on the sides, three-nerved, from one to three inches long. Racemes terminal, and opposite from the exterior axills, the whole forming an expanded corymbiform panicle. Peduncles and pedicels four-sided, smooth. Flowers numerous, large, of a violet colour. Calyx five-cleft; divisions with a broad membranaceous wing, on the back, and a long

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subulate point. Corol; tube gibbous, length of the calyx, some short filaments amongst the insertions of the stamina crown the mouth of the tube. Border of five, obovate, beautiful, violet-coloured divisions. Filaments on the mouth of the tube, erect. Anthers linear, with two pores at the top, and also opening on the sides. Style declining, rather longer than the filaments. Stigma headed. Capsule oblong, two-celled.

Obs. The anthers remain straight, and hard, with two pores at the top, and also bursting by two longitudinal openings on the sides, I have for that reason removed this plant from

the genus Chironia, the essential mark of which consists in its spiral anthers.

4. E. carinatum. R.

Annual, erect. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, three-nerved. Corols four-cleft. Calyces broad, membranaceo-carinated. Stamens protruded. Style declined.

A native of Ceylon.

Root ramous, annual. Stem erect, with one or two opposite pairs of branches about the middle; above these dichotomous, somewhat four-sided, smooth, from six to twelve inches high. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, three-nerved. Flowers terminal, numerous, pretty large, yellow, collected on dichotomous corymbs, with a long peduncled one in each of the divisions. Calyx four-parted, each division augmented by a broad membrana-ceous keel on the back. Corol four-parted. Filaments short, inserted on a membranaceous rim round the inside of the mouth of the tube. Anthers erect, yellow, opening on the sides. Style longer than the stamens, declined. Stigma ascending, simple.

5. E. sulcatum. R.

Annual, erect, ramous, sulcated on the opposite sides of the stem and branches. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, fleshy, three-nerved. Calyx with four ridges. Stamens erect. Capsules

A native of Bengal; blossoms during the cool season; the seeds ripen in March.

Root fibrous, annual. Stem erect, from six to twelve inches high, smooth, sulcated on opposite sides. Branches opposite, their flower-bearing extremities two, and three times twocleft. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate, fleshy, entire, three-nerved; from one to two inches long. Flowers terminal, numerous, of a bright blue colour, those in the divisions of the branchlets long-peduncled. Peduncles four-sided. Bractes ovate, recurved. Calyx deeply four-parted; divisions with an ample keel. Filaments short, inserted in the mouth of the tube of the corol. Anthers ovate, oblong, touching at the sides, apices perforated. Style longer than the stamens, declined; stigmatwo-lobed. Capsule globular, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous.

Obs. This is a very beautiful small plant.

PLADERA. Solander's Mss.

Calyx cylindric, four-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped, border irregular. One of the stamina larger. Stigma two-lobed. Capsule superior, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous.

1. P. sessiliflora. R.

Annual, erect, four-sided; angles winged. Leaves opposite, sessile, ovate, entire. Flowers sessile.

Exacum heteroclitum. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. p. 639.

Gentiana heteroclita. Mant. 560.

A native of Coromandel and Bengal, appears on moist pasture ground during the rains

and first part of the cool season.

Stem erect, with two or three pairs of opposite branches, which are again once or oftener dichotomous, all are four-sided, with a thin wing to each angle; height of the whole plant about a span. Leaves opposite, sessile, ovate, entire, three-nerved; differing much in size, the largest rarely an inch long. Flowers solitary, in the divisions of the plant, sessile, small, pale red. Calyx sub-cylindric, four-toothed; teeth acute. Corol with the tube as long as the calyx. Border three-cleft, two of the divisions equal, oblong, and crowded at the apex, the third divided half way down. Filaments four; three longer, and inserted in the mouth of the tube; the fourth just below the fissure of the bifid segments of the corol. Anthers equal, oblong. Germ linear-oblong. Style as long as the stamina. Stigma two-lobed ; lobes large, obovate, thin. Capsule sub-cylindric, nearly as long as the permanent calyx, and hid in it, one-celled, two-valved. Receptacles consist in the incurved margins of the valves, (parietal, and two-lobed.) Seeds numerous, angular, very small.

2. P. virgata. R.

Annual, erect, four-sided, branches opposite, alternate. Leaves sessile, lanceolar, threenerved. Flowers terminal, sub-panieled.

Exacum diffusum. Linn, sp. pl. ed, Willd, i. 637. Gentiana diffusa. Vahl. Symbol, iii, 47.

A beautiful erect, ramous annual; growing on the banks of water courses, and on low

fallow lands. Flowering time the wet season.

Stem about a foot, or sometimes two feet high, erect, four-sided, ramous, smooth; inferior branches opposite, above alternate, very slender and twiggy. Leaves opposite, sessile, the lower lanceolate, the upper broader, all are pointed, and three-nerved, entire, smooth; size various. Flowers numerous, terminal, peduncled, small, rose-coloured. Calyx four-toothed; permanent. Corol funnel-shaped. Border irregular, three-parted; the two upper segments equal, and orbicular, the lower one two-parted; with a deep groove; in the groove is lodged the fourth or large stamen. Filaments four, inserted into the mouth of the tube, the lower-

most longer than the other three, and bearing an orange-coloured, and longer anther, which Page when shedding its pollen, is bent over the fissure of the stigma; anthers of the other three Can filaments equal, pale yellow. Style single, length of the short filaments. Stigma two-cleft, segments recurved. Capsule one-celled, many-seeded.

3. P. decussata. R.

Annual, erect, four-winged, branches crossed-armed. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, three-nerv-Flowers terminal, three-fold, peduncled.

Beng. Dunkoni.

This species resembles P. virgata, but is a little more robust, and seldom so high. It is

a native of the same places. Flowering time the same

Stem about a foot high, perfectly erect, four-sided; angles very sharp, or rather membrane-winged, smooth, ramous, branches always opposite, cross-armed, in other respects like the stem. Leaves opposite, spreading, sessile, lanceolate, sharp-pointed, entire, smooth, threenerved, size various. Flowers terminal, and axillary, peduncled, the terminal flowers three-fold; the axillary single, larger than those of the last species, and white. Peduncles four-sided, like the stem and branches. Calyx large, four-toothed, four-sided, four-winged. Corol, stamens, &c. exactly as in the last species.

4. P. perfoliata, R.

Annual, erect, four-winged. Cauline leaves lanceolate, three-nerved; floral leaves (or bractes) perfoliate.

Causcorn. Lamarck's Encyclop. Bot. i. 601.

Cansjan-Cora. Rheed. Mal. x. p. 103. t. 52.

A native of India, where it delights in a low moist soil. Flowering time the rainy season. Roof ramous, annual. Stem erect, somewhat four-sided, with four broad membranaceous wings. Branches opposite, and like the stem; all are smooth. Height of the whole plant about eighteen inches. Leaves of the stem opposite, sessile, lanceolate, three-nerved. Floral leaves perfoliate, all smooth and entire. Flowers terminal, peduncled, numerous, pretty large, pale rose colour. Calga four-toothed, striated, permanent. Corol irregular, somewhat two-lipped; the upper one larger and deeply two-parted, the lower one consisting also of two lobes, but smaller. Filaments four, three of them rather shorter, and inserted on the upper side of the tube; the third larger, and inserted below the fissure of the lower lip. Anthers bblong. Style as long as the stainens. Stigma two-parted. Segments recurved. Capsule oblong, one-celled, two-valved.

5. P. pusilla. R.

Annual, from one to two inches high. Leaves sessile, subcordate. Flowers terminal, sessile, three-fold, monandrous. Corol hid in the calyx. Capsule globular.

Compare with Hopea dichotoma. Vall. enumer. i. p. 3; also with Exacum sessile.

Willd. i. 635.

A beautiful minute plant, a native of Coromandel.

Stem erect, four-sided, branchy; from one and a half to two inches high. Branches crossarmed. Leaves opposite, sessile, cordate, minute, smooth. Flowers terminal, sessile, threefold, small, yellow. Calyx one-leaved, sub-cylindric, as long as the corol, four-toothed, permaneut. Corol one-petalled. Take a little gibbous, mouth four-toothed. Filaments four within the tube of the corol, and inserted into it near the base. Anthers, three minute, and abortive; one large and fertile. Germ globular. Style short. Stigmas two, globular. Capsule oval, covered by the ealyx, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous, black.

PLANTAGO. Schreb. gen. N. 186.

Calyx four-cleft. Corol four-cleft, with border reflexed. Stamina very long. Capsule rior, two-celled, cut transversely.

 P. Ispaghula, R. Fleming in Asiat, Res. xi, 174.
 Annual, caulescent. Leaves linear-lanceolar, three-nerved, slightly woolly. Pedancles axillary, naked, simple, length of the leaves; heads cylindric. Capsules two-celled.

Ispagool, the Hindee and Persian name, and that by which it is most generally known

in Bengal and on the coast of Coromandel.

Native place uncertain, but it is cultivated during the cool season.

Root ramous, annual. Stem, if any, very short, soon dividing into three or four ascendng, round, villous branches, which are a few inches in length. Leaves alternate, linearlanceolate, three-nerved, luxuriant in young plants remotely denticulate, somewhat woolly, towards the base channelled, and stem-clasping; length from six to eight inches by a quarter or half an inch broad. Pedancles axillary, solitary, naked, creet, round, a little villous, the length of the leaves. Spikes solitary, terminal, before the flowers expand ovate, afterwards cylindric; when in seed about an inch or an inch and a half long and creet. Flowers animerous, imbricated, small, dull, white, withering. Bractes one-flowered, ovate, concave, with the keel green, and the sides membranaceous. Calyx four-leaved. Leaflets oblong, ovate, with broad membranaceous margins. Corol; tube gibbous. Segments ovate, acute. Filaments oblong, two-celled, four, much larger than the segments of the corol. Germ oblong, two-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Style rather longer than the corol. Stigma subulate, villous. Capsule circumscissa, ovate, two-celled. Seeds solitary, wate-elliptic, convex on the outside; concave on the inner. Integement single, rather thick, smooth, tough, and brown. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo sub-cylindric, erect. Cotyledon long, linear. Radicle inferior, one-fourth the length of the cotyledon.

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Obs. From the seeds a mucilaginous drink is prepared, and often prescribed by our medical gentlemen in India, where emollients are wanted. They are also used by the native practitioners in medicine, and are to be met with for sale in the bazars of India under the Persian name Uspagool.

CISSUS, Schreb, gen. N. 192.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol four-petalled. Germ two-celled; ovula two, erect. Berry superior, from one to four-seeded. Embryo erect, in the base of an ample perisperm.

1. C. adnata. R.

Leaves round-cordate, bristle serrate, acuminate. Stipules orbicular, adnate, with gibbous centre, and scariose margins. Cymes flat, flowers drooping.

A native of the country about Dacca, from thence the late Colonel Peter Murray sent it to the Botanic garden, where it thrives well, blossoms in May and June, and ripens its

Stem and large branches ligneous, climbing over trees to a considerable extent, young

fruit in September.

shoots round, a little downy and slightly furrowed. Leaves alternate, round-cordate, and often obliquely so, acuminate, bristle-serrate, the largest sometimes slightly repand; pretty smooth above, but downy underneath, particularly the veins, from two to six inches long, one-fourth less in breadth. *Peduncles* half the length of the leaves, downy. *Stipules* nearly oval, adnate, elevated, and of a deeper green in the middle; margins scariose, and brown. Tendrils opposite to the leaves where there is no cyme. Cymes opposite to the leaves, on villous peduncles, as long as the petioles, very ramous, flat. Flowers numerous, small, drooping. The germ has two cells, in each of which are two seeds attached from their lower end to the partition at the bottom of the cell. Berry succulent, size of a pea, when ripe black, and smooth, generally one-celled. Seed for the most part solitary, obovate, lower end pointed. Integuments two, exterior nuciform, and rugose; inner a very thin, white membrane, which adheres firmly to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, dull white, cartilaginous, divided by two fissures into three, nearly equal parts. Embryo scarcely half the length of the perisperm. Cotyledons reniform. Radicle oblong, inferior.

2. C. vitiginea, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 655.

Leaves cordate-serrate. Cymes decompound. Berries one or two-seeded.

Hind. and Beng. Guali-lata.

Teling. Maratta-tiga.

This species is a native of forests, mountains, and way sides in uncultivated places.

Trunk woolly, branchy, climbing over trees and shrubs to a great extent. Tendril opposite to the leaves, two-cleft. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, serrate, or dentate, pretty smooth on both sides, from four to six inches long, and from three to four broad. Stipules cordate. Cymes peduncled, leaf-opposed, more than compound. Flowers small, red. Germ superior, half immersed in the four-sided, fleshy nectary. Berry small, black, one or two-seeded.

3. C. glauca. R.

Leaves cordate, bristle-serrate, smooth. Stipules broad-sulcate. Cymes decompound. Berries one-seeded.

Schunambu Valli. Rheed. Mal. vii. p. 21. t. 11.

This species is still larger than the last, and a native of the same or similar places; the shoots, the tendrils, petioles and peduncles are all quite smooth and somewhat glaucous,

which does not admit of my considering it to be either repanda, or latifolia.

Tendrils leaf-opposed, undivided. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, more or less acuminate, sometimes when large slightly lobed, bristle-serrate, smooth, from four to eight inches each way. Stipules broad-fulcate, apex rounded, caducous. Cymes with from three to five primary branches; ultimate divisions umbelliferous. Berry nearly round, size of a pea, smooth, succulent, purple, rarely more than one-seeded. Seed obovate. Integument a double membrane, with a spongy silver-coloured substance between. Perisperm and embryo as in the genus.

4. C. cordata. R.

Shrubby, scandent, smooth. Leaves cordate, slightly and remotely bristle-serrulate. Cymes compound, leaf-opposed.

Meriam-Pulli. Rheed. Mal. vii. p. 91. t. 48.

Funis crepitans major. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 446. t. 164. f. 1.

A native of Amboyna, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, in 1796-7. Flower-

ing time in Bengal, the rainy season.

Stem and branches long, slender, climbing over bushes to a considerable extent. Bark smooth; on the young parts polished and purplish. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, remotely and slightly serrulate, serratures acute, both sides smooth, length from four to six inches. Tendrils leaf-opposed, simple, coloured. Stipules adjoined, oval, coloured. Cymes leaf-opposed, first divisions trichotomous. Flowers small, dull purple. Taste of the leaves very acrid, and continuing long.
5. C. quadrangularis. Willd. spec. i. p. 657.

Perennial, scandent, jointed, four-winged. Leaves reniform-cordate, serrate. Berries

spherical, one-seeded.

Beng. Harjora. Funis quadrangularis. Rumph, Amb. v. p. 83. t. 44. f. 2.

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This plant is one of the most common over every part of India; blossoms during the rains;

and ripens its seed in the cool season.

Root fibrous. Stem and branches perennial, scandent, and often of very great length, smooth, succulent, jointed, contracted at the joints, four-winged, wings large, and sharp, young parts succulent, tender, and very smooth. These are very generally eaten by the natives in parts succulent, tender, and very smooth. These are very generally eaten by the natives in their curries. Leaves alternate, one at each joint, short-petioled, reniform, cordate, serrulatedentate, smooth on both sides, an inch or an inch and a half each way. Stipules lumulate, entire. Tendrils solitary, simple, leaf-opposed. Umbels solitary, opposite to the leaves, occupying the place on which the tendril would otherwise grow, compound. Umbellets generally three or four, sub-globular. Involuce and involucels scarcely any. Germ ovate, immersed in the nectary, two-celled, with two ovals in each, attached to the bottom of the partition; style short. Stigma simple. Berry round, size of a small pea, smooth, red, succulent, one-celled. Seed solitary, obovate, covered with a double, dark brown, spongy integument. Perisperm conform to the seed, a double, dark-coloured fissure runs down the middle. Embryo small, erect, lodged on one side of the bottom of the double fissure just mentioned. Cotyledons with minute points. Radicle oblong, inferior.

6. C. pentagona. R.

Young shoots Incid, with five rounded angles and grooved sides. Leaves cordate, rarely sub-lobate, serrulate, acuminate, smooth.

An extensive perennial climber, a native of the forests of Chittagong.

7. C. augustifolia. R.

Dioleous. Leanes ternate; leaflets lanceolate, servate, smooth. Stipules ovate, acute. Comes shorter than the petioles. Berries spherical, one or two-seeded.

A delicate, scandent, perennial species, a native of Sumatra. Flowers in February;

seeds ripen in November.

Stem scandent, slender, flat like a piece of tape. Tendrils simple. Leaves ternate. Leaflets periolate, lanceolate, remotely servate, acuminate, smooth on both sides, from three to six inches long, and from one to one and a half broad. Pelioles shorter than the leaflets, channelled, smooth. Stipules triangularly ovate, acute, smooth. Cymes axillary, solitary, nearly round, small, and shorter than the petioles. Flowers small, greenish yellow, male on one plant and female on another.

MALE. Calys, corol and staming as in the genus. Pistil no other than a small abor-

tive roundish body on the centre of a four-lobed gland.

Frmale. Calyx and corol as in the male. Germ round, two-celled, with two seeds in each. Style none. Stigma large, obscurely four-lobed, and somewhat lacerated. Berries spherical, smooth, size of a pea, white, one or two-seeded, when cut or bruised very fetid.

Perispera conform to the seed. Embryo lodged in the lower half of the perispera. Cotyle-dons nearly round. Radicle cylindric, inferior.

8. C. carnosa, Linu, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 658.

Stem flattened, perennial. Leaves petioled, ternate; leaflets oval, serrate. Berries

four-seeded.

Tsjori-Valli, Rheed, Mal. vii, p. 17, t. 9. Folium Causonis, Rumph, Amb. v. p. 450, f. t. 166, f. 2.

Teling. Kanapa-tiga.

Is common in hedges and forests. Flowering time the rainy season,

Stem perennial, flat like a piece of tape, climbing to an extent of many fathoms; young

seasons villous. Tendrils leaf-opposed, from two to three-cleft. Leaves alternate, petioled, tternate. Leaflets oval, grossly serrate, downy, from two to three inches long. Petioles round, downy. Stipules oblong, caducous. Cymes as in the former species. Flowers small, white. Berry black, four-seeded. 9. C. setosa. R.

Herbaceous, scandent, bristly. Leaves sessile, ternate; leaflets grossly bristle-serrate. Berries one-seeded.

Teling. Barubutsali.

A native of forests and hedges in the Rajamundree Circar. Flowering time the rainy

Roof fusiform, perennial. Stems herbaceous, succulent, round, striated, and covered with distinct, grandular, round-headed, white bristles, as is every part of the plant, even to the fruit. Tendrils leaf-opposed, generally two-cleft. Leaves alternate, sessile, ternate. Tarely quinate. Leaflets, lateral two (or four, when there are five) are sessile, the middle one is short-petioled; all are oval, waved, fleshy, irregularly and grossly bristle-serrate, both sides armed with the fore-mentioned bristles, size various, from one to five inches long. Stipules cordate. Cymes as in the former species. Petals revolute.

Obs. Every part of the plant is exceeding acrid. I unfortunately tasted both the roots

and berries.

The leaves toasted and oiled, are applied to indolent tumours to bring them to suppn-

10. C. feminea. R.

Leaves digitate; leaflets petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire. Style none. Stigma from four to five-lobed.

A large scandent woody species, a native of woody mountains. Flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Stem woody, climbing over trees. Branches flexuose from leaf to leaf. Tendrils simple,

opposite to the leaves. Leaves alternate, petioled, digitate. Leaflets oblong, and lanceolar, a little erenulate, pointed, smooth, shining, from four to six inches long, and one or two inches broad. Petioles round, smooth, from one to two inches long. Cymer short-peduneled, axillary. Bractes small, falling. Flowers small, green. Calgx small. Corol 411 four or five-petalled, generally four. Nectary scarcely any. Stancas none, or at most a small seemingly sterile one. Germ superior, globose. Style none. Stigma four, or five-lobed, according to the petals in the corol. I have not seen the ripe fruit.

11. C. elongata. R.

Tender shoots succulent, polished. Leaves digitate; leaflets petiolate, oblong, acute, remotely serrate, smooth.

Beng. Dhemna, which is also the name of a long serpent.

Found amongst the mountains of the coast of Coromandel, as well as in the forests of

Bengal. Flowering time the hot season.

Stem very long, running up and over the highest trees, a little compressed, and until many years old smooth, polished, succulent, deep green. Branches few or none, until the plant arrives at a great height, and is several years of age. Leaves alternate, petioled, digitate. Leaflets five, petioled, oblong, the lower pair obliquely so, serrate, smooth on both sides, from two to six inches long, and from one to three broad. Petioles round, smooth, from four to five inches long. Petiolets channelled. Stipule cordate, small, sub-adjoined. Tendrits leafopposed, simple. Cymes trichotomous, and dichotomous; the last divisions short, and ending in small umbellets. Bractes cordate, permanent. Calyx four-toothed. Corol, petals four, inserted in a belt which surrounds the body of the germ. Nectary a four-lobed, coloured elevation between the stamina and the insertion of the style. Filaments four, inserted opposition between the stamina and the insertion of the style. site to, and just within the petals. Anthers incumbent. Germ oval. Style short. Stigma simple. Berry the size of a cherry, round-turbinate, smooth, when ripe black. Seed single, large, somewhat rugose.

12. C. auriculata. R. 412

Scandent, perennial. Leaves quinate; leaflets oblong, acute, obtusely serrate, smooth above, villous underneath. Stipules ear-shaped. Berries round, smooth, one-seeded.

A native of Mysore, from thence sent to the Botanic garden in 1802, by Mr. B. Heyne,

where it flowers and ripens its fruit through the whole year,

Stem, in five years old plants, as thick as a man's wrist, and of great length, even up to the tops of high trees. Bark spongy, and deeply cracked; young shoots succulent, round, and villous. Leaves alternate, remote, long-petioled, quinate. Leaflets petioled, oblong-obovate, or rhombic, acute, serrate, smooth and shining above, villous underneath; the superior from two to three inches long, two-thirds of that in breadth, the exterior much larger. Petioles nearly as long as the leaflets, round, and villous. Stipules ear-shaped, recurved. Tendrils leaf-opposed, two or three-cleft. Cymes axillary, or terminal; diehotomous or trichotomous, these again several times divided. Germ conical, containing four seeds in one cell, attached to its bottom. Berry, the size, shape, and appearance of a red cherry, one-seeded. Seed obliquely obovate, a little compressed, somewhat pointed at the base, and there attached to the bottom of the cell. Integument single, nuciform, rugose, covered with the green pulp of the berry, which adheres to it, and may, when dry, be considered a second integument. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous, gray; from the inner edge two fissures penetrate deeply, and divide it nearly into three portions. Embryo erect, white, lodged in the base of the perisperm. Cotyledons two; pedicelled, reniform. Plumula minute. Radicle oblong, inferior, a little curved, with the apex to the umbilieus.

C. lanceolaria. R.

Dioicous. Leaves pedate-quinate; leaflets lanceolar, smooth, remotely serrulate. Stipules conically lanceolate. Cymes the length of the petioles.

Vallia-Tsjori-Valli, Rheed, Mal. vii. p. 15, t. 8. 413

A native of the mountains along the eastern frontier of Bengal. In the Botanic garden

it blossoms in February and March.

Trunk scandent, stout, ligneous, in six years old plants as thick as a man's wrist, flattened, and grooved on the two flat sides. Bark dark brown, rough or deeply cracked. Branches and branchlets climbing, or pendulous when not supported; young parts round, green and generally smooth; extent of the whole plant several fathous. Tendrils leaf-opposed, generally undivided. Leaves alternate, petioled, pedate. Leaflets generally five, lanceolar, recurvate, most remotely and sharply serrulate, long, taper, acute-pointed, both sides polished; texture rather fleshy, length from three to six inches, and from one to two broad. Petioles and Petiolets clothed with short, reddish hairs. Stipules large, of a narrow conic shape. Cymes sub-axillary, or close by the side of the base of the petioles, shorter than the petioles, or when most luxuriant much shorter than the leaves, the ultimate divisions each supporting a small globular umbellet, of small pale yellow flowers. Bractes round the base of the peduncles, cordate.

Male. Calyx scarcely any. Corol and stamina as in the genus. Pistil none, an umbilicate, yellow, round, convex gland occupying its place.

14. C. Pedata, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 659.
Perennial, scandent. Tendrils simple, or two-cleft. Leaves pedate; leaflets broad-lanceolate, serrate. Berries four-seeded.

Belutta-Tsjori-Valli. Rheed. Mal. vii. p. 19. t. 10.
C. heptaphylla. Retz. Obs. v. 22.

Beng. Gwalia.

This is another very extensivley climbing species, as indeed they all are; a native of Page Carey forests, hedges, &c. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stems woody, climbing over trees, &c. young parts covered with soft down. Tendrils leaf-opposed, simple or two-cleft. Leaves alternate, petioled, pedate. Leaflets oblong, irregularly serrate, downy, size various, the intermediate one is from four to six inches long, and the lowermost of the lateral ones from two to three inches long, the rest between these sizes. Petioles common, round, downy, from three to five inches long. Stipules cordate, pointed, falling. Cymes leaf-opposed, or axillary. Peduncles half the length of the petioles, jointed, and bracted a little above the middle. Berries white, four-lobed, depressed, four-seeded.

15. C. serrulata, R.

Perennial, seaudent, smooth. Leaves pedate-quinate; leaflets oblong, serrate.

A native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in April and May.

SAMARA. Schreb. gen. N. 195.

Calyx four-parted. Corol four-petalled. Stamina inserted opposite to the centre of the nsertions of the petals. Drape superior, one-seeded.

1. S. paniculata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, entire, broad-lanccolate. Panieles axillary. Stigma two-

A tree, a native of the Circur mountains.

Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-lanceolate, tapering to a sharp narrow point, entire, smooth from three to five inches long, and one and a half or two broad. Corymbs axillary, small, peduneled, shorter than the leaves, divided by three-forked divisions. Drupe dry, oblong. Nut one-celled.

2. S. polygama, R.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, firm and polished. Pasieles axillary and terminal. Filaments short, and inserted in a notch near the edge of the base of the

A native of the Moluceas.

BLACKBURNIA, Schreb. gen. N. 199.

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Corol four-petalled. Nectory a staminiferous ring surrounding Calyx four-toothed. the base of the germ. Berry superior, one-seeded. Seed arilled.

B. monodelpha, R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, lanceolate. Filaments united at the base.

A large erect timber tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circurs. Flowering

time the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk erect, Bark thin, firm, yellowish green on the outside; on the inside deep red, tinging the spittle with that colour. It is a strong astringent. Branches numerous, forming a large shady head. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, linear-oblong, smooth, below a little whitish, entire, waved, pointed; five or six inches long, and one and a half or two broad. Stipules none. Raceones axillary; small, erect, frequently compound. Bracles small, subulate. Flowers small, yellow. Calyx four-toothed. Petals four, oblong, expanding, apices revolute. Nectary, a ring surrounding the base of the germ, staminiferous. Filments four, shorter than the petals, hairy, inserted into the margins of the nectary. Anthers only. Germ superior, globular. Style short, stigma headed. Berry vertically compressed, succulent, the size of a large cherry, when ripe it has a deep purple bloom, which makes it very inviting to the eye. Seed one; arilled, seemingly two-lobed, of a lively purple

throughout.

Obs. The wood of this tree is white, close-grained, and durable, the natives employ it for a variety of purposes.

FAGARA. Schreb. gen. N. 196.

Calyx four-parted, or four-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Germ superior. Capsule superior, two-valved, one-seeded.

Embryo inverse, with but little perisperm.

1. F. triphylla. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 668.

Leaves opposite, ternate; leaflets oblong, entire. Panicles axillary, brachiate.

Ampaeus angustifolia. Rusuph. Amb. ii. p. 188. t. 62.

Found indigenous, by Mr. W. Roxburgh, on the Island of Pulo Pinang, and from thence sent to the Botanic garden, where in several years it has only reached the height of four feet, and for these last three years has blossomed regularly during the dry season.

Stem erect, ligneous, as thick as a walking cane, smooth, ash-coloured. Branches opposite; the tender parts round and slightly villous. Leares opposite, long-petioled, ternate. Leaflets lanceolar or oblong, entire, smooth on both sides, length from two to ten inches, and from one to four broad. Panicles axillary, and in our single young individual, shorter than the petioles, brachiate, villous. Flowers numerous, minute, white, inodorous. Reartes triangular, solitary below the divisions of the panicle. Calyx small, one-leaved, four-two-thed. Petals four, oblong, white, smooth, spreading, length of the pistil, and four times longer than the calyx. Filaments four, length of the petals. Anthers oblong, incumbent. Germ superior, roundish, woolly, four-grooved for the illaments to rest in, four-celled, with two

Page ovula in each cell, attached to the middle of the thickened axis. Style as long as the germ. Stigma large, four-lobed. Capsule from one to four, distinct, obovate, smooth, size of a field bean, one-celled, two-valved, opening along the upper and inner margin, and round the apex; a portion on the back does not separate spontaneously. Seeds generally two, roundish, size of a grain of black pepper, shining, blackish-chesnut colour as in the allied Xanthoxulum alatum.

2. F. Budrunga. R.

Arboreous, armed with small incurved aculei. Leaves pinnate; leaftels five or six pair.

unequally ovate, lanceolate, entire, acuminate. Panicles crowded.

Budrung the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a large tree. Blossoms in March and April, and the seeds ripen in July and August; they are used medicinally by

the natives, being of a warm spicy nature with the fragrance of lemon peel,

Trunk straight, while young armed, but by age the aculei fall off. Branches and branchlets armed with innumerable, small, white, sharp, incurved prickles. Leaves crowded, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets five or six pair, opposite or nearly so, unequally ovatelanceolate, entire, finely acuminate, smooth, from three to four inches long, by one and a half broad. Panicles terminal, much crowded, long-peduneled, trichotomous, the whole forming one large, very ramous globular panicle, which is shorter than the leaves. Calyx four-toothed. Petals four, elliptic, spreading. Stamina four, much longer than the petals. Germ ovate. Style short. Capsule the size of a pea, drupaceous, one-celled, two-valved; the exterior tunic is marked with cells filled with a fragrant balsam. Seed solitary, attached to the apex of the suture of the valves, round, smooth, polished, shining black. Integuments three; the exterior one thin and brittle, between it and the second is spread a quantity of dark orange-coloured pulpy matter, the second thick and hard, a perfect nut, and of a dull black colour, the third or innermost membranaceous. Perisperm in small quantity. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons obovate. Radicle ovate, pointing to the umbilicus.

3. F. Rhetsa. R.

Arboreous, round. Leaflets from eight to sixteen pair, lanceolate, falcate, smooth, entire. Panicle terminal. Teling. Rhetsa-maun.

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Rhetsa means a committee, or select number of men assembled to settle disputes, &c. and maun, means trees of the largest size. Under the shade of this tree the Hill people assemble to examine, agitate, and determine their matters of public concern, deliver discourses, &c.

It is a very large tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the coast. Leaves deciduous during the cold season; they come out again, with the flowers about the beginning of

the hot season.

Trunk straight. Bark corky, deeply eracked, slight gray. Branches numerous, spreading to a great extent. Prickles very numerous, scattered over every part of the tree, small, very sharp, incurved; on the old wood they acquire a conical solid base. Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets, abruptly pinnate, from twelve to twenty inches long. Leaflets opposite, from eight to sixteen pairs, short-petioled, oblong or lanceolate, waved, attenuated to a narrow point, entire, smooth, about five or six inches long, and two broad, all nearly equal in size, with nerves which divide them unequally, the exterior division being twice as broad as the interior. Petioles round, smooth, a little channelled. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, and from the exterior arils, frequently cross-armed, particularly the ramifications. Peduneles and pediesls smooth, sometimes compressed. Bractes minute, falling. Flowers very minute, yellow. Calyx four-leaved. Filaments shorter than the petals. State thick length of the filaments. petals. Style thick, length of the filaments. Stigma tapering. Capsulo round, size of a pea, dry, one-celled, two-valved; seed one, round, glossy black.

Obs. The unripe capsules are like small berries, they are gratefully aromatic, and taste like the skin of a fresh orange. The ripe seeds taste exactly like black pepper, but

weaker; from this circumstance I conceive this may be F. Piperita, yet I have always found the leaflets entire. The bark, I mean the inner lamina, is also acrid, with a mixture of

bitter.

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4. F. nitida. Roxb.

Shrubby. Branchlets, petioles and ribs armed. Leaflets two or three pairs, with a terminal odd one, oblong, lucid, remotely gland-crenate, apex rather long and emarginate. Racemes axillary.

Tcheum-tsew of the Chinese.

Introduced from Canton into the Botanic garden by Mr. W. Kerr in 1812, and in Janu-

ary of the following year one of the plants blossomed abundantly.

The flowers as in the other species, but the pistillum is three or four-lobed, each appearing to end in a recurved style with a two-lobed stigma. The shrub, therefore, approaches nearer than any of the preceding species to Zanthoxylon.

LUDWIGIA. Schreb. gen. N. 204.

Calyx four-parted. Corol four-petalled. Capsule inferior, four-sided, four-celled. Seeds numerous.

1. L. parviflora. R.

Annual, branches diffuse. Leaves alternate, lanceolate, short-petioled, smooth, Flowers axillary, sessile. Capsule linear, obsoletely four-sided.

A small, ramons plant, a native of Bengal; flowering time the rainy season; seed ripe Page Carey

Root ramous, annual. Stem short, round, in young plants erect. Branches many, diffuse, lightly striated; the whole plant of a dark-ferruginous colour. Leaves alternate, short-petiold, binecolate, entire, smooth, length from one to three inches. Flowers axillary, small, sessile. The leaves about the ends of the branches are so small and crowded, as to make the extremities If the branchlets appear like leafy spikes. Bracies, a most minute one on each side of the inertion of each flower. Calyx, the divisions taper to most acute points, and equal the oblong etals. Capsule beneath, linear, obsoletely four-sided, smooth, four-valved. Seeds coloured.

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2. L. prostrata. R.

Lower branches creeping. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar. Flowers axillary, sessile. Supsule filiform, with one row of seeds in each cell, attached immediately to the axis.

A native of Pegu, from thence introduced into this garden, where it blossoms and ripens

ts seed during the rainy season,

Root annual. Stem leaning much to one side, from one to two feet long. Erasches numeous, the lower ones longer than the stem, spreading flat on the ground and striking root, mooth, striated, generally coloured with red. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, ntire, smooth, size various, the largest from three to five inches long. Flowers axillary, sessile, rom one to several on the same axill, very small, much elevated on the four-sided pelluncleike germ. Petals lanceolar, longer than the calyx, yellow. Filaments four, length of the tyle. Anthers roundish, two-lobed, always after expansion found adhering to the large clanmay tigma. Capsules slender, sub-filiform, more or less curved, smooth, four-cornered; angles ounded, sides grooved; four-celled. Seeds oval, minute, pink-coloured, disposed in one vertial row and attached immediately to the axis, without the intervention of any thing like a

This species is so much like my L. parviflora as not to be distinguished, except by attending to the germ, or capsule. In that plant it is shorter, thicker, always straight, and with numerous crowded seeds in each cell, attached to a projecting receptacle, as in L. dternifolia, Gart. Carp. i. 158. t. 31. In this there is only one vertical row in each cell strached to the axis.

OLDENLANDIA. Schreb. gen. N. 205.

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Calyx four-parted, permanent. Corol one-petalled, four-parted. Capsule inferior, two-

elled, many-seeded. Receptacle free, fastened to the partition by the base only.

Obs. Would it not be better to omit this Gærtnerian part of the generic character, and mite our Indian species of Hedyotis to Oldenlandia? For except the attachment of their espective receptacles I can find no other mark by which the two genera are to be distinguished, and surely this is too minute and inconspicuous for the travelling Botanist to be ble at all times to discover.

 O. umbellata. Lian. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 676. Roxb. Coron. pl. i. N. 3.
 Erect. Leaves opposed, tern, and quatern, linear, scabrous. Umbels terminal. Inside f the corol hairy.

Teling, Cheri-Velloo.

Tam. Saya-wer, or Imburel.

Much cultivated on the light sandy lands near the shores of Coromandel; where the cot is employed to dye the best, and most durable red on cotton cloth.

2. O. alata. Konig's Miss.

Erect, four-sided. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, elliptic, smooth. Panicles terminal. Co-

Hedyotis racemosa. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 565.

Annual, a native of the borders of rice lands and moist places; appears and flowers

uring the rainy season.

Stem several, erect, with few branches, four-sided, smooth, about a foot or eighteen uches high. Leares opposite, sub-sessile, oblong, smooth, entire, succulent, about two inches mg. Stipules, connecting membrane broad, toothed. Umbels terminal, few-flowered. Flowers thite, small. Pedicels four-sided. Capsules turbinate, smooth; receptacle clubbed, free, fixed by the small end into the partition near its base 3. O. paniculata. Burm. Fl. Ind. 38. t. 15. f. 1.

Biennial, creeping. Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Peduncles three-flowered, or three times hat number.

Introduced into the Botanic garden from the Moluccas, in 1798, where it blossoms the

rentest part of the year.

Stems none; but numerous, diffuse, four-sided, smooth, ramous branches, spread close on he ground in every direction, and strike root from their joints, their general length about welve luches. Leaves opposite, sessile, ovate-lanceolate, smooth, and of a firm thick texture, the largest about an inch long. Connecting membrane with submitte divisions. Peduncles exillary, and terminal longer than the leaves, smooth, four-sided, with generally three, small, white flowers, on pedicels of unequal length. Coral; take gibbons, mouth shut with fine white hairs. Stamess, in the belly of the tube below the hairs which shut its mouth. Standard and the state of the state of the shut with fine which shut its mouth.

4. O. crystallina. R.

Annual, very ramous. Pedicels solitary, shorter than the leaves, generally two-flowered. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, oblong, underneath marked with crystalline dots.

Beng. Punki.

Hedyotis pumila. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1. 566.

A small, very ramous, diffuse, annual plant, a native of Bengal; appearing in the rainy

Stem none. Branches numerous, diffuse, about six inches long, somewhat four-sided, Leaves opposite, approximate, sessile, oblong, and lanceolate-oblong, smooth and marked with beautiful crystalline specks underneath, length about half or three quarters of an inch. Poduncles, from within the stipulary sheaths, about half the length of the leaves, generally bearing two, minute white flowers on their proper pedicels. Corol, mouth of the tube hairy. Capsules much compressed laterally.

Obs. It is readily distinguished from O. biflora by the general habit of the plant, this being short, diffuse, very ramous, with oblong or lanceolate-oblong leaves, while the other is slender with long straggling branches, and linear-lanceolate leaves. I place less confidence in in the crystalline appearance of the underside of the leaves, as soil, &c. may remove it.

Annual, round, flaccid. Leaves sessile, linear-lanceolate, acute. Peduacles axillary, solitary, one-flowered; capsules sub-globular, smooth.

Hedyotis diffusa. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 566.

Found, growing in boxes, which were sent with Nutmeg plants to the Botanic garden at Calcutta from Banda.

Root ramous, annual. Stems short, flaceid, spreading, round, most slightly scabrous, from six to twelve inches long. Leaves opposite, sessile, linear-lanceolate, acute, smooth on both sides. Connecting membrane, from entire to many-cleft. Peduncles axillary, solitary, four times shorter than the leaves, one-flowered. Flowers pretty large, pure white, smooth. Stigma deeply two-cleft. Capsule roundish, smooth.

Obs. The Linuxan definition of O. capensis would lead one to imagine this to be that plant; but the observation simillima O. repenti, at capsula glabra, in the Plant. p. 127. convinces me it cannot be so; as this plant has not the smallest resemblance to Oldenlendia

repens, now Dentella.

6. O. biflora, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 676.

Peduncles solitary, two-flowered, shorter than the narrow lanceolar sessile leaves.

Sans. Kshetra-purputee.

Beng. Khet-papura.

Antirrhinum humile, &c. Burm. Zeyl. 22. t. 11. good.

Annual; native of most parts of India. A small weak straggling delicate plant, appearing in the rainy season.

7. O. herbacea. R.

Erect, four-sided, dichotomous. Leaves linear-lanceolate. Peduncles in pairs from alternate axills, one-flowered.

Hedyotis herbacea. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 566.

Teling. Veri nella-vemoo.

A native of road sides under thin bushes, &c. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stem erect, four-sided, smooth, short, ramous. Branches always two-cleft; from six to twenty four inches high. Leaves opposite, sessile, linear-lanceolate, spreading, smooth. Stipules, connecting membrane finely-toothed. Peduncles axillary, always two from the small axills, with a branchlet, or the rudiments of one between them, round, nearly as long as the leaves, one-flowered. Capsule smooth.

8. O. ramosa, R. Diffuse, ramous. Leaves narrow-lanceolate. Peduncles axillary, with from one to several flowers.

A native of Pegu, from thence introduced into this garden by Mr. F. Carey, where it blossoms and ripens its seed during the rains, and the early part of the cool season.

Root annual. The stems and numerous branches diffuse, somewhat four-sided, pretty

smooth, spreading to the extent of one or two feet. Leaves opposite, narrow-innecolate, smooth, entire, whiter underneath; length about an inch. Connecting membrane many-toothed. Peduncles axillary, from one to many-flowered. Flowers small, white. Calyx, the divisions conical. Coral with gibbous tube, mouth bearded. Filaments short. Anthers within the tube, blue. Germ, &c. as in the genus.

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AMMANNIA. Schreb. gen. N. 206.

Corol four-petalled, or none; when present inserted in the plaited mouth of the calvx which is from four to eight toothed. Capsule superior, from one to four-celled. Seeds numerous.
1. A. rotundifolia. Buch.

Diffuse. Leaves opposite, round, entire. Flowers spiked, petals oval. Capsule four-

Plants sent from Lukshinee-poora and Malda, where they are indigenous, flowered in the Botanic garden during the cold season of 1797.

Stems several, creeping, with ascending apices, round, smooth, and succulent; whole plant spreading from six to eight inches. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, orbicular, entire, smooth, and succulent. Spikes terminal and axillary, the terminal often compound. Bracles opposite; exterior cordate; interior lanceolate, and often very small, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, small, pink-coloured. Calga four-parted, divisions obtuse. Corol of four, large, oval, sessile, pink-coloured withering petals. Cupsule hid in the bottom of the remaining calyx, and corol, four-lobed. Seeds numerous.

2. A. octandra, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 679. Roxb. Corom. pl. 2. N. 133.

Annual, erect, brachiate, four-sided. Leaves sessile, narrow-sagittate; peduacles from two to three-flowered ; flowers octandrous. Capsule four-celled.

Ammannia octandra, Suppl. Plant. p. 127.

Annual, a native of moist places; appearing in the rainy and cold seasons.

Root fibrons. Stem straight, four-sided, smooth; from one to three feet high. Branches numerous, cross-armed, and like the stem. Leaves opposite, sessile, linearly-sagittate, smooth, margins a little revolute, from one to two inches long, and about a quarter of an inch broad. Peduncles axillary, very short, from two to three-flowered. Flowers small, colour a beautiful bright red. Bracles minute. Calyx and corol as in the genus. Filaments as long as the xorol. Anthers incumbent. 3. A. multiflora.

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Erect, four-sided, ramous branches simple. Leaves sub-sagittate, stem-clasping. Peduncles from three to seven-flowered. Petals large. Capsule one-celled.

A native of open lands about Calcutta, annual, from six to twelve inches in height, ap-

pearing in the wet and cold seasons.

Stem straight, four-sided; angles sharp; sides convex. Branches cross-armed. Leaves opposite, decussate, horizontal, sessile, linear with enlarged cordate, stem-clasping base, size very various. Peduncles axillary, almost always solitary, about as long as the smaller leaves, generally three-flowered, though in the luxuriant plants there are often two or three, with one between, the lateral flowers have pretty large long pedicels. Calgx as in the family. Petals large, roundish, red. Capsule one-valved, receptacle globular, affixed at the base only.

4. A. vescicatoria. R.

Erect, ramous, branches undivided. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolar. Flowers axil-Corol none. Capsule one-celled.

Beng. Dand-marce. Teling. Aghundra-pakoo.

An annual species; found in wet cultivated ground during the rainy and cold seasons.

Stem erect, from six to thirty-six inches high, obsoletely four-sided, very branchy. Branches, below opposite, decuseated; above frequently alternate. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanced, smooth; floral leaves many times smaller than those below. Corol one. Pericarp one-celled, one-valved, half covered with the calyx.

Obs. It differs from A. baccifera in having a capsule of one cell, in being evalvular, and In the leaves being banced, in that species they are linear-cordate at the base, and embrace the

This plant has a strong muriatic, but not disagreeable smell. Its leaves are exceedingly acrid; they are used universally by the natives to raise blisters in rheumatic pains, fevers, &c. The fresh leaves bruised and applied to the part intended to be blistered perform their office in the course of half an hour or a little more, and most effectually.

5. A. pentandra. R

In the lower part of the plant creeping and simple, erect portion ramous; four-sided. Branches simple. Leaves sessile, lanceolate. Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile, pentandrous. Capsule one-celled.

A native of moist places; flowering in the rainy and cold seasons.

Stems creeping near the base, above erect; the erect part is branchy, four-sided, smooth, and coloured; from six to eight inches high. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, smooth, entire. Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile. Bracles two, lanceolate, pressing the cally laterally. Culux ten-toothed, alternately smaller and inflected. Corol, petals five, very minute. Stamens

6. A. nana. R.

Base creeping, erect portion ramous. Branches compound. Leaves wedge-shaped, sessile. Flowers solitary. Copsule one-celled.

A native of such places as the last described, it is considerably smaller than that species,

but more branchy.

Stems as in A. pentandra. Leaves opposite, sessile, wedge-formed, smooth, entire. Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile,

TRAPA. Schreb. gen. N. 208.

Calyx four-parted, or four-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Germ inferior, two-celled; cells from one to two-seeded; attachment of the ovulum superior. Net turbinate, armed with two or four horns, (which were the leaflets of the calyx.) Embryo simple, lodged in the apex of the ample perisperm.

1. T. bicornis.

Nuls with two, opposite, recurved, very obtuse horns. Chin. Lin ko.

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A native of China, where it is carefully cultivated in lakes, ponds and other receptacles. of water.

2. T. bispinosa. R.

Nut with two opposite, straight, barbed, spinous horns.

Nectory cup-shaped, curled.

Shringata. Asiat. Res. vol. iii. p. 253. Sans. Sringata, Julekentuka.

Beng, Pance-phul, Singhara.

Panover-tsjerana, Rheed. Hort. Mal. vol. xi. p. 64. t. 33. (evidently intended for this plant, and not T. natans.) Found floating on sweet, standing water in Bengal and many other

parts of India. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root consisting of numerous, simple, capillary fibres which issue from the under margins. of the cicatrices of the fallen leaves. Stems stoloniferous, often several feet long, floating. Leaves petioled, alternate, approximate round the apex of the shoots, of a rhomboidal-reniform shape; with the posterior margins entire, and the anterior ones secrate dentate, smooth above, a deep green, villous and purple underneath; from three to four inches broad, and nearly as long. Petioles villous, lengthening with the age of the leaves, towards the apex much smaller; this part contains many inflated vescieles, which render the whole plant very bnovant. Stipules two pair, the superior one simple, semi-lanceolate and caducous, the inferior pair at first simple and filiform; but becoming ramous by age, permanent.

Peduncles axillary, solitary, shorter than the petioles, one-flowered, incurved until the blossoms begin to decay, after which they bend down under the surface of the water, where the fruit grows, and comes to maturity. Flowers pure white, expanding above the surface of the water late in the afternoon. Calyx four-leaved, in opposite pairs, leaflets hanceolate, villous, one of the pairs permanent. Corol contracted. Petals four, contracted into a tube at the base by the firmness of the calyx, above much broader, and expanding; margins much curled. Nectary cup-shaped, on the top of the germ, round the swelled base of the style, eight-grooved, with the margins minutely lacerate, and curled. Filaments four, incurved. Anthers oval, incumbent. Germ inferior, obconical, two-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the top of the partition. Nat inferior, of a turbinate triangular shape, a hard ligneous texture, and a blackish brown colour, armed with two, strong, straight, conic, barbed spines, from the upper angles; elegantly embossed, one-celled, not opening, but having a perforation in the top for the embryo to pass, which is guarded with a circle of stiff converging bristles from its margin, forming a conical roof over the aperture. Seed single, conform to the nut. Integument single, of a slightly brown colour, thin, but rather tough, and adhering firmly to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, white and of a firm cartilaginous texture. Embryo in the apex of the perisperm.

Obs. This is evidently a species perfectly distinct from nalans, and bicornis. From

the former it differs in having only two horns, and from the latter in the horns being

straight, very sharp, and barbed.

The nuts are sold in the markets when in season, their kernels being much esteemed by the Hindoos.

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3. T. quadrispinosa. R.

Nut with two opposite pairs of straight, acute, spinous horns.

A native of Silhet, where it is found floating on lakes, and pools of fresh water; its kernels are also esculent.

POTHOS. Schreb. gen. N. 210.

Spathe sub-cylindric. Spadix covered with florets. Calyx none, or four-petalled. Corol none. Stamina indefinite. Germ one-celled, from one to three-seeded; attachment of the ovula inferior (in heterophylla superior.) Berry one-celled, rarely many-seeded.

Embryo uncinate, without perisperm.

1. P. scandens, Linn, sp. pl. ed. Willd, i. 684.

Parasitie, rooting. Petioles as broad as the lanceolar leaves. Flowers axillary. Spadix gobular, reflex.

Ana-Parua. Rheed. Hort. Mal. vii. p. 75. t. 40.
Adpendix duplo folio. Rumph. Amb. v. 490. t. 184. f. 2.
A native of Chittagong, Malabar, and of Amboyna, and other eastern Islands. Flower-

ing time in the former country, the month of April. .

Stems as thick as a slender ratan, often ramous, rooting upon trees in the most shady forests, round, smooth, and less succulent than any other species which I have yet met with, except P. gracilis. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth; length from two to four inches, breadth about an inch. Petioles most amply winged, so as to be nearly as broad as the leaves themselves, almost as long, equally entire, smooth, and marked with similar veins. Peduncles axillary, solitary, clothed with many small, ovate, bractiform scales up to the spathe, where they are completely recurved. Spathe boat-shaped, erect. Spadix globular, reflex. Calyx, or corol, some roundish scales mixed amongst the germs, and of nearly the same length, the exact number to each germ not ascertained. Stamina, about four obovate scales to each germ, with two polleniferous pits on the inside under the retuse apex. Germs many, oblong, one-celled, with one, two, or three ovula attached to the bottom of the cell, and immersed in a clear gelatinous liquid. Style none. Stigma, an umblicated elevation on the apex of each germ. Berries oblong, size of a French bean,

red, pulpy, one-seeded. Seed solitary, or two, conform to the berry.

2. P. officinalis. R. Perennial; parasitie. Stems rooting. Leaves oblong, cordate, entire. Flowers terminal ; florets naked, octandrous. Berries one-seeded.

Sans. Guja-populee, Kuri-pippulee, Kupi-vullee, Kolu-vullee, Shreyusee, Vushira.

A native of Bengal, and common in some parts of the Midnapore district, where it is, cultivated for its fruit, which, cut into transverse pieces and dried, is an article of some importance in the Hindoo materia medica, called Guj-pippul, and sold by the druggists under

that name. Flowering time the rainy season; seed ripe in January.

Stem perennial, creeping up to the top of large trees, and like the Ivy, taking firm hold with its innumerable roots; about as thick as the little finger, smooth, except the cicatrices of the fallen leaves, and the roots from the side next the tree which supports it. Leaves alternate, sub-bifarious, petioled, oblong-cordate, entire, filiform, pointed, smooth on both sides; from six to ten inches long, and from three to six broad. Petioles sheathing, channelled, smooth, shorter than the leaves. Peduacles terminal, solitary, round, smooth, scarcely half the length of the petioles; when in flower erect, but often drooping, from the increasing weight of the fruit. Spathe sub-cylindric, opening a little on one side; when in flower, smooth on both sides; greenish without, and of a pale yellow colour within, apex fillform, and a little twisted; length about six inches. Spadix sub-cylindric, obtuse, equalling the spathe; colour a pale greenish yellow, dotted with the dark-coloured stigmas of the numerous fructification which every where covered it. Perianth none. Corol none. Filaments; I conclude there are about eight to each germ, two on each face; but the want of both perianth and corol, renders it difficult to assign the exact number of stamens to each floret, they are very short, and seem inserted on the base of the germ. Anthers sub-sagittate, four-lobed. Germ numerous, parallelopiped, truncate, vertically attached to, and completely covering every part of the common cylindric receptacle, one-celled, with one seed attached in an oblique manner to the bottom of the cell. The substance of the germ is replete with rigid, sharp, vertical bristles, which are readily detached, and stick in the skin, causing pain and itching. The virtue of the drug may reside in these, as it does in the short stiff hairs of the legumes of Carpopogon prurieus. Style none. Stigma, a channel filled with gelatinous matter, running from the cell of the germ to the centre of the truncate apex, where it ends in a small slit, embraced by two darker-coloured, somewhat callons lips. Pericarps (capsula circumscisse), as numerous as the germs, and of the same form, only larger; a few only are fertile, of a soft fleshy texture, one-celled, one-valved; when the fruit is ripe they detach themselves from the receptacle, and drop off, leaving the seed behind still attached to it. Seed single, ovate-cordate, somewhat two-lobed, covered at the base with a thin, red, succulent aril. Integuments two, exclusive of the aril; exterior pale yellow, polished, thin, hard, and clastic, inner membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo uncinate, white, very succulent. Radicle inferior, thickened, and in other respects exactly as in Gærtner's figures of Potamageton natans, vol. ii. p. 23. t. 81.

Obs. The plant described by Sir William Jones by the name of Guj-peopul, (See Asiatic Researches, vol. iv. p. 303.) is my Tetranthera apetala. He however observes, that it was from a native gardener he obtained the Sanscrit name of his plant, but as he mentions that Valli means a creeper, he suspects in some degree, the accuracy of his information.

Chavica, or Chavya mentioned under the same head is a new species of Piper.

3. P. Peepla. R.

Perennial, sub-parasitie, rooting on trees. Leaves long-petioled, oblong, acuminate. Flowers sub-terminal; florets apetalous, tetrandrous.

Peeplee of the Hindoos of the Silhet district, where the plant grows. Flowering time,

April and May.

Slem rooting on trees, like the common Icy of Europe, scarcely so thick as the little finger, round and smooth, somewhat contracted between the leaves. Leaves petioled, alternate, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides, dagger-pointed; length from four to twelve inches. Petioles as long as the leaves, channelled, smooth. Peduncles sub-terminal, round, smooth, the hase inserted in sheaths from three to four inches long. Spathe sub-cylindric, opening on one side, smooth, acute; length of the spadix. Spadix cylindric, obtuse, length of the inside of the spathe; colour pale yellow, every part completely covered with the fructification, without any proper perianth, or corolla. Filaments about four to each germ, and about half its length. Asthers linear. Germs numerous, of a square, wedge shape, truncate, the whole of their substance replete with small pellucid, sharp bristles, which readily enter the skin, and produce pain and itching. Style none. Stigma sub-rotund.
4. P. gracilis. R.

Scandent. Leaves lanceolate, entire, on short, round petioles above their sheaths. Spadix peduncied, cylindric, scarcely equalling its linguiform spathe.

A native of Amboyma; it has a great resemblance to Rumphius's Adpendix arborum, Hort. Amb. col. v. t. 181. f. 2.

5. P. gigautea. R.

Perennial. Stems rooting. Leaves oblong, entire. Flowers axillary; florets naked,

This is the stoutest of these parasitic Aroidea that I have met with. It is a native of Prince of Wales' Island : from thence introduced into the Botanic garden by Mr. W. Roxburgh. Flowering time in Bengal the close of the rains in October. It has not yet produced

ripe seed there.

Stems perennial, creeping on the ground, or upon trees and plants; in a very thriving state, of six years' growth, not more than three and four feet long, and about four inches in circumference, round, and strongly marked with the circular scars of the fallen leaves. Leaves alternate, sub-bifurious, petioled, approximate, oblong, cordate, entire, smooth; length from one to two feet high, and about two-thirds thereof in breadth. Petioles as long as the leaves, channelled, smooth, much enlarged at the base, and stem-clasping. Peduncles axillary, solitary, very short. Style sub-cylindric, short-pointed, opening a little on one side about the time that the anthers discharge their pollen, smooth on both sides, of a dirty dull purple colour, length about six inches. Spadix cylindric, length of the spatlie, obtuse, every part most closely covered with the sessile fructifications; colour a pale lively yellow, beautifully dotted with the dark linear stigmas. Filaments about seven to each germ, short, broad, and thin-Anthers two-lobed. Germs very numerous, parallelopiped, truncate, much flattened, vertically one-celled, with generally two ovula, obliquely attached to the bottom of the cell. Style none. Stigma a vertical, linear, grooved, dark-coloured projection on the middle of the truncate germ, as in the last species; the substance of the germ and spathe also abound in short stiff bristles, which readily enter the skin, causing pain and itching. Calyx and corol none.

6. P. pertusa. R. 435

Scandent, sub-parasitic, rooting on trees. Leaves cordate, perforated on one side, and pinnatifid on the other. Corollets apetalous, tetrandrous. Anthers two-lobed. Elettadi-Maravara. Rheed. Hort. Mal. xii. p. 41, t. 20 and 21.

A very large perennial, sub-parasitical species, so much like *Dracontium* pertusum, that they may be readily taken for the same plant. It is a native of the mountainous parts of the coast of Coromandel, running up, and over the highest trees, to which it adheres like Ivy

by roots issuing from the joints.

Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, smooth, generally perforated with linear oblong holes on one side, and on the other passing through the margins as in the pinnatifid leaves; their length from twelve to eighteen inches long. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, deeply channelled, wanting the stipule-like processes at the apex, which Miller's figure represents, in which particular this plant differs from that in the first instance. Scape short. Spathe gibbous, pointed, little loager than the spadix, cylindric, obtuse, every where covered with the fructifications. Corol none. Filaments intermixed amongst the germs, (the number to each germ cannot be determined, but I think about four,) compressed; apex bifid. Anthers oval, two to each filament. Pistils mixed with the membranaceous filaments, four-sided, lobed. Style none. Stigma, a knob on the centre of the lobed germ.

7. P. pinnata. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 686.

Sub-parasitic, rooting on trees, the apices of the shoots clothed with fibres. Leaves pinnatifid. Flowers terminal.

Adpendix laciniata. Rumph. Hort. Amb. v. 489. t. 183. f. 2. Found in forests in the Malay countries, rooting up and running over trees of great size. It is readily distinguished from my decursiva, by the abundance of brown fibres which are found on the young shoots, and the lower part of the petioles.

8. P. candata. R.

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Perennial, rooting. Extreme shoots leafless, flagelliform, and pendulous. Leaves ovate-cordate, from entire to pinuatifid; segments sub-ensiform, one-nerved.

From Prince of Wales' Island slips were brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1797; and now, 1812, it is one of the most common and most extensive climbers; but has not as yet blossomed in the garden. The long flagelliform pendulous extremities of its shoots readily distinguish it from every other species I have seen; the leaves also are oftener undivided than otherwise.

9. P. decursiva. R.

Perennial, rooting on trees, smooth. Leaves sub-decursively pinnate; segments falcate, cuspidate. Flowers lateral, or axillary, long-peduncled.

Guj-pippal is the vernacular name of this very large, powerful species, in the Silhet dis-

trict, where it is indigenous, and blossoms during the hot season.

Stems as thick as a stout cane, rooting on, and ascending trees like the common Icy; round, smooth, and rather contracted between the leaves. Leaves approximate, alternate, petioled, pinnatifid, or completely pinnate; from two to six, or seven feet long, including the petioles; segments, or leaflets, linear-falcate, enspidate, entire, smooth, sometimes from three to four-nerved or triple-nerved; length from six to eighteen inches, and two broad. Petioles from six inches, to three feet long, round, smooth, stem-clasping, and the lower portion more deeply channelled. Peduncle solitary, axillary or lateral, about six inches long, substantially thick, round, smooth, and replete with the same white bristly spicula that are found in the germ and seed vessels. Spathe sub-cylindric, length of the peduncle. Spadix cylindric, length of the spathe, completely covered with the innumerable fructifications. Calyx none. Corol none, nor any thing like either. Filaments about four to each germ, and nearly of their length. Anthers cordate, appearing beyond the germ. Germs numerons, the most general form a four-sided wedge, apex truncate. Style, scarcely any. Stigma, an elevated vertically oblong opening.

10. pinnatifida. R. Perennial, rooting on trees. Leaves pinnatifid; segments falcate, one-nerved.

A native of Sumatra; from thence brought into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it grows freely on the trunks of trees, to which its lateral roots adhere most firmly, the original one being still in the ground, where first planted. Although some of the plants are Page six or seven years old and about twenty feet high, they have not yet blossomed.

11. P. heterophylla. R.

Caulescent, creeping, armed. Leaves from cordate sagittate to pinnatifid. Spathe erect, spiral, many times longer than the short cylindric spadix. Florets tetrapetalous, tetrandrous. Can it be Dracoatium spinosum, Flor. Zeyl. 328?

A native of Bengal, delighting in a rich, moist soil ; it flowers, though rarely, during the

cool season.

Root fibrous. Stems and branches creeping, armed with short, sharp prickles. Leaves until the plants are old, and begin to flower, simple-sagittate, and cordate-sagittate, afterwards pinnatifid, with long lanceolar, acuminate segments, smooth above, nerve and larger veins armed on the under side; from six to fourteen or sixteen inches long. Petioles completely armed; base sheathing; above round, generally shorter than the leaves. Scapes axillary, solitary, one-flowered, length of the petioles, and armed like them. Spathe sub-cylindric, acute, spirally twisted above the spadix; colour a dark dull reddish purple; length from eight to twelve inches long, and as thick as the little finger, opening at the base only where the spadix is lodged while the pollen is discharging, after which it shuts, as before that period. Spadix cylindric, obtuse, completely covered with hermaphrodite florets; length little more than one inch. Calyx none. Petals four, obovate, concave. Filaments four, broad, length of the petals. Authors two lobed. Germ oblong, one-celled, containing one ocula attached to the top of the cell. Style none. Stigma glandular, flat.

12. P. Lasia. R.

Armed. Leaves radical, pinnatifid. Spathe very long, and twisted above the spadix. Berries one-seeded, muricate.

Lasia aculeata, Lourier, Cochin Ch. ed. Willd, i. 103.

Teling. Moola-sari. Beng. Kanta-kutchoo.

A native of boggy, or wet places among the Circar mountains.

Leaves radical, petioled, pinnatifid ; segments lanceolate, smooth, shining, the nerves on the under side armed with prickles; length, about two feet, breadth about a foot and half. Petioles erect, from two to four feet long, round, every where thickly armed with sharp prickles. Scape the length of the petioles, round, and equally covered with prickles. Spathe very long, erect, below gaping; above the spadix twisted, leathery, dull red colour. Spadix about one-sixth of the length of the spathe, cylindric, every where covered with the fructifications. Corol, stamens, and pistil as in the genus. Berries (or rather capsules.) wedgeformed, somewhat four-sided, murexed, one-seeded. Seed two-lobed.

CHLORANTHUS, Schreb, gen. N. 1730.

Calyx none. Corol, a three-lobed, unilateral antheriferous petal on the outside of the pistillum. Germ semi-superum one-seeded; attachment of the ovulum superior. Drupe oneseeded.

C. inconspicuus. Linn. spec, Plant. ed. Willd. i. 688.

Tcheu-lan, of the Chinese.

From Canton it has been received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it grows freely to be a small upright shrub, with many straight sub-simple smooth branches, of about two feet in height, with oblong opposite serrulate smooth leaves. Flowering time in Bengal the rainy season. It has not yet ripened its seeds there.

ELÆAGNUS. Schreb. gen. N. 213.

Corol none. Calyx gibbous, border four-parted. Germ one-celled, one-seeded; attachment of the ovulum inferior. Drupe inferior, one-seeded. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. E. triflora. R.

Shrubby, scandent, armed. Leaves oblong, obtuse, scaly. Flowers axillary, three-fold, peduncied.

Elaagnus foliis oblongis acuminatis maculatis. Burm. Zeyl. p. 92. t. 39. f. 1.

A native of Sumatra, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden in 1804, where it

blossoms in December. Seeds ripen three or four months afterwards.

Stems and branches of considerable size, and great extent, climbing. Bark of the lig-neous parts a beautiful dark purplish colour, and smooth. The short lateral branchlets which issue from the young climbing shoots are more or less recurvate and answer the end of tendrils; when old, they become stout thorns. Bark of the tender part most beautifully clothed with numerous ferruginous, stellate scales. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, obtuse, above smooth; underneath ornamental with numerous stellate, ferruginous and silvercoloured scales; from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules none. Flowers axillary, three-fold, small, white. Pedaneles longer than the corols, one-flowered. Calyx with a short, four-sided tube; and border of four cordate segments, on the outside a little scaly; on the inside smooth. Filaments none. Anthers four, sessile in the mouth of the tube of the calyx. Germ superior, oblong, embraced by the contracted bottom of the calyx, the contracted bottom of the calyx. one-celled, one-seeded. Style as long as the calyx. Stigma oblong, glandular, oblique. Berry oblong, succulent, when ripe pale orange colour, pulp soft, of rather a pleasant astringent taste, and not acid like E. conferta; one-seeded. Seed sub-clavate. Integaments two, exterior eight-ribbed, soft, and lined with much wool; inner membranaceous. Perispers none.

Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed, amygdaline. Plumula two-lobed. Radiele oval, inferior.

2. E. conferta. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves alternate, oblong-pointed, covered with silver-coloured scales underneath. Flowers axillary, crowded, short-peduncled.

Beng. Guara.

This is a very large and ramous, scandent shrub; a native of the mountains near Silhet, in Bengal. Flowering time, the cold season. Seed ripe in March.

Young shoots covered with innumerable rust-coloured scales. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, generally erect, oblong-pointed, entire, with innumerable small silver coloured scales, particularly underneath, which gives them a bright colour; from three to four inches long, and from one and a half to two broad. Petioles short, scaly. Peduncles axillary, crowded, short. Flowers small, straw-coloured. Calyx; tube somewhat gibbous, four-sided; outside scaly; border of four cordate segments; its mouth marked on the inside with four curved lines, on their pointed junctures the filaments sit. Style hairy. Drupes oblong, succulent, when ripe red.

Obs. The calvx of my plant cannot be said to be placed on the germ ; it has, as it were a lower tube which envelopes the germ only, this part grows with the fruit, and finally be-

comes the pulpy part thereof as in the Nyctagineae of Jussieu.

3. E. arborea. R 441

Arboreous. Branchlets often spinous, pointed. Leaves oblong and broad-lanceolate, entire,

silvery underneath. Flowers in axillary fascicles. Fruit cylindrically oblong

A large tree, native of the Garrow Hills, and there called Shou-Shong. Flowering time December. The fruit shaped like an olive, but much larger; it is eaten by the natives when ripe, which it is generally in March and April.

CANSJERA. Juss. gen. ed. Ust. 85.

Calyx large, gibbous, four-toothed. Corol none. Nectary four-petalled, embracing the germ, and of the same length. Berry superior, one-seeded.
1. C. scandens. Roxb. Corom. ii. N. 103.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves alternate. Spikes axillary.

Scheru-valli caniram. Rheed. Mal. vii. p. 7. t. 4.

Tsjeru caniram, ibid. p. 3. t. 2. appears to be the same plant. A large woody climbing shrub; a native of the Circar mountains.

Leaves alternate, two-faced, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, smooth, entire, about three inches long, and one broad. Spikes axillary, generally single, short, every where covered with flowers. Bractes solitary, small, oval, one-flowered. Flowers small, sessile, yellow. Calyx inferior, one-leaved, gibbons; mouth four-toothed. Corol none, except the calyx, or nectary be accounted one. Nectary four-leaved; leaflets cordate, acute, half the length of the calyx. inserted round the base of the germ and embracing it. Filaments four, inserted into the base of the calyx, and rather shorter than it. Anthers, ovula within the calyx. Berry oblong, smooth, red, juicy, size of a pea, one-celled. Seed single, shaped like the berry.

SANTALUM. Schreb. gen. N. 215.

Calyx semi-supera, campanulate, four-cleft. Corol none. Nectarial scales four, alternate with the stamina. Germ one-celled, one-seeded, attachment inferior. - Berry one seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.
1. S. album. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 691.

Leaves oblong.

Sandalum album. Rumph. Amb. ii. 42, t. 11. Chandana. Asiatic Researches, vol. iv. p. 253.

Santalum verum. Linn. Mat. Med. 102.

Sans. Gundhasaru, Muluyuju, Bhudrushree, Chunduna.

Beng. Chundun. Pers. Sundul-sufed.

Sandal-wood. Buchanan's Journey, i. 186, and 202. ii. 117, 132, and 536. iii. 192. A native of the mountainous parts of the coast of Malabar. That of Timor, and the neighbouring Islands is most probably the same species. In the Botanic garden near Calcutta, the trees reared from seeds brought from the former country, thrive luxuriantly, and produce

flowers and ripe seed nearly the whole year round.

Trunk in trees of twelve years' growth in the Botanic garden, only a few feet high, when they divide into branches; and there from two and a half to three feet in circumference. Bark brownish, and scabrous, with longitudinal fissures. Branches numerous, dividing much, spreading, and rising in every direction, forming nearly a spherical head. Young shoots round and smooth; extreme height of our largest twelve or thirteen years old trees, about twenty-five feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, generally obtuse, smooth, entire, glaucous underneath; length from one and a half to three inches. Petioles scarcely one-fourth the length of the leaves, smooth, Stipules none. Thyrsi axillary and terminal, much shorter than the leaves. Pedicels opposite, the lower pair of each thyrsus generally three-flowered. Flowers numerous, small, when they first expand straw-coloured, changing to a deep ferruginous purple, inodorous, as are all the exterior parts of the growing plant, even when bruised. Calyx one-leaved, campanulate; border

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four-parted; segments ovate, smooth, base of the bell only permanent. Corol none, except the Page calyx, or necturial glands are so called. Nectury of four, roundish, sessile, thick, fleshy glands, on the mouth of the bell of the calyx, alternate with the segments of its border, and when the flower first expands, the most coloured part, entire. In Sirium (now Santalum) myrtifolium, they are lobate. Filaments four, alternate with the nectarial scales, and of the same length, smooth, but behind each there rises a tuft of white hairs from the disk of the segments of the calyx, perfectly distinct from the stamina, but of the same length, the ends of these long, white, woolly hairs adhere to the back of the small, two-lobed anthers. Germ semisuperum, one-celled, containing one conical seed, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style, length of the tube of the calyx. Stigma three-nerved, four-lobed. Berry pyrenous, round, smooth, when ripe black, and socculent, size of a cherry, and crowned with the remaining calyx, one-celled. Nut solitary, spherical; three small, equi-distant elevations from the apex run a little way down the sides. Seed conform to the nut. Integument single, soft, white, spongy, lining the nut, and adhering to it and the seed also. Perisperm conform to the seed, white, amygdaline. Embryo inverse, subulate, nearly as long as the vertical diameter of the perisperm. Cotyledons two, unequal, linear-lanceolate. Plumula minute, semilunate. Radicle tapering, superior. Obs. The descriptions and original figures of the following species, Sirium myrtifolium.

Corom, Plants, vol. i. t. 2. were taken from the plants which grow wild, on the mountains north of the Rajanumdri Circar, on the coast of Coromandel, where the trees are but of a small size, scarcely more than a large shrub, or bush, with lanceolate leaves; and the wood of little value. It is now nearly twenty years since that description, and the drawings were made, and I have reason to think the tree which produces the saudal wood of Malabar,* and Timor, to be different, and having had an opportunity of cultivating the former, viz. that of the Malabar mountains in the Botanic garden for these thirteen years past. I do not hesitate to say, that the Circar tree is at least a strongly marked variety of the Malabar sort. For that reason I have thought it advisable to give the foregoing full description, of the true sandal wood, which I hope will tend to clear up the botanical history of this celebrated tree, and its associate Sirium myrtifolium. They evidently belong to one genus, to which I have thought it necessary to assign a new essential character, and whether I consider them to be distinct species of that genus, or varieties of one species, must be of very little consequence. For my own part I think it nearer the truth to consider them distinct species. I therefore call the narrow-

leaved one Santalum myrtifolium.

The nature and history of the wood, white and yellow Saunders or Sandal, are now too well known to require any thing in addition from me.

2. S. myrtifolium, R. Leaves opposite, lanceolate.

Sirium myrtifolium. Roxb. Corom. pl. i. N. 2. Willd.

A native of the Circar mountains, where it is but of a small size, and the wood of little or no value.

Legnes opposite, short-petioled, spreading, lanccolate, entire, waved, smooth, shining; about two inches long, and three-fourths of an inch broad. Stipules none. Racemes thyrsiform, terminal, compound, small, erect. Flowers small, reddish. Calga superior. Tube short, a little gibbous. Border four-cleft; divisions ovate, expanding, coloured. Corol no other than the above, except the nectary be such. Nectory four-leaved, obcordate, notched, inserted into the mouth of the calyx. Filaments four, short, hairy, inserted into the calyx, alternate with the leaflets of the nectary. Germ globular. Style length of the tube. Stigma four-lobed. Berry globular, size of a large pea, smooth, juicy, black, when ripe oneseeded.

Obs. Birds greedily eat the berries, by which means it is propagated extensively. I do not know that the wood of this small tree is ever used as a perfume.

GYROCARPUS. Jacq. Gert.

Calyx superior, four-leaved, unequal. Corol none. Nectary of four clavate glands, alternate with the stamina. Berry dry, one-seeded, ending in two long wings. Embryo erect, spirally rolled up; no perisperm.

1. G. Jacquini, Roxb. Corom. pl. i. N. 1.

Polygamous. Panieles dichotomous.

Gyroenepus asiaticus, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iv. p. 982.

Teling. Tanukoo.

Grows to be a very large tree, is chiefly a native of the mountainous parts of the coast of Coromandel. Leaves decidnous about the end of the wet season. Flowers during the cold season when the trees are naked; the leaves come out soon after.

Trunk generally erect. Back smooth, greenish, ash-coloured. Branches thin, irregu-

larly spreading in every direction. Leaves approximated, about the extremities of the branchlets petioled, broad-cordate, three-nerved, often slightly lobed, above smooth, below downy, with two pits on the upper side of the base; length and breadth various, but in general about five or six inches each way. Petioles round, downy, three inches long. Passicles terminal, umbel-like; divisions two-forked. Flowers very small, yellow.

HERMAPHEODITE FLOWERS solitary, sessile in the divisions of the paniele. Calyx superior, four-leaved; leaflets unequal; exterior pair small, oval, bractiform, caducous; interior

I include however the other Islands thereabout, because the leaves of our tree agree particularly well with Rumphius's figures above quoted

Page pair large, wedge-shaped, three-toothed, permanent, increasing in size with the pericarp into large, two long, membranaceous wings. Corol none. Nectary consisting of four clavate, yellow glands. Filaments four, longer than the calyx, inserted alternately with the nectarial glands. Traments four, longer than the strong quadrangular, opening on each side with an oval lid. Germ inferior, ovate. Style none. Stigma small, immersed in the perforation of the receptacle of the filament and nectarial glands. Capsule globular, wrinkled, onecelled, one-valved, not opening spontaneously, size of a cherry, ending in two long, obtuse, lanceolate, membranaceous wings. Seed one.

Obs. The wood of this tree which is white and very light, is employed to make

Catamarans (floats), when to be had, in preference to any other.

TETRANDRIA DIGYNIA.

CUSCUTA. Schreb. gen. N. 227.

Calyx four or five-leaved or parted. Corol one-petalled. Germ two-celled, one or twoseeded, attachment inferior. Capsules superior, two-celled, circumcised. Embryo spiral, rolled round the perisperm, with an inferior radicle.

 C. reflexa. Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. N. 104.
 Parasitical; flowers racemed, pentandrous. Scales of the nectary bearded. Capsules four-seeded.

Beng. Huldi-algusi-luta. Teling. Sitama-poorgonooloo.

This plant is parasitical, appearing on any bush in the cold season. Stems or branches filiform, succulent, twining, very ramous, leafless, smooth, yellow. Racemes numerous. Flowers white, short-pedicelled. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets cordate, permanent. Corol; tube cylindric; mouth five-parted; division reflexed. Nectary of five scales, which surround the germ, and are inserted into the bottom of the tube. Filaments five, very short. Anthers oval, appearing half above the mouth of the tube. Style scarcely any. Stigma two, large, fleshy, expanding, pointed.

2. C. aggregata. R.

Head round, sessile, composed of ten or twelve perfectly sessile, aggregate, pentandrous

Accidentally introduced into the Botanic garden amongst flax seed from Bagdad. When the flax plants were a few inches high, this little delicate, leafless, filiform, round, yellow parasite began to make its appearance, adhering in such quantities to their stems and leaves, as to destroy whole beds in a very short space of time.

3. C. sulcata. R.

Peduncles in fascicles, each bearing a few pentandrous, sessile flowers, with a fleshy

furrowed calyx. Capsule two-seeded, surrounded by the deeply grooved calyx.

A native of Bengal, appears adhering to Amaranthus oleraceus, and some other plants, during the cool season. Is a plant of small size, of a pale yellow colour, throughout perfeetly smooth.

Peduncles generally collected in small, remote fascicles of two, three, four, or more, each supporting from two to four, small, sessile, white flowers. Bractes ovate. Calyx five-toothed, permanent, becoming fleshy, and deeply ribbed, with from six to ten ribs, length of the tube of the corol. Corol; tube short. Border five-cleft; divisions oval, obtuse, reflexed. Nectarial scales five, below the insertion of the filaments, divided nearly to the base, into many, fine, filiform segments. Filaments five, inserted a little below the fissures of the corol. Germ round. Styles two. Stigma headed. Capsules two-celled. Seeds solitary.

4. C. capitata. R.

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Heads round, sessile, bracted, with from ten to twenty pentandrous flowers. Calyx and corol papillose, pellucid and white. Hind. and Beng. Algusi.

A most beautiful, small parasite, found in great abundance growing on the lower part of

the stems of Crotolaria Juncea, during the months of February and March.

Stems numerous, filiform, smooth, except at the parts where it grows to the stalks of its supporter, there tuberculate; extent from one to two feet high; colour pale yellow. Leaves none. Flowers from ten to twenty, forming most beautiful, round, sessile, white, pellucid heads. Bractes a single one under each head, which is white, membranaceous, and oblong. Calyx and corol five-cleft, swelled with pellucid cells, like the Ice-plant. Nectarial scales reniform, ciliate. Stamens five. Germ two-celled, with two seeds in each, attached to the bottom of the cells. Styles two. Stigma simple.

COLDENIA. Schreb. gen. N. 233.

Calyx four-leaved. Corol infundibuliform. Germ superior, four-celled, one-seeded, attachment superior. Nuts four. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

C. procumbens. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 712.

A small annual, spreading flat on the ground, and in general very common on dry ricefields during the cold season; but never to be seen from the beginning of the periodical rains till they are completely over.

TETRANDRIA TETRAGYNIA.

BRUCEA. Schreb. gen. N. 1508.

Calyx four-parted. Petals four. Germs four, one-seeded, attachment inferior. Berries four, superior, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, with scarcely any perisperin. Sometimes a fifth part is added.

1. B. sumatrana. R.

Shrubby. Leaflets serrate. Racemes axillary, generally compound. Lussa-Radja. Rumph. Amb. Auctuar, 27. 1. 15.

Mal. Ampadoo-Barrowing.

A native of Sumatra. From thence Mr. Ewer sent the seeds to the Botanic garden, where in one year the plants were about four feet high with a straight ligneous stem; and few branches. They then began to flower in May, and continued to blossom and ripen their seed

Leaves scattered, unequally-pinnate, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaflets from four to six pair, opposite, short-petioled, obliquely ovate-lanceolate, grossly and obtusely serrate, pointed, villous underneath, from three to six inches long, very bitter, and somewhat fortid. Petioles common, round, and villous. Stipules none. Racemes axillary, solitary, from one to six, or eight inches long, somewhat compound, dark purple, and clothed with a few white hairs. Flowers numerous, very minute, dark purple, and in all the Sumatra plants completely hermaphrodite. Bractes subulate, hairy, very small, and caducous. Calyx four-leaved, or deeply four-parted. Segments small, ovate-lanceolate, deep purple, hairy on the outside and with the corols becoming reflexed. Petals four, longer than the calyx, lanceolate, dark purple, and hairy on the outside. Nectary a dark purple, four-lobed, fleshy cup surrounding the insertion of the germs. Filaments four, short, purple, inserted under the margin of the nectary. Anthers oval, large, and deep purple till they discharge their pollen. Germs four, superior, one-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the upper and inner side of the cell. Styles single, short, recurved, one to each germ. Stigmas simple. Drupes four, when all come to maturity, size of a small grain of black pepper, smooth, dark purple, one-celled. Nut conform to the drupe, rugose, one-celled, inner edge thinner, and the upper half of it marked with a white line, (the umbilicus). Seed conform to the nut. Integuments single, adhering to the perisperm, thin and white. Perisperm in very small quantity, indeed it may be called a fleshy inner integument. Embryo as long as the perisperm, straight, inverse. Cotylodous oval, fleshy. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle roundish, superior.

Obs. Since I first described this tree, and only from plants that were completely hermaphrodite I have found some plants perfectly male, and others as completely female. plant, therefore, we have another instance of Trioicous Polygamy.

From the sensible qualities of the green parts of this plant, being somewhat foetid, and simply, though intensely bitter, it promises to be as good an antedystenerical medicine as Bruce's Abyssinian Wooginos itself. As soon as the plants arrive at greater maturity the bark shall be tried, and compared with Angustura bark which has by some been thought that of Brucea antedysenterica of Bruce's Travels, &c. vol. v. p. 69. also of I. F. Miller, Tab. 25. and still better described and figured by L. Hexitier under the name Brucea ferruginea, Stirp. Nov. 19. t. 10. See also Linn. sp. pl, ed. Willd. iv. 742.

MYRIOPHYLLUM. Shreb. gen. N. 1440.

Calyx four-parted. Corol four-petalled. Style none. Stigmas four. Seeds four, naked. Embryo inverse.

1. M. tetrandrum. R.

Leaves verticelled, all filiform-pinnatifid. Flowers axillary, verticelled, tetrandrous. Calyx four-leaved.

Compare with Hottonia sessiliflora. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 813.

Teling. Neerla-pamarum.

It grows in sweet water; appearing during the rains.

Stems round, articulate, spongy below the water, length various, above the water from four to six inches, about the thickness of a crow's quill. Leaves verticelled, pinnatifid, below the water they are much larger, with capillary segments; above the water they are small, Flowers very small, white, verticelled, i. e. one in the axill of each leaf. Calyx above, four-leaved; leaflets permanent. Petals four, oblong. Filaments shorter than the petals.

2. M. tuberculatum. R.

Leaves verticelled, pinnatifid. Flowers axillary, verticelled, tetrandrous; fruit tetraceous, tubereled.

A native of borders of lakes, and other moist places near Calcutta, in blossom most part

of the year, and very much like M. tetrandrum.

Stems creeping, round, jointed, length various, the erect extremities about five or six inches. Leaves verticelled, pinnatifid, or acutely serrate. Flowers verticelled, sessile, one in the axill of each leaf, small, pink-coloured. Calyx none. Corol; petals oblong, expanding, pink-coloured. Filament short. Anthers linear. Seeds united in the form of a four-lobed, tubercled pericarp.

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POTAMOGETON. Schreb. gen. N. 234.

Corol four-petalled. Germs four. Styles none. Seeds four. Embryo Calyx none. hooked, without perisperm. 1. P. indicum. R. 452

Creeping: Leaves alternate, from narrow-lanceolate to elliptically oval. opaque, glossy, many-nerved. Anthers four pair, attached to the claws of the round concave petals.

A native of the borders of fresh water lakes and ditches in the vicinity of Calcutta. Flow-

ers in February and March.

Stems creeping. The small simple roots which issue from the joints are all I can discover, for while the plant advances from the apex, it decays at the opposite end, so that I do not think any part of them exists for one year. Branches few, and like what I call the stems; they are all round, smooth, and jointed at various distances. Leaves alternate, except next to the flowers, and there often opposite, petioled, from narrow-lanceolate to elliptically oval, opaque, even, and very smooth, or rather glossy, entire, obtuse, obscurely many-nerved; size very various. Those that remain immersed are narrower, longer, more strongly marked with uerves, and sub-transparent. Petioles simple, not sheathing, length various, in plants left by the water much shorter than the leaves. Stipules solitary, axillary, sheathing, length of the petioles, slit halfway or more on the inside. Peduncles solitary, axillary, or opposite to a leaf, round, rather thicker, smooth, and nearly as long as the cylindric spike, which each supports. Flowers small, numerous, green. Calyx none. Petals long-clawed, nearly round, incurved, fleshy; concave within, convex on the back, permanent. Filaments none. Anthers, four pairs attached to the claws of the petals on the inside. Germs four, ovate-oblong, one-celled, with one ovulum in each. Styles short, and thick. Stigmas a dark speck on the apex of the styles. Drupes obovate, smooth. Nut conform to the drupe, one-celled. Embryo curved, as represented by Gartner in P. natans, vol. ii. t. 84.
2. P. tuberosum. R.

Leaves alternate, and only opposite at the floriferous forks, sessile, linear, much waved,

entire, clear, when dry membranaceous.

Found immersed in extensive masses, in ponds, lakes, and receptacles of fresh water in Bengal, during the dry season, chiefly when in flower in February, it rises so near to the sur-

face as to allow the little spikes of flowers to emerge completely

Root of long simple fibres, brown, &c. according to the colour of the mud they enter; on the creeping joints are generally found small roundish-lobate, viviparous tubers. Stems and branches of various lengths, according to the depth of the water, &c. a groove on each side gives them the appearance of being compressed, thick as a pack thread, smooth, at the bottom of the water creeping, towards the extremities when in flower dichotomous; previously to that period the branches are alternate and axillary. Leaves sessile, alternate, except at the floriferous fork of the branches, where they are opposite, linear, rather obtuse, much waved, finely and acutely serrulate, with two slender nerves near the margin, pellucid, from two to three inches long, by little more than a quarter of an inch broad. Stipules sheathing, short, smooth, greenish like the other parts of the plant, and scarcely to be distinguished from them. Spikes solitary in the fork of the branches, rather long-peduncled, from four to eight-flowered, when in blossom emerged, afterwards immerged. Corol, stamina, and germ as in the genus, but here there certainly is a style with four large, obliquely truncated stigmas. Seed as in P. natans, Gart. sem. ii. 23. tab. 84.

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CLASS V.

PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

HELIOTROPIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 239.

Corol salver-shaped; throat contracted with vaults. Seeds four, naked, or each covered with its proper bark

1. H. indicum. Willd. sp. i. 470.

Annual, diffuse, ramous. Leaves petioled, cordate. Spikes leaf-opposed, peduncled, soli-Fruit two-cleft.

Bena patsja. Rheed. Mal. x. p. 95. t. 48.

Sans. Shreehustinee, Bhooroondee.

Beng. Hatti-soora.

This is one of the most common plants in India, it is in flower at all seasons, and delights

in out-of-the-way corners, rubbish, &c. where the soil is rich and dry.

Stems and branches diffuse, dichotomous, hairy, general height one, or two feet, but spreading to an extent greater than its height.

Leaves for the most part alternate, petioled, cordate, wrinkled, margins curled. Spikes leaf-opposed, generally solitary, peduncled, longer than the leaves. Flowers rigidly sessile, minute, in two rows on the upper side of the spikes. Corol longer than the calyx. Tube gibbous; border five-lobed, pale rose colour. Seeds united towards the base, two-cleft, smooth.

2. H. coromandelianum. Willd. sp. i. 742. Annual, ascending, pubescent. Leaves petioled, obovate, entire. Spikes paired, and Ed. solitary. 455 Beng. Naga-phoolee.

A native of Coromandel, Bengal, &c. Flowering time the hot and rainy seasons.

Root simple, annual. Stems several, near the base spreading on the ground, afterwards ascending; clothed with white, soft hair. Leaves scattered, petioled, obovate, entire, hairy like the stems and branches. Spikes terminal, and interspersed among the leaves, generally paired. Flowers numerous, small, white, placed in a waved row on the upper side of the spikes. Calyx half the length of the corol, the exterior, inferior, divisions louger.

3. H. paniculatum. R.

Erect, ramous, hairy. Leaves petioled, ovate-oblong. Spikes terminal, panieled, secund. Tube of the corol long and gibbous.

A native of Chittagong, flowers during the hot season.

LITHOSPERMUM. Schreb. gen. N. 241.

Corol funnel-shaped, throat perforated, and naked. Calyx five-parted. Germ four-celled, with one pendulous ovulum in each.

1. I. viridiflorum. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, rugose, entire. Spikes peduneled, twice or thrice dichotomous, recurved.

A native of Chittagong, where it blossoms during the rains, and cool season.

Stems erect, ligneous, soon throwing out many, patent alternate, round, hairy branches; whole height from three to five feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate-lanceolate, acute, rugose, entire, a little hairy underneath ; length from four to six inches, and from two to three broad. Peduncles at first terminal, but becoming lateral; as vegetation advances, twice, thrice, or even oftener bifld; each division ending in a somewhat long, recurved, secund spike, with two rows of small, exquisitely beautiful, green flowers on its convex side. Bractes none. Calyx five-leaved. Corol with the tube enlarged towards the base, twice the length of the calyx; border slightly five-notched; throat open. Authers linear, sub-sessile, near the base of the tube of the corol. Germ ovate, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the top of the axis. . Seeds ovate-cordate, smooth.

CYNOGLOSSUM. Schreb. gen. N. 243.

Corol funnel-shaped; the throat contracted with vaults. Seeds four, depressed, affixed to the style.

1. C. racemosum. R.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves lanceolate, sessile, hairy. Spikes paired and solitary, lateral, and twining. Flowers pedicelled. Seeds echinate, distinct.

Found growing on rubbish in the vicinity of Calcutta; flowering time the rainy season.

Root annual. Stem creet, with many alternate, erect branches from every part; all covered with short, stiff, depressed hairs; the whole height about a foot and half. Leaves alternate, sessile, lanceolate, hairy, veined, a little wrinkled, margins minutely curled, and ciliate; from two to three inches long. Spikes terminal, and axillary, peduncled, generally paired, though sometimes single; when at their full length much longer than the leaves, with the apices incurved. Flowers alternate, on the upper side of the spikes pedicelled, while expanded erect, afterwards ternuous, very small, white, with a purple throat which is somewhat contracted by five two-lobed glands. Calys longer than the corol; leaflets oval, hairy. Stamens just within the mouth of the tube of the corol. Seeds distinct, of a roundish conical shape, armed with many short, thick, stiff, glutinous, headed bristles, and affixed to a conical receptacle, which has four corresponding concavities to receive the four seeds.

2. C. diffusum, R.

Annual, diffuse, hairy. Leaves oblong, soft, hairy. Flowers solitary. Stamens hid in Seeds scabrous. the gibbous tube.

A native of Bengal; appearing in gardens, and on cultivated land in the cold season.

Stems diffuse, slender, clothed with stiff hairs; length from six to eighteen inches. Leaves

alternate, the inferior ones petioled; the superior ones sub-sessile, all entire, oblong, soft, and hairy. Flowers solitary, between the leaves, short-peduncled, small, white, with a tinge in the throat. Calyx longer than the tube, hairy. Corol with the tube gibbons, its mouth contracted with five broad, emarginate scales. Stamens hid in the belly of the tube. Seeds, or arils obovate, scabrons, affixed by the base, and on the inside to the stigma.

3. C. marifolium. R.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves bifarious, oblong, hairy. Flowers solitary between the leaves; corol half the length of the calyx; seeds round, rough.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal; flowering time the cold season; soon after which

the seed ripens, and the plants perish.

Root annual. Stem none, but several, ramous, slender, round, hairy branches spread on the ground. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sub-sessile, elliptic, hairy underneath: half an inch in length, and about half that in breadth. Flowers axillary, or between the leaves, short-peduncled, solitary, very small, of a pale whitish blue. Calgx five-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, hairy on the outside, nearly twice as large as the corol. Corol, the tube very short, the throat

contracted, by five emarginate scales alternate with the stamens. Filaments short; anthers large, half hid in the mouth of the tube of the corol. Style short, clavate. Stigma emarginate. Seeds rough, round, almost hid in the calyx, affixed to a very short columnar receptacle.

BORAGO. Schreb. gen. N. 248.

Corol rotate. Throat closed with rays. 1. B. indica. R. Willd. sp. i. 776.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves sub-sagittate, stem-clasping, the lower ones opposite. Flowers solitary, drooping. Calyx conical, with five hornlets behind.

Beng. Chhota-kulpa.

Common over most parts of India, producing flowers and ripe seed the greatest part of

the year.

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Root fibrous, annual. Stem scarcely any, but many dichotomous, hairy, spreading branches of about a foot in length. The lower leaves opposite; the upper ones alternate, all sessile, stem-clasping, sub-sagittate, entire, hairy. Peduncles opposite to, or between the leaves, drooping, hairy, one-flowered. Flowers pale blue. Calyx five-parted, with the fissures extended into five recurved hornlets; divisions adhering by their margins, giving to the whole a conical shape. Corol a little longer than the calyx; divisions cordate with filiform apices. Anthers united into a firm, taper cone over the mouth of the tube of the corol.

 B. zeylanica, Willd, sp. i. 777.
 Annual, erect, ramous, strigose. Cauline leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate; floral ones alternate with the solitary, one-flowered, drooping peduncles.

A native of various parts of India. Flowering time the cold season.

Root annual. Stem erect, branches opposite, round, jointed, hispid with numerous sharp, stiff bristles of two sizes; the larger inserted on coloured glandular elevations; the height of the whole plant in a good soil from four to six, or even eight feet. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate, entire, harsh, with a few stiff, scattered hairs. Floral leaves terminal, alternate, small, sessile, cordate-lanceolate. Peduncles sub-solitary, one-flowered, drooping, sub-alternate, longer than the floral leaves, round, hairy. Bractes no other than the floral leaves. Flowers cornuous, pale blue. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets adhering slightly near the base, and at their adhesions forming five sharp ridges, but without the posterior horns of Borago indica; nor, like that plant, does it shut over the seed, but becomes expanded. Corol; divisions of the border broad-cordate, with their apices sub-filiform. Filaments short, and thick, inserted on the mouth of the tube of the corol. Anthers sagittate, woolly, each cuding in a large twisted thread; sides firmly united into a conical dome over the stigma. Seeds four, ovate, smooth on the outside, rough on the inside, where lodged in the receptacle.

3. B. spinulosa. R.

Annual, diffuse, dichotomous, armed with depressed bristles. All the leaves alternate, sessile, oblong, scabrous. Peduncles leaf-opposed, one-flowered.

A native of Bengal, appearing in the cold season.

MENYANTHES. Schreb. gen. N. 263.

Calyx five-parted. Corol monopetalous, five-parted. Capsule superior, one-celled. Seeds many, inserted on parietal receptacles.

M. cristata, R. Corom. 2. N. 105.

Petioles viviparous. Leaves round-cordate, repand. Nectary triple; stigma two-cleft. Cumuda. Asiat. Res. iv. 254.

Sans. Koomoodwatee, Koomoodinee.

Tsjeroea-citambel. Rheed. Mal. 11. p. 57. t. 29.

460 Beng. Chooli.

Teling. Antara Tamara.

A native of pools of sweet water, where it floats, often not reaching the bottom with its

roots. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Root annual, fibrous. Leaves radical, petioled, cordate, lobes overlapping a little, margins somewhat scolloped, smooth, on the upper side purplish green; size various, the larger from four to six inches long. Petioles round, length various, on the upper side about two inches below the leaf there is a viviparous tuberosity, which produces the flowers as well as other leaves and roots, the old leaf and the parent petiole decaying, leave this a new plant, each petiole in succession doing the same. Pedaneles many, from the above-mentioned tuberosity of the petiole, one-flowered, sufficiently long to raise the flower above the water while expanded, afterwards they drop into the water, and there ripen their seeds. Flowers pure white, about an inch in diameter. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets broad-lanceolate, permanent. Corol of one petal; divisions of the border oblong, expanding with broad, membranaceous, waved, curled, ragged margins; down the middle of each of them runs a ridge, exactly similar to one half of the divisions themselves, no hair on the flowers. Nectary triple; the exterior one consisting of white, ramous filaments crowning the mouth of the tube of the corol, as in Nerium; the middle one of five beautiful yellow, glandular bodies, which nearly fill the mouth of the tube, standing alternate with the filaments; and the interior one of five bairy, yellow bodies surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments inserted into the tube of the corol near its base.

Anthers oval. Style short. Stigma two-cleft; segments large, and lobate. Seeds a little com-

pressed, scabrous. Receptacles parietal, opposite, running down the sides of the capsules.

2. M. indica. Willd. spec. i. 811.

Petioles viviparous; leaves round-cordate. Upper side of the corol hairy; nectaries none. Stigma three-lobed. Seeds obovate.

Hind. and Beng. Bura-chooli.

Teling. Antara-tamara.

Nedel-Ambel. Rheed. Hort. Mal. 11. p. 55, t. 28.

Cumud. Asiat. Res. vol. iv. p. 254. N. 30.

Like M. cristata it is found floating on sweet water lakes, &c. in Bengal. I never met with it on the coast. Flowering time the cold season.

Leases petioled, round-cordate; margins slightly waved, somewhat fleshy, smooth, when full grown about a fact or more each way. Petioles round, length various; from a tuberosity near the apex, there issue flowers, other leaves, and roots; each leaf therefrom becoming a new plant, as in M. cristata. Calga from five to six-parted. Corol expanding; tube short, vellow; border from five to six-parted, divisions lanceolate, the upper side thickly clothed with long white filaments. Nectories wanting, or minute. Filaments as many as the divisions of the easyx and corol, ascending. Anthers erect. Stigma three-lobed, carled. Capsule onecelled. Receptacles three, running down the inside of the capsules. Seeds numerous, obovate.

FAGRÆA. Schreb. gen. N. 276.

Calyx five-leaved, imbricated. Corol infundibuliform, with an imbricated five-cleft bor-Berry oval, two-celled. Seeds many.

1. F. fragrans. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, lanceolate. Corymbs axillary, stamina ascending.

A tree of a moderate size, found by Dr. William Hunter in one garden only on the Island of Pulo Pinang; to which it was originally brought from China. It blossoms in May and

June, and ripens its fruit in September and October.
Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Leaves opposite, decussate, patent, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, taper, obtuse-pointed, entire, nerveless and smooth on both sides; from four to five inches long, and about one and a half broad. Petioles short, smooth, enlarged at the base into a stem-clasping ring, which in the dried specimens are encrusted with a clear yellow resin. Corymbs peduncled, axillary, nearly as long as the leaves, decompound, decussate, smooth. Flowers numerous, large, whitish yellow, fragrant. Bractes small, permanent. Calgar beneath, deeply five-parted, or rather five-leaved; permanent. Leaflets sub-rotund, imbricated, smooth, many times shorter than the tube of the corol. Corol one-petalled. Tube between companulate and infundibuliform. Border contexted, five-parted; divisions evate-oblong, expanding. Filaments five, ascending, inserted in the mouth of the tube, and much longer-than the corol. Authers incumbent. Germ above, ovate. Style, the length of the stamens. Stigma enlarged, entire. Berry oval, a little pointed, size of a currant, smooth, red, pulpy, two-celled. Seed several in each cell, angular, and scabrous.

2. F. elliptica. R.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-elliptic, smooth, and firm. Corymbs terminal, more than super-decompound. Twos of the corol cylindric.

A native of the Moluccus.

PLUMBAGO. Schreb. gen. N. 281.

Calyx gibbous, five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped. Stamina inserted into the tops of the five nectarial scales which embrace the germ. Stigma five-cleft. Seed one, oblong, coated. 1. P. zeylanica, Willd. sp. i. 837.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate-oblong, smooth. Racemes besprinkled with glutinous hair. Bractes three, unequal.

Tomba-codivelli. Rheed, Mal. 10, 15, t, 8. Chitraca. Asiat. Res. iv. 255.

Sans. Pathin, Chitruka; also Vahni, and all the other names of fire.

Beng, Chitra, Chita.

A perennial shrubby plant, a native of India.

Stems many, jointed, smooth, somewhat declining, ramous, flexuous, from two to four feet long, and about the thickness of a large quill. Branches nearly bifarious. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, ovate, waved, smooth, entire, from two to three inches long, and one and a half, or two broad. Petioles short, stem-clasping, channelled, or sub-winged. Stipules none. Racenses axillary, and also terminal, covered with much short glutinous hair. Flowers pure white. Bracles three-fold, one-flowered, the outer one is ten times larger than the lateral one; they are covered with the same gluten as the peduncle of the raceme, sometimes there is a fourth linear bracte pressing the calyx.

2. P. rosea. Willd. sp. i. 838. Axiat. Res. xi. 175.

Shrubby. Leaves evate-oblong, smooth. Racemes smooth; bractes three, smooth.

Radix vesicatoria. Ramph. Amb. v. 453. t. 168. Schetti codiveli. Rheed. Mal. xii. 17. t. 9. Beng. Rukta-chitra, Lall-chita.

Native of Coromandel, and other parts of India.

Perennial, shrubby; stems, branches, leaves, and petioles as in the preceding. Racemes axillary, and also terminal, smooth. Flowers large, of a bright beautiful red. Bractes three462

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fold, one-flowered, equal, smooth; the inner or upper two united between the flower and rachis, Obs. The specific distinguishing marks between these two species, according to my observation, depend on the racemes and bractes, colour not being a specific mark.

PORANA. Schreb. gen. N. 286.

Calyx five-leaved, growing in the pericarp into scariose wings. Corol campanulate. Germ one-celled, from two to four-seeded. Utriculus one-seeded. Embryo erect, curved, and corrugated.

1. P. Paniculata, R. Shrubby, twining. Leaves exactly cordate, entire, hoary. Panicles terminal, and axillary. Corol sub-entire. Style short, simple.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, and particularly plentiful upon the ruins of

Gowr, and the Rajamahl hills. Flowering time the cold season; seeds ripe in March.

Stem woody, divided into numerous, very long, scandent, and twining, stout, woody branches, which extend over the largest trees, or whatever else they meet with, their extremities drooping beautifully. Bark of the woody parts ash-coloured, and uneven; that of the young shoots clothed with whitish soft down. Leaves cordate, entire, fine-pointed, villous on both sides, but particularly so underneath, where they are also hoary, from one to four inches each way. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills, pendulous or drooping. Flowers very numerous, small, pure white. Calyx five-leaved, downy; leaflets unequal, but all much shorter than the corol. Corol one-petalled, campanulate, margins slightly five-lobed. Filaments five, inserted into the bottom of the tube of the corol. Anthers linear, half hid. Germ ovate, one-celled, ovula four, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short, and simple. Stigma of two, large, round, lobes. Capsule (utriculus,) ovate, one-celled, evalvular, membranaceous, brittle, villous, size of a small pea, surrounded by the remaining calyx, three of the five leaflets thereof becoming scariose are enlarged into as many oblong, lanceolate wings many time longer than the capsule itself; the other two continue of their original length, but so contracted in breadth as to be filiform. Seed solitary, affixed to the base of the capsule. Perisperm and embryo as in the Convolvulacea, to which order it belongs:

Obs. A large plant, from thirty to forty feet long, covering a mango tree, is now in full blossom before me, and is certainly a most lovely sight; the long pendulous extremities of the branches, with their numerous panicles of small, white flowers, and hoary leaves, render

it a very pleasing object.

P. volubilis. Burm. Ind. 51, t. 21, f. 1. Willd. sp. i. 843.

Leaves cordate, entire, smooth. Panieles axillary, and terminal. Shrubby, twining. Style bifid. Corol five-cleft.

A native of various parts of India, but scarce in Bengal; flowers during the cold season

in the Botanic garden, and when in that state is uncommonly beautiful.

Trunk and branches ligneous, twining, to a very considerable extent, over trees, &c. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, entire, smooth, pointed, from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Panicles axillary, and terminal, drooping; ramifications thereof alternate, and downy. Flowers numerous, small, white, inodorous, pedicelled. Bracles small, villous, several on the base of the pedicels, and one longer than the others under its insertion. Calyx of five, oblong, scariose leaflets, which are nearly as long as the corol. Corol campanulate: border five-cleft; divisions oblong, and obtuse. Filaments five, inserted near the bottom of the tube of the corol, and nearly as long as the corol. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing four ovula, attached to the bottom of their cells. Style half two-cleft, one of the divisions shorter. Stigma headed, somewhat two-lobed. Utriculus surrounded with five, scariose, equally enlarged, permanent leaflets of the calyx; round, size of a small pea, smooth, brown. rest as in the former species.

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3. P. racemosa. R.

Annual, twining, filiform. Leaves cordate, the cauline ones petioled, the floral ones stemclasping. Racemes axillary and terminal. Corol five-cleft.

A native of Nepal, from thence introduced by Dr. F. Buchanan, into the Botanie garden,

where it blossoms during the dry season.

Stems annual, twining, slender, pretty smooth. Leaves cordate, entire, obtuse-pointed, soft, and smooth, the cauline ones are petioled; the floral ones sessile, indeed stem-clasping.

Racemes axillary, and terminal, long-peduncled, few-flowered. Bractes, the lower ones like the floral leaves, but smaller, those of the superior flowers very small. Flowers alternate, pedicelled, small, white. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets sub-lanceolate, growing with the pericarp into five scariose wings. Corol sub-campanulate; tube short, and rather gibbous; border five-parted; segments oblong. Filaments short, unequal, inserted into the tube of the corol near its bottom. Anthers ovate, within the tube. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing two seeds, attached to its bottom. Style length of the stamens. Stigma oval, apex two-lobed. Utriculus oval, smooth, of a very delicate, entire, membranaceous texture, surrounded by the five leaflets of the calyx, now enlarged into five scariose, cuneiform wings. Seed as in the preceding species.

CONVOLVULUS. Schreb. gen. N. 287.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol campanulate. Germ two, rarely three-celled. Stigma from Capsule, two or three-celled; cells two-seeded. Embryo erect, curved; two to three-lobed. cotyledons corrugated.

N. B. In far the greater number of our East Indian Convolvuli, and Ipomoca, the stigma consists of two globular heads; each globe an aggregate of minute, roundish, pellucid, glutinous tubercles. In the specific character, therefore I take no notice of the stigma when so formed; it will consequently be understood to consist of two round lobes, when not mentioned. In this genus there is but one species (C. flagelliformis,) that can be said to have anything like an entire stigma and in Ipomoea only one, viz. I. phoenicea. I do not therefore think it would answer any valuable purpose to make a double stigma the essential, generic mark of Concoleulus, and a single capitate one, that of Ipomoca. But those with an entire seed vessel, may be advantageously formed into a distinct family, which I have done in the next genus, Lettsomia.

SEOT. I. Twining with undivided Leaves.

1. C. gangeticus, R.

Perennial, twining, extensive. Leaves round-cordate, entire, obtuse. Peduncles solitary, from one to four-flowered. Leaflets of the calyx reniform, increasing in size with the capsule. and hiding it. Corol with nearly entire margins.

A native of the banks of the Ganges, where it blossoms during the cool season; when its extended branches, and numerous, very large, bright, pink-coloured flowers are highly orna-

mental; seeds ripe in March.

Stems shrubby, twining up and over trees to a great extent; young shoots round, pale green, and a little hairy. Leaves petioled, re-entering, round-cordate, entire, often emarginate, nearly smooth above; villous, and dotted underneath, and there strongly marked with many, nearly simple, parallel veins; length and breadth about three or four inches. Petioles channelled, nearly as long as the leaves. Peduacles axillary, solitary, shorter than the petioles, from one to three-flowered. Bractes oblong, opposite, caducous at a very early period. Leaflets of the calvx obvolute, reniform, emarginate, with thin, membranaceous edges, increasing in size with the fruit, and covering it completely at all times. Geem four-celled, with one ovulum in each cell, attached to the bottom, stigma of two round lobes. Capsules entirely hid in the calyx, which together with them is the size of a large nutmeg. Seeds covered with a dense coat of fine brown down, and hairy round the umbilicus.

2. C. semidigynus. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves cordate, villons. Peduncles three or more-flowered. Style half two-cleft. Stigmas globular.

A native of the Shree-neger mountains, from thence Captain Hardwicke sent seeds to the Botanic garden, where the plants, three years old when this description was taken, are very

extensive and in full blossom in December.

Stems woody, twining; young parts villous. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, and ovate-cordate, entire, pointed, of a very soft, villous texture, particularly underneath; three or four inches long, and about two broad. Petioles half as long as the leaves, villous. Peduneles axillary, solitary, shorter than the petioles, round, downy, each bearing three or more large, pure white, inodorous flowers. Bractes ovate, caducous. Calyx downy. Corol villous on the outside. Anthers with their points bent back towards the bottom of the corol, and their sagittate bases pointing to its mouth. Germ bearded. Style two-cleft. Stigma glo-

3. C. fastigiatus. R.

Twining, perennial, smooth. Leaves cordate, smooth. Cymes long; peduncles many-

A native of the interior parts of Bengal ; in flower, and full foliage most part of the year. Root perennial. Stems and branches numerous, twining; all the sub-ligneous parts scabrons; young shoots running over bushes to an extent of many fathoms, generally tinged with purple. Long runners issue from the top of the root, and spread along the surface of the earth. Leaves cordate, in the young luxuriant shoots and runners they are often variously lobate, or have their posterior lobes angular; all are smooth on both sides from two to four inches each way, and like the tender branchlets often tinged with purple, particularly the margins, veins and nerves; there are two round, smooth, rust-coloured glands on the sides of the base of the nerve, where it joins the petioles, which are from one to six inches long. Peduscles small, decidnous. Calyx smooth, leaflets obovate, acuminate, and very small in proportion to the size of the corol. Stamina within the tube. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules smooth, membranaceous, from two to four-lobed, with a single, dark brown or black, smooth seed in each.
4. C. maximus. Willd. sp. pl. i. 853.

Perennial, twining. Leaves ovate, entire, Peduncles many-flowered, longer than the leaves. Seeds woolly.

A native of Coromandel.

C. malabaricus, Willd. sp. pl. i. 857.
 Perennial, twining, every part smooth. Leaves cordate, entire. Peduacles many-flowered. Kattu-Kelengu. Rheed. Mal. xi. 105. t. 51.

A very extensive, perennial species, found in Mysore by Dr. B. Heyne. In the Botanic

garden it began to blossom in February, when the plants were four years old.

Stem and larger branches ligueous, and clothed with spongy, uneven, ash-coloured bark; twining over trees &c. to the extent of several fathoms; young shoots smooth, deep green; every part, on being wounded, discharges a large quantity of dull-coloured, clammy juice, which instantly becomes of a deep brown colour. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, entire, smooth

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on both sides, from three to six inches long, and nearly as broad. Peduncles axillary, smooth, many-flowered; sometimes terminal and panieled; pedicels clavate. Flowers rather small; the bottom of the bell deep purple; throat pink with the margins paler, almost white, and slightly ten-lobed. Calyx consisting of five, smooth, obtuse, oval leaflets. Filaments smooth. Style longer than the stamina. Stigma of two round lobes.

6. C. blandus. R. Herb. Banks.

Perennial, twining, smooth. Leaves oblong-cordate, smooth. Stipules recurved. Peduacles as long as the petioles, many-flowered. Lobes of the corol obcordate. Stigma of two round

A native of the mountainous parts of the Circars.

Stem twining, running to a great extent, round, smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong-cordate, pointed, entire, smooth, from three to four inches long. Petioles short, channelled, smooth. Stipules small. Peduncles axillary, as long as the petioles erect, rigid, round, smooth, many-flowered, umbel-like. Flowers large, pure white; lobes rounded, and emarginate. Stigma two-lobed; lobes globular.

Obs. There is a variety of this, if not a distinct species, which differs from it in no other

respect, than in being wholly covered with soft hairy down.
7. C. lawrifolius. R.
Perennial, twining. Leaves from ovate to elliptic, with simple and parallel veins. Per duncles axillary, many-flowered. Capsules fleshy.

A native of Mysore, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Dr. B. Heyne, where it flowers in November. The seeds are ripe in March.

Stems woody towards the base, twining to a very considerable extent. Bark of the ligneous parts smooth; that of the young shoots armed with small, stiff, adpressed hairs. Leaves alternate, petioled, from ovate to elliptic, with a few adpressed hairs scattered over both surfaces; veins simple and parallel, length from two to six inches. Petioles scarcely half the length of the leaves; two dark glands at the apex, and hairy like the other tender parts. Stipules none. Peduncles axillary, shorter than the leaves, round, hairy, many-flowered, the divisions often accompanied with a leaf or two. Bractes small, hairy, caducous. Flowers of a moderate size, rosy. Calyx with equal, ovate, rounded, smooth, segments; their margins coloured. Corol; tube or bell sub-cylindrie; the inside deep purple; the outside and border pink; lobes emarginate, and slightly separated. Nectary a yellow, fleshy ring, surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments inserted on the bottom of the bell of the corol, there of a purple colour and bearded. Anthers ovate-oblong. Germ sub-obovate. Stigma of two globular lobes. Capsule nearly round, size of a large pea, fleshy, two-celled, with two smooth seeds in

8. C. parviflorus. Willd. sp. pl. i. 856.

Annual, twining. Leaves cordate, smooth. Peduncles as long as the petioles, manyflowered; lobes of the corol pointed. Stigma two-cleft, lobes revolute. Ipomoea paniculata. Burm. Fl. Ind. p. 50. t. 21. f. 1. (bad.)

A native of hedges, &c. Flowering time the cool season. Stems twining, annual, round, sometimes slightly hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, exactly cordate, entire, fine-pointed, sometimes very slightly hairy, from one to four inches long. Peduncles axillary, rather longer than the petioles, erect, many-flowered, umbel-bearing. Flowers pure white, lobes acute. Stigma two, clubbed, revolute.

9. C. calycinus R.

Perennial, twining, hairy. Leaves cordate, acute. Peduncles from two to three-flowered. Exterior three leaflets of the calyx sagittate, ciliate, as long as the gibbous tube of the corol. Fruit drooping.

A native of the interior parts of India; from Cawnpore Captain Hardwicke sent plants

to the Botanic garden, where they blossom about the beginning of the cool season,

Stem twining, perennial; tender shoots very hairy. Leaves cordate; entire, acute; lobes large, and rounded, a few distinct hairs on the nerves and veins; from three to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles hairy, slightly channelled, shorter than the leaves. Peduacles axillary, solitary, about as long as the petioles, bearing two, or three alternate, pedicelled, rather small, pure white flowers; after the flowers drop, the pedicels become drooping. Bracles cordate, a few scattered over the peduncles, and pedicels. Calyx, leaflets as long as the tube, ciliate; the exterior sagittate. Filaments smooth. Germ on a nectarial pedicel. Stigma of two round lobes

10. C. obscurus. Willd. sp. pl. i. 852.

Annual, filiform, sometimes villous. Leaves exactly cordate, entire. Peduncles jointed, clavate beyond the joint, after the flower decays this part droops; one-flowered, lobes of the corol emarginate. Seeds downy.

A native of various parts of India, blossoming in Bengal during the rainy and cool

seasons.

In Dillenius's figure of C. obscurus, which is the only species I can compare this Obs. plant to, the lobes of the corol are acute; here they are emarginate, hence I conclude they are different. In the Banksian herbarium either this or one much like it is named C. funicularis.

11. C. spahorocephalus. R.

Annual, twining, villous. Leaves cordate-sagittate; lobes rounded. Flowers numerous, sessile, on sub-sessile, round, axillary heads.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. Flowering time from the close of the rains in October till January.

Root annual. Stem and branches twining, round; young shoots clothed with short soft hairs. Leaves sagittate-cordate, posterior lobes large, and rounded, both the sides and margins somewhat bairy; length from one to four inches. Petioles hairy, channelled, about half as long as the leaves. Pedancles axillary, solitary, very short, or almost wanting, bearing many small, rose-coloured, sessile flowers, forming globular heads. Bractes or involucres many, linear, recurved. Colyx, leatlets as long as the corol, hairy, tapering to a rather long, recurved point. Corol having the border slightly marked with ten indentures. Anthers half hid in the tube of the corol. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsule globular, villous, size of a marrow-fat pen, two-celled, with two light-coloured seeds in each.

Obs. There is a variety of the above, if not a distinct species, with white flowers, in round sessile heads, and having narrower leaves; in other respects they exactly agree; both are natives of Bengal and both are now growing luxuriantly in the Botanic garden. Com-

pare them with Ipomoea tamnifolia.

12. C. pilosus. R.

Annual, twining, every part very hairy. Leaves broad-cordate, entire, or slightly threelobed, hoary underneath. Stipules car-shaped. Cymes long-pedancled. Calgoine leaflets and bractes ensiform and ciliate,

A native of Mysore; the seeds were sent from thence by Dr. Heyne, to the Botanic garden, where the plants spring up during the rains; blossouting and ripening their seeds during the cold season.

Annual. Stem and branches twining, extensive, round, very hairy, every part replete with a clammy white juice. Leaves broad-cordate, sometimes a little three-lobed, on the upper side a little hairy and deep green, underneath clothed with soft white wool; length from two to six inches, breadth nearly the same. Petioles about as long as the leaves, channelled, and hairy. Stipules reniform, with callous, ciliate margins; they are always present where there is a peduncle. Peduncles axillary, about as long as the petioles, bearing from one to ten or twelve, small, rose-coloured, pedicelled flowers. Bractes opposite, with a cordate, peduncleclasping base; long, taper, recurved points; and ciliate, callous margins. Flowers numerous, of a lively pink colour, expanding about an inch. Calyx; leaflets linear, acute, longer than the tube of the corol, on the outside glandular, and very hairy. Staneas equalling the tube. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules globular, half the length of the calyx. Seeds four, woolly.

13. C. Malcolmi. R.

Roof percunial. Stems twining, furrowed. Leaves sagittate, with large, angular barbs.

Pedaneles two-flowered. Bractes lanceolate. Stigma of two linear lobes.

The seeds of this plant were brought from Persia by Major Malcolm, in 1801. The

plants raised from them in the Botanic garden, blossomed during the hot season of 1802, when

they were about one year old.

Root perennial. Stems and branchlets twining to an extent of six or eight feet, somewhat furrowed, twisted, and villous, herbaceous. Leaves petioled, sagittate; margins a little hairy; smooth on both sides, from one to three inches long. Barks or posterior lobes dilated, spreading, somewhat acute, often dentate, and always angular. Petiolex scarcely half the length of the leaves, channelled. Pedaseles axillary, two-flowered, three times longer than the petioles, round. Pedicels clavate, as long as the petioles, villous. Bracles two, opposite, at the base of the pedicels, lanceolate. Calycine leaflets ovate. Corol large, of a beautiful lively pink colour, margins almost entire. Filaments not half the length of the corol, villous at the base. Anthers purple. Germ with a yellow ring round the base. Style longer than the stamina. Stigma of two linear, spreading lobes.

Obs. I must leave the European Botanist to determine how nearly this is allied to accen-

sis, a plant I have never seen in India if this be not it.
14. C. Medium. Willd. sp. pl. i. 848.

Biennial. Leaves linear-lanceolate, stem-clasping, base dilated and dentate. Peduacles axillary, from one to two-flowered. Leaflets of the calyx lanceolate, cuspidate.

Tala-Neli. Rheed. Mal. xi. 113. t. 55.

Found in various parts of India, in flower during the rainy and cool seasons.

 tridentatus. Willd. sp. pl. i. 848.
 Amnuai, leaves short-petioled, sub-cuncate, with sagittate, acutely dentate, posterior lobes. and a somewhat retuse, or rounded tridentate apex. Peduncles filiform, one, rarely twoflowered.

Evolvulus tridentus. Burm. Ind. 77. t. 16. f. 3. Sendera-clandi. Rhoed. Mal. xi. 133. t. 65

Found common on the coast of Coromandel, Malabar, &c. Flowers during the rainy sea-

16. C. bicolor. Willd. sp. pl. i. 850.

Perennial, twining, hairy. Leaves cordate, and generally somewhat angular, downy. Pedunctes longer than the leaves, from one to four-flowered. Bractes lanceolar. Calycine leaflets acute and very unequal.

Hind, Jurad-kalmi.

Is a species common in hedges, &c. over the coast of Coromandel. Flowers during the

Stems twining, herbaccous, round, covered with soft hair, or down, from one to two fathous long. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, sometimes slightly and irregularly lobate, downy, from one to four inches long. Peduacles axillary, twice as long as the leaves,

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Page slender, erect, downy, ending in a small head of from two to four sessile flowers. Bractes lanceolate, one or two pressing on each of the calyces. Flowers middle-sized, yellow, bottom of the bell, deep purple. Stigma of two globular heads. Capsules hairy, four-celled. Seeds black, one in each cell.

Obs. Since writing the above description I have often met with plants, having one, and two-flowered peduncles. It is therefore very likely that those varieties include both C. sublobatus, and bicolor.

17. C. Turpethum. Willd. sp. pl. i. 859.

Perennial. Leaves from broad-cordate, to arrow-shaped, angular. Stems three or four-angled. Peduscles many-flowered. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules inflated, transparent, four-celled, one-valved.

Sans. Synonyma.

Beng. Teoree, Dood kulmi. Teling. Tella-tagada.

Common in hedges, &c. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root perennial. Stems twining, several fathoms long, from three to four-sided, angles membrane-winged, a little downy, perennial. Leaves alternate, petioled, form various, from cordate to linear, all are pointed, and lobate, or angular; behind a little downy. Stipules none, but instead thereof glands. Peduncles axillary, many-flowered. Flowers large, white. Bractes oval, concave, falling. Germ elevated on a large glandular body. Stigma two-lobed. Capsules involved in the dry calyx, absolutely four-sided, four-celled, one-valved; apex transparent.

Seeds round, black, one in each cell, free.

Obs. The bark of the roots is by the natives employed as a purgative, which they use fresh, rubbed up with milk. About six inches in length of a root as thick as the little finger,

they reckon a common dose. Cattle do not cat the plant.

SECT. II. Twining with divided or compound Leaves.

 C. vitifolius, Willd. sp. pl. i. 864.
 Perennial, twining, hairy. Leaves cordate, five-lobed, serrulate-dentate. Peduncles as long as the leaves, from three to six-flowered. Leaflets of the calyx obovate.

A native of hedges and forests; flowering in the cold season.

Stem twining, perennial, round, very hairy, two or three fathous long, the extremities of the branches are often highly coloured, and less hairy than the other parts. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, frequently five-lobed, remotely screate-dentate, a little downy; size very various, being from one to six inches long. Petioles of the longer inferior leaves equalling these in length; those of the floral leaves short. Peduncles axillary, about as long as the floral leaves from three to six-flowered. Flowers large, bell-shaped, very beautiful, of a bright lively yellow. Calyx hairy. Anthers becoming spiral after opening the extremities. Stigma of two round lobes.
19. C. dentalus. Willd. sp. pl. i. 849.

Twining, and erceping, muricated. Leaves cordate, three-lobed, dentate. Peduncles from two to three-flowered. Leaflets of the calyx obovate.

In Bengal it is more luxuriant than on the coast, leaves generally entire, stems, &c.

generally smooth, and with longer, many-flowered peduncles.

Teling. Talla-antootiga.

A native of hedges, thickets, &c. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stems and branches twining, or creeping, filiform, often perennial, coloured, armed with small inoffensive prickles, otherwise smooth, one or two fathoms long. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, three-lobed, toothed, smooth, from one to two inches long. Petioles prickly, branch-like. Peduncles axillary, as long as the petioles, and like them, from two to three-flowered. Flowers short-pedicelled, small, yellow. Filaments woolly at the base. Stigma single, large, globular.

20. C. copticus. Willd. sp. pl. i. 863.

Herbaceous, procumbent, angled. Leaves palmate. Lobes lanceolate, serrate. Flowers terminal, on minute branchlets. Calyces murexed.

A native of pasture ground, flowering in the rains.

Stems procumbent, rarely twining, herbaceous, angled from the insertion of the leaves, from one to two feet long. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, palmate, scarcely an inch long, lobes from five to seven, divided to near the base, lanceolate, serrate, smooth, the inner ones smallest. Stipules like the leaves, but small, and sessile. Flowers terminal, small, white. Calyx murexed. Lobes of the corol semi-orbicular with a point.

21. C. paniculatus. Willd. sp. pl. i. 865.

Root tuberous, perennial, twining, smooth. Leaves palmate. Cymes long-peduneled,

capsules four-celled. Seeds woolly.
Pal-modecca. Rheed. Mal. xi. 101. t. 49. (Exclude Modecca. Rheed. Mal. viii. 39.

Ipomoca mauritiana. Jacq. Collect. iv. 206.

Beng. Bhoomi-koomra. Teling. Matta-pal-tiga.

A native of hedges, thickets, &c. Flowering time the wet season.

Root perennial, tuberous. Stems and branches perennial; young shoots round and smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled; palmate, from three to six inches each way. Lobes generally five, divided little more than half way down, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth. Peduacles axillary, erect, as long as the petioles, sub-umbel-bearing. Flowers numerous, large, of a beautiful dark reddish purple. Capsules four-celled. Seeds woolly, all round.

Obs. Cattle eat it. The root is cathartic, and as such used by the natives where it grows.

22. pedatus, R.

Perennial, twining, smooth. Leaves pedate-triternate, leaflets lanceolate, entire. Sti-

pules filiform-pedate. Peduncles one-flowered; and with the calyx warted.

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Native place uncertain, as it has accidently sprung up in the Botanic garden amongst plants received from friends in the vicinity of Calcutta. The flowers appear in profusion during the cool season; they are pretty large, of a bright sulphur colour and the stigma is of two round lobes.

23. C. digitatus. R.

Perennial, twining, spinulous. Leaves digitate. Pedancles from three to four-flowered. Corols almost funnel-shaped. Stigmas of two round lobes. Seeds woolly on the convex side.

A native of hedges, &c. Flowering time the cold season.

Stems and branches twining, perennial, round, with here and there a few small inoffensive prickles. Leaves alternate, petioled, digitate. Leaflets generally five, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth, the inferior ones smallest. Petioles channelled, armed as the branches, as long as the leaflets. Peduncles axillary, about as long as the petioles, from three to four-flowered. Flowers pretty large, between campanulate and funnel-formed, a pale bluish purple. Stigma two-lobed. Seeds woolly on their outer angles.

Obs. This is one of the most beautiful Convolvuli in India.

24. hirsutus. R.

Annual, twining, extremely hirsute. Leaves digitate; leaflets five, sessile, broad-lanceo-late, entire. Peduacles from one to three-flowered. Calgar very hairy, entirely hiding, until ripe, the cordate, smooth, four-celled capsule.

A native of the interior parts of Hindoosthan; flowering time the close of the rains, and

Stem and branches annual, twining, very hirsute; hairs somewhat bristly, issuing from little brown glands; general extent of the plant from six to twelve feet. Leaves petioled. digitate. Leaflets five, sessile, lanceolar, acute, entire, hairy, about three inches long by one broad. Petioles round, as long as the leaflets, hirsute. Pedancles axillary, sometimes as long as the petioles, hirsute, bearing from one to three, rarely more, middle-sized, pure white flowers, on long hirsute, proper pedicels. Bractes at the base of the pedicels only, sub-lanceolate, recurved, hairy. Leaflets of the calyx oblong, permanent; the exterior three large, and extremely hirsute. Corol campanulate, white; tube as long as the calyx. Stamens smooth. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsule broad-cordate; valves thin, and smooth on both sides. Seeds three or four, smooth.

25. C. heptaphyllus. R.

Perennial, twining, smooth. Leaves digitate; leaflets seven, lanceolar, entire. Peduncles

filiform, spiral, pendulous, one, rarely three-flowered.

Of what part of India this is a native I cannot certainly say. It has appeared in one of the nurseries in the Botanic garden at Calcutta. The seed was most likely received accidentally with some other sorts. Here it flowers during the latter part of the rains, and cold

Stems and branches twining, perennial, long, slender, round and smooth. Leaves petioled, digitate; leaflets generally seven, sessile, lanecolar, entire, smooth; from one to two inches long. Petioles slightly channelled, length of the leaflets. Peduncles axillary, solitary, very slender (filiform), twisted, pendulous, longer than the petioles, generally one-flowered, rarely two or three, though three seems the natural number, and the two lateral ones for the most part prove abortive. Bractes few, and minute. Calyx; leaflets ovate, rugose on the outsides. Corol small, pale pink, with the bottom of the bell deeper coloured. Stigma of two round

Obs. A beautiful, delicate, though extensive plant, and uncommonly interesting on account of its slender, pendulous, spiral peduncles, with its pretty, small pink flowers, standing erect on its thickened, curved apex.

SECT. III. Prostrate, or creeping; not twining.

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26. C. reniformia. R.

Percanial, very ramous, and creeping close on the ground. Leaves reniform, emarginate, long-petioled. Pedancles many-flowered. Inner three leaflets of the cally two-lobed, and ciliate. Lobes of the corol bitid.

A native of Bengal, Flowering time the cool season. Burman's figure of Ecoleulous emarginatus, Flora Indica, 77. t, 30 f. 1. is very much like this; if the flowers were more numerous, and their petioles longer, I should consider them the same; they ought to be

compared, when an opportunity offers,

Stems and branches numerous, always creeping flat on the ground, and striking innumerable roots from the joints, smooth, and slender as a pack-thread. Leaves long-petioled, reniform, emarginate, and often slightly scollop-toothed, smooth; size very various voften of a dark ferruginous colour. Petioles longer than the leaves, smooth. Peduacles axillary, much shorter than the petioles, many-flowered. Flowers sub-sessile, very small, bright yellow, opening late

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Page in the forenoon, and shutting early in the evening. Calyx the two exterior leaflets smaller. oblong, and pointed; the inner three broad, wedge-shaped, with a ciliate, two-lobed, apex. Corol with its five lobes deeply divided. Filaments smooth. Stigma two-lobed; lobes roundish. Capsule round, size of a small pea, rather longer than the calyx, tomentose, two-celled. Seeds light brown, minutely dotted.

In some soils it is found entirely of a dark purple or ferruginous colour,

27. C. flogelliformis. R.

Perennial, creeping. Leaves reniform, cuspidate, smooth, with two glands at the base. Peduncles from three to five, flowered. Calyx transversely rugose. Stigma transversely oval, somewhat two-lobed.

Bel-Adamboe, Rheed. Mal. xi. p. 119. t. 58. may be this plant though in some respects they will be found to differ a little.

Ipomoca repens. Lamarck illust. i. 497.

A native of the Mysore country, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. B. Heyne to the Botanic garden, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and are in blossom most part of the

Stem and branches creeping, perennial, long, simple, slender, and smooth. Leaves reniform, or cordate-reniform, with a small terminal bristle for a point, smooth on both sides, and as in C. brasiliensis, having two glands on the under side of the base; breadth from two to three inches, and the length considerably less. Petioles as long as the leaves, channelled, swelled at the insertion, and there marked with some glandular knobs. Peduncles axillary, solitary, larger than the petioles, round, smooth, bearing from three to six, large, pure white flowers. Leaflets of the calyx ovate, fleshy; outside transversely rugose. Stigma of one, transversely oval, large lobe. Capsule with generally four, light brown, smooth seeds. 28. C. repens. Willd. sp. pl. i. 874.

Annual, creeping, or floating, piped, smooth. Leaves oblong-cordate, posterior lobes angu-Peduncles shorter than the petioles, from three to six-flowered. Corol sub-infundibuliform.

Ballel. Rheed. Mal. xi. p. 107. t. 52.

Olus-vagum. Rumph Amb. v. 419. t. 155. f. 1.

C. reptans. Willd. sp. pl. i. 875. is probably this plant, or a variety of it.

Beng. Kulmi-shak. Teling. Tootie-kura.

A native of standing sweet water, or places where water lately stood, very common.

Stems creeping, or floating on the water, annual, or biennial, round, piped, jointed, smooth, many fathoms long. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, oblong-cordate, pointed, entire, smooth, from four to six inches long. Peduncles axillary, erect, round, smooth, from three to six-flowered. Flowers large, beautiful rose colour. Lobes triangular. Tube of the corol between bell and funnel form. Base of the filaments woolly. Stigma two-headed.

Obs. The tender tops and leaves are eaten in stews by all ranks of the natives, and much esteemed.

29. C. Batatas. Willd. sp. pl. i. 853.

Root tuberous. Stems creeping, rarely twining. Leaves cordate, angle-lobed. Peduncte many-flowered. Segments of the calyx oblong, smooth, acute.

Beng. Lal-shukur-kunda-aloo, the red variety; and Suffet-shukur-kunda-aloo, the white.

Kappa-kelengu, Rheed, Mal. vii. 95, t. 50.

The red sort is in very general cultivation all over the warmer parts of Asia and very deservedly esteemed one of their most palatable and nutritious roots. I suspect C. edulis, Thunb. japan. 84, is the same or a variety.

30. C. cespetosus. R.

Annual, or biennial, creeping. Leaves linear-lanceolate, smooth. Peduncles longer than the petioles, from one to four-flowered. Calyx smooth. Capsules one-celled, four-seeded.

A native of the dry lands of Dinagepore and Rungpore, from thence the seeds were sent,

by Dr. Carey, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they blossom during the cold season.

Root generally annual, though sometimes biennial. Stem; I cannot say there is any thing like one, but numerous, slender, round, cespitose, somewhat villous, and, in some parts, even hairy branches, spread close on the earth, and strike root; length of the larger branches from one to three feet. Leaves petioled, linear-lanceolate, smooth, entire, from two to three inches long, and less than half an inch broad. Petioles clothed with long, soft, brown hairs. Peduncle axillary, longer than the petioles, hairy near the base, bearing from one to four, small, very pale-yellow flowers, but when one, or two, these are accompanied with the rudiment of one or two more, and some small, cordate smooth bractes. Calgx; leaflets oval, equal, smooth, concave, with callous, smooth, dark green margins. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules globular, smooth, size of a pea, one-celled, four-seeded. Seed smooth, deep brown.

31. C. stipulaceus. R.

Creeping, smooth, with apices twining. Leaves cordate-sagittate, with lobes repand. Stipules recurved. Peduncles many-flowered. Catyx smooth. Lobes of the corol obcordate. Seed woolly.

A native of Chittagong, sent from thence by Mr. W. Roxburgh to the Botanic garden at

Calcutta, where it flowers about the beginning of the hot season.

Root perennial. Stem and branches creeping, round, smooth, extremities twining; length from one to two fathoms, or even more. Leaves petioled, cordate-sagittate, with posterior lobes (barbs) often repand, smooth on both sides, point rather obtuse, with a minute bristle; length from two to three inches. Petioles channelled, from one to two inches long. Stipules two, Petiole, inoffensive, recurved, acute, at the base of the petiole. Peduncles axillary, solitary, can bout as long as the petioles, round, smooth, somewhat clavate, bearing from three to six or even more, large, pure white flowers. Pedicels clavate, shorter than the peduncles, round, smooth. Calyx: leaflets ovate, equal, concave, smooth, and somewhat transparent. Corol; labes of the border large, obcordate. Nectory a pentagonal cup surrounding the base of the germ. Style much longer than the stamens. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsule ovate, smooth. Seed covered with much soft, deep olive-coloured wool.

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32. C. pentagonas, R.

Perennial, augular, creeping. Leaves cordate-sagittate, with the posterior lobes rounded, but somewhat angular. Pedascles rigid, umbelliferous. Calyx smooth. Lobes of the corol circular. Seeds hairy.

A native of the Molnecas; and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Cal-

cutta in 1800; where it blossoms during the cold and hot seasons.

Root percunial. Stems and branches creeping, pentangular; young parts villous, and sometimes twining, though not readily; length of the whole plant from two to three fathoms. Leaves petioled, the lower ones broad-cordate-sagittate; the superior ones narrow-sagittate; in all the posterior lobes are large, and rounded, though frequently a little angular; margins generally entire; both sides very villous; length from one to four inches. Petioles scarcely half the length of the leaves, channelled, villous, at the base swelled on each side into two glandular, stipulary knobs. Pedancles axillary, solitary, erect, rigid, clavate, villous, about as long as the petioles, supporting a trichotomous, corymbiform umbel, of many, pretty large, pure white, incolorous flowers. Pedicels shorter than the peduncles, but like them clavate, and villous. Bractes many, caducous, and of various sizes. Calyx; leaflets ovate, concave, slightly villous, much shorter than the tube of the corol. Corol perfectly campanulate. Border divided into five semi-circular lobes. Stamina hid in the tube. Style about as long as the stamens, of two round lobes. Seed dark-brownish black, and covered with much soft hair, of the same colour.

33. C. bilobatus. R.

Perennial, creeping. Leaves two-lobed, smooth. Pedancles from three to six-flowered. Lobes of the stigma round. Seed woolly.

Convolvulus marinus. Rumph. Amb. v. 433. t. 159. f. 1.

A native of the Moluccus, from whence the roots were brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, amongst the earth in which some spice plants came. They blossom during the hot

Stems and branches creeping, perennial, striking root at the joints chiefly; young shoots smooth, polished, pale green; length from one to three fathoms. Leaves, petioles erect, twolobed, or of a deeply emarginate, round, obcordate shape, margins entire, and very smooth on both sides, about three inches long, by two and a half broad. Petioles round, slightly channelled, smooth, with two very conspicuous reddish glands at the apex. Peduncles axillary, erect, slender and longer than the petioles; bearing from one to seven, or even nine, large, purple flowers on their proper, clavate striated, pedicels. Calyx; leaflets ovate, somewhat three-ribbed, and transversely rugose. Nectory, a glandular ring round the base of the germ. Filaments cularged, woolly at the base. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules vertically compressed, smooth, lined with a tough pellicle. Seed clothed with much soft, short, dark brown

Obs. A variety, if not a distinct species has been reared in this garden, from seed received from China. It flowers in April and May; the peduncles one-flowered, the leaflets of the cally scarcely rugose, with subulate points; when wounded milky. In size, colour of the flowers, leaves, &c. they are the same.

34. C. Pes-capra. Willd. sp. pl. i. 876.

Percunial, creeping to a great extent. Leaves long-petioled, two-lobed, smooth, at the base two glands. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one or two-flowered.

Beng. Chhagul-khooree. Hind. Dopati-luta.

Schovanna-Adamboe, Rheed, Mal. xi. 117. t. 57.

A native of the sandy shores of India; where it blossoms and ripens its seed most part

of the year.

Stems perenuial, columnar, and smooth, never twining, but creeping to a very great extent over the sandy shores of the sea coasts, where the plant is chiefly found. Leaves long-petioled, deeply two-lobed, smooth, with two large coloured glands at the base. Pedancles axillary, solitary, length of the leaves, generally one or two-flowered. Flowers large, red-purple. Calgx; leaflets obling, acute, transversely rugose on the outside toward the base. Stigma of two round lobes. Seeds densely clothed with a dark brown, plush-like pubescence

This plant is very useful where it naturally grows, helping to bind the loose sands, and in time render it sufficiently stable to bear grass. Goats, horses, and rabbits

eat it.

LETTSOMIA. R.

Calgar five-leaved. Corol from campanulate to infundibuliform. Germ two-celled. Stigma two-lobed. Berry dry or succulent, two-celled; cells one or two-seeded. Embryo

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Page erect, curved; cotyledons corrugated.

In honour of John Coakley Lettsom, M. D. F. S. A. author of numerous valuable works, which more than prove him fully entitled to this mark of respect.

The genus is composed of very powerful, extensive, twining, perennial, lactescent plants; with simple leaves and axillary inflorescence.

SECT. I. Corols campanulate.

1. L. splendens. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves cordate-oblong, parallel, veined, sericeous underneath. Corymbs axillary. Barry highly coloured and embraced by the permanent crimson calyx.

A most beautiful plant, far exceeding every other species I have yet met with; a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms and ripens its seeds at various times of the year.

488 2. L. aggregata. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves cordate, woolly underneath. Peduncles axillary, supporting four sessile heads of involucred flowers. Stigma and style much longer than the corol. Berry four-seeded.

Teling. Yerra-kutha.

A native of various parts of the coast of Coromandel. Flowering time the cool season;

seed ripe in March and April.

Stems ligneous, twining to a great extent; young shoots round, clothed with soft, white pubescence; and discharging a milky juice when wounded. Leaves petioled, round-cordate, entire, smooth above, woolly underneath; from three to six inches long, and from two to five broad. Peduncles axillary, generally solitary, longer than the petioles, round, woolly; each supporting an umbellet of four, cruciform, sessile heads of small, pink-coloured, sessile flowers with a single sessile one in the centre; surrounded with several, roundish woolly bractes, (involucres,) with incurved margins. Calyx; leaflets unequal, cunciform, woolly on the outside. Corol campanulate. Border deeply cut into five, emarginate lobes, Stamina much longer than the corol, and of the same colour. Germ surrounded with a particularly large, yellow, nectarial ring. Style as long as the stamina. Stigma of two, large, round lobes. Berry round, covered with a soft, tough, smooth, fleshy, bright red envelope, about the size of a marrow-fat pea, two-celled, with two seeds in each, when all come to maturity. The remaining callyx is now enlarged, and clothed on the outside with sericeous down, while the smooth bright red, inner surface thereof adds much to the beauty of this elegant species when in fruit. Seeds smooth, pale ash-coloured. Embryo as in the genus.

3. L. nervosa. R.

Shrubby, twining to a great extent. Leaves broad-cordate, sericeous underneath, veins parallel. Peduncles longer than the petioles, umbelliferous. Stigma round, of two lobes. Capsules one-valved, one-celled.

Convolvulus nervus. Burm, Ind. 48. t. 20. f. 1. Samudra-stjogam. Rheed. Mal. xi. 125. tab. 61.

Beng. Bis-taruka. Teling. Kokayti.

A native of forests, hedges, &c. it is one of the largest species of the Convolvulacea I

Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Stems twining, woody, of a very great length, running over the highest trees; young parts covered with white silky down. Leaves petioled, broad-cordate, entire; many large, distinct, opposite nerves running parallel; the upper side pretty smooth, the under side covered with much soft, white silky hair; from four to twelve inches each way. Petioles shorter than the leaves, tapering, round, at the apex on each side is a large, flat, scabrous, dark-coloured gland. Peduncles axillary, like the petioles, but longer, bearing an erect umbel, of many flowers. Flowers large, of a deep rose-colour. Bractes many, large, oval, white, waved, pointed, caducous. Stigma two, globular. Berry globular, smooth, entire, not opening in a regular manner, but crumbling to pieces.

Obs. Seeds received from England, sent to me by the late Honourable Charles Greville, under the name Convolvulous speciosus, produced this identical plant. Stigma, &c. &c. perfectly the same as in the original Bengal plant.

4. L. argentea. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves cordate, parallel-veined, sericeous underneath. Peduncles, as long as the petioles, leafy; bractes lanceolate, sericeous.

Found in forests about Calcutta. I never saw it on the coast of Coromandel.

Beng. Sumoodra-shoka, chhota Bistaruka.

Stems twining, perennial. Leaves petioled, broad-cordate, entire, with many parallel veins, as in C. nervosa; the upper side pale green, with depressed hairs, the under side covered with much bright, silver-coloured, silky down; about four inches long each way. Petioles erect, round, hairy, length of the leaves; at the apex on each side is a green gland, as in C. nervosus. Peduncles axillary, erect, round, hairy, umbel-bearing. Bractes lanceolate, silky. Flowers many, large, of a beautiful rich pink colour. Nectary, a fleshy ring round the base of Stamens, base of the filaments woolly. Berry soft, and pulpy, four-seeded. the germ.

Obs. The following marks distinguish this species from nercosa, to which it is nearly

allied :

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1st. The leaf-bearing umbel.

2d. The bractes. In this species they are lanceolate, and not waved, in that oval and Carey Ed. much waved.

3d. The flowers of this species are larger, and the leaves much smaller than in that.

4th. Here the veins are few, and alternate; there many, large and opposite.

5th. This produces a soft berry; that a perfectly dry capsule.

5. L. setosa. R.

Perennial, twining, tender parts armed with adpressed bristles. Leaves round-cordate. acuminate, parallel-veined, scaly underneath. Peduncles panicled. Corols exactly campanulate, with a small, sub-entire border. Berry hid in the large, fleshy calyx.

A native of the northern Circars. Flowering time the cool dry months of December and

January. Stems ligneous, twining. Branches numerous; young shoots clothed with stiff, short, silvery, adpressed bristles. Leaves petioled, round cordate, entire, acuminate; ceins parallel, elevated, and simple; the upper surface smooth, deep green, the under one whitish, with numerous minute, pellucid scales and a few remote, adpressed, stiff hairs; from two to cight inches long, and nearly the same in breadth. Petioles considerably shorter than the leaves. bristly. Panicles axillary, solitary, long-peduncled, corymbiform. Peduncles and vamifications whitish, with numerous, adpressed, whitish bristles. Flowers numerous, pretty large, sessile on the ramifications of the panicle, pink-coloured. Bractes several round the base of each calyx, like a calvele, oval, concave, rigid, bristly. Calga; leaflets oval, obtuse, nearly equal, permanent; the outside bristly. Tube of the corol exactly campanulate, the outside somewhat bristly. Border almost entire, spreading. Germ, the lower half invested in a large yellow ring. Style about as long as the stamina. Stigma of two round lobes. Berry ovate, smooth, shining red,

hid within the leaflets of the permanent calyx. 6. L. strigosa. R.

Perennial, twining, every part covered with harsh brown hairs. Leaves cordate, entire, with many parallel nerves. Peduncles clongated. Flowers aggregate.

A native of the eastern part of Bengal, and from thence sent to the Botanie garden at

Calcutta, by Dr. Buchanan. Blossoms about the close of the rains.

Stem woody, twining up, and over high trees. Bark rough. Young shoots very hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, entire, nerves many, and parallel, very hairy on both sides; from four to six inches long, and three or four broad. Peduncles axillary, round, hairy, longer than the petioles, each supporting a few large, sessile, rose-coloured, campanulate flowers, surrounded with many broad-lanceolate, hairy bractes. Stigma of two, large, globular lobes.

7. L. cunsata. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves cuneate-emarginate; villous underneath. Peduncles threeflowered, much shorter than the leaves.

Convolvulus cuneatus, Willd. spec. i. 873.

Some plants of this uncommonly elegant species, were brought from the Mysore country, by General Martin in 1792. He gave one of them to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, which has been multiplied by layers, and blossoms about the close of the rains in September, and

Stems woody, twining, of very considerable extent. Bark smooth, dark grey. Young shoots covered with short depressed hairs. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, cuncate, emarginate, entire, smooth above, a little hairy underweath; general length about two inches. Peduneles axillary, solitary, three-flowered, round, villous, about three quarters of an inch long. Pedicels shorter than the peduncies, always consisting of an opposite incurved pair, with a solitary shorter one in the centre. Bractes linear. Calyx, leaflets ovate, a little villous. Corol large, of a beautiful deep bright purple colour. Tube ample; the five lobes of the border emarginate. which makes the whole appear ten-lobed. Nectary, a fleshy ring round the base of the germ. Filaments broad, and hairy, at the base. Stigma of two, round heads. Berry oblong, dry, one-celled. Seeds from one to four, immersed in a little dry farinaceous matter.

Obs. This when in blossom, is one of the most beautiful of the whole order; the large,

very bright, deep purple flowers make it particularly conspicuous amongst its own deep green leaves, and this is much augmented by making it run over any other stout plant with dense

deep green foliage. S. L. cymosa. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves round, reniform-cordate. Peduncles larger than the leaves, Flowers many, in an involucred, dense cyme. Berry globular.

An extensive, stout, perennial, twining plant, a native of the Malabar mountains; from Wynaad the seeds were sent, by Captain Dickinson, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plant flowers during the cold season. The seeds ripen four or five months afterwards.

Stem and large branches woody, twining; young shoots villous. Leaves round, reniform-

cordate, villous; from three to four inches long, and from three to five broad. Peduncles axillary, solitary, generally longer than the leaves, each supporting a yellowish, dense cyme of many sub-sessile, large, pale pink flowers; embraced by one or more unequal small leaves, the largest of which are shaped like the other leaves, and peduncled; the smaller ones nearly round, and sessile. Calga, the exterior leaflets nearly round; the inner ones ovate-oblong; all are more or less recurved, and villous. Corol sub-infundibuliform, the outside villous. Style much longer than the stamous. Stigma of two round, bright purple lobes. Berry smooth, yellow, soft, pulpy, round, size of a small cherry; with from one to four, smooth, white seeds. Seeds and embryo as in other concolculaceæ, viz. a descending radicle with the lobes irregularly folded, and invested while fresh, in something like a thin perisperm.

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9. L. pomacea, R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves round-cordate, emarginate. Peduncles dichotomous, from three to five, or seven-flowered. Bractes cuneate. Berry succulent, four-seeded.

Ipomoca zeylanica. Gart. carp. ii. 482. t. 178.

A native of Mysore, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchavan to the Botanic garden, where the plants thrive well, and blossom during the hot and rainy seasons; the seeds ripen about eight months afterwards.

Stems twining, ligneous, as thick as a man's arm; young parts covered with tolerably smooth, ash-coloured back. Branches numerous, twining, very extensive; young shoots elothed with short, white depressed hairs. Leaves petioled, round-cordate, with the margin waved, emarginate, both sides clothed with short hair; veins almost simple and parallel; length from two to four inches, the breadth nearly equal to the length. Petioles round, shorter than the leaves, hairy; an obscure green gland on each side of the apex. Pediancles axillary, solitary, longer than the petioles, round, hairy, dichotomous; each division bearing one, two, or three large rose-coloured flowers, with one in the fork. Bractes several, caneate, hairy. Calyx; leaflets oval, obtuse. Corol, tube somewhat gibbous, a little hairy on the outside. Stigma of two round lobes. Berry spherical, smooth, size of a cherry, when ripe yellow, consisting of soft yellow pulp, containing four large, roundish, smooth, white seeds.

SECT. II. Corol infundibuliform.

10. L. bona-nox. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves round-cordate. Peduncles three-flowered; stigma of two cylindric lobes. Berry dry, ovate-oblong, one-celled, from one to four seeded.

Beng. Kulmi-luta.

Clove-scented creeper. Asiat. Res. iv. 257. Midnapore creeper, its common English name.

Ipomoea bona-nox. Gart. carp. ii. 247. t. 134. agrees better with the seed vessel of convolvalus nervosus, Burm. than of this species.

A native of the forests of Midnapore in Bengal; flowers during the rains. Seed ripe in

November, December, and January.

Stem stout, in old plants as thick as a man's arm, covered with spongy, cracked, dull ashcoloured bark. Branches and branchlets twining up and over large trees, to a great extent; tender shoots somewhat hairy. Leaves long-petioled, round, and round-cordate, entire, bristle-nointed, though obtuse, or even emarginate; somewhat villous, particularly underneath, and there, while young, hoary; length from three to six inches; breadth nearly the same. Petioles of various length, round, villous, with a dark-coloured gland on each side of the apex. Peduncles axillary, solitary, generally shorter than the petioles, three-flowered, though frequently one of the three, or even two of them, are abortive. Flowers short-pedicelled, large, pure white, expanding at sun-set, and perfuming the air to a considerable distance with a fragrance resembling that of the finest cloves. In fact it is the Prince of Concolvulaceae. Bractes sub-lanceolate, three to each of the lateral flowers. Calyeine leaflets ovate-cordate, obtuse, a little hairy. Corol; tube cylindric; border ample and nearly entire. Filaments woolly at the base. Germ surrounded with a yellow nectarial ring, ovate, four-celled, with one ovalum in each cell, attached to its lower, inner, angle. Stigma composed of two distinct, cylindric, glandular lobes. Berry dry, smooth, shining brown, ovate-oblong in our cultivated plants; somewhat pointed, size of a filbert, one-celled. Seeds from one to four; in our gardens one is by far the most common number; enveloped in a soft, white, spongy substance, which in drying separates from the inside of the pericarpium and adheres to the seed, which is of an oval shape, and about the size of a small pea. Integuments two, besides the exterior spongy lamina; the exterior one hard and tough; the interior one membranaceous, and entering the folds of the cotyledons. Embryo as in the other convolvulacea.

Obs. The trivial name bona-nox is well applied here on account of the charming appearance, and delightful fragrance of its flowers from the time they first expand, about sun-set, until sun-rise, when they wither. But I doubt if it is the species to which Linnaeus gave this name; I rather think it was that which I now call Ipomoea grandiflora (Munda valli of Van

Rheede.)

I. I. uniflora. R.
Perennial, twining, hoary. Leaves reniform-cordate, acute. Peduncles one-flowered.
Berry dry, spherical.

Ipomoea candicans. Rottler. Mss.

I. Teling. Boordi-tiga.

This species is very common in forests over the southern parts of the Carnatic, and Tan-

jore country. Flowering time the cold season.

Stem twining, woody, running over high trees, &c. Young shoots hoary. Leaves petioled, broad-cordate, or reniform, entire, with the under side downy, particularly while young; from one to two inches each way. Petioles the length of the leaves, having two glands laterally at the extremity. Peduncles axillary, solitary, length of the petioles, one-flowered. Flowers large, pure white, opening at sun-set, and drooping at sun-rise. Bractes two, near the top of the peduncles. Tube long, slender, cylindric. Nectary a yellow, fleshy ring surrounding the base of the germ. Stigma two-lobed. Lobes linear-oblong, erect. Berry spherical, dry, smooth, shining, brown, one-celled. Seeds; from one to four is the natural number, immersed in a brownish farinaceous pulp.

12. L. ornata. R.

Shrubby, creet, ultimately twining. Leaves nearly round, entire, with large round lobes, ericeous underneath. Peduncles many-flowered. Stigma with two lanceolate lobes. Berry iry, oblong, beaked, shorter than the calyx.

A native of the interior parts of India; from Cawapore Colonel Hardwicke sent the plants

the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they blossom during the rains.

Stems sub-herbaceous, flaccid, scarcely ever twining, sometimes sericeous. Branches few, and like the stems. Leaves nearly round, posterior lobes rounded; margins entire; apex rather marginate; smooth above, of a dull livid colour underneath, and somewhat sericeous; general ize from three to six inches each way. Petioles round, sericeous, shorter than the leaves, with a greenish gland on each side near the apex as in all the other species of this family. Peduncles axillary, as long as the petioles, and like them bearing from about six to twelve, very large, pure white flowers, nearly resembling those of Ipomoea grandiflora and Lettsomia bona-nox. Bractes lanceolate. Calgx, leaflets linear-oblong. Corol with a cylindric tube, from two to three inches long, border about four inches in diameter. Flowers hairy at he base. Anthers within. Germ four-celled, four-seeded. Stigma of two linear-oblong obes. Berry oblong, shorter than the calyx, smooth, pointed, one-celled. Seeds from one of four, (one is most common,) enveloped in a little mealy pulp. Perisperm and embryo as n the order.

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Calyx five-leaved, (or five parted). Corol funnel-shaped. Stigma two-lobed. Capsules wo-celled; cells two-seeded.

1. 1. grandiflora. R.

Percunial, twining, sometimes murexed. Leaves cordate, rarely lobate, acute, smooth.

Peduncles length of the petioles, three-flowered. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules wo-celled.

Munda-Valli. Rheed, Mal. xi. 103. t. 50.

Convolentus grandiflorus. Linn. suppl. plant. 136. Munda-valli. Asiat. Res. iv. 257.

Beng. Doodiya-Kulmi.

Ipomoca bona-nox. Jacq. Hort. Schoenb.

Convolvulus maximus. Sloan, Jam. 96. f. 1. is most likely this plant, for I have reared tin Bengal from seed received from the West Indies with that name. The only difference that the leaves of the West Indian plant are rather more angular, and like Sloane's figure, han those of the East Indian one.

A large, twining species, common in hedges near Samulcota, and in Bengal, and on the anks of water courses amongst bushes. Flowers during the cold season in the Circars,

and in Bengal during the hot and rainy seasons.

Siem twining, running to the height of from ten to twenty feet, smooth, except that t is sometimes armed with small inoffensive prickles. Leaves scattered, petioled, cordate, sointed, generally entire, though sometimes a little lobed, or angular, smooth, about three r four inches long and three broad. Petioles round, smooth, length of the leaves. Pedunles axillary, smooth, clubbed, length of the petioles or more from two to four-flowered. lelightfully but faintly fragrant, opening at sun-set, and drooping at day-light. Tube very ong, cylindric. Stigma double. Capsules ovate, smooth, two-celled, four-valved. Seeds our, viz. two in each cell, smooth, black.

Obs. Till I observed Gærtner's figures of the capsule and seeds of Ipomova bona-nox considered this to be that plant. Dr. König also thought it was bona-nox and I think he aid Linnaus the son had committed a mistake when (in the Supplementum Plantarum) he

alled this plant Convolvalus grandiflorus, instead of Ipomoea grandiflora.

2. I. salicifolia. R.

Leaves linear-lanceolate, acuminate. Peduacles one to three-flowered, length of the etioles.

Found by Dr. Buchanan in the district of Rungpore in Bengal. In the Botanic garden

it Calcutta it is biennial, flowering in the rainy season.

Stem and branches twining to a moderate extent, round, and smooth. Leaves shortpetioled, linear-lanceolate, tapering from the rounded base into a long, slender, acute point, entire, smooth on both sides, from three to eight inches long, and scarcely one broad at the broadest part. Peduncles axillary, solitary, half an inch long, bearing one, two, or three large, pure white flowers. Calya; leaflets five, evate, smooth. Corol with a cylindric tube of about an inch and a half in length, border flat, obscurely divided. Stamina hid in the tube of the corol. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules two-celled, with three seeds

3. I. muricata. R.

Annual, twining, muricate. Leaves cordate. Pednucles few-flowered; inside of the tube of the corols bairy.

Convolvulus muricatus, Linn, Mant, 44.

I have only met with this in my own garden; it was raised from seeds sent from Persia

Stem as in 1. grandiflora, but much more murexed, and not so long, the leaves also the same, but much larger. Peduacies axillary, half the length of the petioles, from two to six-

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Page flowered. Flowers large, pale bluish-purple. Tube widening a little towards the mouth; inside hairy, by which mark it is instantly distinguished from I. grandiflora.

4. I. mulliflora. R. Stems woody, twining. Leaves broad-cordate, downy. Peduncles as long as the leaves, umbelliferous.

A common species, native of hedges, forests, &c. Flowering-time the cold season.

Stem perennial, woody, twining up, and over trees and bushes. Leaves scattered, petioled, broad-cordate, entire, a little bent downwards, bristle-like pointed, both sides a little downy, particularly the under one, from three to four inches each way. Petioles round, downy, from two to three inches long. Umbels three or five-parted, many-flowered. Peduncles round, nearly erect, longer than the leaves. Flowers numerous, very large, rose-coloured; inside of the tube a bright red. Leaflets of the calyx unequal. Stigma two-lobed; lobes globular.

Obs. This species while in flower is one of the greatest beauties of our forests. Whether

this is what König called Ipomoea Burmanni or not I cannot say.

5. I. sepiaria. Kön. Mss.

Perennial, twining, hairy. Leaves cordate. Peduncles many-flowered, and with the pedicels

clavate; capsule four-celled. 500

Tiru-tali. Rheed. Mal. xi. p. 109. t. 53. is certainly this plant, though quoted for Convolvulus maximus. Can they be the same? Probably they are, as Vahl's description agrees tolerably well with my plant.

Teling, Metta-tootia.

This is one of the most common species on the coast, it grows plentifully in every hedge,

thicket, &c. - Flowers during the rainy and cold season.

Stem twining, perennial; young shoots round, filiform, hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, pointed, somewhat sagittate, or angular behind, otherwise entire; smooth, often clouded with brownish spots in the centre; from two to three inches long. *Peduncles* axillary, as long as the leaves, round, smooth, clubbed, many-flowered. *Flowers* large, of a beautiful pale rose-colour. Stigma two-lobed; lobes globular. Capsule smooth.

6. I. carulescens, R.

Perennial, twining, all the tender parts hairy. Leaves round cordate, acute. Peduncles erect, length of the petioles, from one to three-flowered. Stigma of three round lobes. Capsules smooth, three-celled.

Native place uncertain, nor can any Asiatic names be procured for this beautiful, distinct

species.

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Stems perennial, twining to a great extent; young shoots round, hairy, and twining; hair reflexed. Leaves round-cordate, long-petioled, posterior lobes large and rounded, apex acute, surface less hairy than the petioles and shoots, size three or four inches each way. Peduncles axillary, length of the petioles, hairy, at all times erect, from one to three-flowered. Flowers axillary, length of the petioles, hairy, at all times erect, from one to three-flowered. Flowers pretty large; their colour when they first expand early in the morning, is a beautiful lively pale blue, or azure, gradually growing darker. Bractes lanceolate, hairy. Calyx five-cleft; segments ensiform, hairy, about half the length of the tube of the corol. Corol; tube widening a little from the base, paler than the undivided border. Germ three-celled. Stigma threelobed; lobes round. Capsules smooth, three-celled, with two smooth, black seeds in each.

Obs. This, and I. carulea (probably I. hederacea of Jacquin,) are exactly the same in the inflorescence, germ, stigma and capsules; but they differ specifically. This being perennial, and having the leaves constantly without any tendency to be lobate, whereas that is annual, with three-lobed leaves. I may farther add, that plants raised from seed received from the Honourable Charles Greville, in London, under the name Convolvulus hederaceus, differ only in the colour of the flowers from my I. cærulea, in which it is blue, and in this, hederacea, white,

I. cærulea. Kön. Mss.

Annual, twining, hairy. Leaves cordate, three-lobed, downy. Peduncles from two to three-flowered, margins of the corol sub-entire. Stigmas three-lobed. Capsules three-celled.

Beng. Necl-kulmi.

It is common during the rains in most parts of India.

Stems and branches twining, annual, round, hairy, from six to twelve feet long, as thick as a crow's quill. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, three-lobed, downy; from two to four inches long, acute, &c. almost as in Dillenius's figures of Convolvulus Nil. Peduncles axillary, length of the petioles, round, hairy, from two to three-flowered. Bracles and leaflets of the calyx linear. Flowers large, of a beautiful light, but bright blue. Stigma sub-globular, large, glandular, three-lobed. Capsule much shorter than the calyx, smooth, three-celled, with two seeds in each.

I have often reared this species in my garden, on account of the great beauty of its large

flowers, and do not find it to vary

The seeds of this plant are sold in the native apothecaries' shops in Calcutta, under the name Kata dana, and used as a purgative. I have heard them much praised as an effectual, quick-operating, safe cathartic. The dose is from thirty to forty grains of the seeds in substance, when administered they are gently roasted like coffee, then powdered, and given in any convenient vehicle.

It scarcely differs sufficiently from Convolvalus Nil to warrant its being considered more than a variety of that, or that of this. In that the leaves of plants growing in the same situation are less divided and the lobes shorter and less pointed. The rim of the corol five-angled, and the angles pointed as in Dillenius's figure, whereas in I, carulea it is nearly circular.

8. 1. phoenicea. R.

Annual, twining. Leaves broad-cordate; posterior edges often variously lobate. Racemes dichotomous, many-flowered. Leaflets of the calyx end subulately. Stamina erect. Stigma

A native of the southern parts of the Coromandel coast, the seeds were received into this garden from Dr. Berry, who procured them from Dindigul. In Bengal it thrives luxuriantly, and is in blossom most part of the year, but chiefly during the cool season. This plant has also been reared from seeds received from the island of Trinidad; there is therefore the more reason to compare it with I. coccinea.

Stem and branches twining, young parts somewhat angular, and twisted. Leaves alternate, perioled, cordate, acuminate, sometimes three-lobed; sides and posterior edges variously dentate, sinuate, or lobate; smooth on both sides, from two to six inches each way. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, channelled. Racemes axillary, solitary, generally two-cleft, much longer than the leaves. Flowers remote, large, of a most beautiful bright crimson colour. Calgar smooth, the leaflets subulate at the end. Corol; tube nearly two inches long, contracting towards the base, slightly curved; border at first expanded, afterwards a little revolute. Stamina projecting considerably beyond the mouth of the tube of the corol. Stigma sub-globular. Capsules smooth, four-celled, with a single seed in each.

Obs. This is by far the most gaudy plant of the kind I have yet met with; no painter

can do justice to the brightness of its flowers.

9. I. Pes-tigridis. Willd. spec. i. 886. Annual, diffuse, or twining, hairy. Leaves palmate. Peduncles longer than the petioles. Flowers several in a solitary, aggregate, involucred head-

Beng. Languli-luta.

Pulli-schovadi. Rheed. Mal. xi. 121. t. 59. Volubilis zeylanica. Dill. Elth. tab. 318. f. 411.

This is one of the most common, and generally diffused plants we have in India. Flower-

ing time the rainy season chiefly.

Stems diffuse, or twining when supported, round, and very hairy; hairs fulvous, and diverging. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, palmate, hairy; lobes from five to nine, lanceolate, entire. Peduncles long, or longer than the petioles, hairy, each supporting a single head of sessile, white, or pink flowers; the latter variety is smaller than the white one. Incolucre from eight to twelve-leaved; leaflets unequal, recurved, lanceolate, obtuse, hairy. Calgar of five lanceolate, acute, unequal, leaflets. Corol, with its five lobes deeply emarginate. Stigma of two round lobes. Capsules two-celled. Seeds two in each cell.

I. Quamoclit. Willd. spec. i. 879.
 Annual, twining. Leaces pinnate, leaflets filiform. Peduacles one or two-flowered. Tsjuria-cranti. Rheed. Mal. xi. 123. t. 60.
 Flos cardinalis. Rumph. Amb. v. 155. t. 2.

Camalata. Asiat. Res. iv. 256. Sans. Kamalata, Turooluta.

Beng. Lal kamlata or lal taroolata, the red variety; sweta kamlata or sweta taroolata, the white-flowered variety.

A native of various parts of India. Flowers during the rainy season in Bengal.

11. 1. pileata. R.

Perennial, twining. Leaves profoundly round-cordate, villous. Flowers a few, sessile in

a peltate, four-cornered, peduncled, axillary bonnet.

This rather small, villous species has been introduced from China into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms and ripens its seeds during the cool dry months from November to February. It is particularly remarkable on account of its entire, rhombiform concave bonnet or involuers, in the bottom or centre of which, from three to six middle sized, rosy, funnel-shaped flowers sit; it is hairy round the flowers, as are also the unequal leaflets of the calyx.

CAMPANULA. Schreb. gen. N. 290.

Calyx five-parted. Corol campanulate. Filaments with their lobes dilated, and arched. Stigma from three to five-cleft. Capsule inferior, from three to five-celled, opening by pores on the sides.

1. C. dehiscens. R.

Annual, ascending, round, a little hairy. Leaves, sessile, linear-lanceolate, remotely toothed. Flowers from five to six, terminal. Capsules without lateral pores and opening at the apex.

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the cold, and beginning of the hot season.

Root nearly simple, white, annual. Stems and branches ascending, about a foot high, round, hairy. Leaves alternate, sessile, linear-lanceolate, remotely, and lightly toothed; from one to two inches long. Flowers terminal, corymbiform, white, pretty large, bell-shaped. Calyx, corol, stamens and pistil as the genus. Capsule obovate, without lateral pores, opening at the apex. Seeds numerous, minute. Receptacie reniform, in the angle of each cell.

2. C. lancifolia. R.

Ramous, smooth. Leaves sub-opposite and alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, serrate, acuminate. Flowers terminal. Calycine leaflets lanceolate and laciniate. Capsules obovate,

A native of the moist vallies of Chittagong, where it flowers in October.

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PHYTEUMA. Schreb. gen. N. 292.

Calyx semi-superus, five-parted. Corol rotate, inserted on the calyx. Germ inferior, three-celled, ovula numerous, on a pendulous receptacle from the top of each cell. Stigma three-lobed. Capsule three-celled. Seeds numerous.

P. begonifolium, Roxb. Hort. Beng. 85.

Creeping, woolly. Leaves alternate, semicordate, serrate. Racemes axillary, secund, recurvate. Bractes cuneate.

A native of Pulo Pinang, where Mr. W. Roxburgh found it in forests shaded by trees

and shrubs, and with flowers and ripe seeds in June and July.

Stems somewhat dichotomous, round, fleshy, spreading on the ground, and rooting at the insertion of the leaves, the younger parts as well as the petioles and racemes clothed with a harsh, ferruginous, woolly pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, semicordate, (as in some species of Begonia), serrate, acute, pretty smooth; length six or eight inches, breadth about half the length. Petioles from one to two inches long. Stipules none. Racemes axillary, solitary, secund, revolute, twice the length of the petioles. Flowers shortpedicelled, alternately arranged in two rows on the anterior side of the raceme; while two rows of alternate, cuneate, woolly bractes occupy the posterior side. Calyx one-lobed; tubo gibbous, and growing to the lower half of the germ. Border of five sub-orbicular, woolly, permanent segments. Corol one-petalled, rotate, tube very short, and united with the calyx into one envelope which closely embraces the upper part of the germ; border of five, oblong segments, alternate with those of the calyx, and double their length, withering. Filaments five, short, inserted partly on the tube and top of the germ. Anthers oblong. Germ inferior, oblong, three-celled, each cell containing numerous ovula attached to a long, free, linear receptacle, which is united, by a slender pedicel, to the top of the cell. Style very short and thick. Stigma concave, with a thick fleshy three-lobed margin. Capsule oblong, clothed with the woolly tube of the calyx, and crowned with the segments of its border, as well as the withered corol, three-celled, (in what manner they open I have not been able to ascertain.) Seeds very numerous, adhering to the long, filiform, free receptacles, which are attached to the apex of the capsules as already mentioned.

LOBELIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1363.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol one-petalled, irregular. Anthers united. Capsule inferior, two or three-celled.

L. nicotianifolia. Heyne's Mss.

Erect. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolar, acute, entire. Raceme terminal.

A stout, tall species, first described by Mr. Heyne, who found it indigenous in the vicinity of Bangalore.

2. L. trigona. R.

Annual, base creeping, erect parts three-sided. Leaves sessile, cordate, serrate. Peduncles axillary, longer than the leaves, one-flowered.

A small, annual, ramous plant which delights in wet pasture ground, and appears during

the wet and cold seasons.

Stems near the root creeping, above erect, ramous, three-sided, smooth, the whole plant is from six to twelve inches high. Leaves sub-sessile, cordate, grossly serrate, smooth. Peduncles axillary, solitary, erect, length of the leaves or longer, two-bracted at the base. Flowers small, blue. Corol inserted in the mouth of the calyx.

3. L. radicans. Willd. spec. i. 948.

Annual, creeping, smooth. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, remotely serrulate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, twice the length of the leaves, one-flowered.

Accidentally introduced from China, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms freely during the rains. Our plants are but small, very ramous, spreading over the soil, and striking root at every branchlet. The flowers are large for the size of the plant, pink-coloured; segments of the corolla equal, unilateral, and narrow-lanceolate, with two green glands under the two middle sinuses, opposite to the long, green, two-lobed stigma.

SPHENOCLEA. Gært. carp. i. 113. tab. 24.

Calyx five-parted. Corol one-petalled. Capsule inferior, two-celled. Seeds numerous. S. zeylanica, Willd, spec. i. 927.

Pongati. Rheed, Mal. ii. 47. t. 24. Sphenoclea Pongatium, Lamarck,

Gærtnera Pangati. Retz. Obs. vi. p. 24.

Beng. Jeel-mureech. Teling. Neeroo-pipli.

An erect annual; a native of watery places. Flowers during the wet season.

Root fibrous, annual. Stem erect, round, ramous, smooth, glossy, piped. Branches alternate, ascending. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, tender, smooth, from two to three inches long, and half an inch broad. Stipules none. Spikes terminal, or leaf-apposed, 5(8 peduncled, cylindric, middle-sized, closely surrounded with the fructifications. Bractes small, three-fold, one-flowered; one below, and one on each side, pressing the calyx. Flowers small, white. Calyx superior, one-leaved, five-cleft; divisions obtuse, spreading when the flower is open, afterwards converging over the capsule, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube short;

throat gibbous; mouth five-eleft, inflexed. Filaments five, short, inserted into the mouth of Parthe tube. Anthers two-lobed, in the gibbous throat of the corol. Germ inferior, angular. Style short. Stigma headed. Capsule turbinate, angular, (from being pressed one against another,) two-celled, circumcised. Seeds minute, very numerous, oblong.

NAUCLEA. Schreb. gen. N. 295.

Flowers aggregate, on a globular receptacle. Corollets funnel-shaped. Germs inferior, two-celled; cells many seeded; attachment interior. Capsules two-celled. Seeds many, imbricated, and winged! Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. N. undutata, R. Arboreous, branches brachiate. Leaves petioled, ovate-oblong, waved.

Arboreous, branches brachiate. Leaves petioled, ovate-oblong, waved. Stipules elliptic, length of the petioles. Flowers terminal, solitary. Capsules united.

A native of the Moluccas, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in

1789, where the trees blossom in May and June; the seeds take above a year to ripen.

Trunk perfectly straight to the top of the tree. Branches brachiate. Bark smooth, that of the ligneous parts brown, that of the tender parts green. Height of ten year old trees, from afteen to twenty-five feet. Leaves opposite, perioled, ovate-oblong and oblong, waved, entire, polished on both sides; from six to twelve inches long by from three to six broad. Petioles coloured, slightly channelled, about two inches long. Stipules elliptic, length of the petioles, smooth. Peduacles terminal, solitary, drooping, each bearing a single, large globular, aggregate head of numerous, small, most beautiful, yellow, fragrant florets. Bracte, a small, withering, somewhat four toothed ring near the base of the peduncles, and hid by the stipules. Calyx, common none, or very obscure; proper, of one fleshy cup, cut into four or five, clavate segments. Corol funnel-shaped, much longer than the perianth; yellow and fragrant : divisions of the border four, or five, oval, obtuse. Filaments scarcely any. Anthors on the five fissures of the border of the corol. Germs inferior, grown together, two-colled, with many ocula in each, attached to their proper receptacles, projecting downwards from their attachment to the partition a little above its middle. Style much longer than the corol. Stigma large, oblong, with the apex somewhat two-lobed. Fruit the size of a small apple, rough with the remains of the segments of the calyx, now forming five conic knobs on the crown of each of the partial seed vessels, which are all firmly grown together, each of these are two-celled. Seeds rarely more than one in each cell, and fragrant, not one of the whole being abortive, they are oblong, not winged but crowded with a fleshy gland which unites them to the receptacles on the partition. Integraments uncertain, from the smallness of seed. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverse, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle oval, superior.

2. N. cordata R.

Louces perioded, broad-ovate-cordate, obtuse, corfaceous, smooth. Stipules obovate. Flowers terminal, solitary. Capsules united.

A native of Ceylon, reared from seed sent from thence in 1802, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta by General Hay Macdowall, where the young trees blossomed in May and June,

1808, and the seeds ripened in the cold season. Trunk straight up through the branches to the very top of the tree. Bark of a light greenish ash-colour. Branches spreading, horizontal, forming a broad-ovate, shady head, general height of our six year old trees from fifteen to twenty feet. Leaves opposite, shortpatioled; from round-cordate to ovate-cordate, obtuse, entire, coriaccous, smooth; marked with prominent, alternate veins; the upper surface shining dark green, the under one paler; length from three to nine inches, and from two to eight broad. Petioles roundish, smooth, about an inch or an inch and a half long. Stipules interfoliaceous, large, roundish, or obovate, apex rounded, marked with numerous, fine veins, enducous. Peduades terminal solitary, and generally in the small lateral branchlets, drooping, each supporting a large, beautiful, globular, aggregate head of very fragrant bright yellow florets. Bracte a small, irregularly fourtoothed, withering ring round the peduncles, near the base, within the stipules. Calyx, common none, or very obscure; proper deeply cut into four or five, fleshy, clavate, permanent segments, which thicken as the fruit advances in size. Florets funnel-shaped, four or five-parted. Divisions obovate, obtuse. Filaments very short, from the mouth of the tube just under the fissures of its border. Anthers cordate. Germ inferior, completely united to each other, their whole length two-celled, cach containing many imbricated seeds attached to a receptacle rising from the partition a little above its middle. Style much longer than the corol. Stigma oblong, apex observely two-lobed, of a beautiful pearl colour. Fruit aggregate, size of a small apple, round, rough, with the obtuse, fleshy permanent portions of the divisions of the calvees; the partial seed vessels there of are firmly united, angular, inversely conical, two-celled, with a few oblong, imbricated seeds in each, besides a number of small, brown scales, which are the abortive ovula, as may be seen by the structure of the germ as well as by their being attached to the same central receptacle; the full grown seeds are crowned with a greenish, flesby gland, to which the umbilical cord is fixed. Albumen conform to the seed. Ribryo inverse, straight. Cotyledons oval. Plumula minute. Radicle cylindric, superior.

m ma make here Leaves stem-clasping, narrow-oval, obtuse, villous underneath. Stipules lanceolate.

From Amboyna this magnificent tree was introduced into the Botanic garden at Cal-

Page cutta, in 1797. In 1810, they began to blossom in June, the trees were then fifly feet high, and the trunk of the largest rather above three feet in circumference, four feet above ground,

while young their growth was not rapid.

T. unk perfectly straight, like the pines, to the very top of the tree. Bark smooth, dark brown. Branches decussate. Branchlets round and smooth. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, broad-oblong, entire, obtuse, and though they completely embrace the branchlets, yet taper more toward the much waved base than the apex, somewhat yillous particularly underneath, veins parallel; length from eight to twenty-four inches, and broad in proportion, when the trees were young, they were even more than two feet long. Stipules opposite, linear lanceolate, concave, smooth and veinless, about three inches long. Peduncles terminal, solitary, length of the stipules, recurvate, giving support to a single most beautiful flower, of full three inches in diameter, and sweet smelling, the corollets are very numerous, of a pale yellow colour; and the stigmas, which project far beyond them, are pure white. Common calgar none; proper perianth of five, long, clavate leaflets. Corol funnel-shaped. Tube slender, widening gently to the mouth; segments five, ovate-oblong, spreading. Filaments none. Anthers attached to the mouth of the tube of the corol, under the fissures of its border, sagittate. Germ numerous, distinct, inferior, somewhat wedge-shaped, two-celled, with numerous, imbricated ovula in each, attached to every part of a free linear receptacle, which is united to the partition, a little above its middle, and descends deep into each cell, in fact, it is exactly that of Gærtner's Ofdeslandia corymbosa, i. 147. t. 30. inverted. Style twice the length of the corol. Stigma clavate, somewhat two-lobed.

4. N. Cadamba. R.

Leaves petioled, ovate. Stipules triangular. Peduncles terminal, solitary; divisions of the calyx linear. Capsules four-celled at top and two-celled at the base. Seeds without a wing. Sans. Neepa, Priyuka, and Cudumba.

Beng. Kudum.

Katou-tsjaka. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 33.

Is common about Calcutta, where it grows to be a large tree, and is not only highly ornamental, but very useful from the extensive close shade it yields. Flowering time the hot

season. Seed ripe in October and November.

Trunk erect, and perfectly straight, bark smooth, dark gray. Branches numerous, horizontal. Leaves opposite, between bifarious and decussate, spreading, petioled, oval, smooth, entire, nerves many, and simple; from five to ten inches long. Petioles smooth, about an inch and a half long. Stipules interfoliaceous, triangular, Flowers solitary, terminal, aggregate; corollets numerous, forming a large, perfectly globular, beautiful, orange-coloured head with the large white clubbed stigmas projecting. Calyx, common none; proper, five-parted. Corol as in the genus, only the divisions are never recurved. Capsules inferior, four-sided, tapering from the apex to the base, near the top it is composed of four, distinct, hard cells, under the common envelope; the lower two-thirds is two-celled only. Seeds numerous, very small, angular, brown colour.

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5. N. glabra. R. Leaves elliptic and smooth. Stipules linear. Peduncles terminal, tern; divisions of the calyx triangular. Stigma globose; Seeds three or four in each cell.

A native of the Moluccas.

N. parvifolia, Willd. spec. i. 929, Roxb. Corom. i. 40, tab. 52.

Branches and branchlets brachiate. Leaves ovate. Stipules oval. Flowers terminal, one or three. Seeds imbricated, membrane-winged.

Teling. Bota kudumee.

This grows to be a large tree; is a native of almost every part of the coast of Coroman-

del, but chiefly up amongst the mountains. Flowers during the cold season.

Trunk straight. Bark brownish gray, and cracked. Branches opposite, numerous, spreading, forming a large oval, shady head. Leaves opposite, decussate, petioled, ovate, entire, smooth. Petioles channelled. Stipules large, oblong, obtuse, glutinous, caducous. Peduncles terminal, single or three, when three the middle one is shortest; near the apex jointed, and bracted, each supporting a single, globular, naked head of corollets. Bractes two, opposite, near the extremity of the peduncle, oval, caducous. Corollets small, light yellow. Calyx, common none. Common receptacle chaffy, wedge-form, hairy at their insertions. Proper perianth very minute, entire. Corol one-petalled, funnel-form. Tube widening. Border five-parted; divisions pointed, spreading. Filaments five, short, inserted just within the mouth of the tube. Anthers erect, oblong, pointed above. Germ beneath. Style thread-form, nearly twice the length of the corol. Stigma large, resting on the style (like the cap of liberty.) turbinate, covered with a scabrous crust or bark, which splits irregularly when the seeds are ripe; within are the proper two-celled capsules, each consisting of one valve, opening round the apex and down on the inside. Seeds several, very minute, oblong, tailed, inversely imbricated round the outside of their receptacle, with insertions downwards.

Obs. The wood is of a light chesnut colour, firm and close grained, is used for various

purposes where it can be kept dry, but exposed to wet it soon rots.
7. N. cordifolia, Willd. spec. i. 929. Roxb. Corom. i. 40. tab. 53.

Leaves opposite, round-cordate, downy underneath. Flowers axillary, from one to three. Segments of the calyx clavate; seeds membrane-winged, not imbricated.

Beng. Keli-kudum.

Teling. Daduga. This like the foregoing species, grows to be a very large tree; it is a native of the mountains of the coast of Coromandel. Flowers during the wet season. The seeds ripen about Page

Trunk tolerably straight. Bark like that of the former. Branches very numerous, horizontal, forming a very large, shady head. Leaves opposite, decussate, petioled, broad-cordate, pointed, entire, above pretty smooth; downy underneath, particularly when young, beautifully reticulated with small veins; from four to twelve inches each way. Petioles round, a little downy; from two to three inches long. Stipules, as in the last species. Peduncles axillary, from one to four, round, downy, length of the petioles, near the apex jointed, and bracted, each supporting a single globular head. Bractes oval, caducous. Flowers as in the former. Calyx, common none. Common receptacle as in the preceding species. Proper perianth above, fiveparted; divisions clavate. Corollets, stamens, germ, and style as in the former species. Stigma clavate. Capsules wedge-form, the other parts as in the foregoing species. Seeds about six in each cell, surrounding their receptacle, oblong, not imbricated, membrane-winged at the extremities, the lower ones pointed, the upper two-forked.

Obs. The wood of this tree is exceedingly beautiful, its colour is like that of the box-

tree, but much lighter, and at the same time very close grained. It is to be had of a large size, from one to two feet, or more in diameter, and is used for almost every purpose where

it can be kept dry. For furniture it answers exceedingly well, being light and durable.

8. N. purpurea, Willd. spec. i. 929. Roch. Coron. i. 41. tab. 54.

Leaves perioled, oblong, very smooth. Flowers terminal, from one to three, segments of the calyx clavate. Seeds very numerous, membrane-winged, imbricated.

Teling. Bagada.

A small tree, a native of the moist vallies up amongst the Circar mountains. Flowering

time the beginning of the hot season.

Trank irregular. Bark scabrous, ash-coloured. Branches opposite, decussated. Leaves opposite, decussated, short-petioled, oblong, pointed, entire, very smooth and shining both above and below, from four to nine inches long, and broad in proportion. Stipules as in the two preceding species. Pedaucles terminal, one or three. Flowers larger than in either of the former species, purple. Calgs., common none. Receptacle almost naked. Proper perianth as in N. cordifolia. Corol, stamens and pistillum as in the species. Sligma globular. Capsules turbinate, (the outer covering wanting.) two-celled; the cells two-valved, opening from the base. Seeds numerous, most minute, imbricated with their insertion upwards.

9. N. sessilifolia. R.

Leaves oblong, so sile, base somewhat cordate, embracing the branchlets; apex rounded.

Flowers terminal, solitary. Capsule four valved.

A large tree, a native of the forests of Chittagong, where it blossoms from January till

March.

10. N. rotuadifolia. R.

Leaces petioled, round oval, obtuse. Stipules oblong, obtuse-nerved. Flowers terminal, sub-panieled: Capsules distinct.

A middling sized tree, a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in October, and the

seeds ripen in March.

11. N. ocalifolia. R.

Leaves sessile, oval and elliptic. Flowers terminal, solitary.

A tree, a native of the forests of Silhet, where it is called Shal by the natives.

12. N. tetcandra, R.

Leaves ovate-lancedate, acuminate, villous, Flowers terminal; corollets tetrandrous, a black gland between the four segments of the calyx and corollets.

Beng. Shwet Kudum (white kudum.)

An elegant small tree, a native of Silhet. Here it grows to the height of from ten to

twenty feet, with a distinct, erect trunk. Flowering time the hot season.

Braschlets straight, round, very downy. Leaves from opposite to quatern, short-petioled, ovate-lanceolate, entire, acuminate, downy underneath, from three to five inches long, and rarely so much as two broad. Stipules within the leaves, acuminate. Inflorescence terminal. Flowers peduncled, from three to a verticelled panicle. Perianth proper four-toothed, with a little black giand between. Corollets funnel-shaped, yellow, intermixed with filiform, clavate scales; border four-parted, with a little black gland between, as in the calyx. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers four, creek, attached to the mouth of the tube of the corollets. Germ inferior very minute, but clearly two-celled; only one brulum in each could be observed. Style longer than the corollets. Stigma headed.

UNCARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 311.

Flowers aggregate, on a globular receptacle. Calyx, common simple, remote; proper five-parted. Corollets funnel shaped. Germ inferior, two-celled; cells many-seeded; attach-

ment interior. Capsules pedicelled, two-celled, partitions parallel. Seeds many, imbricated, membrane-winged. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

Our East India plants belonging to this genus are very permanent, ciriferous ramblers; with opposite, stipulate leaves. Flowers globular, terminal, or axillary, and for the most part the capsules pedicelled, and in that state like globular umbellets which (with the habit,) sepa-

rate them from Nauclea

1. U. Gambier. Hunter in Linn. Transact. ix. 218. tab. 22. Fleming in Asiat. Res. xi. 187.

Leares ovate-lanceolate. Peduncles axillary, solitary. Capsules clavate, pedicelled. Funis uncatus angustifolius. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 63. t. 34. f. 2 and 3. A stout, scandent shrub, a native of Pulo Pinang, Sumatra, Malacca, &c.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, from ovate-oblong, to ovate-lanceolate, entire, acute; smooth on both sides; about four inches long, and two broad. Stipules oblong, uniting the upper margin of the base of the petioles, caducous. Tendrils axillary, solitary, or in opposite pairs, simple, recurved, hooked. Peduncles axillary, solitary, about the middle jointed and bracted, supporting a single globular head, of beautiful, green and pink, small aggregate corollets. Bractes, about the middle of the peduncle, a three or four-cleft annular perianth-like cup. Perianth; common, no other than the just mentioned bracte; proper sericeous on the outside with a five-cleft border. Corollets; tube filiform; border of five obtuse divisions, villous on the outside, and hairy in the centre of the inside. Filaments short. Anthers large, on the mouth of the tube. Germ beneath, turbinate, sub-sessile, sericeous. Style as long as the tube of the corol. Stigma clavate. Capsules pedicelled, clavate, longitudinally grooved, crowned with the five-cleft permanent calyx, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous, imbricated,

winged Gambier is the Malay name of an extract, prepared from the leaves of this plant. Obs. And I believe one of the drugs, if not the only one, formerly called Terra Japonica in Europe. For the following account thereof I am indebted to Dr. Charles Campbell, of Bencoolen, who

"This material is called by the Malays Gambier. It is chewed by the natives mingled with Betel leaf and areca after the manner in which the Cutch is used on the continent of India.

"With some sweetness it has a more highly concentrated astringent principle than Terra Japonica. I am solicitous that a trial should also be made of its power in tanning.

"In regard to the natural history of the Gambier it is procured from a climber little

known to the Botanic garden.

"It is the Funis uncatus, or Dann Gutta Gambier of Rumphius. Herb. Amboin, vol. v. tab. 34. The variety from which it is chiefly made is that denominated by Rumphius the

Funis uncatus angustifolius.

"The preparation is simple, the young shoot and leaves are shred and bruised in water for some hours, until a feculum is deposited; this, inspissated in the sun to the consistence of a paste, is thrown into moulds of a circular form, and in this state the Gambier is brought to market.

"Rumphius has fallen into an error in asserting that Gambier is not made from this plant, for in my journey to Cochin China I had an opportunity of inspecting the whole process, having resided some days at a small village near the foot of the mountain, where the Sultan of Moco has established a colony for the purpose of carrying on the manufacture to a considerable extent.

"The price at which it can be procured from the Northern parts on this coast, I have ascertained to be nearly ten dollars per hundred weight, it can be supplied in any quantity desired, for the plant abounds in these districts, and the mode of eliciting the astringent matter is such as requires neither much attention nor labour."

So far Dr. Campbell. But in other parts to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal I learn that the process is carried on by boiling the leaves and young shoots; evaporating the decoetion by fire and the heat of the sun. When sufficiently inspissated, it is spread out thin and cut into little square cakes and dried.

The same substance is mentioned by Marsden in his History of Sumatra, at p. 242-3, who refers for a particular detail of the cultivation of the plant and manufacture of the Gambier, to the 2d volume of the Transactions of the Batavian Society.

2. U. ovalifolia. R.

Leaves oval, entire, smooth. Peduncles axillary and terminal, compound. Capsules and common receptuale villous.

A native of the Island of Pulo Pinang.

Trunk and branches woody, climbing to a great extent. Bark dark-brown. Leaves opposite, petioled and obovate, pointed, smooth on both sides, entire; from three to six inches long. Petioles short, recurved, channelled. Peduncles axillary and terminal, expanding, bearing from one to three aggregate flowers. Pedicels nearly as long as the peduncles, bracted and jointed at the middle. Bractes sheathing, with the mouth from two to six-cleft. Calyx, common perianth none. Receptacle globular, villous. Proper perianth above, five-toothed. Corol, aggregate, equal, globular. Corollets numerous, funnel-shaped; tube very long and slender; border of five obovate divisions. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers affixed to the mouth of the tube. Germ beneath. Style the length of the corol. Stigma clavate. Capsules two-celled, villous. Seeds numerous, minute, imbricated from the base of the receptacle.

3. U. pedicellata. R.

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Leaves ovate-cordate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, undivided. Corollets long-pe-

A native of the Molucea Islands.

4. U. cirrhiftora. R.

Leaves ovate-oblong, smooth. Stipules bifid. Peduncles, a continuation of the recurved tendrils.

A native of the Malay Islands.

5. U. acida, Hunter.

Leaves ovate, smooth. Stipules deeply two-cleft. Flowers solitary on the bracted Ed.

apices of the tendrils.

Found by Dr. Hunter on Pulo Pinang. The leaves Dr. H. observes are acid, hence

the specific name.

6. U. selerophylla, Hunter.

Branches four-sided, pubescent. Leaves elliptic, pointed, rigid. Stipules lunate, two-lobed. Peduncles axillary, solitary.

Found by Dr. Hunter on the hills of Pulo Pinang.

 U. sessilifructus, R. Leaves oblong, smooth above, soft underneath. Peduncles axillary, and from one to three-flowered; also terminal, and many-flowered. Capsules sessile.

A large scandent shrub, supported by strong, spiral, axillary hooks; a native of the

forests of Chittagong. Flowering time the cool season.

8. U. pilosa. R.
All the tender parts very hairy. Leaves ovate-oblong, acuminate. Slipules two-parted.

Peduncles axillary, one-flowered.

A stout scandent shrub; supported by strong, hairy, axillary, spiral hooks; a native of

the forests of Chittagong, where it flowers in February and March,

RONDELETIA. Schreb. gen. N. 296.

Calyx five-toothed. Carol infundibuliform. Germ inferior, two-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment interior. Stigma two-celft. Capsules two-celled, two-valved. Seeds many.

1. R. paniculata, R.

Arboreous. Leaves sub-sessile, oblong-ventricose, tapering at both ends, smooth. Stipules round, recurvate. Panieles terminal, sub-brachiate.

A native of the Malay Islands. It was brought from Amboyna by Captain Anderson, to

the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in Murch, April, May and June.

Trusk straight. Branches decussate. Bark smooth, brown on the older parts; on the younger green. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, oblong-ventricose, tapering at both ends, above smooth, underneath somewhat villous, entire, from four to ten inches long, and from two to four or five broad. Stipules within the petioles, round-reniform, recurved, smooth. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills; the former brachiate, the latter have the whole of their ramifications alternate; they are all round and villous. Flowers minute, pure white, very numerous, sessile, or short-pedicelled, on the short, alternate, ultimate, ramifications of the panicle. Bracter of the ramifications large, and of various forms; those of the flowers, several, minute; all are villous. Calga villous; segments five, roundish. Corol; tube perfectly eylindrie; border of five, ovate, revolute segments, which are much shorter than the tube. Filaments short, inserted into the bottom of the fissures at the border of the corol. Anthers ovate, incumbent. Germ inferior, roundish, two-celled, each containing many ovula attached to an elevated receptacle on the centre of the partition. Style rather longer than the tube of the corol. Stigma of two, large, sub-rotund, spreading lobes. Capsules minute, round, two-celled, two-valved, opening across the apex. Seeds very minute, number, shape, &c. uncertain, as they scarcely ever come to their full size.

2. R. tinctoria. R.

Arboreous. Leaves petioled, oblong-lanceolar, smooth. Stipules triangular, cuspidate. Panieles terminal, decussate. Flowers term.

Beng. Toola-lodh.

A small tree, of about ten or twelve feet in height; a native of Burdwan and Midnapore,

in Bengul, where it blossoms in January and February; the seeds ripen in May.

Trank straight, rather short, about as thick as a man's leg. Bark covered with a dark brown, slightly crooked, spongy lamina; inwardly fibrous, yellowish, and astringent. Branchlets opposite; young shoots four-sided, and densely clothed with short, ferruginous hairs. Leaves opposite, rarely tern, petioled, from oblong to lanceolar, entire, smooth above, a few hairs, particularly on the nerve and veins underneath; from four to six inches long, and from one to two and half broad. Petioles short, and somewhat winged, arising from the decurrency of the leaves hairy. Stipules triangular, with ensiform apices, hairy on both sides. Panicles terminal, large, composed of many, opposite, compound, four-sided, hairy branches and branchlets. Bractes numerous, hairy; those of the ultimate divisions of the panicle ensiform, with a hastate base, and embracing three flowers; besides which each flower is furnished with a small proper bracte. Flowers very numerous, small, white, sub-sessile, fascicled, and on the extremities of the ramifications, always in opposite fascicles of three. Calyx five-toothed, hairy, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube slender, many times longer than the calyx. Segments ovate, spreading. Filaments very short, inserted immediately under the fissures of the division of the border of the corol, in the month of tube. Anthers incumbent. Germ inferior, turbinate, two-celled, each containing many ovala attached to the elevated centre of the partition. Style as long as the tube. Stigma two-lobed; lobes oblong. Capsule spherical, size of a small grain of millet, dry, brown, crowned with the remaining ealyx, two-celled, two-valved, opening across the apex contrary to the partition. Sceds few, very minute, and imperfect, so much so that I have not been able to ascertain their internal structure.

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Obs. Its bark is employed by the natives as a mordant in some of their dyes, hence the

specific name.

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3. R. exserta. R.

Arboreous. Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolar. Stipules semi-lunar, reflexed. Panicles terminal. Corol sub-campanulate. Stamens exsert. Capsules many-seeded.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, and particularly over the ruins of the ancient city of Gour; Mr. Henry Creighton found it there, and sent plants to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they thrive luxuriantly, and blossom in March, at which period they form one of its greatest ornaments.

Trunk erect. Bark ash-coloured. Branches opposite, spreading, or even drooping. Branchlets villous; height in ten years above twenty feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, broadlanceolar, entire, soft with down on both sides; general length from four to six inches. Petioles short, flat on the upper side, downy. Stipules semi-lunar, reflexed, downy. Panicles terminal, very large, diffuse, ovate; ramifications round and downy. Bractes sub-ensiform, varying much in size. Flowers very numerous, small, pure white, fragrant. Calyx small, five-toothed, hoary. Corol; tube short, and contracted at the mouth by five elevations on the inside; the five oblong segments of the border recurved. Filaments from the five ribs of the tube of the corol, nearly as long as the border. Anthers incumbent. Germ beneath. Stigma large, two-cleft. Capsules minute, villous, crowned with the withered calyx, two-celled, opening at the apex within the calyx. Seeds many in each cell, small, rugose, attached to an elevated receptacle, which is attached to the middle of the partition.

4. R. tetrandra. R.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolate, sessile. Stipules pinnatifid. Flowers axillary, glomerate, tetrandrous. Capsule many-seeded.

A shrubby species; a native of Pulo Pinang.

Stem straight; branches erect, smooth, four-sided, with the angles sharp on the young shoots. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, smooth. Stipules sub-pinnatifid, containing the inside of the base of the leaves, tapering to an awled point. Flowers numerous, short-peduncled, crowded in the axills, and mixed with many, lanceolate, ciliate bractes. Calyx, Corol, stamens and pistil as in the genus. Capsule small, black, angular. Seeds numerous, immersed in the receptacles, as in a nidus.

5. R. scandens. R.

Shrubby, scandent, smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, entire. Panicles axillary, small, brachiate. Capsules globular. Seeds numerous, small.

Found indigenous on the Island of Mauritius by Colonel Hardwicke in flower and with

ripe seed in June and July.

MACROCNEMUM. Schreb. gen. N. 297.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol campanulate. Capsule inferior, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds imbricated.

1. M. stipulaceum, R.

Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, smooth. Stipules oval, very large. Corymbs terminal, supra-decompound.

A native of the Moluccas. The mouth of the bell of the short corol is uncommonly

woolly, nearly hiding the stamina.

2. M. pareiflorum. R.

Shrubby. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth. Stipules annular, truncate, Peduncles axillary, many-flowered. Corol acetabuliform.

A native of the Moluccas.

Obs. I have seen only dried specimens of these two species.

RANDIA. Schreb. gen. N. 275.

Calyx four or five-parted. Corol one-petalled, four or five-parted. Germ inferior, twocelled; cell many-seeded, imbricated, attachment inferior. Berry two-celled. Seeds several, sub-imbricated. Embryo inverse, furnished with a perisperm.

 R. racemosa, R.
 Shrubby, erect. Branches decussate. Leaves oblong, smooth. Racemes axillary. Flowers tetrandrous.

Beng. Peetunga.

This plant was first discovered by Dr. F. Buchanan, growing about Lukshmee-poora; from thence he sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plant is now com-

mon, and blossoms about the close of the rainy season.

Stem straight. Bark smooth. Branches opposite, expanding, indeed almost horizontal. Bark of the woody parts dark-brown, of the young shoots green, and smooth. Leaves opposite, drooping, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth on both sides, from three to four inches long, and about one broad. Stipules within the leaves, large, tapering, caducous. Spikes axillary, for the most part solitary, sub-sessile, about one-half or one-third the length 526 of the leaves. Flowers sessile, numerous, small, pale greenish white. Bractes one-flowered. Calyx four-toothed, permanent. Corol funnel-shaped; border four-parted; mouth of the tube villous. Filaments short. Anthers linear, half hid in the tube of the corol. Stigma bifid. Germ inferior, two-celled, with several ovula in each, attached to the thickened centre of the partition. Berry round, smooth, shining, straw-coloured, size of a pea, two-celled. Seeds two, three or four in each cell, attached to the upper half of the partition; shape very various. Integument fibrous. Perisperm cartilaginous. Embryo inverse, half the length of the perisperm. Cotyledons linear. Radicle oblong, superior.

2. R. stricta. R.

Shrubby, straight. Leaves opposite, oblong, pointed. Flowers axillary, sessile.

A native of the mountains north of Bengal. In the Botanic garden its flowering time is

the cold season.

Stems several, straight, ornamented with numerous, cross-armed, spreading branches, down to the root; height of the whole from five to ten feet. Leaves opposite, very short-petioled, spreading, oblong, or broad-lanceolate, pointed, margins entire, but waved a little; smooth on both sides. Stipules connecting the petioles, on their inside, and tapering to a daggered point, pressing close upon the branchlet. Flowers small, white, collected in dense, globular, sessile fascicles, in the axills of the leaves. Bracles two or three, like the calvx, and embracing the base of the germ. Calyx five-parted; divisions acute, permanent. Corol contorted, inside of the chart table being. the short tube hairy. Filaments none. Anthers affixed a little below their apices within the tube, and in the fissures of the divisions of the border of the corol. Germ inferior, two-celled, with several seeds in each. Style short. Stigma large, oblong, hairy, two-cleft, but its lobes do not separate. Berry globular, size of a pea, smooth, two-celled. Seeds several in each cell, imbricated in two rows, attached to the partition above its middle. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverted.

3. R. polysperma. R.

Shrubby. Leaces oblong, entire, acuminate, smooth. Stipules subulate. Spikes pani-

cled, axillary.

An elegant, very ramous shrub, a native of Chittagong. Flowers in May, and the seeds ripen in August and September.

SCEVOLA. Schreb. gen. N. 300.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol one-petalled : tube longitudinally cloven on the under side, with unilateral five-eleft border. Germ two-celled, one-seeded; attachment inferior. Drupe inferior. Nut two-celled. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. S. Taccada. R.

Shrubby, with smooth, succulent branches. Leaves sessile, obovate-cuneate, entire, shining. Peduacles axillary, solitary, two or three times dichotomous,

Lobelia Taccada, Gært, fruct, i, 119, t, 25, Buglossum littoreum, Rumph, Amb, iv, p, 116, t, 54, Bela modagam, Rheed, Mal, iv, 121, t, 59.

A native of most of the maritime parts of the East Indies, and introduced from Pulo Pinang into the Botanie garden at Calcutta, where there is a constant succession of flowers and fruit the whole year round. I suspect the American plant, called by Willdenow and others, Secreta Lobelia, to differ specifically from ours; I have therefore preferred Gærtner's speci-

Trank short and variously bent. Bark thereof, and of the old branches ash-coloured, and somewhat scabrous, large branches erect, the smaller ones nearly verticelled, ascending, and covered with smooth, green bark; general height of the whole plant about five or six feet. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, long-obovate, with margins entire, apex circular, smooth, shining green on both sides; from three to six inches long. In the axill of each is found a little tuft of delicate white wool. Peduacles axillary, solitary, once, twice, or thrice dichotomous, the whole not above one-fourth the length of the leaves. Pedicels clavate, round, and smooth. Bractes opposite, small, conical. Flowers white, slightly fragrant. Calga may be called fiveleaved; leaflets rather remote, erect, or recurved, subulate, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tubs five or six times longer than the calyx, split its whole length on the side next to the branch, villous on the inside and shaggy with filaments round the mouth. Border of five, oblong, unilateral segments, with membranaceous, curled borders. Filaments from the receptacle, erect till the flowers expand, then becoming variously curled back round the base of the tube of the corol. Anthers oblong, crowned, before the expansion of the corol they adhere slightly to each other, round the mouth of the stigma. Germ inferior, obovate, torose, two-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the very bottom of the partition. Style length of the tube, pretty thick, recurved. Stigma large, funnel-shaped, very hairy on the outside, and ciliate. Drupe nearly round, size of a small gooseberry, when ripe white, and torulose. Nut two-celled, dark brown, wrinkled; between it and the white exterior pulpy covering there is a white torulose, softish cartilaginous coat. Seed one in each cell. Embryo lodged in a considerable portion of whitish albumen. Cotyledons two, oval. Radicle inferior, shorter than the lobes.

2. S. oppositifolia. R.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, elliptic, entire, smooth. Peduncles axillary, few-flowered. A native of the Moluccas; a slender shrubby species, very different in habit from S. Königii.

CINCHONA. Schreb. gen. N. 301.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ inferior, two-celled; attachment interior. Capsule two-celled, with the partition parallel. Seeds many, imbricated, membrane-winged. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

Obs. That part of the above character which makes the partition parallel does not agree

Page with the only two East India species I have yet met with. In them the partition is contrary.

1. C. excelsa, Roxb. Corom. ii. 3. t. 106.

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, downy. Stipules cordate, serrate. Panicles terminal and axillary. Anthers sub-sessile in the mouth of the tube. Partition of the capsule contrary.

Teling. Bundaroo.

This species of Cinchona is a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars, and chiefly of the vallies, where it grows to be a very large tree. Flowers during the rainy season.

Seeds ripe in four or five months after.

Trunk straight, of considerable thickness and height. Branches numerous, spreading. Bark of the trunk pretty thick; the exterior lamina is gray, light, spongy; it cracks in various directions, and frequently falls off; the middle coat is brown, of a farinaceous nature, and is as thick as both the exterior and interior coats; the interior is white, (the fresh bark is here described.) Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, entire, soft, downy, particularly on the under side; veins simple, and frequently opposite; from six to twelve inches long, and from three to five broad. Floral leaves, the lower pair or two of the ramifications of the panicle are ornamented each with a pair of leaves, in shape like the rest, but much smaller, coloured, more permanent, and bullate. Petioles round, downy, two or three inches long. Stipules within the leaves, ovate-cordate, acutely serrate, erect, cadneous. Panicles terminal, large, generally with the lower ramifications, crossed armed. Flowers fascicled, small, greenish-white, exceedingly numerous, exquisitely fragrant. Calyx superior, five-toothed. Corol one-petalled, funnel-formed, downy. Tube long. Border five-parted; divisions oval, spreading, not half the length of the tube. Filaments five, short, inserted into the mouth of the tube. Anthers erect, one-third within the tube. Germ oval. Slyle twice the length of the tube. Stigma headed. Capsule oblong, crowned with the remains of the calyx, about as thick as a field bean, but twice as long, four-striated, marked with small white, elevated specks, two-celled, two-valved, opening from the top; partition contrary, Receptacle slender, angular, length of the capsule, affixed lengthways to the suture of the partition. Seeds from six to twelve in each cell; chesnut-coloured, imbricated, oblong, compressed, enlarged all round by a membranaceous jagged wing, which at the base is split up to the seed itself.

Obs. The infusion of one fresh leaf in water all night had little taste, but struck quickly a deep purplish blue with a chalybeate. The two inner coats of the bark (the outer light spongy stratum is tasteless,) possess both the bitterness and astringency of Peruvian bark, and I think when fresh in a stronger degree; the bitterness is not so quickly communicated to the taste on chewing the bark, as that of the former, but is much more durable, and

chiefly about the upper part of the fauces.

The wood is firm, close-grained, of a pale mahogany colour, and very useful for many purposes.

2. C. thyrsiflora. R.

Arboreous. Leaves ovate, downy; floral coloured and reticulate. Thyrses terminal and axillary, drooping. Stipules oblong, fringed with coloured glands. Border of the corol urceolate. Partition of the capsule contrary.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, where it was discovered by Dr. William Carey, and by him sent to this garden, where the trees blossom in June, and the seeds ripen in

January.

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Trunk straight, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Branches numerous, spreading, so as to form a large ovate head. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, and ovate cordate, downy; veins simple and parallel; length from two to eight or ten inches. The floral pair or two longer-petioled, somewhat scarious, smoother, and more permanent than the others. Petioles round, villous, about a third of the length of their leaves. Stipules large, oblong, downy, and fringed with coloured glands round the margin. Thyrses terminal, and from the exterior axills, from oblong to sub-cylindric, very dense, short-peduncled, drooping. Flowers small, greenish-yellow, very fragrant, collected in numerous small fascicles, on very short, common peduncles. Bractes linear-hanceolate, one to each fascicle, smaller ones to the proper pedicels. Calyx about five-toothed, villous. Corol; tube cylindric, more than twice the length of the calyx. Border five-parted, pitcher-shaped, length of the tube. Filaments short, inserted into the mouth of the tube. Anthers sagittate, hid in the pitchered border. Germ two-celled. Style twice the length of the corol. Stigma globular. Capsule inferior, oblong, warty; size of a filbert, two-celled, two-valved, opening from the apex; partition contrary, and in this respect only does it differ from Cinchona. Is this a sufficient reason to remove it from that family? In C. excelsa, the partition is also contrary, receptacle placed longitudinally along the suture of the partition. Seeds several in each cell, imbricated upwards, surrounded with a broad, brown, reticulated, membranaceous wing, which is cloven below up the umbilious, at the base of the seed. Perisperm thin, white, and fleshy. Embryo erect, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons cordate. Radicle oval, inferior.

PSATHURA. Juss.

Calyx superior, from four to six-toothed. Corol one-petalled; tube short, and hairy within; border from four to six-parted. Germ five-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior, from four to six-celled. Nut solitary, one-seeded. Embryo erect, and furnished with an ample perisperm. 1. P. borbonica. Willd. spec. ii. 229.

Found indigenous on the Mauritius by Colonel Hardwicke, in flower and seed in the months of August and September; growing to the size of a small tree, with dichotomous branchlets; opposite, short-petioled, entire, smooth, oblong leaves; small axillary and terminal trichotomous corymbs of minute pentandrous flowers. Germ five-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style short. Stigma two-lobed. Drupe, the size of a pea, containing as far as five, nuciform, rugose seeds or nuts, each in its proper cell.

DENTELLA. Schreb. gen. N. 310.

Corol infundibuliform; segments three-toothed. Capsule inferior, Calyx five-parted. two-celled, many-seeded.

1. D. repeas. Willd. spec. i. 972.

Crusta ollae. Caranasci. Rumph. Amb. v. 460. t. 170. f. 4.

Oldenlandia repens. Burm. Ind. 38. t. 15. f. 2.

A native of cool moist places, such as the shady banks of rivers, and water-courses.

Root long, rarely perennial. Stems many, creeping, jointed. Leaves opposite, shortpetioled, oval, ciliate. Flowers in the divisions of the branches, sub-sessile, small, white. Calgar
five-parted; divisions lanceolate. Corol five-cleft; segments linear, three-toothed. Stamens five. Style two-cleft near the bottom. Capsule hispid; receptacles reniform, free, affixed to the middle of the partition.

Obs. Burman's figure of this plant is bad.

PSYCHOTRIA. Schreb. gen. N. 313.

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Calyx five-toothed. Corol tubular. Berry inferior, two-celled. Seeds solitary, grooved on the interior side.

1. P. asiatica. Willd. spec. i. 961.

Shrubby. Branches opposite, smooth. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, entire, acute, smooth. Stipules semi-lunate. Panicles terminal, brachiate, crowded. Anthers linear. Berries oval, ten-ribbed.

A native of the Molucca Islands.

P. herbacea, Willd. spec. i. 067, Jacq. Amer. 66, t. 46.

Harbaceous, creeping. Leaves round-cordate. Stipules semi-lunar. Flowers few, terminal on the little erect branchlets.

Karinta kali. Rheed. Mal. x, 41, t, 21,

Koodi msukooni, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows in moist places under the shade of trees, &c. Flowering time the months of May and June.

CANTHIUM. Lamarck.

Calux four or five-toothed. Corol one-petalled, tubular. Germ two-celled, one-seeded; attachment sub-superior. Drupe inferior, two-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. C. augustifolium. R.

Shrubby, armed. Leaves lanceolate, lucid. Flowers axillary, pentandrous. Style length of the corol.

Beng. Kota-mulli.

A well armed, shrubby, very ramous species, a native of the hills in the vicinity of Chittagong, Silhet, and the whole eastern frontier of Bengal. Flowers from March till July, and

probably the greater part of the year.

Trunk obscure. Reanches numerous; young shoots straight, slender, firm, round and smooth. Spines axillary, expanding. Leaves on the youngest shoots in single, opposite pairs; on the older branchlets fascicled; all are short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, long, taper-pointed, firm and polished, from one inch to two and a half long, and half or three-quarters of an inch broad. Stipules interfoliaceous, ensiform. Flowers axillary, several together, small, short-peduneled, greenish-yellow. Calyx acetabuliform, five-angled, five-toothed. Corol; tube short and gibbous; border of five lanceolate segments. Filaments five, from the fissures of the corol, short. Anthers linear, erect, equalling the border of the corol. Germ inferior, turbinate, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the upper part of the partition. Style the length of the corol. Stigma large, with a bill apex. Drape inferior, sub-rotund, apex retuse, as in C. parriflorum, smooth, size of a black current, when ripe yellow, two-celled, though one of the cells is frequently abortive.

2. C. parvifolium. R.

Shrubby, armed, hairy. Leaves oval, entire. Flowers axillary, crowded, pentandrous; tube of the corol globular.

The shape of the leaves alone forbids the supposing of this to be Plukenet's Amaranthoides indicum, verticillatum, Parietariae hirsutis foliis aculeatum, &c. Alm. 27. t. 133. f. 3. Consequently it is neither Monetia diacantha, Willd. spec. i. 670. nor Azima diacantha, Lamark, Encyclop. i. 343.

Is a middling-sized, very rigid, ramous shrub, the tender shoots and under side of the leaves hairy. The inside of the tube of the corol is surrounded with a circle of straight, white bristles of its own length, inserted round its mouth, and pointing to its bottom. Flowering

time the rainy season.

3. C. parciflorum. Roxb. Corom. i. 3. t. 51. Gert. sem. iii. 93. t. 196.

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Shrubby, thorns opposite, horizontal. Leaves opposite and fascicled. Flowers axillary. tetrandrous.

Kandenkara. Rheed. Mal. v. 71. t. 36. Webera tetrandra. Willd. spec. i. 1224.

Teling. Balusoo kura.

This is one of the most common, scraggy, thorny bushes on the coast; every soil and

situation suits it. Flowering time the hot season; the seeds ripen in September.

Trunk scarcely any, but branches innumerable, the smaller are regularly cross-armed, and spreading. Thorns simple, opposite, above the axills, spreading, cross-armed, very strong and very sharp; in luxuriant plants they are sometimes three-fold. Leaves on the young shoots opposite, on the older branchlets fiscicled, short-petioled, reflexed, ovate, entire, smooth; size various. Stipules connecting, subulate. Umbellets, or rather racemes opposite, below the thorns, small, about the length of the leaves. Peduncles and pedicels smooth, round. Flowers small, yellow. Calyx above, four-toothed; teeth acute; permanent. Corol onepetalled. Tube gibbous, short; mouth downy. Border four-parted; segments ovate, expanded. Filaments four, in the mouth of the corol. Anthers ovate. Germ inferior, globular, two-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the axis above its middle. Style rather longer than the tube of the corol. Stigma headed. Drupe obcordate, laterally compressed a little with a hollow on each side, size of a cherry, crowned with the remaining calyx, fleshy, smooth, yellow, two-celled. Nuts two, one in each cell, oblong, one-celled. Embryo inverse, sub-

cylindric, a little curved, and furnished with a soft amygdaline perisperm.

Obs. The bush makes excellent fences. The ripe fruit is caten by the natives. The leaves are universally eaten in curries; on that account the plant has the additional name kura

which means esculent.

 C. didymum. Gært. carp. iii. 94. t. 196.
 Sub-arborcous, unarmed. Leaves oblong and oval. Cymes axillary, sub-sessile. Flowers pentandrous. Style longer than the cylindric tube of the corol, with a mitre-shaped stigma.

Teling. Naum-papula.

Webera cymosa. Willd. spec. i. 1224.

A small tree, a native of the interior mountains of the coast of Coromandel.

Bark smooth, on the young shoots shining green. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, firm, smooth, of a shining deep green, about six inches long; on the under side in the axills of the principal veins are to be found the characteristic glands of the Gardenias, they are smooth and hollow; in the Gardenias they are generally surrounded with a hairy margin. Stipules within the leaves. Cymes axillary, short-peduncled, simple, or compound, bearing many small, white, very fragrant flowers. Calyx and corol as in the family. Filaments five, short, somewhat crooked, inserted into the downy throat of the tube of the corolla. Anthers incumbent, oblong. Germ inferior, globular. Style nearly twice the length of the tube. Stigma large, mitre-shaped. Pericarp a top shaped berry, the size of a small cherry, when ripe black and shining, crowned with the calyx. Seeds two.

5. C. moluccanum. R.

Leaves oblong. Style length of the short gibbous tube of the Pentandrous, unarmed. corol. Stigma turbinate.

A native of the Molucca Islands.

VANGUERIA. Juss.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol one-petalled; tube gibbons; mouth shut with hairs. Germ five-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Berry inferior, five-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm,

1. V. spinosa. R.

Shrubby, armed with decussate spines.

Beng, Muyna.

A small tree or large bush; a native of Bengal and also of China, I presume, as there are some plants in the Botanic garden brought thence. Flowering time the beginning of

the hot season; fruit ripe in three or four months afterwards.

Trunk irregular, which with the branches is armed with strong, straight, opposite, or three-fold thorns. Leaves opposite, and three-fold, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, smooth, from three to four inches long. Stipules opposite, and three-fold, within the leaves as in Gardenia. Flowers axillary, fascicled on a common short peduncle, with proper, longer pedicels, small, of a pale greenish colour. Calyx five-toothed. Corol one-petalled. Tabe sub-globular; mouth shut with much long, white hair; border generally five-parted, spreading. Filaments five, very short, inserted into the mouth of the tube of the corol. Anthers small, cordate. Germ inferior, turbinate, four or five-celled, with one orulum in each, attached to the axis a little above the middle. Style so long as to elevate its large glandular four or five-lobed stigma just above the authers. Berry or rather drupe round, tentioners are always a specular, and edible. Seeds four turbinate, size of a cherry, smooth, when ripe yellow, succulent, and edible. Seeds four or five, obliquely oblong, inner edge narrower and straight. Integuments two; exterior a hard, dark-coloured nut; interior membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seeds, amygdaline. Embryo inverse, a little curved. Cotyledons scarcely so long as the radicle, lanceo-Obs. The fruit is eaten by the natives. Its flowers come exceedingly near to those

of my Canthium parviflorum, as does also the whole habit of the plant.

LONICERA. Schreb. gen. N. 319.

Corol one-petalled, irregular. Berry inferior, two-celled, many-seeded.

1. L. quinquelocularis. Hardwicke in Asiat. Res. vi. 351.

Shrubby. Leaves petioled, elliptic, acute, entire, villous. Peduncles axillary, solitary, short, two-flowered. Berries five-celled.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke, in vallies about Adwance on his tour to Shreensgara, and there called Lung-phool by the natives.

TRIOSTEUM. Schreb. gen. N. 320.

Calyx five-parted, equalling the one-petalled corol. Corol with the border divided into Berry inferior, one-celled. Seeds from three to five, pyrenous. five sub-equal segments.

1. T. hirsuium. R.

Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, acuminate. Flowers axillary, Shrubby, hirsute. sessile, much shorter than their numerous lanceolar bractes. Berries five-seeded.

A native of Chittagong, where it flowers during the hot season; seed ripe in June and July.

COFFEA. Schreb. gen. N. 314.

Corol funnel-shaped. Germ two-celled, one-seeded; attachment of the ovula interior. Berry inferior, two-celled, one-seeded. Seeds arilled. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. C. tetrandra. R.

Shrubby. Leaves broad-lanceolar, acute, lucid. Stipules bifid. Peduncles axillary and terminal, several together, long, slender, one-flowered. Flowers tetrandrous. Corol with long, slender tube and border.

An erect, slender, ramous shrub, a native of Silhet, Chittagong, and the whole east border of Bengal, where it flowers in May, and the seeds ripeu in October and November.

Branchlets opposite, round, smooth, and slender. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broadlanceolar, entire, acuminate, smooth, and glossy on both sides; from four to five inches long, and scarcely two broad. Stipules generally bilid. Segments subulate. Pedancles terminal and axillary, several together, long, slender, straight, one-flowered. Calyx four or five-toothed. Tube of the corol long, slender, somewhat clavate, smooth; segments of the border four or five, length of the tube, ensiform, spreading. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers four or five, linear, inserted within the tube, their apiecs even with its mouth. Germ inferior, turbinate, two-celled, with one ovulum in each cell, attached to the middle of the partition. Style twocleft. Stigmas simple. Berry inferior, round, size of a small cherry, smooth, when ripe black-ish purple, and with but a small portion of pulp, one or two-celled; generally one-celled, the other cell being abortive, and then the berry has an oblique direction. Seeds solitary, when the berry is two-celled nearly round; when one-celled, flat on one side and convex on the other, in which case there is a deep round cavity on the flat side. Perisperm conform to the seed, horny. Embryo erect, very small, and lodged in an oblique direction in the middle of the convex side of the perisperm, with the two reniform cotyledons pointing up and in, the oblong radicle out and down.

2. C. arabica. Willd. spec. i. 973.

Leaves oblong, ovate, acuminate. Flowers axillary, crowded. Stamina without the tube of the quinquitid corel.

Coffee. Fothergill's Works, ii. p. 279. t 3.

A native of Arabia, and now common in both Indies. In Bengal it blossoms in March, and the berries ripen in December.

In the West Indies Coffee plants are said to produce on an average from six to sixteen ounces of clear coffee annually. Fothergill's Works, ii. p. 323. At St. Domingo they calculate on one pound per plant. At Jamaica one pound and a half, and at Terra-Firma two pounds, where the plants stand in quincum, at from four to eight feet according to the richness of the soil. English Translation of Depon's Travels in South America, i. 434, 1809-10. Two middling plants at the age of six or seven years produced in the Both and garden in one year or crop, seven jounds of the dry berries which gave three pounds of clean coffee, equal to the Jamaica produce.
3. C. bengalensis, R.

Shrubby. Leaves opposite, oblong. Flowers axillary. Segments of the corol oblong. Filaments none. Anthers long and within the tube.

This is evidently distinct from C. arabica, It is found indigenous amongst the mountains of the north-east frontier, chiefly about Silhet, and from thence brought many years ago to Calcutta where it was for some time much cultivated under the idea of its being the real coffee of Arabia. It is now neglected, being of an inferior quality, and not productive; how-ever the number and beauty of its flowers entitle it to a conspicuous place in the flower garden. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Root ramous. Trunk short, and clothed with innumerable, horizontal, opposite branches, and branchlets, to the surface of the earth, forming, in our gardens, a pyramidical bush of

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Page from four to six feet in height. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, from ovate to oblong; smooth on both sides, obtuse, pointed as in C. arabica (both are now before me just taken from the plants,) here are also pores in the axills of the nerves on the under side. Stipules within, subulate. Flowers in the axills of the leaves, and of the young shoots, sub-sessile, pure white, generally from one to three, though sometimes more. Margin of the calyx crowned with an undetermined to the calyx crowned with a caly crowned mined number of minute points. Corol contorted; divisions of the border oblique, oval. Filaments none. Anthers long, linear, within the tube, with their incurved apices just above its mouth. Germ turbinate. Style not quite half the length of the tube. Stigma two-cleft; 541 divisions nearly as long as the style. Berry two-seeded, size of a small cherry, when ripe black. 4. C. pedunculata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves elliptic, sub-sessile, smooth, and entire. Peduncles terminal, and axillary, many together, long, one-flowered. Stamina within the slender, smooth tube of the corol.

A native of the Moluccas. 5. C. augustifolia, R.

Leaves lanceolate, entire, firm, and polished. Panicles axillary, mouth of the corol hairy; segments of the border linear, longer than the tube, and about as long as the filiform, exsert anthers.

A native of Pigeon Island, one of the Malay Archipelago.

MORINDA. Schreb. gen. N. 317.

Flowers aggregate. Calyx superior, five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ from two to four-celled; cells one or two-seeded; attachment interior. Stigma two-cleft. Berries aggregate. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm-

 M. citrifolia, Willd. spec. i. 992. Gart. carp. i. 144. t. 29.
 Arboreous, with a straight trunk. Leaves oblong, lucid. Pedunoles on the upper side of the branchlets, solitary, opposite to every other solitary leaf, with a pair between. Anthers half hid in the mouth of the tube. Fruit ovate, glossy, white.

Cada-pilava. Rheed. Mal. i. 97. t. 52. good.

Bandueus latifolia. Rumph. Amb. iii. 158. t. 99.

An elegant small tree, with straight trunk, and numerous, decussated, assurgent branches, a position they generally take from the weight of the fruit, and constant exuberant foliage. From Pegu it has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it is in constant fruit, and flower the whole year. It does not appear to be a native of Bengal, nor did I ever meet with it on the coast of Coromandel; but the species which I formerly considered as citrifolia is common in both countries, and the description and drawings thereof were sent to the Honourable the Court of Directors. That species, which however is quite distinct, I now call

tinctoria, as it is the sort most in use for dyeing.

Bark of young trees, or their trunk, light ash-coloured and smooth; young shoots somewhat four-cornered, smooth and lucid. Leaves opposite to each other, or to a peduncle, shortpetioled, from oblong to oval, lucid, entire, rather obtuse; from five to ten inches long, and from three to five broad. Stipules large, semi-lunar, entire, smooth. Peduncles solitary, opposite to a solitary leaf on the upper side of the branchlets, creet, short, cylindric, smooth, each supporting a small aggregate head of small white flowers. Calyx an entire margin round the apex of the germ. Corol funnel-shaped; mouth of the tube hairy. Border five-parted, segments lanceolate, acute. Filaments five, woolly, inserted into the tube of the corol, a little above its middle. Anthers linear, erect, balf hid in the tube. Germs firmly united, single, two-celled, each cell containing two orula, attached to opposite ends of the wings of the large, thick, fleshy partition. Style length of the tube of the corol. Stigma two-cleft. Berries compound, size of a pullet's egg or even longer, obtuse, when ripe pale white, polished, and succulent, as described and figured by Gartner.

Obs. Its roots are employed by the natives like those of several other species to dye red.

543 2. M. tinctoria. R.

Leaves oblong, sub-sessile, opposite to each other, or to the solitary one-flowered peduncles. Stamina enclosed. Stigma exsert.

Sans. Uchyoota.

Hind, and Beng. Ach. See Asiat. Res. iv. 35-44.

Teling. Tagaroo.

This small tree I have found pretty common in every part of India, where I have been.

It is in flower and fruit the greater part, if not the whole of the year.

Trunk seldom straight, and only a few feet in height, but supporting a pretty large, ramous, shady head. Bark covered with an ash-coloured, deeply-cracked, corky crust. Leaves opposite, except where there is a peduncle, in that case, solitary, the peduncle occupying the place of the other leaf, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides, but not lucid like citrifolia, pale underneath, from six to ten inches long. Stipules within the leaves, as in the other Rubiaceæ. Peduncles leaf-opposite, expanding, about an inch long, supporting an oval head of aggregate, pure white, Jasmine-like, fragrant flowers. Calyx as in the genus.

The compound fruit is well described by Gærtner in his description and figures of M.

citrifolia.

The bark of the roots is used to dye red, the colour is fixed with alum, but it is neither bright nor-durable. In some parts of India it is cultivated for the sake of the roots; see Asiat. Res. iv. In the Circars the dyers use the bark of the fresh roots bruised and gently boiled in water for a short time, the cloth or yarn is prepared in a cold infusion of the powdered gall of Terminalia Chebula, in milk and water; it is then dried and moistened with alum Car water, and again dried, and receives from the above decoction, a pretty bright, but fugitive

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The green fruits are picked by the Hindoos, and eaten with their curries. The wood is hard and very durable, variegated with red and white, it is employed for gun-stocks in preference to all other kinds.

3. M. bracteata. R.

Arboreous, straight. Leaves opposite to each other or to a peduncle, oblong, polished.

Anthers within the woolly mouth of the tube. Stigma exsert. Heads bracted.

Bancudus angustifolia Rumph. Amb. iii. p. 157. t, 98. has the process of the calvx of my

plant, but I cannot say they agree in other respects.

It is a native of the Ganjam district; from thence Mr. Snodgrass sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the tree thrives well, and is in blossom during the hot and

rainy seasons.

Trunk straight. Branches opposite, decussate, smooth. Leaves opposite to each other or to a peduncle, short-petioled, oblong, acute, smooth, polished, deep green on both sides, margins entire, length from six to twelve inches. Stipules large, with semi-circular apices. Peduncles solitary, and always opposite to a leaf, round, smooth, from one to two inches long, supporting a single, small head, of small pure white flowers. In tinctoria and exserts the peduncle is often in the axill of a small leaf, which stands opposed to the large one. Calyx; perianth proper, a tumid margin round the crown of the germ, frequently a small portion thereof grows to be a long linear-lanceolate, permanent leaflet. Corol funnel-shaped; month of the tube very woolly. Filaments short. Anthers linear, lodged amongst the wool, but entirely within the mouth of the tube. Stigma two-cleft, and elevated about the mouth of the tube. Berry aggregate, size varying from that of a crab-apple, to that of a small nutmeg. single berries several, obovate, size of a pea with a round eye on the spex. Net or seeds four, the shell or cover uniformly convex on the outside, and on the inside concave, with an elevated convexity near the top which covers a void cell, the fertile cell occupies the whole length, and nearly the whole breadth of the nut, (for so I may call the hard, smooth, brown integument of which it is formed.) but is much compressed.

Obs. I have not learned that the root of this species is used in dveing, but have no doubt of its possessing qualities similar to the roots of all the other species of the genus

that I have yet met with. 4. M. exserta. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite to each other or to a peduncle, ovate, pointed. Stamens above the tube. Stigma rather within.

Beng. Bhan-autch, or Ban-aal.

A tree of rather small stature; a native of Bengal. Flowering time the hot and rainy

season; seed ripe in about twelve or thirteen months afterwards.

Trunk from six to twelve feet high, often variously bent, and covered with deep cracked, spongy, ash-coloured bark. Branches spreading in every direction; branchlets opposite, smooth; young shoots somewhat four-sided, in some plants smooth, in others villons. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, or ventricose-oval, pointed, margins entire, but waved; in some plants smooth, of a deep shining green on both sides; in others downy, from four to six inches long, and from three to four broad. Stipules interfoliaceous, entire, emarginate or bifid. Peduacles generally solitary, though sometimes there are two together, leaf-opposed, or in the axill of a small leaf, opposed to one of the usual size, round, smooth, about an inch long, each supporting a round aggregate head of many pure white, Jasmine-like flowers. In very luxuriant young plants I have found the peduncles two or even three-cleft, with a head of flowers on each division. Calyx scarcely any. Corol funnel-shaped. Border of five, equal, lanceolate, fleshy, expanding divisions. Filaments inserted on the mouth of the tube, in the division of its margin; erect. Anthers linear. Germ beneath, four-celled, with one ovule. Style length of the tube of the corol. Stigma even with its mouth and two-cleft. Berry (rather drupe) aggregate, oval. Seeds or nut regularly four and distinct to each proper berry, forming a square, inserted pyramid, each one-seeded. Here the abortive cell is scarcely visible.

Obs. This species is immediately known by its exsert stamens, half-concealed stigma, and broad-pointed leaves. In all the other species figured and described by me, viz. citrifolia, tinctoria, bracteata, multiflora, and augustiflora the stamens are enclosed, and the

style exserted.

5. M. multiflora. R. Sub-arboreous. Leaves opposite, oblong-ventricose, downy. Peduncles terminal and leaf-opposed, compound. Anthers within; stigma exsert.

Aul the vernacular name at Nagpore.

A native of Berar. From Nagpore the seed was sent by Mr. Colebrooke, Resident at the Court of Rughoojee Bunsla, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1801. By the close of the same year the plants were in blossom, and in one year more they have grown to large ramons shrubs, and now in eight years they are small trees and in constant flower; I may farther remark that notwithstanding all the other four species of Morinda already described and figured by me, grow to be small trees, they generally blossom the first year of their growth if the soil is good and the plants taken good care of.

Leaves very short-petioled, opposite, or opposite to a peduncle, oval, tapering at each end, acute, margins waved; downy on both sides, particularly underneath; from four to

Page six inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules interfoliaceous. Peduncles variously disposed, viz. axillary, opposite to a leaf, and terminal, one or more from the same place, and often compound; round, villous, from two to four inches long. Heads sub-globular, many-flowered. Receptacles, calyx and corol as in the genus. Filaments short. Anthers linear, their apices even with the mouth of the tube of the corol. Stigma two-cleft, and extended considerably beyond the anthers. Berry, rather drupe, aggregate, ovate-oblong; surface very unequal, size of a large mulberry. Seeds or nuts regularly four to each proper berry or drupe of the compound fruit, obliquely wedge-shaped; three-celled, two of them empty, the third with a single seed, as accurately described and figured by Gærtner in Morinda citrifolia.

Obs. This plant is cultivated about Nagpore as the other species are in various other

parts of India, and for the same purpose, (see Asiat. Res. iv. 35-44.)

6. M. angustifolia. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves opposite to each other or to a peduncle, lanccolar, bullate. Heads solitary. Flowers numerous. Anthers concealed deep within the tube; stigma exsert. Berries distinct, on a glomerate receptacle, succulent, four-seeded.

An erect, thinly branched shrub, was found at Chittagong by Dr. Buchanan, and from thence sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1798, where it blossoms in March, and the

seeds ripen in May.

Trunk straight, with a few erect branches. Bark light ash-coloured; height of the whole plant about four or five feet. Leaves opposite, or single when a peduncle occupies the place of the other, sub-sessile, recurved, lanceolate, bullate, smooth, entire, about six inches long and less than two wide. Stipules opposite, sub-cordate, interfoliaceous, united into a ring and remaining long after their respective leaves drop. Peduncles solitary, short, seemingly terminal when they begin to blossom, but soon after the branchlet shoots out from between each peduncle and its respective opposite leaf, which marks their proper situation to be oppositi-folius. Heads solitary, globular, many, viz. from fifty to a hundred-flowered. Flowers pure white, in size and shape like those of the common Jasmine. Calyx merely an almost entire, marginal ring round the base of the tube of the corol. Corol funnel-shaped. Filaments short, inserted rather below the middle of the tube of the corol. Anthers linear, hid in the middle of the tube. Stigma exsert, two-lobed. Berries in general distinct, but a small proportion of them only comes to perfection, sessile, the size of a large pea, succulent, deep shining black, with very dark-coloured pulp. Seeds four; each two-celled, with the inner cell large and

Obs. The root of this shrub is also used in dyeing by the natives of India where the plant

is in plenty.

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7. N. scandens. R.*

Shrubby, scandent; leaves oblong, lanceolate. Umbels terminal, simple, berries round, three or six-seeded.

A stout scandent shrub of several fathoms in extent, found common in the hills which from the east side of Point de Galle Bay or harbour. In flower and fruit in March, (1813.)

LORANTHUS. + Schreb. gen. N. 600.

Calyx uncertain. Corol generally one-petalled, and often irregular. Germ inferior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment superior. Berry one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

L. bicolor. Roxb. Corom. ii. 19. tab. 139.

Leaves opposite; oblong, smooth. Racemes axillary. Corols irregular, five-cleft. Stamens Berry oblong.

Sans, Vunda, Vrikshadunee, Vrikshubhuksha, and Vrikshurooha.

Hind, and Beng, Bura-manda,

Yellinga-wadinika of the Telingas; (wadinika means parasitical.)

Is always found growing upon the branches of various kinds of trees, and is very ramous.

Flowers during the greatest part of the year, and is highly ornamental.

Trunk scarcely any. Branches numerous, ascending, woody; bark gray. Leaves nearly opposite, sessile, or very short-petioled, from oval to linear-lanceolate, waved, entire, reclined, veins scarcely any; from three to five inches long, and from half an inch to an inch and a half broad. Racemes axillary, single, simple, sub-erect, many-flowered. Flowers in size and appearance very much like those of the honey-suckle. Bracles, a small, concave, cordate one, pressing on the base of the germs on one side. Calyx, there is no other perianth of the fruit than the above-mentioned bracte; that of the flower is cup-shaped, entire, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube long, a little curved, swelling from the bottom to within a third of the mouth, then contracting a little; border five-parted, upper fissures much the deepest; segments linear, reflexed towards one side. Filaments five, from the base of the segments of the corol, short. Anthers linear. Germ inferior, naked. Style length of the corol. Stigma

* This plant was discovered by Dr. Roxburgh on his last voyage to England, and the accompanying short description was sent to me from Ceylon.—W. C.

+ This genus is usually placed in Hexandria Monogynia, but as Dr. Roxburgh in the last copy he made of the Flora Indica, before he left this country, romoved it to Pentandria, it is printed where he then placed it.—W. C.

placed it.—W. C.

‡ Sir William Jones thought Vanda to be the general term for all parasitic plants. It is probable that all the names here cited are so.—W. C.

Berry inferior, crowned with the remaining calyx, oblong, smooth, pulpy, one- Carey celled. Seeds single.

Obs. This a handsome looking parasite, bearing a great number of very beautiful flowers; its foliage also looks very well. All that part of the branch of the tree above where it

grows, becomes sickly and soon perishes.

It should be compared with L. lougiflorus. It differs from Gærtner's Louicera zeylanica in not having the calyx of the fruit, and in having only five parts in the corol; but in the racemes they agree. I cannot reconcile it with L. falcatus of Linuacus's supplementum, nor with L. loniceroides, Linn. for here the inflorescence bears no resemblance to an involucred umbel. Neither can it be L. pentandeus, as there the leaves are alternate, with petioles nearly as long as the racemes; in short I cannot well reconcile it to any of the hitherto described species. It unites the two genera of Loranthus and Lonicera. In Bengal I have found it with leaves from five to six inches long, and four or five broad.

L. Scurrula, Welld, spec. ii, 232,—Roxb. Coromb. ii. 19, tab. 140.

Leaves opposite, ovate, underneath downy. Florers axillary, fascicled. Corol irregular, four-cleft; stamens four. Berries turbinate.

The Telingas have no other name for this than Wadinika.

It is also a parasitical shrub, but considerably smaller than the last and much more scarce;

grows upon branches of trees in the same manner. Flowers during the wet season.

Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, scolloped, covered with soft, white down underneath; about two inches long, and one and a half broad. Peduscles numerous, collected in the axills, one or more-flowered. Flowers considerably smaller than in the last species, of a rusty gray colour, and covered with gray farinaceous dust. Bractes one, pressing on the germ as in the last. Calgar of the fruit no other than the bracte of the flower, as in the former. Corol onepetalled ; tube swelled towards the base. Border four-parted, upper fissure deepest ; divisions linear, reflexed; stamens four, the pistil as in the last species. Berry top-shaped, one-seeded.

3. L. globosus. R.

Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth; spikes axillary. Corols regular, six-cleft. Berries round, oval.

Kenneli-itti-kanni. Rheed. Mal. x. 9. tab. 5.

Beng. Chhota-manda.

A ramous shrubby parasitic, like the two species already described; grows common on

trees throughout Bengal. Flowers all the year.

Leaves generally opposite, though sometimes alternate, and also three-fold, short-petioled, oblong, smooth, entire, of a thick leathery texture, almost veinless; from two to three inches long. Racemes, or rather spikes, axillary, or between the leaves, or from the old axills, generally solitary, though sometimes there are two or even three together, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers opposite, from three to six pairs on the spike, sessile, small, greenish orange colour. Bractes no other than the perianth of the fruit. Calyx. Perianth of the fruit inferior, two-leaved, the under and exterior cordate, the inner two-toothed; that of the flower no other than the circular margin of the pit which receives the flower. Corol one-petalled; tube gibbous, six-sided. Border six-parted, divisions alike, and cut equally deep, reflected. Filaments six, erect, inserted into the base of the divisions of the corol. Germ ovate. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma large, glandular, navelled. Berry inferior, round, oval, size of a pea, smooth, when ripe the pulp is yellow, clammy, and elastic, which makes them adhere to the branches of trees where they germinate, resting on three permanent calveiform bractes and erowned with a ring where the corol stood round the permanent base of the style, one-celled. Seeds solitary, conform to the berry. Integrament single, white, tough, and clammy, marked with twelve whitish strim. Perisperm conform to the seed, six-grooved, green. Embryo central, inverse, straight, pale green, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons two, linear-oblong. Plumula minute. Radicle sub-cylindric, length of the cotyledons, superior.

1. L. ferragineus, R.

Young shoots as well as the under side of the oval leaves long, slender, tetrandrous, regular; flower, fruit, and pedicels clothed with much ferruginous pubescence.

Found by Mr. W. Roxburgh growing on trees in the forests of Pulo Pinang.

5. L. involveratus. R.

Leaves opposite, ovate-cordate, smooth. Umbellets axillary. Involucres four-leaved, four-flowered; flowers regular, pentandrous.

A stout parasitical shrub, found on trees in the forests on the eastern border of Bengal,

where it blossoms great part of the year.

Branches while young clothed with smooth, shining, dark-brown bark. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate and ovate-cordate, sides often unequal, as in most of the plants of this genus, entire, smooth on both sides; from three to four inches long. Umbellets axillary, crowded, sub-sessile, much shorter than the leaves. Involuces four-leaved, four-flowered; leaflets ovate-lanceolate, smooth, entire. Flowers sessile, pretty large, equalling the involucre. Calga superior, short, five-toothed, villous. Corol; tube widening toward the Border regular, five-parted; segments linear, revolute. Filaments equalling mouth, villous. the segments of the corol, and inserted on them below their middle. Authors oval. Germ oval, sericeous. Style rather longer than the corol. Stigma two-lobed.

6. I. ampullaceus, R.

Leaves opposite, oblong, polished. Racemes axillary, simple. Flowers calycled, regular, hexandrous; tube of the corol gibbous. Berries long, oval.

Found on trees in the forests of Silhet, but seems to prefer the mango tree to all others.

Flowers in the dry season, probably the whole year round.

Stems as in our other Indian species, the size and shape very uncertain, but numerous, bifid, trifid, or quadrifid, smooth; branches and branchlets spread in all directions. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth, from three to four inches long, and 553 generally less than two in breadth. Racemes axillary, solitary, or in pairs, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers opposite, short-pedicelled, pretty large, greenish yellow. Bractes oval, one at the base of each pedicel, and two pressing the base of the germ like an inferior, bilabiate, calyx. Calyx superior, entire, rotate. Corol regular; tube gibbous; border six-eleft; divisions revolute, somewhat spatulate. Filaments six, from the mouth of the tube of the corol, length of its segments. Anthers ovate. Germ inferior, one-celled, and containing one ovule attached to the top of the cell. Style longer than the corol. Stigma large. Berry inferior, long-oval, smooth, yellow, size of a currant, one-celled. Pulp pale yellow, very claiming. Seeds solitary, ovate. Integuments two; exterior marked with six longitudinal fibres; inner membranaccous. Perisperm conform to the seed, six-grooved, green. Embryo cylindric, inverse. Cotyledons short, semi-cylindric. Radicle cylindric, with a turbinate apex rising above the perisperm, inverse.

7. L. clavatus. R.

Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate. Flowers axillary, few together, tetrandrous; corols irregular, four-cleft; berries clavate.

A delicate, shrubby parasite; found in the Silhet district growing on Averrhoa Carambola.

8. L. pentapetalus. R.

Leaves opposite, from lanceolate to oval-cordate, and obliquely attenuate, smooth. Racemes axillary. Flowers Lentandrous; petals five, with enlarged, three-sided base.

A large, very ramous, shrubby plant, found growing on various trees in the forests of

Silhet. Flowers appearing about the beginning of the rains in June.

Branches and branchlets columnar and quite smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, from lanceolate to ovate-cordate, obliquely attenuate from the middle to the apex, entire, smooth, from three to four inches long, and about two broad. Racemes axillary, solitary, or paired, straight, simple, often as long as the leaves, smooth. Flowers very numerous, short-pedicelled, small, scattered, red. Bractes, an oval one embraces the base of the germ on the outside. Calyx superior, rather small, sub-entire, smooth. Petals five, the base of each swelled out into a fleshy, three-sided body, giving to the bottom of the corol a globular form and meeting in the centre, leaving only a small aperture for the style; above tongue-shaped, and recurved. Filaments five, inserted on the petals; anthers obovate. Germ oblong, one-celled, and containing one ovale, pendulous from the top of the cell. Style four-sided, jointed, or appearing so near the middle. Stigma a little enlarged. Berries oblong, smooth, greenishyellow, one-seeded.

HAMILTONIA, Roxb.

Calyx five-eleft. Corol infundibuliform. Germ one-celled, five-seeded; attackment of the ovula inferior. Stigma five-cleft. Capsules inferior, one-celled, five-valved. Seeds five, latticearilled. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. H. suaveolens. R.

Shrubby. Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolar. Flowers in terminal, umbelliform heads. This charming, fragrant-flowered shrub was found wild on the Rajmuhal hills by Mr.

William Roxburgh, jun. and by him introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during the cold season. It is named after Mr. William Hamilton of the Wood-lands near Philadelphia in North America, an eminent botanist, and the first who was at the expense of erecting a conservatory in that country for the preservation of the plants of a hot climate. To this gentleman the Botanic garden at Calcutta is under the greatest obligation

for having enriching it with many of the choicest plants of the New World.

Stem stout, shrubby; branches opposite, cross-armed, ascending. Bark of the ligneous parts ash-coloured, with dark purple specks; general height from six to ten feet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, smooth, entire, from three to six inches long. Stipules or rather connecting membranes broad, ensiform. Flowers sessile, in terminal corymbiform heads, on short, trichotomous branchlets, numerous, pare white, and delightfully fragrant. Bractes ensiform, villous; several surrounding each fascicle or head of flowers, as well as intermixed amongst them. Calyx superior, five-cleft, permanent; divisions subulate. Corol one-petalled, funnel-shaped. Tube slender, widening a little towards the mouth. Border consisting of five, spreading, oblong divisions. Filaments five, very short, inserted into the tube of the corol a little within its mouth. Anthers half-creet, linear. Germ inferior, one-celled, and containing five distinct chambers attached to the bottom of the cell, which now, thick and succulent, become the net-like aril of the ripe seed; each chamber contains one ovulum attached to its bottom. Capsules the size of a pea, oblong, crowned with the calyx, one-celled, five-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds five when all come to maturity, which is very seldom the case, their shape differing according to the number attached to the bottom of the cell, each enveloped in a beautiful, dry net-like aril. Integument single, dark blackish-brown, friable. Perisperm in very small quantity, indeed it may be called an inner integument. Embryo conform to the seed, erect; cotyledons two, cordate, foliaceous, with a doubling down the middle. Plumula minute. Radicle oblong, inferior, pointing to the umbilicus. Compare with Psathura, Gært, carp. iii. 83. t. 194.

2. H. pilosa. R. Shrubby, straight, exceedingly hairy. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire. Flowers in axillary fascicles, mixed amongst many long, very hairy bractes.

A native of the Moluccas.

MUSSAENDA. Schreb. gen. N. 326.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol funnel-shaped. Stamina within the tube. Germ inferior, twocelled; cells many-seeded; attachment of the ovula two jugiform receptacles, inserted on the partition. Sligma two-cleft. Capsules two-celled, three-valved. Seeds numerous.

M. corymbosa. Roxb.

Shrubhy, erect. Corymbs terminal. Leaves oblong, smooth.

Native of Ceylou, Maiabar, &c. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it grows to be a stout, rigidly erect, ramous shrub, and is in blossom during the rains, at which time few

plants surpass it in beauty.

Trunk straight; branches many, decussate. Bark smooth. Leaves opposite, shortpetioled, oblong, pointed, entire, smooth on both sides, from six to nine inches long, and from three to four broad. Interface or floral leaves long-petioled, generally one to each primary division of the corymb, of an oval form, acute, pure white, smooth on both sides, five or seven-nerved. Petioles of the floral leaves long, slender, drooping, inserted on the apex of the germ, forming one of the divisions of the calyx. Stipules within the leaves, from a broad cordate base, tapering to an acute point. Coryabs terminal, compound and decompound, smooth. Bracles ovate-lanceolate. Flowers numerous, and uncommonly beautiful. Calyx five-parted; divisions erect, bristle-shaped, smooth. Corol funnel-shaped. Tube slen-Calgar five-parted; divisions erect, bristle-shaped, smooth. Corol lumiel-shaped. Two siender, more than twice the length of the days, swelled a little about the middle, where the stamens are lodged; mouth closed with stames coloured hair. Border of five ovate, fleshy, pointed, spreading divisions, on the upper side convex, villous, of a deep but bright orange colour, and greenish underneath. Filaments five, short, inserted into the middle of the tube. Authors linear, hid in the tube. Germ inferior, two-celled; oxula numerous, on a pedicelled jugiform receptacle, projecting above the insertion and far below it. Style half the length of the tube of the corol. Stigmal two, Gaussile oval, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous. Obs. In some parts of India the white floral leaves are brought to table as an esculent book.

2. M. frondosa. Willd. sp. j. 9970
Shrubby, creet. Leaver oblong, acuminate, villons. Panicles terminal, dichotomous villous. Control of the M. Zeylanica. Burm. Zeyl. 165. t. 76. Hartplucully survey Belilla. Rheed. Mal. ii. 27. tab. 17.

A native of various parts of India; in the Botanic garden at Calcutta it grows to be a pretty large shrub, but with few branches, at least when compared to the preceding species, but the flowers, which appear about the end of the rains and beginning of the cool season, are larger and of a brighter colour.

BAEOBOTRYS. Schreb. gen. N. 318.

Calyx five-parted. Corol tubular. Germ semi-inferior, one-celled, many-seeded, attached to a free, inferior, central receptacle. Berry inferior, many-seeded.

Shrubhy. Leaves alternate, ventricose-oblong, grossly serrate. Racemes axillary, and terminal; the terminal ones more generally compound.

A large shrub, a native of Chittagong; in the Botanic garden at Calcutta it flowers in February, March and April, but rarely perfects its seeds there.

It appears to differ from Vahl's B, lanceolata, Symb. i. p. 19. t. 6. in the leaves being shorter-petioled, and more grossly serrate; as well as in the inflorescence.

Trunk erect, in plants eight or ten years old as thick as a man's leg. Branches numerous, extending down to the ground, straight and nearly erect. Bark smooth, dark brown, general height of the whole plant from eight to twelve feet. Leaves alternate, rather short-petioled, ventricose-oblong, tapering to an acute point, remotely and deeply repand, serrate, pretty smooth on both sides, and glossy on the upper surface, veins large and parallel, from three to six inches long, and from one to two and a half broad. Stipules none. Racemes axillary, and terminal, often several together, some of them ramous, much shorter than the leaves; the terminal one generally panicled. Flowers numerous, diverging, short-pedicelled, small, pure white. Bracles one at the base of each pedicel, and two pressing on the calyx. Calyx single, semi-supers, permanent, five-parted, divisions obtuse. Corol one-petalled. Tube short, somewhat gibbons. Border of five equal, roundish, expanded segments. Filaments short, inserted into the tube of the corol, immediately below the middle of the segments of the border, incurved, smooth Anthers cordate, converging in form of a dome over the apex of the pistillum. Germ semi-inferior, broad-ovate, one-celled, containing numerous ovula from the bottom of the cell, Style short. Stigma tending to be lobate. Berry inferior, crowned with the permanent calyx, round, smooth, dry, size of a grain of black pepper, one-celled, evalvular. Receptacle roundcordate, free, attached to the bottom of the cell, as in Primula, &c. Gart. sem. i. 233. t. 50. Seeds numerous, angular.

2. B. ramentacea, R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, lanceolate, acuminate, entire, smooth. Panicles terminal,

axillary, and lateral, ramentaceous. Berries minute, white, succulent.

Mulmooriya is the vernacular name at Silhet, where it is indigenous. It grows to be a pretty large shrub, blossoms in March and April, and the seeds ripen in October and Novem-

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, acuminate, entire, smooth, from two to six inches long. Panieles terminal, axillary, and lateral, numerous, small, crowded with small, abortive, ferriginous, ramentaceous branchlets. Flowers small, greenish-yellow. Bractes ferruginous, small, subulate. Calyx five-parted, almost five-leaved. Corol; tube very small. Border of five orbicular, veined segments. Filaments five, short, inserted into the tube of the corol. Anthers two-lobed, broad-ovate. The germ may be called superior, ovate, smooth, onecelled; ovula numerous, on a sub-cylindric receptacle, rising from the base of the cell. Style short. Stigma two or three-lobed. Berries completely inferior, size of a grain of black pepper, white, smooth, succulent, one-celled. Cell formed by a white, pretty hard, but thin, nuciform integument. Seeds several, minute, angular, black, pitted, attached to the free, central receptacle, as in the germ. Integuments uncertain, on account of the diminutive size of the seed. Perisperm soft, juicy, dark-coloured. Embryo sub-cylindric, transverse.

3. B. nemoralis, Willd. spec. i. 992.
Shubby. Leaves alternate, ovate-oblong, repand-dentate, smooth. Racemes axillary,

short, and crowded.

Malmooriya is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous and grows to the size of a pretty large, very ramous, upright shrub. It flowers in March, and the seeds ripen

in May.

Branches and branchlets numerous, nearly erect, round and pretty smooth. Bark of the old woody parts brown, of the young shoots green. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovateoblong, margins repand, serrate-dentate, (for there is a mixture of the whole,) in some acuminate, both sides smooth, texture firm, three or four inches long, by two broad. Racemes axillary, about twice the length of the petioles, ramous, and crowded with minute white flowers. Bracles subulate, one-flowered, besides one or two broader on the short petioles, or pressing the calyx. Calyx campanulate, five-parted. Corol with a very short tube, and a border of five oval segments. Filoments five, inserted into the tube, under the middle of the segments of the border, short, incurved. Germ superior, one-celled, containing numerous ovula, attached to a free receptacle, rising from the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma three-

4. B. glabra. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, ovate-lanceolate, entire, smooth. Panieles axillary, smooth. A slender tree, with straight, smooth branches, and leaves ; a native of Chittagong, where it flowers in March.

5. B. tetrandra. R.

Leaces alternate, oblong, entire. Racemes axillary. Flowers tetrandrous.

A native of the Moluccas.

VERBASCUM. Schreb. gen. N. 331.

Corol rotate, somewhat unequal. Capsules superior, two-celled, two-valved.

1. V. Thapsus. Willd. spec. i. 1001.

Leaves decurrent, downy on both sides. Stem simple.

Found by Captain Hardwicke amongst the mountains on his tour to Shreenugura. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it grows to the height of from six to eight feet, the stem still perfectly straight, but often ramous ; it blossoms during the cold season.

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DATURA. Schreb. gen. N. 332.

Corol infundibuliform, plaited. Calyx tubular, angular, deciduous. Capsule fourvalved.

1. D. fastnosa. Willd. spec. i. 1008. Fleming in Asiat. Res. xi.

Annual, coloured. Leaves with the two sides unequally ovate, margins repand, lobate. Flowers double. Fruit round, echinate, drooping.

Beng. Kala-Dhootoora.

Stramonia indica tertia, seu Datura rubra. Rumph. Amb. x. 243. t. 87. f. 2.

A native of various parts of India. It flowers during the rainy and cool season. dry root smoked is said to relieve spasmodic asthma.

2. D. Metel. Willd. spec. 1009. Fleming. Ibid. 165.

Annual. Leaves with the two sides unequally ovate, margins repand-lobate. Fruit round, spinous.

Beng. Dhootoora.

Stramonia indica prima, sen Datura alba. Rumph. Amb. v. 242. t. 87. f. 1.

Hummatu. Rheed. Mal. ii. 47. t. 28.

Very common every where over India; produces flowers and seed the whole year.

· PHYSALIS. Schreb. gen. N. 336.

Calyx gibbous, five-toothed. Corol rotate. Berry superior, within the inflated calyx, two-celled, many-seeded.

1. P. flexuosa. Willd. spec. i. 1020. Shrubby; branches flexuose. Leaves oblong, often paired. Flowers axillary, crowded, Pevetti. Rheed. Mal. iv. 113. t. 55. 562

Beng. Ushwa-gundha.

Teling. Penneroo.

This perennial species is to be found in almost every soil and situation. Flowers all the

year round.

Stems several, erect, shrubby, flexuose, two-forked, round, downy. Leaves double, shortpetioled, ovate, a little scolloped, downy, from two to four inches long. Flowers axillary, sub-sessile, crowded, small, greenish. Corol campanulate. Authors split at the base. Berry

red, smooth, size of a pea.

The Telinga physicians recken the roots alexipharmic; indeed they are all much addicted to the belief of such powers being present in a great variety of their simples; hence the name Naga, (i. e. the hooded snake, Coluber Naga of Linnaus) being so often annexed to that of various plants. They are as fond of the study of antidotes as the Greek or Roman physicians were, which will appear the less surprizing if we consider the great number of poisonous animals and plants which abound in the warmer part of Asia, to the dreadful effects of which they are very often eye-witnesses. It is therefore very natural for them to attend much more to this branch of medicine than is done in cold climates, where there is scarcely an animal of which the bite or sting can be said to be mortal.

P. Alkekengi, Willd, spec. i. 1022.

Herbaceous: branches straggling. Leaves in pairs, entire, and somewhat angular. A native of Persia. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it flowers during the cool season, but does not thrive in Bengal.

3. P. peruviana. Willd. spec. i. 1022.

Biennial or perennial, very ramous, diffuse, pubescent. Leaves double, or single, and then with a branchlet; cordate, dentate. Flowers solitary, drooping. Stigma two-cleft. P. edulis. Sims' Bot. Mag. 1068. I concur with the author, in referring P. pubescens to

the same species.

Beng. Tepuriya.

I have only found this in a cultivated state and that on account of its large, vellowish, palatable berries; although naturally perennial yet the plants are reared annually from seed, as they are not fruitful after the first year. The same is the case with the Capsicums and the many varieties of Solanum Melongena.
4. P. minima. Willd. spec. i. 1024.

Annual, ramous, downy. Leaves double or single, and then with a branchlet, ovate, irregularly dentate. Flowers solitary, erect. Stigmas entire. Fruit pendulous.

Inota-Inodien. Rheed. Mal. x. ceu. Moetoe. 139. t. 70.

Beng. Bun Teperiya. Hind. Toolati-pati.

A small ramous annual, common on cultivated ground, both in Bengal and on the coast of Coromandel.

Stem short, but distinct; branches many, two-forked, striated, a little downy. Leaves double, except at the divisions of the branchlets, where they are single, the smaller branchlets occupying the place of the other; unequal, petioled, cordate, irregularly toothed, downy on both sides; from two to four inches long. Fedurales solitary, axillary, erect, one-flowered. Flowers small, campanulate, uniform, pale yellow, and smooth. Filaments a little hairy, yellow.

SOLANUM. Schreb. gen. N. 337.

Calyx five-parted. Corol rotate. Anthers coalescent, gaping at the top with a double pore. Berry superior, two-celled, many-seeded.

SECT. I. Unarmed.

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S. pubescens. Willd. spec. i. 1026.

Sub-arboreous, unarmed. Leaves alternate, oblong, pointed, entire, downy. Cymes dichotomous.

Gandira* the Sanscrit name, see Asiat. Res. iv. 258.

Beng. Urusa.

Teling, Rusa-ghedi maun.

Amongst the mountains in the Telinga country this grows to be a small or middle-sized

tree, with a very thick shady head. Flowers during the not season.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, downy, from six to ten inches long. Cymes terminal or leaf-opposed, two-cleft; ramifications recurved. Flowers small, white, very numerous. Berry the size of a cherry.

2. S. auriculatum. Willd. spec. i. 1025.

Sub-arboreous, every part downy. Leares broad-lanceolate, entire. Stipules axillary, obliquely ovate-cordate. Comes in the forks of the branchlets, dichotemous.

A native of Mauritius, and introduced by Captain Tennant, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta; where it blossoms during the rainy and cold seasons, and continues to ripen its fruit from December till May.

Stem nearly erect, in six years as thick as a man's leg, and about eight feet high. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches dichotomous, spreading much. Branchlets and all the tender parts most completely clothed with sessile and pedicelled, hoary, stellate pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-lanceolar, tapering to a rather obtuse point, entire; clothed underneath like the branchlets; upper surface a little hairy; from four to eight inches long. and two or three broad. Petioles channelled, downy like the branchlets. Stipules in sessile, axillary pairs, obliquely ovate-cordate, large, and recurvate round the branchlets, looking more like small common leaves than stipules. Cymes in the forks of the branchlets long-peduncled, dichotomous. Ramifications recurvate, sub-secund. Flowers numerous, sub-sessile, small, lively blue-purple. Berry spherical, size of a small cherry, when ripe of a dull yellow.

Obs. Independently of the colour of the flowers, the stipulæ or axillary leaves render this species readily known; in all other respects it almost exactly resembles the preceding;

in that plant there are no stipulæ, and the flowers are white.

3. S. Lycopersicum. Willd. sp. i. 1033.

Annual. Leaves pinnate, gashed. Racemes bipartite, leafless. Fruit smooth, vertically compressed, torulose.

Pomum amoris. Rumph. Amb v. t. 154. f. 1.

Although this is now very common in Iudia, I suspect it is as little a native as the common potatoe, which is now very generally cultivated over India, even by the natives for their

4. S. rubrum. Willd. sp. i. 1034.

Annual, erect, unarmed. Branches somewhat angular. Leaves ovate, dentate, lobate. Umbels short-peduncled. Flowers and berries drooping.

Beng. Goorkhi.

Nelen tsjunda. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 73.

A common weed in gardens all over India, with flowers and ripe seed the whole year

Seeds received from the Mauritius under the name of Solanum nodiflorum, (Willd. sp. i. 1035.) produced this very plant. On that Island it is called Brede, and very generally cultivated as a pot herb.

5. S. decemdentatum, R.

Annual, erect, ramous, hairy. Leanes in pairs or solitary with a branchlet, ovate. Peduncles axillary, from two to six together, one-flowered. Calyx ten-toothed.

A native of China; from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where

it blossoms and ripens its berries most part of the year.

It has the habit of a robust, pubescent variety of Solanum nigrum.

Stems annual, nearly erect, with alternate, flexuose, pubescent, round branches and branchlets; general height two or three feet. Leaves in pairs or single, and accompanied with a branchlet, petioled, ovate-oblong, somewhat acute, villous. Peduncles axillary, from two to six together, one-flowered, drooping when in blossoms. Calyx ten-toothed, pubescent. Berries the size of a pea, smooth, bright red, when ripe.

6. S. spirale. R.

Shrubby, void of pubescence. Leaves paired, lanceolar, entire. Racemes lateral, the unexpanded part'spirally revolute. Segments of the calyx glandular.

Bugua is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and in flower and fruit at various times of the year. Though rather feetid it is an ornamental species on account of its smooth, deep green leaves; spiral racemes of pretty white flowers; and numerous small, round yellow berries.

SECT. II. Armed.

7. S. Melongena. Willd. sp. i. 1036.

Perennial. Leaves obliquely-ovate, downy, scollop-lobed. Fertile flowers solitary, long peduncled, drooping; the barren ones on small racemes. Fruit oval, smooth.

Beng. Begoon. Hind. Bangan. Teling. Wangkai.

Nila-Barudena. Rheed. Mal. x 147. t. 74.

Trongum hortense. Rumph. Amb. v. 238. t. 85.

Of this very universally useful, esculent species, there are many varieties cultivated in India. The plants are annually renewed from seed, though all the varieties are perennial; but like the Capsicums not so productive after the first year. They continue to blossom and bear fruit the whole year, but chiefly during the cold season. In Bengal, in a rich soil, they have very few prickles, but in a poor one many.

8. S. longum. R.

Perennial. Leaves irregularly ovate, scolloped. Fruit cylindrical, smooth. Calyx sometimes armed.

Sans. Koolee.

Kooli-begoon,

Neer Wanga is the Telinga name of the plant, and Neer Wangkai the fruit.

Long Brinjal of Europeans.

I consider this to be a species clearly distinct from melongena, for the fruit is always cylindrical, never changing by culture into any other form. The plant is biennial, and in every respect like Melongena, the fruit excepted. I have only met with it in gardens, where it is cultivated for the table, and have had it nine years in mine without producing any change in it. The cold season is the proper time for rearing it.

The plants will exist several years, but are either dug up or neglected after the first.

Stem short, erect, somewhat woody. Branches numerous, spreading, two-forked, downy, sometimes prickly; the whole plant is from two to three feet high. Leaves alternate petioled, oblong, scolloped, or sub-lobate, downy; from six to ten inches long; sometimes the principal nerve is prickly on the under side. Flowers bowing, large, of a beautiful, bright bluish-purple, they are of two kinds, abortive with a minute pistil on a small raceme or umbellet; and a single fertile one upon its own proper petiole, which generally stands immediately below or close by the peduncle of the racemes. Calga and petioles sometimes prickly. Berry pendulous, cylindric, generally a little curved, but never in the least clubbed, smooth, vellow: from nine to eighteen inches long, and from one and a half to two and a half in diameter, it is generally three-celled.

9. S. insanum. Willd. sp. i. 1037.

Perennial, (in a poor soil) armed. Leaves ovate, sinuate, downy. Peduncles from one

to four-flowered. Calyx often armed. Fruit from oval to spherical, polished.

A native of Amboyna, yet I doubt whether Rumphius's Trongum horteasi can be any other than the real Indian melongena. From the same Island, the seeds of a variety of the above (insunum), were brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta. Their plants are more spinous, and the fruit perfectly round, white, and smooth, almost the size of a small Crahapple. This I take to be Rumphius's Trongum agreete, vol. v. p. 240. t. 86. f. 1. and so far as my observation extends, it is not cultivated on the continent of India.

10. S. athiopicum, Willd. sp. i. 1036.

Annual, scarcely armed. Leaves oval, repand, downy. Peduncles one-flowered. Berries

red, smooth, depressed, five-lobed.

From the Mauritius, where it is said to be indigenous, it has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it grows to the height of about two feet, with many spreading branches, clothed with short stellate pubescence, and here and there a small straight prickle; flowers white, and appear at all season.

11. S. diffusum. R.

Diffuse, perennial, prickly. Leaves oval, deeply scolloped, downy and prickly on both . Peduacles and calyces prickly. Berries round.

Solanum incanum chinense. Pluck. Alm. 62. f. 1.

Sans, Surpatunoo, Kshurika, Peetutundoola, Pootruprada, Buhoophula, Godhinee, Kuputeshwurce, Kinna, Kutoovarttakee, Kshetruja.

Teling. Nella Mollunga.

This is by far the most common species I know; every soil and situation seems to suit

it equally well; it is in flower all the year round, and often perennial.

Stem none, but numerous, irregular, woody, diffuse, two-forked branches spread on the ground, or near it; young shoots covered with stellate down; all the branches thickly armed with strong, sharp, compressed, somewhat recurved pricklets. Leaves alternate, petioled, oval, much scolloped, or slightly lobate; both sides covered with stellate down, and the veins armed with straight prickles. Flowers as in S. longum, except that here the raceme is sometimes wanting. Berry perfectly globular, smooth, about an inch in diameter, colour varying according as they have been exposed to the sun, or sheltered; in the former case they are yellow, in the latter white; the Telinga people give the name of nella mollunga to the former, and tella mollunga to the latter.

Obs. The fruits are much esteemed by the natives; all tribes eat them freely in their eurries, for which reason the plant is often found cultivated in the Circars.

There is another sort, so exceedingly like this in almost every respect, that it was long before I discovered they were distinct: the chief distinguishing marks are, the leaves in this are longer, smoother, and deeply lobated, with the lobes sometimes scolloped, or sub-lobate, and the prickles much more numerous, longer, sharper and all perfectly straight.

12. S. Jacquini, Willd. sp. i. 1041.

Biennial, armed, angular, creeping. Leaves oblong-laciniate, armed on the sides with straight spines. Calyx armed. Berries globular, smooth, variegated.

Beng, Kanthakaree.

A native of Bengal, where it is generally found on road sides near villages. It is in

blossom, and produces ripe fruit most part of the year.

Root at least biennial. Stem none, but several, flexuose, ramous branches, spreading close on the ground, for an extent of some feet, often striking root at the insertion of the leaves; angular, nearly void of pubescence. Leaves frequently in pairs, oblong, pinnatifid, or laciniate, smooth, but armed on both sides with long, strong, straight spines. between the leaves, and almost as long, bearing four, five, or six alternate, pedicelled, large, bright blue flowers. Calyx armed with straight spines. Berries spherical, size of a large gooseherry, very smooth, drooping, while immature variegated with green and white, when ripe with different shades of yellow only.

S. indicum. Willd. sp. i. 1042.
 Shrubby, armed, very ramous. Leaves ovate, lobate, downy, armed on both sides.

Racemes leaf-opposed. Calyx armed. Berries erect, round, smooth. Beng. Vyakool, Vyakoor, Goorkamai.

Cheru-chunda. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 36.

Solanum fructescens, &c. Burm. Zeyl. p. 220, t. 102, is a pretty good representation of this plant, but I think Dillenius's S. indieum spinosum flore boragineo, t. 270. f. 349. must have been taken from a very different species, the flowers being much too large, and the leaves too deeply divided for our East Indian plant.

Trunk trifling, but the branches are numerous, ligneous, and perennial, forming a large, very ramous shrub of several feet in height, armed with numerous very acute, somewhat recurved spines; the young parts are downy. Leaves solitary, or in pairs, petioled, ovatelobate, downy, and armed with a few straight spines on both sides, from two to four inches long. Racemes between or opposite to the leaves, supporting several long-pedicelled, middlesized, pale blue flowers. Calyx deeply five-eleft, armed. Berries erect, round, smooth, size of a marrowiat pea; while immature, variegated with deeper and lighter green, when ripe with deep orange yellow.

14. S. trilobatum, Willd. sp. i. 1049.

Shrubby, scandent, armed with recurved, acute prickles. Leaves ovate, three, four, or five-lobed, smooth. Racemes terminal, or between the leaves. Berries drooping, round, smooth. Teling. Oochinta-kura; kura means esculent, the leaves being one of their favourite pot

Solanum trilobatum, Burm. Ind. 55. t. 22. f. 2.

Compare with Lamark's S. acstosifolium.

A native of the coast of Coromandel, particularly the Northern Circars, where it is found in abundance on the road sides, running over bushes, upon low trees, or whatever support it meets; for it is by far too long and slender to support itself. In flower and seed the whole

Stems and larger branches ligneous, scandent; armed with numerous, very sharp, recurved prickles, otherwise perfectly smooth; general extent from one to two fathoms, and often very ramous. Leaves scattered, remote, petioled, sub-ovate, three, four, or five-lobed, smooth, of a shining green on both sides. Petioles and veins armed. Peduncles leaf-opposite, solitary, or accompanied with a single, one-flowered pedicel; armed, few-flowered. Flowers large, bluish-purple. Germ two-celled. Berries of the size and appearance of a red current, smooth,

15. S. hirsutum. R.

Annual or biennial, ramous, prickly, and hairy. Leaves double, one of the pair smaller, ovate-cordate, angle-lobed. Calyx unarmed. Berry round, very hairy, four-celled.

Ana-Chunda. Rheed. Mal. ii. 65. tab. 35.

Beng. Ram-begoon.

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Is a scarce plant, grows in the country about Calcutta, and is found in flower and fruit in August.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any, but many sub-ligneous branches covered with much down, and armed with innumerable, small, erect spines. Leaves double, as in several of the Physali: petioled, one of the pair always much larger than the other, but it is from the axills of the smallest that the branchlets issue; they are obcordate, irregularly angle-lobed; the upper surface is thickly covered with much erect, soft hair, on the under side it is more distinctly stellate, and whitish; nerve and larger reins armed on both sides with strong straight prickles, the largest from six to nine inches long, and from four to six broad, the smaller about half the size. Petioles round, hairy, prickly; those of the large leaves half their length, and coloured on the upper side; those of the smaller ones about one-fourth part of their length. Umbel generally opposite, and below the leaves, simple, few-flowered. Peduacles and pedicels short and hairy, but not prickly. Flowers white, pretty large. Calya hairy, otherwise unarmed. Corol very hairy on the outside. Anthers sessile, conical. Germ hairy. Berries the size of a nutmeg, round, very hairy, four-celled, as in Datura.

16. S. stramonifolium. Jacqu.
Shrubby, erect. Branches, petioles and leaves sparingly beset with strong, flattened prickles. Leaves alternate or geminate, ovate, unequally cordate, deeply sinuate-lobate, with stellate pubescence on both sides. Corymbs lateral, bifid, unarmed, with glandular, slightly viscous pubescence. Corolla flat, with undulate laciniae. Berry round, smooth; on thickened, clavate peduncles.

Beng. Gota begoon.

This is an exceedingly common plant in Bengal, where it grows near the habitations of men; in blossom and fruit the whole year.

CAPSICUM. Schreb. gen. N. 338.

Corol wheel-shaped. Anthers converging. Berry superior, juiceless, from two to threecelled.

1. C. purpureum. R. Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Peduncles solitary in the divisions of the branch-Shrubby.

lets; after the blossom drops erect. Berry erect, ovate, dark purple.

In 1796, I found a single plant of this species in the garden, but from whence it came I could never learn; most likely from the Molucca Islands. The seeds have for these thirteen years continued to produce, in all situations, plants exactly the same as the original one;

this circumstance, with the general colour and erect ovate fruit, leaves little room to doubt Care its being a distinct species.

Stem short, branches numerous, dichotomous; young shoots almost four-sided, and deeply tinged with dark purple; whole height from two to four feet. Leaves solitary at the divisions of the branches, or in pairs where the branches do not divide, petioled, ovatelanceolate; they are also tinged with the preveiling dark purple colour of the whole plant, particularly the nerves and veins. Peduncles solitary in the divisions of the branches, as long as the petioles. Flowers a bentiful purple, drooping. Berry ovate, erect, of a darkpurple till ripe, then of a dull reddish colour, generally three-celled, but the partitions are often discontinued towards the apex.

The envelope of the seed is rather less acrid than that of the other sorts in use at our

2. C. annuum. Willd. sp. i. 1050.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Peduacles solitary. Flowers drooping. Fruit oblong,

This does not appear to be a native of India, as the Hindoos have no name for it, nor is it even found in their gardens. In India the Capsiciums are all shrubby, but produce so badly after the first year, and begin to look so scraggy, that they are seldom suffered to remain longer than one season.

3. C. grossum, Willd, sp. i. 1051.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate-oblong. Pedaneles solitary, one-flowered, drooping. Fruit reflex, swelled into various shapes.

Beng. Kaffree-murich.

Caffree-chilly is the name by which this sort is generally known amongst Europeans; the plant does not appear to me to be a native of India. The thick fleshy skin of this species is but triflingly acrid, and a palatable condiment is made of them.

4. C. frutescens. Willd, sp. i. 1051.

Shrubby, Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Pedaneles solitary. Flowers drooping. Fruit tapering, curved, reflex.

Beng. Lal gachh Lanka marich, or Lal Lanka marich.

Hind. Lal gachh murich.

There is a pointed variety, with the fruit yellow, or of a bright orange colour when ripe, which the Hindoos call simply gachh murich, it is the sort most used; particularly when dried, in which state it is to be found in every market.

5. C. minimum. R.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate-cordate. Peduncles in pairs. Flowers drooping. Calyees with subulate, spreading teeth. Fruit sub-cylindric, erect.

Beng. Dhan Lanka marich.

East Indian Bird chilly or Cayenne-pepper capsicum.

6. C. cerasiforme, Willd. spec. 1, 1051.

Shrubby, fruit globular.

I doubt much whether this be a native of India, for I have only found it in the gardens of the curious.

STRYCHNOS. Schreb. gen. N. 339.

Calyx five-parted. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ two-celled; orula many, attached to the middle of the partition. Berry superior, one-celled. Seeds nestling in soft pulp. Embryo furnished with a perisperm, and the radicle pointing to the receptacle, now obliterated (centripetal.)

1. S. Nux-romica. Willd. sp. i. 1052. Roxb. Corom. i. 4.

Leaves opposite, three and five-nerved, oval, lucid. Berries many-seeded.

Cariram, Rheed, Mal. i. t. 37.

Beng. Koochila. Teling. Musadi.

A middling-sized tree, common on almost every part of the coast of Coromandel; in

flower during the cold season.

Trunk short, often crooked, but pretty thick. Branches irregular, both are covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark; young shoots highly polished, deep green. Wood white, hard, close-grained, and bitter. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, shining, smooth on both sides, entire, from three to five-nerved, or rather between that and triple, or quintuple, differing in size from one and a half to four inches long, and from one to three broad. Stipules none. Flowers small, greenish-white, collected on small, terminal corymbs. Colyx fivetoothed, permanent. Corol infundibuliform, as in the genus. Filaments scarcely any, or exceedingly short, inserted over the bottom of the divisions of the corol. Anthers oblong, half within the tube, and half out. Germ two-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the thickened centre of the partition. Style the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma capitate. Berry round, smooth, size of a pretty large apple, covered with a smooth, somewhat hard shell, of a rich, beautiful orange colour when ripe; filled with a white, soft, gelati-

nous pulp. Seeds several, immersed in the pulp of the berry.

The wood of this tree being hard and durable is used for many purposes by the natives. It is exceedingly bitter, particularly that of the root, which is used to cure intermitting fevers, and the bites of venomous snakes; when that of Naga musadi cannot be had. The

Page seeds are employed in the distillation of country spirits, to render them more intoxicating.

Ed. The pulp of the fruit seems perfectly innocent, as it is greedily eaten by many sorts of birds. The pulp of the fruit seems perfectly innocent, as it is greedily eaten by many sorts of birds.

2. S. potatorum. Willd. sp. 1, 1052, Corom. pl. 1, N. 5.

Leaves opposite, from ovate to oval, smooth, pointed. Bark deeply cracked. Berries

Beng. and Hind. Nirmulee.

S. potatorum. Asiat. Res. xi. p. 178.

Teling. Induga. Tam. Tettan-kotta. Eng. Clearing-nut.

This species grows to be a larger tree than Nux-romica. It is much scarcer, being only found amongst mountains and woods of great extent. It flowers during the hot season.

Dr. König's description of this tree in the supplementum plantarum of Linnaus, page 148, is so perfect, as to leave me little to add, the only observation I have to make is, that the leaves cannot be said to be either three or five-nerved.

Stipules entire, connecting. Coryads from the extremities of the last year's shoots, round the base of this year's, small, bearing in ternary order, many small, erect, fragrant, greenish-yellow flowers. Filaments rather longer than in Nux-comica. Germ and contents

as in S. Nux-romica. Berry shining, black when ripe.

The wood of this, like that of the former, is hard and durable, and is used for various

economical purposes.

The pulp of the fruit, when ripe, is eaten by the natives; to me the taste is rather disagreeable.

The ripe seeds are dried, and sold in every market to clear muddy water. The natives never drink clear well water if they can get pond or river water, which is always more or less impure according to circumstances. One of the seeds is well rubbed for a minute or two round the inside of the vessel containing the water, generally an unglazed earthen one, which is then left to settle; in a very short time the impurities fall to the bottom, leaving the water clear and, so far as I have been able to learn, perfectly wholesome. These seeds are constantly carried about by the more provident part of our officers and soldiers, in time of war, to enable them to purify their water. They are easier to be obtained than alum, and are probably less hurtful to the constitution.

3. S. colubrina.* Willd. sp. i. 1052.

Scandent; tendrils simple. Leaves from oval to oblong, obtusely acuminate, triple-nerved, polished. Berries many-seeded.

Modira Caneram. Rheed. Mal. 8. t. 24.

Beng. Koochila-luta.

Found by Mr. M. R. Smith, indigenous on the hills near Silhet, where it blossoms in

April, and the seeds ripen in September and October.

Stem of great size, often from eight to twelve inches in diameter; the wood hard, intensely bitter and of a light gray colour; this with its numerous ramifications climbs over the highest trees. Back ash-coloured, more or less scabrous, according to the age and size of the part of the young shoots, smooth and green. Tendrils lateral, simple, becoming thick and ligneous. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, from oval to oblong, entire, obtusely acuminate, triple-nerved; nerves extending to the apex, texture rather thin; glossy; from three to six inches long, by two or three broad. Stipules none. Corymbs terminal, small; composed of two or three pairs of opposite, few-flowered, short, villous branches. Flowers small, greenish yellow, in a sub-ternary order. Bractes one under each division and sub-division of the corymb, tapering, villous. Calyx five-parted, clammy, with glandular pubescence. Corol infundibuliform, smooth. Tube cylindric. Border five-parted; segments linear-oblong, spreading. Filaments five, short, inserted into the mouth of the tube of the corol under the fissures of its border. Anthers sub-sagittate. Germ superior, ovate, smooth, two-celled, with many orula in each, attached to a fleshy ridge down the middle of the partition. Style the length of the corol. Stigma capitate. Berry often as large as an orange, round, in the advanced state one cell only can be detected. Cortex rather hard and brittle; colour from a bright yellow to a dirty looking mixture of yellow and rough brown. Palp gelatinous and yellow. Seeds from two to twelve, orbicular, much flattened as in the Nux-comica, peltate, nearly an inch broad. Integuments two; the exterior one thin, but tough, and most densely clothed with soft, short hairs, like the softest velvet; the interior one a very thin brown membrane.

The following note was written by Dr. Roxburgh several years before this species was discovered in Bengal, and attached to S. Nucromica. I have therefore thought it best to insert it here.—W. C.

There is a tree, but exceedingly rare on this coast, which the Telingas call Naga wasadi (Naga, or Tensiopaum in the Telinga language, means the Cobra de Oxpella or Colaber aga of Linneux, Tensoo means dancing, and paum a serpent; this nort being famous for creeting its head and moving it from side to side at the sound of music.) I have only once met with this tree, and then it was pointed out to me by a Telinga Doctor. The tree had been cut down, and carried away, from the only remaining one that I could find, some shoots had aprung up. The leaves upon these were opposite, short-petioled, obtuse lanceolate, three-nerved; about two, or two and a half inches long, by three-fourths of an inch bread. The petioles were very short, and connected at their insertions by a membrane. I took up this root with the greatest care, cut off the upper part from whence the shoots grow, and planted it in any garden, but it soon perished. From the above circumstances I am inclined to think there is a species different from the third, or scandent species called Colabrinas, as well as from the Nacromica tree, which yields the real or at least another sort of the Ligaum colabrinas. The wood of the root of this sort is esteemed by the Telinga Physicians an infallible remedy for the bite of the Naga, as well as for that of every other venomous snake. It is applied externally, and at the same time given internally. It is also given in substance for the cure of Intermitting fevers.—Roxb, Mss.

Perispersa conform to the seed, united round the margins, the middle free, resembling two Pa cotyledons, horny. Embryo straight, much smaller than the perisperm, and lodged close to the umbilious, which may be readily known by the hair being longer at that part, forming a tuft round it. Cotyledons cordate, three-nerved. Radicle oval, pointing to the umbilious, (centripetal.)

SERISSA. Juss.

Corol one-petalled, funnel-shaped; throat ciliate; segments of the border sub-tri-lobate. Berry inferior, two-seeded.

1. 8. fatida. Willd. sp. i. 1061.

Dysoda faziculata. Louriero Cochin Ch. 181. Lycium japonicum. Thunb. Jap. 93. t. 17. Lycium fatidum, Lian. suppl. 150. Lycium indicum. Retz. Obs. ii. p. 12.

Introduced into our gardens in India from China, which accounts for the natives having no name for it. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms the whole year round, but never produces fruit; the flowers being constantly double.

ARDISIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1735.

Corol hypocrateriform. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attackment inferior. Sligma subulate, Berry superior, one-seeded. Embryo transversely serpentine in an ample perisperm.
1. A. solanacea. Willd. sp. i. 1063. Roxb. Coron. 1. 27.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, oblong, entire, glossy. Racemes axillary, corymbiform. Segments of the corol ovate.

Beng. Bun-jam.

Teling, Conda-mayoor.

A small tree, or large shrub, a native of moist places in the vallies amongst the Circur

mountains. In flower and seed nearly the whole year.

Trunk one or more from the same root, erect. Bark ash-coloured. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, and cuncate-oblong, pointed, entire, smooth, glossy, somewhat succulent; from four to six inches long, by two or three broad. Racemes corymbiform, axillary, chieft; from lour to six inches long, by two or three broad. Rucemes coryinbriorm, axiliary, shorter than the leaves. Pedancles round, smooth. Pedicels clubbed, round, smooth. Bractes a concave one below each pedicel. Flowers pretty large, rose-coloured. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets imbricated, concave, roundish; permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube exceedingly short. Border five-eleft; divisions spreading, cordate. Filaments five, exceedingly short, from the bottom of the tube. Authers oblong, nente. Germ superior, oblong. Style awled. Stigma neute. Berry size of a small cherry, round, jnicy, black, one-seeded.

The juice of the berries is of a very beautiful bright red colour; upon paper it changes

to a durable brown.

2. A. paniculata, R.

Shrubby. Leaves cuneate-oblong, sub-sessile, entire, smooth, reflex. Panieles terminal,

oval, composed of many alternate, compound branches.

A large shrub, or small tree, a native of the hilly parts of Chittagong, and particularly conspicuous on account of its large reflexed leaves, (from six to twelve inches long;) and very large, elegant panicles of innumerable, lively rose-coloured flowers. Like most of the

other species, it continues to blossom and ripen its seed most part of the year.

Foung shoots thick, somewhat succulent, with smooth, clear, green bark. Leaves crowded about the ends of the branchlets, sub-sessile, from lanceolar to cuneate-oblong. rather obtuse, entire, smooth, from six to twelve inches long, and from three to five broad. Panicles terminal, very large, oval; composed of numerous, patent, compound branches, all are round, smooth and green. Flowers very numerous, pretty large, rose-coloured. Bractes oblong. Calga the border divided into five broad-ovate segments. Carol sub-rotate; segments of the border ovate. Filaments five, short, inserted into the base of the corol. Anthers sagittate, united into a cone. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing one ovalum attached to the bottom of the cell. Style longer than the stamina. Sligma simple.

3. A. colorata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves linear-lanceolar, entire, smooth; reins nearly diverging. Panieles

terminal, (large and highly coloured.) composed of a few, decompound, expanding branches,

Umar-kalli, the vernacular name at Silhet, where the shrub is indigenous, and one of
the most desirable species of the genus I have yet met with. It is in flower and seed the

greatest part of the year.

Trank erect, with numerous, smooth, expanding branches and branchlets; general height, in its native soil, about twelve feet. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, linear-lancolar, entire, acute, veins parallel, and nearly diverging from the rib, about six or seven inches long, and about two broad. Floral leaves minute. Panieles terminal, solitary, very large; composed of several large, compound and decompound branches; all of which with their sub-divisions are smooth, and of a pretty deep, bright red colour. Bracter lanceslate. Calgar, corol, &c., as in the family. Berries somewhat oblate, smooth, succulent, red, size of a pea. Seed solitary, of a deep yellow in the base. Perispersi conform to the seed, very hard, some small rust-coloured specks on the surface, which in some places penetrate a little. Embryo transverse, serpentine, &c. as in Gærtner's Anguillaria, 1, 372, t. 77.

4. A. umbellata. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, smooth, veinless, entire. Umbels axillary, drooping. Calyx five-parted. Berries vertically compressed.

A native of Sumatra, from thence Dr. Charles Campbell sent the seeds to this garden,

where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and blossom most part of the year.

Stem shrubby, erect, with alternate, ascending branches; all are covered with a smooth bark; general height of the full grown shrubs about eight feet. Leaves alternate, shortpetioled, oblong, entire, polished on both sides, deep green, and almost destitute of veins; length from three to four inches, and about two broad. Peduncles axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, bearing in a simple umbellet, many pretty large, drooping, rose-coloured flowers. Calyx five-parted; divisions short, and rounded. Corol. Tube very short; divisions of the border lanceolate, first recurved, then revolute. Filaments short, inserted on the mouth of the tube of the coral. Anthers united by their heads into a cone. Germ superior, round. Style tapering. Stigma simple, appearing without the points of the authors. Berry depressed, smooth, shining black, size of a large pea, succulent; the pulp being in considerable proportion, and replete with purple juice. Seed solitary, round. Perisperm and embryo as in the other species.

5. A. villosa. R.

Shrubby, erect, with spreading, villous branchlets. Leaves lanceolate, crenulate, villous

underneath. Umbellets terminal, compound, hairy.

A native of the forests of Pulo Pinang, where Mr. R. found it in blossom in July. Compare with Pyrgus racemosa, Lourier. Cochin Ch. 149.

6. A. lanceolata. R. 583

Shrubby, with diverging branches. Leaves broad-lanceolar, polished. Panicles terminal, axillary, composed of a few simple racemes.

A native of the forests of Pulo Pinang, where Mr. W. Roxburgh found it in blossom in

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, acuminate, smooth, entire; from six to nine inches long, and two or three broad. Panietes terminal and axillary, shorter than the leaves, composed of a few diverging branches. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, of a middling size, diverging. Bractes solitary, under each pedicel, lanceolate. Calyx deeply divided into five ovate segments. Corol rotate; segments five, ovate-acuminate. Anthers sub-sessile, sagittate, open near the acute apex on the inside. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing one oculum attached to the bottom of the cell. Style length of the stamina. Stigma simple, acute.

7. A. divergens. R.

Shrubby, with diverging branchlets. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, smooth, entire. Umbellets terminal, sessile.

A native of the Moluccas.

8. A. erenala. R.

Leaves lanceolate, crenate. Racemes terminal, often compound. Flowers drooping.

From Pulo Pinang, where it is a native.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves short-petioled, alternate, lanceolate, margins smooth, somewhat obtuse, crenate. Racemes generally solitary, from the extremities of the corymbiform lateral branchlets, and always accompanied with a leaf or two, sometimes they are proliferous. Flowers numerous, small, drooping. Calyx, corol, stamens and pistillum as in A. solanacea. Berry globular, smooth, size of a pea, one-seeded.

9. A. glandulosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolar, margins coloured and glandular. Umbellets sub-terminal, numerous, long-peduncled, globular.

Bun-nurukalee the vernacular name in Silhet, where the shrub is indigenous, flowering

in the rainy season.

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Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, smooth, margins coloured, somewhat repand, and strongly marked with little, elevated, dark-coloured glands on and rather under the margin; from four to six inches long, and an inch or an inch and half broad. Undellets generally from four to eight, alternate at and round the extremities of the numerous smooth branchlets, long-peduncled, few-flowered, and globular. Flowers small, white, short-pedicelled. Calyx five-parted, marked with ferruginous spots. Corol alternate, the tube being very short; segments of the border five, round, emarginate; imbricated in the bud. Filaments inserted on the base of the tube. Anthers large, sub-sagittate, sides firmly united, forming a little dome over the mouth of the tube. Germ ovate, one-celled, and containing one ovulum, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style slender. Stigma rather enlarged, and even with the top of the anthers.

CHIRONIA, Schreb. gen. N. 349.

Corol rotate. Pistil declined. Stamina inserted on the tube of the corol. Anthers at last spiral. Pericarp two-valved, one-celled. Seeds numerous.

1. C. centaureoides, R.

Annual, erect, four-sided, first brachiate, afterwards dichotomous. Leaflets of the calyx keeled and acute. Leaves sessile, from oblong to linear, sub-tri-nerved. Stigma two-lobed. Chironia carinata, Herb. Banks.

Beng. Girmi.

A native of Bengal, appears during the end of the cold, and beginning of the hot SAMMOD.

Slems erect, four-sided, often very ramous, smooth, from three to twelve inches high; below brachiate, dichotomous, with a flower in the fork. Leaves opposite, sessile; the lowermost from oval to oblong, and three-nerved, the superior linear, and half stem-elasping; all are smooth, and entire; about an inch long. Flowers long-peduneled, solitary in the divisions of the branches and two or three-fold at their terminations. Calgar nearly as long as the tube of the corol, five-cleft to the base; divisions keeled and acute. Corol and slamens as in the genus, the authors becoming much twisted. Germ oblong. Stigma of two large, round plates, each surrounded with a thick, glandular, pubescent, horse-shoe-like margin. Capsules oblong, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds numerous, affixed to two longitudinal receptacles as in Gentiana.

Obs. I attend to the spirally twisted anthers, otherwise I should from the structure of the capsules and two-lobed stigma have considered it a gentiana. The fresh plant is considerably bitter, consequently when dry much more so. In the Banksian Herbarium I found specimens both of this and C. carinata under my name.

ERYCIBE. Roxb.

Calux five-toothed. Corol one-petalled; border ten-parted. Germ superior, one-celled, from three to four-seeded, attached to the bottom of the cell. Berry one-seeded.

 E. paniculata. Roxb. Corom. ii. 159. Erimia-Tuli, Rheed, Mal. vii. 73, t, 39,

A very large, climbing shrub; a mative of the mountain forests, the Circars, and the eastern border of Bengal; goung shoots covered with much rust-coloured farina. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, reflexed, linear, oblong, pointed, entire, smooth, from four to five inches long, and about two broad. Panicles terminal, large, oblong, covered with some rust-coloured farins. Flowers numerous, small, rust-coloured; border yellow. The ten divisions of the border of the corol unequal and orbicular. Filaments from the base of the tube of the corol, short. Anthers ovate, pointed. Germ superior, round, smooth, one-celled, containing three, four, or five ovala, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma large, five-grooved. Berry the size of a small cherry, black, pulpy, one-seeded.

EMBELIA. Jus.

Calga five-parted. Corol five-petalled, on which the stamina are inserted. Germ superior, one seeded; attachment inferior. Drupe one seeded. Embryo transversely serpentine, and furnished with a perisperm.
1. E. Ribes. Burm. Ind. 62. t. 23.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, entire, smooth. Panieles terminal, hairy.

Ribesioides. Linn. fl. zegl. N. 403.

Baberung, the vernacular name in the Silhet district.

An immense climber, a native of the forests on the east border of Bengal, where it blos-

soms in February and March; and the seeds ripen towards the close of the rainy season.

Trunk when full grown about two feet in circumference, covered with scabrous, light brown bark. Branches and branchlets very numerous, and of great extent, the tender shoots hoary. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong and elliptic, obtuse, finely veined, smooth; from two to three inches long, and one or one and half broad. Petioles one-fifth or one-sixth the length of the leaves, margins somewhat winged. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, large, open, and hoary. Bracles ensiform, villous, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, very small, hoary, of a greenish yellow colour. Calyx five-parted, clothed with short, white hairs. Petals five, oblong, concave, spreading, hoary with short, soft, white hairs. Filaments five, very short, and inserted into the middle of the petals. Authors sub-sagittate, resting on the exterior half of the petals. Germ round, one-celled, containing a single ovulum attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma headed, sub-truncate. Drupe the size of a grain of black-pepper, round, crowned with a small point, smooth, succulent, when ripe black, when dry wrinkled and very much like that spice, one-celled. Nut brittle, rugose, one-celled. Seeds solitary, roundish, with a cavity at the base. Integriments two. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo curved transversely, with the convexity up. Cotyledons two, minute, oval, lodged on the side of the base of the perisperm. Radiele filiform, of a curved, scrpentine form, with its apex near the margin of the perisperm considerably above its base, on the side opposite to where the cotyledons are lodged, nearly as in Gærtner's Anguillaria, and in Ardinia.

The natives of the hills in the vicinity of Silhet, where the plants grow abundantly, gather the little drupes, and when dry sell them to the small traders in black-pepper, who fraudulently mix them with that spice, which they so resemble as to render it almost impossible to distinguish them by sight, and they are somewhat spicy withal.

2. E. robusta. R.

Arboreous. Leaves from oblong to oval, smooth. Racemes axillary and terminal solitary. Found by Mr. Roxburgh on the Rajamahad hills; from thence he sent the seeds to this garden, where in six years the plants produced from them were about ten feet high, with an erect stem, many nearly erect, and spreading branches, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. The young shoots are somewhat angular and downy.

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Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval, smooth, entire, from two to three inches long, by one and half or two broad. Racemes axillary, solitary, simple, much shorter than the leaves. Bractes solitary, subulate, one-flowered. Flowers small, short-pedicelled, greenish white. rather inconspicuous. Calyx five-leaved, or deeply five-cleft, ovate, villous. Corol five-petalled, ovate, first spreading, afterwards revolute; thrice the length of the calyx, villous. Filaments five, short; inserted on the petals. Anthers cordate. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, containing one ornlum, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma rather enlarged, but simple. Berry dry, spherical, size of a grain of pepper, one-celled, one-seeded. Seed, perisperm and embryo as in the former species, viz. copious perisperm, with transverse, serpentine embryo, as in Gærtner's Anguillaria, i. 372. t. 77.

3. E. vestita. Roxb.

Shrubby, scandent, very ramous. Leaves oblong-lanceolate, attenuate, sub-serrulate.

Racemes axillary.

Oauor Baberung, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous in the forests, climbing over trees and shrubs for support. It is uncommonly well furnished with branchlets and foliage. The flowers are particularly small and delicate, collected in little oblong, subsessile, axillary racemes. They appear in January.

CORDIA. Schreb. gen. N. 350.

Calyx one-leaved. Corol sub-campanulate, five-parted. Germ four-celled; cells oneseeded; attachment lateral. Drupe superior, with a four-celled nut, one or two of which only are fertile. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. C. latifolia. R.

Polygamous. Leaves round-cordate, entire and repand, three-nerved. Panieles terminal and lateral. Drupes oblate-globose, on a smooth calyx. Nut from one to four-seeded.

Hind. Bura-lesoora.

A native of Hindoosthan and introduced by the late General Martin, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during the cold season; and the fruits ripen in June and July. They are much larger than those of C. Myxa, smooth, and of a beautiful pale straw colour covered with a whitish bloom.

Trunk short and generally crooked, as in Myxa; the bark also scabrous and crooked. Branches numerous, spreading, and drooping; young shoots angular and smooth; the general height of trees ten or twelve years old is about twenty feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, from round to cordate and ovate, often slightly repand, three-nerved; texture hard, smooth above, scabrous and pale underneath, from three to seven, or even eight inches long, and rather less in breadth. Petioles nearly round, and smooth. Stipules none. Panieles short, terminal and lateral, roundish; ramifications alternate, diverging, and once or more dichotomous.

Flowers numerous, small, white. Bractes minute, vilious. Calyx villous, campanulate, leathery; mouth unequally dentate. Corol short, campanulate; segments five, linear-oblong. Filaments as long as the segments of the corol, and inserted immediately under their fissures. Anthers incumbent. Germ ovate, four-celled; with one ovulum in each attached to the upper end of the axis. Style short. Stigma four-cleft; segments four-cleft, long, rugose, and recurvate. Drupe oblate-spheroidal, about an inch or an inch and a quarter in diameter, smooth, when ripe yellow. Pulp in large quantity, soft, clear, and very clammy; (the natives eat it freely,) one-celled. Nut nearly circular, laterally compressed, rugose on the outside, with a cavity at each end, the lower one deeper than the other, exceedingly hard, four-celled, though rarely all fertile. Seed solitary, ovate-oblong. Integument single, white, soft and oily.

Plumula very small. Radicle conic, superior.

Mr. Henry Colebrooke, who is intimately acquainted with Hindoo literature, informs me that the writers on Indian Materia Medica notice two sorts of Sopistan. The first as large as a prune, with its nut immersed in mucilaginous pulp, and separable from it. The second smaller, with its nut adhering to the pulp (as described by our writers on Materia Medica in Europe), but with less mucilage, and sweeter than the large one. The rest of the descriptions, he observes, is common to both kinds, viz. The leaf round, the fcuit growing in clusters, when ripe yellow, but afterwards turning black, &c.

The first, or large sort, is no doubt, the fruit of the tree just now described; and the small sort that of Cordia Myxa, which has hitherto, I believe, been considered in Europe, as the only tree which produces this drug; but from the information furnished by Mr. Colebrooke we have reason to believe there are two sorts used in medicine by the Asiaties, which are the produce of two trees of the same genus, and that the Arabic and Persian names Sepistan and

Pistan, are applicable to both sorts.

It might be well to give the trivial or specific appellation Sepistana to this broad-leaved tree, which for the present I have called latifolia; and the scarlet-flowered West India tree, now called Sebestena, I would term coccinea. Novella nigra. Rumph. Amb. 2. p. 226. t. 75. is no doubt a distinct species, which I have seen and examined, and call Cordia campanulata.

2. C. Myxa. Willd. i. 1072.

Polygamous. Leaves oval, repand. Panicles terminal, and lateral.

Vida-marum. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 37.

Sebestena officinalis Gart. sem. 1. p. 363. t. 76.

Beng. Bohooari.

Hind, Lusora, or Lescora.

Teling. Nekra.

The dried fruit of this tree is the Sebestena of the Materia Medica.

It is a pretty large, but low tree, growing in most parts of the Circars, but chiefly in gardens, hedges, &c. near villages. Flowers about the end of the temperate, (or cold) season,

and the fruit is ripe in May and June.

Trunk generally crooked, from eight to twelve feet high, and as thick or thicker than a man's body. Bark gray, cracked in various directions. Branches numerous, spreading, and bent in every possible direction, forming a dense shady head. Leaves scattered, petioled, ovate, oval, or obovate, exterior half slightly scolloped, or toothed, smooth above, below a fittle scabrous when old; from two to three inches long, and from one and a half to two bread. Petioles about one-third the length of the leaves. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, and also lateral, globular, dichotomous. Bractes none. Flowers numerous, small, white, a very large proportion of them are sterile, and they always want the style. Calyx tubular, widening towards the mouth and there torn as it were into three or five divisions, smooth, not in the least striated. Corol, divisions of the border revolute. Style in the fertile flowers as in the genus, in the barren flowers wanting. Drape globular, smooth, the size of a cherry, sitting in the enlarged calyx, when ripe yellow, the pulp is almost transparent, very tough and viscid. Nut cordate, at both ends bidentate and perforated, rugose, somewhat four-sided, four-celled, but it rarely happens that all prove fertile. Seeds solitary.

The smell of the nut when cut, is heavy and disagreeable, the taste of the kernels like that of fresh filberts. The fruits are not used in this part of India, (the Northern Circars), for any medicinal purpose. When ripe they are eaten by the natives and also, most greedily, by several sorts of birds being of a sweetish taste.

The wood is soft, and of little use except for fuel. It is reckoned one of the best kinds for kindling fire by friction.

3. C. serrata. R.

Arboreous, tender parts hairy. Leaves ovate-cordate, secrate, acuminate. Corymbs lateral.

Flowers sub-octandrous; with from seven to nine-cleft corol.

A native of Travancore, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. A. Berry to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants reared from them blossomed in August, when four

years old.

Trunk in our young trees from eight to ten feet high, and about as thick as a man's thigh. Branches very numerous, spreading in every direction. Bark of the old woody parts smooth, olive-colour, that of the young shoots green, and hairy. Leaves alternate, rather longpetioled, ovate-cordate, serrate, acuminate, a little harsh, with few hoirs, from four to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Stipules none. Corymbs lateral, and about the forks of the branchlets, long-peduncled, dichotomous. Flowers white, of a middling size. Calux sub-cylindrie; month from three to five-toothed, with the inside hairy. Corol with a cylindric tube, the length of the calyx, border about eight-eleft; segments oblong, recurved. Filaments about eight, hairy, inserted on the tube of the corol below its middle. Authors ovate, small. Germ superior, conical, four-celled, with one oralum in each, attached to the axis. Style two-parted, as are also the segments.

4. C. monoica, Willd. i. 1072. R. Corom. 1. 58.

Leaces ovate, three-nerved, scabrous. Corymbs axillary and terminal, with many male flowers. Nut four-celled.

Teling, Panugeri, Hind, Pida.

A small, irregular, poor looking tree, with gray bark, chiefly a native of the Circar forests, where burren land predominates. Leaves deciduous during the cold season. The flowers

are produced during the rainy season.

Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate, three-nerved, very scabrons; about three inches long. and two broad. Petioles round, scabrous, about an inch and a half long. Panicles from the divisions of the branchlets, or terminal, small, two-forked, composed of short, recurved one ranked spikes. Flowers white. There is a very large share of male or barren flowers which generally occupy distinct parts of the corymbs, and frequently the whole. Hermaphro-dite flowers as in the family. Drupe the size of a cherry, pointed, yellow, pulpy: pulp gluti-mous, as in Myxa. Nat perforated at the apex, four-celled. The male flowers want the style entirely, but have the rudiment of a germ.

5. C. grandis. R.

Leaves round-cordate, obtuse, entire, scabrous, sub-triple-nerved. Panieles terminal, drooping. Flowers tetrandrous. A large quick growing tree, native of Chittagong; in the Hon. Company's Botanic garden its leaves are often a foot long; its immensely large, dichotomous, very ramons panicle nearly as much; the cally has an even surface and four-toothed mouth.

6. C. campanulata. R.

Leaves long-petioled, ovate-cordate, repand, acute. Panicles lateral. Corol campanulate.

Drupes evate, dry, bid in the permanent calyx.

Novella nigra. Rumph. Amb. 2, 75, is no doubt this plant, though it has hitherto been quoted for Cardia Schestena, which is also now before me from the West Indies, in full blossom in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, and differs from Novella nigra in the following respects.

1st. In having larger, cordate, almost entire, obtuse, scabrous leaves; whereas in C. campanulata they are smaller, longer-petioled, more ovate; repand, and very acute.

2d. In having corymbiform terminal panicles, with infundibuliform corols; on the other hand in companulate the panicles are lateral, and the corol campanulate. In both, the calyx, stamina, and pistillem are nearly alike.

Drupe (in campanulata) ovate, pointed with the permanent base of the style, and completely covered with the thin dry permanent calyx; instead of pulp, as in the other species, there is a thick coat of a dry, firm, friable texture, scarcely differing in colour from the nut. Nat five-ribbed, with as many fluted grooves between, very hard, light brown, adhering firmly to its friable covering, four-celled, though it is rare to find all fertile, perforated up through the centre. Seed solitary, ovate, pointed. Integument single, pure white, thick, soft, and tender. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse, pure white Cotyledons deeply grooved, as in Sebestena officinalis, Gart. sem. 1. 364. t. 76. p. 1. Plumula small, two-lobed. Radicle roundish, superior.

7. C. muluccana, R.

Leaves long-petioled, ovate-cordate, obtuse, entire, smooth. Panicles axillary and terminal, shorter than the leaves; calyx gibbons, inside hairy. Style twice two-cleft. Drupe point-

ed, and nearly hid in the calyx; nut four-celled.

A native of the Moluccas. This species is often tetrandrous. The filaments are short, and very hairy; as is also a rim round the mouth of the gibbous tube of the corol, where they

are inserted.

8. C. polygama, R. Polygamaus. Leaves ovate-cordate, entire, scabrous. Panicle terminal. Male generally tetrandrous, hermaphrodite often pentandrous.

A tree, a native of the mountains of Coromandel. Flowers about the month of May, and

the seeds ripen in August.

Trunk tolerably straight, but short. Bark pretty smooth, of a dark olive colour. Branches spreading; young shoots round and scabrous. Leaves alternate, petioled, from ovate to cordate, entire, or slightly scollop-toothed; when young soft and villous, when old scabrous, from one to six inches long, and about three-fourths of that broad. Stipules none. Panicles

terminal, in the male more divided, pubescent. Flowers small, white.

HERMAPHROITE FLOWERS on a separate tree. Calyx narrow-campanulate; month irregularly four or five-toothed, villous on the outside. Corol funnel-shaped. Border four or five-cleft; divisions linear, revolute. Filaments four, or five, shorter than the segments of the border of the corol. Anthers incumbent. Germ superior, ovate, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the axis. Style twice two-cleft. Stigma rather small, but rounded. Drupes oval, the size of a black currant, smooth, when ripe yellow. Pulp mucilaginous, as in the officinal fruit of C. myxa, one-celled. Nut very hard, ovate, longitudinally perforated through the centre, four-celled. Seed solitary, ovate, &c. &c. almost exactly as in

Sebestina officinilis, Gært, sem. 1. p. 364. t. 76. p. 1.

Male Flowers on a different plant. Calyx and corol as in the hermaphrodite, but more generally divided into four. Filaments generally four, as long as the corol. Germ a

spherical, abortive body, without style or stigma.

Obs. In the early part of my botanical career, a very short description and drawing of the male plant were sent with my other dispatches of the same nature, to the Honourable the Court of Directors under the name Callicarpa alternifolia. Roxb. N. 165.

9. C. angustifolia. R.

Leaves sub-opposite, lanceolate, scabrous. Panicles terminal. Flowers tetrandrous. Style twice two-cleft. Nut four-celled.

A native of Mysore, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1800, and in May 1803, the trees were in blossom for the first time.

Trunk short. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, with their long, slender extremities often drooping. Bark ash-coloured and pretty smooth. Leaves sub-opposite, petioled, lanceolate, generally entire, obtuse, scabrous, particularly when dry; about four inches long, by one broad. Petioles short, channelled. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, corymbiform. Flowers numerous, small, white. Calyx cylindric; mouth obscurely four-toothed. Corol: tube longer than the calyx. Border of four linear, revolute divisions. Filaments four, inserted just below the divisions of the border. Style two-cleft, with two-cleft divisions. Drupe the size of a large pea, round, smooth, yellow, when ripe the pulp is yellow, gelatinous, and pellucid. Nut four-celled, though seldom more than one seed comes to maturity.

EHRETIA. Schreb. gen. N. 352.

Calyx five-parted. Corol one-petalled, five-parted. Stigma two-cleft. Drupe superior, with a four-partible nut, or with one or two from two to six-celled nuts.

1. E. serrata. R.

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Leaves broad-lanceolate, servate, five-pointed, smooth. Flowers panieled. Style half two-cleft. Drupes with two two-celled nuts.

This tree has been introduced from Bhotan, and is now growing and bearing fruit in Dr. Glass's garden at Bhagulpoora. It is also a native of the eastern part of Bengal.

Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, and broad-lanceolate, acutely serrate, smooth on both sides; from two to five inches long, and from one to two and a half-broad. Petioles short, slender, and smooth. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills, ovateohlong, with numerous, short, spreading, compound, and simple ramifications. Flowers small, numerous, collected into small, somewhat remote, sub-sessile fascicles; some of them hexandrous. Bractes ovate, small, pressing on the calyx. Calyx five-cleft. Corol; tube as long as the calyx; divisions of the border oblong and spreading. Filaments in the mouth of the

tube of the corol, and rather shorter than the border. Anthers ovate. Germ roundish. Paga Style as long as the stamens, half two-cleft, Stigma obtuse. Drupes round, pulpy, when ripe red, and about the size of a pea. Nuts two-celled, they are flat on one side, and when ripe red, and about the size of a pea. Nuls two-celled, they are flat on one side, and convex on the other. The above description is taken from trees sent to the Botanic garden by Dr. Glass, who says the fruit is delicious. Plants of the same have also been received from Dr. Buchanau, but with him, about Lukshinecpoora where the tree is indigenous the fruit is not esteemed, indeed they have little or no pulp on them. The others have but little, what they have is, however, palatable. Both now have been twelve years in the Botanic garden. The trees are about thirty feet high, ramous, and stout in proportion.

2. E. laevis, Willd. i. 1077. Roxb. Corom. 1. 56.

Arboreous, Leaves ovate, smooth. Corymbs lateral, composed of dichotomous, recurved, secund spikes. Drupes with a four-partible nut.

Teling, Severada.

Teling. Seregada.

The species grows to be a pretty large tree. It is a native of the Circar mountains.

Trunk erect. Bark ash-coloured. Branches numerous, nearly erect. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval, sometimes scolloped, pretty smooth, from three to four inches long, and two or three broad. Corymbs lateral or axillary, two-forked, composed of thin, recurved, one-ranked spikes. Flowers white, small.

The parts of fructification as in the last, except that here the seeds or nuts are wrinkled on the outside. The chief specific difference is in the corymbs, there they are terminal,

here lateral or axillary.

The wood of this tree is used by the hill people for many purposes.

3. E. aspera. Willd, spec. i. 1077. Roxb. Corom. 1. 55.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate, above scabrous, below downy. Corymbs terminal, dichotomous. Drupe with a four-celled nut.

Toling. Tella-joovi.

A small bushy tree, a native of dry rocky barren places. Flowers during the wet season.

Trunk and larger branches covered with dark, rust-coloured bark; young shoots downy. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate, above scabrous, downy underneath, from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles channelled, about an inch long. Corymbs terminal, globular, composed of dense, recurved, one-ranked spikes; divisions always two-forked. Flowers very small, white. Calyr; divisions ovate, outside downy. Corol; tube gibbons. Style two-cleft. Stigma simple. Berry the size of a grain of pepper, red, marked with four angular elevations corresponding with the angles of the four-celled nut. Nut fourcelled, or by exposure four-partible, smooth.

4. E. uniflora. R.

Shrubby, twiggy. Leaves crowded, sub-sessile, oblong, entire, hairy. Flowers solitary sub-sessile. Drupe with four one-celled nuts.

A native of the Moluccas.

5. E. setosa. R.

Tender parts bristly. Leaves ovate-cordate, acuminate. Panicle terminal, composed of dichotomous, secund, recurved spikes. Drupe with four one-celled nuts.

A native of the Island of Hamon.
6. E. baxifolia, Willd. i. 1079. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 57.

Shrubby. Leaves wedge-shaped, apex tridentate, scabrous. Pedunctes from two to sixflowered. Nuts five or six-celled.

Cordia retusa. Vahl. symb. ii. p. 42.

Teling. Bapana-booree.

A middling-sized, ramous shrub or small tree, very common on barren lands and in fo-

rests. Flowering time the wet season.

Leaves on the young shoots alternate, on the former branchlets fascicled, sessile, reflexed, wedge-formed, very scabrous, very hard above, shining, from half an inch to an inch long, and a quarter or half an inch broad. Pedancles from amongst the leaves on the woody branchiets, from two to six-flowered. Pedicels very short. Flowers small, white. Calyx five-parted; divisions lanceolate, as long as the corol. Corol campanulate. Border five or six-cieft. Stamens five or six, shorter than the corol. Style two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Berry the size of a pen, succulent, red. Nat five or six-celled.

7. E. internodis. Willd. i. 1077.

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, entire, smooth. Panicles terminal and lateral. Found indigenous at the Mauritius by Colonel Hardwicke.

CHRYSOPHYLLUM. Schreb. gen. N. 355.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol campanulate, five-parted, (ten, Linn.) Germ five-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Berry superior, five-seeded, (ten, Linn. one or ten, Gært.) Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. C. acuminatum. R.

Leaves banceolate, smooth. Flowers axillary. Fruit globose, five-seeded.

Pitakara is the vernacular name about Silhet, where the tree is indigenous, and blossoms in April. The fruit ripens in October, and is greedily eaten by the natives; though to me the taste is by no means agreeable; the pulp being almost insipid, and though tolerably firm, 600 uncommonly clammy, adhering to the lips or knife, with great tenacity.

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A middling-sized tree, with numerous slender, smooth, round branchlets. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, acuminate, polished on both sides, except while young, then clothed with ferruginous down; veius small, simple and parallel; from three to four inches long, and one and a quarter broad. Peduncles axillary, several together, recurved, one-flowered. Flowers minute, pale yellow. Calyx five-leaved, leaflets oval. Corol one-petalled. Tube the length of the calyx, border five-parted, segments oval. Filaments five, inserted into the tube of the corol near the base. Anthers in the mouth

of the tube. Germ inferior, ovate, very hairy, five-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style short. Stigma five-lobed. Berries spherical, size of a small crab-apple, smooth, when ripe yellow. Pulp in considerable quantity, five-celled. Seeds solitary, attached to the axis by the greater part of the length of the thin inner edge, smooth, polished, of a shining brown colour. Perisperm conform to the seed, yellowish. Embryo extended through the whole perisperm, erect. Cotyledons obliquely ovate, thin, three-nerved. Radicle curved, sub-cylindric, inferior.

TEOTONA. Schreb. gen. N. 356.

Calyx five-toothed, becoming inflated over the growing pericarp. Corol one-petalled. Germ four-celled; cell one-seeded; attachment central. Drupe superior, dry, hid in the calyx.

Nut four-seeded. Seed solitary. Embryo erect, without perisperm.
1. T. grandis, Willd. sp. i. 1088. Roxb. Corom. 1. N. 6.
Tekka. Rheed. Mal. iv. p. 57. t. 27.
Jatus. Rumph. Amb. iii. p. 34. t. 18.

I. 601 Teling. Teek. Can. Jaadi.

Beng. Sagoon, or Segoon.

This most useful tree is a native of various parts of India, viz. the mountainous parts of the Malabar and Coromandel coasts, of the mountains bordering on the banks of the Godavuree above Rajamundri, and of Pegu. Lord Cornwallis and Colonel Kyd have sometime since begun to introduce it into Bengal, where it thrives well. On this coast it flowers in June and July. The seeds ripen in September and October. In Bengal, the leaves are deciduous

during the cool season; and the new foliage appears in May, a few weeks before the flowers.

Trunk erect, growing to an immense size. Bark ash-coloured and scaly. Branches numerous, spreading; young shoots four-sided, sides channelled. Leaves opposite-petioled. spreading, oval, a little scolloped, above scabrous, below covered with whitish, rather soft down, they are larger at a distance from the flowers and on young trees, viz. from twelve to twenty-four inches long, and from eight to sixteen broad. Petioles short, thick, laterally compressed. Panicles terminal, very large, cross-armed; divisions dichotomous, with a sessile fertile flower in each cleft; the whole covered with a hoary coloured, farinaceous substance. Peduncles common, quadrangular; sides deeply channelled, angles obtuse. Bractes opposite, lanceolate, two at each sub-division. Flowers small, white, very numerous. Calyx and corol as described by König, only oftener six than five-cleft. Nectary very small, frequently wanting. Stamens often six. Germ superior, round, hairy, four-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the axis. Stigma two-cleft, divided, obtuse, spreading. Drupe within the enlarged, inflated, dry calyx, obtusely four-sided, woolly, spongy, dry. Nut exceedingly bard, four-celled, &c. as accurately described by Gartner, carp. i. 257. t. 7.

The wood of this tree, the only useful part of it, has from long experience been found to be by far the most useful timber in Asia; it is light, easily worked, and at the same time both strong and durable. That which grows on the mountains on the banks of the Goduvaree, is beautifully veined, and considerably closer in the grain, and beavier than any other I have seen. It is therefore particularly fit for furniture, gun-carriages, &c. For ship-building it is reckoned superior to every other sort of wood; being light, strong, and very durable, either in or out of the water.

Pegu produces the largest quantity, and their large rivers enable the natives to bring it down to the sea-ports from the interior mountainous parts of the country. where it grows, at a cheap rate; which enables them to sell it lower than in any other part of India.

SIDEROXYLON. Schreb. gen. N. 357.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol rotate, five-cleft. Nectary five-leaved, inserted on the fissures of the corol, alternate with the stamina. Stigma simple. Berry superior, five-seeded. Embryo

S. tomentosum, Willd, i. p. 1090. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 23.

Unarmed. Leaves alternate, oblong, waved, downy. Flowers axillary, fascicled. Berry with from one to five seeds.

A small tree, a native of the tops of mountains chiefly. Flowering during the hot season. Trunk erect. Bark ash-coloured. Branches erect, very numerous. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval, a little scolloped, when full grown smooth; when young covered with much rust-coloured down; from three to five inches long, and one and a half broad. Peduacles axillary, numerous, short, downy, bowing, undivided, one-flowered. Flowers small, dull white. Calyx below, five-leaved; leaflets imbricated, downy, permanent. Corol onepetalled. Tube short, inside downy, margin simple, five-parted; segments spreading, half lanceolate, acute, waved. Nectary leaflets five, alternate, with the filaments, waved, length

of the stamens. Stamens five. Germ ovate, hid in the tube of the corol Berry ovate, size of an olive. Seeds generally one or two, though there are the rudiments of five in the germ.

RHAMNUS. Schrob. gen. N. 358.

Calgar five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ sunk in the saucer-shaped nectary; from two to three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Berry superior, from one to threeseeded. Embryo erect; perisperm scanty.

L. R. incanus. R.

Unarmed, odorous. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, entire, smooth above, hoary underneath. Stipules filiform. Corymbs on small axillary branchlets. Style three-eleft,

Reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta from seed received from the Moluccas. Flow-

ering time the cold season.

Trank straight. Branches numerous, nearly horizontal. Branchlets alternate, bifarious. Bark smooth; that of the woody parts ash-coloured, that of the young shoots green. Leaves alternate, bifarious, petioled, ovate-lanceolate, entire, smooth above, very white underneath; length from two to twelve inches, and from one to five broad. Stipules filiform. Corymbs alternate, on small, sub-erect, axillary branchlets. Flowers very numerous, small, greenish yellow. Calyx villous on the outside, and keeled on the inside. Corol petals (scalets, Linn.) cuneate, concave. Style three-cleft. Berries round, smooth, united to, and resting on the remaining calyx, the size of a small cherry, when ripe black, and filled round the seeds with a dry mealy substance. Seeds three when all come to perfection, which is seldom the case, slightly united.

2. R. circumscissus. Willd. sp. i. 1001.

Shrubby, armed with sub-opposite recurved prickles. Leaves sub-opposite, round-obcor-

date, dentate, polished. Umbellets axillary.

A native of the forests of India, where its long straggling branches armed with the most acute, strong, recurved thorns give the most cautious travellers infinite pain and trouble. Flowering season the months of January, February, and March; the seeds take nearly

a year to ripen.

Trunk short, soon dividing into many, long, straggling, scandent branches; with numerous, diverging, alternate, round, smooth, armed branchlets. Spines on the lateral branches axillary, solitary, rather longer than the petioles, coloured, very sharp, and a little recurved; the leading shoots are unarmed. Leaves sub-opposite, short-petioled, round-cordate, dentate, firm and polished on both sides; about three-quarters of an inch each way. Stipules small, cadacous. Umbellets axillary, solitary, very small, from ten to twelve-flowered, the floriferous axills bear no thorus. Calgar globe-campanulate, five toothed. Petals or scales crescent-shaped. Germ ovate. Style scarcely any. Stigma somewhat two-lobed. Berry a little depressed and umbilicate, smooth, the size of a marrowfat pea, having the base covered by the remaining calyx. Seeds five when all come to maturity.

3. R. virgatus, R.

Shrubby, erect, spines terminal. Leaves oblong-ventricose, serrate. Flowers round the base of the young shoots and axillary, tern; corol four-cleft. Stigma two or three-cleft.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1802, where the plants grow freely to the size of a very large shrub; they

blossom in March, and ripen their seed in October and November.

Trunk not very short, distinct from the branches, all are erect, dividing and sub-dividing into long, terminal, straight, unarmed twigs, and short, rigid, lateral spinous pointed branchlets, bark of the old woody parts beautifully variegated with ash-colour and brown, that of the young shoots smooth and green. Leaves alternate, rarely sub-opposite, short-petioled, reclinate, oblong-ventricose, serrate, pretty smooth on both sides; from one to three inches long, and from half an inch to an inch broad. Stipules petiolary, ensiform, ciliate, base permanent. Peduncles from the scales which embrace the base of the young shoots, and axillary, generally tern, slender, one-flowered. Flowers very small, yellow. Calyx campanulate, more generally four than five-cleft. Corol no other than the little scales of the genus, which are here very imperfect. Filaments four or five, as there are divisions in the border of the calyx, small. Anthers often imperfect. Germ two or three-lobed, ovate, smooth, from two to threecelled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the lower and inner angle of its cell. Style short. Stigma two or three-cleft; segments recurved.

It differs from R. catharticss; the only species known to me which it approaches in having a two or three-cleft stigma, with just as many lobes, cells, and seeds as in the germ, consequently the number of seeds in the berry can never exceed the contents of the germ, it exannot therefore be catharticus, which has a four-cleft stigma, and four-seeded berry.

4. R. lucidus. R.

Sub-arboreous, armed with short, opposite and solitary, recurved aculei. Leaves oppo-

site, from round to oblong, emarginate, entire, polished and firm. Pedancles axillary, short, from two to four-flowered. Berries globular, generally two-seeded.

A small, very ramous tree, with far spreading and straggling, somewhat scandent branches; a native of Mauritius. It is very nearly allied to R. circumscissus, the chief differing the chief of the chief ence is in the leaves being entire and retuse, or emarginate in this species.

ZIZIPHUS, Lamarck.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ hid in a crenulate, flat nectary, from two

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to three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Drupe superior, nut from one to three, or more, one-seeded. Embryo erect, with scanty perisperm, or none.

1. Z. trinervia, R.

Arboreous, unagmed. Leaves ovate-oblong, three-nerved, obtusely serrate, glossy. Flowers

in axillary fascicles. Stigma two-cleft. Drupes spherical.

A native of Mysore; from whence Dr. Buchaman sent seed, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1800, and in eight years the plants therefrom have grown to be beautiful small trees, of about twenty feet in height, with innumerable branches and branchlets spreading in every direction, with extremities often pendulous, and crowded with beautiful, dark green, glossy foliage. Flowering time in the Botanic garden March and April, the fruit ripens in September, October, and November.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, or ovate-oblong, obtuse, strongly marked with three nerves, smooth, firm and glossy, obtusely serrulate, from one to five inches long, and from one to two and a half broad. Stipules filiform, caducous. Flowers numerous, small, greenish yellow, collected in little axillary fascicles. Scales of the corol small, and shorter than the recurved stamens. Germ ovate, immersed in the large, convex, fleshy receptacle, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached from the base to the bottom of the partition. Style scarcely any. Stigma two-cleft, divisions short and recurved. Drupes spherical, the size of a cherry, polished, of a lively yellow, one-celled. Pulp soft, gelatinous and sweet. Nut obovate, considerably flattened, a little rugose, one or two-celled. Seed conform to the cell, of a brownish colour, and rather soft. Embryo nearly as long, and broad as the perisperm, and of the same colour, erect. Cotyledons two, nearly orbicular. Radicle obovate, inferior.

2. Z. albens. R.

Arboreous. Prickles solitary, recurved. Leaves obliquely oval, serrulate, downy underneath. Corymbs axillary, long-peduncled. Corol none. Style two-cleft. Drupes drooping,

Found by Dr. Hunter in Col. Palmer's garden, near Calcutta, in full flower, and with

ripe fruit in April 1803. It was originally brought from China.

Trunk arboreous, with spreading branches. Prickles solitary on the under side, short, recurved, being nothing more than the inducated stipules. Leaves alternate, bifarious, shortpetioled, three-nerved, obliquely oval, most slightly serrulate, downy underneath. Stipules subulate, the lower one hardens into a prickle, the other is caducous. Peduncles axillary, solitary, three or four times longer than the petioles, many-flowered. Calyx five-cleft. Corol none, nor any thing like the usual scales of the genus. Style two-cleft. Drupe round, the size of a small cherry, smooth, when ripe white, and pendulous. The pulp rather mealy and sweet. Nut turbinate, thin, two-celled, with a single seed in each.

3. Z. latifolia. R

Arboreous, prickles stipulary, short and recurved. Leaves oval, serrate, three-nerved, downy underneath. Panicles terminal. Petals wanting. Drupe turbinate. Nat one-celled. This species is very rare. It is a native of mountainous tracts in the Circars and grows

Prickles solitary, very thick, but short, recurved, a rigid pointed thorn-like stipule occupies the other side of the insertion of the petiole. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, oval, serrate, three-nerved, smooth, from four to six inches long. Corymbs terminal, and from the exterior axills, forming a large oblong panicle. Corol none. Nectary as in the other species. Anthers three-lobed. Germ two-celled, one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of the cell. Drupe turbinate, size of a cherry, yellow. Nut generally one-celled.

4. Z. Jujuba, Willd. sp. i. 1104. Arboreous. Leaves obliquely-ovate, serrate. Peduncles axillary, many-flowered. Thorns. stipulary, one recurved, the other straight. Nuts two-celled.

Perim Toddali. Rheed. Mal. iv. 85. t. 41. Malum indicum. Rumph. Amb. ii. 117. t. 36.

Beng. Kool. Hind. Bier. Teling. Rengha.

On the coast of Coromandel this grows to be a small tree. Flowering time the rainy

season; the fruit ripens after the rains.

Trunk seldom straight, yet not much bent, Bark scabrous, much and deeply cracked.
Branches spreading in every direction; branchlets bifarious, flexuose; young parts a little downy. Thorns stipulary, very sharp; the under one recurved, the upper one straight. Leaves short-petioled, alternate, bifarious, obliquely-oval, serrate, with the apex often threetoothed, above smooth, below downy; from one to two inches long. Flowers axillary, crowded on sub-sessile umbellets. Calyxone-leaved, spreading, five-parted, divisions acute. Petals (scales of Linn.) five, wedge-shaped, apex large, concave, spoon-like, with its margin slightly crenulate; they are inserted on the inside of the divisions of the calyx. Nectary saucershaped, perforated for the pistillium, margin ten-notched. Filaments five, rather shorter than the petals, and inserted immediately over them, so that the small oval anthers rest in their concave apices. Germ above. Style two-cleft; divisions recurved. Drupe globular, size of a large cherry, smooth, yellow when ripe. Nut rough, two-celled. Seed solitary, affixed at the base.

The fruit is cateu by all classes of persons.

5. Z. vulgaris. Willd. sp. i. 1105. Leaves obliquely oval, serrulate, three nerved, hoary underneath. Thorns stipulary, one straight, the other recurved. Drupe oblong. Nat sharp-pointed, two-celled,

Z sativa. Gært. i. p. 202. t. 43. f. 4.

A pretty large tree, often as large as a full-grown apple tree in England, a native of Persia and Hindoost'hau; only found in gardens in Bengal, where it blossoms in August, and the fruit ripens in January.

6. Z. nitida. R.

Arboreous. Thorns stipulary, one projecting, one recurved. Leares obliquely ovate-oblong, three-nerved, obtusely serrate, smooth. Fruits sub-cylindric; nuts two-celled.

Introduced from China into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it grows to be a small

Flowering time the hot season.

Root superficial, sending up many suckers for some yards round the tree. Trunk generally crooked. Bark brown, pretty smooth; branches few, flexuose, and thin of leaves. Spines stipulary, the upper one straight, long, and pointing much forward, the other shorter and recurved. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, obliquely oblong, emarginate, three-nerved, serrate, smooth, of a shining green on both sides, from one to two inches long. Flowers axillary, few, collected on short common peduncles; they are small, yellow, semi-digynous. Drupe oblong, pendulous and smooth, about an inch long, when ripe pale-yellow. Nut lanceolate, pointed at both ends, a little compressed, rugose, two-celled.

The fruits are eaten, but to my taste they are rather insipid. Innumerable suckers constant, ly rise from the root which run to a great distance from the parent tree, and make it a troublesome plant in a garden, but at the same time they render it easily propagated, if necessary.

7. Z. Lotus, Lamarck Encyclop. iii. 304. Illustr. 1, 185. f. 2

Arboreous; spines stipulary, one long, slender, and straight, the other recurved. Leaves oval, three-nerved, most slightly crenulate serrate, smooth on both sides. Flowers axillary; style two-cleft.

Z. Lotus. Willd. i. 1103.

A native of Persia, &c.; blossoms in the hot season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta. It is readily known from its Indian congeners by the whiteness of its bark, and the pale yellow tinge of its long and very slender prickles.

8. Z. elliptica. R.

Arboreous. Thoras paired, the upper one rather incurved, the under one recurved. Leaves elliptically oval, serrulate, three-nerved, pale underneath. Corymbs axillary, dichotomous. Flowers semi-trigynous.

A stout straight tree, a native of Travancore, from thence introduced by Dr. A. Berry,

into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in May and June.

Trunk straight, but slightly bent to one side, covered with pretty smooth, brown bark. Branches and branchlets numerous, spreading much while young, and divaricated when old. Young shoots slightly villous, and flexuose. Prickles paired and stipulary; the upper one straighter and pointed forward; the under one much recurved. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, elliptically oval with the base obliquely cordate, flucly serrulate, three-nerved, smooth above, pale and soft underneath, from one to two inches long. Stipules subulate, soon becoming the sharp thorns above described. Corymbs axillary, much shorter than the leaves, several times dichotomous, villous, many-flowered. Calyx, corol, and staming, as in the genus. Germ ovate, immersed in the receptacle, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short, three-cleft.

9. Z. Oenoplia, Willd. spec. i. 1105.

Shrubby, Thorns solitary, recurved. Leaves unequally ovate-cordate, entire, acute; threenerved, downy underneath. Flowers minute, crowded in the axills.

Native of various parts of India. Flowering time the close of the rains.

10. Z. tomentosa. R.

Shrubby. Thoras solitary, scarcely curved. Leaves unequally ovate-cordate, three-nerved, obtuse, minutely serrulate, bairy above, and tomentose underneath. Panicles lateral. A short, very ramous shrub, a native of Chittagong, and there used for fences.

11. Z. xylopyrus, Willd, spec. i. 1104.

Arboreous. Leares obliquely cordate, three-nerved, serrate, downy. Thorns when present stipularly, one recurved, the other straight. Nuts three-celled, three-valved.

Rhamnus Xglopyrus, Retz. Obs. ii. 11.

Telinga, Goti.

Common in every forest on the coast of Coromandel.

In a good soil it grows to be a pretty large tree, with a tolerably erect trunk, but in general it is found in the state of a large straggling shrub. Bark light ash-coloured, much cracked, corky; young parts covered with soft white down. The prickles in a poor soil are always present and stipulary, the under one recurved, the upper one erect and straight. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bitarious, obliquely-cordate, serrate, three-nerved, downy, particularly on the under side, about two inches long. Corymbs axillary, small, many-flowered. Flowers as in the genus. Style three-cleft. Drupe the size of a large cherry, greenish and downy, marked round the base with the remains of the nectary. Nut three-celled, three-valved, the valves separating when the nut has been sometime exposed to the weather, leaving a centrical three-sided receptacle. Seeds one in each cell, orbicular, compressed, affixed at the base to the receptuele.

Cattle eat the leaves, young shoots, and fruit. The kernels taste like filberts, and are eaten by the natives.

The wood of the largest trees is much esteemed by the natives; being yellowish or orange-

Page coloured, very hard and durable, and at the same time not very heavy. 12. Z. Caracutta. Buch.

Arboreous. Thorns in pairs; the under one recurved, the upper one straight. Leaves round, serrulate, three-nerved. Peduncles axillary, very short, many-flowered. Style three-

cleft. Drupe oval, with a three-celled nut.

A native of the southern parts of Mysore, and there known to the natives by the name Karakatta. Seeds sent from thence by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic garden at Calcutta produced plants, which in four years were about ten feet high, with a tolerably erect, stout trunk, and many spreading crooked branches; covered with smooth, dark ash-coloured bark. The young shoots are round, and villous. They blossom in A1ril, and the fruit ripens in December.

Thorns in stipulary pairs, the lower one recurved, the upper one straight, both are hard, smooth, and acute; where the flowers are, the thorns are generally deficient. Leaves short-petioled, obliquely round-cordate, or nearly round, obtuse, or retuse, serrulate, three-nerved; while young somewhat villous; from one to two inches long, and nearly as broad. Pedioneles axillary, very short, bearing many small, short-pedicelled, greenish-yellow flowers. Style threecleft. Drupe the size of a large cherry, oval, depressed a little at both ends, smooth, dark-brown; fleshy part tough, firm, and yellowish. Nut roundish, a little uneven on the outside, 613 very hard and thick, three-celled. Seeds solitary, attached to the bottom of the cell, nearly round, compressed, convex on the inside. Integuments two; the exterior firm, light, brown, and polished; the inner thin and softer. Perisperm; when the seed is ripe, there is only on each side of the embryo a white, fleshy lamina; but at this period not connected round its margins, as before maturity. Embryo erect; cotyledons two, nearly five-nerved. Radicle inferior, oval, just within the umbilicus.

13. Z. microphylla. R.

Shrubby; branchlets bifarious, flexuose. Thorns stipulary, one straight, the other recurved. Leaves ovate, three-nerved, serrulate, woolly underneath. Flowers fascicled. Stigma two-cleft.

Jujubas zizyphus zeylanica. Pluck. Alm. 199. t. 197. f. 2.

Rhamnus nummularia. Burm. Ind. 61. Common on barren uncultivated lands on the Coromandel coast. Flowering time the

beginning of the rainy season.

Stem scarcely any, but many slender, rigid, bifarious, flexuose branches spreading in all directions, and forming a small bush. Bark covered with a light-coloured, almost white pellicle. Thorns stipulary, the upper one straight, slender, but very sharp, and as long as the leaves. The under one shorter, and much recurved. Leaves alternate, bifarious, very short-petioled, ovate and oval, serrulate, above pretty smooth, woolly underneath; about half, an inch long. Flowers collected in the axills of the leaves, short-peduncled. Calyx tomentose on the outside. Petals short-clawed, oval. Stigma two-cleft.

14. Z. Napeca. Willd. spec. i. 1104.

Shrubby, climbing. Leaves obliquely cordate, serrate, three-nerved, downy underneath.

Thorns stipulary. Nuts two-celled.

Sans. Sookshmuphula, Buhookuntuka, Sookshmuputruka, Doospursha, Mudhoora, Shuvurahara, Shikhipriya, Kurkundhoo, Shrigalukoli.

Beng. Shea-kool. Telinga. Paramie.

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This is the most common species of the genus; it is to be found in every hedge throughout India, and always with scarcely any thing that can be called a trunk, but many large, straggling, climbing branches, which are too weak to support themselves. Bark dark, rustcoloured, pretty smooth; young shoots downy. Prickles always present, stipulary, large, and exceedingly sharp; the lower one is much recurved, the upper one straight. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, very obliquely ovate, serrate, three-nerved; downy underneath, from one to two inches long. Corymbs axillary, many-flowered. Style two-cleft. Drupe the size of a pea, smooth, shining black, marked round the base with a circular scar. Nutrugose, obcordate, two-celled; generally one of the cells is obliterated, or abortive. Seed solitary, affixed to the bottom of the cell.

The fruit is eaten by the natives; the taste a very pleasant acid. A decoction of the

bark of the fresh root is said to promote the healing of fresh wounds.

15. Z. glabra. R.

Shrubby, scandent, smooth. Thorns solitary, recurved. Leaves ovate-cordate, long, obtuse, pointed, serrulate, smooth, strongly marked with three nerves. Drupes oval.

A native of Chittagong, where it flowers in the cool season, and the fruit, which is about the size of a gooseberry, ripens in May.

16. Z. incurva. R.

Arboreous. Thoras paired, one straight and patent, the other incurved. Leaves ovateoblong, polished, three-nerved, serrulate; obtusely acuminate. Peduncles axillary, few or 615

many-flowered; flowers semi-digynous.

A native of Nepal, from thence introduced by Dr. Buchanan into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1802, where in ten years they had grown to be slender trees, of about fifteen feet in height, with innumerable well armed branches, and smooth branchlets spreading in every direction. Flowering time the rainy season.

CEANOTHUS. Linn.

1. C. asiatica. Linn.

Erect, smooth. Leaves ovate, serrulate, glossy, tri-nerved at the base; peduncles axillary, ramous, many-flowered, shorter than the leaves.

Grossularia spinis vidua, baccis in racemo congestis spadiceis, foliis crenatis ovato-acu-

minatis. Burm. Zeyl. 111. t. 48.

Rhamnus acuminata. Colebr. Mss. fide. ic. piet. in horto bot. Calc. asservata.

I have found this small tree in flower and fruit in October at Singapore. In the Honourable Company's Botanic garden, where it was introduced from the garden at Reduite in the

Mauritius in 1813, it blossoms in April and May, and ripens its fruit in June.

A small branchy tree or large shrub: the largest of those that were reared from the seeds measure at the present time (1823), about sixteen feet in height, with a stem scarcely more than four inches in diameter. Branches long, slender, round, with green bark, slightly flexuose, perfectly smooth; while young a little pubescent. Leaves irregularly scattered, ovate, or ovate-lanceolate, tapering into a blunt acumen; serrulate, serratures small, gibbous, incurved, cuspidate, slightly undulate, base rounded or retuse, from two or three inches long; perfectly smooth, very glossy and lucid, of a dark green colour above; pallid and shining underneath, with a whitish slender rib and a few oblique nerves, the lowermost pair of which are opposite; the base rising a little above the rib, in consequence of which the leaf appears triple-nerved; veins capillary, transversal, reticulate. Petiole slender, a little compressed, channelled, slightly pubescent, about an inch long. Stipules minute, withering, adpressed, lanceolate, with a broad fleshy base and glandular apex. Flowers small, yellowish green, fragrant, collected in rounded, axillary, ramous fascicles which are shorter than the petals. Peduncles pubescent; bracles very small; pedicels capillary, two or three times longer than the flower, yellowish. Calyx cup-shaped, with five broad, cuspidate, somewhat margined, deciduous lacinia, equalling in length the cuneate, fornicate, narrow petals. Vertex of the overy covered with a broad rugose yellow disc. Style short, deeply three-lobed, deciduous. Stigmas convex, scabrous. Capsules round-obovate, about the size of a small gooseberry, pale-brown, its vertex retuse, its base supported by the persistent circularly-truncate bottom of the calyx, three-furrowed, threecelled, three-valved. Seeds triangular, with gibbous back, ash-coloured. The rest as in C. circumscissa (Rhamnus Linn.) Gart. carp. ii. 110. t. 106.

SCOPOLIA. Smith.

Calyr five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, five-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment interior. Berry five-celled, with generally one seed in each cell.

1. S. aculeata, Smith. ic. ined. ii. 34. Willd. sp. i. 1115.

Scandent, armed. Leaves ternate; leaflets crenulate.

Paullinia asiatica. Linn, sp. pl. 524.
Kaka-toddali. Rheed. Mal. v. 81, t. 41.

Chamaelaea trifolia, aculeata, floribus spicatis. Burm. Zeyl. 58. t. 24.

Toddalia. Juss. gen. 371; and Lamarck Illustr. ii. 116. 2757. Encycl. Bot. vii. 692.

Cranzia. Schreb. gen. N. 362. Telinga. Conda Cashinda.

Is one of the most common bushes on the coast of Coromandel, delights in a rich soil, such as old hedges, under old trees, &c. is in general found in the state of a very ramous bushy shrub, but in less frequented places, where it meets with support and no enemies, it

runs over the highest trees.

Stem irregular. Bark corky. Branches exceedingly numerous, scandent. Prickles innumerable, scattered over every part of the younger brunches, tender shoots, petioles, and nerves of the leaflets, recurved, very acute. Leaves alternate, ternate, armed. Leaflets oblong, or broad-lanceolate, notched, emargined, smooth; about an inch and a half long, and half or three-fourths broad. Petioles channelled, armed like the branchlets. Racemes axillary, generally compound, length of the leaves. Flowers small, white. Calyx inferior, small, glandular, five-toothed. Petals five, oblong, spreading. Filaments five, nearly as long as the petals, spreading. Anthers oblong, incumbent. Germ ovate, five-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style short, thick. Stigma five-lobed. Berry the size of a small cherry, compressed, five-grooved, orange-coloured, five-celled. Seed one in each cell.

Every part of this shrub has a strong pungent taste. The roots when fresh cut smell particularly so. The fresh leaves are eaten raw for pains in the bowels; the ripe berries are fully as pungent as black pepper, and with nearly the same kind of pungency; they are

pickled by the natives, and a most excellent one they make.

The fresh bark of the root is administered by the Telinga physiciaus for the cure of that sort of remittent, commonly called the hill fever. I conceive every part of this plant to be possessed of strong, stimulating powers, and have no doubt but under proper management it might prove a valuable medicine where stimulants are required.

BÜTTNERA. Schreb. gen. N. 366.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Nectary staminiferous, surrounding the five-celled superior germ. Anthers double. Capsules quinquecoccea. Embryo inverse; perisperm scanty.

1. B. pilosa. R.

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Shrubby, twining, hairy. Leaves from three to five, acute-angled, dentate. Umbels axillary, proliferous.

A most extensive, twining shrub; a native of Chittagong. The flowering time in the Botanie garden at Calcutta is September. The seeds are ripe in April. I have also had

specimens from Silhet.

Stem woody, twining, in five years old plants as thick as a man's wrist, and irregularly obtuse-suleate. Branches numerous, twining up and over large trees, to a very great ex tent; the younger ones very hairy, and irregularly obtuse-sulcate. Leaves alternate, petioled, having from three to five acute angles, dentate, posterior lobes large and rounded; about seven-nerved, with a large, long gland on the middle one near the base, from four to six inches each way. Petioles round, often as long as the leaves, hairy. Stipules subula'e, hairy. Umbels axillary, generally one large, and super-decompound; and two or more smaller, all are clothed with short, harsh pubescence, and are much shorter than the leaves. Bractes subulate. Flowers numerous, small. Calyx of five, spreading, pale-coloured, lanceolate leaflets. Petals five; the lower third part of their length linear, yellow on the outside, and red within; much incurved so as to form a circular dome over the pistil and nectary, open at the five sides, and in the vertex, the other two-thirds filiform, below slightly incurved, above recurved; colour a bright orange. Nectary five-cleft, yellowish, divisions fleshy, truncate, shorter than the lower portion of the petals.

Filaments short, inserted into the fissures of the nectary, recurvate. Anthers two-lobed. Germ round, hairy. Style short, five-grooved, Stigma minutely quinquidentate. Capsules the size of a filbert, round, armed with long, rigid bristles ; texture hard, approaching to that of a nut, five-celled, ten-valved. Seeds solitary, small in proportion to its cell, and attached to its inner angle, ovate-oblong, rather pointed at the apex, and obliquely truncate at the base. Integuments three; the exterior and interior membranaceous; the middle one hard and thick. Perisperm none, or very thin. Embryo inverse, yellow. Cotyledons large, two-lobed; and rolled spirally up. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle cylindric, nearly as long as the seed, superior.

2. B. herbacca. Roxb. Corom. i. N. 29.

B. cordata. Willd. spec. i. 1119

Unarmed, herbaceous, erect. Leaves cordate, serrate, downy. Nectary one-leaved, five-

An erect herbaceous plant, a native of the tops of the Circar mountains.

Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, serrate, downy, two inches and a half long, and one and a half broad. Stipules reflexed, small, acute. Pedancles axillary, one or more, threeflowered. Leaflets of the calyx large, reflexed. Nectary one-leaved, five-toothed; teeth converging over the pistillum. Filaments five, very short, from the fissures of the nectary, reflexed. Anthers double ; singly oval.

CELASTRUS. Schreb. gen. N. 372.

Calyx five-celeft. Corol five-petalled. Germ three-celled, with two or more ovula in each cell; attachment inferior. Capsule superior, from one to three-celled, from two to three-valved; seeds few covered with a coloured aril. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperia. 620

C. emarginata. Willd. sp. i. 1128.

Shrubby, armed. Leaves obovate, entire, smooth. Flowers numerous, axillary. Capsules inflated; cells two-seeded.

Telinga, Chennee Chintoo.

Is one of the most common, rather poor looking shrubs in these parts of India, it grows

every where and in every soil. Flowers during the cold season.

Stem nothing deserving the name, but branches innumerable, bent in every direction, and armed with exceedingly strong, large, straight, very sharp thorns. Leaves alternate on the young shoots, on the old wood or thorns fascicled, very short-petioled, obovate, emarginate, smooth, shining; about an inch long. Stipules small, withering. Umbellets very short-peduncled, many-flowered, one or two from the centre of the fascicles of leaves. Pedicels many times longer than the peduncle, one-flowered. Flowers small, whitish, yellow. Petals twice the length of the calyx. Nectary, a saucer-formed, crenulate body surrounding the base of the germ. Germ conical, three-celled, two ovula in each, attached to the bottom of their cell. Style single, half three-parted. Stigmas emarginate. Capsule inflated, turbinate, three-sided, three-celled, valved. Seeds two in each cell, small, shining, red, resting on a white fleshy receptacle.

It makes good fences, and fuel.

2. C. montana. R.

Leaves obovate, serrulate, smooth. Panicles axillary, small, dicho-Arboreous, thorny. tomous. Capsules with cells two-seeded.

Telinga. Pedda-chintoo.

A small tree, a native of mountains. Flowering time the cold season.

Trunk erect, though generally a little crooked. Branches numerous, armed with the same large, sharp leaf and flower bearing thorns as in the last. Leaves alternate, short-621 petioled, obovate, slightly serrate, smooth, shining; about two inches long. Panicles axillary, dichotomous, many-flowered. Flowers small, white. Petals many times longer than the calyx. Nectary as in C. emarginatus. Germ round, three-celled; cells with two ovuh in each, attached to the bottom of the cell. Styles three, short, clubbed. Stigmas emarginate. Capsules small, not inflated, in other respects like the last. Seeds one or two in each

cell, small, nearly round, attached as in the germ. Aril white, sebaceous, embracing the Page lower half of the seed. Integument single, polished, brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, Ed. dull white, and hard. Embryo nearly as long as the perisperm, erect. Cotyledons roundish. Radicle ovate, inferior.

The wood of this tree is hard, and durable.

 C. paniculata. Willd. sp. i. 1125.
 Unarmed, shrubby, scandent. Leaves round, oval, serrate. Panicle terminal. Stamens inserted into a nectorial ring

A large, climbing shrub; a native of the Circar mountains. Flowering time March and

Branches twiggy. Bark covered with gray, scabrous specks. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-oval, serrate, pretty smooth, about two inches long, and one and a half broad. Petioles round, and one-third the length of the leaves. Pasicles terminal, erect, thin, oblong. Bractes small, falling. Flowers small, yellow, numerous. Calyx inferior, five-toothed; segmeals concave, emarginate. Petals five, inserted between the nectary and calyx, spreading. Nectary cup-shaped; border five-toothed. Filaments five, which are a continuation of the teeth of the nectary, rather shorter than the petals. Anthers ovate. Germ round. Style shorter. Stigmas three. Capsule round, size of a pea, one-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds from three to six, surrounded with a yellow pulpy nidus, and always separating into three lobes, whatever the number be-

4. C. multiflora, R.

Shrubby, scandent, unarmed. Leaves alternate, oblong, acuminate, servate. Panicles terminal. Stamens alternate, with an equal number of reniform nectarial glands.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1802. In July 1808, the plants therefrom biossomed for the first time and

ripened their seed seven months afterwards.

Trunk short, about as thick as a man's arm. Bark brown, soft and spongy. Branches numerous, spreading much, and having their extremities often twining, but the scandent habit prevails most. Leaner alternate, short-petioled, drosping, oblong, acuminate, servate, smooth on both sides; about six inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules minute, soon withering and drooping. Pasicles terminal, ovate-oblong, composed of many, simple, diverging, short, smooth racemes. Flowers numerous, small, pale greenish white. Bracks very small, caducous. Calga obscurely five-toothed. Petals oblong, inserted on the calya, alternate with the stamens, soon after expansion recurved. Filaments shorter than the petals, alternate, with as many semi-lunar nectarial glands. Germ superior, ovate, three-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the bottom of the cells. Style about as long as the stamens. Stigma of three emarginate lobes. Capsule roundish, somewhat three-lobed, threecelled, three-valved, and generally with a single seed in each cell. Seeds obsvate, entirely covered by a thin, pulpy, scarlet aril. Integaments (exclusive of the aril), single, tender, white and smooth. Perisperm of a soft cartilaginous texture. Embryo erect. Cotyledons two, round-cordate, and so large as to divide the perisperm. Radicle inferior, pointing obliquely to the umbilicus.

5. C. nutana. R.

Shrubby, scandent, unarmed. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-obovate, obtusely serrate, smooth. Panicles racemose, terminal. Seeds invested in a complete aril.

A native of Mysore, from thence introduced by Dr. Buchanau, into the Botanic garden

at Calcutta, where it flowers in April. Seeds ripe in August.

Stem short, round, woody, scandent. Back a little scabrous, light brown. Branches climbing and twining over the tops of large trees, &c.; young shoots round, drooping, marked with white, rough dots. Leaces alternate, short-petioled, drooping, broad, obovate, cuneate, screate, smooth on both sides; length from two to three inches, and from one to three broad. Petioles about half an inch long, slightly channelled. Stipules minute, decidnous. Racemes or pasicles derminal, drooping, sub-cylindrical, a little downy. Bracles a single, acute, very small, caducous one at the base of each pedicel. Calyx deeply five-parted, divisions roundish, slightly pubescent, several times shorter than the petals. Petals five, alternate with the divisions of the calyx, spreading; margins becoming recurved. Nectory a concave, five-sided receptacle, on which the germ rests. Filaments five, very short, inserted on the five angles of the nectary, alternate with the petals. Anthers sub-sagittate. Germ ovate, three-lobed, three-celled, with two ovala in each, attached to the base of the axis. Style searcely any. Stigma three-lobed, lobes spreading, with notched margins. Capsule round, size of a pea, one-celled, three-valved. Seeds from three to six; three or four is the most common number; shape conform to the number, each invested in a thick, complete, fleshy, orange-coloured aril. Integrment single. Perisperm conform to the seed, white and hard. Embryo straight, erect, green. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle cylindric inferior.

with its apex pointing to the umbilicus.

Obs. There are five or six large plants of this in the Botanic garden, of these one only is hermaphrodite and fertile, all the rest are male, or male-hermaphrodite, and barren.

6. C. trigyna, R.

Unarmed. Leaces alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire. Flowers on small, axilfary, dichotomous, round heads. Nectary of five scales, alternate in the stamen. Styles three. A native of the Moluceas.

7. C. verticillata. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves scattered, broad-lanceolate, waved, entire, smooth. Pani-

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Page cles terminal, umbelliferous. Capsules one-celled, two-valved, few-seeded.

Reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta from seeds sent from Nepal by Dr. Buchanan in 1802, under the vernacular name Tibiliti. The young trees flowered for the first time, in the rainy season of 1805, when they were from twelve to fifteen feet high. The seeds

ripen in January.

Trunk straight; the branches and branchlets have a strong tendency to be verticillate. Bark of the trunk, and larger branches greenish ash-coloured, dotted with some small, elevated, lighter-coloured specks. Leaves numerous, drooping, scattered, more crowded towards the ends of the branchlets, and like them having a tendency to be verticillate, petioled, broad-lanceolate, acute, entire; margins waved, smooth, upper surface polished; about six inches long, by two broad. Petioles rounded on the under side, flattish above. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, with alternate, spreading, umbelliferous, simple ramifications. Peduncles and pedicels round, and smooth. Bractes lanceolate. Calyx five-leaved. Leaflets ovate-oblong, slightly ciliate. Petals five, alternate with, and three times longer than the leaflets of the calyx, linear-oblong, entire, obtuse, at first spreading, afterwards recurved, with the edges revolute. Germ ovate-oblong, a little compressed, two, rarely three-celled. Style erect, permanent. Stigmas two, rarely three-lobed, about even with the anthers. Capsules roundish, size of a large pea, dry, rugose, one-celled, two-valved, opening round the apex. Seeds from one to six, or even eight, attached to the centre of a ridge in the bottom of the cell, which crosses the opening of the valves; their shape varies according to the number of seeds. Integument single, and while fresh more like a thin, smooth, soft, moist, entire, scarlet aril, than a common skin. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous. Embryo erect, minute, lodged in the base of the perisperm, rather below the umbilicus. Cotyledons two, very small. Radicle inferior, oval.

8. C. micrantha. R.

Scandent, somewhat armed. Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets from five to seven, opposite, oblong, entire, smooth, with simple parallel veins. Panicles axillary, filiform, ferruginons. Nectary saucer-shaped, bearing the stamina on its margins, style none.

A native of the Moluccas, a very doubtful species.

9. C. obtusifolia. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves petioled, lanceolar, obtusely serrulate, very obtuse, hardsmooth. Peduncles axillary, many-flowered.

A native of the Mauritius. 10. C. monosperma. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves oblong, glossy, serrulate. Panicles thin, linear, axillary and

terminal, longer than the leaves. Capsules three-valved, one-seeded.

Tears the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is found wild in thin forests, climbing up and over trees, &c. to a great extent. Flowering time the month of April. Seeds ripe in October.

Young shoots smooth and brown, perfectly void of every kind of pubescence. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from obovate-oblong to lanceolar, glossy on both sides, serrulate, obtusely pointed, from three to five inches long, and one or two broad. Panicles axillary and terminal, linear, thin of branches, two, three, or even four times longer than the leaves, smooth. Flowers numerous, small, pale greenish yellow. Bractes subulate, small, smooth. Calyx five-parted, segments short and rounded. Petals five, sub-orbicular, inserted, alternate with the stamens under the margin of the flat repand nectary, which embraces the base of the germ. Filaments five, short. Anthers oval. Germ obovate, oblong, three-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma trigonal. Capsule the size of a field bean, oblong, smooth, three-valved, but I never found more than one cell. Seed solitary, covered with an orange-coloured, pulpy tunic, under it a single, tender integument, of a light brown colour. Perisperm conform to the seed, pure white. Embryo erect, deep green. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle oval, inferior.

11. C. robustus. R.

Leaves alternate, lanceolar, entire, glossy. Racemes axillary, length of the leaves. Capsule one-celled, two-seeded.

Sheelkoil the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous and grows to be one of

their largest timber trees. It blossoms in August, and the seeds ripen in March.

Young shoots straight, round, and smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolate, entire, acuminate, firm, and even glossy; about six inches long, and one and a half or two broad. Stipules small, caducous. Racemes axillary, single, or paired, simple, cylindric, length of the leaves. Flowers numerous, and over every part of the raceme, small, greenish yellow. Bractes conical, one under each pedicel. Calyx five-parted; segments oblong. Petals five, oblong, spreading. Nectary, a fleshy, five-lobed ring round the base of the germ. Filaments five, rather longer than the petals. Anthers two-lobed. Germ superior, round, with a little long white wool on the apex, two-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the base of the cell. Styles two; slightly united at the base, recurved. Stigmas headed. Capsules ovate-oblong, size of a small olive, smooth, brown, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds generally two; when so lanceolate, and flat on the inner side, arilled. Integuments smooth, light chesnut-colour, pretty thick and may while recent be divided in two or three lamina; aril complete within half a line of the apex, thick and soft, colour a lively bright yellow. Perisperm conform to the seed, soft, white. Embryo erect. Cotyledons cordate. Radiele cylindric, as long as the cotyledons, inferior.

EUONYMUS. Schreb. gen. N. 373.

Corol from four to five-petalled. Germ from two to five-celled; cells two-seeded; attach

ment inferior. Capsule superior, three or four-celled, three or four-valved. Seeds calvptred. Carey Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. E. atropurpurea. Willd. spec. i. 1132.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves opposite, lanceolar, smooth, serrulate. Peduncles few-flowered; flowers tetrandrous.

Found by Dr. Buchanan in Nepal, from whence he sent seed to this garden, where in eight years the plants are four or five feet high, thin of branches; and now beginning to blossom in March.

Trank erect. Bark smooth, and ash-coloured. Branchlets spreading, round, and smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, smooth on both sides, very finely serrulate, from four to six inches long, by one and a half broad. Stipules; while the shoots are quite tender a small soft bristle or two occupy their place. Peduncles below the leaves, opposite, expanding, dichotomous, each division three-flowered, with generally one in the fork. Flowers pedicelled, small, greenish white. Calyx four-leaved; leaflets round, concave and smooth. Petals four, cordate, lanceolate, expanding; margins revolute, white, and smooth. Nectary a deep green, four-lobed, fleshy body surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments four, rather longer than the pistillum, inserted on the four lobes of the nectary. Anthers two-lobed, dark brown. Germ superior, four-lobed, four-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style four-sided. Stigma obtuse.

2. E. glabra. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth, with the anterior margin serrate. Peduncles axillary and lateral, two or three times dichotomous, with a single flower in each fork; flowers pentandrous.

A small tree, a native of Chittagong, where it flowers in May.

3. E. garcinifolia. R.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves opposite, lanceolar, entire, smooth. Peduncles between the leaves, three-flowered. Capsule two-valved, one-seeded.

Mori the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; growing to the size of a small upright tree; flowers and ripe seed were found on the same trees in the month of January 1812, but whether it is in constant flower and fruit the whole year round, I cannot say.

Branchlets opposite, round, and covered with smooth brown bark. Leaves opposite, shortpetioled, lanceolar, entire, smooth on both sides; from three to four inches long, by about one broad. Peduncles between the pairs of leaves, sometimes opposite, sometimes solitary, short, and three-flowered. Flowers short-pedicelled, small, pale-yellow. Bractes subulate, caducous. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets roundish, smooth and imbricated. Petals five, oblong, margins incurved, many times longer than the calyx; down the middle on the inside runs an elevated sharp rib. Filaments five, shorter than the germ, alternate with the petals. Anthers creet, long-cordate. Germ superior, ovate, two-celled; each cell containing two ovula, attached to the thickened middle of the partition. Style none, or very short. Stigma four-toothed. Capsule oblong, size of a small field beau, smooth, one-celled, two-valved, opening from the base. Seeds solitary, at least I have not found more, oval, covered with a thin, succulent, veined, bright, scarlet aril. Perisperm conform to the seed, firm, and tough. Embryo erect. Coty-ledons ovate-cordate. Radicle cylindric, inferior.

VENTILAGO. Gært.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ hid in the crenulated flat nectary. Style two-cleft. Samara semi-supera, globose, long-winged, one seeded. Embryo erect, with

V. Madraspatana, Willd. sp. i. 1106. Gart. carp. i. 223. t. 49.

Funis viminalis. Rumph. Amb. v. 3. t. 2.

Beng. Ruktupita.

Telinga. Yerra chictali.

A very large climbing shrub; a native of forests and other uncultivated places, amongst

the mountains; flowering during the cold season.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, ovate-oblong, serrulate, smooth, except while young, then villous; from three to four inches long. Panicles terminal, composed of alternate, bifarious, ramous, villous branches. Flowers very numerous, small, greenish, smelling very strong and offensive. Calyx, corol, nectary, stamens, and pistillum as in Rhamnus Jajuba. Capsule (Samara) globular, size of a pea, surrounded near the middle with the remaining nectary, terminating in a long, linear, membranaceous wing, one-celled, not opening of itself. Seed solitary, round.

Obs. This plant is generally dioicous. The smell of the flowers is very offensive, not unlike that of Sterculia fatida.

HOVENIA. Schreb. gen. N. 375.

Calgx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Style three-cleft. Capsule tricoccous. Embryo erect, with scanty

1. H. dulcis. Thunb. japon. 101. Willd. spec. i. 1141. Sicku, vulgo Kom et Kempokonas, Kaempf. amoen. p. 808. t. 809.

A tree, a native of Nepal; from thence introduced by Dr. Buchanan into the Botanic

garden at Calcutta, where when eight years old, it began to biossom in April.

Trunk in our young trees straight and high, from ten to twelve feet to the branches; and twenty inches in circumferences, four feet above the earth. Total height about thirty feet. Bark smooth, dark-brown. Branches spreading much, branchlets bifarious, round; young shoots hairy. Leaces alternate, short-petioled, cordate, acutely serrate, acuminate, three-nerved, smooth above, a little hairy underneath; from four to six inches long, by from two to four broad. Stipules lanceolate, hairy, caducous. Cymes axillary, rarely terminal, dichotomous, villous; divisions clavate. Flowers numerous, small, white. Calgar one-leaved, acetabuliform, inside hairy. Border five-parted; divisions ovate, reflexed. Petals five, inserted within the fissures of the calyx, broad spatulate, sides incurved round the filaments. Filaments five, longer than the petals, recurved. Anthers ovate. Germ superior, ovate, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style cylindric, apex three-celled. Stigmas simple. Capsules superior, round, size of a pea, thin, smooth, and brown, three-celled. The ramifications of the cyme are now, when the seeds are ripe, much swollen, and variously bent, as represented by Kaempfer, but the taste is simply astringent. Seed solitary. Integuments two; exterior tough, thick, hard, and highly polished; interior membranaceous, and covered with a brown mealy substance. Perisperm in small quantity, tough, dull, livid-white. Embryo erect, yellowish. Cotyledons orbicular. Radicle oval, infe-

Obs. By Dr. Buchanan, dated Katumanda, 10th and 14th November, 1802. "Munkokoshee. A tree originally brought from China or some country subject to it. The fruit is a capsule, containing three seeds, and resting on an enlarged pedunculus, which is soft, and contains a sweet juice. This does not come to maturity till after the capsules are ripe. Part of the seed now sent in this parcel was brought from China, and part has ripened here. There can be no doubt, from the singular nature of the peduncle, that it is an Hovenia, Thuab. But whether or not his species, I know not. It has hairy leaves and is reckoned the largest tree in Nepal."

PITTOSPORUM. Schreb. gen. N. 379.

Calgar five-leaved, decidnous. Petals five; germ superior, three-celled; cells many-seeded; attackment interior. Capsule three-celled, three-valved. Seeds many. Embryo centripetal, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. P. Tobira. R.

Leaves sub-verticelled, obovate, cuneate, entire, and lucid, apex circular.

Fobira Kaempf. amoenit. 796. tab. 797.

From China this pretty shrub has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

GOUANIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1592.

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Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ three-celled, sunk in the saucer-shaped, fivehorned nectary; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Capsule inferior, three-celled, with a single seed in each. Embryo creet, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. G. tiliæfolia. Willd. sp. iv. 1000. Roxb. Corom. 1. N. 98.

Shrubby, climbing. Leaves cordate, serrulate, smooth. Racemes terminal, and axillary.

Telinga. Penki-tiga.

A large, climbing, woody shrub, a native of the Circar mountains.

Tendrils simple, small, generally from the lower part of the racemes. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, slightly serrate, or crenulate, smooth, from two to four inches long. Rapenoied, cordice, signify service, or eventiate, smooth, from two to four fienes long. Recemes terminal, and from the exterior axills, long, filiform. Flowers numerous, small. Bractes minute. Calgar above, five-parted. Corol as in Rhannus. Nectary the saucer-shaped part is here augmented by five emarginated, spreading horns. Filaments inserted in the margin of the nectary, alternate with its horns. Germ below, three-sided. Style three-cleft. Capsule dry, triangular, three-celled, three-valved. Sceds one in each cell.

ITEA. Schreb. gen. N. 381.

Calyx five-toothed. Petals five, (four of which, with the stamina are inserted on the receptacle.) Capsule one-celled, two-valved, many-seeded. Receptacles lateral.

1. I. umbellata, R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-lanceolate. Panicles axillary, and terminal, composed of long-pedicelled, simple umbellets.

A native of the Malay Islands.

Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth, from six to twelve inches long. Petioles from one to two inches long. Stipules one. Panicles axillary, terminal, and scattered amongst the leaves, composed of long-pedicelled umbellets, which are sometimes proliferous. Flowers numerous, pretty large. Bractes minute, villous. Calyx cup-shaped. five-toothed. Petals five, lanceolate, obtuse, inserted, with the stamina round the base of the germ. Filaments shorter than the corol, flat. Anthers sagittate. Germ oblong, pedicelled, containing many ovula, attached to two opposite, parietal receptacles. Style short and thick. Stigma slightly two-lobed. Capsule oblong, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds several, affixed to the two parietal receptacles.

DALRYMPLEA. Roxb.

Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, alternate with the stamina. Germ superior, three-celled; cells many-seeded; attackment of the ovula inferior. Berry three-celled. Seeds few, nuciform. Embryo sub-inferior, and furnished with a perisperm.

In memory of the late Alexander Dalrymple, Esq. author of the Oriental Repertory, &c.

D. pomifera, R.

Janks jam the vernacular name in Silhet where it is a native, and grows to be a large

Flowering in March, and the seed ripening in September and October.

Young shoots rather succulent, round, and perfectly smooth. Leaves opposite, unequally pinnate, some of them ternate; from ten to twenty inches long. Leaflets three or four pair, and a terminal one, the pairs opposite, all more or less peticlate, oblong, obtusely serrate, acuminate, smooth, from five to six inches long, by two or three broad Petioles and petiolets round and smooth. Panicles terminal, spreading much, more broad than long, primary branches decussate; partial ones alternate with the small yellowish white flowers, which are crowded round their extremities; every part smooth. Bractes to the primary branches of the paniele opposite, as in the Rubiacca; the rest solitary under each division and sub-division. sion. Calgar inferior, five-leaved; leaflets rather unequal and oval. Petals five, oblong, obtuse, spreading. Nectory acctabuliform. Filaments five, alternate with the petals, and shorter than they, inserted under the nectary. Asthers ovate. Germ superior, three-lobed, indeed almost separable, three-celled; ocula about eight in each cell, widely attached to the axis. Style length of the germ, three-grooved. Stigma three-lobed. Berry drupaceous, having the appearance of a pome, of a roundish, three-lobed form, very fleshy, when ripe yellow, and almost smooth, size of a large medlar, three-celled. Seeds several in each cell, shape various, the most common roundish, reniform and considerably compressed, attached to the partition. Integament single, thick and of great hardness, in fact a perfect not, exterior surface brown and highly polished. Perispera conform to the seed. Embryo obliquely inferior. Cotyledons cordate, three-nerved. Radicle oval, obliquely centrifugal.

CEDRELA. Schreb. gen. N. 383.

Calga five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Capsules five-celled, five valved. Seeds several in each cell, winged and imbricated on a pentagonal receptacle. Embryo inverse, perisperm scanty.

This genus is very nearly related to Swietenia, the chief marks of distinction appear to me to be the number of stamina, viz. in Cedreta five, inserted on five nectarial glands which embrace the base of the germ; in Swietenia ten, inserted into the mouth of a sub-cylindrical nectarium, which embraces the whole of the pistiilum. In both, the seed vessels and seeds are very exactly alike.

1. C. Toona, R.

Panicles pendulous. Leafletz from six to twelve pairs, lanceolate, entire, seute. Surenus. Rumph. Amb. iii, 66, t. 39.

Beng. Toon. Lood.

This most elegant, large timber tree is now found common in Bengel, probably brought thither originally from the mountainous parts of the northern, and north-east frontier. Leaves deciduous during the cold season, appearing again with the flowers in February. Seed ripe

in May and June. Trunk erect, growing to a great size and height, though I have only seen small trees about Calcutta. Bark smooth, gray. Branches numerous, forming a large, beautiful, shady head. Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate, drooping, from twelve to eighteen inches long.

Leaglets from six to twelve pairs, opposite or nearly so, short-petiolated, obliquely lanceolate, the upper half broadest, and extending further down the petiolet than the lower; margins waved, smooth on both sides, tapering to a long acute point; from two to six inches long. Petioles and petiolets round and smooth. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, nearly as long as the leaves, pendulous, composed of numerous, diverging, compound ramifications, smooth in every part. Bractes minute, decidnous. Flowers very numerous, small, white, and possessing a fragrance like that of fresh honey. Calyx five-parted. Petals five, oblong, with the margins ciliate, the apices incurved over the stamens, and keeled on the inside near the base. Nectary consisting of five, large, hairy, orange-coloured glands, sitting round the lower half of the germ. Filaments erect, inserted into the centre of the five nectarial glands, rather shorter than the petals. Anthers bent in towards the stigma. Germ superior, oblong, internal structure and contents as in the capsule. Style length of the corol. Stigma large, flat, co-uplosed of five lobes. Capsules oblong, rather larger than a field bean, smooth, five-celled, five-related; valvelets opening from the apex and falling off with the seeds. Seeds numerous, imbricated, both the ends and the exterior side membrane-winged, affixed to the upper end of the sharp ridges of the receptacle, &c. exactly as in Swictenia febrifuga, and Mahogani. See Gart. carp. ii. 86. Perisperss in very small quantity, and more like a fleshy interior integument. Embryo inverse. Colyledons oval, three-nerved. Radicle obliquely superior.

The wood of this tree is much like mahogany, but lighter, consequently not so close in the grain. It is much used for furniture and various other purposes. The bark is a powerful astringent, and though not bitter is a tolerably good substitute for Peraviau Back in the cure of remitting and intermitting fevers; particularly when joined with a small portion of the powdered seed of *Cesalpisia bonduccella, (Kutkulegei of the Bengalees). which is a most

powerful bitter.

CAMUNIUM. Rumph.

Calyx five-toothed. Petals five. Nectary globular, apex perforated, inside staminiferous. Germ superior, one-celled, from one to two-seeded; attackment of the ovula superior.

 C. chinense. Rumph. Amb. v. 28. t. 18. f. 1.
 An elegant shrub, most probably a native of China, at least it has been brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta from Canton, under the name Sam-yeip-lan, where it blossoms during the hot season, and the early part of the rains in June and July, but has not yet

shown any tendency to produce fruit.

Stem in our young, small plant trifling, but many branches and branchlets rising and spreading in every direction. Bark of the old ligneous parts olive gray; of the young shoots green, with their very tender apices clothed with stellate ferruginous scales. Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate and unequally pinnate. Leaflets rarely more than five, the pairs opposite, and much smaller than the terminal one, all oblong, but tapering most toward the base, smooth, deep green, entire, obtuse; from an inch and a half to four inches long, and from half an inch to two inches broad. Petioles somewhat winged, and channelled. Panicles, sometimes only racemes, axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves. Flowers minute, yellow, faintly fragrant. Braces ovate, one embracing the insertion of each pedicel. Calyx flat, five-toothed; teeth semi-lunar. Petals five, oval, concave, at all times pressing on the nectary, smooth, much longer than the calyx. Nectary sub-globular, mouth contracted, and slightly five-toothed. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers five, cordate, attached to the nectary near its base on the inside. Germ superior, oblong, hairy, one-celled, with one or two seeds, which are attached to the top of the cell. Style none. Stigma large, conical.

MILNEA. Roxb.

Calyx five-parted. Petals five. Nectary urccolate, with the five anthers round its inside. Germ three-celled; cells from one to two-seeded; attachment centripetal, no perisperm.

In honour of Colin Milne, LL. D. author of a Botanical Dictionary, Institutes of Botany, and other works.

A tree of middling size, a native of the Garrow hills and of the Silhet district, where it is called Gumi by the natives, who cat the large succulent aril which surrounds the seed under the cortex of the berry. Flowering time June and July. The fruit ripeus two or three months afterwards.

Young shoots densely clothed with dark brown down, when more advanced smooth.

Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets from three to six pair, sub-opposite, petiolate, lanceolate, entire, smooth but not lucid, obtusely acuminate, from three to six inches long, by one or two broad. Stipules none. Petioles cylindric, somewhat villous. Panicles one from each of the lower axills, nearly as long as the leaves, very ramous and spreading; like the young shoots very downy. Flowers numerous, minute, caducous. Bractes very minute, caducous. Calyx five-parted, small, downy on the outside; segments rounded. Petals five, oval, concave. Nectary urceolate, rather shorter than the petals, mouth five-toothed. Filaments five, very short, inserted on the inside of the bottom of the belly of the nectary. Anthers sagittate, and completely hid in the nectary. Germ semi-superior, three-celled; cells with one or two ovula attached to the axis. Style short and thick. Stigma turbinate, truncate, six-grooved. Berry round-oval, rather more than an inch in diameter, three-celled, containing seldom more than one fertile seed, most of the ovula being in general abortive. Cortex firm, rather dry, covered with a rough, brownish gray mealiness. Seed solitary, oval, inserted in a complete thick, fleshy, lucid, edible aril, like that of the Lichee of China. Integrment single, brown, adhering more firmly to the aril than the seed. Perisperm none. Embryo transverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed, equal with the surface, furrowed. Corculum transverse, hairy. Radicle short, pointing to the umbilious.

ELÆODENDRUM. Schreb. gen. N. 385.

Corol five-petalled. Germ two-celled, two-seeded; attachment inferior. Drupe superior, oval. Nut two-celled. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. E. glaucum. Persoon. Synops. ii. 241, Roxb. Corom. ii. 2.

Leaves opposite, oblong, serrate. Panicles axillary, dichotomous. Drupes spherical. Schrebera albens. Willd. spec. i. 1092.

Celastrus glaucus. Vahl. symb. ii. 42.

Mangifera glauca. Rottb. in. Nov. Act. Havn. ii. 534. t. 4. f. 1.

A middle-sized, or rather small tree, native of various parts of India. From Ceylon it was received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the name Ceylon tea; its leaves are like those of that plant but much longer; their taste slightly bitter and astringent. It flowers in May; the seeds ripen in September and October.

Trunk straight. Bark in young trees, smooth, and olive-coloured. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, and forming a very dense, oval head; young shoots round, and smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, and cuneate-oblong, sometimes very acutely,

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and sometimes obtusely serrate; texture hard, with both surfaces polished, the upper shining; apex rather obtuse, and always bent down, from three to four inches long, and about two broad. Stipules a minute scale on each side of the inside of the base of each short, polished petiole. Panicles axillary, shorter than the leaves; all its divisions dichotomous and divari-cate. Flowers pedicelled, small, greenish yellow. Bractes small, oblong, from one to three, at the base of each pedicel, and at the divisions of the panicle. Calyx of five, somewhat unequal, round, concave, caducous leaflets. Petals five, expanding, linear-oblong, sessile. Nectary a green, pentagonal, fleshy, scolloped gland, in which a great part of the germ is immersed. Filaments five, inserted on the nectary, scarcely half the length of the petals; at first nearly erect, but by age becoming so much revolute as to bring the roundish, two-lobed anthers under the calvx. Germ superior, immersed in the very large, green, fleshy nectary, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the bottom of their cells. Style short, conic. Stigma simple, obtuse. Drupe nearly round, size of a large cherry, smooth, pulpy, when ripe olivecoloured, one-celled. Nat oval, rather more acute at the apex than at the base, a little rugose, with two grooves on the opposite sides; uncommonly thick, and hard; two-celled, though one is often abortive. Seed solitary, very rarely two, oblong, more convex on the inside. Integument; there seem two, rather spongy. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed, amygdaline. Plumula minute, two-lobed. Radicle oval, inferior, and lodged close to the umbilious.

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2. E. indicum. Gart. carp. i. 274, t. 57.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, obovate-obloug, obtuse, remotely serrulate. Panicles axillary, small, dichotomous. Drupe and nut oblong.

Rubentia. Jussieu. Genera. plant. 416.

A middling-sized tree, a native of the Mauritius, where it is called Bois d'Olive. Flowers in May and June, and the seeds ripen in October.

MANGIFERA. Schreb. gen. N. 387.

Calyx five-leaved, or five-parted. Corol from four to five-petalled. Germ one-celled, ovulum single; attachment lateral. Drupe superior, reniform. Embryo sub-erect, without perisperm.

1. M. oppositifolia. R.

Leaves opposite, lanceolar, acuminate. Panicles terminal. Stamina from four to five, all fertile.

Meriam, the vernacular name at Rangoon in Burma, where the tree is indigenous, and grows to the general size of a small apple tree in England. The wood is somewhat red, hard, close-grained, and said to be very durable. Flowering time the month of March, fruit ripe

in June and July.

Branches and branchlets smooth and green. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, polished, obtusely acuminate; from four to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules none, but the scales of the bud remain for some time at the base of the young shoots. Panicles generally terminal, shorter than the leaves, oblong, rather dense; ramifications opposite, smooth in every part. Bractes ovate, acute, caducous. Flowers numerous, minute, pale-yellow. Calyx from four to five-parted, segments rounded. Petals four or five, oblong, a keel down the middle on the inside. Filaments four or five, short, alternate with the petals. Anthers ovate with an obtuse point. Germ obliquely ovate, one-celled, and containing one ovulum attached to the side of the cell, under the perforation of the stigma. Style scarcely any. Stigma of of three, very unequal lobes, one of which is much more elevated and much larger; between it and the lower and smaller lobes the channel may be traced. Drupe sub-ovate, a little compressed, smooth, pale-yellow, the size of a small pullet's egg. one-celled, like the mango the pulp is yellow, and universally eaten in Burma. Nat oblong, &c. in every respect like that of the common mango, but much smaller, thin, and of a soft texture, easily cut, fibrous on the outside, smooth on the inside, chesnut-coloured, one-celled, evalvular. Seed solitary, conform to the nut. Integument, no other than the nut could be observed. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Catelydous conform to the seed, oblong, fleshy. Plumula pointed, curved up, two-lobed. Radicle inferior, conic, transverse.

2. M. indica, Willd. spec. i. 1150. Vahl. en. pl. i. 7. Corom. pl.
Leaves lanceolate. Panicles terminal. Flowers with one fertile stamen.
Mao, du. Mau, vel. Mangas. Rheed. Mal. iv. 1. t. 1. 2.

Manga domestica. Rumph, Amb. i. 93. t. 25.

Beng. Am.

English Mango.

Telinga. Mamadi-chitoo.

Tam. Mangas marum.

Of this tree, though one of the most common in India, I have not yet met with any des-

cription which deserves the name

It is universally cultivated all over India, and all the warmer parts of Asia. Is generally raised from seed, though sometimes by layers, or grafting by approach, which are the only methods of certainly continuing a good sort, probably of improving them. The stones must be sown soon after they are taken from the fruit, otherwise they do not vegetate, but there is no depending on the quality of the fruit so raised. The seed of a very superior sort will produce fruit of a bad kind; and vice versa, hence such an infinite variety. Colonel Kyd in Bengal, and Dr. Anderson at Madras, have lately begun to graft by approach; which

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Page will no doubt be a means of improving this excellent fruit. Flowering time January, Febru-

ary, and March; the fruit is ripe in May, June, and July.

The tree grows to be of a very great size, with an erect trunk, covered with dark-coloured, scabrous, cracked bark; (large old trees of from ten to fifteen feet in circumference are meant. *) Branches very numerous, the lower ones spreading horizontally to a great extent, the upper ones gradually ascending till they become nearly erect in the centre. Leaves alternate, petioled, about the extremities of the young shoots, approximated, reclined, lanceolar, entire, often a little waved at the margins, firm, smooth, shining; generally from six to twelve enthe, often a rece water to the broad. Petioles round, smooth, from one to two inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles round, smooth, from one to two inches long, thickish at the base. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, large, erect, or ascending, rigid, a little downy, often tinged with red. Pedicels short, thick, rigid. Bracks oval, concave, a little downy. Flowers small, yellow, with some stripes of red near the base of the petals, many perfect male flowers are often found mixed with the hermaphrodite ones throughout the panicle. Calga five-leaved; leaflets oblong, concave. Petals five, hanceolate, spreading, twice the length of the calyx. Nectary five-large, yellow, fleshy bodies surrounding the base of the germ, forming as it were an excavated, five-lobed receptacle for it to sit in, each of the lobes as large as the germ itself. Filament single, subulate, ascending, half the length of the petals, inserted between the lower lobe of the nectary and the germ. Anther oval, purple. Besides these there are generally two, three, four, or more, very minute, sterile filament-like bodies, issuing from the apices of the lobes of the nectary. Germ obliquely oval, one-celled, and containing a single ovulum, attached to the side of the cell, opposite to the fertile stamen, and under the style. Style from the side of the germ, length of the stamen, subulate, declining, so as to bring the stig na which is small, and incurved nearly to touch the anther. Drupe oblong, or kidney-formed, also a little compressed like a kidney, fleshy, smooth, when ripe yellow, size various, but in general about as large as a goose-egg. Not conform to the drupe, but more compressed, woody, one-celled, two-valved, covered on the outside with many fibrous filaments, particularly on the worst sorts.

It is by no means necessary for me to mention that the ripe fruit of this tree, (when of a good sort,) is universally eaten, and esteemed the best fruit in India. Jellies, preserves,

tarts, pickles, &c. are made of them before ripe.

The kernels are large, and seem to contain much nourishment, however they are made no use of, except during times of scarcity and famine; they are then boiled in the steam of water, and used as an article of diet.

The wood is of a dull gray colour, porons, yet pretty durable if kept dry, but soon de-eays if exposed to wet. In very large old trees it acquires a light chocolate color towards the centre of the trunk, and larger branches. This is hard, closer grained, and much more durable.

From wounds made in the bark, there issues a soft, reddish, brown gum resin, which age hardens, and renders exceedingly like bdellium. Laid on the point of a knife and beld in the flame of a candle, it readily meles, catches flame, and burns with a cracking noise; emitting a smell exceedingly like that of Cashew nuts when roasting. It softens in the mouth, and adheres to the teeth. Its taste is slightly bitter with some degree of pangency. It dissolves almost entirely in spirits, and in a great measure in water; both solutions are milky with a small tinge of brown.

3. M. sylvatica. R.

Leaves alternate, lanceolar, glossy. Panicles terminal. Flowers monandrous. Drupe

obliquely conic, with the pointed apex turned one side.

Lakshimee am, the vernacular name in Silhet; on the mountains adjoining to that district it grows to be a tall tree of great size. Flowering time October; the fruit ripens in February and March, and is eaten by the natives, though by no means so palatable as even a

bad domestic mango, they also dry them and keep them for medicinal purposes.

Leaves as in the common cultivated sorts, alternate, petioled, lanceolar, entire and smooth; from six to eight inches long, by one and a half or two broad. Panicles terminal, much larger than in the domestic sorts, and with the numerous ramifications more erect and stender. Flowers very numerous, small, white, with a faint shade of pink; they are more completely monandrous than any of the cultivated sorts. Calyx five-leaved, many times shorter than the corols. Petals five, linear, spreading, and finally becoming somewhat twisted and revolute. Nectory a short, solid, turbinate, slightly grooved, villous receptacle for the germ to rest on. In the domestic sorts it is composed of five distinct glands, which embrace the base of the germ. Filament single, inserted into the pot of the nectary, incurved, length of the pistillum. Anther oval. Germ elevated on the above-mentioned nectary or receptacle, unequally oval, smooth, one-celled; ovulum single, attached to that side of the cell from whence the style rises, and most remote from the stamina. Style subulate, length of the filament, incurved, after fecundation recurved. Stigma simple, acute. Drupe ovate, obtiquely acuminate, smoote, when ripe yellow, like the common mango and nearly as large, one-celled. Nut oblong, less fibrous than in the common sorts, and also less firm, with an even surface. Seeds solitary, conform to the nut. Integement single. Perisperm none. Embryo between erect and transverse. Cotyledons equal, conform to the seed. Radicle lodged between the cotyledons on one side of their base, pointing out, and rather upwards.

· HARPULLIA. R.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, alternate with the stamina. Germ two-celled;

cells one-seeded; attachment of the ovula sub-superior. Capsules two-celled. Seed solitary, Page arilled. Embryo with incumbent cotyledons, and lateral radicle without a perisperm.

1. H. cupanioides. R.

Harpulli the vernacular name at Chittagong.

A small tree; a native of the hilly parts near Chittagong, it flowers in April; and the

fruit ripens in July.

Trunk straight. Branches few, and tending to be erect also; bark ash-coloured; young shoots smooth. Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaflets from four to six pair, short-petiolate, from alternate to opposite, from ovate below to lanceolar above; all are entire, and smooth on both sides; apex considerably pointed; from three to six inches long, by one or two broad. Petioles round and smooth. Panicles axillary, solitary, erect, thin of branches, and shorter than the leaves. Flowers small, pale yellow. Bractes subulate. Caiyx inferior, five-leaved, permanent; leaflets oval. Petals five, lanceolate, obtuse, spreading, becoming recurved. Filaments five, alternate with the petals, and much shorter. Authors oblong. Germ ovate, hairy, somewhat two-lobed, two-celled, with one pendulous ovulum in each attached to the upper end of the partition. Style short. Stigma twolobed; lober reflex, adnate. Capsules pendulous, orbicular, two-lobed, considerably compressed, villous, two-celled, two-valved, opening all round. Partition opposed to the valves. The whole very exactly resembling the capsule of Geloneum cupanioides, Gart, carp. ii. 271. t. 139. Seed solitary, semi-oval; the inner side being straight, the exterior rounded, arilled. Integument single, rather thin, smooth, chesnut colour. Aril deep orange, covering the whole seed from the base except the apex. Perisperm none. Embryo green. Colyledons two, conform to the seed, incumbent, their line of separation being nearly through the middle of the seed, which makes them equal. Radicle on the exterior or convex side of the seed, apex rather acute, and turned up into a small hollow in the uppermost cotyledons, so that it points to the apex of the seed. After it has lengthened a little by the progress of vegetation, the two-lobed plumula is very conspicuous.

NEERIJA. R.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Style simple. Berry superior, one or two-seeded.

1. N. dichotoma, R. Telinga. Neerija.

A middle-sized tree, a native of the mountains of Coromandel. Flowers about the begin-

Trunk erect. Bark rust-coloured, scabrous, Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Branchlets opposite, round and smooth. Leaves opposite and alternate, petiolate, oval and oblong, serrato-erenate, smooth; about four inches long, and two broad; texture hard. Petioles round, three-quarters of an inch long. Panicles axillary, globular, thin, throughout dichotomous, with the divisions standing at right angles. Peduncles three times the length of the petioles, round, smooth. Flowers small, yellow, not very numerous. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets orbicular, unequal, caducous. Petats five, oblong, spreading. Nectary a large, fleshy, pentagonal ring surrounding the base of the germ, into its angles the filaments are inserted. Filaments five, shorter than the petals, spreading. Anthers two-lobed. Germ superior, conical. Style shorter than the stamens, thick. Stigma simple. Berry oblong, succellent, red, smooth, one-celled. Seeds one, or two.

Is nearly allied to Elwodendrum glaucum in habit, but in that the drupe with a single,

very thick, hard nut will alone be sufficient to distinguish them.

The fresh bark of the root, rubbed with plain water, is by the natives applied externally to remove almost every sort of swelling. It is a very strong astringent possessing scarcely any other sensible quality.

VARECA, Gort.

Calux five-leaved, or five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, one-celled; orula numerous, their attachment parietal. Berry one-celled. Seeds a few, inserted on the three parietal receptacles.

1. V. moluccana. R.

Leaves alternate, lanceolar. Peduncles axillary, many-flowered. Filaments free.

A small tree, from fifteen to twenty feet in height, a native of the Molucca islands, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1798, where it blossoms in October and November, and again in March, April, and May; but has not yet, though now fourteen years in Bengal, produced even well-formed fruit, so that the genus is still doubtful.

Trunk erect. Branches numerous, between erect and patent. Bark of the old parts smooth, and ash-coloured; of the young shoots with a little, short, ferruginous pubescence. Leaves alternate, about the end of the branchlet, short-petioled, huceolar, entire, waved, scute, smooth, and glossy above; from four to twelve inches long, and from one to four broad. Stipules none. Peduacles axillary, solitary, about an inch long, many-flowered, villous. Flowers middle-sized, white, inodorous, pedicelled. Bractes small, caducous. Calyx one-leaved, five-toothed, villous, caducous. Petals five, linear-oblong, recurved, many times longer than the calyx. Filaments five, inserted on the receptacle, shorter than the germ, and pressing upon it. Anthers sagittate. Germ superior, oblong, torulose, villons, one-celled, with many ovula, attached to two or three parietal receptacles. Style short. Stigma

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pretty large, two or three-lobed.

2. V. lanceolata. R.

Leaces alternate, lanceolar. Flowers in axillary fascicles. An erect, shrubby plant, a native of Pulo Pinang.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, lanccolate; veins numerous, simple and parallel; smooth on both sides. Stipules within the leaves, lanceolate, chaffy. Flowers small, numerous, collected on short-pedancled, axillary, compound corymbs, pale yellow. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets oval, cencave, permanent. Petals five, lanceolate, expanding, permanent. Filaments five, shorter than the petals, incurved, united at the base into a ring round the lower half of the germ. Anthers arrow-shaped, erect. Germ superior, ovate, hairy. Style longer than the stamens, hairy. Stigma simple. Capsules three-lobed, leathery, one-celled, evalvular. Seeds several, affixed to three, vertical, parietal receptacles, on the inside of the middle of the lobes of the greanles. the middle of the lobes of the capsules.

3. V. heteroclita. R.

Shrubby. Leaves broad-lanceolar, crenate. Flowers axillary, crowded, sessile. 649

A small shrub, received into this garden from General Martin at Lucknow. Blossoms in October.

Stem short and slender; bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches bifarious, slender, all spreading nearly horizontally. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sessile, cuncate-lanceolar, crenate, smooth on both sides; in the axill of each vein on the under side is a remarkable hollow gland. Stipules ensiform. Flowers axillary, crowded, sessile, small, white. Calyx of five, unequal, imbricate, woolly, margined leaflets. Petals five, lanceolate, confined at the base, by the rigid leaflets of the perianth, into a bell shape; above they are revolute and smooth on both sides. Filaments five, long, and slender, projecting considerably beyond the mouth of the bell-shaped part of the corol, at the base each side is cularged with one or more adjoined hornlets which are bearded at the base. Germ superior, evate, somewhat three-sided. Style as long as the stamens, villous; stigma simple. In the germ are the rudiments of two, three, or four seeds.

VIOLA. Schreb, gen. N. 1364.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, irregular, calcarate. Asthers mited. Capsules superior, three-valved, one-celled. Seeds many, parietal. Embryo furnished with a perisperm; radicle centrifugal.

1. V. suffruticosa. Willd. spec. i. 1171.

Perennial, diffuse. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, lanceolate. Stipules subulate. Peduncles axillary, with two bractes near the middle. Corol resupine. Capsules round.

A native of the sandy lands about Madras. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it conti-

nues in flower and seed most part of the year,

Stem scarcely any, but many diffuse, perennial, round, smooth branches, often extending to a foot in length. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, huncoolate, slightly serrate, pretty smooth, about an inch long, and a quarter of an inch broad. Stipules small, subulate. Peduacles axillary, solitary, one-flowered; shorter than the leaves, jointed above the middle, where there are two small bractes, one on each side. Calyx five-leaved. Leaflets nearly equal, hanceolate, acute. Petals five, rosy, the two upper ones smallest, linear-oblong, and pointed; the two lateral ones sub-ovate, with long, taper, recurved apices; the lower one (here the corol is resupinate,) much larger than the others, broad-cordate, supported on a claw as long as the superior petals, which is protruded behind, between the two lower leaflets of the calyx, into a gibbous nectary. Filaments; the two lower ones have each a ciliate hornlet projecting back.

Anthers with brown, ovate, scariose apices. Capsules nearly round, size of a pea, one-celled, three-valved. Seeds several in each cell, attached to a ridge which runs along the inside of each valve, abovate. Integument single, thin, striated. Perisperm conform to the seed, white-Embryo three-fourths the length of the perisperm, greenish. Cotyledons oval. Radicle subcylindric, pointing to the umbilicus, at the small end of the seed.

V. enneasperma, Willd, spec. i. 1171.
 Perennial, rather diffuse. Leaves lanceolate. Corol with little or no horn behind. Nelam. parenda. Rheed. Mal. 9, t, 60, rather a bad figure.

3. V. primulifolia. Willd. spec. i. 1162.
Annual, stemless. Leaves from triangular to lanceolar-cordate, serrate, decurrent. Flowers resupinate; in that position the lower petal is broader, and emarginate.

Native of the interior parts of Bengal; in the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms

and ripens its seeds more or less the whole year.

4. V. apetala. R.

Annual, stemless. Leaves broad-cordate, sagittate, serrate lobes, and apex rounded, in laxuriant plants the scapes are many-flowered. Flowers diandrous, and very generally with-

Received from the Mauritius into the Botanic garden in Bengal, where it is in constant flower and seed the whole year.

IMPATIENS. Schreb. gen. N. 1365.

Calyx two-leaved. Corol five-petalled, irregular. Nectory cucullate. Anthers united. Germ five-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment central. Capsules superior, five-celled, fivevalved. Seed numerous. Embryo naked, with centripetal radicle.

I. Balsamina. Willd. spec. i. 1175.
 Leaves lanceolate, servate. Pedancles one-flowered. Nectary shorter than the flower.

Tilo-Onapa. Rhoed. Mal. ix. 101. t. 52.

Beng. Doopati. Hind, Gool-mendee, 2. I. tripetala. R.

Leanes alternate, opposite and tern, broad-lanceolar, serrate. Pedancles from one to

many-flowered. Corol three-petalled; horn of the ample nectary booked.

A native of the mountains near Silhet, where it flowers and ripens its seed more or less the whole year round. Rheede's Tilo-Onapa is, I think, more like this than it is to I. Balsamina, though quoted for that species; and I can scarcely conceive this to be that plant in its original wild state.

Root annual, fibrous. Stem erect, swelled at the leaves, scarcely pubescent in any respect. Branches opposite, several pairs, and generally below the middle of the plant; whole height from one to two feet. Leaves on the stem opposite, and tern; on the branches often ulternate, long-petioled, broad-lanceolar, serrate, a little hairy, particularly the serratures; about three inches long, by one broad. Flowers axillary, from one to many, in the latter case their long pedicels are inserted on a very short, common peduncle. Perianth of two, small, bracte-like leaflets. Corol three-petalled; the upper one forming a roof over the interior part of the whole flower; lateral pairs composed of two, large, roundish lobes each; the lower lobes thereof forming the lip. Nectory large, with a hooked or incurved slender horn from its obtuse end. Stamina, &c. as in the genus.

It has a pretty appearance when in full blossom, the flowers being numerous, large, and

of a lively red colour, with the nectary deeply tinged yellow.

3. I. natans. Willd. spoc. 1. 1175.

Leaves linear-lanceolate, serrate. Padancles three-flowered. Berries five-seeded.

Telinga. Neer-Ganaroo, i. c. water Oleander.

This is a large annual species; a native of ponds, ditches, &c. of sweet water. It flowers

during the rainy and cold seasons.

Stem piped, all the parts that grow in, or float on the water, bending in various directions, and being often some yards in length; the part above the water is erect, branchy and from one to two feet high. The former part is jointed, with roots from the joints, and the pipe interrupted there; the erect part five-sided, smooth, coloured, as thick as the fore-finger; pipe interrupted at the leaves, as in the floating parts. Leaves seedle, scattered, lanceolate, serrate, smooth: from four to five inches long, and less than one broad; there is a giand on each side of the base instead of stipules. Pedsacles axillary, solitary, generally three-cleft, three-flowered. Brastes (involueres) oblong. Flowers large, very beautifully variegated with red, white, and yellow. Pericarp. Berry sub-globular, five-grooved, succulent, smooth, red, size of a cherry. Seeds ave, hard, nur-like, obliquely oblong, happed over at both ends.

When in flower, this is one of our most elegant water plants.

LEEA. Schreb. gen. N. 1432.

Culux five-toothed. Corol one-petalled, with a five-cleft, staminiferous nectary in the mouth of the tube. Germ six-celled; cells one-seeded.

This definition includes, I think, Aquilicia samueina, which of course I do not consider

as a distinct genus.

The position of the anthers in this family is so remarkable and anomalous, that I know of nothing like it absendere. The filaments are inserted into the bottom of the fissures of the nectary, and rise parallel with its segments, to their height, where they are quickly bent in and down, to their projecting spices, the inverted anthers are attached near the middle of their backs, with their sides touching, and in most of the species, as firmly united as in any syngenesious plant, forming a cylindrical tube round the stigma; in this position they remain, until by the detachment of the filaments from the nectary, they fall off in one body.

1. L. macrophylla, R.

Herbaccous. Leaves simple. Saus. Sumoodraka, Reng. Dhol-Shumoodra.

Is common throughout Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root tuberous, perennial, red. Stem erect, annual, flexuose, jointed. Leaves simple, alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, irregularly serrate, or tooth-lobed; posterior lobes large and overlapping each other; smooth on both sides, except that on the under side the numerous veins are very protuberant, of which the larger are always opposite; from one to two feet long, and nearly as broad. Petioles tapering from the base, furrowed below, channelled above, as far as the stipule-like membrane reaches. Cymes terminal, large; first division three-parted, or three distinct cymes, superior divisions less regular. Flowers very numerous, small, white. Bracles small, falling. Calyx five-toethed, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube length of the calyx. Border five-parted; divisions hanceolate, expanding with an incurved apex, and there bagged. Nectary; in this species the apices of the divisions are entire. Filaments five, length of the nectary, and inserted on the bottom of its five fissures. Authors inverted within the mouth of the nectary, with their sides united. Germ superior, six-celled, with one evulum in each, attached to the base of the axis. Style cylindric. Stigma

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simple, perforated, lodged about the middle of the inverted anthers. Berry much depressed, torose, size of a small cherry, obscurely six or more-lobed, smooth, black, and succedent when ripe, six or more-celled. Seeds solitary. Integaments two; the exterior one somewhat nuciform, pretty thick, and brown; the inner one very thin, and lighter coloured, adhering to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, deeply intersected with brown, clammy fissures. Embryo small, scarcely half the length of the perisperm, subulate. Cotyledons subulate. Radicle inferior, pointing to the umbilicus.

Obs. The root promises to yield a colour fit for dyeing; its taste is astringent, and it is

mucilaginous.

2. L. crispa. Willd. spec. i. 1177.

Herbaceons, stem and branches fringed at the angles. Leaves pinnate; leaflets oblong, serrate. Anthers free.

Nalugu. Rheed. Mal. ii. 43. t. 26.

Beng. Bun-chelta.

Grows wild among bushes near Calcutta. Flowering time the rainy season; and though the flowers are not conspicuous yet the uncommonly elegant curled wings give to the whole

I. plant a great degree of beauty.

Root perennial. Stems several, herbaceous, somewhat woody, from four to five feet high, jointed, swelled above the joints, the young shoots chiefly are ornamented with from six to eight, thin, short, much curled wings. Leaves alternate, petioled, generally quinate-pinnate, though in luxuriant plants the lower pair is sometimes compound. Leaflets petioled, ovate-oblong, pointed, deeply and acutely serrate; veins numerous, simple, parallel, large, running off at an angle of about forty-five degrees, corresponding in number with the serratures of the margin, and ending in their points, as in Dillenia speciesa. Petioles four or five-winged; wings curled, &c. as on the branches. Stipules falcate, not ciliate. Cymes terminal, small, a little hairy, five-flowered. Bractes minute, hairy, margins running down the next pedanele or pedicel immediately below, forming a deep groove thereon, with high winged margins. Calga absolutely five-toothed, permanent. Corol as in the last species. Nectury also as in the last. Anthers lodged within the mouth of the nectury, but not adhering to one another. Germ conical, six-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the base of the axis. Style five-grooved. Berry round, size of a small cherry, when ripe smooth, black, and succulent, six-celled. Seeds one in each cell, all of which very frequently come to perfection, obliquely-obovate, inserted near the inner and lower augle to the lower part of a soft, central receptacle. Integument single, hard, and pretty smooth; a very thin membrane seems to cover and adhere to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, deeply intersected with brown, clammy fissures. Embryo small, lodged in the base of the perisperm near the umbilicus, a little incurvate. Cotyledons subulate. Radicles inferior, oblong.

3. L. robusta. R.

Shrubby, jointed, pubescent. Leaves bi- and tri-pinnate; leaflets ovate-lanceolate, serrate, cuspidate. Nectary sub-globular.

A native of the northern Circars. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it flowers during

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Stems in plants five years old erect, about five or six feet high, stout, simple, flexuous, jointed, round, the woody parts pretty smooth, the more tender parts rather harsh, with coarse, short pubescence. Leaves alternate, from pinnate to tripinnate, from one to three feet long, and often broader than long. Leaflets ovate-lanceolate, the lateral ones with a broad-cordate base, serrate, hairy underneath; from five to ten inches long, and from three to five broad. Petioles channelled on the upper edge. Stipules petiolary, large, semi-clliptic, villous, caducous. Cymes terminal, super-decompound, villous. Flowers very numerous, small. Bractes linear, villous, caducous. Calyx campanulate, five-toothed. Corol green, five-cleft. Nectary round, urceolate, pearl-coloured, inserted on the mouth of the small tube of the corol, and there contracted by a sharp vein on the inside, deeply five-parted; segments linear-oblong, fleshy, with a thin, rounded apex. Filaments inserted into the bottom of the fissures of the nectary, above the middle jointed, and there bent in and down. Anthers linear-oblong, inverted, and in that position their margins are firmly united into a ring round the stigma. Germ superior, ovate, six-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the base of the axis. Style short, but thin, and six-grooved. Sligma rather large, entire, convex. Berry much flattened, size of a small cherry, smooth, black, and somewhat succulent, six-lobed, six-celled. Seed solitary. Perisperm conform to the seed, intersected with some deep brown fissures, as in all the other species examined by me. Embryo small, a little curved. Cotyledons subulate. Radicle inferior, pointing to the umbilicus.

4. L. hirta. Herb. Banks.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate, and bi-pinnate; leaflets lanceolate, serrate, hairy. Anthers connected.

Beng. Kakujangha.

A native of the lower parts of Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stems several, somewhat woody, flexuose, jointed. Bark greenish, slightly scabrous; branches few, and like the stem. Leaves alternate, petioled, from simple to decompound. Leaflets opposite, oblong, serrate, scabrous and hairy on both sides, particularly on the under one, from two to eight inches long, and from one to three broad. Petiols and petiolets round, scabrous and hairy. Stipules petiolary. Cymes terminal, three-parted. Nectary inserted into the edge of the projecting ring which surrounds the mouth of the tube of the corol, the tube of which is erect, and five-parted; divisions oblong, emarginate. Filaments

five, the length of the nectary, and inserted into the bottom of its five fissures. Authors oblong, three-fourths or more lodged within the mouth of the nectary, with their points Ed. downwards, and firmly coalescing at the sides into a tube. Berry; when ripe it has much the appearance of a black current, a little flattened, generally six-seeded, when dry it appears with as many lobes, (torose). Seeds, &c. exactly as in the former and following species.

L. sambucina, Willd, spec. i. 1177.

Shrubby. Leaves from simple to decompound; leaflets ovate, oblong, serrate, smooth. Cymes super-decompound.

Frutex aquosus, foemina. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 45.

Aquilicia Sambucina. Linn. Mant. 211. Gart. carp. 2. 127. t. 108.

A native of the Molnecas, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1798, where it blossoms during the rains, and ripens its seed in November, December,

Stems erect, almost straight, ramous, height of the whole plant from eight to twelve feet. Bark slightly furrowed lengthways, in other respects smooth. In this species roots generally descend to the ground from the lower joints of the stems. Leaves from simple to decompound. Leaflets, the single leaves, which are rarely present, from ovate to nearly round; those of the compound leaves from ovate-oblong to linear-oblong, serrate, smooth on both sides. Corymbs terminal, trichotomous. Flowers small, yellow; structure as in the former species. Berries round, pulpy, smooth, glaucous, black, size of a marrow-fat pea, six-seeded; when dry torose.

6. L. Staphylea. R.

Shrubby. Leaves compound and super-decompound; leaflets linear-oblong, finely taperpointed, serrate, smooth on both sides. Cymes thin.

Aquillicia Otillis (Otillis zeylanica.) Gart. carp. i. 275. t. 57.

Staphylea? indica. Burm. Ind. 75. t. 24. f. 2.

Beng. Kookoor-jihwa.

Teling. Ancados.

Stems several, erect, stout, ligneous. Branches few; the young ones flexuose, smooth; round, articulated. Leaves alternate, compound, and decompound, commonly about eighteen inches long; pinnæ opposite, generally two pair, the lower pair is sometimes compound; all terminate with an odd one. Leaflets opposite, petiolated, linear-oblong, pointed, servate, smooth on both sides; from four to seven inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles and petiolets round, smooth. Stipules large, adjoined to the lower part of the petiole, coloured, leathery, falling. Cymes terminal, large, with frequently a smaller one accompanying the chief one. Flowers small, greenish white, very numerous. Calgor cup-shaped, five-toothed, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Two a little longer than the calyx. Border fiveparted; dicisions oblong, concave, with an incurved point. Nectory a yellow, fleshy, fivecleft ring, inserted into the mouth of the tube of the corol, descending with a contracted rim considerably into it, and rising about it: divisions emarginate. Filaments five, inserted into the outside of the nectary, just below, or rather in the lower sloping edge of its fissures. Authors oblong, inverted within the nectary, their sides adhering to each other as in the plants of Syngenesia. Germ superior, globular. Style the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma simple. Berry dry, size of a small cherry, flattened, five or six-grooved, five or sixcelled. Seeds one in each cell.

7. L. integrifolia R.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves super-decompound; leaflets lanceolar, entire, acuminate. Corymbs super-decompound.

Teling. Boorndipakai.

A native of the moist vallies among the Circar mountains. It is a large shrub, and flow-

ers during the wet season.

Leaves alternate, super-decompound, about thirty inches long. Pinnæ as in the last species; the lower pair always bipinnate. Leaflets opposite, sub-sessile, linear-lanceolate, and lanceolar, sometimes very slightly serrate; smooth above, a little downy underneath, from six to eight inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles and petiolets smooth, with an elevated ridge running along the upper side; beyond the lower pair of pinnse the ridge has a groove in it. Stipules as in the former. Corymbs terminal, &c. as in the last species, but larger. Calgar as in the other species. Corol; tube shorter than the calya, in other respects as in the last species. Nectory composed of five erect, emerginate scales, issuing from the mouth of the tube of the corol. Filaments five, alternate with and longer than the nectorial bodies. Anthers oblong, pointed. Pistil, pericarp, and seeds, as in the last species; it is rather more common for the capsule to be six-seeded in this species than in the others.

VITIS. Schreb. gen. N. 396.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Germ two-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment inferior. Berry superior, from one to four-seeded. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.
1. V. indica. Willd, spec. i. 1180.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves round-cordate, often more or less angled, finely serrate, downy underneath. Tendrils panicle-bearing. Germ embraced by a five-lobed cup. Berries round, from one to two-seeded

Schembra-valli, Rheed. Mal. vii. 11, t. 6.

Beng. Amdhouka.

A native of various parts of India. Flowering time the month of April. The fruit ripens

in July.

Root perennial. Stem and branches long and slender, climbing up and over trees, hedges, &c. to an extent of many fathoms; young shoots villous. Tendrils opposite to the leaves, floriferous, beyond the flowers bifid. Leaves alternate, petioled, round-cordate, more or less angular, finely serrate, more or less villous according to their age, particularly underneath, from three to six inches each way. Petioles rather shorter than the leaves. Panicles issuing solitarily from the middle of the tendrils, peduncled, ovate, dense. Flowers numerous, very minute, greenish purple. Calyx small, five-toothed. Petals five, ovate-oblong, at first spreading, afterwards reflex, and not cohering at top as in some of the species. Nectary a fivetoothed, saucer-shaped body, surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments five, nearly as long as the petals. Germ superior, nearly round, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style none. Stigma five-lobed.

2. V. lanata. R.

Shrubby, climbing. Leaves cordate, serrate, woolly underneath. Racemes panieled, leaf-

opposed. Petals cohering at top.

A native of the forests amongst the Circar mountains. Flowering time the cold season. Trunk woody, climbing over trees, &c.; young shoots very long, covered with a little rusty wool. Tendrils opposite, simple, or split. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, serrate; above a little woolly, below much so; four inches long, by three broad. Petioles round, woolly, two inches long. Pedancles opposite, composed of compound racemes, a little woolly. Flowers very numerous, small, green, fascicled. Petals cohering at the top; when they drop they seem to be a monopetalous corol, and what was the top must then be considered as the bottom. Berries round, purple, succulent, size of a pea, one or two-seeded.

3. V. latifolia. R.

Herbaceous, climbing. Leaves cordate-lobate, crenate-serrate, smooth. Tendrils panicle-bearing. Petals oblong. Germs embraced by a nectarial cup.

Vallia-Pira-Pitica. Rheed. Mal. vii. 13. t. 7.

Beng. Govila.

A native of Bengal and of the warmer maritime parts of India, blossoming about the be-

ginning of the rainy season; and ripening its fruit in July.

Root tuberous. Stem and branches herbaceous, climbing, round, and smooth, very long, and slender, running over trees, &c. to a great extent. Tendrils leaf-opposed, generally two-parted, panicle-bearing. Leaves petioled, alternate, always opposite to a tendril, nearly of a round, cordate-lobate shape, with three, five, or seven rather acute lobes; margins serratedentate, pretty smooth on both sides, length and breadth from three to nine inches. Panicles issuing solitarily from the middle of the tendrils before they divide; pedancles ovate, dense. Flowers very numerous, small, of a deep reddish brown. Bracks linear. Calga small, obscurely five-toothed. Petals obleng, at first expanding, then reflexed. Germ superior, nearly round, two-celled, with two ovela in each, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style none. Stigma a pit in the lobate apex of the germ. Berry the size, shape, and appearance of a black-currant, rarely more than two-seeded. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo erect, in the lower half of the perisperm. Cotyledons nearly round, Radicle inferior.

4. V. parvifolia. R.

Leaves angle-cordate, three-lobed, crenate-serrate, smooth. Stipules oval. Thyrses leafopposed, few-flowered.

A slender, perennial vine, of exactly the habit of the common grape vine; a native of the eastern part of Bengal. Flowers in February.

Stems and old branches ligueous, considerably flattened, ten or twelve feet high. Bark-dark brown, with the exterior laming thin, and frequently peeling off; young shoots somewhat angular, and pretty smooth. Leaves simple, cordate, sometimes three-lobed, cremate-serrate, apex somewhat attenuate, smooth on both sides, about two inches long. Tendrils bind. Stipules oval, caducous. Thyrses opposite to the leaves, diverging, very small, and only a little longer than the petioles. Flowers very minute, green. Calgar obscurely five-lobed. Petioles five, cohering, and falling off in one body. Nectary five-rounded scales, embracing the base of the germ, alternate with the filaments. Filaments five, length of the germ, at first erect, but by age becoming recurved. Anthers ovate. Germ round, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the base of the axis. Style scarcely any. Stigma obscurely lobed.

MUSA. Schreb. gen. N. 1563.

Polygamous. Calyx. Spathes partial, one or many flowered. Corol of two unequal petals. Flowers all hermaphrodite. Male-hermaphrodite toward the apex of the spadix. Germ inferior, abortive. Female-hermaphrodite toward the base-of the spadix. Germ inferior, three-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment central. Berry oblong, three-celled, manyseeded. Embryo central, and amply furnished with a perisperm.

1. M. sapientum. Willd. spec. iv. p. 894.

Spadix drooping, spathes ovate, deciduous; those of the female-hermaphrodite flowers of the wild plant often wither and remain till the seeds are ripe, but in the cultivated varieties they are always decidnous.

Bata. Rheed. Mal. i. 17. t. 12, 13, and 14.

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Musa.

Musa. Ramph. Amb. v. 130. t. 60.
Ram Kulla, Walli-kulla, Ram Jakialia-kulla, are the names the wild banana and plantain are known by at Chittagong where they are found indigenous in the forests, and blossom during the rains.

Beng. Kula.

Telinga. Arctti; and Komarctti the cultivated plantain.

The varieties of the banana, cultivated over India, are very numerous, but fewer of the plaintain, as I have hitherto obtained knowledge of only three; whereas, I may safely say,

not less than ten times that number of the former have come under my inspection,

Their duration, culture, habit, and natural character are already well known; I shall therefore confine myself to (what I think,) the original wild Musa, from which I conclude all the cultivated varieties of both plantain and banana proceed, and which I consider as varieties of that one species.

In the course of two years, from the seed received from Chittagong, these attained to the usual height of the cultivated sorts which is about ten or twelve feet. They blossom at all seasons, though generally during the rains; and ripon their seed in five or six months afterwards; the plant then perishes down to the root, which long before this time has produced other shoots; these continue to grow up, blossom, &c. in succession for several years.

Their leaves are exactly as in the cultivated sorts. Spadix simple, drooping. Spathes partial, numerous, ovate, concave, onooth, crimson on the inside, outside darker-coloured, six or eight of these nearest the base of the spadix embrace a double row of female-hermaphro-dite flowers, and are not always deciduous, but sometimes wither, and remain till the seeds are ripe. All the rest, and they are very numerous, expanding in succession for two or three months, embrace similar double rows of abortive, or male hermaphrodite flowers; which, with their spathes, are always decidnous. Calyx no other than the just mentioned spathes. Corol of two, dissimilar petals; the exterior one with an unequally five toothed apex, which soon becomes revolute, the isser one sometimes called the sectory, half the length of the exterior one; when foreibly expanded they are nearly round, but in their natural state oblong, and deeply concave, with an emarginate apex, and incurved, ensitorm point. Filaments in both flowers five, with sometimes the rudiment of a sixth. Authors in the male-hermaphrodite linear, and as long as the filaments; in the female-hermaphrodite minute, and without pollen. Germinferior, oblong, three-celled, with from four to five or six rows of ovala in each cell, regularly attached to a central, fleshy receptacle axis; by their growth they are forced from the regular situation in which they are found in the germ, their lasertions cannot then be easily traced; in the anale-hermaphrodite they are abortive. Style cylindric. Stigma threelobed, large and clammy. Berry oblong, tapering to each end; of a soft fishy consistence, smooth and vellow, marked longitudinally with five ribs, three-celled; the partitions distinct, but soft and pulpy, and no doubt disappear when dry, and long kept. Seeds numerous, the size of a small pea, round, turbinate, tubercled; the exterior half dark-chesnut or blackish toward the umbilieus, which is a large circular cavity; light brown. Integument, &c. as described and figured by Gartner, Carp. i. 28. 9. 4.11.

2. M. coerinea, Andr. Repos. 1. 47.

Spadix and spather straight, the latter one or two-flowered, and permanent.

This has been brought from China, where it is said to be indigenous. It thrives well in the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta, where I long took it for the banana in a dwarf state; a state the Chinese have the art of reducing most plants to; but now, after repeated examination for many years, I find it is undoubtedly a permanently distinct species. It resembles the basana and plantain in habit, and in its perennial root

Stem erect, generally three or four feet high, and about as thick as a man's arm. Like the other species they perish soon after fructification, and like them, are succeeded by shoots from the root. Leaves linear, &c. as in M. Sapientum. Spadix erect. Spathes linear-oblong, bont-shaped, erect, obtuse, both sides smooth, and of a bright searlet colour; all are permanent, and embrace one, or at most two flowers. Flowers, the inferior ones are female-hermaphrodite and fertile. The superior ones male-hermaphrodite and abortive. With Gærtner I consider the corol as two-petalled in this genus, (and not as a nectary;) and in this species it is particularly so. In M. Sapientum the two ovate scales over the inside of the fissures of the exterior petal may be called acctarial. Petals two, as long as the stamens, somewhat ringent; the exterior one involving the interior like a spathe, its apex three-parted; the lateral divisions thereof ending in a slender hornlet; the middle one is broader and three-parted; soon after expansion they become reflected, then revolute. *Interior* petal nearly as long as the exterior, apex sometimes entire, sometimes three-parted. Filaments uniformly five, surrounding three-fourths of the style. Authors in the male-hermaphrodite flowers linear, about as long as the filaments, with a deep polliniferous groove on each margin; those of the fertile, or female-hermaphrodite flowers are small, and totally destitute of pollen. Germ inferior, oblong, three-celled, &c. Style as long as the stamens. Stigma oval, obscurely threelobed. Pericarp of the male-hermaphrodite flowers abortive, of the female-hermaphrodite ones fertile, oblong, and a little compressed, pulpy, about two inches long, and less than one broad, when ripe yellow, divided internally into three cells, with a double row of seeds in each, these seeds however rarely come to maturity here.

The plant is highly ornamental, which so far as I know, is all that can be said in its favour, 3. M. ornata. R.

Spadix erect; spathes decidnous, three-flowered, lanceolate. Both petals of the corols

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age equal in length.

Beng. Ramanigee-kula.

A native of Chittagong, where this and some other sorts are commonly called monkeys' plaintains. Except in size and manner of flowering, the species does not in any respect differ from the common cultivated sorts already well known. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta,

they blossom and ripen their seeds the whole year.

Root perennial, pushing forth a succession of stems every way like those of the cultivated sorts, only about as thick as a man's arm, and in general, in a rich soil from three to five feet high. Leaves petioled, &c. as the common plantain. Spadix erect. Spathes partial, alternate, boat-shaped, broad-lanceolate, obtuse, smooth, striated, colour a most lovely light purple or lilac, two or three-flowered, decidnous, length from four to six inches. Flowers, the inferior five or six spathes are occupied by female-hermaphrodite ones; all the rest, and they are very numerous, by male-hermaphrodite ones, all are orange-coloured. Corol twopetalled, the exterior one irregularly five-toothed, the lateral segments with calcarate apices. The inner petal is as long as the exterior one, thin, and membranaceous. Filaments five, in some flowers there is the minute rudiment of a sixth. Anthers in the male-hermaphrodite flowers linear, as long as the filaments, in the female ones most minute and abortive. inferior, in the female-hermaphrodite flowers large, and linear-oblong, with three most distinct cells, &c. in the male one minute. Style in the former twice as long as the filaments, with a large clammy stigma; in the latter shorter than the stamens, very slender, and with scarcely any stigma at all. Berry linear-oblong, slightly incurved, obscurely four or five-sided, with the angles much rounded, smooth, fleshy, when ripe dull yellowish green, about the size of a man's little finger, three-celled. Seeds many in a single row in each cell, compressed, tending to be quadrangular, tubercled, very black, inserted into the soft fleshy partitions. Perisperm and embryo as in the former species.

A very pretty ornamental plant, and would no doubt be much admired in Europe.

4. M. superba. R.

Root fibrous and perishing with the short conical stem. Leaves petioled, but not sheath-Spadix nodding. Spathes cordate, many-flowered, those of the female-hermaphrodite

flower permanent.

A native of the vallies of the southern parts of the peninsula of India. From Dindigul Dr. Anderson of Madras received it into his garden, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive, blossom, and ripen their seeds at various

times of the year.

Trunk almost conical, being only three feet to the leaves, seven and a half in circumference close to the ground, and four and a half immediately under leaves; and invested with the numerous, somewhat stem-clasping bases of those that have decayed; height of the whole plant to the highest part of the curvature of the spadix, thirteen feet. Leaves numerous, equally surrounding every part of the stem, petioled, lanceolate, very entire, until broken by wind, &c. filiform, pointed, smooth on both sides, with numerous parallel, diverging veins; from five to ten feet long, and from two to three broad. Petioles about two feet long; those of the lower leaves have their bases broad and embrace the stem; while those near the inflorescence have long, stem-clasping sheaths, like those of the plantain and banana; semicylindric on the under side, and deeply channelled on the upper one. Spadix terminal, simple, drooping, before any of the spathes expand, cordate. Spathes numerous, expanding in succession, broad-cordate, slightly ribbed, smooth, ferruginous, many-flowered, permanent, and not becoming revolute. Flowers numerous, from twenty to thirty in a double series to each spathe; the female-hermaphrodite ones occupy the bases, or lower spathe; and the male-hermaphrodite ones the superior. Perianth none. Corol; petals two very unequal. Exterior petal involving the inner one like a spathe, leathery, three-parted; the linear divisions often adhering by their margins; soon after expansion they become twisted into one body. Inner petal five or six times shorter than the exterior one, pale-coloured, almost pellucid, and composed of two sub-rotund lobes with an ensiform process between them; from the inside of the insertion of this petal a very large quantity of transparent jelly is discharged. Nectary two filiform scales inserted over the two fissures of the exterior petal. Thus far the male and female-hermaphrodite flowers agree. Filaments five, with the rudiment of a sixth on the under side. Anthers in the male-hermaphrodite flower longer and thicker than the filaments. In the female-hermaphrodite they are wanting, or only small, black, withered points. Germ beneath. In the female-hermaphrodite flower large, three-celled, and fertile; in the male one small, and barren. Style linear, thick, and fleshy. In the female-hermaphrodite flower twice as long as its barren stamens. In the male-hermaphrodite one only half the length of the fertile stamens. Stigma in both somewhat three-grooved, and obscurely six-lobed, clammy. Pericarp; berry oblong, size of a goose-egg, smooth, three-celled, when ripe nearly dry, so little pulp is there on the fruit of this species. Seeds numerous, angular, and black. Perisperm and embryo as in the former species.

5. M. glanca, R.

Root fibrous, and perishing with the columnar stem. Spadix drooping; spathes ovatelanceolate, imbricated, from ten to twenty-flowered, permanent; those of the male-hermaphrodite flowers withering.

A very stately, elegant, perfectly distinct, strongly marked species, a native of Pegu, and from thence introduced, by the discoverer, Mr. F. Carey, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in May, and the seeds ripen in October and November. Like my M. superba it never produces suckers, consequently it must be reared from the seed, which

it furnishes in great abundance ; the fruit containing little else, even fit for a monkey to eat. The whole plant has a pale glaucous appearance, which, with its columnar stem and total Carey want of suckers, readily distinguish this from all the other Musa known to me.

Roof fibrous, about triennial, for like that of my superba, it perishes with the plant, when it has perfected its seed, and not like the cultivated sorts, tuberous, permanent, and furnishing a succession of suckers, by which they are quickly and abundantly propagated. Stem simple, erect, columnar, from ten to twelve feet high and about two feet in circumference. Leaves numerous round the apex of the stem, &c. as in M. Sapientum. Spadix in this species rather long-peduncled, perfectly pendulous, base occupied with fertile female-hermaphrodite flowers, which are completely hid under the permanent, ovate-lanceolate spathes; the barren or male-hermaphrodite flowers occupy all the rest to the very apex, and continue to blosson in succession until the seeds are ripe, by which time this part greatly exceeds in length the fertile part, and continues covered with the withered, but permanent spathes. Corol, stamina, and pistillum, as in M. Sapientum, &c. Berries trigonally clavate, as thick as a cucumber, and about four or five inches long, smooth, striated lengthways with small veins, colour when ripe a mixture of green, yellow and pink, three-celled. Seeds, rather nuts, a few in each cell, oval, size of a field bean. Integument a perfect, hard, black, substantial nut, divided into three transverse cells, the uppermost and lowermost filled with spongy matter, the middle one is occupied by the friable white perisperse, in the middle of the base thereof is lodged the small, simple, short, sub-obconic embryo, the whole nearly as in Gartner's Sapientum, Carp. i. 28. t. 11. f. 1.

HELICONIA. Schreb. gen. N. 403.

Spathes alternate. Calyx none. Corol six-petalled. Nectory one-leaved. Germ inferior, three-celled; cells with one or more seeds; attachment inferior. Pericary three-celled, three-valved, seed solitary, or several.

1. H. buccinata. R.

Stemless. Leaves lanceolar, glossy. Spadir central, flexuose, pubescent; spathes from six to eight, bifarious, diverging, each embracing from six to ten pedicelled flowers. Nectury

oblong; cells of the germ one-seeded.

Folium buccinatum. Rumph. Amb. v. 141. t. 62. f. 2.

From Amboyna plants were brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1798, where in seven years they began to blossom during the hot season, viz. April and May; but have

not yet ripened their seed in Bengal.

Roof consisting of numerous, strong, fleshy fibres, like the common banana, and still more permanent than in any species of Masa known to me. Stem no other than the united sheathing part of the petioles, except when in flower the scape then rises through their centre. Leaves in numerous bundles from the same root, forming an immense, beautiful bush; bifarious, petioled, lanceolate, entire, polished, acute, with diverging veius, from two to four feet long, and one foot broad. Rib protuberant, and pale. Petioles from three to six feet long, the lower laif sheathing, those within smooth in every part. Scape rising through the centre of the sheathing of the petioles, and elevated but little above them. Spadia about a foot long, flexuose, hairy, compound, of from six to ten, alternate, bifarious branches. Spathes from six to ten, alternate, bifarious, diverging, smooth, lanccolate, boat-shaped, each embracing a small raceme, of from six to twelve, pedicelled, pretty large, pale yellow flowers, which expand in succession. Bractes numerous, bifarious, imbricated, linear-lanceolate, acute, villous, each of the most inferior ones embraces a single flower; the superior ones are smaller and abortive. Calyx none, except what I take for the carol be so called. Petals from six to three interior, and three exterior, unequal in breadth, but of the same length, linear-lanceolate, all united at the base. Nectary or sterile-stumen, a single, oblong, acute leaflet, inserted on the base of the largest of the three exterior petals, and into this petal no stamen is inserted. Filaments five, inserted on the base of the petals on the inside. Anthers linear, erect, with their spices nearly as high as the stigma. Germ pedicelled, inferior, three-sided, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style nearly as long as the petals. Sligma simple.

ACHYRANTHES: Schreb. gen. N. 404.

Calgar five-leaved, and calveled. Corol none. Nectary and stigma various. superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment inferior. Capsule utricular, one-seeded. Embryo annular, with central perisperin.

1. A. incana. R.

Annual, erect, hoary. Leaves lanceolar. Spikes panieled, terminal. Nectary tentoothed.

Hiccobrum javanicum. Willd. spec. i. 1205. Iresine javanica. Burin. Ind. 212. (by mistake 312.) tab. 65. f. 2.

Found wild in various parts of India, in flower, and with ripe seed most part of the

Stems nearly erect. Branches few, and nearly erect, all the most tender parts veryhoary, indeed white; general height from three to five feet. Leaves alternate, sub-sessife, narrow-lanceolate, entire, heary. Panicles terminal, composed of alternate, sessile, incurved, cylindric spikes, completely crowded with numerous, small, white flowers. Calycle two

or three, broader, smooth, hyaline scales. Calgo five-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, hyaline, very woolly toward the base on the outside; three of the five rather narrower, and with a little green in the centre. Nectary a short, ten-toothed cup round the germ. Filaments no other than the teeth of the nectary. Anthers could not be detected, yet the seeds are fertile. Germs superior, obcordate, one-celled, one-seeded. Style short. Stigma two-cleft; segments hairy, and recurved in opposite direction. Utriculus an entire, one-celled membrane. Seeds solitary.

Obs. From the above description it appears evident that this plant is clearly an Achyrauthes; having the entire membranaceous utricular capsules of that genus, containing a single, lenticular, reniform, highly polished seed, with central perisperm, and peripherical

2. A. aspera. Willd spec. i. 1191,

Biennial, sub-erect, ramous. Leaves opposite, obovate, downy. Spikes most long, with flowers retrofracted.

Reng. Chichiria, Apang.

Cadelari, Rheed, Mal. x. 155. t. 78.

Amaranthus spicatus zeylanicus, foliis obtusis. Burm. zeyl. 16. t. 50. f. 3.

A troublesome weed in every part of India, chiefly during the rainy and cold season. but in some measure all the year.

673 3. A. aquatica. R.

Herbaceous, straggling to a great extent about the edges of sweet water. Leaves opposite, lanceolate. Spikes terminal. Flowers retrofracted. Bracles and scales of the calvx spinous.

Celosia spinescens. Koen. Mss.

A native of Coromaudel, where it blossoms during the rainy season.

4. A. Monsonia. R.

Tetrandrous, cespitose, very ramous. Leaves subulate, tufted; spikes terminal, subcylindric.

Illecebrum Monsonia. Linn. Suppl. 161.

Celosia Monsonia. Retz. Obs. 2. p. 13. Willd. spec. i. 1200; and Ait. kew. i. 288.

Amaranthoides spicatum Spergulæ foliis. Pluck. Almag. Mantiss. 11. t. 334. f. 4. Almath. 13. t. 357. f. 4.

A native of Bengal and Coromandel, where it blossoms during the cool season.

Stem none, but numerous branches, with opposite, diverging, round, somewhat woolly branchlets, spreading close on the ground and extending to from one to three feet in length.

Leaves subulate, opposite, sessile, with tufts of smaller ones in their axills. Spikes terminal, ovate-oblong, compact, being closely covered with numerous, minute, rose-coloured flowers. Caly.c and calycle seven-leaved. Nectary four-leaved, alternate with the stamens. Stamens four. Utricules with a single seed.

A. lappacea. Willd. spec. i. 1192.

Biennial, straggling. Leaves opposite, petioled, ventricose-oblong, smooth. Spikes terminal; flowers remote, generally in pairs, with three fascicles of coloured, hooked bristles to the pair.

Willia-codiveli. Rheed. Mal. x. 117. t. 59.

Blitum scandens, fructu lappaceo. Burm. Zeyl. 47. t. 18. f. 1. (good.)

Beng. Kuya-duya. Duya-kuya.

Is found in most parts of India, generally growing among bushes. Flowering time the miny season.

6. A. alternifolia, Herb. Banks.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves alternate, ovate-oblong. Spikes axillary, longer than their leaves, two variously horned bodies between the corol and calyx. Nectary none.

Beng. Luta-mohooriya, Gungatiya.

Teling. Chancheli kura.

Annual, common on most cultivated lands, in the Botanic garden at Calcutta; it is a

most troublesome weed.

Stem when the plant is young, tolerably erect, but ever afterwards prostrate, with longer, prostrate, striated, succulent branches. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, or ovate, pointed, sometimes a little waved, margins coloured; below a little hairy, about two inches long. Petioles Channelled. Spikes axillary, twice as long as the leaves or more. Flowers solitary, alternate, small, red. Bracles three-fold, concave, one-flowered; immediately within each of the two lateral bractes is a compressed, ramous, green body. Calyx five-leaved; the inner segments three-coloured. Nectary no other than the enlarged bases of the filaments. Seed single, in its rugose utriculus.

The leaves and tender tops are used by the natives in their curries. It ought to be

carefully compared with A. muricata.

7. A. prostrata Willd. spec. i. 1194.
Annual, diffuse. Leaves opposite. Spikes filiform. Flowers reflexed, with fascicles of bristles adjoining. Nectary with five bidentate horns, alternating with the filaments.
Scheru-cadelari. Rheed. Mal. x. 157. t. 79.

Auris canina femina. Rumph. Amb. vi. 26. t. 11. 675 Introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, amongst spice plants from the Moluc-Flowers during the cold season.

Root ramous, annual. Stem scarcely any, but several pairs of opposite, diffuse, round,

smooth, coloured branches. Leaves opposite, sessile, oblong, entire, coloured. Spikes terminal, solitary, filiform, sub-erect. Flowers scattered, reflected, generally two together. Ca Bractes (or calvx) three to the two flowers, with the same number of fascicles of hooked red bristles as in A. lappacea. Nectary with five, two-toothed hornlets, alternate with the filaments, and with them united into a membranous ring round the base of the germ. Germ sub-pedicelled. Style single.

S. A. sericea, Koen. Mss.

Stem erect, downy. Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate, covered with much silky down. Peduacles axillary, longer than the leaves, bifid or trifid, many-flowered.

A large, straggling annual, growing in sheltered shady places in a dry sandy soil.

Root single. Stem erect, with many long spreading branches resting on the ground, or something else; all are round, and covered with silky down. Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-cordate, acute, covered with very soft silky down, about an inch and a haif long. Pedancles axillary, opposite, round, downy, as long as the leaves, each ending in two, three, or more, spreading, winding filiform spikes. The rest as in the genus.

9. A. ferruginea. R.
Annual, flaceid. Leaves opposite, ovate. Spikes sub-conical, peduncled and sessile.

Nectary five-toothed; each tooth ending in a proper antheriferous filament. Stigmas

Beng. Rukta-Sirinchee.

Hind. Lal-Sirinchee.

A small annual, wild in gardens, or about the borders of cultivated lands near Calcutta,

where it appears during the rainy season.

Stems slender, leaning, about a foot long, absolutely four or five-sided, smooth, rustcoloured. Branches opposite, and like the stem. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval or obovate, entire, smooth, of a very soft texture, reddish, about an inch long. Spikes peduncled, or sessile, small, conical. Peduacles four-sided, length various. Bractes in general two, opposite, leaf-like, but much smaller. Flowers crowded, small, dull red. Calycle three-leaved, the two lateral ones falling off with the five-leaved calyx and seed; the third or undermost one remains. There may be an impropriety in calling these the calycles. Nectory cup-shaped, five-toothed, teeth lengthened into five filaments. Stigma simple. Seed solitary, in a membranaceous utriculus.

10. A. seandens, R.

Perennial, climbing, downy. Leares alternate, oblong-ventricose. Spikes axillary, solitary, sessile. Calyx hairy. Nectary ten-parted. Stigma two-lobed.

Beng. Nooriya.

A native of hedges, &c. near Calentta; in flower about the close of the rains,

Stems and branches climbing, below woody, perennial; young parts more or less hairy. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, a little ventricose, hairy, and of a soft texture; size very various. Spiker sessile, axillary, and terminal; those from the axills small, and solitary; while the terminal ones are large, and generally three or more of them together. Calga and calgele silver-coloured, and woolly. Nectary ten-toothed; teeth equal, alternately antheriferous. Style single. Stigma two-lobed. Capsules circumcised, containing a single, black, smooth reniform seed.

11. A. lanata, R.

Annual, erect, ramous, woolly. Leaves alternate, orbicular. Spikes crowded. Nectary ten-parted, alternately antheriferous. Stigmas two-cleft.

Illecebrum lanatum, Willd. spec. 1, 1204.

Scheru-bula. Rheed. Mat. x. 57, t. 29, (good.)

Chenopodium incauum, raeemosum, folio majore minori opposito. Burm. Zeyl. 60. f. i. (good.)

Beng. Chava.

Is common every where, both on the Coast of Coromandel and Bengal.

A stout, hardy, annual plant, from one to two feet high, flowering all the year round. Stems erect, with many ascending, woolly branches. Leaves alternate, petioled, roundish, with somewhat of a point, and tapering at the base, entire, woolly both sides; size very various. Calgr woolly. Nectary ten-toothed, as in A. scandens. Spikes axillary, oval, woolly. Sligma two-lobed. Capsules with a single, smooth, shining black, reniform seed.

Obs. The late edition of the Spec. Plant, by Reichard, makes this plant an Illecebrum;

for what reason I know not.

12. A. diaudra. R.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves opposite, linear-lanceolar. Spikes terminal; flowers reflected, and pressed close to the rachis. Stamina two, alternate with the two multifid lobes of the

A native of Ceylon.

Roof fibrous, annual, or at most biennial. Stems slender, straggling, striated, clothed with a few hairs pointing forward. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, linear lenccolate, entire, nearly smooth. Spikes terminal, solitary, simple, long, and slender. Flowers solitary, small, after blossoming reflected back close to the rachis. Bractes (calyx?) three-leaved. Calyx of five, rigid, smooth tapering, acute leaflets. Nectary two-lobed; lobes finely and deeply multifid. Filaments two, one in each fissure of the nectary, half as long as the corol. Anthers incumbent. Utriculus turbinate. Seed solitary.

13. A. triandra, R.

Annual, creeping. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, smooth. Flowers triandrous. Capsules winged.

Hlecebrum sessile. Willd. spec. i. 1209.

Coluppa. Rheed. Mal. x. 21. t. 11.

Amaranthus humilis foliis oppositis, flosculis in alis conglomeratis. Burm. Zeyl. 17. t. 4. f. 2. (good.)

Telinga. Ponagunta-kura.

Sans. Shalanchi.

Beng. Shanchi, also shalooncha.

A native of Bengal where it is a common weed during the rainy season.

14. A. nodiflora. R.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves obovate, cuneate. Spikes globular. Nectary with only five, antheriferous divisions. Stigma simple. Celosia nodiflora. Willd. spec. i. 1202.

Amaranthoides indicum, nodiflorum capitulis exalbo viridescentibus. Burm. Zeyl. 16. t.

A native of Coromandel. Flowers in the cold season. The ovarium in this plant contains but a single ovulum, attached to the bottom of its single cell, consequently its place is in this genus to which I have transferred it.

CELOSIA. Schreb. gen. N. 405.

Calyx five-leaved and calveled. Corol none. Nectary stamiferous, surrounding the base of the ovarium. Germ one-celled; orala several, attached to the bottom of the cell, Capsules opening transversely and containing more seeds than one. Embryo annular, with a central perisperm.

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C. argentea, Willd. spec. i. 1197.

Erect, annual. Leaves from lanceolate to oblong. Spikes sub-cylindric, scariose. Nectary with five, short toothlets, alternate with the long antheriferous divisions.

Beng. Shwet-moorga. Hind. Debkotee.

Tsjeria-belutta-adeka-manjen. Rheed. Mal. x. 77. t. 39.

Belutta-adeka-manjen. Ibid. 75. t. 38. I take for the same plant in its wild state; at least the wild plants of argentea found in the corn fields of India, are more stunted in their growth, but have their leaves broader, and the spikes shorter, as in the figure just quoted; and I am inclined to think Willdenow's albida, consequently Burman's pyramidalis, can, at most, be reckoned only another variety of the same species. Plants from the same seed have leaves of very various breadth, and are as often with, as without the falcate stipules.

2. C. cristata. Willd. spec. i. 1198.

Annual, erect. Leaves oblong-ovate, pedancled, round, striated. Spikes oblong.

Beng. Lal-moorga, the red variety; Huldee-moorga, the yellow.

Amaranthus vulgaris. Rumph. Amb. v. 236. t. 84.

I have never been able to find any other species or variety in India, that I could refer to C. coccinea. I cannot consider the breadth of the leaves, nor falcate stipules, to be any more characteristic in this than in argentea and its varieties.

In gardens only throughout India, and thrives best during the rainy and cold seasons.

3. C. comosa. Willd. spec. i. 1198.

Erect, annual. Leaves lanceolate. Spikes cylindric, tufted.

Found in most parts of India in gardens, and like the last thrives best during the rainy and cold seasons.

4. C. cernua. R.

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Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves lanceolate, acute. Racemes terminal, cylindric, with long sterile, ramous, peudulous tails. Capsules operculed, many-seeded.

A native of the tops of the Rajmuhal hills, where Mr. W. Roxburgh first found it in great abundance wild amongst fragments of a rich iron ore, and from thence sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it grows well and continues in gaudy blossom, during the whole of the cold season.

Root annual. Stem erect, with numerous, ascending, ramous branches, slightly striated, colour from green to a deep liver colour. Leares alternate, lanceolate, acute, smooth, entire, from one to six inches long, and broad in proportion. Stipules, or rather the lower opposite pair of leaves of the branches and branchlets often present, and then falcate, as in C. argentea, &c. but I do not think their presence or absence can, in any of the species found in India, be taken into the specific character; for in some plants they are tolerably constant, whereas in others of the same species reared from the same seed no sign of them can be traced. Racemes terminal; the fertile flower-bearing part simple, cylindric, but curved from the weight of the long, pendulous, lovely crimson, sterile panicle into which they divide, and which gives to this charming species its great beauty. Flowers numerous, short-peduncled, before and during expansion of a bright, vivid purple colour, but as the seed advances to maturity the margins of the scales become pure white, more or less broad. Bractes tapering, acute, one larger under the base of the pedicel, and two on its apex, pressing the calyx laterally, and about half its length. Calyx; leaflets dagger-pointed, rather longer than the stamina. Nectary ten-parted, the five long, subulate, alternate ones are antherierous, the other five short and incurv-

ed over the germ. Stigma slightly three-lobed. Capsules; the lid is a little scabrous and 681

marked with five elevations. Seeds several, shining black.

This species appears to me to differ from Retz. comosa in the following points: 1st. Here the stamina and style are about the same length, and rather shorter than the calvx; there

twice as long. 2d. Here are many, about eight seeds in the capsules; there only two.

5. C. corymbosa, Willd. spec. i. 1200.

Perennial, erect. Leaves opposite and fascicled, linear. Corymbs terminal. Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, no nectary. Capsules one-celled, three-valved; seeds many.

Paronychia foliis ad genicula confertis, acutis, floribus umbellatis. Burm. Zeyl. 184. t.

2. Telinga. Rajuma. Is a native of dry sandy lands. Flowers all the year round. This would better form a separate genus than a species of Celosia; probably it is one of Jussieu's Caryophyllem.

Root perennial. Stem straight, frequently branchy, round, jointed, reddish, covered with white down; about a foot high. Leaves opposite, sessile, linear, spreading, with fascicles of many smaller leaves in their axills. Stipules generally four-fold, ensiform, membranaecous. Umbels terminal, dichotomous. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets lanceolate. Nectary, or rather corol, of five, obcordate petals, alternate with the stamens. Filaments inserted, alternate with the petals. Style short. Stigma three-lobed. Capsules three-sided, one-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds from six to twelve or more, round.

Cattle are not found of this species.

6. C. polysperma. R.

Annual. Leaves oblong, smooth. Spikes axillary. Nectary with only five antheriferous divisions. Style three-cleft. Capsules bacciform, evalvular, many seeded.

A native of the Moluccas. It is an erect, smooth annual, with long, delicately thin leaves.

DEERINGIA. Brown, prodr. nov. holl. i. 413.

Calux five-leaved. Corol none. Filaments having their base united into a little cup. Germ one-celled, many-seeded; attachment inferior. Berry one-celled. Seeds a few, attached by their proper cords to the bottom of the cell.

1. D. celosioides. Brown. loc. cit.

Perennial, scandent. Leaves alternate, cordate. Spikes terminal, panicled. Styles three. Berries three-seeded.

Celosia baccata. Koen. in Retz. Obs. 5, 23.

Blitum fructiscens, Rumph, Amb. v. 235, t. 83, f. 2.

Beng. Gola Mohunee.

Hind. Lutman.

Found near Calcutta, flowering in the rains.

Root nearly spindle-formed, large, perennial. Stems and branches one, two, or more fathoms long; perennial, climbing, striated, otherwise smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, acute, entire. Spikes panieled, terminal, and from the exterior axills long, ascending. Flowers numerous, distinct. Calycle three-leaved, bractiform. Filaments five, from the nectary; anthers two-lobed. Styles three.

In January I found a very large plant of this climbing over a small tree, of about sixteen or eighteen feet high, with few leaves, but innumerable, beautiful, pendulous racemes loaded with small, smooth, bright red berries, each contained when perfect, three small, black, flattened, roundish, kidney-shaped seeds in one distinct cavity of the berry.

2. D. (formerly Celosia, R.) tetragyna, R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves ovate-cordate. Flowers axillary. Styles four-cleft.

A native of the Moluccas, and from thence accidently introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, amongst spice and other plants; flowering time in Bengal, the cold season.

Stem ligneous, scandent; young shoots pendulous, striated, smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate-cordate, acuminate, somewhat undulate, smooth on both sides; about two inches long, and one broad. Petioles channelled. Flowers axillary, from solitary to the being collected on small short-peduncled heads; they are small and of a pale-greenish white colour. Calgx (I would in this species rather say bractes,) three-leaved. Corol (rather calgx) fiveleaved; leaflets obtuse, and about as long as the stamens. Nectary with four or five, lengthened, antheriferous divisions. Germ four-lobed. Styles four, recurved. Berry with from one to four lobes, smooth, when ripe red, succulent, size of a pea, containing from one to four reniform seeds, though one is by far the most common.

PAEDERIA. Schreb. gen. N. 412.

Corol tubular. Germ two-celled, one-seeded; attachment inferior. Calyx five-toothed. Stigma two-cleft. Berry inferior, two-seeded. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm. P. fætida. Willd. spec. i. 1219.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves oblong-cordate. Panicles axillary and terminal. Staming inclosed. Berries compressed.

Somaraji. Asiatic Res. iv. 261.

Beng. Gundha badhulee. Hind. Gundali.

Convolvalus foetidus, Rumph. Amb. v. 436. t. 160.

Apocynum foetidum. Burm. Ind. p. 71.

Is rather a rare plant, I have only found it in the vicinity of Calcutta, twining up and over trees, &c. Flowering time the beginning of the cold season. Its root is used by the Hindoos as an emetic.

Stem ligneous, twining; young parts round, smooth. Leaves opposite, long-petioled. oblong-cordate, pretty smooth, entire. Stipules broad-cordate. Panieles axillary and terminal, brachiate. Flowers numerous, of a deep pink colour. Bractes ovate. Calyx five-toothed, Corol; tube pretty long, somewhat gibbons, inside woolly. Border narrow, divided into five cordate, crenulate segments. Filaments short, inserted irregularly about the middle of the tube. Anthers erect, within the tube. Germ inferior, turbinate, two-celled; cells containing one ovulum each, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style single. Stigma two-cleft; segments various, bent amongst the anthers. Berry dry. compressed, smooth, with five lines on each side; one-celled, two-seeded. Seeds compressed, smooth, enlarged with a somewhat membranaeeous ring all round. Perisperm conform to the seed, but scanty. Embryo large, erect. Cotyledons round, cordate. Radicle short, inferior.

2. P. recurva. R.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolar, acuminate. Corymbs terminal, recurved. A slender shrubby species; a native of Chittagong, where it is chiefly found in moist situations amongst the hills, flowering in the hot season. The seeds ripen in October and

Stem and branches erect; young shoots round, and smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, acuminate, pretty smooth on both sides, about six inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules as in the other rubiacea, with a subulate, hairy point. Corymbs terminal, recurved, brachiate, villous. Bractes opposite, ensiform. Calyx five-cleft, hairy; segments conic, permanent. Corol funnel-shaped. Tube the length of the border, widening to the mouth, a little hairy on the outside. Border of five, contorted, obliquely oblong segments. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers five, linear, erect, attached below the middle to the mouth of the tube of the corol, and their lower ends in it. Germ hairy, twocelled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the partition a little above its middle. Style the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma simple, linear-clavate, longer than the stamina. Berry inferior, size and colour of a black current, when dry striated, crowned with the remaining calyx, two-celled. Seeds solitary, the outside convex; on the in-ide a deep pit filled with the spongy receptacle. Integument single, thin. Perisperm conform to the seed, hard, dull white. Embryo lodged in the middle of the convexity of the seed. Cotyledous reniform. Radicle inferior.

3. P. erecta. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves sub-sessile, broad-lanceolar, entire. Panicles in the terminal forks of the branchlets, erect. Stamina protruded.

An erect, shrubby plant; a native of the Silhet district. It flowers in May and June;

and the seeds ripen about the end of the rainy and beginning of the cold season.

Stem short, erect. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches round, smooth, and dichotomous. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, broad-lanceolar, entire, smooth, ribbed with parallel veins underneath; from three to four inches long, by one and a half broad. Stipules interfoliaceous, as in other rubiaceae. Panicles solitary in the fork of the branchlets, often longer than the leaves; thin, being composed of a few small, short, opposite ramifications. Flowers small, numerous, white, inodorous. Calyx superior, short, slightly five-toothed. Corol with a short tube which is woolly on the inside; segments of the border oblong. Filaments short, inserted on the tube of the corol. Anthers oval, scarcely exsert. Germ turbinate, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the inner, and lower angle of its cell. Style the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma two-lobed. Berry inferior, the size of a pea, when ripe smooth, shining, highly polished, black, two-celled; one of the cells frequently abortive. Seeds solitary, with a very deep concavity on the inner or flat side. Integument single. Perisperm conform to the seed, rather hard. Embryo lodged in the middle of the perisperm. Cotyledons round, reniform. Radiele inferior.

GUETTARDA. Schreb. gen. N. 1437.

Calyx sub-entire. Corol infundibuliform, with the border from five to eight-parted. Stamina from five to eight. Drupe dry : nut from five to eight-celled. Seed solitary.

1. G. speciosa Willd. spec. iv. 398.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves bovate. Cymes axillary, dichotomous. Flowers sessile, from seven to eight-cleft. Drupes with as many seeds as divisions in the border of the corol. Jasminum hirsutum. Willd. i. p. 36.

Cadamba jasministora, v. Fleur, de St. Thome. Sonnerat. t. 2. p. 228. t. 128.

Rava pu. Rheed. Mal. iv. 99. t. 47, and 48.

On the coast of Coromandel, it is only to be found in gardens, where it is raised from the seed. It is in flower all the year round, and highly ornamental as well as fragrant. I am not aware that it is used for any economical purposes.

Trunk erect, straight, covered with smoothish, dark-coloured bark. Branches numerous, opposite, decussated, spreading, horizontal, forming a large beautiful, shady, evergreen head. Leaves opposite, petioled, nearly decussate, obovate, sometimes cordate at the base; entire, smooth, from six to nine inches long, and from four to six broad. Petioles round. coloured, about an inch and a half long. Stipules large, within the leaves, oblong, spreading. Cymes opposite, axillary, long-peduncled, twice two-forked. Peduncles round, a little inflect-

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ed, from three to four inches long. Bractes many, linear, obtuse, caducous. Flowers sessile, from fifteen to twenty on the cyme, large, white, and exquisitely fragrant, partaking much of the fragrance of cloves. Calgar cup-shaped, entire, permanent. Corol; tube cylindric, an inch and a half long. Throat woolly. Border from six to nine-cleft. Filaments none. Anthere as many as there are divisions in the border of the corol, linear, within the mouth of the tube. Germ inferior. Style a little shorter than the tube. Stigma nearly globose. Pericarp a dry drupe, nearly globose, pretty smooth, inwardly of a fibrous, woody texture, containing as many curved cells as there were anthers, or divisions in the border of the corol, Seeds one in each cell, much curved, concave part of the curvature outward.

Obs. I have at various times examined many hundreds of the flowers of this tree, and never found any that were hermaphrodite. It agrees better in habit and in most other respects, the seeds vessels excepted, with Gardenia than with any other genus I have met

with.

CARISSA. Schreb. gen. N. 413.

Calgar five-toothed. Corol funuel-shaped. Germ superior, two-celled; cells two to fourseeded; attachment interior. Beery two-celled, few-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.
1. C. Carandas, Willd. spec. i. 1219. Roxb. Corom. 77.

Sub-arboreous. Thoras often two-forked. Leaves elliptic, obtuse, smooth. Corymbs terminal, few-flowered. Germ eight-seeded.

Avinga, Krishaa-pakphula, and Sanscrit names. See Asiatic Res. iv. 263.

Telinga Wanka.

Tam. Kalanha. It is also thus called by Europeans on the Coromandel coast.

Beng. Kurumcha.

A common, large shrub; or irregularly formed small tree, growing in most wild, woody, dry, uncultivated parts. Flowering time February, March, and April. Fruit ripe in July

and August.

Trunk, when it is of age to have one, irregularly bent in various directions. Bark gray. Branches and branchlets very numerous, always two-forked, and standing nearly at right angles, rigid, smooth, and round. Thorns constantly in pairs at the divisions of the branches and branchlets, and at every other pair of leaves, opposite, horizontal, very strong, smooth, and exceedingly sharp; they are frequently forked. Leaves opposite, nearly sessile, oval, obtuse, smooth, hard, shining; their insertions remarkably regular, generally one pair below the fork, crossed with the thorns; and another pair between the forks, where there are no spines. Peduncles terminal, generally in pairs, each less than an inch long, bearing from three to many, beautiful, milk-white, Jasmine-like flowers. Bractes, a small one at the insection of each pedicel. Calyx, corol and stamess, as in the genus. Germ ovate, two-celled, with four ovula in each, attached to the thickened partition. Berry single, (never two, not even the rudiment of more than one,) size of a small plumb, but of a more lengthened form, when ripe of a shining black, two-celled. Seeds four in each cell when all come to maturity, which is uncommon; oblong, compressed, concave on the inside, from the centre of the concavity is the attachment to the large fleshy particular margins, thin. Integement single, Perisperm conform to the seed, white. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons nearly round. Radicle cylindric, superior.

Obs. This plant makes exceedingly strong fences. The number of their strong, sharp,

thorus, renders them almost impassable.

The fruit just before ripe is employed to make tarts and preserves of various kinds, also to pickle, and by most people reckoned superior for these uses, to every other fruit in the country, not even the mango excepted.

They are universally eaten by the natives when ripe, and are tolerably pleasant to the

taste even of a European.

2. C. diffusa. R.

Shrubby, diffuse, armed branches dichotomous. Leaves sub-sessile, roundish-ovate-cordate, mucromate, polished. Flowers terminal. Germ four-seeded. Berries ovate.

Sans. Kurumudika. Telinga. Waakoyloo. Oorissa. San Kuranda.

Is a native of the Gaujam district, and from thence northward to the mouth of the

Hoogly. Flowering time the hot season.

Stem scarcely any can be traced, but numerous, spreading, dichotomous branches, forming a low, broad, rigid, thorny bush. Spines opposite, &c. as in C. Caranda, at the larger pairs of the leaves only, horizontal, simple, bifid, or twice-bifid. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, the alternate pairs always larger, and ovate-cordate, roundish, and without spines; all are entire, of a firm, polished, shining texture, each ending in a short, subulate, somewhat recurved point. Corymbs terminal, rarely axillary, many-flowered. Flowers pure white. Calyx five-toothed, small. Corol funnel-shaped; the upper half of the tube a little swelled. Border of five, obliquely-lanceolate divisions. Filaments five, inserted rather below the middle of the tube of the corol; anthers oblong. Germ ovate, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Style half the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma double, the lower half nearly round, the upper half more slender, and tapering. Berries oval, 'pulpy, when ripe smooth, shining black, size of a French bean, two-

Page celled, with two seeds in each. Seeds, perisperm and embryo as in C. Carandas.

Shrubby, tender parts villous. Leaves from broad-lanceolate to oblong-acute. Flowers

terminal, subtern, or seven. Germ four-seeded, (two in each cell.)

Several plants of this shrub have been long cultivated in the Botanie garden at Calcutta, but from whence, or how they got into the garden, has never been ascertained. Flowering time the same as the other species, viz. during the warmest time of the year, March, April, and May. This species seems perfectly distinct, and has much less to recommend it than either Carandas, or diffusa. In most respects it agrees pretty well with Vahl's description of C. edulis. The following description will, however, point out some difference.

Stem rather weak, and leaning considerably, soon dividing into several, rather slender, dichotomous, flexuose branches. Bark of the ligneous parts spongy, and deeply cracked; that of the young shoots villous. Thorns opposite, at the forks of the branches, and in all other parts at every second, straight, strong, very sharp, and less frequently compound than in the other two species just mentioned. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, and broad-lanceolate, acuminate, soft with down, particularly while young, from one to two inches long, and rarely more than one broad. Stipules small, and only present where the spines are. Flowers terminal, term, or twice term, small, white. Calyx; segments lanceolate, acute, villous. Tube of the corol a little curved, swelled near the mouth. Border of five, linear-lanceolate, acute segments. Stamina lodged in the swelling of the tube. Germ conic, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the partition. Style shorter than the tube. Stigma large, with a villous, bidentate apex. Berry round, the size of a pea, smooth, deep blackpurple, two-celled. Pulp succulent, purplish, and sweet. Seeds one or two in each cell, shape various, concave on the inside, convex on the exterior. Integements single, light brown, and rather rough. Perisperm conform to the seed, white, amygdaline. Embryo inverse, white. Cotyledons roundish. Radicle cylindric, length of the cotyledons, superior.

4. C. axillaris. R.

Shrubby, armed with simple, opposite, recurved spines. Leaves short-petioled, oblong. Corymbs peduncled, axillary, many-flowered.

A native of the Molnecas.

CERBERA. Schreb. gen. N. 415.

Calyx five-parted. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ two-lobed; lobes two-celled; cells twoseeded; attachment interior. Drupes superior, one or two singly, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. C. fruticosa. R.

Shrubby, dichotomous. Leaves broad-lanceolar. Corymbs terminal. Drupes obliquely

ura-shaped, and gaping.

From Pegu this elegant shrub has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it is in constant blossom. The flower like those of Vinca rosea, but larger, and faintly

fragrant; it is in fact one of the most ornamental shrubs in the garden.

Stem short, soon dividing, and sub-dividing into many, straight, round, smooth, dichotomous branches and branchlets. Leaves opposite, often remote, short-petioled, from oblong to lanceolate, entire, smooth, acuminate, about five or six inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules interfoliaceous, acute. Corymbs terminal when they first appear; but long before the whole of the blossoms expand, a branchlet shoots forth on each side and places them in the fork; divisions sub-trichotomous and short. Flowers large, mouth of the tube lively red, the rest a bright lively pink, somewhat fragrant, and highly ornamental. Bracles opposite, triangular, acute. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets oblong, smooth, permanent, a smooth gland on the apex of each. Corol infundibuliform. Tube nearly two inches long, and equally slender, except near the apex, where it swells considerably, mouth highly coloured and hairy. Border of five, obovate-oblong, equal segments. Filaments five, short, inserted round the bottom of the swelled top of the tube. Anthers sagittate, entirely hid within the mouth of the tube. Germ two, villous, on the sides where they meet, a small subulate scale covering the fissure on each side, singly two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the middle of the partition, Style nearly as long as the tube. Stigma large, with a two-lobed apex, which is lodged in the dome formed by the converging of the sagittate authors. Drupe (in this rather capsule) generally solitary, obliquely urn-shaped, size of the first joint of the little finger, villous and veined, dark greenish purple, apex truncate, slopings much to the inner side, with a slit down the middle, semi-two-valved, opening up the inside and along the apex, one-celled. Pulp scarcely any, the whole substance being thin and somewhat fibrous. Seeds solitary, ovate-oblong. Integument single, white, pretty thick, and soft. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed, of a pale yellowish colour. Radicle ovate, superior.

2. C. Odollam. Gart. Carp. ii. 193. t. 124.

Leaves alternate, lanceolate, with transverse nerves, smooth. Corymbs terminal, divisions of the calyx linear, and revolute.

Odallam. Rheed. Mal. i. 71, t. 39. But Manghas lactescens, Burm. Zeyl. 150. t. 70. f. 1. is without doubt a different species, which Gærtner has considered to be C. Manghas. Linn. A pretty large tree, a mative of salt swamps near the shores of various parts of India, yet it thrives well in the sweet and comparatively rich soil of the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the trees are fully as large as the largest pear trees, and in flower and seed the whole year.

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The wood is remarkably soft, spongy and white, the bark on the young, generally trichotomous shoots polished, deep green. Leaves alternate, and crowded about the ends of the branchlets, short-petioled, lanceolar, firm and polished. Corymbs terminal. Flowers large, white and fragrant. Bractes and calycine segments linear and revolute. Corol infundibuliform; segments of the border sub-triangularly falcate, in the bud imbricated. Stamina enclosed. Germ two-lobed, each lobe with a groove on the outside, and containing two cells, with two ovula in each, attached to the partition. I never saw more than one of the lobes come to maturity, and that with rarely more than one seed, the other cell proving abortive. The style is slender, and the stigma in this species is remarkably large, conical, resting in a saucer-shaped receptacle, the circumference fluted with ten grooves, and the apex two-cleft. Gærtner's description and figures of the mature seed vessel and seed, are so good as to render any thing further unnecessary.

3. C. maculata, Willd. spec. ii. 1223.

Leaves sub-verticelled, oblong, tapering most toward the base, smooth, veined. Drupes acuminate.

Ochrosia. Jussien. gen. plant. 161.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke indigenous on the Island of Mauritius, in seed in September. From his specimens the above definition is taken.

OPHIOXYLON. Schreb. gen. N. 1578.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ two-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Berries twin, superior, slightly united, each one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm

O. serpentinum. Willd. iv. 979.

Tsiovanna-Amel-Podi. Rheed. Mal. vi. 81. t. 47. Radix Mustela. Rumph. Amb. vii. 29, t. 16.

Sans. Chundrika, Churmshantree, Pashoomehanakarika, Nandanee, Karavee, Bhadra, Vasoopooshpa, Vasara, Chandrashoora.

Beng. Chandra. Hind. Ch'hota-chand. Telinga. Patalganni.

This, in a rich soil, is a large climbing or twining shrub: in a poor soil, small and erect.

It is a native of the Circar mountains. In my garden it flowers all the year round.

Stem woody, erect, climbing, or twining. Back ash-coloured. Leaves three or five-fold, short-petioled, oblong, pointed, waved, entire, smooth; from four to five inches long, and about two broad. Stipules none. Fuscicles axillary, pedancled, many-flowered. Pedancles long, smooth, round, sometimes nearly erect, sometimes drooping. Pedicels and calyces of a bright red colour, which with the white flowers, gives the fascicles a very pretty appearance.

The Hermaphrodite Flowers, indeed I never could discover any other, are well described in the Genera Plantarum, except that the corol is always contracted. Germ superior, two-lobed, with one ovulnur in each, attached to the inner and lower corner of the cell. Berry two-lobed, smooth, shining black, and succulent when ripe; lobes the size of a pea, each onecelled. Seed solitary, somewhat trapeziform. Integaments two, the exterior one nuciform, most pointed at the base, hard, thick, and rugose, the inner one a fine membrane, adhering to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, greenish white. Embryo inverse, straight, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons round, cordate. Radicle sub-cylindric.

Obs. The want of the nuciform, bony, exterior integument of the seed in Gærtner's O. trifoliatum, ii. 129, induces me to think his cannot be the same, yet I know of no other to

compare his with.

The root of this plant is employed for the cure of various disorders by the Telinga physicians. First, in substance, inwardly, as a febrifuge. Secondly, in the same manner, after the bite of poisonous animals. The juice is also expressed, and dropt into the eye, for the same purpose. And thirdly, it is administered, in substance, to promote delivery in tedious cases.

HUNTERIA. R.

Calyx five-parted. Corol infundibuliform. Germ two-lobed; lobes one-celled, two-seeded; attachment of the ovula sub-inferior. Berries two, pedicelled, one-celled, one or two-seeded.

H. corymbosa. R.

A tree, a native of Prince of Wales' Island, where it blossoms in July; in Bengal, in May; but in the latter place it has not ripened its seed.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong and lanceolate, obtuse, pointed, entire, smooth on both sides, from three to four inches long, and one or two broad. Stipules none, but a swelling on the inside of the base of the petiole. Corymbs terminal, decussate. Flowers numerous, small, white. Calyx one-leaved, five-parted, permanent, segments ovate. Corol one-petioled, funnel-shaped. Tube two or three times longer than the calyx, gibbous at the base, and swelled a little at the mouth. Border contorted, five-parted, divisions obliquely ovate-oblong, in the bud spirally imbricated. Nectory a fleshy ring round the base of the germ. Filaments five, very short. Anthers ovate, lodged in the swelled part of the tube, just within its mouth. Germ superior, ovate, two-lobed, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached with their base to the bottom of the partition. Style nearly the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma

Page ovate, short, with a two-lobed apex. Berries two, perfectly distinct, singly somewhat of a roundish ovate shape, short-pedicelled, size of a cherry, pulpy, when ripe orange-coloured, one-Seeds two in each berry.

Obs. The whole of the generic character of this plant, agrees so well with that of Carissa, as it stands in the various editions of the Genera Plantarum that I have seen, (Jussieu's excepted) as to leave no doubt with those, who still may think two berries are the produce of one flower in that genus, that this ought to be considered a species thereof. But in all the Indian species of Carissa,* that I have yet met with, the pericarpium is uniformly single. As therefore this plant cannot be placed in the same family, I think it better to continue the former generic name (Carissa,) to the well known thorny plants described under that genus, for I have not yet met with any of the unarmed species, consequently cannot say what their pericarps may be. I consider this to be a well defined, perfectly distinct genus, and have named in after Dr. William Hunter of the Bengal Medical Establishment, an eminent Botanist, and author of various papers in the Asiatic Researches, of the History of Pegu, &c. He was the first discoverer of this very plant.

WEBERA. Schreb. gen. N. 1733.

Calyx five-parted. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ inferior, two-celled; cells few, or manyseeded; attachment interior. Berry bilocular; cells few, or many-seeded. Embryo centripetal, and furnished with a perisperm.

W. corymbosa. Willd. spec. i. 1224. Gart. carp. 3, 71. t. 102.
 Shrubby. Leaves from lanceolar to oblong, glossy. Corymbs terminal. Calyx five-parted, and nearly as long as the tube of the corol. Capsules few-seeded.

Rondeletin asiatica. Linn. suppl. 244.

Cupi. Rheed. Mal. ii. 37. t. 23.

Beng. Kunkra.

A pretty large, erect, unarmed, ramous shrub, common on most parts of the Coromandel

Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-lanceolar, margins reflexed, smooth, deep shining green, with hairy glands in the axills of the large veins; six or seven inches long, and about two and a half broad. Stipules interfoliaceous, as in the other species. Corymbs terminal, large, divided by three. Flowers small, very numerous, white, faintly fragrant. Calyx, corol, and stamens as in the genus. Germ turbinate, two-celled, with from six to nine ovula in each, attached to the thickened centre of the partition. Berry the size of a large pea, when ripe smooth, shining black, two-celled. Seeds from four to eight in each cell. Embryo furnished with a perisperm, and centripetal radicle.

The extremities of the young shoots are often found covered with a white resinous matter. A substance of the same nature and appearance is to be found on the germs of most of the species of Gardenia known to me.

2. W. macrophylla. R.

Shrubby. Leaves broad-lanceolar. Panicle terminal. Corols with a long slender tube. Berries many-seeded.

A shrubby species, found by Mr. W. Roxburgh, indigenous on Prince of Wales' Island. Young shoots somewhat villous. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire, acuminate; from six to eighteen inches long, and from four to five broad. Stipules angular, &c. as in the Rubiacea of Jussieu. Panicles terminal, very large, brachiate, villous. Bractes subulate, villous. Flowers large, white. Calyx divided into five, short, acute, villous segments. Corol; tube cylindric, long, slender and villous; segments of the border five, obliquely linear-lanceolate, shorter than the tube. Filaments short, rising above the mouth of the tube. Anthers filiform, nearly as long as the segments of the corol. Germ oval, two-celled, with many ocula in each, attached to an elevated receptacle on the centre of the partition. Style longer than the tube of the corol, villous. Stigma clavate. Berry the size of a pea, two-celled. Seeds many in each cell, from six to twelve, angular, &c. as in W. corymbosa, Gært, carp. 3. t. 192. 3. W. scandens. R.

Shrubby, scandent, glossy. Leaves oblong, cymes axillary. Stigma of two oval plates. Gujer-kota, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous. It flowers in April.

Stem and branches ligneous, scandent; young shoots polished, as is every tender part of the plant. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, long, entire, acuminate, glossy, about six inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules as in the rest of the Rubiacea. Cymes axillary, and in the forks of the branchlets, solitary, divisions generally bi-ternate. Flowers large, and in the forks of the branchlets, solitary, divisions generally bi-ternate. infundibuliform, fragrant, when they first open white, but like the Gardenias become yellow by the second day. Calyx sub-campanulate, five-toothed. Corol with a long, slender tube; segments of the border five, obliquely oblong. Anthers linear, sessile on the mouth of the tube. Germ inferior, oval, two-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to an elevated receptacle on the centre of the partition. Style the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma of two, thin, oval lamina.

4. W. oppositifolia, R. Shrubby. Leaves lanceolar-oblong, firm and glossy. Panicles opposite to a leaf, composed of a few rigid, jointed, sub-recurved spikes. Corols with a short, woolly-mouthed tube. Stigma clavate, entire.

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A native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in April,

Shrubby, Leaves lanceolar, polished, acuminate, Corymbs terminal, Calyx five-toothed. Patugrooja, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to the size of a large shrub, or small tree. Flowering time the hot season, when the air is perfumed with the fragrance of its blossoms.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, acuminate, entire, polished, from four to eight inches long, by from one to two broad. Stipules triangular, &c. as in the order. Corymbs terminal, trichotomous; ramifications villous. Flowers numerous, middle-sized, white, and very fragrant. Bractes opposite, sub-lanceolate, villous. Calyx poculiform, mouth five-toothed. Corol with the tube twice the length of the calyx; border of five, spreading, linear-falcate segments, which are longer than the tube. Filaments five, very short. Anthers subulate, nearly as long the segments of the border of the corol, over which they spread. Germinferior, short, turbinate, two-celled, with three or four ovula in each, attached to the thickened middle of the partition. Style and stigma together longer than the corol, of a clavate-subulate shape.

ALYXIA. Banks.

Calux five-toothed. Corol hypocrateriform. Germ two-lobed; lobes one-celled, few seeded; attachment interior. Berries two, pedicelled, one-seeded. Embryo erect, with echinate, lobed perisperm.

L. A. stellata. R.

Shrubby, often twining. Leaves tern, and quatern, oblong-lanceolate, polished. Corymbs terminal, simple, recurved.

Gynopogon stellatum. Forst. Prod. n. 47. Willd. spec. i. 1221?

Pulassarium. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 32. t. 20.

A native of Amboyna, and from thence brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1798, where it thrives well, blossoms about the close of the rains in September, and ripens its fruit in the cool season.

Trunk scarcely any, but many, long, twining, straggling, or scandent branches as they meet with support. Bark of the ligneous parts ash-coloured, of the young shoots smooth, deep green. Every part abounds in a milky juice. Leaves tern, or quatern, short-petioled, oblong, or oblong-lanceolate, entire, of a deep shining green on both sides; with very slender, diverging, parallel veins; length from three to six inches. Stipules, a small scale between the petioles. Flowers many, small, pure white, collected in small, for the most part, terminal, cymose fascicles. Bractes short, cordate, rigid. Calyx deeply five-parted. Corol; tube swelled at the base, and a little below the mouth where the stamens are lodged, divisions of the border nearly round, in the bud imbricated. Filaments short. Anthers sagittate, just within the mouth of the tube. Germ two-lobed, and with care separable without violence, each lobe one-celled, and containing three or four ovula, attached to the corol. Stigma slightly twolobed. Berries two, when both prove fertile, which is rarely the case, short-pedicelled, oval, size of a small cherry, smooth, with a groove on the inside from the blunt-pointed apex to the base, when ripe yellowish. Pulp in very small quantity; one-celled. I have frequently found proliferous berries, that is a second, on a short pedicel, growing from the apex of the first, as in the genus Auosa. Seed conform to the berry. Integuments single, thin but hard and elastic, approaching to nuciform; from the middle of the inside a vertical lamina projects onethird into the seed, then divides and proceeds in opposite directions, like the receptacles in Chironia (see Gart, sem. ii. t. 114.) to these the perisperm is attached. Perisperm conform to the seed, in the centre a thin portion thereof forms an entire sac, or cavity for the embryo, the rest is divided into innumerable, diverging, fleshy, cuneiform lobes; colour greenish, becoming white, texture fleshy. *Embryo* erect, straight, nearly as the perisperm. *Cotyledons* lanceolar. *Radicle* sub-cylindric, inferior.

Obs. I am inclined to think that this may be Forster's Gynopogon stellatum, or another species of the same genus; (now Algria; see Brown's Prodromus, Nov. Holl. i. 469.) and 1 conclude he had not an opportunity of making himself acquainted with the carpology of the genus. Until I met with the fruit I considered it a Ranwolfla; but am now satisfied it cannot belong to that family. To what natural order ! Apocynea ?

OPHIORRHIZA. Schreb. gen. N. 273.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ inferior, two-celled; cells many-seeded; attackment to a sub-inferior, free, clavate receptacle. Stigma bifid. Capsule two-lobed, twocelled. Seeds numerous, angular

1. O. Mangon, Willd. i. 826.

Leaves opposite, elliptic, smooth. Corymbs terminal.
Radix Mungo. Kampf. Amora. 573 and 577.
Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, entire, pointed, in texture remarkably thin, length from four to six inches. Petioles short, villous. Stipules, a slight connecting membrane. Corymbs terminal, many-flowered. Calyx superior, one-leaved, five-toothed, permanent. Corol one-petalled, funnel-shaped; tabe short; border five-parted; divisions oblong, hairy on the inside, pointed. Neclary a thick, two-lipped, fleshy body crowning the germ between the base of the stamens and style. Filaments five, very short, inserted on the base of the tube. Authors linear, erect, nearly hid in the tube of the corol. Germ beneath, turbinate. Style as long as

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Page the stamens. Stigma two-lobed. Capsule obverse reniform, totally compressed, (two-lobed); on the outside five ribs run down from the divisions of the calyx, internally divided into two cells by a transverse partition, opening between the remains of the two fleshy nectarial lips. Receptacle sub-cylindric, free, affixed to the partition near its base. Seeds very numerous, angular.

From my own knowledge, I can say nothing of the virtues, that have been by various authors ascribed to the root of this plant. Indeed I am rather inclined to look upon

the whole to be a fiction. 2. O. villosa. R.

Suffructicose, erect, villous. Leaves from ovate-oblong to lanceolar. Corymbs terminal. long-peduncled, villous.

A native of shaded, moist places amongst the hills of Chittagong; where it blossoms in

May, and the seed ripens in three or four months.

Stems a few inches high, simple, sub-ligneous, while young hairy. Leaves opposite, shortpetioled, oblong, entire, veins many, large, parallel, and hairy; from three to four inches long, and one or two broad. Stipules ensiform, villous. Corymbs terminal, solitary, rather long-peduncled, sub-globular, rough, with ferruginous pubescence, composed of a few recurved, short, villous branches, with the numerous, white, sub-sessile flowers on the upper, or convex side thereof. Calyx hairy, five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped. Tube the length of the five segments, its mouth shut with hairs. Filaments five, inserted on the bottom of the tube of the corol. Anthers linear, erect. Nectary a fleshy bilabiate body on the top of the germ embracing the base of the style, as in O. Mungos. Germ turbinate, inferior, two-celled, with numerous ovula in each, attached to two large, free receptacles which are attached to the base of the partition. Style the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma large, two-lobed, villous. Capsule two-lobed, transverse, breadth twice the height, two-celled, opening round the apex. Seeds, &c. as in O. Mungos, Gart. Carp. i. 264. t. 55.

GARDENIA. Schreb. gen. N. 416.

Calyx with the divisions uncertain. Corol funnel-shaped. Germ inferior, one-celled, with numerous ovula, attached to two or more parietal receptacles. Berry one-celled, many-

seeded. Embryo furnished with a perisperm, directions various.

With Jussieu, Lamarck, Gærtner and others, I have at last separated the Gardenias with a one-celled seed vessel and parietal receptacles from those which are two-celled, with the receptacles attached to the partition. To those still called Gardenia belong the following unarmed species, viz. G. florida, calyculata, costata, latifolia, arborea, lucida, gummifera, tetrasperma, montana, and the two armed species, turgida, and campanulata. And to the latter (Posoqueria) belong uliginosa, dumetorum, nutans, longispina, fragrans, fasticulata, and longiflora, all of which are armed.

SECT. I. Unarmed.

G. florida. Willd. spec. i. 1225.

Shrubby, unarmed. Leaves oval, acute at both ends. Berries long, turbinate, with as many sharp ridges as there are divisions in the calyx.

Sans, Gundhuraja. Beng. Gundhuraj.

Catsjopiri. Rumph. Amb. vii. 26. t. 14. f. 2.

A large, very ramous shrub, found in gardens about Calcutta, and originally from China.

Thunberg's description of it is the best I have seen, I can only add that the flowers are axillary for the most part, and that in the calyx I have always found a small inflected toothlike process at the bottom of each fissure, which exists also in that of the ripe berry. The seeds nestle in a firm, deep orange-coloured pulp, which is a substance employed for dyeing

in some parts of India.

To distinguish it from Gardenia sulcata, Gart. carp. iii. p. 78. tab. 194, I will add the following account of the fruit of this species. Germ turbinate, from five to six, acute-angled; at the base from three to five-celled; above one-celled, with from three to five parietal receptacles, to which the numerous evula are attached. Berry oblong, orange-coloured, smooth, the size of a pigeon's egg, down the sides run six-equi-distant ribs, a continuation of the permanent, ensiform segments of the calyx, one-celled. Receptacles generally four, projecting from the lining of the cell to about one-fourth of its diameter, when they divide into two or more portions. Seeds numerous, nidulant in orange pulp, roundish, a little compressed, rugose; mode of attachment on the ripe fruit obscure. Perisperm conform to the seed, pale. Embryo straight, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons two, cordate. Radicle straight, pointing to, very near to the umbilicus.

2. G. calyculata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves petioled, ovate, acuminate, smooth. Flowers terminal, solitary, sessile, germ involucred. Calycine segments ensiform. Anthers within the swelling tube of the five-cleft corol.

Native place uncertain; some thirty years ago, it was brought from Hydrabad to Lord Pigot at Madras, who planted it in his garden there, where it was pointed out to me by Lady Clive in 1798. The flowers are large, white, and like most of the genus, fragrant.

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3. G. costata. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves cuneiform-oblong, smooth, ribbed. Calyx five-angled. Flowers hypocrateriform. Berry drupaceous, oval, five-ribbed, one-celled, shell two-valved.

A native of the mountainous parts of India. From those of Chittagoug, it has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta; where, in ten or twelve years it has arrived to the

size of a small elegant tree. It blossoms in April, and the seeds take nearly one year to ripeu.

Trunk straight, in twelve years old trees eighteen inches circumference. The branches expand but little, the bark of the ligneous parts is smooth and ash-coloured, that of the young shoots round, and somewhat harsh, with short, adpressed hairs; whole height from ten to twenty feet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, and cunciform-oblong, smooth, when young resinous, entire, pointed; veins numerous, large, and parallel; length from six to twelve inches, and the breadth from three to five. Stipules interfoliaceous, supporting the Flowers terminal, or nearly so, very large, the tube being above three inches long, and the border above four in diameter; when they first expand at day-break, they are white, but in the course of the day change to a pretty deep yellow, powerfully fragrant. Calyx cylindric; month irregularly divided into five lobes; outside resinous, and strongly marked with five, very prominent angles, caducous. (In my lucida, which this resembles most, it is permanent, smooth on the outside, and deeply divided into five uniform segments.) Corol; tube cylindric; border of five obliquely ovate segments. Anthers five, sessile, completely within the mouth of the tube, of two filiform lobes. Germ clavate, five-angled, and one-celled, with numerous ovula attached to two opposite receptacles, rising from the sides of the cell, as in Gwetner's figure of Chironia baccifera, carp. 2. t. 114. Style the length of the tube. Stigma rather above the tube, large, and consisting of two variously grooved lobes. Berry drupaceous, oblong, ventricose, smooth, yellow; five strong vertical ribs run its whole length. Pulp yellow, soft and rather fietid, one-celled. Shell thick, hard, and two-valved. Seeds numerous, small, shape very irregular, but always much flattened, nidulant in dark-coloured, soft pulp. It is only in the germ that their insertion can be clearly traced. Integrament hard and two-valved. Perisperm soft. Embryo straight, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledone ovate. Radicle as long as the cotyledons, and pointing directly to the umbilions which is generally the most pointed end of the seed.

4. G. latifolia, Willd. spec. i. 1226.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves opposite, or tern, sub-sessile, ovate. Flowers terminal, three-fold, sessile, from eight to nine-cleft. Berry drupaceous, round, even, one-celled, fivevalved.

Hind. Papara.

Gardenia enneandra. König's Mss.

Telinga, Caringua.

Is a native of barren rocky hills both in the Circars, and Carnatic, like the other species it flowers about the beginning of the hot season, and the seeds take nearly one year to ripen.

By slow growth it becomes a small tree, with sub-creet branches, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Leares either opposite, or three-fold, in a good soil always three-fold, nearly sessile, inserted into the stipulary ring, obovate, entire, of a deep shining green on the upper side, paler on the lower; veins many and large, running parallel; in their axills are hollow glands, with hairy margins; from six to twelve inches long. Stipules annular within the leaves, splitting irregularly when old. Flowers one, two, three, or four, at the extremities of the branchlets, very large, very fragrant; when they first open in the morning white, gradually growing yellow before night. Pedancles short, one-flowered. Calax small, irregularly divided. Corol; tubs long, cylindric, smooth. Border large, spreading, from seven to eleven cleft, divisions obliquely oblong, the length of the tube. Filaments none. Anthers corresponding with the number of segments in the border of the corol, linear, pointed at both ends, half immersed in the tube, the other half above its mouth. Germ oblong, one-celled, containing numerous ovula, attached to five parietal receptacles. Berry the size of a pullet's egg, nearly round, crowned, with a small part only of the tube of the calyx, which makes me suspect Gartner's G. latifolia, vol. iii. p. 78, must belong to a different species. That my plant is the original latifolia I know well, as I was with König when he first discovered it Colour at all times a cineritious greenish yellow, a little scabrous, one-celled, and the internal, nuciform portion five-valved. Seeds very numerous, attached to five parietal receptacles.

Obs. This species is very deserving of notice. Its large, white, young, glossy, green leaves,

independent of the size, beauty and fragrance of the flowers, render it very ornamental.

5. G. lucida. R.

Sub-arboreous, unarmed, erect, gems resinous. Leaves oblong, smooth, hard, and lucid, with simple parallel veins. Divisions of the calyx subulate. Tube of the corol cylindric, three times the length of the calyx, border five-parted. Berries drapaceous, with a two-valved

A native of Chittagong and various other parts of India. It is in flower and fruit the

greater part of the year.

Trunk short, and straight. Branches numerous, opposite, decussate, ascending, covered with smooth, ash-coloured back; young shoots round, smooth, and generally incrusted with a little yellow resin, a bright yellow drop of which is often found on the gems. Leaves opposite, shortpetioled, oblong, smooth; margins interior and waved; rather obtuse-pointed, hard to the feel, both surfaces polished; serves numerous, parallel, and simple; about six inches long, and about three broad. Stipules annular, within the leaves; month variously divided into unequal, obtuse segments. Pedancles terminal, and above the axills, solitary, round, clavate, smooth,

from half an inch to an inch long, supporting a simple beautiful, large, pure white, fragrant flower. Calyx five-cleft. Segments ensiform, with the margins incurved, so as become subulate; permanent. Corol; tube cylindrie, smooth, from one to two inches long, which is more than twice the length of the calyx. Border five-parted; divisions obliquely obovate-oblong, about the length of the tube. Filaments none. Anthers five, very long, slender and acute, half hid in the tube of the corol, and affixed by their backs to its mouth. Germ oblong, even, one-celled, containing numerous ovula attached to two parietal receptacles. Style length of the tube of the corol. Stigma clavate, exsert. Berry drupaceous oblong, size of a pigeon's egg, smooth, crowned with the permanent calyx, one-celled, its inner lamina of a bony hardness, turning into the cell on opposite sides, but soon separated into two receptacles each. Seeds numerous, attached to the just mentioned receptacles. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo with two cordate cotyledons, and a cylindric radicle pointing to the umbilicus.

Obs. The total want of pubescence, structure of the stipules, length of the calyx, and sharpness of its divisions, distinguish this from G. gummifera, which it most resembles.

6. G. arborea, R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves ovate-oblong. Flowers terminal, often three-fold, subsessile; tube filiform; border five-parted. Berry drupaceous, even; shell four or five-valved. Tam. Karinga marum.

Teling. Garga.

A native of the Circar mountains. Its leaves are deciduous during the cold season, and it continues naked till the hot season is pretty far advanced. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season while the tree is naked of leaves.

From the buds and wounds made in the back there exudes a very beautiful yellow resin,

like that from Gardenia gummifera. 709

The size, number, fragrance, mutability and beauty of the flowers of this species, renders it more deserving of a place in our gardens than any species b know; I may even say, than G. florida.

The natives eat the ripe fruit.

7. G. gummifera, Linn. Suppl. 164. Shrubby, with resinous gems. Leaves oblong, obtuse-pointed. Divisions of the calyx Tube of the corol as long as the divisions of its border. ovate, acute, and very short.

Native of Coromandel.

In a specimen in the Banksian herbarium, the divisions of the calyx are long, slender, and acute.

8. G. tetrasperma. R.

Shrubby. Leaves obovate-cuneate, smooth. Flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled, pentandrous. Calycine segments subulate. Berry round, four-seeded.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke on the mountains near Shreenugur. See Asiatic Re-

searches, vi. 354.

SECT. II. Armed.

9. G. montana. R. Arboreous. Leaves oblong-ventricose, downy underneath, terminal, short-peduncled. Stamens within the belly of the tube. Berry drupaceous, sub-rotund; shell from five to six-valved.

Telinga. Tella kakisha.

A small, ramous tree; armed with strong, short, acute thorns; a native of the Circar mountains. Leaves deciduous in December. It flowers about the beginning of the hot season, viz. in March and April, soon after which the leaves appear. Bark white, soft

and spongy. Thorns above the axills, opposite, spreading, short, but sharp; sometimes they are want-Leaves opposite on the young shoots, fascicled on the older, nearly sessile, oblong, 710 obtuse, entire, with the margins revolute, above shining and smooth, a little downy underneath, three inches long, by two broad. Stipules annular, within the leaves, membranous. Flowers three, four, five, or six, from little buds about the extremities of the naked branch-lets, pretty large, very fragrant, when first open white, but soon becoming more or less yellow. Peduncles short, one-flowered. Calyx small, somewhat five-toothed, permanent. Corol; tube short, somewhat gibbous; throat smooth. Border from five to seven-eleft; divisions wedge-shaped, emarginate. Filaments none. Anthers in number equal to the segments of the border of the flowers, linear, entirely within the tube. Nectary a monifiform, fleshy ring surrounding the insertion of the style. The stigma just appears within the tube. Berry the size of a pullet's egg, scabrous, ash-coloured and yellow mixed; an exterior, pulpy cortex covers a hard bony shell which immediately encloses the seeds with their pulpy nidus, it is one-celled, five or six-valved, and the incurved edges of the valves form the parietal receptacles for the seeds.

10. G. campanulata. R. Shrubby, armed. Leaves lanceolar, smooth. Flowers in terminal and lateral fascicles. Calyx five-toothed. Corol campanulate; border five-cleft. Berry round.

A native of the forests of Chittagong. Flowering time the month of March; seed ripe

in November. Trunk straight, but short, soon dividing and subdividing into numerous, stiff, erect, and spreading branches. Bark of the old parts brownish green, and pretty smooth; that

of the tender parts lighter coloured; height of the shrub in five years, from five to ten feet. Thorns single, short, strong, and sharp, they generally terminate the little, lateral, opposite Car branchlets. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, tapering most toward the base, entire, and smooth on both sides, from two to five inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules triangular, acute. Flowers small, of a pale yellowish white, short-peduncled, crowded on the extremities of short, rigid, lateral, spinous branchlets. Calyx cylindric, five-toothed. Corol with a five-sided, campanulate tube, and a border of five obliquely-ovate segments.

Anthers five, sessile in the bell of the corol. Germ inferior, one-celled, containing numerous ovula attached to generally five, parietal receptacles. Style short. Stigma somewhat five-grooved, and situated deep in the tube. Berry round-ovate, the size of a golden pippin, smooth, depressed, and slightly five-furrowed at the apex and base; one-celled; the exterior tunic thick, fleshy, yellowish, with slender, hard, longitudinal fibres interspersed, the inner tunic thin and firm, but not bony, the edges of which turn in five portions, forming five parietal receptacles. Seeds minute, nidulant in a little yellow pulp. Perispera conform to the seed, pale. Embryo straight. Cotyledons round. Radicle cylindric, pointing to the umbilieus.

Ohs. The fruit is used by the natives as a cathartic and anthelmintic, and also to wash

out stains in silk.

11. G. turgida. R.

Arboreous, with swelled mealy bark, branches brachiate. Thorns opposite and terminal. Learns obovate, smooth. Flowers lateral, sub-solitary, cally five-toothed, apices of the anthers

searcely peeping from the tube of the smooth corol.

A native of Bhotan, and introduced by Dr. Carey into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during the months of March and April, the season when most other species of this genus are in flower, but after being twelve years in the garden it has not once ripened

a single fruit.

Trunk straight Bark very thick and spongy, appearing as if swollen and somewhat mealy. Branches brachiate, drooping short, and covered with bark like that of the trunk. Spines opposite, above the axills, and, when not terminal, in form of a small leaf-bearing branchlet, shorter than the leaves. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, obovate, entire, smooth on both sides, from one to four inches long, and from one to three broad. Stipules interfoliaceous acute. Flowers lateral, generally single, sub-sessile, large, white, and fragrant. Calgar short, cylindric, smooth, mouth slightly five-toothed. Corol; tube many times longer than the calyx, somewhat gibbous. Border of five, spreading, and finally revolute, obliquely-oblong, obtuse segments. Stamina no filaments. Anthers filiform, with their apices only peeping from the mouth of the tube. Germ turbinate, one-celled, ovula numerous, attached to four or five parietal receptacles. Style short. Stigma clavate, five-grooved, rather longer than the authers.

Obs. The swollen, even bark of this species and its straight trunk even up through the branches, render it readily known and easily distinguished from all our other Indian Gardenias.

POSOQUERIA. Aubl. Juss. Lamarck, and Gart. also Ceriscus of Gart.

Calyx five or six-cleft. Corol tubular, border from five to six-parted. Germ inferior, twocelled; ovula numerous, attached to a free receptacle from the centre of the partition. Berry two-celled. Seeds numerous, nidulant. Embryo furnished with a perisperm, direction various.

1. P. uliginosa, R.

Arboreous, armed, branches straight, four-sided; branchlets decussate, horizontal, bearing the thorns and flowers at their extremities. Berry oval, drupaceous, even.

Gardenia uliginosa. Willd. spec. i. 1228.

Beng. Peeralo. Tam. Wagatta.

Telinga. Nella-kakisha.

A rigid ramous, small tree, armed with numerous, strong thorns. A native of various parts of India, delighting in moist places, such as the banks of rivers, low lands, &c. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season, and in some measure all the year. The seeds

ripen in the cool season.

Trunk short, covered with a dark, rust-coloured, scabrous bark. Branches, some stiffly erect, very rigid, four-cornered, thick set with short, round, diverging, decussated branchlets others spreading. Thorns one, two, three, or four, at the extremities of the short, round branchlets just mentioned. Leaves opposite, on the young shoots, fascicled at the extremities of the branchlets, short-petioled, oblong, smooth, shining, entire, from two to three inches long, by one and a half broad. Stipules within the leaves as in the rest of the genus. Flowers one, two, or three upon their proper short peduncles, at the extremites of the branch-lets, large, white and fragrant. Calgar tubular, obtusely five-toothed, permanent. Corol, mouth of the tube shut up with much white hair. Border flat, from five to eight-eleft; divisions orbicular. Nectory a fleshy, angular ring surrounding the base of the style. Germ inferior, two-celled, each containing numerous ovula, attached to a crescent-shaped receptacle in each cell, vertically united to the middle of the partition. Berry two-celled, size and shape of a pullet's egg, bark ash-coloured, or olive; pulp in large quantity, hard and dry. numerous, oval, flattened, nidulant. Embryo furnished with a perisperm, its direction various.

The flowers of this species render it deserving of a conspicuous place in the flower gar-

den. The uncommon appearance of the plant is also in its favour.

2. P. dametorum. Willd. i. 1229.

Sub-arboreous, armed. Leaves obovate. Flowers lateral, and terminal, solitary; tube short, border five-parted. Berry drupaceous, spherical. Gardenia dumetorum. Willd. i. 1229.

G. spinosa. Suppl. Plant. p. 164.

Telinga. Manga. 714

This is one of the most common, thorny, ramous shrubs, or, in a good soil, small trees, on the coast; there is scarcely an uncultivated spot where it is not to be found. Flowering time the beginning of the wet season.

Dr. König's description of this shrub, published in the Supplementum Plantarum of the

younger Linnaus is good and full.

Germ two-celled, each containing many ovula attached to a crescent-shaped receptacle in each cell, which is vertically attached to the middle of the partition. Berry round, smooth, when ripe yellow, and much like a small crab apple both in size and appearance. Pulp in large quantity, of a firm, fleshy texture, two-celled. Seeds numerous, oval and oblong, attached as in the germ, and nestling in a quantity of gelatinous pulp. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo more than half the length of the seed, straight. Cotyledons roundish. Radicle cylindric, length of the cotyledons, *aga.

It is employed for fences, and fire-wood. The flowers like all the rest of this genus are

highly fragrant, but in this species few in number.

The fruit when ripe, looks like a small yellow apple; if bruised and thrown into pouds where there are fish, they are soon intoxicated, and seen floating. If this is done during the hot season, it is said, the fish generally die, but if during the wet or cold season they recover.

Fishermen sometimes follow this mode to enable them to take the fish with more case. They are not deemed less wholesome from the effects of the fruit. Cocculis Indicus does not grow in those parts, nor is it known or used there for this purpose.

3. P. nutans. R.

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Shrubby, armed, branchlets drooping. Leaves narrow-obovate-oblong. Flowers solitary.

Berries round, crowned with the entire calyx.

Ciriscus malabaricus. Gært. sem. i. t. 28, is with respect to shape and size a very good representation of the berry, but to render it exact, the calycine segments, and the receptacles of the seeds must be added. The figures are too small for dumetorum growing in exactly the same spot, and with the same management. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in twelve years, this is a tall slender shrub with very slender drooping branches, and a trunk not thicker than a man's wrist, whereas dumetorum of the same age has grown to be a stout, rigid, small tree, with a trunk two inches and a half in

circumference, at four feet above the ground.

Trunk straight, from three to four feet high. Branches numerous, with the extreme divisions long, slender, and drooping; tender shoots a little hairy. Spines axillary, opposite, horizontal, straight, slender, but hard, stiff, and sharp. Leaves on the young shoots opposite, on the old ones fascicled, short-petioled, from cuneiform-oblong to round, from one to two inches long, by about one broad. Stipules triangular, acute, &c. as in the order. Flowers solitary from the old axills under the spines, with or without leaves, short-peduncled, middle-sized, white and fragrant. Calyx with a short, rather hairy, cylindric tube, and five-parted border, all permanent. Corol, outside sericeous. Tube very little longer than the calyx, swelled near the base, and there shut with a dense circle or valve of white hairs, pointing upwards, Border of five, obovate, spreading segments, which are imbricated in the bud. Filaments, scarcely any. Anthers filiform, without the tube. Germ turbinate, two-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to two peltate receptacles arising from the centre of the partition. Style rather longer than the tube of the corol, swelled near the middle. Stigma large, roundish, clammy, apex two-lobed. Berry the size of a nutmeg, nearly round, somewhat rugose, pulpy, crowned with the entire calyx, two-celled. Seeds numerous, small, oval, flattened. Perisperm and embryo as in the other species.

Arboreous, armed, spines opposite, and alternate, horizontal. Leaves obovate-cuneate, smooth. Flowers solitary, terminal, and axillary. Calyx smooth, border permanent. Fruit

A native of the coast of Coromandel. Flowering time the hot and rainy season.

Trunk straight. Branches numerous, the smaller long, slender, spreading, and drooping, a habit which immediately distinguishes this species from König's dumetorum; its branches being short and rigidly erect. Spines opposite or alternate, decussate, horizontal, straight, strong and sharp; length from one to two inches. Leaves on the young shoots opposite, on the old ones in fascicles below the spines, all are short-petioled, obovate-cuneate, entire, smooth on both sides; size varying, from half an inch to three inches in length. Stipules (examine the very young shoots to find them) within the leaves, subulate, pointed. Flowers solitary, short-peduncled, generally from the extremities of the little, leaf-bearing branchlets below the spines, rarely axillary, pretty large, pure white, and fragrant. Calyx perfectly smooth. Tabe cylindric; border of five, ovate-cordate, permanent segments. In dumetorum the tube only is permanent. Corol salver-shaped. Tube as long as the tube of the calyx, villous on the outside, within, a ring of projecting bairs shuts it up about the middle. Border of five, obliquely ovate, spreading divisions. Filaments none. Anthers five, linear, affixed over the fissures of the border of the corol, and entirely without its tube. Style thickened at the middle. Stigma erect, two-lobed. Berry obovate (in P. dumetorum

round.) size of a large nutmeg, smooth, two-celled. Seeds numerous, immersed in pulp. Obs. Thunberg's Gardenia spinosa is a plant I have not seen, if it be not Konig's dumetorum or this very species I have now described, consequently cannot say wherein they differ, but from dumetorum, which I know well, it differs very conspicuously in the structure, and disposition of the branches, in the shape of the fruit, and in the border of the calyx being permanent.

5. P. fragrans, Kön. Mss.

Shrubby, armed. Leaves long-obovate. Flowers numerous, collected in small, simple, terminal umbellets. Berries from eight to ten-seeded.

Gardenia fragrans, Kon. Mss.

Telinga. Pedally.
With P. dumetorum it is a common, rigid, shrubby species; it seems also to delight in a poor soil, and like it is armed with strong sharp thorns. Brought into a good soil these almost totally disappear. It flowers about the beginning of the rains in June and July.

Leaves opposite on the young shoots, fiscicled on the old ones, short-petioled, oblong; on both sides are smooth and glossy hollow glands in the axills of the large nerves; border hairy; from two to three inches long, by one and a half broad. Stipules connecting the petioles, acute. Umbellets simple, small, terminal, or from small tuberosities on the branchlets, bearing many, small, white, fragrant flowers. Peduncles short. Bractes, a small, acute one at the base of each pedicel. Calyx five-toothed, toothlets acute. Corol, throat hairy. Border always five-cleft, divisions acute. Stamens and pistillum as in the genus. Berry the size of a small cherry, red, two-celled. Seeds from eight to twelve in both cells, kidney-shaped, orangecoloured.

Obs. I know of no use this tree is put to, except to make fences, for which it is well adapted, particularly when it is the produce of a poor barren soil, it is then well armed with strong thorns. The flowers like those of all the rest, are delightfully fragrant.

6. P. fasciculata, R.

Shrubby, spines axillary, patent. Leaves ovate-oblong, sub-sessile. Fascicles axillary, and in the forks of the branches. Becries two-celled.

A middling-sized, very ramous, well armed shrub, a native of Silhet, where it blossoms

in March and April.

Branchlets smooth, opposite and dichotomous. Spines axillary, patent, straight, rather short. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, pretty smooth, from one to three inches long. Stipules interfoliaceous, acuminate. Flowers collected into small, sub-sessile fascicles, in the forks of the dichotomous branchlets, or axillary, middling-sized, and like those of most of the other species, fragrant; when they first expand they are white, but gradually change to pale yellow by the second day. Calyx hairy, margin divided into five, subulate segments. Corol infundibuliform, border of five oblong segments. Filaments scarcely any. Authors five, linear, one-third of their length within the tube of the corol. Germ inferior, two-celled, each containing many ovala attached to a receptacle rising from the centre of the partition. Style of the corol. Stigma clavate, unequally two-lobed.

7. P. longiflora. R.

Arboreous, armed with opposite, recurved spines. Leaves lanceolar-oblong, smooth. Corymbs terminal and axillary, few-flowered.

Compare with Gardenia multiflora. Willd. i. p. 1231.

A native of Chittagong, where it grows to be a pretty large tree. It flowers during the

hot season, and the seeds ripen in July and August.

Branches and branchlets opposite, and smooth. Spines axillary, very strong, sharp, and considerably recurved. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, from broad-lanceolar to oblong, entire, smooth, from four to six inches long, by one and a half or two broad. Stipules as in the order. Corymbs terminal, and axillary, short, generally about eleven to thirteen-flowered, every part smooth. Flowers large, pale, or nearly white when they first expand, becoming yellow by the second day, fragrant. Calyx tubular, mouth cut into five, semilunar segments. Corol; tube long and slender; border of five, unequally lanceolate, spreading segments. Filaments none. Authors five, linear, attached to the mouth of the tube of the corol. Germinferior, two-ceiled, with many ovula in each, attached to their elevated fleshy receptacle, rising from the centre of the partition. Berries the size of common cherries, when ripe yellow, smooth, fleshy, two-celled. Seeds numerous, &c. &c. as in the genus.

8. P. floribunda. R.

Sub-arboreous, armed. Leaves opposite and fascicled, obovate, cuncate. Flowers in lateral fascieles; calyx longer than the tube of the corol, its segments lanceolate. Berriex ovaiccordate, polished.

A large, rigid, ramous shrub, or, in a good soil, small tree, like dumetorum a native of the coast of Coromandel. Flowering time April and May, and the seeds ripen immediately

after the rains,

Trunk in ten years old plants in the Botanic garden at Calcutta as thick as a man's leg. but short, soon dividing into numerous branches, and straight, stiff branchlets, in every direction. Bark ash-coloured, on the oldest parts considerably cracked. Spines axillary, and rarely more than one to each pair of leaves; about an inch long, stiff, straight, rigid and sharp. Leaves on the tender shoots opposite, on the old flow-r-bearing twig fascicled, round the flower sub-sessile; the general form obovate, tapering a good deal to the base; obtuse, smooth, from one to two inches long, by one broad. Stipules as in the order. Flowers shortpeduncled, generally from four to six produced from each of the small lateral, short, scaly

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spurs, (as they are called by gardeners,) of a middling size, and fragrant, when they first expand pure white, but soon becoming yellow. Calyx smooth : tube cylindric ; segments of the border generally five, sub-lanceolate, acuminate, permanent. Corol, outside sericeous. Tube rather shorter than the calyx, shut about the middle with a valve of fine white hairs pointing up. Border of five, obovate segments. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers linear, spreading. Germ turbinate, two-celled, ovula numerous, attached to a far-projecting receptacle from the centre of each side of the partition. Style rather longer than the tube of the corol, swelled toward the middle. Stigma oblong, two-lobed. Berries broad, ovate-cordate, polished, size of a prune, crowned with the remaining tube of the calyx; two-celled. Seeds numerous, &c. &c. as in the other species.

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VINKA, Schreb. gen. N. 419.

Corol funnel-shaped. Follicles two, erect. Seeds naked. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

V. rosea, Willd. i. 1233.

Perennial, erect, ramous. Flowers in pairs, sessile. Leaves ovate-oblong, base of the petiole two-toothed.

Hind. Gool-fering.

Obs. Both the red and white varieties are common in gardens over India, and in flower great part of the year. I have never found it in its native state.

2. V. parviflora, Willd. i. 1234. Retz. Obs. ii. N. 33.

Annual. Leaves lanceolate; flowers in pairs. Mouth of the tube contracted, and shut with hairs.

Cupa-veela, Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 33. Vinka pulsilla. Linn. suppl. 166.

A small, erect, annual, ramous plant; a native of open, fertile, cultivated lands. Flowers

during the wet season.

Stem erect, smooth, branchy, four-sided; angles acute, from six to twelve inches high, Leaves opposite, short-petioled, hanceolate, entire, smooth; about two inches and a half long, and three-fourths of an inch broad. Stipules subulate. Flowers axillary, in pairs, small, white, short-peduneled .- Corol, mouth of the tube contracted, and shut with hair .- Nectorial corpuscles as in the family.

NERIUM, Schreb. gen. N. 420.

Corol funnel-shaped; mouth of the tube variously crowned. Germ two-celled; cells many-seeded, attachment interior. Follicles two. Seeds many, comose. Embryo inverse, (sub-convolute, or expanded.)
1. N. odorum, Willd. i. 1235.

Leaves linear-lanceolate, tern. Segments of the calyx erect. Nectaries many-cleft, divisions filiform.

Sung. Karavira, vide Asiat. Researches, iv. 265.

Beng. Kurubee, Rukta Kurubee (the red variety), Sweta Kurubee (the white variety), Pudma Kurubee (the double variety).

Hind. Lall-Karpud, (the single rose-coloured), Suffet or shwet Karpud (single white), Padmu-Karpud (the double variety.)

Belutta-areli, Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 2. Tsjovanna-areli, Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 1.

Common in gardens in every part of India, and in flower the whole year.

2. N. coccinoum, R.

Arboreous. Leaves sub-sessile, ovate-oblong, entire, apex alternate. Flowers terminal, three or four; nectarium acetabuliform. Follicles linear, rough.

Pallum, the vernacular name in Silhet.

A native of the eastern frontier of Bengal, beyond the mouth of the Megna, from thence introduced by R. K. Dick, Esq. into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in April. In its native soil it grows to be a large timber tree; the wood white, remarkably light, but firm, and much used by Turners to make palkees, &c. where light, strong wood is required.

Stem (in plants six or seven years old) short, but straight, and to the base decorated with numerous patent branches and brauchlets. Bark of the ligneous parts ash-coloured and smooth; whole height from six to ten feet. Lactescent. Leaves opposite, very short-petioled, bifarious, ovate-oblong, entire, long, taper-pointed, smooth on both sides, dark green, from two to six inches long, and from one to two and a half broad. Stipules, some short bristles in the axil of the leaves. Flowers terminal, solitary, tern, twice tern, or more, with one in the forks, short-peduncled, and pedicelled, large, of a deep, but rather dull red. Bractes opposite, lanceolate, waved. Calyx divided to the base into five, nearly equal, subcordate, smooth segments, with somewhat waved margins. Corol. Tube very short, fleshy, sub-campanulate. Border divided into five, obliquely-obovate, thick, tough segments, soon after expansion they become revolute. Nectarium five-lobed; crimson-coloured; lobes with rounded, somewhat crenulate margins and firmly united to the base of the segments of the corol. Filaments very short and thick, inserted on the mouth of the tube of the corol, within the nectary. Anthers sagittate, united, and forming a conic dome over the stigma.

Germ two-lobed; each lobe one-celled, with numerous seeds attached to the incurved margins of the suture on the inside. Style cylindric. Stigma with two-lobed apex. Follieles two, linear, about as thick as the little finger, and nearly twelve inches long, olivecoloured, but rendered rough with elevated white specks. Seeds numerous, imbricated, linear-lanceolar, with very ample come, pointing to the base of the follicle. Integuments two, the exterior one rather thick; the interior one a thin membrane adhering to the embryo. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse; cotyledous triangularly convolute. Radicle cylindric, superior (pointing from the coma to the apex of the folliele.) The whole almost exactly as in Gartner's Nerium Zeylanicum, 2. p. 172. t. 117.

3. N. tinctorum, R.

Arboreous. Leaces opposite, ovate-oblong. Panicles terminal. Follicles pendulous, very long, united at the apex.

Nerium indicum, &c. Burm. Zeyl. 167. t. 77.

Telinga. Chite-ancalloo.

A middling-sized tree, agreeing perfectly in its botanical character with Nerium of the Linean sexual system, and from the quality of its leaves I have called it (Nerium) tinetorium. Dyer's rose buy, for to me it seems a new species; at least it is not taken notice of by Linuwus, nor by his son in his last Botanical publication, the Supplementum Plantarum published in 1781. It comes nearest Nerium antidysenterium, the tree which yields the Conessi bark of our Materia Medica. Cadaga-pala of the Hoctus Malabaricus, Pala Cadija of the Telingas. They are both natives of the lower region of those mountains which bound the Rajamundry Circar on the north side, and are so much alike in most respects, (the Nectarium excepted) that without a tolerable knowledge of both, the one may be mis-taken for the other; and I have no doubt but the bark of the Nerium may have been gathered and sold for Conessi bark to which I attribute the disrepute that has fallen upon Conessi bark in Europe; for with the natives of most parts of India it is deemed a specific in most complaints of the bowels. And I am inclined to think it deserves a better name

than it has hitherto acquired amongst Europeans.

Trunk very irregular in shape, when very old it is from one and a half to two feet in diameter, but when of that size, it is full of large, rotten cavities; its height to the branches when large, is from ten to fifteen feet; the bark of the old wood is scabrous of the young pretty smooth, and ash-coloured. Wood remarkably white, close-grained, very beautiful, coming nearer to Icory in appearance than any other I know. Branches irregularly disposed, being bent in various directions; small branches opposite. Leaves numerous, opposite, shortpetioled, oval-pointed, pretty smooth, entire, pale greeu; when full grown from six to ten inches long, and from three to four broad. Stipules none. Flowers about an inch and a half in diameter, when fully expanded perfectly white, fragrant, disposed on lax globular panicles at the extremities of the branches. Bracles a small oval one below each sub-division of the paniele. Calyx divided into five equal semi-orbicular, permanent segments. Corol one-petalled. Tabe short, somewhat gibbous. Border large, divided into five, oblique, linear-oblong, spreading segments. Nectarina many ramous, white filaments crowning the mouth of the tube of the corol, (no nectary in the Consisi bark tree). Filaments five, very short, rigid, inserted just within the mouth of the tube, and within the nectarium. Anthers arrow-shaped, rigid, united to one another laterally, forming a very firm, conical cover for the stigma, their lower parts inwardly are covered with fine white bairs. Germ two, seemingly united. Style the length of the tube. Stigma, double, covered with transparent gluten, by which it adheres to the inside of the anthers. Follicles two, very long, slender, pendulous, united at both ends singly, they are from twelve to twenty inches long; and about as thick as a common pencil. Seeds numerous, long, slender, crowned with down, like the seed of the common thistle. Embryo inverse, without perisperm, and the cotyledous rolled up in z compound manner between involute and convolute.

Obs. This tree as I observed before, is a native of the hills and lower regions of the mountains directly north from Coringa in the Rajamundry Circar, and delights most in the south or sunny side of these hills and mountains. I am informed that it also grows in great plenty over the Carnatic, and in every part of the Circars where there are hills or mountains, being an extent of above one thousand miles in length, and of breadth uncertain.

It contains a milky juice, chiefly in the tender branches and young leaves, which flows freely on being wounded. The natives make scarcely any use of it, except for fire wood; and the more it is cut down, the more it increases: many shoots issuing from the old stumps, these in one year acquire various heights, from one to ten feet, according to the nature of the soil, &c. and are thick in proportion. It easts its leaves during the cold season; about the beginning of the hot season in March and the beginning of April, the young leaves begin to make their appearance, together with the flowers; by the end of the month (April,) those that first began to be unfolded, will have attained to their full size. This I have the the proper time to begin to gather the leaves, and make the indigo, about this time also it ceases flowering, and the seed vessels are fully formed, but the seeds are not ripe until January or February.

The colour the leaves acquired in drying for my Hortus siecus, particularly if they chanced to be bruised, first induced me to think they possessed colouring matter, and the result of some experiments fully answered my expectations; although I have been often deceived by the same appearances in the leaves of other plants. For an account of the method of making the indigo, see separate treatise.

4. N. tomentorum, R.

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Arboreous. Leaves oval, pointed, downy. Nectarium of fleshy lacerated glands, on the mouth of the tube. Anthers without threads. Follicles divaricate, sub-cylindric.

Nelam-pala, Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 3 and 4.

Telinga. Poota-jeeleroo.

A small tree; a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars; flowers during the hot season. Bark rust-coloured, with small scabrous, light-coloured specks; the young shoots very downy. Every part of the plant discharges a yellow, milky juice on being wounded.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, pointed, both sides downy, from two to three inches long, and one and a half, or two broad. Stipules none. Panicles corymbiform, terminal, small. Bractes minute, caducous. Flowers pretty large, white; nectary orange-coloured. Calyx, the segments are ovate and obtuse. Corol. Tube gibbous, firm, somewhat fleshy. Nectary fleshy, and lacerated into obtuse, fleshy segments. Anthers arrow-shaped, converging; they terminate in a sharp rigid point without any thread. Follicles about eight or nine inches long, and two in circumference, scabrous.

Obs. With the yellow juice which flows from the wounded plant, diluted with water, bits of cotton cloth were died a pretty good yellow, which still continues bright as at first, now two years.—Seeds numerous, oblong compressed. Coma pure white and delicately fine.

Integuments perisperm and embryo, as in the Apocinew.

5. N. pisidium. R.

Leaves oblong entire, lucid. Panicles terminal brachiate shorter than the leaves. Flowers salver shaped. Nectories bifid, and villous. Follieles oblong, obtuse, smooth, buffed.

Echaulut or Echalut the vernacular about Silhet.

An extensive, perennial woody climber, a native of Silhet in Bengal; flowering in May and June seed ripe in January. Its bark, contains a quantity of fibrous matter, which the natives of the country where the plant grows, use as a substitute for hemp. In steeping some of the young shoots in a fish pond in order to accelerate the removal of the bark, and cleaning the fibres, many, if not the whole of the fish were killed, hence the specific name.

Stem and larger branches ligueous, and ramble to a vast extent. Young shoots long, round and smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, taper-obtuse jointed, entire, firm and lucid; about six inches long, by two broad. Panieles terminal, sub-globular; composed of a few pairs of brachiate, short, few-flowered branches; all are round and smooth. Flowers many, large, pale yellow salver-shaped. Bractes oblong, rather obtuse, and small. Calyx five-leaved. Leaflets ovate smooth. Tube of the corol larger than the five obliquely trapiziform segments of its border, gibbous in the middle where the stamina are lodged. Nectarium consists of five bifid, villous segments, rising from the five fissures of the border of the corol, round the mouth of its tube. Germ two-lobed, two-celled, with numerous ovula in each, attached to an elevation down the centre of the partition. Style scarce half the length of the tube. Stigma large, with contracted bifid apex. Follicles ovate-oblong, while fresh very large, by being much inflated or puffed, smooth, obtuse, greenish yellow when ripe. Seeds many, thin, oval, with broad membranaceous margin, crowned. Integuments two, exterior, soft, smooth, light brown; interior, rather fleshy while the seeds are receut. Perisperm no other than the interior integument of the seed. Embryo inverse, cotyledons round-cordate, strongly marked with veins. Radiele cylindric, superior.

6. N. reticulatum, R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves oblong, smooth. Cymes axillary. Nectarial scales five, wedge-

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II. 10 Kalli-pal-valli. Rheed. Mal. 9. t. 11.

Apocynum reticulatum, B. H.

Teling. Adivi pala-tiga.

Hind, Karunta.

A large twining shrub, a native of hedges, thickets, &c. Flowering time the rainy

season, abounds with milky juice.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, obovate, or oblong, entire, smooth, very pale underneath; with numerous, small, reticulated veins running through every part, from three to six inches long. Cymes axillary, many times shorter than the leaves, and short peduneled, many-flowered. Flowers small, yellow. Calyx five-parted; division short, ovate. Corol; tube very short, gibbous; divisions of the border linear-lanceolate. Nectary five wedge-formed scales, inserted on, or rather in the mouth of the tube. Stamens within the tube, below the nectarial scales. Style short. Stigma peltate, five-sided. Follicles lanceolate, horizontal, about three inches long.

7. N. chinensis, Hunter.

Shrubby, with erect, dichotomous branches. Leaves sub-sessile, ovate-lanceolate, smooth. Peduncles terminal, becoming lateral, or in the forks of the branches, few-flowered. Segments of the corol narrow, and end ensiform. Stamina in the base of the tube.

A native of China. In one garden on Pulo-Penang Dr. Hunter found it in blossom

in July.

I can find no nectarial crown on the tube of the corol, hence I suspect it to be an Echites.

8. N. caudatum, R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves oblong, smooth. Cymes terminal. Segment of the corol adding in long, filiform points.

ending in long, filiform points.

A large climbing shrub, a native of the mountainous parts of the Coast, bark ashcoloured with scabrous specks.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, waved, smooth, shining. Corymbs terminal, two-forked. Bractes narrow-lanceolate, revolute. Flowers large, pretty numerous. Calyx five-cleft; divisions linear, waved, revolute, coloured, very much like the bractes. Corol; tube contracted at the middle, each of the segments of the border ending in a large linear filament, as in Echiles caudata. Nectary crowning the mouth of the tube as in the family. Anthers within the tube, and ending in filaments as in the genus. Germs two. Style length of the tube, white, rugose as if it were composed of small air bladders.

I know of no use any part of this plant is put to. If Burman's Echites caudata is the

same, the nectary, and threads to the anthers, are omitted in his figure. Flora Indica

Table 26. Is allied to De Candoll's Strophanthus.

9. N. grandiflorum, R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves oblong, polished. Flowers terminal. Nectories bifid. Follicles three-sided horizontal.

A native of the Peninsula of India. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it is in flower

great part of the year though the seeds do not often come to maturity.

Stem stout, and woody. Bark smooth, greenish ash-colour. Branches twining up and over trees of very considerable size, every part abundantly lactescent when wounded. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, obtuse-pointed, polished on both sides; underneath primutely reticulated, about three inches long, by one and a haif broad. Flowers terminal, from one to many, forming a dichotomous raceme with one in the fork, very large pale pink.

Bractes conically-lanceolate, opposite, caducous. Calyx five-leaved. Leaflets oval-lanceolate, with simple, thin curled margins. Corol campanulate, half five-cleft. Nectories five, not alternate with, but attached to the tube of the corol immediately above the stamina; each divided into two long, filiform, coloured segments. Filaments short, inserted on the contracted base of the tube of the corol. Authors cordate, incurved in form of a dome over the stigma. Germs two, one-celled, each containing many ovula attached to a large projecting fleshy receptacle on the inside. Style at the base double and coalescing into one body near the top. Stigma single, large, globular, with the vertex two-toothed, and five glands round the side, which are firmly attached to the inside of the five anthers near their base, between these are five dark-coloured, spoon-shaped scales, which become detached by age. Follicles horizontal, three-sided, with the angles sharp; tapering to a long, incurved, rather obtuse beak.

ECHITES.

[By some accident the Generic Character of Echites, and the description of the three first species, viz. Antidysenterica, Tinctoria, and Scholaris are wanting in my copy of Dr. Roxburgh's work; The two first of these are now removed to Wrightes, and the last to Alstonia. It is thought better to print the genus as it stands with this deficiency than to insert a generic character of the genus, and a description of the three species which would not be Dr. Roxburgh's. W. Curey.] 4. E. caryophyllata, R.

Twining. Leaves ovate-cordate, pointed. Cymes terminal. Tube gibbous at top. Nectary tubular, five-toothed. Segments of the corol, triangular.

Sans. Mulati. See Asiat. Res. iv. 246. Kemetti valli. Rheed, Mal. ix. t. 135. Compare with E. costata Willd.

This is a large twining shrub, a native of mountainous tracts only. It flowers during the wet season; the flowers are delightfully fragrant, partaking much of the smell of cloves. Stem woody, twining, as thick as a man's leg. Bark dark rust-colour, with fissures and scabrous specks. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate-cordate, pointed, entire. Petioles with the nerve and veins coloured red. Cymes terminal, sub-globular. Bracles falling. Flowers numerous, large, pure white, delightfully fragrant. Calyx five-leaved, leaflets lanceolate, as long as the corol, somewhat coloured, on the outside a little downy. Corol; tube five-sided, gibbons; segments of the border large, triangular. Nectory and pistillum as in other species. Follicles cylindric, spreading. Seeds a few, very large, crowned with down.

The delightful smell of the flowers of this plant, as well as their beauty, makes it highly deserving a place in the flower garden. On my arrival in Bengal I found it in a few gardens

only.

5. E. frutescens. R.

Twining. Leaves oblong, pointed. Panicles, terminal; segments of the corol long twisted and hairy; tube gibbous above the middle. Nectary of five headed filaments. Folli-

A. floribus fasciculatis. Burm. zeyl. 23. t. 12. f. 1.

Syama. Asiat. Res. iv. 261.

Beng. Syama-lata. Teling. Nalla-tiga.

This plant Dr. König thought was Apocymum feutescens of Linnaus. It is a large, ra-

mous, twining, shrubby species; common in hedges, &c.

Leaces opposite, short-petioled, oblong, or broad-lanceolate, pointed, smooth, entire; from one to two inches long. Pasicles terminal; ramifications opposite. Flowers small, white, inodorous. Corol. Tube gibbons where the stamens are lodged; mouth contracted, and shut with hairs; segments of the border linear, twisted hairs. Nectory five subulate bodies with large recurved heads, surrounding the germs. Style single, of a length sufficient to bring the large, compound Sbigma in contact with the anthers. Follicles and seeds as in the genus.

6. E. macrophylla, R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves sub-rotund acuminate, downy underneath. Cymes terminal. Belutta-kaka-kodi. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 5 and 6.

Harkee the vernacular name in Silhet; where it is indigenous. Flowering time the hot months of May and June; the seeds do not ripen until the following March or April. Stem. and larger branches ligneous, twining, young shoots marked with little elevated brown specks. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, from oval to roundish oval, entire, acute, downy underneath; from ten to twelve inches long by from seven to ten broad. Cymes terminal, elevated on a strong erect peduncle, many-flowered. Flowers very large, white. Bractes opposite, at the divisions of the cyme, ovate, acute. Calyx companulate, five toothed. Corol infundibuliform. Tube gibbous immediately above the base where the anthers are lodged; segments of the border unequally obovate, spreading. Filaments short, hairy. Anthers sagittate, united at the sides into a cone over the stigma. Germ superior, ovate, two-lobed, two-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the thick middle of the partition. Style short, grooved, as if composed of two portions firmly united. Stigma headed, with an acute, bidentate apex. Follieles pendulous, about twelve inches long, and as thick as the little finger, tapering to an acute point, pretty smooth. Seeds numerous, large, spatulate; coma ample, pointing to the apex of the follicle; the reverse of Nerium coccinum. Integuments single, firm, and brown. Perisperm in small quantity; in fact an interior integument. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle sub-eylindric, superior, and pointing to the coma.

7. E. grandiflora, R.

Scandent. Leaves cuneate-oblong. Cymes terminal, and axillary. Leaflets of the calyxlanceolar, waved, and coloured. Corol companulate. Follicles linear.

A native of the hilly parts of Chittagong and Silhet, where it blossoms during the dry

season. The seeds take nearly one year to ripen.

Stem and large branches ligneous, and scandent to a very great extent, young shoots villous. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, from oblong-cunciform, to obovate-oblong, entire, apex rounded, with a short point; void of pubescence, hard; from six to eight inches long by from two to five broad. Cymes axillary, becoming lateral, short, few-flowered, all the parts thereof clothed with ferruginous down. Flowers very large, equalling those of Solandra grandiflora; greenish yellow. Bractes oblong, coloured and veined. Calyx to the base divided into five long, lanceolate, waved, acute, coloured, veined segments. Corol campanulate; border expanding about five inches, and divided into five oval, waved, rather acuminate, broad segments. Filaments five, nearly as long as the corol, ascending in a gentle curved, smooth, inserted into the base of the bell of the corol. Anthers sagittate, sides firmly united, forming a conical cover for the stigma, to which they cohere. Germ two-lobed, hairy, two-celled; ovula numerous, attached to a jugiform receptacle in each cell, rising from the partition. Style length of the stamina, Stigma large, clammy. Follicles horizontal, linear, obtuse, pretty smooth, the thickness of the little finger; points rather incurved, and obtuse; from six to ten inches long. Seeds numerous, imbricated, oblong, compressed, brown, comose; coma very ample. I have rarely seen so large points to this apex of the follicles. Perisperm thin, light grey. Embryo straight. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle long-cylindric, superior.

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8. E. acuminata, R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves from oblong to broad-lanceolate, acuminate. Panicles axillary, longer than the leaves, diffuse, trichotomous, segments of the corol linear and falcate. Follicles filiform, about eight inches long.

Pingoree, or Bengeree the vernacular name in Silhet, where the plant is found in the forest, climbing up and over trees, &c. to a large extent. Flowering time May; the seeds

ripen in about nine months.

Young shoots rather rough with little, lighter coloured, elevated specks. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, entire, acuminate, smooth; from two to four inches long, by one and a half broad. On young plants linear-lanceolate, and waved. Panieles axillary, solitary in one axil, the other vacant, longer than the leaves, lax, trichotomous throughout, smooth. Flowers many, large, white, and fragrant. Bractes opposite, long, slender, and smooth. Calyx, large divided to the base, into five, long, narrow smooth segments. Corol. Tube the length of the calyx, enlarged at the base, the border cut in to five long, narrow, falcate, curled segments; which are imbricated in the bud. Nectory cup-shaped, embracing the base of the germs, obscurely five-toothed. Filaments five, short, attached to the tube a little below the middle. Anthers sagittate, completely within the mouth of the tube. Germs two, or very completely two-lobed, each one-celled, containing numerous ovula, attached to a grooved vertical receptacle on the inside. Style half the length of the tube. Stigma large, oblong, bidentate. Follicles pendulous about a foot and a half long, and not thicker than a goose-quill, dark brown, marked with small lighter coloured specks. Seeds many, crowned with an ample coma, which points to the apex of the follicle. Perisperm scarcely any. Embryo inverse.

9. E. marginata, R. Shrubby, scandent. Leaves lanceolate; an anastomosing vein near the margin. Panicles terminal, corymbose.

Dood-luta the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous climbing up, and over

trees, &c. Flowering time April and May when the air is perfumed with its fragrance.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth, veins large, apices anastomosing and forming a waved line within the margin; from two to six inches long. Panicles terminal, longer than the leaves, lax, corymbiform; first ramifications opposite, i. e.

sub-trichotomous afterwards dichotomous : all smooth. Bractes ensiform. Flowers many, large, white, fragrant. Calgar five-leaved; leaflets ensiform. Tube of the corol gibbons at the base, the stamina lodged near the middle Segments of the border five, linear, falcate. Nectory a ring round the base of the germ. Germ two-lobed; ovula in each lobe numerous, attached to a projecting receptacle down the centre of the partition. Style half the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma large, oblong, bidentate.

10. E. cymosa. R.

Shrubby, hairy. Leaves elliptic, acuminate. Cymes terminal, shorter than the leaves, crowded. Calyx five-leaved, length of the corol. Nectary poculiform, with five-toothed mouth.

Kasee. Ewtaesbrab.

A native of the copses, or low jungle in the Silhet district, where it grows to be a middle sized, ramous shrub; flowering in May.

Young shoots hairy.

Leaves petioled, opposite, elliptic, acuminate, hairy, particularly underneath; from three to four inches long, by from one and half to two and half broad. Cymes terminal, sub-globular, much shorter than the leaves, crowded with small dull white, fragrant flowers, Bracter ensiform, hoary. Calyx of five, heary, ensiform leaflets, scarcely united at the base, and as long as the tube of the corol. Corol heary on the outside. Tube gibbons; border of five, obliquely ensiform segments, which are shorter than the tube, and white in bud, imbricated. Nectary poculiform, embracing very completely the whole germ; mouth five toothed. Anthers within the tube, sagittate. Germ of two distinct lobes, their apices very hairy, each lobe one-celled, and containing numerous ovula attached to a vertical ridge on the partition. Style short. Stigma large, acuminate, adhering by gluten to the inside

of the anthers.

S. E. paniculata, R.
Shrubby, scandent. Leaves broad-lanceolar, entire, smooth. Panicles axillary and Shrubby, scandent. Nectory cup-shaped, surrounding the germ, fivetoothed. Follicles obelavate, few-seeded.

An extensive, powerful, woody rambler; a native of the forests of Silhet. Flowering in March and April, the seeds from the flowers of the former year ripening about the

same time.

Foung shoots round and perfectly smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, smooth and of a very firm texture, entire, obtuse-pointed; from four to eight inches long, and from one and a half to three broad. Stipules none. Panieles axillary, and terminal, longer than the leaves, smooth in every part, throughout trichotomous to the extreme divisions, and they are three-flowered. Bracter oval, embracing the base of the divisions. Flowers very numerous, and very small, pale-yellow. Calyx five-parted. Corol with a short gibbous tube, and border of five, falcate, woolly-margined segments. Nectary cup-shaped, five-toothed, embracing the lower half, or more, of the germ. Filaments short. Authors sagittate, adhering to each other, in the gibbous part of the tube, and forming a dome over the stigma. Germs two-lobed, two celled, &c. Style very short. Stigma very large, with a pointed, billd apex. Follicles horizontal, five or six inches long, as thick as the little finger at the base, and from thence tapering to an obtuse point, smooth. Seeds a few, with an immensely long and large coma to the apex and Embryo, as in the Anolepiados.

9. E. hircosa, R.

Twining. Leaces petioled, oval, smooth. Panicles axillary, globular, and open. Anthers exsert, a pearl like gland on the back.

Pergularia glabra, Willd, 1, 1247.

Flos pergularia, Rumph, amb, 51, 29, f. 2.

A pretty extensive, perennial, twining shrub; a native of Bengal, but scarce. The flowers are pretty white, larger and more numerous than in dichotoma, but have a very offensive smell, truly goatish, as noticed by Rumphius. It flowers about the end of the hot

season, and the beginning of the rains in May and June.

Leaves opposite, rather short-petioled, oval, somewhat pointed, entire, smooth; from three to five inches long, and from two to three broad. Panicle axillary, shorter than the leaves, sub-globular, very open, though very ramous, slightly villous. Flowers large, pure white, long pedicelled. Bractes from lanceolate to ensiform. Calyx 5-parted; segments sub-lanceolate, acute. Corol with a short, rather gibbous tube. Border of several round spreading segments; which are imbricated in the bud. Nectary of five, fleshy, smooth scabs, covering the germ. Filaments five from the mouth of the tube, thick, and short. Anthers sagittate, forming a pointed cone over the stigms on the base; on the outside a large, beautiful pearl-like gland. Germ hairy, two-lobed, 2 celled; Ocula numerous, attached to an elevated vertical receptacle on the partition. Style longer than the tube of the corol, columnar. Stigma large, clammy, and adhering to the anthers, apex two-toothed.

13. E. dichotoma, R.

Twining. Leaves opposite, lanceolate-oblong.

Racemes axillary, dichotomous. Segments of the corol obovate. Filaments thick, headed, and woody.

Beng. Happur-malee.

Perguiaria glabra, Kon, in B. H.

A large, twining, shrubby plant, found in forests, &c. near Calcutta; flowering time, the

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Page hot season. Stems ligneous. Branches numerous, spreading and twining; bark of the woody part ash-coloured, of the young shoots green and smooth. Leaves opposite, very short-petioled, from oblong to lanceolar, acute, recurved, entire, smooth; from two to three inches long, and from one, to one and a half broad. Stipules, some awl-shaped, brown glands surrounding the insertions of the leaves. Racemes axillary, or a little above, solitary, generally two-cleft, or two racemes to a common peduncle, rachis winding. Flowers alternate, generally solitary, pretty long-pedicelled, large, pure white, pleasantly fragrant. Bractes, a few of an unequal size at the insertion of each pedicel. Calyx of five, cordate, pointed leaflets; the length of the tube of the corol. Corol tubular; tube short; border large, flat; divisions roundish-obovate. Nectary cylindric, surrounding the germs; mouth five-notched. Filaments inserted on the mouth of the tube of the corol, very thick, with a large round pearl coloured projection behind the insertion of the arrow-shaped anthers, which are woolly on the fore side. Germs two &c. as in the former species. Style single, hairy. Stigma headed, and adhering firmly to a projection in the fissure which forms the barb of the authers. Follicles oblong, large, being about six inches long, and above two in diameter at the thickest part, and what is most extraordinary, the only few seed vessels which I have yet met with, divided spontaneously into four parts or equal valves, when dry. Seeds numerous, comose, &c. with inverted embryo, as in the other Apocinea.

14. E. parviflora. R.

Twining. Leaves lanceolar. Panicles terminal, and axillary, brachiate. Tube of the corol gibbous toward the base; segments of the border linear-falcate. Nectary an entire ring

A stout perennial species, a native of the northern Circars.

15. E. clavata, R.

Twining, dichotomous. Leaves broad, lanceolate, entire, villous underneath. Panicles axillary, dichotomous. Tube of the corol clavate, with the segments of the border falcate. Anthers linear, and within the mouth of the tube.

A native of the Moluccas, and of all the species known to me, this most resembles E. Dichotoma, but differs sufficiently in the length of the tube, the segments of the border of the corol, and the stamina, to authorise its being considered a distinct species.

PLUMERIA. Schreb. gen. N. 422.

Calyx 5-parted. Corol infundibuliform. Germ 2-celled; cells many-seeded, attachment interior. Follicles reflex. Seeds inserted into their proper membrane.

P. acuminata of the Banksian herbarium.

Arboreous. Leaves cuneate-lanceolar, acuminate, those of the branchlets obtuse. Racemes corymbose.

Flos convolutus. Rumph. Amb. 4. t. 38 good.

Hind. Gool-achin.

This very elegant, small tree does not appear to be a native of this part of India, I have only found it in gardens; but there it is very common, which shews it to be of considerable antiquity. Every part is full of tenacious, white juice, which exudes plentifully on being wounded. Trunk crooked, from six to ten feet high. Bark rough. Branches numerous, three-forked, swelled towards the ends; the height of the whole tree fifteen or twenty feet. Leaves crowded about the end of the branchlets, petioled, wedge-lanceolar, acute, entire. Many straight veins run towards the circumference, and are lost in another waved vein, which surrounds the leaf within the margins; they are smooth on both sides; about a foot long and three inches broad. Petioles round, with a small channel on the upper side, which ends below in a hollow filled with blackish conical glands. Peduncles sub-terminal, having several corymbiform racemes, in a verticelled order. Flowers numerous, succeeding one another for a great length of time; on the outside they are tinged red; the inside pale yellow below, and white towards the base of the segments; diffusing a pleasing fragrance, chiefly during the night. Calyx of five, small, roundish, fleshy leaves. Corol funnel-shaped, with a large imbricated border; divisions obovate. Stamens in the bottom of the tube. Filaments short. Anthers sagittate. Follicles pendulous, horizontal, very rigid. In thirty-five years I have only met with them once, so rarely does this tree ripen its seed.

TABERNÆMONTANA.

Contorted. Corol funnel-shaped. Follicles two, recurved. Seeds several, immersed in a pulpy aril, and alternately attached to the two margins of the follicles.

1. T. dichotoma, R.

Sub-arboreous, dichotomous. Leaves oblong, and linear oblong, with diverging veins. Racemes simple or compound, single, or in pairs from the forks.

A native of Ceylon and Malabar and introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta from the former place, by the Rev. Dr. John; where it flowers during the greater part of the year, but chiefly during the rains.

Trunk short.

Branches numerous; spreading much in every direction, dichotomous, the old ones with smooth olive coloured bark; the young ones green, round, and very smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, and linear-oblong, entire, rather obtuse, of a firm texture, and polished on both sides; veins parallel, diverging from the rib; length from four to eight inches and from one to two broad. Petioles short, and united in a cup like a stipulary ring which completely

embraces the branchlets. All these parts very resinous. Racemes simple or compound; single or in pairs, in the extreme divisions of the branchlets; often as long as the leaves, polished, bright green. Flowers rather remote, long-pedicelled, large, white, scarcely fragrant. Bractes searcely any. Calyx five-parted; divisions short, semilunar, resinous. Corol; tube long, gibbons near the base, much contracted above the stamina; Border of five, contorted, falcate segments. Filaments short, inserted into the tube of the corol near the middle. Anthers sagittate. Germs two, closely united; single, one-celled; ocula numerous, attached to a twolobed receptacle, on the inner side of the cell. Style two-thirds shorter than the tube of the corol, two-lobed. Stigma large, with a tapering bifid apex. Follieles, it is rare to find more than one of the two come to maturity, they are recurved with the back considerably concave; and very gibbons on the opposite side, where an elevated rib runs along each side of the suture; obtusely pointed, pretty smooth; when ripe of a bright orange colour, four or five inches long, and nearly two in diameter where thickest. Seeds numerous, of an irregular, caneate-oblong shape, with a deep longitudinal groove on one side; each enveloped in its own proper, scarlet, pulpy aril and inserted along the side of the two margins of the suture by the small end of the aril, which is again attached by a broad umbilical cord to the centre of the longitudinal groove just mentioned. Perispers in pretty large quantity, rather soft, and of a pale bluish white colour. Embryo nearly as long as the seed, with the two cordate cotyledons lodged near the thick end; and the long, almost straight cylindric radicle directed to the small end where the aril was attached to the margin of the follicle; frelative contripeta of Gartner.)

An incomplete drawing, and description of this tree, was sent to the Honourable the Court of Directors under the name of Cerbera dichotoma, and numbered 1541. At that time I had not seen the fruit but since my return to India, I have met with it in a perfectly ripe state and find the plant must now be referred to the genus Tabernamontana where, I think, it forms a new species.

2. T. coronaria. R.

Shrubby, dichotomons. Leaves lanceolar, waved, smooth. Peduacles from the divisions of the branches few-flowered. Calyx 5-toothed. Follicles recurved, many-seeded.

Nerium coronarium. Hort. Kew. 1. p. 297. Naudi-ervatum umjor, and minor. Rheed. Mal. 2. t.

54. and 55. I take to be the double and single varieties of this.

Firki-tugur the Hindoo name of the single flowered, and Bura-tugur of the double flowered.

Januinum zylanioum. &c. Burm. zeyl. 129, t. 59.

Flox Manifeanus. Rump. Amb. 4. t. 49. appears to be the double variety.

A flowering shrub common in gardens over India. It is in flower the greater part of the year but rarely ripens its seed. I mean the double sort, the single ripens them

frequently.

Treak trifling, but numerous, two-forked branches, with a pretty smooth light ashcoloured bark. The whole shrub is about 6 or 8 feet high. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, spreading, lanceclar, smooth, shining, deep green; margins waved a little, with elevations above the veins; four or six inches long. Stipules within the leaves, resinous as in most species of Gardenia. Pedaneles generally solitary, from the divisions of the branchlets, one or two inches long, from one to eight flowered. Flowers pure white, and delightfully fragrant during the night. Calyx five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped; tube contracted towards the mouth, and crowned with small yellow glands, (which brings it in this respect near to Nerium;) border five-parted; divisions obliquely ovate, and curled at the margins. Stamens rather below the middle of the tube. Germs two. Style short. Stigma single, headed with its challenge of the tube. with its slender apex, bifid. Follicles spreading; and recurved singly, from one to three inches long. Seeds three to six, irregularly oblong, dark brown, and striated; each enclosed in its own proper, fleshy, deep red pulpy aril. Perisperm conform to the seed; with the cordate cotyledons lodged in its thick end, and the long, cylindric, straight radicle, directed to the small end.

Note. This pulp seems fit for yielding a very beautiful colour. The double flowered variety is much more common than the single and is more beautiful; few shrubs surpassing it.

3. T. Crispa, R.

Shrubby, dichotomous. Leaves oblong, pointed, waved, smooth. Pedeucles from the divisions of the branches, three or four flowered. Calgx five-leaved. Follicles three or four seeded.

4. T. alternifolia. Willd. 4, 1246.

Curutu-paia. Rheed, mal. 1. p. 83. t. 46.

This is a large, ramous shrub. I have only found it in the Botanic Garden of the Com-

pany at Calcutta, where it flowers during the rains.

Trank short; branches numerous, two-forked; bark ash-coloured; young shoots dotted. Leaves opposite, cross-armed, short-petioled, reclined, oblong, pointed, waved, pale green, but smooth on both sides; from 4 to 8 inches long and two or three broad. Peduacles from the divisions of the branchlets, solitary, few-flowered. Flowers pure white, fragrant. Calgor five-leaved, leaflets cordate, smooth, falling. Corol; tube a little gibbons above the middle, and there the stamens are lodged; divisions of the border curled. Germs two, each onecelled, containing four vertical rows of orula, two on each side, attached to the inner clevated margins of the cell. Follieles oblong, three-six-seeded. Seeds surrounded with their pro-

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п 26 per pulpy arils, &c. &c. as in T. Coronaria.

I never saw this species with double flowers, nor is it so ornamental as even the single flowered. T. Coronaria. To distinguish it from that species, attend to the calyx, and follicles chiefly, the leaves being in this also opposite, made me change the Linnean specific name alternifolia, for crispa on account of its curled petals.

T. corymbosa, R.

Leaves petioled, oblong. Corymbs terminal, ample, decompound, all the primary divisions dichotomous. Anthers inclosed.

A native of the Moluceas.

T. parviflora. R.

Shrubby, dichotomous. Leaves broad-lanceolate, taper, obtuse pointed. Peduncles in pairs at the forks, few-flowered. The five segments of the calvx ensiform.

This small shrub, was sent from Sumatra to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it

flowers during the rainy season; but has not yet perfected its seeds in Bengal.

Stem erect, slender, round, and smooth, soon dividing into a few, slender, dichotomous branches, the whole height rather under three feet. Leares opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, taper, obtuse-pointed; margins waved, but entire, smooth on both sides, length from two to six inches and the breadth from one to two. Peduncles generally in pairs from the forks of the branches, few-flowered. Flowers pedicelled, small, white. Pedicells as long. as the peduncles. Bractes few and small. Calyx five-toothed. Divisions erect, ensiform. Corol infundibiliform; tube widest close to the mouth, and there the sessile anthers are lodged. Border of five falcate, linear, obtuse segments, which are shorter than the tube. Germ twolobed; style of two, coalesced portions, and sufficiently long to elevate the stigma even with the

T. recurva. R.

Shrubby, dichotomous. Leaves broad-lanceolar, smooth. Peduncles in pairs at the forks, recurved, corymbiform. Calyxes five-cleft. Anthers in the mouth of the clavate tube.

A native of Chittagong from whence it was sent to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta by

Dr. Buchanan, where it blossoms in March and April.

Trunk tolerably straight, but short, soon dividing into several, dichotomous branches. Bark smooth. Leaces opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, obtuse-pointed; smooth on both sides; length from two to six inches. Pediateles in pairs from the divisions of the branchlets, short, recurved, each ending in a dichotomous corymb of many, long, white, drooping flowers. Bractes lanceolate. Calyx five-eleft to very near the base; divisions linear, unequal, smooth. Corol; tube many times longer than the calyx, widened at the mouth, where the anthers are lodged. Border of five, large, wedge-shaped, very obliquely, smooth, entire segments. Fil short. Anthers sagittate, lodged just within the tube of the corol. Germ twolobed. Style nearly as long as the tube of the corol. Stigma bind, issuing from the apex of an enlarged glutinous gland.

T. persicariofolia. Willd. 1. 1246.

Arboreous. Leaces opposite, lanceolar. Panieles terminal and axillary, small, dichotomons. Follicles many-seeded.

A small tree, with smooth opposite and dichotomous branches and branchets. Flowers rather small, pale yellow.

PENTANDRIA DIGYNIA.

CEROPEGIA, Schreb. gen. N. 431.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol with the divisions of its borders converging. Nectary surrounding the fructification, protruding five sterile filaments. Follieles linear. Seed comose. 1. C. Candelabram. Willd, 1. 1275.

Perennial, twining, smooth. Leaves ovate-oblong. Umbels pendulous.

Njota njoden-valli, Rheed, Mal. 9. t. 16.
Native of Malabar. It flowers in the rainy season in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta.

2. C. bulbosa, Willd. 1. 1275. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 7.
Root tuberous, perennial. Stems herbaceous, twining. Leaves obovate, short-petioles, Umbels short-peduncled, few-flowered.

Teling. Manchi, viz. good Mandu.

It grows amongst bushes in hedges, &c. on dry, barren, uncultivated ground and flowers

during the hot season.

Root tuberous, a little flattened like a turnip, with several fibres from its base; it is about as large as a small apple. Stems twining, herbaceous, smooth, succulent; from 2 to 4 feet long. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, obovate, with a small point, entire, fleshy, size various. Umbels lateral, length of the leaves, peduncled few-flowered, direction vacious, Flowers pretty large, erect; tube greenish; border purple. Calyx five-toothed; toothlets acute, permanent. Corol one-petalled; tube swelled at the base, contracted about the middle, enlarging from thence into a bell-shaped mouth. Border five-parted; segments linear, downy, purple, erect, tops united, gaping at the sides. Nectacy; its body is already described in the preliminary observations; from each of its five divisions, rises a curved tapering, filiform, sterile filament, of about half the length of the tube. Anthers five pair, resting on the black pointed angles the common stigma. (Corpus truncatum.) Germs two united. Styles two, united, short thick. Stigma common large, peltate, five-cornered, before the flower opens these corners

adhere firmly to five, incurved, yellow glandular parts of the nectory, and between them are the anthers. It requires some force to separate them, to have a view of the anthers; when Ed. poised, as it were, on the five black, pointed angles of the stigma. Follicles two, slender,

singly about 3 or 4 inches long.

Every part of this plant is eaten by the natives, either raw or stewed in their curries.

The fresh roots taste like a raw turnip.

C. acuminata, Willd. 1, 1276. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 8. Root tuberous, perennial. Stems herbaceous, twining. Leaves ensiform, succulent. Teling. Common-madu.

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Contorted, Calyx five-toothed. Corol rotate, or salver-shaped. Nectary subcylindric, embracing the organs of the fructification. Anthers five pairs, attached to the five angles of the common atigma. Follicles two. Seeds comose.

The East Indian plants of this extensive family, belonging to the natural order Apocinea of Jussieu, are, with the exception of two or three species, uniformly twining perennials. The Leares always opposite, inflorescence sub-axillary or other laterifolius umbells. The Calyx and Corol five-parted. The nectary a sub-cylindric pentagon, more or less deeply divided into five, lanceolate, lameliated segments. The organs of the fractification consist of five pair, of one-celled authors and as I cannot subscribe to Brown's opinion, I must say at all periods attached to the circumference, or when angular, to the five angles of the common stig-ma, and furnished with a fecundating fluid, instead of pollen. The germs two, or very per-fectly two-lobed, superior, each crowned with its proper style, but the two are often pretty firmly united, and end in a single large, roundish, or pentagonal, spongy body, which I call the common stigma, (Jacquin's tuberculum staminiferum, and Cavanille's radio stamineum) and gives the germs nearly as great a claim to the first order of this class, as the other parts of the pistillum do to the second. This body is in some parts firmly attached to the interior lamella of the five segments of the nectury, and that organ being united to the Corol, the whole falls off in one body. Several of our Indian plants of this order hitherto consigned to Pergularia, Periplaca, Cynanchium, and Apocynum, fall into this genus; nor can I contrive any possibility of placing them elsewhere, so exactly alike are all the essential parts of their generic character, which appears to me as completely Gynandrous, as any of the Orchidea.

Section 1st. Corol rotate.

A. gigantea, Willd. 1264.

Shrubby, hoary. Leaves stem clasping, oblong, obovate, downy underneath. Umbels simple

Madorous. Rumph. amb. 7 t. 14. f. 1.

Urka is the Sanscrit name of the filse variety, and Ulurka the name of the white.

Erica, Rhoed, mal, 2, t. 31, the lilae, and Rel-crice, 31 the white.

Nelia-jeberoo, the Telinga name of the lilac flowered variety, and Zelia-jeleereo of the white flowered. Beng, Akunda, and Swetakund.

This is one of the most common, large, ramous shrubs over India. It is in flower, and has ripe seed all the year round. It grows every where, but chiefly about old walls, hedges,

or ruinous places.

Stem often as thick as a man's leg, or thigh, sub-erect ramous. Burk ash-coloured. Young shoots covered with soft woolly down. Leaves opposite, decussate, sub-sessile, embracing the stem, broad, wedge-form, bearded on the upper side where they end in the petiole; the upper surface pretty smooth; the under one, covered with a white woolly pubescence, from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad. Unders generally simple, though sometimes compound, peduncles. Peduncles round, covered with the same woolly substance, as the leaves and young shoots, and issuing alternately from between the opposite leaves, nearly erect, half the length of the leaves. Involucies several oblong, pointed scales. Flowers large, beautiful, a mixture of rose colour, and purple. Calyx five-parted. Corol flat.

The white flowered variety differs only from the like flowered, in the colour of the

A large quantity of an aerid, milky juice, flows from wounds made in every part of these shrubs; the natives apply it to various medicinal purposes; besides which, they employ the plant itself, and the preparations thereof to cure all kinds of fits; Epilepsy, Hysteries, Convulsions from Coitu immediately after bathing; also Spasmodic disorders such as the locked jaw, Convulsions in children, Paralytical complaints, Cold sweat, Poissuous bites, and venereal complaints. Good charcoal for gunpowder is said to be made of it. A fine sort of silky flax is in some parts prepared from the bark of the young shoots. A large, beautiful, inactive species of Gryllus feeds upon the leaves.

2. A. sussuela. R.

Succulent and smooth. Leaves petioled, oblong, pointed succulent smooth. few-flowered. Calyx five-leaved. Corols flat, fleshy, five-lobed. Genitalia short, and obconical. Corona Arischnes. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 182.

A native of the Moluceas and by far the largest flowering species I have yet met with; when expanded it is nearly three inches in diameter.

3. A. acida. R.

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Leafless. Umbellets terminal simple.

Soma-lata in Sanscrit, rendered Soon by Wilkins in his translation of the Bhagavut Geeta, p. 80, and note 42.

Cynanchium viminale. Willd. 1, 1252.

Teling. Tiga-tshomoodoo. Beng. Bramee or shom-lota.

A native of hedges, forests, &c. but by no means common.

Stems twining, woody. Branches and branchlets most numerous, cylindric and smooth; particularly the youngest shoots, and they are generally pendulous when not supported; naked and succulent, like those of Euphrobia Tirucalli. Leaves scarcely the rudiments of any to be seen. Flowers small, pure white, fragrant, pedicelled, collected round the extremities of the branchlets, in the form of elegant, small, simple umbellets. Calyx small, five-parted, star-like. Corol flat seemingly five-petioled, as the fissures are continued close to the base. Nectary enlarged at the base in form of a cup, on which rests five, large fleshy, incurved, undivided, white segments. Stamens and pistil, as in the germs. Follicles, I never saw them.

This plant yields a larger portion of very pure milky juice than any other I know; and what is rare, it is of a mild nature, and acid taste. The native travellers often suck the tender shoots to allay their thirst.

4. A. racemosa. R.

Twining to a vast extent. Leaves round, cordate. Genitalia oblate. Follicles linear oblong, obtuse.

A native of various parts of India. Flowering time, in Bengal, the mouth of May.

Stems, and old branches woody, covered with dark, seabrous bark, twining up, and over trees of a large size; young shoots round, smooth, bright green. Leaves opposite, petioled, round-cordate, entire, acuminate; Lobes large, and rounded, smooth on both sides; some conic glands at the base, which become brown by age; length, from 3 to 6 inches and nearly as broad. Petioles shorter than the leaves, round, smooth. Racemes laterifoliate, peduncled, smooth, rearly erect, continuing to lengthen as the spirally disposed flowers expand. Pedicles diverging, long, round, and smooth. Flowers small, smooth. Calyx five-cleft; segments rounded. Corol perfectly rotate, most slightly contorted; segments ovate, speckled with ferruginous marks, on a pale yellow ground. Nectorium very short, the five exterior lumina of its five divisious obversely crescent-shaped. Follicles large, linear-oblong, obtuse, smooth. Seeds ovate, thin membrane-margined. Coma large. Integument single, a rather thick, light brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, thin, white. Embryo straight, inverse. Cotyledons cordate, thin, five-nerved, large and nearly dividing the perisperm into two. Radicles clavate, pointing to the coma, which points to the apex of the folliele.
5. A. asthmatica. Willd. 1, 1270.

Leaves petioled, long-cordate, downy underneath. Umbels axillary, compound. Calycine. Segments ensiform.

Beng. Unta-mool,

Teling. Kaka-palla.

This is a perennial, twining species; it is common almost every where, and delights most

in a light sandy soil. It flowers during the cold season.

What is A. alixicaca of Jacquin. See Willd. 1. 1270? I suspect it is the same or a variety. We have one variety in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta with the young shoot peduncles and petioles tinged with red. Root of many, long, thick, whitish, or light ashcoloured, fleshy fibres, issuing from a small, hard, ligneous head. Stems several, twining, slender, round from 6 to 12 feet long; young parts downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, linear, cordate-ovate; those near the extremities are narrower, all are entire; above smooth; below downy; from two to three inches long. Petioles about half an inch long, channelled. Umbels solitary, axillary, and alternate, generally compound. Peduncles, and pedicels twice the length of the petioles, round, downy. Involuces lanceolate. Flowers numerous, small, colour a mixture of bad yellow, and orange. Calga; divisions lanceolate, very acute. Corol flat; divisions oval. Follicles lanceolate, spreading, three or four inches long, and about two in circumference.

On the coast of Coromandel, the roots of this plant have often been used as a substitute for Ipecacuana. I have often prescribed it myself, and always found it answer as well as I could expect Ipecacuana to do; I have also often had very favorable reports of its effects from others. It was a very useful medicine with our Europeans who were unfortunately prisoners with Hyder Ally, during the war of 1780, 81, 82 and 83. In a pretty large dose, it answered as an Emetic; in smaller doses, often repeated, as a Cathartic, and in both ways very effectually.

I had made and noted down many observations on its uses, when in large practice in the General Hospital at Madras in 1776, 77 and 78, but lost them, with all my other papers, by the storm and inundation at and near Coringa in May 1787. I cannot therefore be so full on the virtues of this valuable, though much neglected root, as I could wish. I have no doubt but it would answer every purpose of Ipecacuana.

The natives also employ it as an Emetic; the bark of about three or four inches of the fresh root, they rub upon a stone, and mix with a little water for a dose; it generally purges

at the same time.

Note by Dr. P. Russell.

"Dr. Russell was informed by the Physician General at Madras, (Dr. J. Anderson,)

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that he had many years before known it used, both by the European and Native Troops with great success in the dysentery which happened at that time to be epidemic in the camp. The store of Ipecacuana had it seems, been wholly expended, and Dr. Anderson finding the practice of the black doctors much more successful than his own, acknowledged, with his usual candour, that he was not ashamed to take instruction from them, which he pursued with good success; and collecting a quantity of the plant which they pointed out to him, he sent a large package of the roots to Madeas. It is certainly an article of the Hindoo materia medica highly deserving attention.
6. A. tunicala, R.

Leaves long-cordate, smooth. Stipules short-petioled, broad-cordate. Umbels simple. Nectary double

Periploca tunicata, Willd. 1. 1252. Retz. 3. obs. 2. N. 35. Hind. Kallia-luta.

A pretty large, twining shrub, a native of the hedges, &c. Flowering time, the rainy

season. Its milky juice is particularly gummy.

Leares opposite, petioled, cordate, with large, rounded, posterior lobes; pointed, entire, both sides smooth; from 2 to 4 inches long. Petioles half the length of the leaves, stem-clasping. Stipules two in the same axil, none in the other opposite one; they are short-petioled, broad-cordate, pointed, smooth, about an inch long each way. Umbels solitary, small, simple, few-flowered, occupying the axil opposite to the stipules. Flowers small, rusty colour. Corol flat. Nectory double. Exterior tubular, gibbous, considerably large, and completely embracing the inner, and the fructification; towards the apex plaited, and contracted; mouth ten-toothed, the alternate ones very large, and emarginate. Interior as in the genus. Follicles lanceolar, flat on the inside, with sharp margins, black, deeply and irregularly furrowed.

7. A. microphylla, R.

Leaves cordate, with a minute point, smooth and fleshy. Racemes lateral, few-flowered, scaly with branches.

Parparam. Rheed. mal. 9, t. 17.

Teling. Poola-palla.

A long, small, delicate twining perennial, a native of hedges, &c. Flowering time, the wet season. It is probably Cynanchium parviflorum of the Banksian herbarium.

Leaves opposite, petioled, cordste, with a minute neute point, smooth, shining, entire, fleshy; from half an inch, to an inch long. Racemes lateral, sessile, small, lew-flowered. Brac-tes lanceolate. Flowers small, stellate, long-pedicelled, many of them without stamens, or pistil. Corol flat. Follicles as in the last two species, but smaller.

8. A. nolubilis. Willd. 1269.

Learns peticled, broad-ovate, pointed, smooth. Fractification with nectary, turbinate, and truncate. Umbels simple. Watta-kakneodi. Rheed. mal. 9. t. 15.

Teling. Doedee-palla. Beng. Tita-kunga.

A large woody, twining species; common in hedges, thickets, &c. Flowering time, the wet season. Bark of the woody parts smooth, ash-coloured.

Legges opposite, petioled, broad-cordate, but not sinuate at the base, pointed, entire, smooth; from 3 to 4 inches long. Petioles from 1 to 2 inches long. Umbels lateral, or axillary, simple, many flawered. Flowers numerous, green, with pedicels as long as the pedunele, Corol flat. Nectory turbinate, truncate. Anthers reflected over the common stigma. Folli-cles horizontal, obtuse, about three or four inches long, and four in circumference.

9. A. pendula, R.

Leaves oblong, veinless, very smooth, and fleshy. Umbels simple, many flowered. Nectarier protruding five horns at the base.

Nansjera-patsja. Rheed, mal. 9. t. 13.

A native of the mountainous parts of the Circars; it flowers during the hot and rainy

Stems and larger branches woody, twining, running over trees, &c. to a great extent.

Branchlets twiggy, and pendulous. Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth, shiring, of a very firm, hard, fleshy texture, veinless. Umbals peduncled, lateral, solitary, pendulous with the branchlets many flowered. Flowers milk-white, fragment, pendulous also. Pedicels as long as the peduncles. Corol flat, inside covered with a kind of silky down. Nectory stellate: O may represent one of its five parts much magnified. Anthers remarkably large, reflected over, and resting upon the common stigma. If taken out and examined before the flower opens, they are then found much swelled; along the sharp edge there is a double line, which I conclude forms an opening for the prolific fluid to escape at, but in old flowers they are mere collapsed membranes. On dividing the plump ones I could readily press out a yellow fluid.

Note. This is the most favorable species I have met with for examining the structure.

and contents of the anthers of this Gynadrous genus.

10. A. annslavia, R.

Leaves petioled, cordate, pointed, smooth; serves and reins red; genitalia sitting on a large annular receptuele

Ada-kodien, Rheed, mal. 9, t. 7. Teling, Palla guegi,

It is a native of moist vallies. Flowering time, the wet senson.

Stem twining, percanial. Foung shoots round, and very smooth. Leaves opposite,

petioled, cordate, deeply lobed at the base, pointed, entire, smooth on both sides, nerve and veins red; on the upper side near the base are some small bristly points; from three to five inches long, and two or three broad. Petioles about two inches long. Umbels lateral, peduncled, simple, few-flowered. Flowers large, the colour a beautiful mixture of red, green and white. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets ovate. Corol flat. Nectary, its base forms a large, fleshy, somewhat five-sided ring. Filaments twisted. Anthers very long, they hang down on the sides of the common atigma, which is here very large, of an oval form, composed of five lobes, with a pentagonal crown.

11. A. suberosa, R.

Bark of the woody parts subcrose. Leaves petioled, cordate, downy. Umbels simple. Corols downy. Fructification globular. Anthers hornletted.

Cynanchium reticulatum. Willd. 1. 1258.

A large, twining, perennial species common in hedges, &c. over most parts of the coast

of Coromandel. It flowers during the latter parts of the rains, and the cold season.

Stem, and old branches woody, twining; back light ash-coloured, subcrous, and cracking deep in various directions; young parts slightly downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, cordate, entire, acute, downy, particularly when young; two or three inches long, and one and a half or two inches broad. Petioles round, one half length of the petioles. Umbels lateral, simple, peduncled, about the length of the petioles. Flower numerous, small, star-form, greenish-yellow, scentless. Corol; tube scarcely any; segments of the border spreading; margins revolute, downy. Nectarial sheath surrounding the tructification, as in the genus, the whole small, and globular. Anthers oval, horned, bent up over the common stigma.

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12. A. pseudosarsa, R.

Shrubby, twining, filiform. Leaves from ovate to linear, smooth, shining. Spikes axillary, sessile, imbricate. Follicles linear. Ceropegia tenuifolia, Linn. Mant. 346.

Periploca indica. Willd. 1, 1251, when broad leaved.

Periploca emetica, the wild one. 1251. Retz. obs. 2. No. 34. when narrow leaved.

Naru-nindi. Rheed. mal. 10. t. 34. very good.

Ununta-mool of the Hindoos when the leaves are broad, and Sada-boari when narrow. Palla-soneandee is the Telinga name for the narrow leaved parts, and Ghodie soucandee for the broad leaved.

It is one of the most common, twining shrubs on the Coast, Bengal, &c. grows equally well in every uncultivated soil, and in all situations. Flowers during the wet season.

Root long, and slender with few ramifications, covered with rust coloured bark, which possesses a peculiarly pleasant sort of fragrance, whether fresh or dried. Stems twining, diffuse, or climbing, woody, slender, generally from the thickness of a goose quill, to that of a crow quill, pretty smooth. Leaves opposite, short petioled, shape very various; on the young shoots that issue from old roots, and lie on the earth they are linear, acute, and striated down the middle with white; on the superior, and old branches, they are generally broad-lanceolate, even, sometimes ovate or oval; all are entire, smooth, shining, and of a firm texture, the length and breadth very various. Stipules four-fold, small, on each side of each petiole, caducous. Racemes axillary, sessile, imbricated with flowers, and then with scales like bractes. Flowers small; outside green, inside a deep purple. Calgar divisions acute. Corol tlat; divisions oblong, pointed, inside rugose. Nectary, stamens, and pistil as in Asclepias. Follicles long, slender, spreading.

The Hindoos make two species of this plant on account of the variety of the leaves; and I long thought they were so, till searching more narrowly, and taking up many of the roots. I then frequently found every variety of the leaves on different branches, issuing from the same root; which confirmed me in their being one plant. This is probably what Retz calls name P. Emetica but I am pretty clear Dr. König did not give it that name. To the best of my remembrance, he always conceived the broad leaved to be P. Indica, and the narrow to be Ceropegia tenuifolia. The plant sometimes employed as a substitute for Ipecacuana, is what König described under the name Asclepias comitoria; a drawing and description of it will be found in my collections, viz. N. 608. Asclepias asthmatica. The roots, whether dried or fresh, have a pleasant, peculiar fragrance, which I cannot describe. They are known on the Coromandel coast by the name of country Sarsaparilla; and as such were often employed by our Medical Gentlemen. The natives employ them in medicine more than we do, particularly for the thrush in children. For this disorder the dried bark is reduced to a fine powder, and fried in butter; the proportion uncertain, as is often the case with Hindoo prescriptions, the quantities being in general guessed; about a drachm of this is given, night and morning. They are also employed, with some other roots in the cure of venereal complaints.

13. A. rosea, R.

Leaves linear, smooth. Racemes longer than the leaves. Corols fringed with hairs. Follicles inflated.

Periploca esculenta, Will. 1. 1250. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 11. Periploca esculenta of König. See Suppl. plant. 168.

Dooghdika, (or milk plant;) is its Sanscrit name. See Asiatic Researches, 4. 268.

Beng. Kirui, Doodhee, Doodh-luta.

Teling. Doodee-palla.

It is a twining perennial; growing in hedges, and amongst bushes on the banks of water

courses, pools, &c. Leaves deciduous during the dry season. In flower and foliage during the Page

Root of filiform fibres. Stem and branches numerous, twining, round, smooth, running over bushes of considerable size. Leaves opposite, spreading, short petioled, linear, tapering to a fine point, round at the base, entire, smooth, from four to six inches long, and about three eighths of an inch broad. Racemes lateral, long, few-flowered. Flowers large, beautiful, white, with a small tinge of rose-colour, and striated with purple veins, inodorous. Nectary and Stamens as in the genus. Follicles oblong, inflated.

On this Coast I do not find the natives ever eat it, or apply it to any purpose whatever; cattle however eat it. Its elegant flowers render it well deserving of a place in the flower

Garden. Every part abounds with milk, hence its names in various Asiatic languages.

14. A. tenuissima, R.
Filiform, smooth. Leaves linear-lanceolate. Umbels proliferous. Genitalia a truncated cone.

A native of Bengal.

Stem perennial, simple, of several yards in length, very smooth, about as thick as a pack thread. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, linear-lanceolate, base rather broad, and somewhat cordate, entire, plain, smooth on both sides; almost veinless; length from one to two inches, and a little more than a quarter of an inch broad. Petioles nearly round, about as long as the leaves are broad. Umbels solitary, from between the insertion of each pair of leaves, proliferous. Pedwocles diverging, round, smooth, filiform. Flowers small, of a dull purple colour. Calyx smooth, deeply cut into five, narrow, acute divisions. Corol rotate; divisions ovate, oblong, obtuse.

15. A. parasitica. R.

Parasitic, perennial, creeping. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, fleshy, drooping. Umbels sim-

ple, globular; nectary concave, stellate, protruding five ovate rays at the top.

This charming species is a native of the Sunderbund, or forest in the assuary of the Ganges, where it grows on trees, creeping up, and over their trunks and branches to an extent of some fathems; emitting roots from every part, which take fast hold of the parent tree. The first plant brought into the Botanic garden at Calcutta died when planted in the ground; but when tied to trees and their roots fixed in any cavity or fork where some humidity and nourishment was to be found, they grew well, though slowly, and blossomed during the hot season, and about the beginning of the rains in June. I have, however, reared them in common earth since.

Leaves opposite, petioled, retrofracted, ovate-lanceolate, acute, of a firm fleshy texture, and smooth on both sides; veins searcely conspicuous above, and invisible underneath; from two to four inches long, and about one broad. Petioles short, round, ash coloured, in fact, more like a part of a branch than a petiole. Peduacles solitary, interfoliaceous, round, smooth, about an inch and a half long, each supporting a most elegant, drooping, globular umbel, of the most beautiful, exquisitely fragrant, rather small, pearl-coloured flowers. Calyx: leaflets linear, scarcely half the length of the corol. Corol wheel-shaped, with the divisions cordate. Nectory concave, stellate, protruding five ovate, thick fleshy horns, or rays at the top. Stamens as in the genus. The pericarp has not yet been found.

Section 2nd. Corols Salver-shaped.

16. A. tinctoria. R.

Leaves petioled, long-cordate. Thurses axillary, solitary, glomerate; mouth of the Corol Farcom-akkar. Marsden's history of Sumatra, page 78.

The natives of the coast of Coromandel have no name for it, the plant being foreign to

The following description, and the accompanying drawings were taken from plants raised in my Garden at Samulcota, the original of which Colonel Kyd sent me from the Company's Botanical Garden at Calcutta. With me it is a large twining shrub and has flowered during the bot and rainy seasons. It is quickly and easily propagated by layers, and cuttings. I have

not seen the pericarp.

Stem and branches twining, round. Bark of the woody parts ash-coloured; that of the young parts a little downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, horizontal, or rather reclining, cordate, or oblong-cordate, obtuse-pointed, a little downy, somewhat bubbled, waved; from four to nine inches long, and from two to six broad. There are some small subulate glands on the upper side close to the base; these while young yield a way substance. Petioles round, from one to two inches long. Stipules none. Thyrses solitary, between the leaves, peduncled; as they become old glomerate, from their increasing length. Flowers very numerous, pedicelled. very small, yellow. Bractes minute. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets oblong, downy. Corol funnel-formed, tube short, gibbous; mouth nearly shut up with long silver-coloured hairs.

Border horizontal. Nectary, &c. agree well with the general character of the genus.

The leaves of this plant yield Indigo, as mentioned by Mr. Marsden, and by Mr. Blake, in the first volume of the Asiatic Researches. I have also extracted it from them by hot water. The few experiments I have yet made, do not enable me to say positively in what proportion they yield their colour; but it was of an excellent quality, and as the plant grows very readily from layers, slips, or cuttings. I think it very well worthy of being cultivated; particularly as it is permanent, like the Nerium, so that a plantation once formed, will con-

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Page time for a number of years; and if we are allowed to draw a comparison between the leaves of this plant, and those of Nerium tinctorium, the quantity of colour they may yield will be in a larger proportion than from the common Indigo plant.

Since writing the above I have learned that this plant is a native of Cooch-bahar and I had some of the plants sent me from thence, also from Pegu, from whence I have likewise

received plants.

Some more experiments I have made with the leaves, comfirm what is above related, not only respecting the quality of the Indigo, but also that the proportion is considerably greater than is obtained from Indigofera tinctoria. I have therefore warmly recommended an extensive cultivation thereof.

17. A. echinata. R.

Hairy. Leaves long-petioled, round-cordate, pointed, downy. Umbels proliferous, long-peduncled. Follicles covered with inoffensive prickles. Fractification clavate.

Cynanchium extensum. Willd. 1, 1257.

Pergularia. Lamarck's illust. t. 176.

Hind, Sagowani. Teling. Jutuga.

This is also a perennial, twining species, a native of hedges, &c. flowering time the wet, and cold season; it abounds with milky juice. Tender parts hairy. The smell offensive. Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-cordate, with a deep sinussity at the base; and semi-orbicular lobes; entire, pointed, very downy, from two to three inches long. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves. Umbels lateral, long-peduncied, sub-erect, often compound, many-flowered. Involuces few and minute. Flowers middle sized, of a dirty whitish colour, long-pedicelled, very fetid. Corol tubular ; tube not quite half the length of the nectary ; apexes of the five divisions long, very neute, and spirally incurved over the common stigma. Anthers spreading obliquely under the margins of the common stigma. Follicles hedge-hogged.

18. A. geminata. R.

Leaves ovate, downy. Umbels simple in pairs from alternate axils. Nectary a simple, five-toothed tube; common stigma sub-globular.

Beng. Choota-doodee-lata.

This is also a large twining woody plant; a native of hedges. Flowering time the same as that of the last species. Leares opposite, short-petioled, ovate, pointed; at the base a little cordate, entire, downy, from two to three inches long. Umbels lateral, simple, globular, paired, short-peduncled, the whole being little more than the length of the petioles. Flowers numerous, small, yellow, with the globular apex of the white common stigma projecting in the centre; it looks like a fine pearl set in gold. Calyx five-leaved. Corol; tubular, downy; on the inside of the tube are five elevated ridges; divisions of the border sprending, triangular, acute. Nectorial sheath very simple, its apex reaches very little above the base of the common stigma, and is five-toothed. Anthers creet, affixed round the base of the common stigma, which is large, obovate, and two-thirds above the nectary.

19. A. montana, R.

Leaves oblong, pointed, smooth. Umbels lateral, solitary, proliferous. Common sligma globular.

This is another large, woody, twining plant; a native of mountainous tracts.

*Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, pointed, entire, smooth on both sides; about five inches. long. Umbels solitary, lateral, compound, longer than the petioles. Involueres lanceolate. Flowers numerous, middle sized, whitish. Calyx five-parted. Corol tubular; tube five-sided; on the inside are five pair of elevated, hairy ridges; divisions of the border linear. Nectary, stamens, and stigma, as in A. geminata.

20. A. longistigma. R.

Leaves oblong. Panicles axillary, dichotomous; divisions of the corols linear; common stigma sub-lanceolate; and elevated above the nectary. Stem twining, woody, smooth; young shoots covered with dark rust-coloured down. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval, waved, pointed, of a smooth, shining, firm texture; when very young covered with the same rusty down. Petioles short, generally crooked, covered with rust-coloured hairs. Panieles axillary, solitary, dichotomous, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers yellow, fragrant. Corol tubular; divisions of the border linear, a little twisted. Stigma common, green, oblong, pointed, elevated high above the nectary, only its base where the anthers are attached, is enveloped by the apex of the nectary.

21. A. odorotissima. R.

Bark of the woody parts subcrose. Leaves cordate, soft, though not downy. and organs of fructification shorter than the tube of the corol, which is woolly within. Stigma subglobular.

Pergularia odoratissima. Smith's coloured figures of rare plants; fasc. 3. N. 16. Pergularia Minor B. M. N. 755.

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Flos Siamieus. Rumph. Amb. 7. t. 26. f. 1. Mal. Tonki, or Tonkin.

Cynanchium odoratissimum. Lour. Cochin Ch. 164.

Beng. Kunja-luta.

The Telingas have no name for it.

Eng. West coast creeper.

This plant is said to have been originally introduced into our gardens from Sumatra, where it continues to be carefully cultivated; hence its English name, the West side of that

Island on which we have our settlements, being generally called in India, amongst the Page

English, the West coast.

For my part I cannot well consider this plant as a species of Pergelaria; it seems to unite the character of this genus with that of Asclepias. The nectary which I believe is the most essential part, is that of the latter; and the corol that of the former. At all events I consider it as a perfectly distinct species from P. tomentosa; on account therefore of the exquisite fragrance of its flowers, I call it adoratissima. It is in flower from the beginning of the hot, till near the end of the wet season. The Root consists of many,

horizontal, erooked, ramifications, covered with thick spongy bark. Stems twining, woody. Bark deeply cracked, and corky on the old parts; smooth, ash-coloured on the younger, jointed; where the joints rest on the ground they strike root; young tender shoots slightly downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, waved, sharppointed, entire; when young a little downy, about four inches long, and three broad.

Petioles round, about an inch long. Unbels axillary, solitary, alternate, shorter than the
leaves, many-flowered. Bractes lanceolate, Flowers middle-sized, yellow, or orange coloured,
exceedingly fragrant. Calgr five cleft; dicisions waved, permanent. Corol; tabe gibbons. longer than the calyx; inside covered with soft down. Border spreading; divisions obliquely-ovate, above convex. Nectacy, five bodies surrounding the pistillum, firmly united at the base but tapering from thence upwards into a sharp point. A single one detached, and viewed side ways, is seen to be split more than half way down, and the exterior lamina is again half two cleft; the interior is concave, pressing upon the anthers, (yellow scales,) and receives from them a coloured impression. Stamens as in the genus. Germs two, ovate. Styles scarcely any; common stigma turbinate, round the upper part of which the five pair of yellow nathers are fixed to its five minute, dark brown, hairy angles. Follicles two, large,

22. A. pallida, R.

Leaves long-cordate, smooth. Umbels short-peduncled, simple or compound; tube of the corol gibbous, length of the oval genitalia; segments of the border linear. Follicles smooth,

oblong, tapering to a point. Seeds numerous, imbricate, ovate, compressed, surrounded with a membranaceous wing, and crowned with a long coma. Receptuele cylindric, spongy, free.

A native of various parts of India. Flowering time, the rainy season. It has a great resemblance to Vahl's Pergalaria purparea. The flowers are pale yellow, and not fragrant,

or in a very small degree.

Stems ligneous, perennial, twining up and over trees of considerable size. Foung shoots round, slender, and clothed with small, soft recurved hairs. Leaves opposite, petioled, longcordate, entire, acute, smooth, but soft; three or four inches long, and less than one and a half, or two broad. Petioles an inch long, slender, villous, and slightly channelled. Umbels between the leaves, (laterifolius.) very short-peduncled, often compound. Pedicels longer than the peduncles, villous. Bracles ensiform, one under the insertion of each pedicel. Flowers numerous, drooping, pale yellow, inodorous. Calyx five parted, shorter than the tube of the corol. Corol; tabe gibbons, outwardly rugose, otherwise smooth, particularly within. Border of five, obliquely linear-oblong, revolute margined, spreading segments, which are at least twice the length of the tube. Their length and narrowness, and want of fragrance are the most obvious marks by which to distinguish this species from A. odoratissima.

Genitalia oval, just the length of the tube of the corol. Common stigma oblong, and almost entirely hid by the inner lamina of the nectary. Follicles lanceolate, smooth.

23. A. laurifolia, R.

Twining. Leaves petioled, oblong, polished. Panicles axillary, round, crowded. Corols subrotate; genitalia round-oval. Follicles slender, diverging horizontally.

A native of Chittagong, Tippera and the mountainous countries east of Bengal. Flower-

ing time in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, the rainy season; the seeds are ripe in March.

Stem and branches shrubby, twining to a great extent. Bark brown, and every part replete with a milky juice which exudes from fresh wounds. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, entire, some obtusely cuspidate, some emarginate, of a firm, somewhat fleshy texture, polished on both sides; a range of dark coloured points where joined to the petiole; length from two to six inches, and one or two broad. Petioles one-fourth the length of the leaves round and smooth. Panicles laterifolius, solitary, globular, crowded, much shorter than the leaves. Peduacles about as long as the petioles, round, villous, with short, ferruginous hairs. Pedicels shorter but similar. Bracles minute, triangular. Flowers numerous, very small, pale yellow. Calyx five-toothed. Corol sub-rotate; divisions of the border obliquely-oblong, hairy on the inside; their margins meet only, and are not contorted as in most species of this natural order.

Colums of fructification, including the nectarium, scarcely differing from the other Asclepiadia will not therefore require to be particularized. Follicles slender, diverging horizontally, round, about as thick as a goose quill where thickest, and about five inches long, obtuse, dotted with small, scabrous specks, otherwise smooth, and brown. Seeds exactions. Tift or cama very long, delicately fine, and white. Integement single, smooth, brown, adhering firmly to the perisperm which is in small quantity, and pale coloured. Embryo straight, inverse. Cotyledons linear-oblong. Radiele cylindric, pointing to the coma or tuft.

24. A. micrantha. R.

Twining, smooth. Leaves petioled, oval, rather obtuse, long, acuminate, tumid. Pasis

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cles sub-axillary, globular; corols companulate, stellate, villous. Genitalia sub-globular. A large, perennial, twining, delicate plant, a native of Hindoostan, from the vicinity of Cawnpore. Colonel Hardwicke sent it to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during the rains.

25. A. herbacea, R.

Herbaceous, erect. Leaves petioled, oblong. Umbels compound. Corols with globular tube, which enclose the genitalia.

This is probably Sir William Jones's Padmarka, see Asiatic Researches, vol. 4, page 267, It is a native of the interior parts of Bengal, and was introduced into this garden by Dr.

William Carey.

Root perennial, ligueous. Stems herbaceous, straight, with scarcely any branches. Bark of the oldest parts, light ash-colour, of the young shoots green. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides, pale green, underneath more so; there are four or five minute bristly glands on the upper surface of the middle nerve near the base. Petioles about an inch long, channelled, smooth. Umbels between the leaves, compound, peduncled. Peduncles short, round, smooth. Pedicels twice as long as the peduncles, one-flowered. Bractes subulate; mixed amongst the insertions of the pedicels. Flowers numerous, large, colour a most beautiful mixture of purple, red-purple and white. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets linear, acute, scarcely half the length of the corol. Corol; tube globular. Segments of the border three-angular, (not contorted.) Nectarium as in Asclepias gigantea, but shorter. Indeed the whole plant comes so exceedingly near that beautiful species, that by a common observer it may be taken for the same, though very different, particularly in having petioled leaves, and a globular tube the corol. Follicles two; but I have not seen any that were full grown.

Like Asclepias gigantea, and most other plants of the same order, every part is replete

with much acrid, milky juice.

26. A. tenacissima. R.

Leaces long-petioled, exactly-cordate, fine-pointed, villous. Panicles drooping. Genitalia obovate. Follicles ovate-oblong, obtuse, tomentose.

This plant is a native of the mountains near Rajemahl, and the fibres of its bark are

employed by the inhabitants to make their bow strings.

This elegant, and very useful species was first taken notice of in 1800 by Mr. W. Roxburgh, junior, growing wild on the above mentioned hills, and by him introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, blossom in April, and ripen their seed about ten months afterwards.

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Stem perennial, twining over trees, &c. to a very great extent, and in general about as thick as a large ratan. Branches few, young shoots downy. From wounds there exudes a milky juice, which thickens into an elastic substance, very like Caputchouc and rubs out blacklead pencil lines as readily as that does, and I think may be reckoned an additional species of it. Leaves opposite, the pairs in luxuriant shoots (fit for flax,) very remote, petioled, exactly cordate, acute-pointed, entire, very soft, with much fine down on both sides; general length from four to six inches, and from three to four broad. Petioles round, downy. from two to four inches long. Panicles interfoliaceous, large, drooping, composed of alternate, drooping branches, of numerous, small umbellets, of beautiful greenish yellow flowers. Bractes minute, two or three under the insertion of the fascicles of flowers which compose the umbellets. Calyx deeply five-cleft; divisions rather more than half the length of the tube of the corol, and downy on the outside. Corol salver-shaped. Divisions of the border obliquely oval, with apices rounded, greenish toward the centre, with the exterior half yellow. Column of fructification short-clavate, about as long as the tube of the corol, with the white apex of the common stigma naked. Follicles ovate-lanceolate, obtuse, nearly round, with a groove on the inside, clothed with much soft, velvet-like green down; about six inches long, and from four to five in circumference where thickest. Seeds numerous, obovate, thin, with a broad membranaceous margin, and long soft silky pappus.

The bark of the young luxuriant shoots yields a large portion of beautiful fine silky fibres, with which the mountaineers of Rajemahl make their bow strings, on account of their great

strength, and durability.

During the rains, they cut the shoots into lengths at the insertion of the leaves, peel off the bark, and with their nails, or a bit of stick on a board, remove the pulpy part. A person accustomed to this work, will, I am told, clean as much as six pounds of the fibres in one day.

These fibres, and those of the bark of the Malay plant Battang-calloose, or poolas (Urtica tenacissima. R.) are by far the strongest fibres which I have met with in the vegetable kingdom, far exceeding those of the leaves of my Sanseviera Zeylanica. A line made of common hemp, for a standard, broke with 158 pounds when dry, and 190 when wet; the average of several trials. A similar line of this substance broke with 248 when dry, and 343 when wet, while one of Battang-callooce broke with 240 when dry, and 278 when wet.

27. A. tingens. Buch.

Leaves cordate. Racemes spiral, sub-axillary. Fructifications cochleari-cylindric. Stigma eval, crowning the tube of the corol.

A large, twining, shrubby plant, brought from Pegue to the Botanie Garden at Calcutta,

by Dr. Buchanan. Flowering time the rainy season; seed ripe the May following.

Stem twining, woody, with numerous, twining, smooth branches, extending far over whatever supporters they meet with. Bark pretty smooth, when young brownish; when old, ash-coloured. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, entire, pointed, smooth on both sides, from three to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles about an inch long, channelled,

smooth. Umbels sub-axillary, short-pedancled, compound. When they begin to blossom, the inflorescence is a perfect umbel, but becomes a long, shining, spiral raceme. Pediceis rather Ed longer than the peduncles, one-flowered, smooth, diverging in all directions. Flowers numerous, pale yellow or cream colour when they first expand, but grow gradually darker. Calyx to the base five-cleft. Corol; tube as long as the fructification; on the inside run five double ridges, which are ciliated with short brown hairs. Border expanding; divisions obliquely oval. Nectory as in the genus, with the cordate divisions of its mouth covering the stamina, and lower part of the stigma. Stamina; receptacles affixed to the base of the stigma. Anthers nearly erect. Style single. Stigma globular, smooth, pearl-coloured, half hid in the mouth of the tube, round its underside ten pits are found, corresponding with the ten anthers. Follicles ovate-lauceolate, spreading, smooth, and fleshy, length about four inches, and one in diameter where thickest.

Dr. Buchanan informed me that from the leaves of this plant, the Burman people prepare a green dye. It is probable that those people forgot to inform the Doctor that it was necessary to dye the cloth yellow, either before or after the application of the colour prepared from the leaves of this plant; in which case it will be the second species of Asclepius described, and figured by me, which yields Indigo; though, for my own part, I have not suc-

ceeded in procuring that material from the leaves.

28. A. pulchella. R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves long-petioled, round-cordate acuminate, smooth. Racemes long-peduncled; genitalia subcylindric, with the five exterior lamina of the nectary long, and subulate; converging into an open dome high over the common stigma.

Ada-kodien. Rheed. mal. 9. t. 7. would be a tolerably good representation of this elegant

plant, if the fascicles of flowers were long-peduncled.

It is an extensive, perennial, twining species, a native of the forests of Silhet, where it is called Kulum. Flowering time, the rainy season.

Stems and branches twining; young shoots perfectly smooth and deep green. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, cordate, entire, smooth, acuminate, from four to eight inches long, and from three to six broad. Racemes very long-peduncled, sometimes proliferous; by age the rachis lengthens into the form of a short raceme. Flowers very large, pure white; long-peduncled. Calyx five-parted, smooth. Corol five-parted rotate; segments oblong, in the bud imbricated. Nectary subcylindric; exterior lamina membranaceous, ensiform, ending in long, fine, acute points, which converge over the stigma, their texture horny and polished; in their retuse tops, are the pits where the anthers are lodged. Germs two. Style short; common stigma five-angled; to the points of the angles the five-ovate, hard, polished, chesnutcoloured bodies are attached, which give substantial support to the five pairs of large, oval anthers, by means of their thick, short, polished chesnut-coloured, eyathiform pedicels.

29. A. acuminata. R.

Ligneous parts with suberous bark. Leares ovate-oblong, acuminate, above polished, villous underneath. Umbels paired in the alternate axils, sub-globular, crowded. Mouth of

the corol with five incurved glands.

A large scandent, and twining perennial, with the bark of the trunk, and old woody parts particularly spongy, and deeply split. The young shoots villous. Umbellets, in pairs, sub-axillary, and never in opposite axils; crowded with small, white, short-pedicelled flowers. It is a native of the forests of Chittagong, and from thence was introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms about the beginning of the rainy season.

MELODINUS. Schreb. gen. n. 425.

Calgar five-parted. Corol infundibuliform; mouth crowned with five simple, or divided scales. Germ superior, two-celled; orula numerous, attached to the thick, elevated centre of the partition. Berry two-celled, seeds numerous, immersed in pulp. Embryo furnished with a perisperm; radicle centripetal.

1. M. monogynus. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves opposite, lanceolate, glancing, acuminate. Panicles axillary, and terminal, sub-globular, crowded, brachiate. Nectarial scales five, undivided.

Sadel kou is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is found indigenous in the forests, climbing over trees, &c. Flowering time the month of April. Seed ripe in October and November. It is eaten by the natives; the taste of the firm pulp in which the seeds are immers-

ed is sweet and agreeable to the taste.

Young shoots round, and smooth, lactescent. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, shining, entire, acuminate, from three to six inches long and one or two broad. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axils, subglobular, brachiate; extreme divisions threeflowered. Bractes oblong, acuminate. Flowers pretty large, white and fragrant. Calyx of five, smooth, oval, permanent leaflets. Corol infundibuliform; segments of the border five, subfalcate. Mouth of the tube crowned with five, undivided, woolly, ensiform scales. Filaments five, short, inserted into the tube of the corol near the base. Anthers sagittate, lodged at the base. rather below the middle of the tube, opening on the sides below the apex. Germ superior, two-celled, with many osula in each, attached to elevated receptacles on the middle of the partition. Style short, and undivided. Stigma clammy, subovate, embraced by the anthers, apex slender, and bifid. Berries of a round, somewhat four-cornered shape, size and appearance of a small, deep-coloured, very smooth orange; two celled. The whole very inviting to the eye, the firm pulp in which the seeds are immersed is palatable, and is eaten by the natives

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where the plants grow. Seeds numerous, long, ovate, considerably compressed, size of a cucumber seed. Integament besides the pulp of the berry two; exterior rugose, thick, dark brown; interior membranaceous. Perisperm conform with the seed. Embryo straight. Cotyledons oval. Rudicles cylindric, centripetal.

WILLUGHBEIA. Schreb. pen. n. 417.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol hypocrateriform. Stigma capitate. Germ superior, one-celled: avula many, attached to two opposite parietal receptacles. Berry one-celled. Seeds few, nidulent. Embryo without perisperm. W. edulis. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves opposite, oblong, acuminate. Flowers in small axillary fas-

Berries very large, spherical.

Luti-am, is the vernacular name in Chittagong, Silhet, &c. where it grows to an immense size, running over the largest trees. It is in flower and fruit nearly the whole year. Bark of the trunk and large branches of large, old plants, above half an inch thick, inwardly dark brown; surface tubereled; taste somewhat astringent. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, acuminate, entire, polished, veins simple, and parallel; length from three to five inches, and the breadth one or two. Peduneles axillary and terminal solitary, short, each supporting a few middling sized, pale pink coloured, short-pedicelled flowers, forming small fascicles. Bractes solitary, at the base of each pedicel, ovate. Calyx one-leaved, five-toothed. Segments ovate, subciliate. Corol one-petalled, infundibuliform; tube gibbous near the middle where the stamina are lodged, a little hairy on the inside; border of five, sub-lanceolate, smooth, expanding segments which are imbricated in the bud. Filaments short, inserted into the tube of the corol, a little above its base. Anthers sub-sagittate, but do not adhere to each other, on each side a polliniferous groove. Germ superior, ovate, smooth, one-celled; ovula many, attached to two opposite parietal receptacles. Style short. Stigma conical, and closely embraced by the anthers. Berry, the size of a large lemon, subovate, covered with a thick, frightle meetly smooth brownish valles, some able, pretty smooth, brownish yellow cortex, one-celled. Seeds many, nidulent, in a soft, yellowish pulp, which is intermixed with softer cottony fibres; size, of a small garden bean; shape, various. Integuments two, exterior rather fleshy, and seems to furnish the soft fibres with which the pulp is intermixed; interior thin and friable. Perisperm none. Embryo; cotyledons conform to the seed, of a firm, straw colour with a tinge of pink, while fresh; if wounded, a quantity of milk exudes which soon becomes bad. Caoutehouc, Radicle small, roundish,

Every part of the plant on being wounded dischargescopiously a very pure white viscid juice which is soon, by exposure to the open air changed into an indifferent kind of elastic rubber, or caoutchouc. The fruit is eaten by the natives where it grows, and is by them

reckoned good.

CHENOPODIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 435.

Calyx beneath, five-leaved, or five-parted, permanent. Corol none. Seed solitary, covered with a thin membrane, and closely embraced by the permanent calyx.

C. album, Willd, 1302.

Annual, erect, from two to eight feet high. Leaves long-petioled broad, trowel-shaped, obtuse, toward the posterior angles dentate, lobate, mealy. Punicles terminal, erect, contracted, leafy.

Beng. Betu-sag; used by the natives for a pot herb. It is common in Bengal and many other parts of India.

C. viride, Willd, 1, 1303.

Annual, erect, from two to nine feet high. Leaves long-petioled, narrow trowel-shaped, toward the posterior angles dentate-lobate, mealy while young. Panicles, terminal, erect, contracted, leafless, very minute.

In India we have two varieties of this species; one entirely green; the other with the angles of the stem and branches of a beautiful purple colour, and the leaves, and the mealy panicles somewhat reddish. The leaves of both, as well as those of album are eaten by the natives, and are very frequently cultivated by them for that end.

3. C. laciniatum. R. Annual, erect, three or four feet high. Leaves long-petioled, multifid, mealy. Panicles terminal, erect, contracted.

Common in the vicinity of Calcutta during the dry season,

BETA. Schreb. gen. n. 436.

Corol none. Seeds reniform, within the substance of the base of Calyx five-leaved. the calvx.

B. bengalensis, R. Annual, erect; inferior leaves, petioled and trowel-shaped; superior, sessile, and lanceo-Flowers in pairs; leaflets of the calyx, equal and not toothed.

Beng. Palung. I cannot be certain whether this differs from maritima so much as to render it necessary to make it a distinct species; however, I think it may, as it always grows creet, and with its numerous branches nearly so. It is much cultivated by the natives of Bengal and the northern Circurs. The leaves they use in their stews, &c. Flowering time the cold season.

Root ramous, annual. Stem erect, ramous, furrowed, smooth, pale green, the whole beight from one to three feet. Leaves alternate, the lowermost large, petioled, trowel-shaped, and running down the petioles, smooth, succulent, with waved margins; the superior, or floral leaves small, subsessile, incurved, nearly lanceolate, and with carled margins. Spikes very long. Flowers rather remote, always in pairs. Calyx; leaflets equal, without teeth, or process of any kind; margins membranaceous. Filaments inserted into a ring round the flower. Styles from two to four, short.

SALSOLA. Schreb. gen. n. 437.

Calux five-leaved. Corol none. Capsules one-seeded. Seed screw-shaped.

1. S. nudiflora, Willd. 1, 1313.

Prostrate, perennial. Leaves entire, linear, obtuse, fleshy. Spikes terminal, long, ra-Flowers fuscicled, trigynous.

Teling. Rawa-cada.

It is a native of salt, barren lands near the sea and flowers the greater part of the year.

Stems percanial, many, spreading close upon the ground, and often striking root, ramous, extremities of the branches ascending; young parts smooth, and coloured reddish. Leaves alternate, sessile, linear, fleshy, obtuse, smooth, generally about half an inch long. Spikes terminal, erect, very long, compound, leafless. Flowers very numerous, collected in little fascicles. Filaments inserted into the bottom of the divisions of the calgx. Styles three, spreading. Seeds smooth, horizontal, oval, beaked, covered by a thin membrane, and that by the permanent colyx.

This plant is very common in many places near the sea; the natives gather it for fuel only. The taste is strongly saline, no doubt it would yield good Fossil alkali. How many valuable sources of wealth, and happiness lie lost to the world, over many parts of the Company's Territorial possessions in India for want of encouragement, and enterprizing men.

The two species of Salicornia, already described, and this plant, might be made to yield barrilla sufficient to make soap and glass for the whole world; at the same time such a work would give bread to thousands of poor starving labourers; which no doubt would greatly promote population, and the consumption of the productions of these fertile countries; for, except during years of remarkable drought, there is always more grain produced than can be sold on the spot, I will not say than can be eaten, because few of the poorer classes can, at the best of times procure a sufficiency of food during the dry season of the year, when there is little or no employment for them. It therefore appears the more necessary to institute such branches of manufacture as will employ those people during the dry season; such as gathering these plants and burning them for the Alkali.

Our extensive, and I may also say impenetrable forests (Jungle) which occupy such large tracts of the best lands in India might by degrees be cleared, and turned into potash, for the same reasons, and by the same means. Certainly labour is as cheap here as in Russia, where the largest quantities of that useful commodity are made. In this hot climate we have many advantages that the Russian manufacturer must ever remain deprived of; viz. immense tracts of wood of the most solid texture which requires little labour to prepare it for the fire, on account of the great drought and heat which prevails at the season this manufacture could best be carried on. The same heat and drought is fully sufficient to evaporate the ley, without the least assistance of fire. All that could be necessary, would be some broad shallow vessels, exposed to the sun, and wind. (In this manner would I recommend the extract of my new Fever bark to be prepared.) But to effect such highly interesting objects, the labours of an individual however inclined to promote the public good, can avail but little, when not powerfully and cordially assisted by Government. The Spanish ministry sensible of the value of that branch of commerce, has prohibited the exportation of the seed of their best Barilla plant, under the strongest penalties.

 S. indica. Willd. 1, 1317.
 Perennial, erect. Leaves linear, acute, semicylindrical, fleshy. Spikes panicled, leafbearing.

Teling. Ella-kura.

With C. prostratum, Salicornias, &c. a native of the salt moist ground near the sea.

It flowers during the most part of the year.

Stem woody, perennial, erect, very short, almost immediately branching out into many diffuse, alternate ramifications which sometimes rest on the ground, but in general they are sufficiently strong to support themselves. Young branchlets creet. Leaves scattered round every part of the branchlets, erect, approximate, sessile, linear, semicylindric, fleshy, smooth; half an inch long, and one-twelfth broad. In young plants, green, in older, coloured. Floral leaves shorter, and thicker. Spikes terminal, erect, compound, or panicled, glomerate, leafy. Flowers small, collected at the axills of the floral leaves. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets outwardly semicylindric, within concave; margins slightly membranaceous. Styles two, or to near the base two-cleft, hairy. Stamens shorter than the calyx. Anthers globular, two-lobed. Seed horizontal, beaked, enclosed in a tender membrane, which is enveloped by the succulent calyx.

The green leaves of this species are universally eaten by all classes of natives who live near the sea, where it is to be had; it is reckoned very wholesome, and must be so, as during times of scarcity and famine, it is a very essential article of the food of the poor natives; they

dress it in their curries, &c. The leaves of this plant alone, the natives say, saved many thousand lives during the late famine of 1791, 2, and 3: for while the plant lasted, most of the poorer classes who lived near the sea, had little else to eat.

GOMPHRENA. Schreb. gen. n. 441.

Calyx coloured, exterior, three-leaved; leaflets two, converging, keeled. Petals five. Nectary cylindric, five-toothed. Style half two-cleft. Capsules one-seeded.

G. globosa. Willd. 1, 1321.

Annual, at first erect, by age diffuse. Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Heads solitary. Peduncles two-leaved.

Sans. Amlana.

Hind. Lal gool-makhmul, the crimson flowered variety. Suffet gool-makhmul, the white flowered.

Flos globosus. Rumph. amb. 5. t. 100 f. 2.

Wadapu. Rheed. mal. 10. t. 37

In Gardens over India where it blossoms during the rainy and cold season, native place uncertain.

CELTIS. Schreb. gen. n. 1591.

POLYGAMOUS, HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Germ superior, onecelled, one-seeded, attachment superior. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo transversely inverse, with scanty perisperm.

Male. Calyx five-six-parted. Corol none. Female. Calyx five-six-parted. Drups

and embryo as in the hermaphrodite.

C. tetrandra. R.

Leaves obliquely ovate, lanceolate, serrate, cuspidate, smooth. Flowers axillary, triple, tetrandrous.

A native of Nepal, from whence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchauan to this Garden in 1802; in March 1809 the trees began to blossom, and ripened their seed in September; they were then fifteen or twenty feet high, with stout, short, rather crooked trunks, and smooth ash-coloured bark. Branches spreading much, and ending in long, drooping, or horizontal twigs. Young shoots bifarious, and slightly villous. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, obliquely ovate, lanceolate, the base being unequally cordate, and entire; anterior margins obtusely serrulate; points taper, acute and entire, rather smooth on both sides; while young, colored, length about three inches, by one and a quarter broad. Stipules linear-lanceolate, caducous. Peduncles axillary, tern, longer than the petioles, one-flowered, generally one hermaphrodite, and two male.

HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx, four-leaved. Stamina four, longer than the calyx, and expanding with an elastic jerk, as in urtica, &c. Germ, oblong, one-celled, with one seed attached to the top of the cell. Styles two, recurvate, thick. Drupe round, size of a pea, smooth, olive colour. Nut obovate, apex obtuse; base, acute, ribbed, one-celled. Seed solitary. Integument single, thin, membranaceous. Perisperm no other than a fleshy partial Integument, entering into the plaits of the cotyledons. Embryo, the size of the seed. Cotyledons variously folded. Radicle sub-superior, that is ascending toward the umbilicus or apex

of the cell of the nut, &c. as in Celtis occidentalis. Gert. sem. 1. 374. t. 77.

Male. Calyx and stamina as in the hermaphrodite. No pistillum.

Note. C. occidentalis has flowered in this Garden, but the filaments are short, and not endowed with that remarkable elasticity of the Urtica, as in our Nepal species.

2. C. orientalis. Willd. 4. 995.

Arboreous. Leaves bifarious, obliquely cordate, serrate, five-pointed, villous underneath. Papyrus spuria. Kamph. amom. 474. t. 472.

Beng. Chicon.

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It is common over most parts of India, particularly in Bengal, where it grows to be a small, erect tree, covered with smooth, dark-coloured bark. It is in blossom the greater part of the year.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, ovate-cordate, fine-pointed, minutely serrate; above a little scabrous, villous and whitish underneath. Flowers axillary, collected on short, common, two-cleft, diverging peduncles.

Male. Calyx five-leaved, or to the base five-parted. Corol none. Stamens five, elastic, longer than the calyx. Pistil an oval, abortive body, in the centre of the stamens.

Female flowers generally on a separate tree, though sometimes androgynous. Calyx as in the male. Germ oval. Styles two, hairy. Drupe small, succulent, when ripe black. Nut rugose, with one cell, and one seed.

This tree is neither useful, nor ornamental, nor is it of long duration.

3. C. trinervia.

Arboreous. Leaves obliquely ovate-cordate, acuminate, serrulate, three-nerved, smooth. Flowers pentandrous.

A middling sized tree, a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in February and March,

about the time the young foliage appears, and that of the former year begins to fall.

Young shoots a little villous, the bark of the old woody parts asn-coloured, with still lighter coloured specks. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, obliquely ovate-cordate, remotely serrulate, acuminate, smooth on both sides; length from four to six inches, and the breadth Carev two and a half. Stipules ensiform.

Male. Flowers on small, open racemes from the base of the young shoots, or solitary under the hermaphrodite ones, small and not very conspicuous. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Filaments, five, short, opposite to the leaflets of the calvx. Anthers oval.

HERMAPHRODITE flowers on slender, villous, axillary racemes, they are remote, and rather larger than the male. Calyx and stamina as in the male. Germ superior, ovate-oblong, one-celled, containing one ovula, attached to one side of the top of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigmas two, spreading, large, and villous.

4. C. tomentosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaves long-cordate, acuminate, serrulate, three-nerved, scabrous above, very downy underneath. Thyrses axillary short, and dense.

Native of Chittagong where it flowers in April.

ULMUS. Schreb. gen. n. 443.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol none. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded, superior. Capsules pedicelled, compressed, membrane-winged, one-seeded. Embryo inverse without perisperm.

1. U. lancifolia. R.

Leaves obliquely-lanceolate, equally and obtusely serrulate, obtusely acuminate, hard and

lucid. Flowers pedicelled, hexandrous. Capsules unequally obcordate, pedicelled.

A large timber tree, a native of the hilly parts of the province of Chittagong, where it flowers in March. Trunk erect. Branches many, extending far on every side. Young shoots slender, smooth and drooping considerably. Leaves bifarious, short-petioled, unequally lanceolate, very equally obtuse-serrate, of a very hard texture, with a lucid surface; length from two to three inches; about one broad. Stipules ensiform, caducous. Flowers numerous, small, long-pedicelled, collected in little solitary fascicles in the lower axills, or in those of the former year's leaves. Pedicells slender, villous, one-flowered. Bractes many, round the insertion of the pedicells, oval, ciliate. Calyx campanulate, five-toothed, smooth. Filaments, six, longer than the calyx, broad, smooth. Anthers oval, two-lobed. Germ superior, while in the calyx sub-sessile, but after it opens it becomes pedicelled, oblong, one-celled, containing one orala, attached to the top of the cell. Styles two, short, broad, and villous on the inner edge. Stigmas simple. Capsule pedicelled, unequally-obcordate, very thin, scariose, winged, nearly an inch each way, one-celled. Seed solitary, oval, compressed. Integament single, thin, brown. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, inverse.
2. U. virgata. R.

Branchlets pendulous. Leaves lucid, obliquely-oblong, equally serrate, base unequal. Flow-

ers crowded, short pedaucled, tetrandrous. Fruit obliquely oval, sessile.

From China this beautiful, small slow growing tree, was introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, by Sir John Royds; where in about ten years, from the time of its arrival,

it began to blossom in November, and ripened its seed in February.

Trank in trees of ten or twelve years growth, nearly erect, short, and not thicker than a man's leg. Branches few, spreading much; many of the extreme branchlets run out into very long, slender, pendulous twigs. Bark of the young parts lighter coloured, and a little scabrous. Height of the whole tree about ten feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, obliquely oblong, equally, and obtusely serrate, obtuse, of a hard or firm texture, and somewhat scabrous, yet shining on the upper surface, length one or two inches, and about half of that in breadth. Stipules ensiform, caducous. Flowers axillary, minute, several together, short-peduncled. Bractes several, roundish, hard, dry, dark brown, concave scales embracing the flowers before expansion, caducous. Calyx four, or five-parted; segments rounded, thin, and permanent. Corol none. Filaments four, or five; four most common, rather longer than the germ. Anthers large, two-lobed. Germ obliquely oval, one-celled, with one ovula attached to the top of the cell. Styles none. Stigmas the villous margins, of the somewhat lengthened, bifid apex of the germ. Capsules superior, thin, obliquely oval, and sessile in the calvx, with a broad, membranaceous, coloured margin; less than half an inch long, one-celled, &c.

3. U. integrifolia, Willd, 1, 1326. Corom, pl. 1. N. 78.

Leaves ovate, entire. Male flowers mixed amongst the hermaphrodite.

Tam. Tambachi-marum.

Teling. Naulee.

A large timber tree, a native of the Circar mountains. It flowers during the cold season.

Leaves decidnous about the close of the wet season; they come out again in March.

Trank tolerably straight, and high. Bark a little scabrous, of a dirty grey colour.

Branches numerous, spreading, horizontal, forming a large shady head. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, ovate, though sometimes cordate, entire, smooth, shining; from three to five inches long, and about two broad. Stipules lanceolate, caducous. Flowers hermaphrodite, and male mixed, and springing from little germs over the leafless branchlets.

HERMAPHRODITE.

Calyx or corol four, five, or six-leaved; leaflets spreading, small, oval, caducous. ments seven, eight, or nine, exceedingly short. Anthers linear, erect, two-lobed. Germ superior, obovate, emarginate, compressed. Styles two, short, incurved, permanent. acute, woolly. Capsule pedicelled, orbicular, leafy, compressed, emarginate, one-celled, onevalved, not opening. Seed none.

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MALE FLOWERS mixed with the hermaphrodite. Calyx and Stamen as above. Pistil, no rudiment of one.

Observation. The first part of the flowers that appears, is the authers; they are then reddish; next the calyx increases, and becomes visible to the naked eye, but is at all times small, and unless looked for, is seldom observed.

The wood of this tree is reckoned of a good quality by the natives, and is employed for a variety of uses.

MOACURRA. R.

Polygamous. Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Nectary a scale within the base of each petal. Germ superior, two-celled, cells two-seeded, attachment superior. Capsule two-lobed, two-celled, two-valved. Seed solitary, arilled. Embryo inverse, with perisperm.

M. gelonioides, R.

Moakurra, is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; it grows to the size of a small tree. Flowering time April and May; the seeds ripen in December. Branches numerous, ascending. Back of the old woody parts rather rough with little whitish dots; that of the young shoots villous, and yellowish. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, broadlanceolar, entire, long, taper-pointed, of a thin texture, and smooth; three or four inches long by one and a quarter broad. Stipules subulate, villous.

Male flowers numerous, small, and collected on small, axillary, solitary short-peduncled fascicles. Calgar five-leaved; leaflets oval, hoary. Petals five, length of the calyx, but narrower and smooth. Nectarial scales five on the base of the petals, small, oval, alternate with the filaments. Filaments five, from the receptacle, alternate with the petals, and

shorter than them; anthers cordate.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS on a different tree and disposed as in the male. Calyx, corol, nectary, and stamina as in the male. Germ ovate, cordate, a little compressed, downy, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached from the apex to the top of the cells. Styles two, recurved. Stigmas somewhat two-lobed. Capsule transversely oval, two-lobed, soft, with grey olive-coloured down, size of a nutmeg, two-celled, two-valved, opening round the apex. Partition slender. Seed (nuts?) one in each cell, or lobe of the capsule, oblong, more convex, on the outside completely covered with a soft scarlet or exterior tunic. Integuments two besides the red aril; exterior of a tough fibrous ensiform texture, and very rugose on the outside; interior soft, and spongy. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse; cotyledons two, conform to the seed. Plumula from two to five-lobed. Radicle short, superior.

In habit this tree approaches Willdenow's two Geloniums, and in the structure and contents of the germ and mature seed vessel, they agree almost exactly, except in the absence of a perisperm in this; yet their flowers differ widely, here they are pentandrous with a fivepetalled corol, male on one tree and hermaphrodite on another; completely dioecous, no corol,

polyandrous.

GENTIANA. Schreb. gen. 450.

Corol one-petalled. Capsule superior, two-valved, one-celled; receptacles two pair, longitudinally adjoined to the inside of the margins of the valvelets.

 G. verticillata. Linn. suppl. 174.
 Root creeping, perennial. Stems simple, creet, four-sided. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, three-nerved. Flowers verticilled; corols five-cleft, funnel-shaped, with five glands below the filaments.

Exacum hyssopifolium, Willd. 1, 640.

Teling. Nella-gullie.

A small, creet plant, with an annual stem, and perennial roots; a native of moist unculti-

vated grounds. It flowers during the wet season.

Root perennial, creeping, filiform. Stems herbaceous, simple, erect, from six to twelve inches high, four-sided, jointed. Leaces opposite approximated, cross-armed, sessile, lanceolate, three-nerved, smooth, entire, one and a half or two inches long, by half an inch broad. Flowers axillary, sessile, generally three-fold, vertical-like, small, white. Corol funnel-form. Nectary, a swelled gland at the insertion of each filament. Filaments short. Anthers within the tube. Style single, length of the filaments. Stigma large, two-lobed, 2. G. cherayta, R. Fleming in Asiat, 11, p. 167.

Herbaceous, straight. Leaves stem-clasping, lanceolate, three or five-nerved. Flowers terminal. Corol rotate, four-cleft, tetrandrous. Capsules ovate, bifurcate.

Sans. Chirata-tikta, Chirataka, &c.

Beng. Chirata.

Calamus aromaticus of the Ancients.

This famous plant is said to be found on the mountains of Nepal, and the Morungs.

Root ramous, and probably perennial. Stems single, straight, round, smooth, jointed, above ramous; branches generally decussated, nearly erect, with their extremities somewhat angular; the whole height of the plant about three feet. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, lanceolate, very acute, entire, smooth, three or five-nerved; size various. Stipules none. Flowers vellow, most numerous, peduncled, the whole upper half of the plant forming an elegant, oblong, leafy decussated panicle. Bractes two at each division of the panicle, and like the leaves, but smaller. Calyx four-cleft; divisions linear, acute, permanent. Corol; border expanding, four-parted; divisions as long as those of the calyx and also permanent. Stamina four. An. Pago Carey there cloven at the base. Style single, as long as the germ. Stigma large, two-lohed. Capsules Ed. rather shorter than the permanent calyx, and corol, one-celled, two-valved, opening a little at the apex. Seeds numerous, affixed to two receptacles adhering to the sides of the valvelets.

Note. When I refer this plant to the genus Gentiana I am guided by the capsule chiefly,

otherwise I might probably have placed it with the Exacums.

An infusion, or decoction of the whole plant, pulled up by the root, about the time the flowers begin to decay and the capsules are well formed, is much used by the natives of Bengal, and the adjoining provinces, as a tosic. It appears to me to be a pure bitter, although it gives signs of astringency with a chalybeate. Its febrifuge virtues are in high estimation amongst both natives and Europeans, and I think very deservedly. Our medical gentlemen prescribe it in the same manner, and with the same intention, particularly when Perucian Bark is difficult to be obtained.

CRESSA. Schreb. gen. n. 439.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol campanulate, with stamens inserted into the bottom of the tube. Capsule superior, two-celled, with from one to four seeds in each.

C. indica. Willd. 1, 1320.

Annual, erect, ramous, hoary. Leaves alternate. Flowers terminal, sessile. Apices of the segments of the corol bearded. Capsule bearded, four-seeded.

A small, erect, ramous annual, a native of sandy, salt lands near the sea. It flowers dur-

ing the wet season.

Stem nearly erect, from six to eight inches high, hairy. Branches numerous, ascending, alternate, hairy. Leaves alternate, very numerous, sessile, the lower, or larger cordate; the upper or smaller ovate, and lanceolate; all are hairy, soft, and very small. Flowers terminal, sessile, small, numerous, white. Bractes like the leaves. Calgy as in C. cretica. Corol; tube campanulate. Segments revolute, outside of their apices hairy, withering. Anthers oblong, incumbent. Germ, its apex woolly. Stigma large, globular. Capsules four-seeded.

NAMA. Schreb. gen. n. 444.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol rotate, five-parted. Capsules, superior, one-celled, two-valved, receptacle columnar. Seeds numerous.

N. Zeylanica Linn. sp. pl. 327.

Annual, creeping. Leaves lanceolate. Hydrola zeylanica. Willd. 1, 1327, Vahl. symb.

Saus. Langali. Beng. Kanchra Isha-langulya. Tsjern-vallel, Rheed, Mal. 10. t. 28.

An annual; a native of moist, or marshy ground, such as rice fields. Flowering time, the cold season.

Stems or branches many, creeping, round, pretty smooth, from one to four feet long. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth. Flowers, numerous about the extremities of the branchlets, or solitary, opposite to the leaves or between them; colour a deep bright blue. Calox one-leaved, divided to near the bottom into five, long, narrow, pointed, hairy permanent divisions. Corol five-petalled, longer than the calyx. Filaments shorter than the corol. Anthers sagittate. Styles two, spreading.

PANAX. Schreb. gen. n. 1604.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Germ two-celled; cells one-seeded, attachment superior. Berry inferior, two-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperior.

1. P. palmatum. R. Shrubby, armed. Leaves palmate, serrate. It is found indigenous in the moist vallies between the hills over the province of Chittagong, where it blossoms about the close of the

rains in September.

Stem in healthy plants now three years old, in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, three feet high, and as thick as a stout walking cane, very completely armed with numerous, straight, acute, brittle prickles; and on the tender young parts mixed with much appressed, short, harsh, ferruginous pubescence, which disappears by the time the parts become ligneous. Branches few and like the stem. Leaves alternate, petioled, nearly round, palmate, serrulate, smooth and firm; when very young densely clothed with ferruginous down; lobes from threeangular to broad-lanceolate, acute; length and breadth of the whole leaf about twelve inches, say from six to eighteen. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, unarmed, columnar base thick or somewhat stem-clasping, and a small acute, stipulary process on each side. Racemes lateral, solitary, bearing from twenty to thirty, diverging, peduncled, globular umbellets, of small white flowers. Bracles tern at the base of each peduncle; some smaller on the peduneles and one still smaller under the insertion of each pedicel on their little globular recepta-ele; they are all ferruginous. Calyx minute, and minutely five-toothed. Petals five, lan-ceolar, spreading. Filaments five, alternate with the petals, and rather longer. Anthers evate, two-lobed. Germ inferior, turbinate, two-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the very top of the partition. Style short. Stigma bidentate.

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2. P. digitatum. R.

Arboreous, armed. Leaves digitate; leaflets entire, lanceolate, acumimate. Panicles pendulous. It is the Soonath, or Kota-soona of the Hindus about Silhet, where the tree is indigenous and flowers in Man and produced in November 1 in November 1 in November 2 in Novemb

indigenous and flowers in May, and produces seed in November.

It is a pretty large tree, with numerous branches spreading in all directions, the younger ones armed with innumerable, short, somewhat incurved, very sharp aculei, which fall off with the exterior coat of the bark. Leaves alternate, about the ends of the branchlets, digitate. Leaflets generally seven, petiolate, oblong, and broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth, acuminate; from three to six inches long. Petioles from ten to fifteen inches long, round, smooth, and unarmed. Petiolets from one to two inches long. Panicles terminal, from two to four feet long, pendulous, and composed of many, alternate, simple, globular, long-pedicelled, small greenish-yellow flowers. Common peduacle armed; partial or pedicells, with some little scaly bractes; all are round, and somewhat downy. Calyx five-parted; divisions ensiform. Petals five, oblong, patent. Filaments five, rather shorter than the petals, inserted between them into a flesby, crenate, poculiform body which embraces the germ. Anthers two-lobed. Germ sunk in the solid body just mentioned, two-celled, with one orula in each, attacked to the top of the partition. Style two, shorter than the stamina, coalesced. Stigma simple. Berry inferior, nearly round somewhat succulent. black, smooth, widely crowned with the remaining five-toothed calyx; size of a black currant, and not unlike one, two-celled. Seed solitary, hemispheric, a small groove down the middle of the inside, covered with a single, rather tough, smooth integument. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous. Embryo small, inverse, lodged on the outside of the upper half of the perisperm. Cotyledous small, oblong. Radicle oblong, superior.

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3. P. fragrans. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves supra-decompound; leaflets obovate oblong, acuminate subeptire, smooth. Panicles terminal.

Gootee-soona is the vernacular name of it in Silhet, where it grows to be a middling sized tree. Its immense panicles of fragrant blossoms appear in October and November, and the

seed ripens in February and March.

Leaves alternate, approximate, oppositely supra-decompound, from two to four feet long. Leaflets ovate-oblong, entire, except in young plants, then remotely and very sharply serrulate, all rather obtusely acuminate, and smooth; from two to six inches long, and about half that in breadth. Petioles perfectly round, polished; base sheathing, and swelled. Panicles terminal, immensely large, and composed of numerous compound branches of short pedanteled, globular umbellets of small fragrant flowers, embraced by a minute, ferruginous mealy involucre. Calyx superior, five-toothed. Petals five, spreading, oblong-lanceolate, a ridge down the middle on the inside. Filaments five, alternate with, and longer than the petals. Anthers ovate. Germ inferior, two-celled, with the ovula in each attached from its upper end to the partition. Styles two, short, woolly. Stigma simple. Berries two-lobed, a little flattened, two-celled, size of two small peas joined. Seed solitary, attached as in the germ. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo minute, lodged almost transversely in the apex of the perisperm, with the point of the radicles a little elevated towards the umbilicus.

4. P. fructicosum, Willd. 4, 1127.

Shrubby. Leaves supra-decompound; leaflets lanccolate, acutely serrate, often laciniate. Umbellets globular, forming terminal panicles.

Scutellaria tertia. Rumph. amb. vol. 4. t. 33.

This elegant erect shrub, was introduced into the Botanic Garden near Calcutta from the Moluccas in 1798, and in April 1800 blossomed for the first time. There were only two plants

originally, and both completely hermaphrodite.

Trunk straight, but short, soon dividing into many branches; general height from five to eight feet. Bark dark coloured, with many small, ash-coloured, scabrous dots. Leaves alternate, recurved, supra-decompound; from ten to fifteen inches long. Pinnæ and lower pair of Pinnulæ opposite; there are generally about six pair of the former, but the number of the latter is very unequal. Leaflets lanceolate, often variously laciniate, serrate; serratures ending in subulate, inoffensive points, smooth on both sides. Petioles stem-clasping, round, smooth, maculated, jointed, and swelled at the joints. Inflorescence may, I think it should, be called a terminal panicle, composed of numerous, small subrotund simple umbellets. Involuces most minute, caducous. Perianth small, generally five-toothed, permanent. Petals five, linear, first spreading, then reflexed. Filaments five, alternate with, but shorter than the petals. Anthers oblong. Germ inferior, generally two-lobed though sometimes three. Styles short, two or three according as there are lobes in the germ. Berry two or three-lobed, small, lead-coloured. The pulp stains paper of a dark violet colour. Seeds one in each lobe of the berry.

It is readily propagated from cuttings and suckers.

5. P. conchifolium. R.

Shrubby. Leaves simple, round-cordate, acutely serrate, concave.

Scutellaria. Rumph. amb. 4. t. 31.

A pretty large, very erect, smooth shrub, a native of the Moluccas, from thence introduced by way of Madras into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta where it grows freely during the hot and rainy season; but when the cold weather of December and January sets in sharp, it generally loses nearly as much, during those two months, as it gains the rest of the year. It is curious and ornamental on account of the large, lucid, deep green, concave, or ladle-shaped leaves.

STROEMERIA, Vahl. Symb. 1. 19.

Carol four-petalled, or none. Calga four-leaved. Nectucy ligalato-infundibuliform. Germ one-celled, many seeded. Berry pedicelled, many-seeded.

1. S. tetrandra, Willd. 1, 993.

Shrubby. Leaves linear-oblong. Corol four-petalled; nectury infundibuliform. Stamina

Cleome fruticosa, Linn. sp. pl. 957. Barm. ind. t. 46. f. 3.

Teling. Chemoorda.

A large straggling, very ramous shrub; a native of old walls, dry barren ground, &c. It

flowers during the greater part of the year.

Slem scarcely any, but woody branches innumerable, with the extremities often droop-Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, or broad-lanceolate, entire, an inch and a half

long. Stipules minute. Racemes terminal, few-flowered, downy. Beacles awled, solitary. Calyx four-leaved; leaflets oval, expanding, greenish white. Petals four, long-clawed, equal, oval, waved, sub-creet; two placed laterally, and two above. Nectacy tubular, erect, about as long as the claws of the petals; inserted into the upper side of the base of the pedicels of the germ, and stamens; mouth oblique, widening, jagged. Filaments four, awled, ascending, inserted into the middle of the pedicel, or column that supports the germ. Asthers oval, two-parted at the base. Germ oblong, sitting on the extremity of a long, ascending pedicel. Style none, Stigma simple. Pericarp a siliqua, subcylindric, pendulous, replete with firm, orange-coloured pulp, in which the seeds are immersed. Seeds several, kidney-form.

2. S. trifoliata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves ternate. Flowers two-petalled, bexaudrous.

A native of Kootullum, where it was found by Dr. Berry, growing to the height of ten

feet, with long, unarmed, weak branches.

Leaces alternate, ternate. Leaflels lanceolate, entire, smooth, about two inches long, and rather more than half an inch broad. Petiolex scarcely half the length of the leaflets. Stipules submate. Rucemes terminal, from five to ten-flowered, villous. Flowers large on long villous, patent pedicels. Bracks minute, subulate, generally three under the insertion of each pedicel. Calgar of two opposite pairs of ovate, oblong, veined leaflets, the exterior pair larger, the inner more deeply coloured. Petals two, large, round, pure white, beautifully veined and elevated on claws nearly as long as the petals themselves which ascend opposite to the pedicel of the fructification. Nectarium horn-shaped, rising to a curve, just within the claws of the petals, and shorter than them; month perforated, and ornamented with a large, reflected border like a ruffle, colour a bright yellow. Filaments six, elevated on a long ascending pedicel, opposite to and as long as the claws of the petals, nearly erect, and about as long as the pedicel which supports them. Anthers linear, erect, opening on the side. Germ elevated rather above the anthers, on a second pedicel, or stipe, linear, one-celled, with two longitudinal rows of ocula attached to the baside of both sutures as in the siliquous plants. Style none. Stigma large, convex. Capsules berried, siliquose, subcylindric, about as thick as a goose quill, and nearly two inches long, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds a few; reniform, attached, as in the germ.

HOLIGARNA. R.

Polygamous. Calyx five-toothed. Petals five, germ one-celled; orula single, attachment lateral. Berry inferior, one-seeded. Embryo transverse, without perisperin.

1. H. longifolia, R.

Cattu-tsjeru, or Kattou-tjeroe. Rheed. Mal. 4. p. 197. 9.

Leaces alternate, cuneiform, some inoffensive subulate bodies on the inside of the short petiole. Flowers panieled.

A large tree, a native of the mountainous parts of Chittagong, where it blossoms in January. Seed ripe in May and June.

Dr. Buchanan first found the male tree in Chittagong, and some years after found the female hermaphrodite in Malabar, and gave it the name Holigarna, from its appellation in the language of Kurnata. He thinks it is the variety called Bibo of the Cattu-tsjeru. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 9. And says the natives of Malabar by incision, extract an exceedingly acrid juice, with which they varnish their targets. I no however inclined to consider Van. Rheed's Cattu-tajeroe to be this very tree, and his Bibo, or Tajeroo, vol. 4. p. 20. to be Somecarpus Anaeardium.

Trunk straight, in a twelve years old male tree ten inches in circumference. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches patent; height of the whole tree twenty-five feet. In its native soil the trunk attains to the thickness of six feet in circumference; while the total height of the tree is above fifty. Leaves alternate, crowded about the ends of the branchlets, short-petioled, narrow, cuneiform, entire, acute, smooth on both sides, but paler underneath; length one or two feet, and the breadth from three to six inches. Petioles short and thick, and armed generally with two subulate, inoffensive, incurved, thorn-like bodies on each side of the margin. Stipules no other than the last mentioned subulate bodies, on the petioles.

MALE. Pasieles axillary, single, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers numerous, small, dull white. Bracles small, ferruginous. Calyx five sided; anoles somewhat sharp. Corol flat, to the base five-parted, or it may be called five-petalled. Segments oblong, vilious. Filaments

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Page five, shorter than the corol. Anthers incumbent.

Ed FEMALE-HERMAPHRODITE on a separate tree. Female-Hermaphrodite on a separate tree. Panicles, bracles, calyx, and corol as in the male. Stamina as in the male, but much smaller, and with minute, seemingly abortive anthers. Germ inferior, a little bairy, with one compressed cell containing one compressed ovula, attached to one side of the top of its cell. Styles three, recurved. Stigmas crescentshaped, a little hairy. Berry inferior, naked, exactly ovate, a little compressed, size of a large olive, smooth, when ripe yellow, one-celled, evalvular. Cortex rather thick, and containing between its soft lamina, numerous cells, filled with a black, rather thick, acrid fluid as in the common marking nut, or Anacardium. Seed conform to the berry. Integument single, membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, transverse. Cotyledons equal, ovate, yellowish. Corcle lateral. Plumula hairy, acute. Radicle oblong, inverse, attached to one edge of the cotyledons, considerably below their apex and corresponding with the attachment of the ovula in the germ.

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2. H. racemosa. R.

Leaves, alternate, linear-oblong. Flowers racemed.

Am-jour the vernacular name in Silhet where it is indigenous on the hills of that pro-vince, and grows to be a large tree. It flowers in March, and the fruit ripens in May, June and July. Branches and branchlets very numerous, the bark of the former ash-coloured and rather rough; of the latter, smooth, and void of pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar and linear, oblong, entire, obtusely acuminate, of a hard texture, glossy on the upper surface or rather glaucous underneath; from four to eight inches long, from one to three broad. *Petioles* less than an inch in length, smooth, channelled.

Male flowers I have found on a separate tree by themselves collected on little lateral, and terminal villous racemes, small, much crowded, olive-coloured. Calyx five-toothed. Petals five, ovate. Filaments five, alternate with the petals, and with them inserted on the receptacle. Anthers ovate. Germ none. Hermaphrodite racemes as in the male but less crowded with flowers. Calyx superior, five-parted, permanent. Corol as in the male. Filement short. Anthers of two distinct lobes. Germ inferior, oval, one-celled, containing a single orula, attached to one side of the cell a little above the middle. Style single, very short. Stigma capitate. Berry, the size of a large olive, obliquely, and transversely oval, smooth, when ripe red, pulp in considerable quantity, the fibrous pores contain a pale coloured acrid, thick juice as in Semecarpus, one-celled, one-seeded. Seeds transversely oval. Perisperm none. Embryo transverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed, equal. Plumula two-toothed, fringed. Radicle short, truncate lateral, directly within the umbilicus.

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SEMECARPUS. Schreb. gen. n. 501:

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ one-celled, one-seeded, attachment superior. Nut superior, cordate, cellular, one-seeded, sitting on a large, fleshy pear-shaped receptacle. Embryo inverse without perisperm.

1. S. Anacardium. Corom. pl. 1. No. 12. Willd. 1. 1476.

Polygamous. Leaves cuneiform, downy underneath. Panieles terminal.

Sans. Arushkara, also Bhela.

Beng, Bhela, Bhola-tuki, or Bela-tuki. Eng. Marking Nut.

Teling. Nella-jedce.

Anacardium of the Materia Medica.

A tree, bearing male or male-hermaphrodite flowers on one and hermaphrodite on another; which circumstance might remove it from the fifth, to the twenty-third class of the Linnæan system. It is a native of all the mountainous parts of India; flowering time from May to August. Seed ripe in January and February.

Dr. König, my predecessor, who was the first that described this tree, had never met with the male, otherwise so particular a circumstance would not have been omitted by so ac-

curate a describer as the Doctor was.

Trunk straight, covered with grey, scabrons bark, the bark of the younger parts smooth, light ash-coloured, its inner substance contains in crevices, a quantity of white, soft, almost insipid gum. Branchlets numerous, spreading. Leaves about the extremities of the branch-lets, alternate, petioled, somewhat wedge-formed, or oblong-obovate rounded at the apex, entire, firm above, pretty smooth, yet harsh, whitish underneath; from nine to eighteen inches long and from four to eight broad. Petioles one and a half, or two inches long, half round. Panicles terminal, very large, composed of many simple spikes; that of the male tree much slenderer, but as large, or larger, and with ramouse branches. Bractes many, small, caducous.

Flowers numerous, small, of a dull greenish yellow colour. HERMAPHRODUTE as in the supplementum plantarum. Page 25 and 182. Pericarp none. Receptacles erect, fleshy, pear-shaped, smooth, when ripe yellow, about the size of the nut. Seed a single nut resting upon the receptacle, cordate, flattened on both sides, smooth, shining, black; the cover or shell of the seed is composed of two lamina; the inner one hard, the outer one less so, and leathery; between them are cells which contain the black corrosive resinous juice which has long made them famous. This juice is of a pale milk colour, till perfectly ripe when it becomes black.

MALE FLOWERS on a separate tree, they are smaller than the hermaphrodite.

Calyx, and Corol as in the hermaphrodite. Filaments five, the length of the petals. Anthers much larger than in the hermaphrodite. Pistillum none, or small and abortive, and in form of a semi-globular, hairy, glandular body.

The wood of this tree is reckoned of no use, not only on account of its softness, but also on account of its containing much acrid juice, which renders it dangerous to cut down and work upon it. The fleshy receptacle on which the seed rests are roasted in the ashes, and eaten by the natives; the taste is exceedingly like that of roasted apples. Before roasted they are astringent, and acrid; leaving a painful sensation on the tongue for some time. The kernels are rarely eaten.

The green nuts well pounded into a pulp make good lime.

The pure black, acrid juice of the cells is employed by the natives externally to remove rheumatic pains, aches, and sprains. A little is well rubbed over the part affected. But in tender constitutions it often produces inflammation and swelling, doing much more harm than good; but I think where it has not this disagreeable effect, which is generally the case, it is an efficacious remedy. It is universally employed to mark, all sorts of cotton cloth. The colour is improved, prevented from rouning, and fixed by a mixture of quick lime and water. The juice or resinous balsam, is not soluble in water, and is only diffusable in spirits of wine, for it soon falls to the bottom, anless the menstruum be previously alkalized; the solution is then pretty complete, and of deep black colour. It sinks in but soon unites perfectly with expressed oils. Alkaline livixia act upon it with no better success than plain water.

It is employed by the Telinga Physicians for the cure of almost every sort of venereal

complaint, and is commonly prepared as follows:

Take of this black bulsam, and expressed juice of garlic, each one ounce. Expressed juice of fresh Tamarind-tree leaves; cocounut oil and sugar, of each two ounces; mix and boil them for a few minutes. A table spoonful is given to the patient twice a day. I know nothing of the efficacy of this composition.

The bark is mildly astringent, gives out in decection a deep colour, which dies brown of

various shades.

Opilia.

From wounds made in the bark, a dirty looking, brownish soft gum is procured, which dissolves slowly in the mouth without much taste.

2. S. Cassucium. R.

Leaves alternate, lanceolar, entire and very smooth. Nut resting on a depressed fleshy, broad turbinate receptacle.

Cassuvium silvestre. Rumph. amb. 1, t. 70.

A mative of the Moluceas, from thence introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1798, and in August, 1804, they blossomed for the first time, when they were handsome, small trees, about twelve feet in height, with many smooth ascending branches, and branchlets.

Leaces alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire and very smooth on both sides; length from ten to eighteen inches, and from three to five broad. Petioles from one to two inches long, round, and smooth. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, thin, long-ovate, smooth. Bractes minute, enducous. Flowers numerous, small, greenish-yellow, and inodorous. Calgar sancershaped, five-toothed. Petals five, ovate, spreading. Nectary a yellow fleshy ring round the base of the germ, which becomes the fleshy receptacle of the seed. Filaments five, rather broad, length of the germ, inserted good the base of the nectary. Germ superior, roundish, one-celled, containing one orula attached to the top of the cell. Styles three, sprending. Stigmus two toothed. Not resting on the large smooth, yellow, fleshy, cup-shaped receptacle, obliquelyobverse, reniform, one-celled, one-valved, considerably compressed, longitudinally strinted and wrinkled, colour a brownish black, and of a firm leathery consistence, composed of an exterior, and interior integrament, with numerous small cells between. Seed single, completely filling the nut, covered with a single brown integument. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, conform to the seed. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle conical, superior, that is, lodged between the most elevated part of the cotyledons, and at the greatest distance from the umbilious, or base of the nut.

3. S. cuneifolia. R.

Leaves wedge-shaped, short-petioled, villous underneath.

A native of the range of mountains which bounds Hindoosthan on the north, from thence seeds were sent to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where the tree grows slowly; the heat of Bengal being, I presume, too great for this species.

OPILIA. R.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Nectorial scales alternate with the filaments. Style none. Berry superior, one-seeded.

O. amentacea, Corom. pl. 2. N. 158.

Telling. Balee-koma.

A small tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars.

Leaces alternate, bifurious, short-petioled, ovate, or oblong, entire, smooth, shining, sometimes very slightly serrulate, about three inches long, and one and a half broad. Stipules none. Aments axillary, small, erect, before the flowers open, every where closely imbricated with small, peltate, kidney-shaped, pointed, ciliate, caducous three-flowered scales. Flowers small, greenish-white, tern. Calyx, perianth proper, very small, five-toothed. Petals five, spreading, oblong. Nectory, five short, thick, fleshy, clubbed bodies alternate with the stamens. Filaments five, spreading, shorter than the petals. Anthers ovate. Germ superior, oblong. Style none. Stigma single. Berry size of a cherry, globular, juicy, one-seeded.

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Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Berry superior, one-seeded.

1. B. trinervia, R.

Arboreous. Leaves oval, pointed, entire, three-nerved. Male flowers under the hermaphrodite ones.

A large tree; a native of the Circar mountains. Bark pretty smooth, and brown. Leares alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, ovate, pointed, three-nerved, smooth, entire; when young H. 88 a little downy, about five inches long, and two and a half broad. Stipules filiform, hairy, caducous. Racemes axillary, slender, erect, sometimes compound, but generally simple. The hermaphrodite flowers always about the male.

HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx or corol five-leaved; leaflets spreading, oval. Filaments five, spreading, shorter than the pistil. Anthers incumbent. Germ superior, ovate. Styles two,

erect. Stigmas simple. Berry ovate, size of a cherry, one-seeded.

MALE flowers on the same raceme, below the hermaphrodite ones. Calyx and stamina as above. Pistil, not the least rudiment of one.

HYDROCOTYLE. Schreb. gen. n. 457.

Umbel simple. Involucre from two to four-leaved. Petals entire, fruit compressed, gibbous, two-partible.

H. asiatica, Willd, 1, 1362.

Creeping in shady places. Leaves long-petioled, reniform, dentate. Umbellets from the joints, two or more together, short-peduncled, three or four-flowered. Involuces two-fourleaved.

Codagen. Rheed. mal. 10. t. 46.

Hind. Thul-kura.

It is common in moist shady places over India, and appears with most luxuriance during the rains, when it blossoms and ripens its seed.

2. H. rotundifolia. R.

Filiform, creeping. Leaves long-petioled, round, lobate, crenate, smooth. Umbellets erect, from eight to ten flowered, Involuce of three, four or more minute leaflets.

A small creeping species, found in wet, cultivated spots in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta during the rains.

VAHLIA. Schreb. gen. n. 452.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Capsule inferior, one-celled, many seeded.

V. oldenlandioides. R.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves linear, lanceolate. Peduncles solitary, two-flowered.

Oldenlandia pentandra. Willd. 1, 676. Retz. obs. 4, n, 64.

A native of cultivated lands on the coast of Coromandel; it appears only during the cold season.

Stem erect, annual, round, jointed, ramous, a little downy, about a foot high. Leaves opposite, sessile, spreading, linear, lanceolate, entire, downy; about an inch long. Peduncles axillary, solitary, erect, rather shorter than the leaves, each bearing two small, yellow flowers. Petals nearly as large as the calyx. Capsule crowned with the calyx, one-celled, opening at the apex. Receptacles two, affixed by the apex. Seeds numerous.

I believe König called this plant Cyrilla Oldenlandioides.

2. V. viscosa. R.

Annual, sub-erect, ramous, downy, and clammy. Leaves lanceolate. Peduncles twofold, very short, one flowered.

Oldenlandia digyna. Willd. 1, 674, Retz. obs. 4, n. 65.

A native of the same places with the former, and appears during the same season.

Stem not so straight as that of the former, less branchy, shorter, more downy, and a little glutinous. Leaves opposite, sessile, from lanceolate to linear; all are entire, pointed, and downy; from half an inch to an inch long. Stipules none. Flowers paired, axillary, 11. very short-peduncled, small, yellow.

The rest as in the genus.

This is, I think König's Cyrilla viscosa.

DAUCUS, Schreb, gen. n. 466.

Corollets sub-radiated, all hermaphrodite. Fruit hispid with hairs.

D. Carota. Willd. 1, 1389.

Seeds hispid. Petioles nerved underneath.

Sans. Grinjana or Gargara.*

Hind. and Beng. Gajur.

Persian. Zerduk.

Arab. Istufleen or Gazir.

It is said to be a native of Persia. In India it is only found in a cultivated state.

Ferrula, Ligusticum, Cuminum, Phellandrum.

FERRULA. Schreb. gen. n. 475.

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Fruit oval, flat, compressed, with three strias on each side.

F. Asiafoelita Willd. 1. 1413. Leaves alternately simuate, obtuse.

Beng. Hing.

Pers. and Arab. Unjudan.

Native of Persia. It does not appear that this valuable plant has ever been found in any part of India, or to the east of that country.

LIGUSTICUM. Schreb. gen. n. 478.

Umbelliferous, with both universal, and partial involucres. Fruit oblong, five-furrowed on both sides. Corollets, equal, all fertile, with petals involute and entire.

 I. Ajowan. R. Fleming in Axiat. Res. 11, 170.
 Annual, erect. Leaves supra-decompound, with filiform leaflets. Ridges and furrows of the seed distinct, and scabrous.

Sans. Bruhmadurbha, Yavanika, &c.

Hind. & Beng. Ajouan, Ajwan, or Jouan.
This is one of the most useful and at the same time grateful of the umbelliferous tribe.

It is much cultivated in Bengul, during the cold season. I never saw it wild.

Root annual. Stem erect, the whole plant from one to three feet high; brancher, alternate, smooth, and slightly striated. Leaves sparse; those nearest the base of the plants supra-decompound; the superior, less so; all have smooth, fillform sub-divisions, or leaflets. Umbels terminal, erect, compound, universal, of from six to eight rays, on rather unequal peduncles, partial, of many rays, on unequal pedicels. Calyx; involuces universal, and partial, from five to eight, linear, unequal, shorter than the numbels, and umbellets, permanent. Proper periouth superior, most minute. Corol, universal uniform. Corollets pure white, all equal, hermaphrodite, and fertile. Proper of five equal petals, furrowed on the back, and keeled within, with involute apexes and broad waved, rather reflected margins. Stamens as long as the petals. Authors reddish. Fruit didymous, or two seeds united, of a compressed, broad, ovate form, with five scabrons ridges on each side.

I can scarcely imagine that this very famous Indian plant is unknown to our European

Botanists; at the same time I cannot find any one of the whole natural order hitherto described to which I can refer it unless it be Bunium aromaticum. I do not find that it was

known to Dr. König, nor did I ever see it but in Bengal.

The seeds, like those of caraway, have an aromatic smell, and warm pungent taste: they are much used by both natives and Europeans, for culinary, and medicinal uses; they are among the smallest of the umbelliferous orders, and are to be met with in every market in India.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves decompound, and supra-decompound. Fucrows of the seeds deep, and smooth. Involucees, and involucles with membranous ciliate margins.

Beng. Junglee-ajouan.
It is found wild in the vicinity of Calcutta, during the cold, and the beginning of the

hot season; it delights in shady moist places.

Root ramous. Stems and branches diffuse, flexuose, striated, dichotomous, from one to two feet long, slightly hairy. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, decompound, and supradecompound, divisions variously formed, and jugged, a few small hairs over them and the petioles. Umbels leaf-opposed, and terminal, compound. Universal and partial of from twelve to twenty-four rays, on nearly equal peduncles, and pedicels. Calux: involucres universal and partial, of from six to eight, sub-membranous, linear-lanceolate, ciliated, spreading, reflected leaflets. Perianth, corol, &c. as in L. ajowan. Fruit of a compressed, rounded shape, with five smooth ridges on each side.

The seed is used as a medicine for cattle.

CUMINUM. Schreb. gen. n. 483.

Fruit ovate, striate. Umbellets and Involucres four-cleft. C. Cyminum. Will. 1. 1440.

Hind, and Beng. Zeers or Jeers.

Sans. Jeera, Jeeraka.

Arab. Kimoon.

A Native of Persia, &c. and the western parts of Asia.

PHELLANDRUM. Schreb. gen. n. 485.

Umbelliferons, no universal involucre; partial one, many-leaved. Florets equal, all fer-Fruit ovate, smooth, crowned with the calyx, and styles.

P. stoloniferum. R.

Stoloniferous, creet. Inferior leaves bipinnate; superior quinate, and ternate; leaflets lanccolate, serrate.

Bong. Pan-turasce

A native of Bengal, and found flourishing in, and on the margins of sweet water, about

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the beginning of the hot season.

Roots running, fistulous, jointed, emitting fibres and long creeping stolones from the joints. Stem erect, striated, fistulous, winding; from two to four feet high. Leaves, the inferior ones composed of one or two lateral pairs of ternate, and a terminal quimate portion; the superior ones, quinate and ternate. Leaflets lanceolate, smooth, serrate. Umbels leaf-opposed, long-peduncled, convex, many-rayed. Umbellets convex, many-rayed, with involucles of many shortish, linear leaflets. Calyx: perianth proper of five, large, conspicuous toothlets. Corol proper, five-petalled, uniform, white, ovate, with long, inflected points. Fruit obovate, smooth, crowned as in the genus.

I do not find that the natives make any use of any part of this plant; its taste, both seeds

and leaves is somewhat aromatic, but not palatable.

CORIANDRUM. Schreb. gen. n. 488.

Corol radiated. Petals inflex, emarginate. Universal involucre one-leaved; partial ones halved. Fruit spherical. C. sativum. Willd. 1. 1448. 11. 94

Sans, Dhunyuka. Beng. Dhunya. N. Danga.

Cultivated over India during the cold season.

SESELI. Schreb. gen. n. 492.

Umbelliferous; umbellets globular; universal involucre none, partial one subulate. Fruit ovate, striated.

S. bengalensis. R.

Erect. Leaves bipinnate, or more; leaflets gashed. Umbels leaf-opposed. Involucrets of several, subulate leaflets.

Annual. It appears during the dry season upon the cool, moist, shady banks of ponds, &c. Root annual. Stem erect, winding, piped, smooth, about a foot high. Leaves bipinnate, or more. Leaflets smooth, gashed, variously formed. Umbels leaf-opposed, short-peduncled, rigid, naked, from six to twelve-rayed, umbellets subglobular, short-pedicelled. Involucrets linear, longer than the umbellets. Corollets all fertile, uniform. Petals ovate, inflected. Fruit nearly globular, crowned.

ANETHUM. Schreb. gen. n. 496.

Umbelliferous, with no involuce nor involucel. Corollets equal, all fertile, with entire involute petals. Fruit somewhat ovate, striated.

1. A Panmori. R.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves supra-decompound. Umbel of ten or twelve unequally elevated radiæ. Fruit oblong, deeply-furrowed, but not winged.

Beng. Panmuhuree,

Sans. Mudhoorika.

Mayuri. See Asiat. Res. 11. 156.

Like Sowa this plant is cultivated in various parts of Bengal during the cold season for the seed, which the natives eat with their betle and also use in their curries. Seed time the close of the rains, about the end of October. Harvest in March, when the plants perish.

Root white, nearly fusiform, and almost simple. Stem erect, ramous, from the base to the top, the branches also erect, round and smooth, with a uniform, pale, glaucous tinge, and not striated as in Dill, and Sowa, the general height of the whole plant from two to four feet. Leaves alternate, scattered, supra-decompound, divisions round, tapering, smooth and filiform, but by no means so numerous as in A. Faniculum which this plant resembles. Umbels terminal, rather concave, but not regular, the convex, from ten to thirty-flowered umbellets, of which there are generally from ten to twenty, standing on peduncles of very unequal lengths. Flowers small, bright, deep yellow. Petals long, ovate, with their spices rolled in. Stamens longer than the petals. Germ oblong. Styles scarcely any. Seeds exactly as in Anethum Faniculum and with the same taste.

The seeds of this plant, for which it is cultivated, possess a pleasant, warmish, very sweet taste, and aromatic smell so much like sweet fennel that I should certainly have thought them at most nothing but varieties of the same species, if I had not had both growing before me for several years in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta where plants of A. Faniculum reared from Europe seed do not blossom till the second year, during which period the leaves are bifarious, infinitely larger and more divided than in Pannuhuree, which is an annual plant of only four or five months duration with the leaves at all times scattered, fewer and more

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From my Anethum Sowa, Panmori differs very conspicuously in many respects, but the best mark is in the seeds. In this they are longer, less flattened and without any membranaceous rim, or border. In that, much flattened with a thin margin, like that of A. graveolens. 2. A. Sowa. R.

Annual. Leaves supra-decompound. Umbel of from five to fifteen radii, equally elevated. Seeds flat, with a membranous margin and three ribs on the back.

Sans. Mishreys.

Beng Sowa, shuloopa, soolpa. A native of Bengal, where it is cultivated for the seeds, which are much used for cultivary and medicinal purposes. Time of culture the cold season.

Roof annual, in fact of only a few months duration. Stem winding, ramous, smooth, striated with deeper and lighter green, and covered with a whitish bloom; from two to three feet high. Leaves alternate, petioled, decompound, and supra-decompound, leaflets filiform, as in Fennel. Petioles, their lower half sheathing. Umbels terminal, convex, without invofacres or involucels. Calyx, proper, scarcely any. Corol, universal, uniform. Corollets yellow, all fertile and equal. Proper, petals ovate-oblong, inflected. Stamens longer than the petals. Germ beneath, obovate. Styles scarcely any. Fruit oval, compressed, composed of two seeds each, with three ridges on its outside, and surrounded with a membranaceous

The seeds are to be met with in every market over India, they are much used by the

matives in their curries, and also for medicinal uses.

 A. trifoliatum, R.
 Annual. Leaces ternate. Seeds reniform, slightly striated. A native of the Circar vallies; not cultivated.

APIUM. Schreb gen. n. 499.

Incolucre one or more leaved. Petals equal Flowers all fertile. Fruit small, gibbous,

ribbed. Style deflexed. Annual, glaucous, villous, superior leaflets filiform both general and partial about six-

Beng. Chanco, also Radhoom. Hind, Ujmood, Ujmud.

I have only met with this plant in its cultivated state and it is often raised in our Gardens in India as a substitute for parsley, A, petroselinum. It is cultivated over many parts of Bengal during the cold season, for the seed only, which the natives use in diet, and medicine; the leaves they make no use of.

Root annual, white, penetrating deeply into the soil. Stem erect, flexuous, glaucous, slightly villous. Bronches numerous, and like the stem; height of the whole plant about three feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, decompound by ternary. Leaflets, of the lower leaves broad, variously and deeply cut; of the superior ones narrower, ever to linear, and often simple. Umbel, nuiversal, generally of about six spreading rays; in luxuriant plants these are sometimes proliferous; partial, of from twelve to twenty. Involuce and Involucels of about six villous subulate leaflets. The first shorter than the rays; the latter of nearly the same llength. Flowers numerous, all fertile, white. Periauth scarcely any. Petals ovate, with a long, taper, inflected apex. Seed small, ovate, villous, gibbous, and three-ribbed on the back.

PENTANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

RHUS. Schreb. gen. n. 502.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, one-celled, one seeded, attachment, base and vertici. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. R. succedaneum. Willd. 1. 1497.

Arboreons. Leaflets five pair, entire, oblong-lanceolate. Petioles simple. Berry oblique.

Arbor vernicifera spuria, &c. Kampf. Aman. 794. 1. 795.

A small tree, in blossom, was received from Dr. Berry at Madras, into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in April 1801, which came originally from China. It had not in March 1809 attained a greater height than about ten feet, so slowly does it grow, but it blossoms annually during the hot season and produces an abundance of fruit.

Trusk short, with but few, ascending brasches, covered with smooth ash-coloured bark. Legres about the ends of the branches, alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflels from four to six pair, opposite, obliquely broad-lanceolate, long, taper-pointed, drooping, entire, perfectly smooth on both sides; from three to four inches long, and about one inch broad. Petioles round, and smooth. Panieles axillary or from the base of the naked branchlets of the present year's shoots, spreading, ovate, very ramons. Flowers small, very mumerous, short-pedicelled, yellow. Bractes small, one-flowered. Calga, here it may be said to consist of five-leaflets. Petals five, oblong, first spreading, but soon becoming reflected back over the calvx. Nectory a five-lobed cup, as in the Rhamai, between the base of the germ, and the insertion of the petal and stamens. Filaments five, the length of the corol, erect, inserted, alternate with the petals. Anthers ovate-oblong. Germ superior, conical, one-celled, containing one arula attached from its apex to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma three-lobed. Drupe the size of a pea, obliquely-reniform.

2. R. Bucki-amela. R.

Arboreous. Leaces pinnate; leaflets five-pair, ovate, servate, villous; exterior half of the petiele wingred. Paniele terminal. Berries orbienlar, compressed, viscid.

Buck-amela is the name under which it was sent from Nepal.

October, 1800. There are now many of the young trees in the Botanic Garden, in full blossom. The seeds were received from Nepal about two years ago. At present they are from

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Page six to twelve feet high, with an erect, soft, woody stem, and a few simple, ascending branches.

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Leaves alternate, pinnate, from one to two feet long. Leaflets from four to six pair, opposite, subsessile, ovate, oblong, serrate, pointed; of a thick, firm texture; villous on both sides, and whitish underneath; from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles round, somewhat villous, the exterior joint or two often winged. Panicles, a very large, expanding one terminates the branches, and single smaller ones spring from the exterior axills. Flowers numerous, small, pale yellowish green. Calga, corol, stamina and pistillum as in the genus; the germ contains only a single ovala from the apex of which the umbillical cord proceeds to the bottom of the cell where its attachment is. Drupe the size of a pea, orbicular, compressed, when ripe, greenish-white, with a tinge of yellow near the apex and somewhat clammy. Nut smooth, dark brown, much compressed.

The berries or little drupes are covered with a very small portion of a pulpy envelope

which is of a sharp, acid taste, and in Nepal, I am told, is much esteemed.

3. R. parviflorum. R.

Subarboreous; all the tender parts very downy. Leaves ternate; leaflets sessile, obovate,

anterior margins serrate-crenate. Panicles terminal.

A small bushy tree, a native of Nepal from thence introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta where it blossoms during the rainy season.

SAMBUCUS. Schreb. gen. n. 505.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-cleft. Berry three-seeded.

S. Ebulus, Willd, 1, 1494.

Herbaceous. Leaflets from seven to nine, sessile, lanceolate, finely serrate. Stipules quatern

(four on each side,) leafy, unequal. Cymes from three to six-parted.

A native of Rungpore in Bengal. It flowers during the rainy season. Its taste is simple herbaceous and has nothing of the ungrateful smell of the Europe plant. It may be a different species, though I cannot at present fix on a different character.

TAMARIX. Schreb. gen. n. 510.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, one-celled, many seeded, attachment parietal. Capsule one-celled, three-valved. Seed comose. Embryo centrifugal; no peri-

T. indica. Kön. Mss.

Arboreous. Panicles terminal, racemed. Style single and short. Anthers double, and crowned.

T. Chinensis. Lour. Cochin Ch. 228.

T. Articulata, Vahl. Symb. 2, 48, t, 32, Willd, 1, 1498, Sans, Jhavuka.

Beng. Jhou, Jhouca, Jhaoo.

This species grows to be a middling tree, is a native of sandy islands in large rivers or on their sandy banks, or in the vicinity of the sea, between Upara and Pantacota, on the coast of Coromandel. It flowers during the latter part of the rainy season.

Trunk often as thick as a man's body, from six to twelve feet high, generally crooked. Bark scabrous. Branches numerous spreading in every direction; their bark greenish, with brown scabrous specks. Leaves minute, sessile, pressing close to the branchlets; on the extremities of the young shoots, imbricated; on those more advanced in size, more remote, occasioned by the increasing size of the branchlets. Flowers small, white, exceedingly numerous, collected on many terminal racemes forming a very large, beautifully drooping panicle. Bracles leaf-like, solitary, one-flowered. Filaments twice the length of the petals. Anthers four-lobed, with a terminal point. Style short, single, more than half way three-cleft; divisions or stigmas recurved, feathery.

When it meets with a good soil, it has a very elegant appearance, particularly when in

flower.

2. T. dioeca. R.

Dioecous, arborcous. Leaves short, obliquely truncated. Panicles terminal. Male flowers pentandrous. Female with five abortive stamens.

Beng. Lal Jhon.
Picpula. Asiat. Res. 4. p. 268.

A native of the islands in the Ganges and of its banks above Sook-saugor, where it blossoms during the rains, at which period, in some situations, little more than the tops of the plants are to be seen above water. In our gardens it is in flower the greater part of the year and is highly ornameutal.

Trunk short, covered with dark-coloured, cracked bark. Branches very numerous, spreading in every direction with their extremities drooping. Leaces tubular, obliquely truncated, pointed, smooth; in fact, they appear more like joints of the bark than leaver. Spikes terminal, simple, cylindric, often drooping; and so numerous as to compose the most beautiful drooping panicles on the extremities of the branches and branchlets. Flowers very numerous, sessile, small, rose-coloured, inodorous. Bractes triangular, acute, one-flowered.

MALE FLOWERS. Calys five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Petals linear oblong, emarginate. Filaments five, longer than the petals. Anthers purple, two-lobed, with a projecting gland

between them. Pistillum nothing more in all the flowers I examined, than a three-lobed gland in the centre of the flower.

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FEMALE HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS on a separate plant.

Calgar as in the male. Petals rather broader than in the male. Filaments five, the length of the germ. Anthers sagittate, glands without the appearance of pollen. Germ three-lobed. Styles three, longer than the corol. Stigmas clavate, recurved, retuse. Capsules conical, three sided, one-celled, three-valved, hid in the withered calyx, and excel. Seeds numerous, compressed, seemingly imbricated.

PHARNACEUM, Schreb. gen. n. 517.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Capsule three-celled, many seeded.

P. Mollugo, Willd, 1, 1508.

Annual, procumbent. Leaves verticelled, lanceolate; peduncles lateral, one-flowered. Sterile filaments alternate with the stamina; author twin; capsule subcylindric. Seeds with a reflected filament.

Aleine erecta. Burm. Zeyl. 13. t. 7.

Molluga spergularia sp. plant. 131. Burm. flor. Ind. 3. t. s. f. 4.

Reng. Ghana Sag, or Shak. Shak means a pot herb.

Common over India, generally a weed in gardens during the cold season.

2. P. pentagynum, R

Annual, prostrate, dichotomous, hoary with stellate down. Leaves opposite, round. Flowers axillary.

Beng. Doosera-sag.

It appears during the cold and the beginning of the hot season, on dry land that has

lately been, or is in cultivation.

Root perpendicular, seems biennial. Stem none, but numerous, alternate, jointed, dichotomous branches, spreading close on the ground, they are round, covered with soft, stellate pubescence, and from one to two feet long. Leaner opposite, petioled, obovate, or roundish, with smaller leaves in their axills; all entire and, like the branches, petioles, &c. hoary with stellate down. The flowers stand on the upper side of the branches between the insertions of the leaves, from two to six together, short-pedancled. Calga five-leaved, the outside covered with stellate down, permanent. Corol none. Filaments generally five, though sometimes more, even as far as ten, short, inserted round the base of the germ. Authors two-lobed, Germ above, conical, five-sided, five-celled, five-valved opening from the apex. Seeds numerous, reniform, ornamented with regular lines of elevated points, inserted by a large white vesiculated umbilieus to the bottom of the cap-ule which is continued in a seemingly superfluous white filament reflected over the seed.

The tender shoots are used by the natives in their curries.

It has the habit and appearance of Gliaus lotoides or dictamaoides, but the number of stamens and total want of the nectary or corol forbid my considering it as even a species of that genus. I have repeatedly examined the flowers of different plants at different periods and places without over being able to discover any thing like a corol or nectary, so that I must consider this a non-descript or Glasus lotoides itself, and that the former descriptions thereof have been inaccurate.

BASELLA. Schreb. gen. n. 520.

Calyx seven-cleft, with the two opposite divisions broader; at last it produces a berry. Seed one

B. alba. Willd. 1. 1514.

Perennial, twining. Leaves cordate, smooth, cutire, fleshy.

Batsalla kura, or Matto-batsalla, are its Telinga names when cultivated; and Allabatsalla, when wild.

Poi, the Bengalee, and Hindoo name of the cultivated variety and bun-poi when wild.

Gandola alba, Rumph. amb. 5. p. 417.

The natives of the Coromandel coast reckon five varieties of this; three of these are cultivated, and two wild; the wild sorts are,

1st. Yerra, or Poha-batsalla, the Teliuga name of the red wild Batsalla.

Rueta bun-poi of the Bengalees.

Basella rubra, Willd. 1, 1513.
Gandola rubra, Rumph. amb. 5, 417, t. 154, f. 2, bad.
Is found wild in hedges, &c. twining round other plants to a considerable extent, the stems, and branches smooth, as thick as a quill, and deeply tinged red.

2nd. Alla-batsalls, above mentioned, grows with the last in hedges, and differs from it only in the colour of the stems, and branches; here they are always pale green.

The cultivated sorts are;

Ist. Yerra, or red garden Batsalia.

It differs from the wild red in being more luxuriant; it is not much cultivated.

2nd. Mattoo, or white Garden Batsalla.

Poi, of the Hindoos and Bengalees.

Like the last, it differs from the wild white only in being more luxuriant, according to the nature of the soil, and is much cultivated. The above two are generally raised from the seeds.

3d. Pedda, or large Batsalla of the Telingas. B. lucida, and cordifolia. Willd. 1. 1514. Poi-sag of the Hindoos and Bengalees.

Basella. Rheed. Mal. 7. t. 24.

This is much cultivated, and always from slips taken from the old plants; it grows to a great size running over extensive, trellises, creeted for the purpose, and generally about the houses of the natives, where its numerous, large, succulent branchlets and leaves form a most agreeable shade to protect them from the heat of the sun. This variety is also more used as a pot herb by the natives, than any of the other four, though all are reckoned equally wholesome.

I think the whole may be reckoned varieties of one species, and probably Basella Japanica Burm. ind. t. 39. f. 4. is nothing more than from a stunted specimen of one of these varieties.

EVOLVULUS. Schreb. gen. n. 524.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol companulate, plaited. Germ. Capsules superior, two-celled cells, two-seeded.

 E. alsinoides. Willd. 1, 1517. 106

Perennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves subsessile, oblong, hairy. Peduncles from one to threeflowered; fruit drooping.

2. E. hirsutus, Willd. 1. 1517.
Vistnu-clantii. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 64.
Anagullis hirsuta minor. Burm. zeyl. t. 6. f. 1. and t. 9. f. 1. seems also the same plant.

Is a native of the various parts of India, and in blossom most part of the year.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any, but numerous, very slender, cespitose, round, bifarious branches, which, while young, are covered with long, soft, white hairs. Leaves alternate, bifarious, subsessile, oblong, entire, hairy on both sides. Peduacles axillary, solitary, longer than the leaves, jointed near the middle, where two opposite, lanceolate bractes are inserted; from one to three-flowered, but one is the most common number; while in blossom erect, afterwards drooping. Calyx of five lanceolate, bairy leadets. Corol rotate-campanulate, margin almost entire, deep bright blue. Stamens crowning the mouth of the very short tube. Germ ovate. Styles two, but each three-fourths two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Capsule, and seed as in Convolulus.

3. E. pilosus. R.

Perennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves sessile, linear-lanceolate. Peduncles three-flowered, and amply bracted. Style single, two-cleft.

A native of Hindoosthan. In the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, it is in flower most part

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any, but several, somewhat ligneous branches spread close on the ground; tender parts clothed with soft, appressed hairs. Leaves alternate, remote, sessile, linear-lanceolate, hairy. Peduncles axillary, very short, hairy, three-flowered. Flowers nearly sessile on the common peduncle. Corol short-campanulate, white; margins crenate. Style single, two-cleft.

4. E. angustifolius. R.

Diffuse, filiform, every part clothed with brown, sericeous pubescence. Leaves sessile, linear-lanceolate. Peduncles longer than the leaves, from one to three-flowered. Styles two, each two-cleft.

A native of the Moluccas, agreeing well with Brown's figure of Convolvulus herbaceous erectus, 152. t. 10. f. 2. except that his plant is erect, and nearly smooth; whereas this spreads on the ground, and is very villous. I therefore think it must be different.

PENTANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

ARALIA. Schreb. gen. n. 525.

Involucre to the umbellet. Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Germ five-celled; cells one-seeded, attachment superior. Berry inferior, five-seeded. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

1. A. digitata. R.

Subarboreous, unarmed. Leaves digitate. Leaflets, broad-lanceolate, entire. Panicles terminal.

Unjala. Rheed. Mal. 7. t. 28.

Hind. Dain.

A native of the Circar mountains and lately found by Dr. Buchanau about Lukshmeepoor. Flowering time the rainy season. Young frees are in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where they grow luxuriantly, but always continue bushy, somewhat scandent and from the lower branches, many roots continually descend into the ground or embrace other trees. The

bark is smooth, and on the young shoots of a bright deep green colour.

Leaves round the ends of the young shoots digitate. Leaflets petiolated, generally five 11. 108 or six, and of different sizes, oblong, pointed, entire, smooth on both sides, the shortest about

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the length of the common petiole. Petioles stem-clasping, round, smooth. Petiolets the largest about an inch round, and smooth. Umbellets globular, numerous, inserted alternately on many long, terminal, leafless ramifications the whole forming a large open panicle. Flowers very numerous, small. Calyx; incoloure of the globular umbellet, scarcely any. Perianth a five-sided marginal elevation round the germ. Corol; petals five, inserted on the five marginal sides of the perianth. Stamens five. Germ inferior, five-celled, with a single ovula in each attached to the top of the cell, &c. exactly as in the ripe state. Berry round, size of a small pea, smooth, yellow, five-celled. Seed solitary, attached to the top of the cell immediately under the remains of its stigma, straight and sharp on the inner edge, convex and broad in the interior. Integement single, white. Perisperm conform to the seed, entire, pure white, of a firm and rather tough consistence. Embryo inverse, scarcely half the length of the perisperm. Cotyledons two, linear. Radicle cylindric, superior, immediately within the umbilicus.

In Hedera terebinthacea which this species most resembles, the style which is single, is as long as the filament, and ends in a single acute stigma; consequently they cannot be the same, though in the Banksian herbarium I believe my plant is there marked H. terebinthi-

ana.

2. A. umbraculifera. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves pinnate; leaflets numerous; inflorescence terminal.

Papaja silvestris. Rumph. Amb. 1. p. 149. t. 53. f. 1.

A native of the Molucca Islands, from thence introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1798; where it blossoms in April, but has never ripened its fruit in Bengal.

Trunk straight, perfectly simple, about twelve feet high, and eighteen inches in circumference, towards the top marked with the large cicatrices of the fallen leaves, otherwise perfectly smooth, and ash-coloured. Leaves round the top of the plant, below the inflorescence, unequally pinnate, drooping, about six feet long. Leaflets about twenty pair, opposite, subsessile, drooping, ovate-lanceolate, margins waved and slightly serrate, very smooth on both sides upper surface shining; length from four to eight inches, and from two to three broad. Petioles smooth, sharp on the upper edge, jointed at the insertion of the leaves, and then much swelled. Inflorescence, I will call it an immense terminal panicle issuing as in Corppha umbraculifera, from the apex of the simple Papaya-like stem and composed of muons, primary, diverging, compound branches, of from three to four feet in length, while the namerous diverging branchlets thereof are from six to nine inches long, and support numerous alternate diverging pedancles of small, globular heads, of from six to twelve small, sessile, greenish, stellate flowers. Bracles minute. Isrolucres also very minute. Calyx superior, obscurely five-toothed. Petals five, broad-lanceolate, spreading. Filaments shorter than the petals, spreading. Anthers ovate. Germ inferior, crowned within the insertion of the petals and stamina, with a convex, grooved, coloured gland; from its centre rise the five styles, which are in some degree coalesced, and shorter than the corol. Stigmas five, distinct, and simple.

LINUM. Schreb. gen. n. 528.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Capsule superior, from five to six-valved, from ten to twelve-celled, with one seed in each cell.

1. L. usisatissimum. Willd. 1, 1533.

Annual, ramous. Calgo and capsules macronate. Petals crenate. Leaves alternate, lanceolate.

Sann. Utusee.

Hind. Tisi.

Beng. Mushina.

Much cultivated over the Northern parts of India for the seed, from which the Hindoos extract the oil. They make no use of any other part of the plant.

2. L. triggnum, R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, oval. Filaments united at the base with alternate sterile bristles. Styles three. Capsules six-valved, twelve-celled.

Hind. Gool ashruf.

This beautiful plant I have only met with in the garden of the curious about Calcutta, though it is indigenous in Hindoosthau, and the eastern parts of Bengal. Flowering time, the cold season. It grows readily from hits of the root; consequently, is easily propagated; it is indeed, a troublesome, though beautiful weed.

Stem or rather branches numerous, sub-creet, the whole shrub about two or three feet high. Bark ash-coloured. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, with a bristle-like point, the larger are most minutely scrute toward the apex; both sides smooth, size very various. Stipules minute. Plowers solitary, pedancled, large, of a bright, deep, rich yellow colour, inodorous. Bractes none, unless some small floral leaves which surround the pedancles near the base may be so called. Calga five-leaved; leaflets haceolate, acute, smooth, creet, permanent. Petals five, claws the length of the calva, forming as it were a tube. Border flat, round, entire, inserted below the bristles, into the ring formed round the germ by the union of the base of the filaments, on the outside of the neek of each petal are two small toothlets. Filaments five, as long as the calva, becoming broad towards the base, and then mited with five, small, intermediate bristles placed between them. Anthers sagittate. Germ superior, globular, six-celled, with one orada in each, attached to the top of the

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Page axis. Styles three, considerably longer than the stamens. Stigma headed, undivided. Capsule Carey globular, smooth, size of a large pea, six-celled, six-valved. Seeds solitary, reniform.

This plant is highly ornamental. Miller's two figures in plate 268, are not unlike it in any respect; yet I think it is evident they cannot be the same; it seems more nearly allied to Linum, for in all respects the characters agree perfectly, except in the three styles and capsule. I have therefore called it Linum trigynum.

AEGELATIS. Brown.

Calyx cylindric sulcated, five-toothed. Petals five and with the five filaments, united at the base. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded, attachment from the base of the cell to the apex of the ovula.

A. rotundifolia, R.

Leaves alternate, orbicular; petioles long, sheathing and winged.

A small ramous shrub found with Rhizophora, &c. growing on the banks of the salt-water creeks which intersect the lower part of the delta of the Ganges. Flowering time

Stem scarcely any, but many ascending, smooth, dichotomous branches and branchlets. Leaves alternate, petioled, orbicular, entire, glossy, most finely veined, from two to three inches each way. Petioles as long as the leaves, sheathing, broad-winged, smooth; when they drop, annular, permanent marks are left in the branches. Racemes axillary and terminal, the latter dichotomous or even sub-panicled, round, and smooth. Flowers numerous, pretty large, pale yellow, short-pedicelled. Bracles three to each flower, oval, sheathing, clammy. Calye cylindric, sulcated, clammy, mouth five-toothed. Corol, it may be called one-petalled, with filan ents inserted on the mouth of the tube; or five-petalled, and those inserted on the tube, formed by the base of the filaments, lamina oblong, recurved over the mouth of the calyx. Filaments five, shorter than the corol. Anthers linear-oblong. Germ superior, oblong, five-grooved, closely embraced by the tube, formed by the stamina and petals, one-celled, containing a single orula, pendulous at the end of a long umbilical cord which rises from the bottom of the cell. Styles five, rather longer than the Stamina. Stigmas large.

ALDROVANDA. Schreb. gen. n. 529.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Capsule superior, five-valved, one-celled. Seeds longitudinally affixed to the inside of the valves of the pericarp.

A. verticillata. R.

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Twining. Leaves verticelled, wedge-shaped.

Beng. Malacca-jhanjee.

Found swimming on ponds of water over Bengal during the cold and hot season.

I have never seen it in any other form than that of detached pieces from one to three inches long, sometimes ramous, sometimes simple. The stems are round and smooth with verticells of six or eight leaves at every quarter of an inch or less.

Leaves sessile, verticelled, wedge-shaped, ending in four or five bristly horns of nearly the same length; over the insertion of the middle pair is inserted a crescent-shaped, winged utricle, the body of which is inflated, and serves to keep the plant suspended on the water. Peduncles axillary, solitary, about the length of the leaves and their horns, one-flowered. Calyx, corol, &c. as in the genus except that here the seeds are numerous.

DROSERA. Schreb. gen. n. 531.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol five-petalled. Capsule superior, one-celled opening into five valves at the top. Seeds numerons. D. Bucmanni, Willd, 1, 544.

Scapes axillary. Leaves radical, cuneate, spatulate, ciliate, pressing close on the ground in a circle. Stipules petiolary, varieose, from three to six-eleft. Ros solis zeylanica, &c. Burm. zeyl. t. 94. f. 2.

Native of Coronandel, Ceylon, &c.

D. indica, Willd. 1. 1546.

Leaves linear, ciliate. Stems ramous, leaf-bearing.

Ros solis ramosa. Burm. zeyl. t. 94. f. 1. Araka puda. Rheed. Mal. 10, t. 20.

A native of Coromandel, &c. Flowering time the cold season.

CLASS VI.

HEXANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

URANIA. Schreb. gen. n. 539.

Calyx a common spathe. Corol six-petalled. Germ three-celled. Ocula numerous; attachment septal. Capsule inferior, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds in two rows, axilled. Embryo centripetal, and furnished with a perisperm.

U. speciosa, Willd. 2. p. 7.

Ravenalia madagascariensis. Sonner. it. ind. 223. t. 124-5 and 6.

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In 1802 three plants of this elegant tree were—brought from the Island of Mauritius by Capt. Tennant to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta. They were planted in different soils, and situations. That which was in a very moist place, and in a rich brownish black soil, throve more luxuriantly than the other two, though in a soil equally rich but lighter coloured, much higher and drier; the former flowered for the first time about the close of 1806 and again in September, 1807, when the accompanying and following description was made. The seeds of the first crop of flowers ripened in November, 1807.

Trunk of the tree now in flower, simple, and straight, eighteen inches to the leaves, and thirty-six in circumference, round, and marked with the circular impressions of the leaves that have fallen off. Leaces cauline, bifarious, alternate approximating, petioled, erect when they first appear, and in all directions from that to diverging when about to decay, like the ribs of a semicircular fan, linear, oblong, nearly truncate at both ends, very smooth on both sides, veins simple, diverging in a waving line, length about six feet and the breadth from two to three. Petiales about eight feet long, sheathing, a deep groove runs along the upper edge, except for two or three inches at the apex; under side round, and smooth. Spadix axillary, solitary much shorter than the petioles; in our young trees many leaves intervene; bifarious, branches simple. Spathes, common, three or four, alternate, embracing the stalks of the spadix, which are mostly hid in the groove of the next petiole below. Partial spathes about twelve, cuneiform, from twelve to twenty-four inches long, the inferior being about twice the length of the uppermost, each enclosing about ten flowers in each side, every one of these flowers is also embraced by its own proper spathe. Flowers large, white, sessile, alternate in two rows on the upper side of the branches of the spadix, before expansion, imbricated in a horizontal line; when expanded, erect, inoderous; while in blossom the spathes are all completely filled with a super-abundance of clear, gelatinous matter. Calyx no other than the spathes already described. Corol six-petalled, three inner and three outer, all nearly ensiform, straight, and of a flum rigid texture, five of them are nearly equal in size; the sixth (one of the inner three) much smaller, the other two of this series adhere lengthways by their margins, overlapping each other, which may have occasioned the corol to have been called five petalled, but their distinct insertions, and separation both above and below, readily point to very distinct petals. Stamina six, the length of the corol. Anthers linear, slightly recurvate, twice as long as their thicker filament. Germ inferior, obliquely linear, three-celled with two vertical rows of ovula in each cell attached to the partition. Style rather longer than the stamina, straight and very stiff. Stigma clavate, perforated, three-lobed, lobes bidentate, and acute. Capsule inferior, linear, oblong, less convex on one side, and the separation marked by two opposite, longitudinal, sharp ridges; size of a small encumber, smooth, dark brown, of a hard, tough fibron- texture, three-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds many, reniform, in two rows, attached to the inner edge of the partition, each enveloped in its proper, beautiful azure-coloured axil (the robe of Urania.) Perispera conform to the seed, white, friable. Embryo pointing immediately to the umbilieus of the seed, pure white; varying its shape from that of a common flask to that of a retort.

BROMELIA. Schreb, gen. n. 540

Calyx three-parted. Petals three, with a nectarial scale at the base of each. Berry superior, three-celled.

1. B ananas, Willd. 2. 7.

Leaves ciliate with spinous points. Spike tufted.

Kapa-tsjakka. Rheed Mal. 11. t. 1. and 2.

Beng. Anauas.

I do not know that it has been found indigenous in any part of India. Its not being a native of India is supported by the various vernacular names, evidently derived from ananas, as well as by their being no Sanscrit name for so remarkable a plant. A thing which could scarcely have happened if it had been a native of the East Indies. The general flowering time in India is about the beginning of the hot season.

There is a very boautiful striped-leaved variety of this species found at Malacca.

BURMANNIA. Schreb. gen. n. 542.

Calyr gibbons, month six-toothed; the alternate one very small, (or they may be called petals.) Corol none. Stamina in pairs. Capsule inferior, three-celled. Seeds numerous.

 B. disticha, Willd. 2, 16.

Leaves sword-shaped. Spike double.

Burmannia spica gemina. Burm. zeyl. p. 50. t. 20. f. 1.

It is a native of Ceylon.

Root of numerous capillary fibres, annual. Leaves radicle, sword-shaped. Scape erect, from twelve to twenty inches high, round, pointed, with a sword-shaped sheath at each joint. Spikes double, spreading in opposite directions. Bracles lanceolate, one-flowered. Flowers erect, subsessile on the upper side of the spikes, pale blue. Calyx gibbons, one-leaved; mouth six-parted, divisions alternate, larger permanent, and keeled on the back. Corol none, unless the three could be divisionally divisions. the three smaller divisions of the calyx be so called. Filaments none. Anthers three, joined

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Page to the sides of three large, ox-head-shaped glands, affixed to the calvx just below the smaller divisions thereof. Germ inferior, three-sided, three-winged, the wings a continuation of those of the calyx. Style erect. Stigmas three, large, emarginate. Capsule three-winged, threecornered, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds numerous.

2. B. triflora. R.

Flowers about three in a terminal head. Leaves ensiform. Found by Mr. W. Roxburgh. on Prince of Wales' Island. Root annual, consisting of a few small fibres. Leaves, few round the base, those of the scape ensiform, smooth. Scape filiform, erect, generally simple, invested in a few remote leaf like scales; height about six inches. Flowers from two to four, ter-118 minal, short-pedicelled, large, and beautiful. Bractes ensiform, one at the base of each pedicell. Calyx superior, subcylindric, amply three-winged, mouth six-toothed, the three alternate, (Corol of Linnaus,) very small, and ensiform. Filaments short in the month of the calyx. Anthers three-pair. Germ inferior. Style rather shorter than the calyx. Stigma threecleft. Segments emarginate, adhering to the stemina. Capsule three-celled. Seeds numerons, minute, attached to the inner angle of the cells.

TRADESCANTIA. Schreb. gen. n. 543.

Calyx three-leaved, or three-parted. Filaments bearded, or naked. Germ three-celled. Cells few-seeded, attachment inferior. Capsule superior, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds few. Embryo in the back of the ample perisperm, centrifugal.

1. T. axillaris. Willd. 2. 20.

Annual, creeping. Flowers axillary. Calyx one-leaved. Corol one-petalled. Filaments bearded, and clubbed.

Nir pulla. Rheed. Mal. 10, p. 25, t. 13.

Hind. Baga nella. Teling. Gola gandee.

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Annual, a mative of moist pasture ground, borders of rice fields, &c. appearing and flower-

ing during the wet and cold season.

Root fibrous. Stem, there is in young plants an erect one, but in old ones it is depressed, and appears like one of the many long creeping branches that issue from its base, all are round, smooth, jointed and often coloured. Leaves alternate, sheathing, lanceolate, spreading striated; mouths of the sheaths ciliate. Flowers axillary two or three, but in succession, so that there is never more than one expanded at a time, they are pretty large; colour a deep, beautiful, blue purple. Calyx membranaceous, three-parted. Corol one-petalled, funnel-formed; tube cylindric, twice as long as the calvx. Segments three, cordate. Filaments six, the length of the corol, and inserted into its tube near the base; toward the apex swelled into an oblong pellucid body, and a little below surrounded with beautiful, jointed hairs. Anthers incumbent. Germ superior, three-sided. Style the length of the stamens, and near the apex swelled like the filaments.

Cattle are very fond of this plant.

 T. tuberosa, Corom. pt. 2, n, 100.
 Perennial, creeping; radical leaves ensiform, cauline, lanceolate, and downy. Spikes crested. Corol one petalled. Filaments bearded and clubbed.

A native of moist vallies.

Root tuberous, perennial. Stems several, creeping, round, jointed, from six to thirty inches long; there is a tuft of three or four, liliaecous, sword-shaped leaves, issuing immediately from the heads of the tuberous roots or rather their sheaths, forming a head from whence the roots and procumbent stems issue. Leaves of the stems linear-lanceolate, sheathing striated, under side tinged with purple and downy. Spikes terminal, or from the interior axills, one or two together; peduncled, beautiful, imbricated as in F. cristata, with two rows of falcate, ciliate bractes. Flowers one in the axill of each bracte, small, blue purple. Corol one-petalled, &c. as in the last described. Stamens and pistil as in T. axillaris.

3. T. paniculata. R.

Annual, partly erect. Leaves lanceolate. Panicles terminal. Corols three-petalled. Filaments naked.

Teling, Kunda amadikada, A native of moist vallies.

Root fibrous, annual. Stems creeping, with their extremities erect, jointed, smooth.

Leaves lanceolate, sheathing. Mouth of the sheaths woolly. Panieles terminal, globular, many-flowered, hairy. Flowers small, blue. Calyx three-leaved, hairy. Corol three-petalled, the superior two, large, and ovate, the third lanceolate. Filaments simple, inserted round the germ, as long as the petals, without hairs or swelling.
4. T. imbricata. Corom. pl. 2. N. 108.

Creeping. Leaves lanceolate-cordate, stem-cla-ping and sheathing. Spikes secured, imbricated with two rows of bractes. Corols one-petalled, funnel-shaped.

Veetla caitu. Rheed. Mal. 7. t. 58.

Common on wet ground over most parts of India during the latter part of the wet season. Root annual. Stems or branches creeping, jointed, round, pretty smooth, a small woolly ridge runs from joint to joint, being a continuation of the fissure of the base of the leaf next above; length from one to two feet. Leaves stem-clasping, sheathing, lanceolate-cordate, entire, somewhat fleshy, beautifully striated; margins woolly, otherwise smooth, from two to three inches long, and about one broad. Spikes terminal, solitary, sessile, recurved over the base of the last leaf, which may be called a common spathe, secund, imbricated with two pair

of lumulate, sessile bractes, each row generally consisting of from six to sixteen pair. Flowers sessile, one to each bracte, opening in succession, pale blue. Calgar three-parted, ciliate on the Ed. back and margins. Corol one-petalled, funnel-shaped; border of three equal divisions. Filameats inserted round the base of the germ, spirally twisted, and hairy. Style spirally twisted, naked. Stigma pitcher-shaped. Seeds two in each cell, pitted on the back.

Note. The corol being of one petal precludes the idea of its being T. cristata.

There is a variety with dark blue flowers.

PONTEDERIA. Schreb. gen. n. 545.

Calyx, spathe common. Corol six-petalled or parted. Stamina and style ascending. Capsule superior, three-celled, three-valved.

1. P. voginalis, Willd. 2. 23. Corom. pl. n. 110.

Leaves cordate, acute, from five to seven-nerved; racemes peduncled, after the flowers decay, recurved.

Carimgala. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 44.

Sans. Neclotpala. Beng. Nonka.

Teling. Nirocancha.

A native of the borders of sweet water lakes or marshy places. It flowers during the rains.

Root perennial, creeping. Leaves radical, narrow-cordate, pointed, entire, smooth, glossy; from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles sub-creet, tapering, fistulous, smooth, from six to twelve inches long; those that bear a raceme are swelled a little about the middle, and there open like a spathe lengthways near the base, those that do not hear flowers are cularged into a sheath, which embraces the exterior leaves. Raceme short-peduncled, after flowering time, drooping, from six to twelve flowered. Pedicels about three quarters of an inch long. Flowers blue and pretty. Calga no other than the common spathe of the raceme. Petals six, the three exterior are the smallest, and oblong, the three interior obovate. Filaments ascending, inserted round the base of the germ, the lowermost one is generally broad, and two-cleft, its lower division bears a blue anther, the other nothing ; the rest are yellow. Germ superior. Style single. Stigma gladular.

2. P. hastata. Willd. 2. 24. Corom. pl. 2. N. 111.

Leaves triangular, or hastate, pointed, many-nerved. Racemes subsessile, erect.

Teling. Neroo-Tamsra.

A native of marshy places, or shallow standing sweet water. It flowers during the rainy

and cold season.

Root perennial, thick, spongy, creeping when long, a little flexnose with many fibres issuing from every part. Leaves radical; those that bear the flowers a little more elevated, but differing in no other respect from the rest; broad-sagittate, or triangular, very entire, pointed, very smooth and glossy, from six to seven inches long, and from five to six inches broad, posterior angles generally obtuse. Petioles the flower-bearing longest and grooved a little, swelled near the apex, and there on the fore part, split like a sheath for the passage of the raceme; the other petioles are increased near the base into a large sheath, which embraces those within; they are tapering, sometimes spotted with small purple dots, from eighteen to twenty-four inches long, and not grooved like the flower-bearing petioles, or scapes. Racemes subsessile, erect, while they are in flower, while young, globular, but lengthening as the flowers expand. Spathes ovate. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, closely surrounding every part of the raceme; those nearest the apex begin to expand first, and continue in succession down ; they are large, and of a beautiful bright blue, violet colour. Pedicels round, smooth, about an inch long. Petals six, withering, the three interior largest, and obovate; the three exterior oblong. Filaments six, short, the lower rather longer, and as in the last bind or broad and undivided with a double auther. Authors linear, creet, the lowermost one is much larger and blue, the rest are yellow. Germ superior, ovate, with three cells, each containing numerous ovula attached to a vertical thickened line, or a receptacle on each side of the partition. Style single, ascending, rather longer than the stamens. Stigma downy. 3. P. Plantaginea, R.

Diffuse. Leaves narrow, cordate. Racemes peduncled, three-flowered.

Plantaginis stellatæ foliæ. Pluck. t. 2215. f. 4. agrees much better with this, than with

P. vaginalis.

A native of marshy, or watery places over Bengal. It flowers during the rains. annual, and very trifling, but spreading on the ground for a few inches so that the radical fibres issue through the sheathes of the leaves and strike into the earth. Leaves petioled, narrow-cordate, entire, taper, obtuse-pointed, smooth; lobes semicircular; serves about five, and faintly visible on the under-side only; the largest of the leaves is about two inches long and one broad. Petioles from three to four inches long, round, variously curved, with an opening about the middle on the inside for the raceme; from the mouth of the stem-clasping base, a very large tapering ligule, or bracte rises. Racemes peduncled, from two to four-flowered, and erect till they decay, then recurved. Flowers large for the size of the plant, short-pedicelled, bright, deep blue. Calyx the spathe of the raceme, inserted near its base. Corol one-petalled, to the base six-cleft; dictrions lanceolate, the interior three narrower. Filaments five smaller, and one large, with a hornlet as in P. raginalis and hastata. Anthers on the small filaments, small and roundish; on the large, sagittate, oblong. Germ oval, three-celled, each containing

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Page numerous ocula attached to septal receptacles not far removed from the axis. Style shorter Carey Ed. than the stamina. Capsule oblong, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds numerous, round.

4. P. dilatata. Syme's embasy to Avo.

Leaves cordate-sagittate. Umbel peduneled, drooping; flowers numerous, long-pedicelled. Hind. Cacheree.

A Native of Bengal, &c. It flowers during the rainy season. H.

124 5. P. sagittata. R.

Leaves sagittate; umbel sessile; flowers long-pedicelled.

A Native of low wet places near Chirtagong.

PANCRATIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 551.

Corol superior, infundibuliform, crowned with a campanulate, staminiferous nectary.

1. P. zeylanicum, Willd, 2, 41.

Leaves linear-lanceolate. Spathe one-flowered. Segments of the corol longer than the tube. Stamens incurved. Nectary twelve-toothed. Lilium Indicum, Rumph. Amb. 6 t. 70 f. 2. and a tolerably good figure, but Cattuli Pola, Rheed. Mal. 11, t. 40 must certainly be

A native of the Molucca Islands and of Ceylon, from both places the roots have been

received into this Garden, where they blossom about the beginning of the rains.

Root a round, smooth, truncated bulb, about an inch and a balf in diameter. radical, bifarious as far as ten or twelve from the same bulb; slightly recurved, linear-lanceolate, pointed, smooth, from six to twelve inches long. Scape axillary, shorter than the leaves, a little compressed, smooth, supporting a single, large, pure white, faintly fragrant flower, which expands about sunset, and fades next morning. Spathes membranaceous, length of the tube of the corol. Corol superior; tube cylindric; segments of the border linear-revolute, longer than the tube. Nectary or crown of the corol spreading wide in the shape of a shallow bowl. The twelve divisions of its border acute. Filaments scarcely so long as the segments of the

2. P. longiflorum. B. H.

11. Leaves narrow lanceolate, Spathe one-flowered. Segments of the corol linear-lanceolate, half the length of the tube. Stamens incurved, scarcely longer than the divisions of the gibbous campanulate-twelve-toothed nectary.

A native of the Moluccas, from whence the roots were brought to the Botanic Garden at

Calcutta in 1798. It is in blossom about the beginning of the rains.

Leaves radical, narrow-lanceolate, deep green, and smooth on both sides; length about twelve inches, and less than one in breadth.

Scapes much shorter than the leaves, and even shorter than the tube of the corol, com-

pressed, one-flowered.

Flowers large, pure white, fragrant. Corol; tube pale green, cylindric, a little furrowed, about six inches long. Filaments incurved, and very little longer than the divisions of the nectary. Anthers large. 3. P. biflorum. R.

Leaves linear-cuneate. Spathe from three to four-leaved, two or three-flowered. Corol with a long, slender, three-sided tube and linear segments of the same length. Sinuses of the nectary erose. Filaments length of the nectary.

A native of India, but scarce. Flowering time in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, the

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Leaves from four to eight, bifarious, erect, flat, linearly wedge-shaped, rather obtuse, smooth on both sides, slightly reticulated with transverse green veins; length about twelve inches, by one broad. Scape shorter than the leaves, erect, smooth, a little compressed, supporting two or three, large, pure white, faintly fragrant flowers. Spathe three of four-leaved, two-flowered; leaflets of various sizes and linear. Corol; tube pale whitish green, three-sided, slender, from three to four inches long, divisions of the border linear, first expanding, then recurved, about as long as the tube. Nectary broad funnel-shaped, scarcely one third the length of the lacinize of the corol. Sinuses between the filaments crose. Filaments about as long as the nectary, spreading. Authors first yellow, afterwards brown. Style longer than the stamens. Stigma three-lobed.

4. P. triflorum. R.

Spathes three-flowered. Leaves linear acute; Segments of the corol shorter than the tube; fissures of the nectary alternately deeper, in which the incurvate stamens are inserted.

Beng. Sada-kanoor.

An elegant species, with large fragrant flowers.

Since writing the above, I have seen in the 2nd. Vol. of the Linnean Society's Transactions, Mr. Salisbury's description of P. verscundum, which he thinks is P. maritimum of Linnœus, and from his accurate figures and description, find that my plant differs from his in the following respects.

1st. Here the leaves are more numerous, acute-pointed and not bifarious.
2nd. Here there are only from two to four flowers in the fassicle as also the ten divisions of the mouth of the nectary, are longer, waved, much more pointed than in his, and the filaments are at least two or three times longer than those divisions, whereas in his they are about the same length; so that I conceive this must be another species.

CRINUM. Schreb. gen. u. 553.

Calyx: Involuce spathaceous. Corol infundibuliform, six-parted. Filaments inserted on the mouth of the tube. Germ inferior three-celled; ocula few; attachment lateral. Berry inferior; somewhat fleshy, evalvular, containing two or three bulbiform seeds.

SEC. 1st. FLOWERS REGULAR.

Bulbs spherical. Leaves linearly tapering, smooth, margined, length of the inflorescence; umbels from four to six-flowered, regular, sessile.

An elegant small species; a native of Silbet where it is called Gocinda by the natives.

It flowers in April and May, as well as now and then during the rains.

Bulbs small, and nearly round. Stealess. Leaves from six to twelve from each bulb, sparse, linear, toward the apex tapering, straight, more or less channelled, particularly toward the base; margias slightly scabrous; from one to two feet long and about an inch and a half broad. Scape from the axiils of the old leaves, solitary, about a foot long, round, and smooth. Umbels from four to six-flowered with some filamentaceous bodies mixed amongst them. Spathe two leaved. Flowers large, white, sessile Tube of the corol from three to four inches long, three-cornered; border of six equal, regularly disposed, linear-lanceolar, recurved segments, which are about as long as the tube; apicer acute, and alternately uncinate. Filaments nearly as long as the border of the corol, ascending, red. Anthers linear. Germ inferior, sessile, oblong, polished, seemingly three-celled; ocula many, attached to the two margins of the three-receptacles, which are substantially attached to the walls of the ovarium and only meet in the centre; for on drying a transverse section, they separate spontaneously from the margins to the centre, and again each of the three has a fissure from the inner angle toward the insertion. Style above the tube, incurved, coloured like the filaments, and rather longer than they. Stigma three-lobed, 2. C. asialienm. Willd, 2, 45,

Root an oblong bulb with a fusiform crown. Stemless. Leaves sparse, rigidly linear, chanelled, obtuse, jointed; margins smooth. Umbels from ten to twelve flowered; flowers subsessile. Style as long as the stamens.

Beng. Sookh-dursun.

Belutta pola taly. Rheed, Mal. Fol. 11. t. 38.

This plant, which I now consider to be Crimum asiaticum of Lianaus, may have been the only asiatic species known to him when he wrote his Flora Zeylanica, grows on the moist muddy or swampy hanks of rivers and is in blosson the greater part of the year, and is no doubt Rumph, second species of Radixtoxicaria, Herb. Am. 6, p. 156, which like ours de-

lights in swampy banks of creeks, &c. where mud abounds.

Roof bulbous, with a terminal, stoloniferous, fusiform portion issuing from the crown of the bulb, descending deep into the mud or earth; from the last mentioned portion issue the ramons fibrous roots. Stew none. Leaves radical, equally disposed on every side, linear, concave, (so much so that a section forms nearly a perfect semicircle,) no keel; margins smooth; length from one to three feet, and where broadest little more than three-fourths of an inch. Scapes generally shorter than the longer leaves, a little compressed, smooth, often coloured. Undels with from six to sixteen flowers. Spathe two-leaved, with filiform bractes smougst the flowers. Flowers large, white, subsessile, fragrant during the night, Corol; tube cylindrie, from four to six inches long, coloured, or pale-green, according to exposure, smooth. Divisions of the border linear-lance-clate equally disposed; margins waved a little, a recurved process at the spex of each. Filaments equally disposed, ascending, upper half coloured. Authors linear, incumbent. Germ b neath. Style as long as the stamina, declined. Stigma simple. Barry membranaceous, subglobose, containing in one cell, one or two rugose,

bull-like seeds and although the flowers are subsessile, the capsules are short-peduncied.

Note. I suspect that two or more, very distinct species have hitherto been included under one specific name; which I have now assigned to the above described, by far the smallest of the two, and no doubt Van Rheede's Belnta pota tail. The other, Rumphius's first species of Radix Toxicaria, which is the one he has figured, and now called by me Crimum Toxicarium, was, I believe, considered by König to be C. latifolium of Linn. and was formerly described and figured by me as such.

3. C. ensifolium, R.

Bulb ovate. Leaves sparse, straight, ensiform.

A native of Pegu from thence introduced by Dr. W. Carey into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta but has not yet blossomed there. In babit it most resembles Asiationa but differs from that species in the shape of the bulb. The leaves also differ, for here they are less channelled, taper more toward the apex which is much shorter; other differences will, no doubt, he found when the flowers appear.

4. C. brevifolium. R.

Bulb stemless. Leaves rigid, straight, lanceolate, broad, obtuse-pointed, waved, margins smooth. Umbels from ton to twelve flowered; flowers regular, short-pedicelled. Segments of the border equalling the trigonal tube.

This elegant, rather small, very well marked species, has been introduced from the Mauritius into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta where it blossoms during the hot and rainy

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Leaves six or eight from each bulb, sparse, straight, spreading a little, lanceolar, broad, obtuse, pointed, margins smooth, from twelve to eighteen inches long, and two and a half or three inches broad. Scapes from the axills of the old withered leaves, much compressed, about twelve inches high. Involuces two-leaved, from ten to twelve flowered. Flowers large, white and faintly fragrant, short-pedicelled. Tube slender, about three inches long, trigonal. Segments of the border six, linear, recurved, length of the tube. Filaments equal, and equally disposed, shorter than the segments of the border. Anthers linear, incumbent. Germ, style, and stigma as in the other species.

5. C. longifolium. R.

Bulb spherical, stemless. Leaves linear, long, drooping, channelled, margins slightly scabrous. Umbel from ten to twelve flowered; flowers subsessile.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal where it was found in single plants among grass, and on low inundated ground, by Dr. Carey, and by him introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it flowers and ripens its seed during the rainy season. It comes nearest C. asiaticum, but differs much in appearance, and in the size and shape of the bulb. This being a much better looking plant, the bulbous root has not the long spindle-shaped crown of that species, which penetrates deep into the mud on the borders of creeks, where

that plant is naturally found.

Root many strong, fleshy fibres, from the crown of a round, tunicated bulb, which penetrate deep into the soil. Leaves many, equally disposed in all sides, declinate, tapering regularly from the base to a fine point; general length from two to three feet, including their withered apices, concave, but no keel, margins cartilaginous, and hispid, striated, breadth about two inches at the base. Scapes axillary, length various; in low inundated places, sufficiently long to raise the flowers above the water; in the Botanic Garden, on dry ground, always much shorter than the leaves, variously bent, a little compressed, smooth. Umbel, with from eight to twelve sessile, large white, fragrant flowers, intermixed with filiform bractes. Spathe two-leaved. Calyx none. Corol and tabe subcylindric, inside rugose, about four inches long. Segments of the border linear-lanceolate, rather shorter than the tube. Filaments ascending, coloured, nearly as long as the segments of the corol. Anthers. incumbent, brown. Germ oblong, three-celled, each containing many (from eight to sixteen) ovula attached, or rather immersed in the margin of their vertically oblong parietal receptacles. Style as long as the stamina, above the tube coloured. Stigma small, three-lobed. Pericarpium (Berry) subrotund, from one to two inches in diameter according to the number of seeds, swelled out where the seeds are lodged, crumbling away, or otherwise decaying. Seeds from one to eight or ten, shape and size varying according to the number.

6. C. lorifolium. R.

Bulb evlindrically-ovate. Leaves very long, thong-shaped, margins scarcely scabrous.

Umbels with about twenty pedicelled regular flowers.

A native of Pegu, from thence introduced by the Rev. F. Carey, into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta where it flowers about the close of the rains. It has immensely long, weak, recumbent leaves, the breadth of which at the base, the broadest part, is rather under two inches, and the length five feet. The bulbs thrive well, and produce abundance of suckers, by which it is very readily multiplied.

7. C. Sumatranum. R.

Stemless. Leaves linear-lanceolate, straight, stiff, channelled, margins hispid. Umbel from ten to twenty-flowered, flowers subsessile, regular.

A native of the interior parts of Sumatra, from thence Dr. Charles Campbell sent the plants to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1801, where they thrive well, and blossom at

different periods of the year. Н.

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Root perennial, ovate, with many thick, fleshy, fibres, descending from its crown. Stem none, at least scarcely any thing that can be so called has yet appeared after ten years culture. Leaves radical, straight, rigid, linear-lanceolate, rather obtusely pointed, concave on the upper surface; smooth on both sides, with their margins whitish, callous and hispid, held between the light and the eye, beautifully striated with double lines, and tessellated with transverse green veins, from three to six feet long, and from three to six inches broad. Scapes axillary, solitary, much shorter than the leaves, smooth, a little compressed. Umbet from ten to twenty-flowered. Involucre two-leaved, with filamentaceous fibres mixed amongst the pedicells. Flowers large, white, pedicelled. Corol; tube cylindric, about four inches long, divisions of the border linear, as long as the tube, having their apices alternately hooked. Filaments ascending, coloured, shorter than the segments of the corol. Anthers linear, incumbent. Germ inferior, subsessile, scarcely thicker than the tube of the corol, three-celled, in the inner angle of each is a fleshy succulent receptacle in which one, two, or three seeds are found immersed. Style shorter than the stamina. Fruit the size of a man's fist; cells uncertain, the partitions being obliterated, but the whole contains one, two, or three large, bulbiform seeds, covered with a tender, somewhat fleshy envelope, which does not open in any regular form, but soon decays.

8. C. canaliculatum. R.

Stemless. Leaves linearly tapering, smooth-margined, twice the length of the inflorescence. Umbels, from thirty to fifty-flowered; flowers pedicelled, regular. Segments of the border linear, channelled, obtuse, longer than the tube. Leaves from eight to fourteen, sparse, linear, tapering near the apex channelled, margins quite smooth; from three to five feet long, and from three to four inches broad. Scapes from the exterior axills, solitary, about two feet long, surface smooth, inside flattened, about as thick as a man's thumb. Umbels composed of

about forty middling-sized, pure white, long-pedicelled, sweetly fragrant flowers. Tube of the Page corol sub-semicylindric, two and a half inches long; border of six linear channelled, obtuse, alternately uncinate, recurved segments, which are larger than the tube. Filuments scarcely more than half the length of the segments of the border of the corol, ascending towards the point, coloured. Anthers linear. Germ elevated on pretty long, thick pedicells, and as in the other species, only as parently three-celled, the receptacles being in fact parietal, and only meeting in the centre; orula several, in two vertical rows, attached to the double margin of the receptacle. Style above the mouth of the tube, three-cornered, and about as long as the filaments. Stigma of minute lobes. 9. C. superbum. R.

Caulescent. Leaves lanceolate, smooth, margined. Umbel of from twenty to thirty, pedi-

celled flowers; tube of the corol equalling the regular border.

A native of the interior forests of Sumatra from thence sent by Dr. Charles Campbell to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta where it thrives luxuriantly, and blossoms at various periods through the year. This is the largest and by far the most beautiful species of Crinum I have yet met with, and if the fragrance of its numerous large flowers is taken into the account, it

is probably the most desirable of all the liliaceous tribe.

Root of many fleshy, ramous fibres from the rounded base of the stem, for there is sarcely any appearance of a bulb. Stem short, in six or seven year-old plants from twelve to eighteen inches high, as thick as a man's leg, or more, invested with the withered sheathes of the leaves, from its base and lower part shoots spring, in such abundance as to render it readily multiplied. Leaves sparse, sheathing, lanceolate, straight and smooth, margins also smooth; points blunt, deeply concave on the upper surface; held between the eye and the light they are beautifully striated with numerous, simple, straight, longitudinal lines, and between these, tessellated with transverse, green veins; from three to six feet long, and from three to six inches broad about the middle, which is the broadest part. Scape from the stem immediately below the leaves about three or four feet long, much compressed, particularly on the inside, and about as thick as a man's thumb. Umbel from twenty to thirty-flowered. Incoluere of two large, long, cordate, reflexed, coloured exterior leaves; with numerous filaments mixed among the flowers. Flowers very large, pedicelled, rese-coloured, delightfully fragrant; tube obscurely three-sided, about five or six inches long, deeply coloured; segments of the border equally disposed, linear-lanceolate, revolute, as long as, or longer than the tube, deep rose colour on the outside, pale pink within, apices alternately uncinate. Germ inferior, oblong, three-celled, with a few orula in each, attached to a fleshy receptacle, which appear to originate in the centre, from the axis, but their real insertion is into the walls of the Germ. Style declinate, the length of the deeply coloured, equally incurved, slender filaments. Stigma small, perforated, and obscurely three-lobed.

The ripe seed vessel has not yet been found; they have continued abortive in Bengal.

9. C. toxivarium. It.

Caulescent. Leaves sparse, lanceolar. Flowers pedicelled, numerous, even as far as sixty in a hemispheric numbel. Capsules with one or more bulbiform seeds.

Crimum asiaticum. Bot. Mag. N. 1073, has the exact leaf of this species.

Radia vicaria. Rumph. Amb. 6. var. 1st. p. 155. t. 69.

Beng. Bura kanoor.

Cing. Tolabo.

I have only found it in gardens; where it is indigenous I cannot say, in Ceylon I believe. Flowering time the wet season, though more or less the whole year.

Stem short, but distinct, and stout. Leaves linear-lanceolar, very smooth; margins most entire; under side elegantly striated length-ways with deeper and lighter green; from three to four feet long, and from five to seven inches broad. Scapes axillary, shorter than the leaves, smooth, a little compressed, as thick as a man's thumb. Flowers numerous, often fifty, growing in a hemispherical umbel, white, almost inodorous. Spathe two-valved, with filliform bractes mixed among the flowers. Stigma small, entire, three-sided. Becries roundish, the size of a large pigeon's egg, smooth, crowned with the lower part of the remaining tube of the corol, seldom more than one-celled, without any natural opening, and containing one or more large, bulb-like, rugose, firm fleshy seeds; though in the germ there are the rudiments of three cells with many seeds in each.

Its immense large, beautiful, smooth, deep green leaves, make it conspicuous and desir-

able in the Flower Garden.

This plant has hitherto been blended with Crinum asiaticum, though no two species of Bliaceous plants, of the same genus, can be more strongly marked, not only by the size, shape of the leaves, and number, &c. of the flowers in the umbel, but still more strongly by Toxicaria, being caulescent; and the other most perfectly destitute of every appearance of a stem. It ought to be compared with Willdenow's Crimum bracteatum, 10. C. nercosum, Willd. 2, 47.

Leaves reniform-cordate, many-nerved. Spathes many flowered.

Cepa sylvestris. Rumph. Amb. 6, p. 160, t. 70, f. 1.

Paneratium amboisense, Willd. 2, 45.

Introduced from Amboyna into the Company's Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in May and June, but rarely ripens its seeds.

Koot bulbons, perennial. Leaves radical, petioled, reniform-cordate, many-nerved, entire, smooth on both sides; length and breadth nearly the same, and in healthy luxuriant plants about ten or twelve inches each way. Petioles smooth, deeply channelled. Scape erect.

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Spathes three, many (from thirty to fifty) flowered. Flowers pedicelled, large, pure white, and fragrant. Bracies chaffy, intermixed amongst the pedicells of the flowers. Corol infundibuliform. Tube slender, straight; divisions of the border shorter than the tube, alternately lanceolate and cuneiform. Filaments inserted by broad, lobate, sometimes united, fleshy bases, into the mouth of the tube of the corol, rather shorter than its divisions. Authors incumbent. Germ beneath, three-celled, with two seeds in each, attached to the inner angle of the cell. Style rather longer than the stamens. Stigma simple, seute. Berry as in the other species but smaller, and with rarely more than one bulbiform seed.

SECT. A. Flowers declinate.

11. C. augustum R.

Bulb columnar, mostly above ground. Leaves sparse, lanceolate, channelled, smoothmargined. Scapes lateral, the length of the leaves; umbels of from twenty to thirty, pedi-

celled, declinate flowers.

From the Mauritius this magnificent plant has been introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms at various times throughout the year, but with the II. greatest luxuriance during the rains; the scapes are as thick as a child's wrist, above three feet long, and of a dark, reddish purple colour, the umbels have then about thirty sweetly fragrant, rosy flowers, on pedicells from one to two inches long; and coloured like the scape; tube of the corol from four to five inches long, colour a lighter purple; seg-137 ments of the border lanceolar, six inches long; filaments and style purple, declimate, with the incumbent anthers yellow. This is the only species known to me with any thing like a stem, and declinate flowers, nor can I reconcile it with any one of the many species of Crinum or

Amaryllis hitherto described in any book that I have met with. C. latifolium, Sp. pl. 419.

Bulb spherical, stemless. Spathes many, from ten to twenty-flowered. Flowers sessile, declinate, with an obliquely campanulate border. Leaves lanceolate, margins scabrous.

Amaryllis latifolia, Willd, 2, 57.

Sjovanna-pola-tali, Rheed, Mal, 11, t, 39.

Amaryllis ornata, Bot, Mag, N, 923, agrees so well with this as to induce me to think they are the same, or only varieties of one species.

A native of Bengal where it begins to blossom with the first showers in April, and contimes to do so during the early part of the rainy season.

I long considered this most stately plant, a variety of C. Zeylanicum, but on taking up some of the bulbs of both sorts to send to England, I observed a greater difference in their appearance, than can be traced in the parts above ground, though even their disagreements are sufficiently conspicuous to justify the separation. The following description will be found more comparative than usual with me, on account of their resemblance and no doubt both belong to Crimum, at least to the same genus, with our East India Crima. I do not therefore think L. Heritier, and after him Willdenow, have rendered Botany any service by changing

the place of C. Zeylanicum and latifolium.

Root a spherical, tunicated bulb, often two feet in circumference and rather more flattened at the base, than on the opposite end. In C. Zeylanicum it is ovate, never so large and abounds more in cobweb-like fibres. Leares numerous, radical, disposed equally on all sides, lanceolate, waved, smooth, tapering slowly from within a few inches of the base to rather a broad and obtuse point; margins scabrous, with minute, cartilaginous denticuli, length from one to three feet, and from three to five inches broad; in Zeylanieum, they are much mirrower. the rib much more prominent, the length as much as three feet, the margins much more waved, and perfectly smooth; this mark alone is sufficient to distinguish the two plants. Scapes from the axills of the decayed leaves, somewhat compressed, as thick as a man's thumb and from twelve to twenty-four inches long; in Zeylanicum it is longer, and coloured. Umbels with from ten to twenty flowers; in Zeylanicum rerely so many; spathes (in both) two, of an ovate, conic form, with many soft filaments mixed amongst the flowers. Flowers sessile, large, tube green; border very pale rose, almost white, faintly fragrant, particularly when they first expand soon after sunset. In Zeylanicum they are scarcely so large, and the colours are much more bright, almost like Amaryllis vittata. Corol; tube declinate, cylindric, obscurely threesided, about four inches long. Border campanulate, horizontal; segments lanceolar, with rather soft, subulate points; length between three and four inches. Filaments six, shorter than the segments of the border of the corol, inserted on the month of the tube, declinate, with apices sharp, and always erect. Anthers falcate, incumbent and tremulous, pule vellowish grey. In Zeylanicum they are brown. Germ inferior, oblong, three-celled, with several ocula in each attached in two vertical rows, to the two lobes of the thick fleshy receptacles, which are substantially united to the wall of the germ, and only seemingly so to each other in the centre. C. Zeylanicum and our other Indian Crimons have exactly the same germ, and all produce large bulbous seeds. Style filiform, declinate, projecting beyond the stamina. Stiqua small, three-toothed. Pericarpium; berry, as in the plants quoted in the last paragraph, a soft somewhat fleshy perishable envelope which covers one, two, or three, rarely more large, fleshy, bulbiform seeds; no trace of either partitions or stutures to be found.

13. C. zeylanieum, sp. pl. 321. Syst, veg. Murr. 318, &c.

Bulbs ovate, stemless. Spathes many, from ten to twelve flowered. Flowers sessile, declinate with a long recurved tube, and oblique, campanulate border. Leaves linear-lanceolate, keeled, much waved, drooping; margins smooth.

Beng. Sookh durshun.

Tulipa Javanica. Rump. Amb. 5. t. 105.

Amaryllis lineata. Lumarek Encycl. 1, 123.

A. zeylanica, Willd. 2, 56. A. ornata, Bot, Mag 1171.

Grows wild on low, rich, uncultivated ground, and generally on the banks of rivers and water courses. Flowers first in May, and continues doing so during the rainy season.

Spather two-leaved with linear membranaceous bractes amongst the flowers. Corol:

tube very long, recurred. Berries and seeds exactly as in the other species.

Note. When the plant is suffered to remain some years in the same place, it multiplies so much, as to throw the bulbs nearly even with the surface of the earth, and then they appear to have stems, which are formed by the concentric sheathes of the leaves, as in the

more perfect caulescent species,

Crimum giganteum, Andrew's Bot. Rep. 169, has lately been introduced from the Mauritius, into the Botanie Garden at Calcutta, where it grows luxuriantly, and blossoms with the other species, in May, and during the rains. It has almost the exact flowers of my C. latifolium, with nearly the leaves of this species, only rather longer, and narrower. margins more waved as in Amargli's speciabilis, N. 390. of the same work, curled, and scabrous; in Zeglanicum they are smooth. 14. C. moluccanna. R.

Bulbs spherical; stemless. Spather from four to six-flowered; flowers sessile, declinate; tube recurved, equalling the lanceolar segments of the border. Leaves linear-lanceolate, waved, reclinate; margins scabrous.

This most elegant, rather small species, was introduced from Amboyna, into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1798, where it blossoms during the rainy season, generally in July

and August.

AMARYLLIS, Schreb, gen. n. 554

Corol hexapetala, irregular. Filaments from the month of the tube, declinate, unequal in proportion, or direction.

A. radiata, Willd. 2, 60.

Spathe two-parted, many-flowered. Flowers pedicelled; tube short; divisions of the border unilateral, linear, waved, revolute. Stamina and Style ascending, looger than the

A native of China, blossoming during the rainy season in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta.

2. A. aurea. Willd. 2. 57. Bot. Mag. 409.

Spathe from six to eight flowered; flowers short-pedicelled, declinate; segments of the border linear, revolute, and waved. Leaves linear.

A native of China; from thence introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms about the close of the rainy season.

ALLIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 557.

Spathe many-flowered. Umbels collected. Corol six-petalled, expanding. Capsules superior, three-celled.

1. tuberosam. R. Root tuberous. Scape naked, nearly round, having only a ridge on one side. Leaves linear, flat. Umbels fastigiate; capsule-bearing.

Beng. Bunga-gundeena.

This plant I find cultivated about Calcutta by the Hindoos, yet I cannot well reconcile it with any species hitherto described. It grows in large tuits, like A. schoenoprasum, or

Roof tuberous, perennial, with numerous long, white, fleshy fibres. Leaves radical, united for an inch or two, by means of their sheathes, into something like a short stem, above the sheathes they are linear, somewhat twisted, a little concave on the upper side, and convex underneath, smooth, about half the length of the scapes. Scapes naked, rising amongst the leaves, subsect, round, with a pretty sharp ridge on one side, tapering from the base. Umbel fastigiste, crowded. Spathe single, membranaceous, withering. Petals oblong, acute. Stamens equal, simple, shorter than the petals

The Hindoos use it as an article of diet as leeks are used in Europe, and other countries,

A. Porrum, Willd. 2, 64.

Stem flat-leaved. United hearing. Stamens three-pointed. Root coated.

Beng. Gundeena.

Pers. Gundana.

Arab. Koomass.

3. A. saticum. Willd. 2. 68.

Stem flat-leaved. Umbel bulbiferous. Bulb compound. Stamens three-pointed.

Sans. Lusoons, Mahoushudha, &c.

Reng. Lussoon, but generally pronounced Russoon. Pers. Seer.

4. A. cepa, Willd, 2 80.

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Scape naked, gibbous near the base, longer than the columnar leaves. Arab. Besel, or Bassul,

A. ascalonicum, Willd, 2, 75.

Biennial. Scape naked, round, a little swelled below, and longer than the sub-columnar leaves. Umbels round, many-flowered. Stamens alternately swelled at the base. Petals equal, expanding, shorter than the stamens.

Beng. Pecaj. Sans. Pulandoo.

This very useful onion, is much cultivated in India during the latter part of the rains, and the cool, dry months of October, November, December, January, and February, by planting the smaller bulbs, and offsets, or by the seed. The dry roots are universally sold in every market over India, and form a very considerable part of the diet of the natives. The general

price in Calcutta is about two shillings the hundred weight.

Root biennial, or more, consisting of a fascicle of several ovate oblong bulbs, generally (as found in the markets,) about as large as the first joint of the middle finger. Leaves somewhat bifarious, fistulous, more than semicylindrical, tapering, pointed, compressed toward the apex, smooth and shorter than the scapes. Scapes rising from the centre of the short stem formed by the united sheathes of the leaves, naked, round, smooth, slightly swelled towards the base and from thence tapering to the umbel, from one to two feet long. Sheathes shorter than the numbel, irregularly bursting into two or three subovate segments. Umbels globular, as much as two hundred-flowered. Flowers like those of the common onion, (Cepa.)

Petals equal, expanding, shorter than the stamens, white, with a green keel. Filaments erect, alternately dilated at the base. Anthers ovate, green.

GLORIOSA. Schreb. gen. n. 561.

Calyx none. Corol six-petalled reflex. Germ superior, three-celled. Cells many-seeded, attachment central. Style oblique. Capsule three-celled, three-valved. Seeds several. Embryo double, furnished with a perisperm.

1. G. superba. Willd. 2. 95.

Root bulbous, biennial. Stem herbaceous. Leaves lanceolate, ending in a tendril. Mendoni. Rheed. Mal. 7. t. 57.

Hind, Cariari.

Beng. Ulat-chandal. Eesha langula.

Native of forests of India; it appears during the rainy season in Bengal, and is one of the most ornamental plants any country can boast of; the root is said to be a violent poison.

CURCULIGO. Gort.

Calyx none. Corol superior, pedicelled or sessile; border six-parted. Germ three-celled. Cells many-seeded; attachment central. Capsule veined, one-three-celled. Seeds II. 144 Embryo eylindrical, radicle centripetal; perisperm ample.

1. C. orchioides, Gært. Sem. 1. 63. Willd. 2. 105. Corom. pl. 1. n. 13.

Polygamous. Leaves linear-lanceolar, plaited; apices viviparous. Corol long-pedicelled.

Nela pana kelangu. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 59, good. Orchis amboinica major. Rumph. Amb. 6. t. 54. f.

Teling. Nanla, Tadee.

A native of shady, uncultivated places about Samuleota, though by no means common;

in my garden it flowers all the year round.

Root perennial, tuberous, with many fleshy, vermicular, fibres spreading in all directions. Stem none. Leaves numerous, radical, petioled, narrow-lanceolar, nerved, slender, when young there are a very few soft white hairs on them; from six to eighteen inches long, and from balf an inch to an inch broad, their apices are viviparous, whenever they rest on the ground for any length of time. Petioles channelled, below sheathing, so as to embrace those within. Racemes solitary, axillary, two-ranked, with their apices just appearing above the earth. Peduncles compressed, clavate, about an inch long. Braces one-flowered, below remote, above nearer, spathiform pointed, decreasing in length towards the top, so that the apices of the whole are nearly horizontal, (corymbiform). Flowers pretty large, yellow, the one or two lowermost are HERMAPHRODITE, above, all are male.

HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx none. Corol one-petalled, the border elevated above the soil on a long, slender, villous imperforated pedicel; segments of the border six, lanceolate, spreading, hairy on the outside. Filaments six, very short, inserted on the base of the segments of the border of the corol. Anthers linear, erect. Germ inferior, sessile, lanceolate, three-celled, with several ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style very short. Stigma large, tapering, apex more or less three-cleft. Capsule, when a germ, it shows three-cells, with the rudiments of six or eight seeds in each, but when the seeds are ripe, the number is only from one to four in the whole, and they seem as if in a transparent, fleshy, one celled capsule, separated by a spongy substance. Seeds from one to four, shining black, beaked. Male peduncle, corol, and stamens as in the hermaphrodite; no germ, style, or stigma.

Note. It is a plant of no great beauty, nor are its flowers fragrant; variety alone must

recommend it to a place in the Flower Garden.

2. C. recurvata, R.

Leaves lanceolar, phited. Raceme globular, recurved. Corol sessile, rotate. Capsule Page bacciform, round, many-seeded.

It is a native of the eastern frontier of Bengal, from thence received into the Botanic

Garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms, and ripens its seed the whole year round.

Root perennial, consisting of many fleshy fibres proceeding from a tuberous, stoloniferous body. Stam none. Leaves radical, petioled, lanceolar, recurved, plaited, entire, smooth on both sides, from one to three feet long, and from two to six inches broad. Petioles deeply channelled, one-third, or one-fourth the length of the leaves. Scapes axillary, about as long as the petioles, compressed, villous, apex recurved. Racemes solitary, strobiliform drooping. Bractes spathiform, solitary, singly one-flowered, villous, tapering, about as long as the pedicells and flowers taken together. Flowers hermaphrodite, yellow, expanding three quarters of an inch. Calyx none. Corol superior, sessile, rotate, six-part d. Segments lancedate, spreading, villous on the outside, smooth and yellow, on the inner persistent. Flament short, inserted on the short tube of the corol. Authors linear, erect, adhering to each other as in the syngenesious tribe. Germ obovate, hairy, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style longer than the stamens. Stigma dilated, subtrilobate. Capsule berried, inferior, ovate, the size of a large pea, soft, and clothed with hairs, not opening, three-celled with several seeds in each, arranged in two or three vertical rows, and attached to the axis. Seeds round, the size of a small grain of black pepper, and like it black, and wrinkled. Integuments two; exterior hard, thick, red, and brittle; linner, a brown membranaceous crust. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous, pale blue. Embryo simple, cylindric, straight, penetrating from the umbilicus more than half through the perisperm, (centripetal.)

3. C. sumatrana. R.

Leaves broad-lanceolar, plaited. Spike half hid in the earth. Corol pedicelled. Stigma three-lobed.

Involucrum. Rumph, Amb. 6, 114, t. 53.

A native of the mountains of Sumatra, and from thence sent by Dr. Campbell to this

Garden in 1800, where it blossoms in March and April.

Root stoloniferous, perennial. Stem none. Leaves radical, few, petioled, lanceolar, recurved, plaited, above smooth, somewhat woody underneath, entire, about nine inches long, and about three broad. Petioles deeply channelled, from three to four inches long, smooth. Spikes strobiliform, mostly hid in the earth, the points of the bractes, and flowers only are visible. Bractes ovate-lanceolate, hairy, one-flowered, shorter than the pedicels of the corols. Flowers yellow, the lower hermaphrodite, while those that occupy the crown of the spike, and of course expand last, are generally male. Calyx none. Corol flat, elevated above the germ, on an erect, hairy columnar pedicel; segments six, lanceolate, united at the base, withering. Filaments six, short, inserted on the united segments of the corol. Anthers erect. Germ flask-shaped, villous, three-celled, with many ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style crooked, shorter than the petals. Stigma enlarged with three small lobes.

SCILLA. Schreb. gen. n. 567.

Calyx none. Corol six-petalled, spreading, deciduous. Filaments filiform.

1. S. indica, R.

Bulb tunicated. Leaves narrow and taper from the base. Racemes simple, longer than the leaves. Flowers remote, solitary, long-pedicelled, drooping.

A native of the sandy shores of various parts of India. Flowering time the month of

March and April.

Root a round, white, perennial, tunicated bulb, about the size of a large apple. Leaves numerous, radical, sub-bifarious, ensiform, nearly flat, smooth on both sides, from six to eighteen inches long. When in blossom the plant is perfectly destitute of leaves. Scape erect, round, smooth, naked; including the raceme from two to three feet long. Raceme very long, erect. Flowers remote, long-pedicelled, drooping.

The taste of the root is fully as nauseous, and bitter as that of Scilla maritima, and may

be possessed of the same qualities.

2. S. coromandeliana. R.

Leaves linear, rather acute, deeply channelled. Racemes erect, longer than the leaves, bearing from four to eight, remote, long-pedicelled, drooping flowers. Inner petals straight, and bearded at top.

A native of the sand hills of the Coast of Coromandel. In the Botanic Garden at Calcutta it blossoms in May, at which period the plant is perfectly destitute of leaves, nothing but the

straight very slender scape, and raceme is to be seen.

Root a round, tunicated, perennial, greenish-white bulb, of about an inch and a half in diameter. In taste it is exceedingly nauseous, and bitter, and is in India sometimes used as a substitute for the officinal squill. Scilla maritima. Leaves linear, rather acute, smooth, deeply channeled; generally six or eight inches long, and less than half an inch broad, even when spread flat. Scape straight, erect, naked, smooth, and slender; whole height, raceure included, from twelve to eighteen inches; and not thicker than a crow quill. Flowers from four to eight, remote, long-pedicelled, drooping, colour a mixture of dull green, and still duller white, with a slight purple tinge. Bractos small, calueous. Petal oblong, and near of the same size, the inner three with bearded spices. Filaments six, equal, inserted on the base of the petals, clavate. Germ ovate-oblong. Style a three-sided, inverted cone with a triangular opening at top, for the stigma,

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ASPHODELUS. Schreb. gen. n. 569.

Corol six-parted. Nectary six-valves covering the genitals. 1. A. clavatus. R.

Annual. Stem naked, ramous. Leaves erect, straight, cylindric, fistulous. Filaments clavate above their nectarial ciliate base.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, where it appears to blossom, and ripen its seed

during the cold season. H

It seems, from the descriptions and figures in my possession of A. fistulosus to be very nearly allied to it. In this the leaves are perfectly straight, and upright, tapering to a long fine point, and as completely fistulous as in the Onion. The filaments are nearly of equal 149 lengths, and as much contracted immediately above their expanded ciliate base, and swell much toward the apex. The petals are white, with a brown line along the centre-

ANTHERICUM. Schreb. gen. n. 570.

Calyx none. Corol beneath, six-petalled, expanding. Capsule ovate.

1. A. uniflorum. R.

Bulb ovate. Scape simple, straight, one-flowered. Leaves linear, channelled; staming smooth. Style scarcely any. Stigma three-cleft.

A native of Robilkhund, from thence introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta,

by Mr. A. Gott, where it blossoms during the cold season.

Bulb ovate, from its base spring many fleshy fibres, some of which support a pendulous oval tuber. Leaves two, from the crown of the bulb, and generally two, remote from each other, on the lower half of the scape; all are linear, channelled, equalling in height the scape itself. Scape erect, round, smooth, about a foot high, supporting on its apex one, large, pure white flower. Petals broad-lanceolate, spreading. Filaments short, broad, and smooth. Anthers linear, erect. Germ oblong, obtusely three-sided. Style scarcely any. Stigma three-cleft; lobes recurved.

2. A. tuberosum. R.

Root tuberous. Leaves radical, waved. Scape ending in an oblong paniele. All the stamens subulate.

Sans. Chitra, also Vrishna.

Teling. Kushellee.

A native of the moist vallies up amongst the Circar mountains. Flowering time the

rainy season.

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Root perennial, consisting of many, fleshy, round fibres ending in small, oblong tubers. Leaves radical, many, ensiform, margins waved, smooth, from one to two feet long; and from two to four inches broad. Scapes round, smooth, naked, from one to three feet long. Panicles oblong, erect. Flowers numerous, sub-erect, pure white, about the size and appearance of the snow-drop. Filaments equal, simple, short, ascending. Authors linear, erect. Style ascending, projecting rather beyond the authors. Stigma lobed. Capsule three-sided.

I have had many of the plants in my garden for several years; they are very beautiful

when in blossom, and have a long succession of flowers.

ASPARAGUS. Schreb. gen. n. 573.

Calyx none. Corol beneath, six-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells few-seeded; attachment interior. Berry three-celled, one or two-seeded. Embryo serpentine, transverse, on the exterior side of an ample perisperm, opposite to the umbilicus.

1. A. officinalis. Willd. 2. 150.

Stems herbaceous, columnar, erect. Leaves bristly. Stipules in pairs.

Pers. and Hind. Nak-doun.

Beng. Hilyoon.
Arab. Hulyoon.

Found as in Europe, in a cultivated state only.

2. A. acerosus. R.

Herbaceous, erect. Thorns solitary, recurved. Leaves three-fold, three-sided, acute, polished, permanent. Racemes lateral.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. Flowering time the close of the rains, and

the beginning of the cold season; seed ripe in December.

Root perennial, composed of many, fusiform, succulent tubers. Stems erect, flexuous, round. Branches numerous, alternate, expanding, when old round, while young angular. Bark smooth, and green on the young parts; on the old, a little ferruginous. Thorns solitary, under the branches; branchets and leaves, recurved, strong, and sharp. Leaves threefold, accrose, three-sided, polished, acute. Stipules solitary, between the three leaves, branch, or branchlet and thorn triangular, scariose, permanent. Racemes lateral, generally solitary, simple, and short. Flowers pure white, delightfully fragrant. Petals equal, at first expanding, afterwards recurvate. Filaments five, incurved, inserted on the petals considerably above their insertion, and shorter than them Germ three-lobed. Style short. Stigma three-cleft, with lobes recurved. Berry nearly round, about the size of a pea, rarely more than one of the lobes of the germ comes to maturity, and in that case it is enlarged a little on one side, with the two abortive lobes, smooth, when ripe red, one-celled. Seed single, spherical, attached to the axis, which is now on one side by the abortion of two of the lobes of the germ. Integu-

ment, a single lucid, somewhat dotted, black crust, adhering firmly to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, horny, greenish-white. Embryo slender, equally thick on every part, white, arched in a large semicircle round the circumference of the seed most remote from the umbilious.

A charming shrub, and easily distinguished by its accrose three-fold, three-sided, polished, acute, permanent leaves.

3. A. racemosus. Ed. sp. Willd. 2, 152.

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Shrubby, scandent. Thoras solitary, recurved. Leaves fascicled, incurved, channelled on the back. Racemes thorn-axillary over the ligneous branchlets.

Sans. Suta-moolee. Hind. Sada-bori. Beng. Sut-mooli.

A native of various parts of India. Flowering time the cold season, when it perfumes the sir to a considerable distance with the delightful fragrance of its flowers; seeds ripe in

Root consisting of many, fusiform, smooth, perennial tubers. Stems scandent, slender, woody smooth; young shoots striated. Thorns solitary, recurved, short, strong and sharp. Leaves fuscicled, filiform, incurved, three-sided. Racemes generally simple, often crowded together in the axills of the thorns, over the slender woody branchiets. Bractes cordate, and scariose, several about the base of the raceme, they are one-flowered. Pedicells diverging, jointed at the middle, one-flowered. Flowers very numerous, small, pure white. Petals oblong, reflexed. Filaments incurved, rather shorter than the petals. Anthers purple. Germ superior, three-lobed, three-celled, each containing about four ovula, attached to the axis. Style short. Stigma three-cleft. Berry three-lobed, two are generally small, and abortive; when ripe red, and covered with a small portion of pulp. Seeds solitary, black. Embryo transverse, and curved in a serpentine manner in the back of an ample, hard perisperm, nearly opposite to the umbilious.

4. A. curillus, Buch.

Herbaceous, leaning. Thoras solitary, recurved. Leaves tern, three-sided, acute, incurv-Racenes lateral, few-flowered. Flowers long-pedicelled. Petals cuneiform, expanding. A native of Nepal, from whence Dr. Buchanan sent seeds thereof to the Botanic Garden

at Calcutta, where it about two years, the plants blossomed in July for the first time, and

continue so to do, and to ripen their seeds in January.

Root perennial. Stoms weak, diffuse, leaning much, or scandent in a favorable soil and supported; flexuose, round and smooth, very ramous. Branches expanding, angular. Thoras solitary, recurved, acute, Leaves tern, three-sided, incurvate, acute, smooth, tapering toward both sides. Racemes lateral, and generally one on each side of a small branchlet, short, bearing a few, remote, long-pedicelled, small white flowers. Pedicels jointed, swelled, and bracted at the middle. Bractes tapering, membranaceous, two at the base of each pedicel, and one at or near the middle. Filaments inserted on the petals above the base, incurved. Germ turbinate. Style, short. Stigma of three, recurved lobes. Berry, size of a pea, three-lobed, when ripe red.

5. A. adscendens, R.

Herbaceous, erect. Thorns solitary, straight. Leaves fascicled, cylindric, straight. Ra-

cemes lateral, simple or compound. Berries pendulous.

This very elegant species, is a native of Robilkund; from thence Mr. A. Gott sent seeds to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1804, and in November 1807, the plants began to

Blossom, and ripened their seeds in February.

Roof perennial. Stems round, and slender, yet in general nearly straight and erect. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches round, diverging, with their extremities ascending. Thorns solitary, straight, slender, and acute. Leaves numerous, fascicled, cylindric, filiform, smooth, permanent. Racemer lateral, at the insertions of the branches and branchlets, so-litary, or one on each side, the former, often compound. Flowers small, pure white, supported on diverging, sleader, jointed pedicells. Petals six, distinct at the base, oblong, first expanding, afterwards reflexed. Germ turbinate, three-lobed, three-celled, with about six seeds in each, in two vertical rows. Style three-grooved. Stigma three-cleft. Berry pendulous, size of a pea, three-lobed; and as I have constantly remarked that two of the lobes are abortive, its shape is obliquely obovate, smooth, when ripe red, and succulent. Seed single, round, attached to the axis, which is now much to one side, by the abortion of two of the lobes of the germ. Integument single, lucid, black. Perisperm conform to the seed, pure white, cartilaginous. Embryo serpentine, lateral.

FLAGELLARIA. Schreb. gen. n. 614.

Calyx three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled. Cells oneseeded, attachment superior. Berry superior, one-seeded. Embryo in the base of the peri-

F. indica. Willd. 2, 263. Teling. Pointee-pootee. Reng. Bun-chunda. Hind. Harcharrul, Panambu-valli, Rheed, Mal. 7, t, 53, Sirioides. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 29. f. 1.

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A long, straggling, scandent, perennial plant; a native of forests. Flowers during the

beginning of the rains in June.

Calyx three-leaved; leaflets unequal, one or two being broader, and emarginate. Petals three, oblong, alternate with the leadlets of the calyx, and of nearly the same size. Anthers linear, cleft at each end. Germ superior, three-celled, one ovula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Styles three, shorter than the stamens. Stigma simple. Berry globular, size of a large pea, smooth, red, pulpy, generally one-seeded, though there is always the rudiments of three.

DRACÆNA. Schreb. gen. n. 574.

Calyx none. Corol six-parted, erect. Filaments somewhat thicker in the middle. Germ superior, three-celled, cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Berry three-lobed, with one seed in each (generally one or two of the lobes abortive.) Embryo near the base of the perisperm on the outside.

D. angustifolia, R.

Shrubby. Leaves stem-clasping, linear, acute, drooping, waved, smooth. Panicle terminal, flowers fascicled.

Terminalis angustifolia. Rumph. Amb. 4. t. 35.

A native of Amboyna, and from thence introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1798. Flowering time in Bengal, the hot season; seed ripe in September and October.

Root ramous. Stem erect, as thick as a stout walking cane; ramous, marked with the oblique cicatrices of the fallen leaves; whole height, when in blossom, eight or ten feet. Leaves crowded about the top of the plant, stem-clasping, linear, acute, drooping; margins waved, entire, smooth on both sides; from twelve to eighteen inches long, and under two in breadth. Panicles terminal, ovate, composed of many somewhat ascending, compound branches. Flowers numerous, fascicled, pedicelled, greenish white. Bractes small, from one to four-flowered. Calyx none. Corol one-petalled, permanent, subcylindric, half six-parted, divisions linear, on the day of expansion revolute. Filaments six, rather shorter than the corol, inserted on the middle of the base of its divisions. Anthers incumbent. Germ superior, three-sided. Style length of the corol. Stigma three-lobed. Berry from one to three-lobed, pulpy, deep orange colour, each lobe the size of a marrow-fat pea, containing one, large, round, horny seed.

D. ferrea, Willd. 2. p. 157.

Perennial, caulescent, erect. Leares petioled, lanceolate, cuspidate, ferruginous. Petioles stem-clasping, and channelled. Panicle terminal.
Terminalis rubra. Rumph. Amb. 4. p. 80. t. 34. f. 2.

A native of China. In Bengal it blossoms from December until March, but never produces seed.

Stem erect, often as thick as a man's wrist, with few, erect, perenuial, round branches marked with the cicatrices of the fallen leaves, height of the plants in Bengal, when eight or ten years old, from six to ten feet. Leaves sub-bifarious, petioled, lanceolate, cuspidate, entire, smooth on both sides; while young a lively pink, changing to a deep ferruginous colour, particularly on the upper surface; from one to two feet long. Petioles stem-classing, deeply channelled, from three to six inches long. Panicle terminal, composed of several, generally simple, diverging racemes. Bractes three-fold, triangular, acute. Flowers numerous, short-pedicelled, diverging, pale purple. Calyx none. Corol one-petalled. Tube short, and somewhat gibbous. Border of six, oblong, spreading segments; the exterior three deeper coloured. Filaments rather shorter than the segments of the corol, and inserted on their base, at the mouth of the tube. Germ three-celled, in each many orula in two vertical rows, attached to the axis. Style as long as the stamens. Stigma three-cleft.

Note. In Bengal this has not ripened its fruit.

3. D. terminalis. Willd. 2. 157.

Perennial, caulescent, crect. Leaves lanceolate. Terminalis alba. Rumph. Amb. 4. p. 80. t. 34. f. 1.

A native of the Moluccas. Flowers about the beginning of the hot season in the Botanic 157 Garden at Calcutta.

4. D. spicata. R.

Caulescent. Leaves lanceolate, drooping. Spikes terminal, bractes many-flowered. Corol cylindric, at last becoming twisted. Stigma three-lobed.

A native of Chittagong, and from thence introduced into this Garden by Dr. Buchanan,

where it blossoms in April.

Root fibrous. Stem erect, toward the top succulent, perennial, marked with the cicatrices of the fallen leaves, as in the other Dracana. Leaves crowded about the extremity of the plant, sheathing, lanceolate, drooping, entire, pointed; smooth on both sides; from six to twelve inches long, and two or three broad. Spikes terminal, bent a little to one side; numerous pointed, recurved bractes surround the base, and a few shorter, appressed ones from thence to the flower-bearing position. Flowers numerous, sessile, collected in small fascicles, each fascicle having a small, cordate, pointed bracte immediately under it. Calgar none. Corol one-petalled, cylindric, divided half way down into three exterior, and three interior slender, linear, equal, straight segments; colour pale greenish yellow, as they advance in age the tube becomes twisted. Filaments inserted on the base of the segments of the corol, and of their length. Stigma three-lobed. Berry with from one to three, distinct, round,

and smooth lobes; while immature, a deep clive green, when ripe, deep reddish orange; each Carey lobe containing a single, large, round, smooth, white, horny seed. lobe containing a single, large, round, smooth, white, horny seed.

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5. D. maculata. R.

Caulescent, shrubby, weak. Leaves oblong, broad-lanceolar, spotted. Panicles, terminal,

lax; flowers solitary.

A slender, leaving, shrubby species, from three to four feet in height, a native of Sumatra, from thence introduced, by the late Dr. C. Campbell into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it flowers during the hot months of March and April. The variegation of the colour of the leaves makes it interesting and ornamental.

Stems tending to be erect, but from their weak texture, leaning much to one side. Branches few, and like the stems; general height of five year old plants, from three to four feet. Leaves alternate, approximate, sheathing, from lanceolar to oblong, entire, smooth, strongly marked with circular spots of a deeper, or lighter yellow; from four to eight inches long, and from one to three broad. Panicles (in stunted plants racemes) terminal; thin, smooth, variously bent. Flowers scattered, pedicelled, pretty large, pale greenish yellow. Bractes solitary, ensiform, one, rarely two-flowered. Corol; tube gibbous; border six-parted; segments linear, length of the tube. Filaments six, inserted on the base of the segments of the border of the corol and of their length. Anthers incumbent. Germ superior, obovate, three-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the axis below its middle. Style length of the corol. Stigma composed of three, roundish, beautiful granulated lobes.

6. D. cernua. Willd. 2. 157.

Subarboreous. Leaves crowded, sessile, narrow-lanceolar, fine-pointed. Panicles terminal, drooping, branches few, divaricate. Flowers solitary.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke on the Island of Mauritius, in flower in August and September

7. D. umbraculifera. Willd. 2. 156.

Subarboreous. Leaves cuneiform-lanceolar (that is, taper most toward the base,) acute. Panicles terminal, sessile, short, with the ramifications and flowers diverging.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke at the Mauritius; in flower in July and August.

8. D. terniflora. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaces lanceolar, petioled. Racems terminal, often panieled; flowers tern, pedicelled.

Bunamtol, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous amongst the hills which bound that province to the north; there it grows to the height of about eight feet, flowering in February. The seeds take nearly one year to ripen.

Stems slender, nearly erect. Branches few and weak. Leaves about the extremities of the branches, alternate, approximate, petioled, lanceolar, acuminate, perfectly smooth on both sides, and of a fine texture, slightly marked with many, very fine, scarcely conspicuous, parallel veins, from six to twelve inches long, and, the petiole included, two or three broad. Petioles from one to three inches long, stem-clasping, &c. as in the genus. Racemes terminal, solitary, rising, curved, often more or less compound, sometimes panicled, nearly as long as the leaves, every-part smooth. Flowers always in threes, pedicelled, delicately slender, colour pale greenish-white. Pedicels slender, jointed near the middle, the part below the joint more permanent, and longer than the bractes. Bractes an exterior, three-flowered, ovate one, and a smaller within it, to each pedicel; all delicately thin, membranaceous and white. Calyx none. Corol funnel-shaped; segments of the border six, linear, longer than the tube, withering, and becoming spiral. Filaments six, from the mouth of the tube, length of the segments. Anthers incumbent. Germ superior, oval, three-lobed, three-celled, with one ovala in each, attached to the lower end of the axis. Style longer than the corol. Stigma three-lobed. Berries rarely more than one of the three lobes of the germ comes to maturity when it is about the size, and appearance of a fine red cherry. Seed solitary, conform to the berry, perisperm conform to the seed, horny, as in the palms. Embryo simple, lodged in the base of the perisperm on the outside.

9. D. atropurpurea. R.

Shrnbby, erect. Leaves lanceolar, neuminate, (highly coloured.) Panicles terminal;

branches few, long, simple, and diverging; flowers solitary.

Lail Bun-amtol, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is found wild in the forests, growing to be a tall, scantily branched, caulescent species, with dark purple leaves and inflorescence of from six to eight feet in height; flowering in March and April, and the berries

ripening the January following.

Leaves about the ends of the branchlets, short-petioled, lanceolar, acuminate, polished, striated lengthways with innumerable, fine, parallel veins, colour an enchanting, rather dark ferruginous purple; from six to eight inches long, by one to two broad. Panicles terminal, solitary, composed of a few, long, diverging branches toward the base, length of the leaves, colour purple, and particularly dark when young. Flowers solitary, on jointed pedicels; the part below the joint permanent, and shorter than the bractes. Bractes two to each pedicel; one exterior and larger than the other, inserted on the base of the pedicel laterally, and smaller. Corol, stamina, pistillum, and berries, as in the genus.

SANSEVIERA, Thunb. prod.

Calyx none. Corol six-parted, with the stamina inserted on their base. Germ superior, three-celled. Cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Berries from one to three, united, oneseeded.

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S. zeylanica. Willd. 2, 159. Corom. pl. 2, N. 184.

Stemless. Leaves linear, fleshy, concave, cuspidate. Racemes as long as the leaves; flowers fascicled. Berries drooping, their lobes globular, and slightly united.

Suny. Moorva. See Asiatick Researches, 4, 271.

Beng. Moorba, Murahara, Murgalie. Aletris hyacinthoides zeylanica. Linn.

We may call it in English Bow-string Hemp.

Teling. Ishama-coda nar.

Aloe zeylanica pumila, of Plukenet. t. 256. Fig. 5. is no doubt this plant as is also Katukapel of Rheed Malabaricus, vol. 11. page 83. table 42, so that I conclude the plant in the King's garden at Kew " Aletris acaulis foliis lanceolatis carnosis, floribus geminatis" to be the Guineensis, the fruit of which has lately been so well described, and figured by Gærtner, as to enable me with the more certainty to say that our Indian plant is perfectly distinct. It grows very commonly under bushes, in thin jungle (forests,) in almost every soil. Flowering time the cold and the beginning of the hot season, that is, from the beginning of January

till May.

Root perennial, stoloniferous. Stolones as thick as the little finger, running under the ground, inserted in sheathing scales. Stem none. Leaves radical, from four to eight, the exterior ones shortest, spreading most, and considerably broader, the interior ones nearly erect, from one to four feet long, semi-cylindric, grooved on the upper side, each ending in a round, tapering, sharp point, they are all coloured with deeper and lighter green, and somewhat striated, but otherwise are smooth. Scapes issuing from the centre of the leaves, from one to two feet long, including the raceme, or flower bearing part, erect, round, smooth, about as thick as a small ratau, between the raceme and the base there are at regular distances, four or five pointed, alternate sheaths. Racemes erect, about as long as, or longer than, the scape below the flowers, striated, smooth. Flowers middle-sized, greenish white, erect, collected in fascicles of from four to six, on little, regularly distant, tuberosities of the rachis. Bracles small, membranaceous. Pedicels clubbed, short, ascending, one-flowered. Calyx none. Corol one-petalled, not in the least wrinkled, funnel-shaped, half six-cleft; divisions nearly linear. Filaments length of the divisions of the corol, and inserted into the base. Anthers linear-oblong incumbent, half two cleft. Germ three-lobed, three-celled, each containing a single ocula, attached to the axis. Style length of the stamens. Stigma three-sided, clubbed, entire. Berries one, two or three, slightly united; when single, globular, fleshy, orange-coloured, smooth, the size of a pea, one-seeded. Seed globular. Embryo simple, lodged near the base of the perisperm on the outside.

OBSERVATIONS.

In a good soil, when the plants are regularly and moderately watered, the leaves grow to be from three to four feet long, and contain a number of fine, remarkably strong, white fibres, which run their whole length. The natives make their best bow strings of these fibres. separate them from the pulpy parts, they lay a single fleshy leaf, on a smooth bit of board, on one end of which (leaf,) they place one of their great toes, and with a thin bit of hard stick held between the two hands, they scrape the leaf from them, and very quickly remove every part of the pulp. It can also be removed by steeping the leaves in water, till the pulpy parts rot, &c. as is practised with flax, and hemp in Europe, but with me this discoloured the fibres

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About eighty pounds of the fresh leaves, yielded one pound of the clean dry fibres. These were gathered at once from a small bed of the plants which I planted about twelve months before in my own garden. The bed was scarcely three yards square, and the leaves upon an average less than two feet long, owing to my having gathered them before they were at their full size. Full grown leaves of three or three and a half feet long yielded in the proportion of one pound of the clean fibres (flax,) for every forty pounds of fresh leaves, for eight pounds of such leaves, yielded me three ounces of clean fibre; hence I conclude that this plant might be cultivated to advantage. For even according to the first mentioned rate, of one pound of the fibres, from a bed of three square yards of the plants, one acre would yield one thousand six hundred and thirteen pounds of the clean flax at a gathering, two of which may be reckoned on yearly, in a good soil, and a favourable season after the plants are of a proper age, mine being only as yet about twelve months old, which I imagine is too short a time for them to have acquired sufficient size, and strength, to yield the best and largest proportion of fibre.

There are certainly a great variety of uses to which these fibres may be applied better

than any other substance yet known. I am inclined to think that the fine line, called China grass, which is employed for fishing lines, fiddle strings, &c. is made of these fibres.

It grows readily from the slips, which issue in great abundance from the roots, requires little or no care, and as they are perennial, would not require renewing often, if at all; indeed

the bed in my garden requires thinning. Some years ago, I remember to have seen a bed or two of these plants in Dr. Russell's garden at Vizagapatam, which grew most luxuriantly, more so than mine has done; which gives reason to think that a rich sandy soil may suit this plant better than our stiffer soil about Samulcota. Should it ever become an object of culture, a less expensive and more expeditious method of clearing the fibres from the pulpy parts of the leaves, than that of the natives above-mentioned, must be contrived; for as they now do it, that alone would involve a greater expence than every other charge.

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Corol six-petalled, the three inner refracted. Filaments with glandular Calyx none. apices. Anthers perforated at top. Germ superior, three-celled; cells few-seeded; attachment subsuperior. Berry three-celled. Seeds few (from one to two, in each cell.) Embryo in the apex of an ample perisperm.

D. nemorosa, Lamarck, Encyclop. 2, 273. Perennial. Leaves cauline, bifarious, ensiform.

Dracwna ensifolia. Willd. 2. 158.

Gladiolus odoratus Indicus. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 37.

In 1800 the roots were sent from Sumatra, where I am told it is indigenous, to the Botanic Gaeden at Calcutta, by Dr. Campbell, where the plants thrive well, and continue in blos-

som and seed most part of the year.

Root fibrons. Stems perennial, several from the same root, erect, or nearly so, smooth, jointed at the insertion of the leaves, somewhat compressed. In our plants the naked part of the largest is only as thick as a ratan, and two or three inches high, and the height of the whole, about three feet. Leaves cauline, bifarious, alternate, sheathing, spreading, or a little recurved, sword-shaped, keeled on the back, smooth on both sides; edges most minutely serrulate. Sheather compressed, embracing the stem edge-ways, as in the Iridea. Scapes from the centre of the leaves, round, smooth, with two or three very short leaves at nearly equal distances. Pasicles terminal, with ramifications ending in small unabeliets of pedicelled, pale, whitish green, small, inodorous, naked flowers. Involucees cordate, spathiform. Calux none. Petals six, ovate-oblong, exterior three broader, expanding; inner three refracted, or rigidly bent back. Filomeuts six, inserted between the petals and germ, broad, and rather short, with their apices incurved, each augmented at the apex with a large yellow gland. Authors issuing from the forementioned glands, erect, tapering, with two small round perforations on the top, for the pollen to escape. Germ superior, nearly round. Style straight, about as long as the stamens. Stigma small, somewhat three-dentate. Berry three-celled, succulent, size of a large marrow fat pea, smooth, and when ripe, very dark purple. Seeds from one to three in each cell, smooth, black, ovate pointed.

I was long inclined to think this a species of Dracana, but the corol, and stamens differ so widely from any other Indian species of that genus I have yet met with, that I thought it

would be better to adopt Lamarck's name.

TETA. (R.)

Calyx none. Corol six-petalled, spreading. Nectary turbinate; petal-bearing. Anthers sessile, in the mouth of the nectary. Berries from one to three, one-seeded.

T. viridiflora, R. (*.)

Found by Dr. Buchanan at Chittagong, and on the eastern border of the Delta of the Ganges, and introduced by that gentleman into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it

blossoms in the months of March and April; the seeds ripen in July and August.

Root perennial; from the crown or united bases of the leaves issue many, long fleshy bi-bres. Siem none. Leaves radical, petioled, erect, lanceolate, plaited, entire, smooth on both sides, about one foot long. Scapes solitary, rising from the centre of the leaves, and about the same length; lower half destitute of flowers and with here and there a long, curved, pointed scale. Flowers numerous, collected in fascicles over the upper half of the raceme, short-pedicelled, small, deep green, inodorous. Bractes one, two, or three, to each fasciele of flowers; ovate, pointed, concave. Petals six, nearly equal, cordate, expanding in a double series, inserted on the outside of the nectary. Nectary one-petalled, turbinate, quickly contracting into a small, hexaugonal mouth through which the stigma, and part of the anthers are seen. Filaments searcely any. Anthers six, sessile, distinctly two-lobed, inserted round the inside of the mouth of the nectary. Germ superior, ovate, somewhat three-lobed, three celled, with two ocula in each, attached to the lower part of the axis. Style short. Stigma large, three-sided, rather within the mouth of the nectary. Recries from one to three come to maturity, obovate, smooth, succulent, dark-bluish-olive colour, the size of a per. Seeds solitary.

The plant is elegant in its foliage, even when destitute of flowers, but much more so when in blossom. The very uncommon deep green colour of the flowers, makes it particularly interesting.

POLYANTHES. Schreb. gen. n. 576.

Calyx none. Corol funnel-shaped, recurved, equal. Filaments inserted into the mouth of the tube. Germ in the bottom of the corol.

P. tuberosa, Willd, 2, 164.

Leaves linear, shorter than the scape.

Amica nocturna. Rumph. Amb. 5, p. 285, t. 98.

Hind, Gool shubbo.

Beng. Rujunce-gundha.

In Gardens only, where both the single and double varieties blossom all the year, but chiefly during the rains.

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Probably it may belong to Jussien's natural order Asparagi,

ALOE, Schreb. gen. n. 581.

Calyx none. Corol erect, with the mouth expanded; bottom nectar-bearing. Filaments inserted on the receptacle.

A. perfoliata. Willd. 2. 185.

Leaves ensiform, dentate, erect. Flowers racemed, reflected, cylindric.

Kadenaku, vel catevala. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 3.

Taruni. Asiatick Researches. 4, 272.

Sans. Ghrita-koomaree.

Beng. Ghrita-koomaree.

Hind, Gheekoomar. The gum Elwa.

It is common in gardens throughout India.

AGAVE. Schreb. gen. n. 582.

Calyx none. Corol erect, superior. Filaments longer than the corol, erect.

A. Cantula. R.

Stemless. Leaves spino-dentate. Scape ramous. Tube of the corol contracted at the middle. Stamina much longer than the corol. Style about the same length.

Aloe Americana. Humph. Amb. 5. t. 91.

Sans. Kantula, which induces me to think it indigenous. Bilatee-ananas, (i. e. Europe Pine apple) is the Hindoo name, which seems to imply that this plant is not a native of India. Be that as it may, it is now common every where. In Bengal the plants blossom in May and June, when from ten to fifteen years old, and are then from twenty to thirty feet high.

HEMEROCALLIS. Schreb. gen. n. 58.

Calyx none. Corol campanulate; tube cylindric. Stamina declinate.

 H. fulva. Willd. 2. 197.

Leaves bifarious, linear, acute, keeled, smooth. Scape twice the length of the leaves,

Stamina ascending, the length of the revolute divisions of the corol.

It is only, as far as I know, found in our gardens; it may not therefore be a native of India, though known to the native gardeners by the Hindoo name Gool nurgus (Narcissus). It was introduced by Dr. W. Carey into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta from Dinagpoor, where if not indigenous, it may have been carried thither from China, its native country through Bootan.

2. H. cordata. Thunb.

Leaves round-ovate-cordate, many-nerved, acuminate; petioles deeply channelled, with

winged margins.

From China this elegant plant has been introduced by Mr. W. Kerr, into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it thrives luxuriantly, and blossoms during the latter part of the rains. The leaves are about eight inches long by six broad; the petioles rather longer than the leaves. The racemes about two feet high, bearing about twenty, alternate, large, six inches long, pure white, fragrant flowers, which expand about sun set, and droop in the morning.

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ACORUS. Schreb. gen. n. 586.

Spadix cylindric, covered with florets. Corol six-petalled, naked. Style none. Capsule three-celled.

A. calamus. Willd. 2, 199.

The point of the scape very long and leafy.

Vaembu, Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 48.

Sans. Vucha.

Beng. Buch, or shwet-buch. Gora-buch.

Sweet flag, or Calamus aromaticus. Mat. Med.

It is common in gardens throughout India.

TACCA. Schreb. gen. n. 588.

Calyx six-parted, staminiferous. Corol none. Stamina vaulted. Germ inferior, one-celled; ovula numerous, attached to three equidistant parietal receptacles. Berry one-celled. Seeds many. Embryo subcentrifugal; and furnished with a perisperm.

1. T. aspera. R.

Leaves oblong, entire; petioles and scapes scabrous.

Found by Mr. J. R. indigenous in the vallies amongst the hill behind Chittagong; from thence it was introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta where it blossoms during the

hot and rainy season, and the seeds ripen three or four months after.

Root an oblong, curved tuber, of a middling size, with wiry fibres from its sides; inward colour pale yellow; perennial. Stem none, or very trifling. Leaves radical, petioled recurvate, oblong, entire, acuminate, smooth, strongly marked with parallel veins, and somewhat bullate; from eight to sixteen inches long, and from four to eight broad. Petioles shorter than the leaves, sheathing at the base, and above that having a groove down the inside, the whole considerably rough, with small visible sharp points. Scapes axillary, solitary, about as long as the

petioles, and rough like them, cylindric, direction from erect to diverging, and often variously hent. Involuces four-leaved, besides many filiform filaments, which are mixed amongst the pedicels. Exterior two leaves of the involucre stem-clasping, reflexed, broad ovate-lanceolate, finely acuminate, many-nerved, two or three inches long, and one and a half broad. The interior pair much longer, broad-petioled, ascending in the form of a vault over the flowers, oval-ventricose, many-nerved, smooth and coloured; length, petioles included, about five inches, and three broad. Flowers from four to eight, long-pedicelled, large, at first nearly erect, but on the second day of expansion drooping, colour, a mixture of greenish purple and yellow; about the same number of very long, filiform, smooth pendulous bodies are found interspersed among the pedicels. Calyx superior, one-leaved; base bowl-shaped; border consisting of six large coloured segments; exterior three, rather narrow, more pointed, and less deeply coloured; inner three, oblong, obtuse, or emarginate, soon after expansion becoming completely reflex. Corol no other than the segments of the border of the culyx, which very much resembles one. Filaments (petals of Forster) six, inserted about the middle of the tube of the calyx, resembling little conic vaults. Anthers on the inside of the exterior scall of the vaults. Germ inferior, clavate, six-ribbed, one-celled, containing numerous ovala, attached to three bifid, parictal receptacles. Style short. Stigma three-lobed; tobes large, coloured, emarginate on the exterior edge. Berry oblong, fleshy, an inch and a half long, and one broad, six sharp-ribbed, crowned with three semilunar marks, the remains of part of the calyx, one-celled. Seeds numerous, attached to three divided parietal receptueles, reniform, ribbed. Integument single, tough, dark brown.

2. T. lavis. R.

Leaves oblong, entire ; petioles and scapes smooth.

Moti munda, the vernscular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and from whence it was introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during the hot, and

Root a subcylindric, perennial tuberous body furnishing numerous dark brown fibres, which penetrate the soil in every direction. Stem none. Leaves radical, petioled, oblong, acuminate, entire, smooth on both sides; general length about twelve inches, and the breadth five or six. Petioles about as long as the leaves, base sheathing, above the sheathing part cylindric, and slightly grooved on the juside, every part perfectly smooth. Scapes axillary, solitary, shorter than the petioles, round, smooth, of a dark green purple colour; direction more or less recurved. Involucre four-leaved; leaflets equal, and equally disposed crosswise in opposite pairs, sessile, ovate, finely acuminate, smooth, many nerved, about two inches long, and one broad. Flowers from six to twelve in the umbel, intermixed with many long, filiform filaments, pretty long pedicelled, large, of a dark greenish grey violet colour. Calyx one-leaved; tube or base bowl-shaped, and permanent; border six-parted; three exterior segments rather longer, narrower, and more pointed than the inner three, which are broader, all decidnous. Filaments six, inserted into the tube of the calyx near its base, vaulted, with the linear, two-lobed Authors attached to the inner side of the vault. Germ inferior, clavate, turbinate, three-sided, six-keeled, one-celled, and containing numerons ocuta, attached to three bind parietal receptacles. Style short. Stigma of three rather recurved double lobes, alternate with the stamina.

T. pinnatifida, Willd. 2. 200. Forst. gen. N. 35. Leaves pinnatifid. Involuces many-leaved.

Tacca littorea. Rumph. Amb. rol. 5. f. 114, table 112 of the same, though quoted for a variety of this by Forster, is an Aram figured and described by me under the name A. campannlatum.

Lekin of the inhabitants of the town of Malacca.

Tacca pinnatifolia, Gart, sem. 1, p. 43, t. 14, f. 2.

A native of the Molnecas, and Malay countries, and from the latter introduced by Dr. Harris, of Madras into the Company's Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1800, where it blossoms in June and July. Seeds ripen in October.

Roof tuberous, perennial, often as large as a child's head, round, and pretty smooth; with but few slender fibres from its surface, intensely bitter when raw, but yielding a great quantity of beautifully white starch, of which the best flour for confectionary, puddings, &c. is made. Leaves radical, petioled, three-parted; divisions bi-tri-partite and ultimately pinnatifid, with waved margins, smooth on both sides, length and breadth almost equal, and often two or three feet each way. Petioles columnar, slightly grooved, from one to three feet long. Scopes radical, round, tapering, smooth, maked, nearly twice the length of the petioles, slightly grooved, and striped with darker and paler green. Umbel simple, composed of from ten to forty long-pedicelled, drooping, greenish flowers, intermixed with about as many long, slender, amouth, simple, drooping filaments or bractes. Involucre from six to twelve leaved; leaflets lauceolate, recurvate, beautifully marked with pale purple veins. Calyx superior, one-leaved, globose, fleshy, permanent, six-parted; segments obtuse, incurved, alternately broader, green, with the margins somewhat purple. Corol none, as I consider what Forster so calls to be the stamina. Filaments six, short, with broad, coloured margins, inserted on the segments of the calyx; apiecs white, vaulted inwards over the stigma. Anthers linear, two-lobed, attached to the middle of the vault, with their apices outwards. Germ beneath, turbinate, six-sided, crowned with three large, hairy, convex, purple glands, one-celled. Seeds many, attached to three equidistant, parietal receptacles. Style short, rising from the centre of the three purple glands, and evidently composed of three united into one. Stigma broad, peltate, composed of three, two-lobed divisions. ' Pericarp; berry nearly round, size of a pigeon's egg, crowned with the

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Page withered calyx, and marked with six, protuberant, equidistant, vertical ribs, smooth, when ripe yellow, one-celled. Receptacles as in the germ. Seeds numerous, attached to the three parietal receptacles, as in the germ, oval, or ovate, longitudinally furrowed, light brown, each enveloped in a small portion of colourless, succulent pulp, which may be termed a complete aril. Integuments two, exterior spongy; interior a thin, reticulate, white membrane. Perisperm conform to the seed, rather succulent while fresh. Embryo minute, and lodged in the end of the perisperm next to the (umbilicus,) subcentrifugal.

CANARINA. Schreb. gen. n. 603.

Corol companulate. Stigmas six. Capsule inferior, six-celled, many-Calyx six-leaved. seeded.

C. moluccana. R.

Erect, smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate oblong, serrate, smooth. Flowers terminal, and axillary. Calyx subpinnatifid.

A native of the Moluccas. The specimens seen are herbaceous. The number six prevails throughout the flowers.

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CORYPHA. Schreb. gen. n. 1694.

Spathes many. Spadix (terminal) supra-decompound. Perianth three-toothed. Corol three-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attackment inferior. from one to three, conjoined, globose, one-seeded. Embryo in, or near the apex of the perisperm. Gærtner says he found it in the base of the perisperm in umbraculifera.

1. C. Talliera, R.

Leares subrotund, palmate-pinnatifid, plaited; segments forty pair, margins of the channel of the petioles armed. Inflorescence pyramidal, the length of the trunk of the tree.

Sans. Tali. Beng. Tara, Tallier. Tareet.

This elegant, stately Palm, is a native of Bengal, though scarce in the vicinity of Calcutta. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season. The seeds ripen about nine, or ten months afterwards.

bunk perfectly straight, about thirty feet high, and as near as the eye can judge equally thick throughout, of a dark brown colour, and somewhat rough with the marks left by the impression of the fallen leaves. Leaves palmate-pinnatifid, plaited, subrotund. Leaflets or divisions of the frond united rather more than half way, numerous, generally about eighty, or forty pairs, linear-lanceolate, pointed until broken by the wind, or otherwise, polished on both sides, with a strong somewhat four-sided rib running their whole length; generally about six feet long, greatest breadth about four inches. The thread which forms part of the Linnaan specific character of corypha umbraculifera, is sometimes present, sometimes wanting, at best such perishable marks deserve no notice. Petioles from five to ten feet long, remarkably strong, upper side deeply channelled, the sharp margins armed with numerous, short, strong, darkcoloured polished, compressed spines. Spathes just as numerous as the primary and secondary ramifications in the spadix, all smooth, and obtuse. Spadix supra-decompound, issuing in the month of February from the apex of the tree, and centre of the leaves, forming an immense, diffuse, ovate panicle, of about twenty or more feet in height, so that the height of the whole tree, from the ground to the top of the spadix is now about fifty feet. Primary branches alternate, round, spreading nearly horizontal, with their apices ascending. Secondary ramifications alternate, bifarious, compressed, drooping, recurved, soon dividing into numerous, variously curved, smaller, subcylindric, branchlets, covered with innumerable, small white, odorous, subsessile flowers. Calyx; perianth inferior, minute, obscurely three toothed. Petals three, oblong, concave, fleshy, smooth, expanding, many times larger than the perianth. No nectary. Filaments six, nearly of the length of the petals, at the base broad, and in some measure united. Anthers ovate. Germ above, three-lobed, three-celled with the embryo of a distinct seed in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style shorter than the stamina. Stigma simple. Berries from one to three conjoined, though one is the most common, and then the rudiments of the other two are present, they are singly quite round, about the size of a crab-apple, when ripe, wrinkled, and of a dark olive, or greenish yellow colour. The pulp is but in small proportion, and yellow when the fruit is ripe. Seed solitary, round, attached to the base of the berry, of a white colour, and horny substance, with a small vacuum in the centre. Embryo lodged in the apex, which circumstance alone, is sufficient to distinguish it from Gartner's Crypha umbraculifera.

The leaves of this tree are employed by the natives, to write on with their pointed steel bodkins, and also to tie the rafters of their houses, for they are said to be strong and durable. I do not find that the wood is applied to any useful purpose.

2. C. elata. R.

Leaves lunate-cordate, palmate-pinnatifid, plaited; segments from forty to fifty pair; stipes armed. Inflorescence globular, one-fourth the length of the trunk of the tree.

Beng. Bujoor, or Bujur-batool.

This stately palm is a native of Bengal, where it flowers in March and April; the seeds

require about twelve months to ripen.

Trunk straight, but often varying in thickness. I have two trees, which were pretty well ascertained to be about thirty years old when in flower; one was seventy feet to the base of the inflorescence, the other about sixty; circumference near the root eight feet, and about the

middle of the trees five and a half or six; their whole length strongly marked with rough, Page dark coloured, spiral ridges, and furrows, which plainly point out the spiral arrangement of the leaves. The ligneous fibres, as in the order, are on the outside, forming a tube for the soft spongy substance within, of a dark chocolate colour, tough and hard, but by no ameans equal, in either quantity or quality, to the very serviceable wood of Borassus flabelli-

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Leaves (fronds,) round the top of the trunk, immediately under the base of the infloresscence, numerous, palmate-pinnatifid, plaited from eight to ten feet each way; segments generally from forty to fifty pair, united about half their length, ensiform, apices rather obtuse and histid, texture hard, smooth on both sides. When the tree begins to blossom, the leaves wither sand soon fall off, leaving the fructiferous part naked. Petioles (stipes) from six to twelve breet long, concave above, with the thin, hard, black margins thereof cut into numerous, very short, curved spines. Spathes numerous, there being one at each joint of the various ramifications of the spadix, all smooth and when recent, of a pale yellowish green. Inflorescence, (spadix) terminal; it may be called an immense, more than supra-decompound, round panicle; in this species it is of a much smaller span than the leaves, and only about one fourth or one fifth part of the whole height of the tree; the various and innumerable ramifications are calways alternate, smooth and of a pale yellow colour. Flowers small, sessile, collected in little bundles over the ultimate divisions of the paniele, pale yellow, small, rather offensive. Calyx small, three-toothed. Petals three, oblong, reflexed, shorter than the stamina. Filaments six, broad at the base, and there united, toward the apex, slender and incurved. Authors ovate. Germ superior, round-ovate, three-lobed, three-celled, with one ovala in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style short, three-grooved. Stigma three-lobed. Berry globular, the size of a musket ball, olive-coloured, smooth when fresh, but it soon becomes dry and wrink-led, one-celled; the two abortive lobes of the germ are always to be found at the base. Seed isolitary, sub-globular. Integements, apparently two, but they are firmly united, and of a frisable texture; the exterior one pale yellowish brown, and veined; the interior one brown, and sadhering firmly to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a hard, horny texture, and pale gray colour. Embryo simple, short, cylindric, lodged near the apex of the perisperm.

C. umbraculifera, Willd. 2, 201, Gart. sem. 1, 18, t, 7

Leaves sublunate, palmate-pinnatifid, plaited. Segments from forty to fifty pair; petioles sarmed. Inflorescence pyramidal, equalling the trunk of the tree, (Embryo in the base of the seed. Gert.)

Codda-pana. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 1-12. Talipat. Knox. hist. of Ceylon.

Cing. Tala, or Talagas. Tom. Conda-pani.

This is an intermediate species, (with regard to size,) between Taliera and Elata. From Ceylon it has been introduced about nine years into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta. The useds were fully as large as those of Taliera, consequently much larger than in Elata. This calone is a sufficient mark in a tree of this nature to distinguish it from Elata; unfortunately II did not examine the situation of the embryo, we must therefore take it for granted that Gertner was correct in placing it in the base of the seeds; our young trees, are only now, when nine years old, beginning to exhibit the first appearance of a trunk.

In the same Garden are plants of Taliera, of the same age; their appearance at this period is so very different as to announce their being distinct species.

4. C. Utan. Lamarck. Encyclop. 2, 131.

Leaves semicircular, palmate, pinnatifid, plaited; segments from twenty-five to thirty

pair; petioles very long, and much armed.

Lontarus silvestris. Rumph. Amb. 1. 56. t. 11.

A native of the Moluccas. One young tree of this species is in the Botanic garden at Calcutta; it was brought from Amboyna; though now about twelve years old, it only begins to form the appearance of a trunk, which, at present promises to be longer than in umbraculifera. The stipes or petioles are much longer than in any of the other species, and the leaves expand little more than half a circle, as in Rumph's figure, and have only about half the number of segments the others have.

LICUALA. Schreb. gen. n. 1691.

Calgr three-toothed. Corol three cleft. Germ superior, three-lobed, three-celled. Cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Style single. Stamina simple. Drupe one-celled, one-seeded. Embryo a little above the base on the inside.

1. L. pellata. R.

Fronds palmate, orbicular, peltate. Stipes armed. Drupe turbinate; no nectary.

This small palm is a native of the woody mountainous parts near Chittagong, which separate that province from the Burma dominions; it was brought from thence to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta by Mr. William Roxburgh, where it blossoms in November and ripens its seed in May.

Trunk, in our young trees, short, and entirely embraced by the base of the petioles, and a web of coarse, light brown fibres, down to the ground; in that state it is about as thick as a man's thigh. Leaves (fronds.) alternate, long-petioled, orbicular, peltate, smooth, divided to the base into from twenty to twenty-five wedge-shaped, dentate-truncate, plaited portions; the superior two, or more, are much broader and longer, being composed of from ten to fifteen

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Page ribs, while the lateral, and inferior ones are composed of from three to five only; the apices of these ribs taper off conically, and have their points bifid, the breadth or length of the whole these ribs taper off conically, and have their points bifid, the breadth or length of the whole leaf, for they are nearly the same size, from three to four feet. Petioles or stipes spreading, three or four feet long, nearly triangular, having the two lateral edges armed with numerous. dreadful, strong, variously curved, smooth, dark brown, sharp spines of different sizes; toward the base channelled, stem-clasping, and firmly tied over each other, and round the trunk, by a web of strong, coarse, light brown fibres, which issue from the margins, and begin where the spines end. Spadices axillary, solitary, rising several feet above the leaves, their whole 11. 180 length being from ten to fifteen feet, of one uniform thickness, which is that of a man's forefinger; from the upper part, at the distance of about a foot from each other, issue pendulous, cylindric spikes of about a foot and a half long beyond the spathe; these are wholly covered by numerous, sessile, diverging, pretty large, greenish white, inodorous flowers. Spathes seven or eight, tubular, embracing the whole of the spadix; from the mouths of the last four or five. the pendulous spikes issue; all the tender parts are covered with a large portion of ferruginous dust. Calyx inferior, one-leaved, campanulate; mouth obscurely three-toothed; outside sericeous, permanent. Corol one-petalled, outside sericeous, permanent. Tube campanulate, the length of the calyx. Borders three-cleft; divisions expanding and tapering to rather obtuse points. No nectarium. Filaments six, short, broad at the base, and inserted round the inside of the mouth of the tube of the corol. Authors sagittate. Germs three, forming a short, turbinate, truncate body, like a single germ, but perfectly distinct, except the base of the style, which is about as long as the stamina, and rises equally from the three, and keeps them together. Stigma simple. Drupe obovate, the size of a field bean; a little to the inside of the vertex a three-cornered, three-toothed tubercle marks where the style joins this fertile lobe of the germ to the two abortive ones; when ripe orange-red, and smooth, one celled. Pulp in considerable quantity, orange-coloured. Nut conform to the drupe, much pointed below; above are three slight elevations running from a point under the tubercle of the drupe, hard, dark brown, one-celled. 'Seed single, conform to the nut. Integuments a single, very 11. thin, brown membrane. Perisperm conform to the seed, horny, from the back a ferruginous spongy body penetrates to, or beyond the centre, and there enlarging, it occupies a consider-181

able space. Embryo lodged in a conic pit, a little above the base on the inside. L. spinosa, Willd. 2, p. 201.

Leaves digitate-palmate. Spadix shorter than the armed petioles. Licuala arbor. Rumph, Amb. 1. t. 9.

Corypha licuala, frondibus palmatis foliolis linearibus nervosis apice præmorsis. Petiolis basi spinosis, spadice erecto stricto. Lamarck. Encyclop. 2, 131.

ACHRAS. Schreb. gen. n. 593.

Calyx six-leaved. Corol six-cleft, with scales on the inside. Germ superior, from eight to ten celled; cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Berry from eight to ten celled. Seed solitary. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.
A. Sapota, Willd. 2, 224.
Flowers solitary. Leaves lanceolar, lucid.

A native of China, from thence introduced into the Botanie Garden at Calcutta, where growing in the same place with the West India tree they are not to be distinguished from it. The China trees have not yet blossomed, but those from the West Indies flower in the hot season, and the fruit ripens in the rains.

BERBERIS. Schreb. gen. n. 595.

Calyx six or more, leaved. Corol six-petalled; at the base are two glands. Germ superior, one-celled two or more-seeded; attachment sub-inferior. Berry from two to three-seeded. Embryo erect and furnished with a perisperm.

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Shrubby, Leaves obovate-oblong, hard, spinous-toothed, Spines triple, Racemes axillary. Pedicels, and flowers erect. Nectorial glands subcylindric. Germs from five to sixseeded.

Berberis ilicifolia. Asiat. Researches. 6. p. 357.

A native of the mountainous countries north of Hindoosthan, where it was first observed by Captain Hardwicke, on his journey to Shreenagur, and afterwards found by Dr. Buchanan in Napal, from whence the latter sent seed to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1802; in April 1808 the plants therefrom blossomed for the first time. In appearance

it resembles the common Berbery bush of Europe.

Stems several from the same root, bending much to one side.

Branches slender, after the first year spreading and drooping; young shoots angular, and furrowed. Bark of the old ligneous parts of a light ash colour, and yellow within; and so is the wood; the height of our shrubs now when seven years old, is from four to eight feet. Spines three, rarely five-fold from one base, straight, strong, and sharp. Leaves in fascicles in the axills of the spines, subsessile, obovate, and oblong; margins spinous, with circular sinuses between, texture lovely margins and oblong; margins spinous, with circular sinuses between, texture bard, smooth on both sides, but reticulate with veins; from one to two inches long. Stipules small, subulate, petiolary, having some small scales intermixed with the insertions of the leaves. Racemes solitary, from the centre of the fascicles of leaves, many-flowered. Pedicels often as long as the racemes, straight, one-flowered; sometimes there is no raceme, and then several, long-pedicelled flowers occupy its place. Flowers rather large, pure yellow.

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Bracles at the base of the pedicels triple, one-flowered, ovate, acute. Calyx about nine-leaved, imbricate. Leaflets unequal, yellow, smooth. The exterior three minute, and may be called bractes; the next three larger; the inner three still larger, and nearly as long as the petals. Petals six, in two series, round-obovate; exterior margins a little notched and curled in over the authors. Necturial glands subcylindric. Filaments shorter than the petals, and opposite to them, thick at top. Anthers a polleniferous, oblong, operculated pit on each side near the apex. Germ oblong, one-celled, on the inside is a ridge; four, five, or six seeds are attached to its base. Style scarcely any. Stigma large, peltate, with a pit in the centre. Berries evate, rather large than the common berbery of Europe, smooth, with red, succulent, acid pulp; colour a dark purple, with a bloom over it, like that of the common plum, onecelled. Seeds two or three, attached as in the germ, oblong, somewhat rugose. Integuments two; the exterior one thick, spongy, and brown; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, yellow. Chalaza large and conspicuous on its apex. Embryo nearly as long as the perisperm, straw-coloured, erect. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle subcylindric. inferior.

2. B. angustifolia, R.

Shrubby. Racemes simple; pedicels one-flowered. Spines single. Leaves lanceolar. Germ two-seeded.

Found by Francis Pierard, Esq. on the mountains north of Rohilkhund, and Hurdwar. Spines oftener single than triple, straight, diverging. Leaves fascicled in the axills of he spines, sessile, lanceolar, rather rounded at the spex, with a minute spinous point, some of them have a small spinous toothlet on one or both margins, but are otherwise entire, apering most toward the base; smooth, velued, texture hard, the length from one to two nches, and generally less than half an inch in breadth. Racemes axillary, the length of the caves, solitary. Flowers solitary, long-pedicelled, small. Braces oblong, concave, acute, soitary at the base of each pedicel, and sometimes one or two smaller ones near the top. In B. asiatica, they are triple at the base of the pedicels. Calyx nine-leaved; leaflets in three eries; the exterior three minute; the inner three nearly as long as the petals. Petals six-diovate, entire. Nectorial glands oblong. Filaments inserted into the base of the petals. Anthere a long operculated pit in each side of the filaments, just under the apex. Germ oblong, one-celled, containing two seeds, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma peltate, glandular.

3. B. pinnata, R.

Leaces unequally pinnate; leaflets grossly spinous, dentate, Racemes terminal.

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Candingue young more, is the vernacular name in the Munipoor Country, where it is indigenous. It flowers in November.

Thunberg's figure of his Ilex Japonica is so very like this plant, as to induce me to think they may be the same.

NANDINA. Schreb. gen. n. 596.

Calyx many-leaved, imbricated. Corol six-petalled. Berry one-celled, two seeded. Estbryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

N. domestica, Willd. 2. 230. Thunb. Jap. 147. Gart. sem. 2. 69. Bot. Mag. 1109. Said to be a native of Japan ; it was introduced from Canton in China into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta by Mr. William Kerr.

LORANTHUS. Schreb. gen. n. 600.

Calyx uncertain. Corol generally one-petalled and often irregular. Germ inferior, oneselled, one-seeded; attachment superior. Berry one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

L. bicolor. Corom. pl. 2. N. 139.

Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth. Racemes axillary. Corols irregular, five-cleft. Stamens five. Berries oblong.

Beng. Bara-manda.

Vanda is the Sanscrit name. Sir William Jones thought this the general term for all Parasitic plants.

Compare with Loranthus longistorus, and also with falcatus. Willd.

Teling. Yellinga-wodinaka (wodinaka means parasitical.)

It is always found growing upon the branches of various kinds of trees, and is very

ramous. It flowers during the greatest part of the year, and is highly ornamental.

Trunk scarcely any. Branches numerous, ascending, woody, bark grey. Leaves nearly opposite, sessile, or very short-petioled, from oval to linear-lanceolate, waved, entire, reclined; veins scarcely any; from three to five inches long, and from one to one and a half broad. Racentes sxillary, single, simple, sub-creet, many-flowered. Flowers in size and appearance much like those of the honey suckle. Bractes a small, concave, cordate one, presses on the base of the germs on one side. Calyx there is no other perianth of the fruit, than the abovementioned bracte; that of the flower, cup-shaped, entire, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube long, a little curved, swelling from the bottom to within a third of the mouth, it then contracts a little; barder five-parted, the upper fissure much the deepest; segments linear, reflexed towards one side. Filaments five, from the base of the segments of the corol, short.

Anthers linear. Germ superior, naked. Style the length of the corol. Stigma clubbed. Berry inferior, crowned with the remaining calyx, oblong, smooth, pulpy, one-celled. Seed single.

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This is a handsome looking parasite, bearing a great number of very beautiful flowers; its foliage also looks very well; all that part of the branch of the tree above where it grows,

becomes sickly, and soon perishes.

This species differs from Gærtner's Lonivera zeylanica, in being without the calyx of the fuit, and having only five parts in the corol, &c. but in the raceme they agree. Nor can I reconcile it to be L. falcatus of the supplementum, nor L. loniceroides of Linnaus, for here the inflorescence bears no resemblance to an involucred umbel. Neither can it be L. pentandea, as there the leaves are alternate, with petioles nearly as long as the racemes, in short I cannot well reconcile it to any of the hitherto described species. It unites the two genera of Loranthus and Lonicera.

In Bengal I have found it with leaves from five to six inches long, and from four to five broad.

L. scurrula, Willd. 2, 232, Corom. pl. 2, N. 140.

Leaves opposite, ovate, underneath downy. Flowers axillary, fascicled. Corol irregular, four-cleft. Stamens four. Berries turbinate.

The natives have no other name for this than Wodinika.

It is a parasiatical shrub, but smaller considerably than the last, and much searcer; it grows upon the branches of trees in the same manner, and flowers during the hot season.

Leaves opposite; petioled, cordate, scolloped, covered with soft white down underneath; about two inches long, and one and a half broad. Pedunctes numerous, collected in the axills, one or more flowered. Flowers considerably smaller than in the last, a rusty grey colour, and covered with grey, farinaceous dust. Bracles one, pressing on the germ, as in the last species. Calyx of the fruit no other than the bracte of the flower, as in the former. Corol onepetalled. Tube swelled towards the base. Border four-parted; upper fissure deepest; divisions linear, reflexed. Stamens four ; the pistillum as in the last. Berry top-shaped, one-

3. L. globosus. R.

Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth. Spikes axillary. Corols regular, six-eleft. Berries roundoval.

Kanneli itti-kanni. Rheed. Mal. 10. t. 5.

Beng. Chota-manda.

A ramous, shrubby parasite, like the two species already described; it is common on trees all over Bengal and flowers all the year.

Leaves generally opposite, though sometimes alternate, and also three-fold, short-petioled, oblong, smooth, entire, of a thick leathery texture, almost veinless; from two to three inches long. Racemes, (or rather spikes,) axillary, or between the leaves, or from the old axills; generally solitary, though sometimes there are two, or even three together, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers opposite, from three to six pair in the spike, sessile, small, of a greenish-orange colour. Bractes no other than the perianth of the fruit. Calyx; perianth of the fruit inferior, two-leaved, the under and exterior cordate; the inner two-toothed; that of the flower is no other than the circular margin of the pit, which receives the flower. Corol one-petalled; tube gibbons, six-sided. Border six-parted; divisions alike, and cut equally deep, reflected. Filaments six, erect, inserted into the base of the divisions of the corol. Germ ovate. Style length of the stamens. Stigma large, glandular, naveled. Berry inferior, round, oval, the size of a pea, smooth; when ripe the pulp is yellow, clammy, and elastic, which makes it adhere to the branches of trees where it terminates, resting on three permanent calyciform bractes and crowned with a ring where the corol stood, round the permanent base of the style, one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the berry. Integument single, white, tough, and clammy, marked with twelve whitish striæ. Perisperm conform to the seed, six-grooved, green. Embryo central, inverse, straight, pale green, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons two, linear-oblong. Plumula minute. Radicle subcylindric, the length of the cotyledons, superior. Birds are fond of the berries.

4. I. ferruginosus. R.

Young shoots, as well as the under side of the oval leaves, long, slender, tetrandrous, regular; flowers, fruit, and pedicels, all clothed with much ferruginous pubescence.

Found by Mr. William Roxburgh, growing on trees in the forests of Pulo Pinang.

5. L. involucratus. R.

Leaves opposite, ovate-cordate, smooth. Umbellets axillary; involucres four-leaved, fourflowered; flowers regular, pentandrous.

A stout, parasitical shrub, found on trees in the forests of Chittagong, Silhet, &c. where

it blossoms the greater part of the year.

Branches while young clothed with smooth, shining, dark brown bark. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate, and ovate-cordate, sides often unequal, as in most of the plants of this genus, entire, smooth on both sides; from three to four inches long. Umbellets axiflary, crowded, subsessile, much shorter than the leaves. Involucres four-leaved, four-flowered; leaflets ovate-lanceolate, smooth, entire. Flowers sessile, pretty large, equalling the involucre. Calyx superior, short, five-toothed, villous. Corol; tube widening toward the mouth, villous. Border regular, five-parted. Segments linear, revolute. Filaments equalling the segments of the corol, and inserted on them below their middle. Anthers oval. Germ oval, sericeous. Style rather longer than the corol. Stigma two-lobed.

6. L. ampuliaceous. R.

Leaves opposite, oblong, polished. Racemes axillary, simple. Flowers calycled, regular, hexandrous; tube of the corol gibbous. Berries long-oval.

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others. Flowering time the dry season, probably the whole year round.

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Stem as in our other Indian parasites, the size and shape very uncertain, but numerous from two to four-cleft; smooth branches and branchlets spread in all directions. Leaves opposite, short petioled, oblong, entire, smooth, from three to four inches long, and generally less than two in breadth. Racemes axillary, solitary, or in pairs, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers opposite, short-pedicelled, pretty large, of a greenish yellow colour. Bracles oval, one at the base of each pedicel, and two pressing the base of the germ, like an interior bilabiate calyx. Calyx superior, entire, rotate. Corol regular; tube gibbons; border six-cleft; divisions revolute somewhat spatulate. Filaments six. from the mouth of the tube of the corol, the length of its segments. Authors ovate. Germ inferior, one-celled, containing one ovula attached to the top of the cell. Style longer than the corol. Stigma large. Berry inferior, long-oval, smooth, yellow, the size of a current, one-celled. Pulp pale yellow, and very clammy. Seed solitary, ovate. Integuments two; the exterior one marked with six longitudinal fibres; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, six-grooved, green. Embryo cylindric, inverse. Colyledons short, semicylindric. Radicle cylindric, with a turbinate apex, rising above the perisperm, inverse.

. L. clavatus, R.

Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate. Flowers axillary, few together, tetrandrous. Corols irregular, four-cleft; berries clavate.

A delicate, shrubby parasite, found in the Silhet district, growing on Averrhoa Caram-

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8. L. pentapetalus, R.

Leaves opposite, from lanceolate, to ovate-cordate, and obliquely alternate, smooth. Racemes axillary. Flowers pentandrous. Petals five, with an enlarged three-sided base

A large, very ramous, shrubby plant, found growing on various trees in the forests of Silhet. Flowers red, appearing about the beginning of the rains in June.

Branches and branchlets columnar, and quite smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, from lanceolate to ovate-cordate, obliquely alternate, from the middle to the apex, entire, smooth; from three to four inches long, and about two broad. Racesses axillary, solitary, or paired, straight, simple, often as long as the leaves, smooth. Flowers very numerous, short-pedicelled, smooth, scattered, red. Bractes, an obliquely-ovate one embraces the base of the germ on the outside. Calyx superior, rather small, sub-entire, smooth. Petals five, the base of each swelled out into a fleshy three-sided body, giving to the bottom of the corol, a globular form, and meeting in the centre, leaving only a small aperture for the style; above tougue-shaped, and recurved. Filaments five, inserted in the petals. Anthers ovate. Germ oblong, one-celled, containing one ocula, pendulous from the top of the cell. Style four-sided, jointed, or appearing so, near the middle. Stigma a little enlarged. Berries oblong, smooth, of a greenish yellow. one-seeded, &c. as in the genus.

BAMBUSA. Schreb. gen. n. 607.

Calyx calycled, from two to three-valved, many-flowered. Corol, glume two-valved. Style bifid. Seed one.

B. arundinacea. Corom. pl. 1. N. 79.

Spikes half verticelled; calyces about four-flowered, half of which are male; nectaries

Arundo bambos Linn. sp. pl. 120.

Ily. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 16.

Heng. Bans.

Teling. Mulkas, Vedroo. Tom. Mungil, vel Munkil.

It delights in a rich, moist soil, such as the banks of rivulets, lakes, &c. among the moun-

Stems, I fear to call them culms, numerous, from ten to a hundred from the same root, for eighteen or twenty feet straight, then bending gently to one side, piped, jointed, undivided, but with innumerable, very ramous, alternate, winding, bifarious, spreading branches. Thorns double, or triple, alternate, on the joints of the branches and branchlets; when double, a branchlet occupies the centre; when triple the largest thorn stands there; they are remarkably strong, sharp, and somewhat recurved; sometimes they are wanting, particularly in rich moist soils. Leaves sheathing, bifarious short-petioled, linear-lanceolate, the upper side and margins back-wardly hispid, broad at the base, fine-pointed, from two to six inches long, and half or three quarters of an inch broad; on the rich moist soil on the banks of the Ganges they are from two to four inches broad, and about a foot long. Sheaths somewhat downy with a few short, bent filaments on each side of the mouth.

Inflorescence. When in flower the tree is generally destitute of leaves, and as the extremity of every ramification is covered with flowers, the whole tree seems one entire, immense panicle, composed of innumerable, somewhat verticelled spikes, each verticil is composed of several, distichous, oblong, pointed, sessile, rigid spikelets, such as those of ELEUSINE, Poa,

Common calyx, calveled, from two to six-flowered, from two to three-valved, valvelets equal, oblong, concave, smooth, and of a firm texture; scales round the base small, oval, number uncertain; they are also often common to several minute, sterile spikelets.

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Hermaphrodite flowers one, two, or three below the male. Calyx no other than that above described. Corol two-valved, the exterior valvelet rather the shortest, oblong, pointed, smooth, cartilaginous; the inner valvelet oblong, margins inflected, concave behind, and fringed with hairs round the elevated margins of the posterior concavity. Nectary three obovate scales embracing the insertions of the stamens, and germ. Filaments six, inserted in the base of the germ. Anthers linear, incumbent. Germ oval. Style single. Stigma two-cleft; divisions plumose. Seed firmly closed in the corol, exceedingly like outs and about the same size.

MALE FLOWERS from one to three above the hermaphrodite. Pistil none.

It would be needless, and unnecessary to mention the various purposes to which this

most useful plant is put; they are already known to most people.

The Tanul Doctors say the root is diluent; that the bark cures emptions; the Camphire, or salt (Tabaseer) cures all sorts of paralytic complaints, flatulencies, and poisons. The leaves are esteemed the best Emmenagogue; the Chinese are said to possess the same idea. The seed is used for food as rice.

Tabasheer Vedroo Paloo, that is milk of bamboo, of the Telingas; and Mungle Upoo, salt of bamboo, of the Tamuls, the substance so well described by Dr. Patrick Russell, in the 80th vol. of the Philosophical Transactions of London, is found in the cavities of the joints of this sort.

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2. B. stricta. Corom. pl. 1. N. 80.

Spikes with dense globular verticels. Calyces from two to three-flowered, all hermaphrodite; no nectary; exterior glumes of the corols daggered.

Teling, Sadanapa vedroo.

This is clearly a distinct species; it grows in a drier situation, is not near so large, has a much smaller cavity, and is very straight; its great strength, solidity, and straightness renders it much fitter for a variety of uses, than the common sort; the natives make staffs to their spears, &c. of it.

Stems fewer, straighter, and smaller, than in the common sort, otherwise they are the same. Thorns oftener wanting, Inflorescence the same as in the former. Verticels sessile, globular, very dense, entirely surrounding the branchlets. Spikelets of the verticel, crowded, distichous, &c. as in the last. Calyx as in the last, except that the scales are longer, and common to two or three spikelets. Here the flowers are generally all hermaphrodite, and seldom more than three to the calyx. Corol two-valved; exterior valvelet downy, with a very stiff, sharp, daggered point. Inner valve as in B. arundinacea. Nectary I could not see any. Stamens six. Pistil woolly. Stigma two-cleft, filiform. Seed as in the last.

3. B. Tulda. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Spikelets about five-flowered, all hermaphrodite. Nectories cuneate, fringed. Style three-cleft.

Vansa is the Sanscrit name which Sir William Jones applies to bamboos in general.

Beng. Tulda Bans. Hind. Peka-Bans.

This is the common bamboo of Bengal, where it grows in the greatest abundance every

where. Flowering time the month of May,

The root consists of many small fibres, spreading in every direction, but to no great distance, nor do they penetrate very deep.

The roots of all the other species are similar.

Stems in old plants numerous from the same root, jointed, smooth, and ramous. In the month of June, soon after the first rains set in, new ones rise up amongst those of the former year and in the same manner in all the other species, at first in the form of a large straight elephant's tusk, invested in strong coriaceous sheaths, one at each joint; these shoots rise simple to their full size, from twenty to seventy feet in height, and from six to twelve inches in circumference, in the course of about thirty days; during which period the sheaths drop off, and are soon succeeded by numerous, alternate, ramous, bifarious, unarmed branches, from the joints; before these appear, the shoots look like as many naked fishing rods, of immense size. Leaves alternate, bifarious, subsessile, sheathing, linear-lanceolate, acute-pointed, with their bases broad, and often rounded, or cordate; from six to twelve inches long, and about one broad. Sheaths of the leaves longer than the joints, and ending in two, lateral, stipulary, bearded processes.

Inflorescence. Before these trees blossom, they must be of considerable age, several years; and even then it is seldom they can be found in this state; at that period the whole plant is destitute of leaves, and forms one immensely, oblong, waving panicle, composed of innumer-

able, supra-decompound ramifications.

Spikelets lanceolate, sessile, one, two, three, or more at the joints of the most extreme ramifications; each bearing from four to eight, (generally all,) hermaphrodite flowers. Calyx calycled, as in the other species described by me. Corol two-valved. Exterior valve oblong, pointed, smooth, completely involving the inner valve, as well as a portion of the flat rachis in which it is inserted. Inner valve concave on the inside, where it presses on the rachis; this concave portion is surrounded with a sharp ciliate margin. Nectary of three, broad, cuneate, ciliate leaflets. Filaments six, half the length of the valves of the corol. Anthers linear, drooping, red-purple. Germ obovate, obtusely three-sided. Style very short. Stigma three, long, feathering. Seed, they may best be described by comparing them to oats, which they exactly resemble, and are of the same size.

This species is very generally used all over Bengal, for covering the houses of the na-

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tives, scaffolding, &c. &c. If soaked in water for some weeks previously to their being used. Page they last much longer, and are stronger; if not they are soon devoured by a small species of Bostrichus. It is notwithstanding deemed inferior to Balkoon (Balkoo bans) of the Benga-

This species, Tulda bans, so far as I am able to judge at present, is not to be found on the Coast of Coromandel, Its quick growth, size and universal commonness in Bengal, ren-

ders it one of the most variously useful plants in India. The young thick shoots, mentioned when describing the stem, are when about two feet high, tender and very frequently pickled, and a most excellent one they make, when properly prepared.

Jowa Bans of the Bengalees, is only a large variety of this species, and used chiefly, for scoffolding, and building the larger and better sorts of houses of the natives. It differs from Tulda in the greater length, and greater thickness of the joints. Basini bans of the Bengalees, is another variety of Tulda. It has a larger cavity, and is used chiefly to make

Behoor bans of the Bengalees, is of a small size, very solid, and strong, much bent to one side, and armed with numerous strong thorus, which renders it very fit for hedges. A staff of this species must be placed in the hand of every young brahmin, when invested with the sacerdotal cord, otherwise they say the ceremony cannot be performed.

4. B. Balcooa. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves sublanceolate; with a gordate base, inflorescence sub-radical, spikelets from four to five-flowered, all hermaphrodite.

Beng. Balkoo-bans.

It is a native of Bengal, and on account of its size, and strength, is reckoned by the workers in bamboo work the very best sort for building the houses of the natives, scaffolding, &c. works requiring both size and strength. Flowering time the rainy season, however it rarely arrives at this state, for I have but once met with it in blossom.

Stems similar to the other species, but stouter, and often taller. Ramifications also the same. Leaver bifarious, subsessile on their sheathing bases, lauceolate, with the base cordate; margine slightly hispid; smooth, deep green on both sides; from one to two inches broad, and from four to twelve long. Sheaths longer than the joints; exposed parts villous, with a bearded stipulary mouth, (ligula,) rising above the insertion of the leaves. Laftorescence in raedical, verticelled spikes; certicely large, sub-globular, composed of numerous, sessile spikelets, of from four to six hermaphrodite flowers. Calga calveled. Corol two-valved. Exterior smooth, covate. Inner with the exterior margins ciliate. Nectory of three, oval, ciliate leaflets. Stamina six. Style woolly. Stigmas three, and also woolly.

To make this species more serviceable, long immersion in water is required to render

them firmer, and proof against the attacks of the Bostrichi, and their larvæ.

There are two varieties of this most useful species. The large the natives call Dhoolibalkoo, and the smaller Balkoo bans, which has a smaller cavity, and though not so large a bamboo, is on that account very strong.

5. B. baccifera. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Pericarp a very large, pendulous pyramidal, one-seeded berry. Beesha. Rheed, Mal. vol. 5, t. 60, p. 119.
Pagu-tullu, of the people of the Chittagong mountains, where the plant is indigenous.

This uncommonly curious berry-bearing bamboo, is a native of the Chittagong moun-

Growing plants, seeds; and well preserved specimens, were sent me from thence by Mr. Richard Pierard, a gentleman to whom the Botanic Garden at Calcutta is under many obligatious. The bamboo he writes is the one in common use in that country, for every purpose of building, &c. His description of the tree is so full and perfect that I do not think I can do

better than transcribe what he says, in reply to my queries regarding this plant, viz.

"It bears no thorns; grows in dry places, chiefly on the sides of hills, where the upper stratum of the soil is sandy. The circumference near the base twelve or thirteen inches; height from fifty to seventy feet, beautifully erect, and without the least flexure, or unequali-

ty of surface, bare of branches except near the extremity. Perishes after yielding its fruit.

"It yields more or less Tahasheer of a siliceous crystallization; sometimes it is said the eavity between the joints is nearly filled with this, which the people call choona, lime." So

far Mr. Pierard.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, subsessile on their sheathing base, ovate-lanceolate, smooth on both sides, and slightly ribbed underneath; from six to twelve inches long, and from two to four broad. Sheaths of the leaves villous, with their mouths bearded with many long filiform fibres. Spikes compound, issuing many together from the joints of the large branches, or upper part of the stem, long, slender, jointed, ramons, each joint furnished with a sheath of nearly its length. Spikelets three, four, or more flowered. The inferior scales (Calgr.) thereof abortive, or with male flowers. Corol of two unequal, long, taper, acute-pointed, smooth valves. Stamina six, about as long as the pistil. Germ ovate. Style single. Stigmas three, filiform, woolly. Pericary. In this singular species, it is a very large, hard, fleshy, conical, smooth than a superfection of the state o smooth taper, curved, pointed fruit, with a single, large, oval seed in each.

6. B. spinosa, R.

Subarboreous, dreadfully armed with simple, and compound spines. Spikelets from three to five-flowered; florets trigynous. Nectary three-leaved.

Beng. Behor Bans.

Arundarbor spinosa, Rumph, Amb. 1, 14, 1, 2,

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This beautiful, middling sized, very elegant species, I have only found in the vicinity of Calcutta, where now and then some of the oldest are found to blossom about the beginning of the rains, in June.

Stems scarcely fistulous, jointed, &c. as in the other species; in this many grow so close together, as to appear a single trunk at some distance, and by the help of their bifariously alternate, triple branches, and spines, so completely bound together, that it is a most ardnous task to cut down an old clump of them; joints from six to twelve inches asunder. The plants, or shoots of the clump, which come into flower, I have observed to be those of the centre, and they are taller, straighter, and with a much longer cavity, and longer joints than the rest, which are shorter, droop more, and wave elegantly with the motion of the wind, notwithstanding they are nearly solid, for it is only the larger stems that have a small cavity, the branches being generally solid; whole height from thirty to fifty feet. Spines at the joints, and very generally present, through the whole plant triple; this is evidently the habit, though frequently incomplete; the middle one is the largest, and often compound; all are more or less recurved, very strong, and sharp. By the number and strength of these spines, and of the branches of this species, it may be said to form the most impenetrable jungle in India. Leaves sessile on their sheaths, bifarious, linear-lanceolate, cuspidate, rarely more than six

inches long. The sheaths have their mouths ciliate with hairs and filaments.

Inflorescence. The plants of the clump when in flower, form one immense, naked panicle; for at this time there is not a leaf to be found on them. Spikelets crowded on the joints of the extreme branchlets, sessile, lanceolate, generally three, four, five or six-flowered, &c. exactly as in Poa. Florets the inferior two and terminal one male hermaphrodite, or neuter, the middle two, or three, or four hermaphrodite. Calyx, the number of scales which embrace the base of each spikelet uncertain. Corol; glume, two-valved; exterior smooth, hard, and pointed; inner as long as the exterior, concave behind; margins incurved, forming one acute angle, as in Poa; edges of the posterior concavity much ciliate. Nectary of three, corol-like, oval, ciliate scales. Filaments six, three immediately within the nectarial scale, and three alternate with them. Germ clavate. Styles three, entirely clothed with pale purple wool.

Like the other species, this is employed for various useful purposes; and as it grows to a pretty large size, and with a smaller cavity than any of the others, it is strong and well adapted for a variety of uses.

7. B. nana, R. Shrubby, unarmed.

Sans. Keu-fa, of the Chinese; a native of their country, and now plentiful in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, but has not yet blossomed in Bengal. It makes most beautiful

The popular belief, that Bamboos often take fire by the violence of their friction, during those hot, dry months, when, what is called, the land wind prevails, is supported by the Sanscrit stanza, quoted by Sir William Jones, (See As. Res. vol. 4. p. 254,) of which the following is a copy.

"Delight of the world, beloved Chandana, stay no longer in this forest which is over-spread with rigid pernicious Vansas, whose hearts are unsound; who being themselves confounded in the scorching stream of flames, kindled by their mutual attrition, will consume not their own families merely, but this whole world."

HEXANDRIA DIGYNIA.

ORYZA. Schreb. gen. n. 609.

Calyx, glume two-valved, one-flowered. Corol two-valved, growing to the seed. Nec-

tary two-leaved.

Of this genus I have found only two species, but of the first, sativa, there are between forty and fifty varieties known to, and cultivated by the Indian farmers; they seem all to have sprung from the wild sort called Newaree by the Telingas, and from it the following description is taken.

O. sativa.* Willd. 2. 247. &c. &c.

Panicle diffuse.

Unoo, Dhanya, Vrihi, the Sauscrit names of the cultivated sort, and Nivara the wild variety, called by the Telingas Newaree, Aruz of the Arabians.

Dhan the Bengalee name of the plant, and the unhusked rice, and Chaul the clean rice. Uri the generic Telinga name of the cultivated sorts. Urloo the grain in the husk; and Bium the grain, or rice. Newaree of the Telingas is the plant in its wild state.

This original stock is always found wild in and about the borders of lakes throughout

the Circars, is never cultivated so far as I can learn, because the produce, they say, is small, compared to that of the varieties in cultivation.

Root fibrous, annual. Culms numerous, near the base floating, or creeping, with the extremities erect, they are jointed, round and smooth, from two to eight or ten feet long, according to the depth of the water. Leaves sheathing, long, and slender, backwardly sca-

^{*} An improper name, certainly for the original wild plant which is never cultivated; however as custom has established it for the numerous varieties thereof. I cannot well attempt to alter it in describing what I take for the original, wild stock, from whence all the cultivated varieties have sprung, which I am now describing.

brous; mouth of the sheaths crowned with a large, conical, membranaceous, lacerated process. This process, ligula, or stipule, is common to all the varieties I have examined. Panicle terminal, thin, bowing when the seed is weighty. Ruchis common, and partial, angular, and hispid. Flowers single, pedicelled. Calyx and corol as described in the Genera plantarum, except that here the large vaive of the calyx ends in a very long hispid, coloured awn. Nectury, two falcate bodies embracing the posterior half of the germ which are common to all the varieties. Stamens six.

The rice of the wild sort above described, is remarkably white, palatable, and reckoned very wholesome; so that it is carefully gathered, and sells dear. The rich esteem it a dainty; and to make it still more delicate, they boil it only in steam. A coarse kind of confection, called beat rice, is made of it, and sold in most bazars.

Adepts in agriculture in England and Scotland say there is no such thing in nature as perpetual fertility, they probably do not know that much of the rice land in Asia is so situated as to receive no help whatever from nature, except what the air and rains yield; however the greatest proportion, and the best, are those that are overflowed annually by the inundations of large rivers. These we know receive from the waters much fertilizing matter; but the greatest part of the rice lands in the Circars, are of the former sort; there they depend entirely upon the rains; consequently can receive no help but from the rain that immediately falls upon them, and the dry simbble that is annually left on the ground, together with the remains of a few other plants that may have grown up with the rice. The crop is always allowed to be in every part dry ripe before cut, and is then immediately carried off the field. Cattle are turned to eat up the stubble through the day, but never suffered to remain on it all night, as they are then constantly housed. I speak of those parts the Circars only which are near Samule at; they cannot therefore communicate much fertility to the ground, and I never saw, nor heard of an east Indian farmer, manuring, in the smallest degree a rice field; yet these fields have, for probably thousands of years, continued to yield annually a large crop of rice, on an average from thirty to sixty-fold; even eighty, or a hundred has been known.

There is no rotation of crops on rice lands, they lie idle from the time one crop is cut till the next is transplanted into them, during which time the soil is most perfectly dried, I may say burnt up; whether it receives any benefit from being so, is a point on which I cannot pretend to give an opinion.

The best rice lands are extensive open plains, through which large rivers pass, and which are exposed to every wind that blows. No healge, nor any kind of shelter is here necessary, so that the plants are exposed to the greatest glare of solar light, and the freest circulation of air. The soil is generally of great depth, many feet pure mould without the least mixture of sand, small stones, &c. It is of a darker colour than garden mould in general. During the dry hot seasons these fields retain the water long upon the surface, allowing but little to escape through, so that most of the waste is by immediate evaporation.

The Hindoo farmers divide the numerous varieties into two orders; the first they call the *Poosas*, or the early sorts; the second the *Pedda*, and Worloo, or *Pedda Panta*, which means the late or great crop.

DIVISION FIRST.

Teling. Poonas. Sungskrit, Asoo. Beng. Aus.

The varieties of this order are generally, if the weather admits, sown thick in June, or early in July, on such small well laboured spots as are a little above the level of the common rice lands, for fear of their being too long inundated by heavy rains; at the same time it is necessary that those spots should be so situated, as to admit of being watered, in case of too dry weather. In about forty days, if the season has been favorable, the young plants will have attained to the height of from nine to eighteen inches; by this time fields are flooded, slightly ploughed, and made level by dragging by a pair of bullocks, or buffaloes, a long flat piece of wood. The fields being now in the state of very soft mud; the plants are taken up and transplanted by the hand. It is astonishing to see how soon a few labourers, men, women, and children, will plant a field, nothing more is now requisite to bring the crop to maturity, than keeping the fields constantly wet, more or less flooded, according to the sort of rice upon it, for some sorts require very little water, while others require a great deal. When nearly ripe, the water is drained off some days before they cut down the grain, which is done with the sickle, as in most parts of Europe. The produce is then carried to some neighbouring elevated spot, where it is stacked, or immediately trod out by cattle. The grain is then winnowed, dried, and deposited in pits dug in high ground, and lined with the rice straw. The straw is stacked by the careful farmer, and reserved to feed his cattle with, during the hot months when all vegetation is burnt up.

The following eight sorts are amongst the most common of this division; and those I am best acquainted with, viz.

1st. Jillama-waree, is the Telinga name of the plant, and Jilla-maloo the ripe grain. This seems the first removed from the wild sort, newaree; the awn is shorter, and there are many of the flowers female. The rice is of a dark colour, and when husked, coarse, and reddish.

2nd. Yerra-dal-waree the plant, and Yerro-daloo the grain.

This sort has also a long awn, there are many male, neuter and female flowers mixed with the hermaphrodite ones. It requires less water than most other varieties, of course the

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age higher situations suit it best, particularly if the season is very wet. The grain is white, but the husked rice is coarse and reddish; hence the name yerra, which means red.

3rd. Dal-waree, and Dal-waloo the grain. This sort has also a long awn. It is chiefly cultivated during the dry season, on such spots as can then be watered; both the grain, and husked rice are of a dark blackish brown colour, and it is reckoned a very coarse sort.

4th. Satica-waree the plant, and Saticaloo the grain. This produces a coarse brown grain, the husked rice of which is coarse, and reddish. It has a long awn, and is not much

cultivated. 11.

5th. Tella-koadama, the plant, the grain is white, but the husked rice is coarse and reddish; it has no awn. This sort is generally sown broad-east, where it is to grow; it requires little water, and of course is most cultivated on the higher lands that cannot command constant and regular supplies of water.

6th. Sama-waree the plant, and Sumaloo the grain. This is a small grain, of a dark colour, but the husked rice is white, and tolerably fine. It yields but a small produce, and

is not much cultivated. It has no awn.

7th. Kartee-waree the plant, and Kartikaloo the grain. This sort is much cultivated, to a greater extent than all the other early sorts put together. It has no awn, the grain is of a middling size, brownish coloured; the rice when husked for the table is tolerably fine and white. It does not require a great deal of water.

Sth. Gource-waree the plant, and Gowree-kunkaloo the grain. This is the finest of the early sorts, the grain has no awn, and is of pale purplish colour, and the husked rice is fine

and white.

There are many other sorts belonging to this division, but as I have not had an opportunity of examining them, I say nothing further about them.

DIVISION SECOND, OR PEDDA WORLOO.

1st. Atagadal-wares the plant and Ata-gadaloo the grain; of this sort a large proportion is cultivated, probably as much as of all the other sorts put together. It is without awa, the unbusked and husked rice are both white, and of an excellent quality; it requires much water.

2nd. Yerra-suna-waree the plant, and Yerra Sunaloo the grain. The unbusked and prepared rice is white, and of a very superior quality, no arista, grain long and slender.

3rd. Kosa-waree the plant, and Kosarloo the grain. The grain is of a light yellowish brown colour, small, awaless, and the cleansed rice, white, and tolerably fine; it requires but little water, and is little cultivated.

5th. Aksuna-waree the plant, and Aksunaloo the grain. Grain like the last, but the

table rice is finer; a large proportion of this is cultivated.

6th. Krishna-neel-waree the plant, and Krishna-neetaloo the grain. The grain is awnless, very small, dark bluish-black colour. The prepared rice very fine, and white; it is not much cultivated.

This rice is generally boiled in steam, on account of its fineness. It is eaten by the rich

7th. Bangar-tiga, a large luxuriant sort. Grain white, and awuless; prepared rice white,

and tolerably fine, it is much cultivated in the Vizagaputam district.

Sth. Kalee-gauda. This is also a large luxuriant sort. The grain dark-coloured, awnless. The prepared rice tolerably white, but not fine; it requires but little water.

9th. Teldsidna-waree the plant, and Tella sonaloo the grain. It is a large luxuriant varie-The grain white, awnless; the prepared rice white and fine. It is much cultivated,

There are besides the above, about twenty more varieties of this division, more or less fine, but the principal are those above-mentioned.

2. O. coarctata, R.

Paniele contracted; valvelets of the calvx subulate. Leaves culm-clasping.

A native of the Delta of the Ganges, and first discovered there by Dr. Buchanan in

1796. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root fibreus; and appears to be perennial. Culms erect, ramous, jointed, from two to four feet high, smooth, their lower parts seem also perennial. Leaves sword-shaped, broadest at the culm-clasping base, tapering to a very fine, long point, smooth, and of a firm texture, unequally divided by the nerve, which is visible on the back only, margins armed with minute prickles. Sheaths of the leaves smooth, with ample, waved, fringed months, being a continuation of the leaves themselves. Panicles terminal, contracted, subcylindric. Flowers solitary, pedicelled. Calyx of two, minute, subulate valvelets. Corol two-valved, smooth; the exterior one boat shaped, and daggered.

I have not been able to learn that any use is made of this sort, nor even to obtain any

Asiatic name for it.

LEERSIA. Soland.

Calyx; glume two-valved, one flowered. Corol none. . 1. L. aristata. R.

Leares lanceolate. Panicles diverging. Flowers paired, exterior valve of the calyx awned. Nir-valli-pullu, Rheed, Mal. 10, t. 12.

eri Beng. Junglee dal.

Found growing on the surface of deep, standing, sweet water, in the vicinity of Calcutta, Page

Flowering time the cold season. Compare with Pharus aristatus.

Culus jointed, long, floating on, and in the water; emitting numerous roots from the joints; apices above the water sub-erect. Sheaths much longer than the joints, and about as long as the leaves. Leaves sheathing, subhanceolate, rather obtuse; cordate at the base; striated and clouded with dark brownish spots above, scabrous. Panicles thin. Flowers paired on pedicels of very unequal lengths, all hermaphrodite. Calyx; glume one-flowered, two-valved; valuelets long, hispid, about five-nerved the exterior ending in a pretty long straight arista. Corol none. Nectary two-leaved, obcordate, crenulate. Stamens six. Germ ovate. Styles two. Stigmax plumose.

2. L. ciliata. R.

Leaves linear-lanceolate, margins backwardly hispid. Panicles oblong. Flowers solitary, valves of the calve equal in length, and awnless, but amplyciliate on the back.

Pharus ciliatus, Retz. obs. 5. p. 23.

A native of Bengal, where it occupies with its primitive roots the margins of pools, lakes, &c. of sweet water, sending forth innumerable, several-fathours-long, floating stems, and branches over the surface of the water, to a much greater extent than L. aristata, which grows in the same manner, but rarely extends more than a few feet. Cattle are fond of the former.

Compare with Leersia hexandra of Swartz, and Leersia australis Brown's Prodromus. In both the foregoing species I have never found the flowers completely hermaphrodite.

HEXANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

RUMEX. Schreb. gen. n. 613.

Calyx three-leaved. Petals three, converging. Three-seeded.

1. R. acutus, Willd. 2, 253.

Annual (in India.) Flowers hermaphrodite, valvelets all grain-bearing, at the flowering time entire, at the fruit time toothed; verticals approximate, with most numerous, pedicelled, drooping flowers. Leaves lanceolate, entire.

Hind, Jool-pallum. Beng. Bun-palung.

This plant is common about Calcutta in low places, during the dry season, it perishes as

soon as the first rains begin.

Root long, slender, somewhat ramons, annual, externally of a pale yellowish brown colour. Stem erect, rimous, furrowed, otherwise smooth; from one to three feet high. Leaves alternate, all petioled, lanceolate; the superior or floral leaves linear, and very smooth; all are entire, waved and smooth, from one to twelve inches long. Petioles with a trifling membranacrous vagina at the base; verticels numerous, approximate, consisting of numerous, drooping, pedicelled flowers. Calyx: leaflets linear, small. Corol, valvelets ovate-lanceolate, callous grained on the outside; at the flowering time they are entire, and as the seed advances to maturity become toothed on the sides, by which time the grains are very large, obloug-ovate, and with a granulous surface. Style short, filiform. Stigmas pencil-shaped.

Observation.

This differs from R. acutus of Europe in being annual, and I think it may be a different species. I must however leave it to those to point out wherein they differ, who have an opportunity of doing so with the living plants before them. Every part thereof possesses a considerable degree of astringency and bitterness, without any thing like acidity.

2. R. resicarius, Willd. 2, 256.

Flowers hermaphrodite, geminate; all the valves very large, membranaceous, reflexed. Leaves undivided.

Sans. Shutavedhee.

Beng. Chooka-palung.

Arab. Humarbostance.

Pera. Toorshumuk.

Found cultivated in gardens all over Asia, and used by the natives in their food, as well as medicinally.

APONOGETON. Schreb. gen. n. 835.

Calux, or corol two-leaved. Capsules three or four, superior, each containing two, or more

A. monostachyon, Willd. 2, 917, Corom. pl. 1, N. 81.

Spike single, simple, Leaves linear, with cordate base. Capsules smooth, with about six seeds in each.

Parua-kelanga. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 15.

Sans, Kakangi.

Hind, Ghechoo.

Nama is the Telinga name of the plant, and namadumpa of the root. Saurmus natuus. Mant. 227.

It is a native of shallow, standing, sweet water; and appears, and flowers during the rains,

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Root tuberous, perennial. Leaves radical, long-petioled, linear-oblong, at the base cordate, pointed, entire, smooth, from three to five-nerved, from three to six inches long, and about one broad. Scapes as long as the leaves, a little striated, perforated by many pores length-ways. Spikes elegantly bent this way and that, closely surrounded with flowers. Calux, or corol, which you may please, two wedge-shaped, concave leaflets, or petals, inserted at the base of the two fissures, between the inferior and two superior germs, permanent. Filaments always six. shorter than the bractes, withering. Anthers blue. Germs constantly three, surrounded by the permanent stamens. Capsules three, pointed, with a remaining style, smooth, one-celled, from four to eight seeded. Seeds oblong, inserted into the base of the capsule.

The natives are fond of the roots, which are nearly as good as potatoes.

I have removed this genus from the fourth order of the seventh class, to the third order of the sixth, as all my four Indian species are uniformly hexandrous, and for the most part with three germs.

2. A. echinatum. R.

Spike single, and simple. Leaves linear, with cordate base. Capsules echinate. Seeds about six. Found, with the former species growing in shallow fresh water all over the Circars.

211 3. A. undulatum. R.

Stoloniferous. Spikes simple. Leaves lanceolate, waved.

A native of Bengal, and like A. monostachyon, grows in standing sweet water. It flowers

during the rains.

Root tuberous, perennial, stole-bearing and edible. Leaves radical, petioled, generally under, or floating on the water, lanceolate, waved, from three to five-nerved, with numerous, small, expanding veins, from four to six inches long, and less than one broad. Petioles compressed, shorter than the leaves. Scapes round, smooth, the length various, according to the depth of the water, thickening as it ascends. Spikes simple, crowded with flowers. Bractes and stamens as in A. monostachyon. Germs three, sometimes four, but this does not affect the number of stamens; in all the flowers I examined, they are invariably six. Capsules smooth. Seed generally one or two, oblong.

4. A. microphyllum. R.

Root tuberous. Spike single, simple. Leaves radical, cylindric, many times shorter than the spike. Capsules with one or two seeds.

A native of damp places near the Bhotan mountains. Flowering time, the rainy season.

Root tuberous, and esculent. Leaves radical, sessile, about three, four, or five to the scape, spreading close on the surface of the earth, sub-semicylindric, their margins being incurved; about one inch long, and one eighth of an inch broad. Scape erect, round, smooth, three or four times longer than the leaves. Spathe caducous. Spike terminal, subcreet, every where covered with beantiful blue coloured flowers. Calyx (bractes or corol) two-leaved; leaflets wedge-shaped, expanding. Stamens uniformly six. Germs three. Capsules with one, or two round seeds in each.

ANDERSONIA, R.

Calyr three-five-parted. Corol petalled. Nectary globular, with the sessile anthers affixed to its inside. Germ superior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment interior. Capsules three-celled, three-valved. Seeds solitary, arilled. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

It was named in memory of the late Dr. James Anderson, Physician at Madras. It differs from Cupania in having a three-petalled corol, and globular autheriferous nectary; and from

Guarea and Persoonia in the calyx and pericarpium,

1. A. cucullata. R.

Polygamous. Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets opposite, from two to four pair, obtuse. Hermaphrodite peduncles axillary, few flowered, male panieled.

Beng. Umur.

A tree of considerable size, but of very slow growth, a native of the Delta of the Ganges. Flowering time, the latter part of the rainy season, and the beginning of the cold season.

Trunk in young trees straight, with few branches; the bark ash-coloured, and smooth; young shoots also smooth. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to eighteen inches long. Leaflets opposite, two, three, or four pair, short-petiolated, obliquely ovate-lanceolate, obtuse, unequally divided by the nerve, polished on both sides, and of a firm texture; margins entire, from three to six inches long. The terminal leaflet is often cowled at the base, hence

the specific name. Petioles nearly round, and pretty smooth. Stipules none.

Male tree. Panicles axillary, solitary, drooping, about as long as the leaves; ramifications numerous, diverging. Flowers numerous, small, yellow. Bractes a small obscure scale, under each division of the panicle, and two pressing the calyx laterally. Calyx small, oneleaved, three-toothed. The two bractes, while they remain, make it appear five-parted. Petals three, oval, concave, pressed to the nectary. Nectary round, turbinate, with a contracted triangular opening on the apex. Filaments none. Anthers from six to eight, sessile, round the inside of the nectary, apparently abortive. Germ none, but a clavate gland in its place.

HERMAPHRODITE tree. Peduncles axillary, solitary from three to six-flowered. Flowers longer than the male, in other respects the same. Calyx, corol, and nectary as in the male. Anthers always six. Germ superior, three-sided, ovate, covered with minute, stellate scales, three-celled, with two vertically placed orula in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style mone. Stigma large, three-lobed; lobes somewhat two-lobed. Capsule nearly round, as large as a middling sized apple, three-lobed, three-celled, three-valved. Cortex thick, firm, and of a tough, fleshy texture. Seeds solitary, of a roundish trigonal shape, three-fourths covered with a fleshy bright orange-coloured aril. Integrament under the aril smooth, and of a chesnut colour. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Plumula twolobed. Radicle semilunar, superior. 2. A. Rohitska, R.

Polygamous. Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets six-paired, obliquely oblong, entire, smooth, opposite. Inflorescence axillary, the fertile flowers spiked, the abortive ones panicled.

Sans, Rohitaka, Beng, Tikta-raj. Hind, Harrin-hara, or khana.

These synonyms refer chiefly to the female hermaphrodite, or fertile tree.

A small tree, a native of Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season.

Trunk pretty straight, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Branches not very numerous, but spreading and drooping much, and so densely decorated with leaves, as to yield the most complete shade. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from one, to two feet long. Leaflets from four, to eight pair, opposite, short-petioled, oblong, and linear-oblong, somewhat falcate, entire, obtusely cuspidate, smooth on both sides; the most exterior are about six inches long, while the lower pair is scarcely half the length. Petioles nearly round, and very slightly villous. Stipules none.

Male tree. Panieles axillary, or rather a little above, shorter than the leaves, composed of numerous, simple, diverging, somewhat drooping ramifications. Flowers numerous, subsessile, small, white, inodorous. Bractes minute, scales under the divisions of the panicle, and calyx. Calyx one-leaved, thick, firm and fleshy. Border divided into five nearly equal, imbricate, reniform segments. Petals three, oval, concave. Nectary globalar, pure white, fleshy, smooth, with a roundish triangular opening on the apex. Filaments none. Anthers six, their

back attached to the inside of the nectary. Germ abortive.

HERMAPHRODITE tree. Spikes axillary, solitary, pedancled, erect, generally simple, rather more than half the length of the leaves. Flower sessile, numerous, small, cream-coloured. Bractes, a very minute one below each flower. Calyx five-leaved. Leaflets orbicular, unequal, leathery, concave, smooth on both sides. Petals three, roundish, concave, much longer than the calyx. Nectary globular, fleshy, perforated at the apex, occupying the whole centre of the corol; inclosing the stamens, and pistil. Filaments none, or very short. Anthers six, linear, pointed, joined to the inside of the nectary, with their spices just appearing at its perforation, which makes the nectary look as if its mouth was six-toothed. Germ three-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style scarcely any. Stigma three-lobed; lobes emarginate. Capsule round, about an inch- and a quarter in diameter, smooth, pale yellow, rather soft and fleshy, three-celled, three valved, opening from the apex. Seeds solitary, oblong, enclosed in a complete, thick, fleshy, scarlet aril, which is attached length-ways to the threepartible mouth of the capsule, and this again to a light coloured mark on the inner edge of the seed, and round its apex. Integements two; exterior the colour, polish, and consistence of the chesnut; the inser one lighter coloured, thin and firmly attached to the cotyledons. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse, minute, until vegetation has taken place. Cotyledons conform to the seed, and so firmly and completely united, as to seem one, until the two-lobed plumula, and superior radicle, are considerably advanced.

From the seeds of this species, the natives, where the trees grow plentifully, extract an

oil, which they use for various economical purposes.

HEXANDRIA HEXAGYNIA.

DAMASONIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 624.

Spathe superior. Perianth superior, three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Germ lanceolate, from six to twelve-ceiled; cells many-seeded; attachment septal. Styles equalling in number the cells of the germ. Capsule one-celled, six-valved. Seeds numerous. Embryo minute; direction various; perisperm ample, 1. D. indicum. Willd, 2, 276, Corom. pl. 2, N. 185.

Ottel-umbel. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 46.

Beng. Parmi-kulla. Teling. Neer-venekee.

An annual plant, a native of sweet water. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root fibrous. Leaves radical, petioled, from oblong-cordate to broad-cordate, waved, from seven to eleven-nerved, smooth, of a thin membranaceous texture; size very various, say six inches each way; they generally grow under the water. Petioles three-sided, length varions. Pedancles radical, with the petioles, of sufficient length to raise the flower above the surface of the water, from four to five-sided, smooth, one-flowered. Calyx, spathe, superior, one-leaved, from five to six winged; wings membranaceous, waved; mouth five or six-toothed. Perianth superior, three-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, three-nerved. Corol three-petalled. Nectary three small, obcordate scales within the insertion of the petals. Filaments from six to twelve, erect. Anthers linear, erect. Germ within the belly of the spathe and inferior to the perianth, from six to twelve-celled, each containing numerous ovula attached to the partitions, as in Nymphea. Styles from six to twelve, half two-cleft. Stigmas acute. Capsule oblong, crowned with the withered perianth, six-grooved; one-celled, six-valved. Seeds numer-

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Page ous, affixed to six sharp keels, (parietal receptacles,) running on the inside of the sutures of the six valves.

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HEPTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

PISONIA. Schreb. gen. n. 1603.

Calyx campanulate, five-toothed. Corol none. Seed solitary, involved in the enlarged, bacciform calyx. Embryo erect, embracing a central perisperm. 1, P. aculeata, Willd, 2, 283, Gart. Sem. 1, 367, t. 76.

Dioecous, shrubby, scandent. Thorns axillary, recurved. Leaves oblong. Panicles axil-

Beng. Baghachura. Tam. Karu-indu.

Tragularia horrida, of Konig. M. S. S.

Teling. Kunki-pootri.

A very common, strong, large, straggling shrub.

Trunk scarcely to be distinguished. Bark smooth, dark-olive-coloured. Branches numerous, nearly opposite, decussate, horizontal, extending far; young parts downy. Thorns axillary, solitary, recurved, very sharp, and strong. Leaves sub-opposite, petioled, oval, obtuse, a little downy. Flowers collected on small, rigid, terminal, and axillary panieles.

MALE. Calyx, bell-shaped, five-toothed, five-angled, somewhat scabrous. Corol none. Filaments seven or eight, twice the length of the calyx, inserted into a fleshy receptacle, which surrounds the base of the abortive germ. Anthers simple. Germ lanceolate, abortive. Female. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Stamens none. Germ superior, conical.

Style longer than the calyx. Stigma headed. Pericarp none, the calyx now enlarged, and contracted at the mouths serves for one. It is five-sided, each angle being armed with two or three rows of conical, headed, very glutinous glands. Seeds one, nearly cylindric, &c. as described by Gærtner.

It makes most excellent, impenetrable fences, and when fairly caught in its trammels. it is no easy matter to be extricated, the prickles being so numerous, strong, crooked, and sharp. Both Konig and myself were so situated amongst the Vandalore hills near Madras, and hence he named it T. korrida, not at that time suspecting it to be Pisonia aculeata.

Plants received from the West Indies into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, do not in

any respect differ from our East Indian one, which grows common in forests, hedges, &c.

JONESIA. R.

Calyx two-leaved. Corol infundibuliform, the tube fleshy and closed, border four-parted. Nectary, a staminiferous and pistiliferous ring crowning the mouth of the tube. Germ pedicelled. Legume turgid, from four to eight-seeded.

J. asoca, R. in Asiat. Res. 4. 355.

Leaflets five pair, lanceolate. Flowers heptandrous.

Jonesia pinnata. Willd. 2. 287.

Asoca, Asiat. Res. 3, 254, and 4, 274,

Asjogam. Rheed. Mal. 5. p. 117. tab. 59.

Beng. Usok.

Found in gardens about Calcutta, where it grows to be a very handsome, middling sized, ramous tree; flowering time the beginning of the hot season; the seeds ripen during the

219 The plants and seeds were probably brought originally from the eastern frontier of Bengal, where it is indigenous.

Trunk erect, though not very straight. Bark dark brown, pretty smooth. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, so as to form a most elegant, large shady head. Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate, sessile, generally more than a foot long; when young, pendulous, and coloured. Leaflets opposite, from four to six-pair, the lower pairs broad-lanceolate; the superior lanceolate; all are smooth, shining, and of a firm texture, with their margius a little waved. Common petioles, round, smooth. Stipules axillary, solitary, in fact a process from the base of the common petiole, as in many of the grasses. Cymes terminal and axillary, between the stipule and branchlets, nearly globular, large, and crowded with flowers.

Bractes a small, cordate, one under each division, and subdivision of the cyme. Peduucles, and pedicels smooth, and reddish-coloured. Flowers numerous, pretty large; when they first expand, they are of a beautiful orange colour, gradually changing to red, forming a variety of beautiful shades, fragrant during the night. Calgar two-leaved; leaflets nearly opposite, coloured, cordate, bracte-like, marking the termination of the pedicel, or the beginning of the tube of the corol. Corol one-petalled, funnel-formed. Tube slightly incurved, firm, and fleshy, tapering towards the base, and impervious. Border four-parted; divisions spreading, suborbicular, one-third the length of the tube ; margin slightly woolly. Nectary, a staminiferous, and pistiliferous, crenulated ring crowning the mouth of the tube. Filaments generally seven, and seven must, I think, be the natural number; viz. three on each side, and one below;

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sabove a vacancy, as if the place of an eight filament, occupied on its inside by the pedicel of the germ; the filaments are equal, distinct, ascending, and about three, or four times longer than the border of the corol. Anthers reniform, small, incumbent. Germ oblong, pedicelled; special inserted into the inside of the nectary, immediately below the vacant space already mentioned, one-celled, from eight to twelve-seeded, attached to the upper margin of the cell. Style nearly as long as the stamens, declining. Stigma simple. Legume scimitar-shaped, turagid, on the outside reticulated, otherwise pretty smooth, from six to ten inches long, and about two broad. Seeds generally from four to eight, smooth, gray, the size of large chesnut.

Note. Many of the flowers have only the rudiment of a pistilium.

When this tree is in full blossom, I do not think the whole vegetable kingdom, affords a

smore beautiful object.

2. J. scandens. R.

Shrubby scandent, or twining. Leaflets two or three pairs.

A native of Sumatra, and has been received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, but has mot yet blossomed there. Sir William Jones, whose name this genus bears, mentions (Asiat. Res. 4. 275.) a twining species, to which Jayadeva gave the epithet voluble which is pro-

3. J. triandra. R.

Leaflets two pair, oval. Flowers triandrous.

A native of the Malay Archipelago.

CLASS VIII.

OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

XANTHOPHYLLUM. R.

Calux five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, sub-papilionaceous. Germ superior, one-celled, few-seeded, attached to two opposite parietal receptacles. Berry one-seeded. Embryo transverse, without perisperm.

1. X. virens. R.

Panicles interfoliaceous and terminal. Germ four-seeded.

Beng. Gundee.

A large timber tree, a native of the thick forests of Silhet, where it blossoms in March and the seed ripens in June and July. The wood is said to be remarkably hard and useful to the natives.

Branches and branchlets very numerous, and much crowded, smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from oblong to lanceolar, entire, of a firm texture, and polished; about six tinches long, and from one and a half to two and half broad. Stipules none. Panicles termimal, and between the leaves, internodal, very numerous and pretty much crowded with flowers; in general they are shorter than the leaves, and every part is smooth. Flowers numerous, rather small, colour a mixture of yellow and pink, generally solitary, pretty long-pedicelled. Bractes tern, at the base of each solitary pedicel, small, ensiform, villous, caducous. Calyx five-leaved, rather unequal, the lower two, and the superior one being smaller. Petals five, the superior and lateral four nearly equal, sub-spatulate, falcate; the upper two from what may be called the vexillum; the fifth or lower, (carina,) boat-shaped, unguiculate, and pink-coloured. Filaments eight, incurved, nearly equal, shorter than the corol, and hairy; four of them inserted on the claws of the upper four petals, two on the claw of the lower, viz. the carina, and the remaining two into the receptacle, between the two petals which form the vexillum and the two wings. Authers oval. Germ superior, short-pedicelled, the insertion of which is embraced by a seven-angled, nectarial cup, round, ribbed, a little hairy, one-celled, containing four ovala, attached two and two to two opposite sub-parietal receptacles, near the base of the cell. Style the length of the stamina, toward the apex incurved. Stigma slightly two-lobed. Berry globular, short-pedicelled, of a firm fleshy texture, when ripe, olive-coloured, and about the size of a pigeon's egg, one-celled. Seed solitary, nearly round; attachment lateral. Integement single, rather thick and brownish. Perisperm none. Embryo transverse, green. Cotyledons two, conform to the seed, equal. Radicle lateral, truncate, lodged immediately within the umbilicus of the seed, and pointing to it.

2. X. flavescens. R.

Panieles axillary and terminal. Germs from eight to ten-seeded. Two glands on the back of the leaves near the base,

Beng. Ajensak.

A large tree, a native of the hilly parts of the province of Chittagong, where it blossoms in May, and is so very much like the former species, virens, that I was for some time inclined to consider them only varieties of one species, but attentive examinations made at various times, give me reason to think they are sufficiently distinct. In the former, circus, the leaves continue green when dry, and are destitute of the two small, hollow glands on the base of the lower pair of veins, one on each of the lower ends of the rib, or nerve, which particularly mark florescens. The panieles except those that terminate the twigs, are in this perfectly axillary; in that far above the axilis, and their insertions accompanied by two or three, vertically situated knobs or buds, as in some species of Capparis, &c. There the germ has never more than four orula, in-

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Page serted by pairs on opposite sides near the bottom of the cell; here are from eight to twelve ovula in the germ, inserted on opposite sides of the cell, from the base to near the top. There the stigma is large and more or less two-lobed; here simple. In other respects they agree so well, that it seems unnecessary to figure more of flavescens, than the back of the base of one leaf, to shew the two glands.

OSBECKIA. Schreb. gen. n. 635.

Calyx from four to five-cleft; lobes separated with a fringed scale. Corol from four to five-petalled. Anthers beaked. Capsule four-celled, girt with the tube of the calyx.
1. O. zeylanica. Willd. 2, 300.

Annual, bristly. Leaves petioled, oblong, bristly. Flowers axillary, and terminal.

A native of Ceylon.

Stem annual, erect, four-sided, the angles armed with erect bristles. Branches opposite, stem-like; whole height about one foot. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, fringed, bristly on both sides. Flowers axillary, and terminal; those of the axils solitary, and short-peduncled; the terminal from one to five, or seven together, and still shorter peduncled, a large, beautiful bright blue-purple. Bractes fringed. Calyx bristly; intermediate scales consisting of a pedicelled star of bristles each.

2. O. chinensis. Willd 2, 300.

Annual, erect, four-seeded, scabrous. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, three-nerved. Flowers terminal, subsessile, four smaller divisions of the ealyx fringed.

Found in Cuttack, on dry rice fields, in flower during the cold season.

3. O. tetrandra, R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves opposite, three-nerved. Panicles terminal. Flowers tetran-

A large, climbing shrub, a native of Pulo Pinang. Tendrils few, scattered, solitary, undivided.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, three-nerved, cordate-oblong, entire, smooth on both sides; a marginal vein runs round the leaves, which gives them the appearance of being five-nerved. Petioles short, bristly on the upper side. Panicles terminal, cross-armed, conical; divisions thereof trichotomous. Calyx one-leaved. Tabe gibbons, permanent. Border four-parted, deciduous. Petals four, alternate with the stamens, long-clawed, crescent-shaped, fringed, each having a long spur projecting downward from the inside. Filaments four, inserted into the calyx. Anthers erect; before expansion their points are lodged in four deep pits between the calyx and germ, with long perforated beaks and two small scales at the base of each on the inside. Germ hidden within the calyx. Style awled. Stigma simple. Capsules roundish, crowned with the entire tube of the calyx, four-celled; cells opening at top. Seeds very numerous. Receptacle semilunate.

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Observation.

This plant appears to me to be nearly allied to Osbeckia, however the want of the intermediate small scales of the calyx, and there being only four stamens, are I think sufficient motives for doubt. Compare with Melastoma, also with Rhexia.

New genus (Blank.)

Calyx entire. Corol four-petalled, inserted on the calyx. Capsule inferior, four-celled; receptacles parietal. Seeds numerous.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, pointed, three-nerved, smooth on both sides. Corymbs terminal, and axillary, much shorter than the leaves, crowded, decompound. Flowers numerous, small. Bractes minute. Calyx entire. Petals four, contorted, ovate-cordate, subsessile, expanding, inserted in the mouth of the calyx. Filaments eight, the length of the petals, inserted into the calyx under the petals, points incurved and fine-Anthers crescent-shaped, with a double polleniferous groove on the inside. Germ inferior, roundish, small. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma clavate. Capsule four-celled, four-valved, crowned with the remaining calyx. Seeds numerous, affixed to four, callous, vertical parietal receptacles, as in Vallisneria, &c.

COMBRETUM. Schreb. gen. n. 641.

Calyx superior, from four to five-toothed. Corol from four to five-petalled, inserted with the stamina into the mouth of the calyx. Germ one-celled; ovala from two to four; attachment superior. Seeds solitary, from four to five-winged, or lobed. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. C. ovalifolium. R.

Scandent. Leaves opposite, oval, smooth, obtuse. Spikes axillary and terminal, the latter compound. Calyx subrotate. Petals elliptic.

A native of Coromandel. Flowering time in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta March and

April. The seeds ripen during the rainy season.

Stem stout, and ligneous, soon dividing into numerous, woody, scandent branches and branchlets of great extent. Bark of the old parts rough, and brown; of the young shoots smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, entire, obtuse, smooth on both sides; from four to six inches long, and two to three broad. Stipules none. Spikes terminal and axillary; the former compound, having two, or three pairs of opposite, expanding branches, and may be called a paniele. Bracter minute, subulate, one-flowered. Flowers small, yellowish Page Carey white, sessile. Calgo without a tube, concave within, and there the rim is surrounded with on large, orange-coloured, heiry ring; border four-parted; segments three, angular, reflexed. Petals elliptic, obtase, longer than the segments of the calyx, smooth, white. Filaments longer than the petals, incurved, alternately somewhat shorter. Germ inferior, oblong, onecelled, containing two ovala, attached to the top of the cell. Style shorter than the stamina. Stigma simple. Seed narrow-lanceolar, four-winged; wings semilunar, smooth, membranaceous, Integuments two; interior thin, and brown. Perixperm none. Embryo inverse. Coty-ledons intricately folded into the four lobes of the seed, when expanded two-lobed, as in most of the Concolvulacea. Radicle superior.

2. C. rotundifolium. R.

Scandent. Leaves opposite, petioled, nearly round, smooth, entire. Racemes axillary, solitary, cylindric, dense. Flowers pedicelled; calyx narrow-campanulate; petals obcordate.

Con-lata the vermeular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous. Flowering in January

Stem and branches scandent; the young shoots often twining. Leaves opposite, or nearly see, petioled, subrotund, entire, smooth; from three to five inches long, and nearly as broad. Petioles about an inch long. Racemes axillary, solitary, long-peduncled, short, cylindric, crowdsed with numerous, small, straw-coloured, pedicelled flowers. Bractes subulate, one flowered, ceaducous. Calyx mirrow-campanulate, four-toothed. Pelals four, obcordate, and about as long sas the teeth of the calyx. Filaments eight, long and slender, just under the insertion of each is a beiry gland. Germ lanceolar, four-sided, one-celled, containing two ocula attached to the ttop of the cell.

3. C. costatum. R.

Scandent. Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth, veins single and parallel. Spikes axillary,

ssingle, or paired; calyx cup-shaped; petals lanceolar, minute.

Tall jooniar the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and like the other

IEast India species, a large, scandent shrub. Flowering time March and April.

Branchiels opposite, or dichotomous, round, and smooth. Leaves opposite short-petioled, soblong, taper-pointed, entire, smooth on both sides; veins simple and parallel; about six inches long, and three broad. Stipules none. Spikes axillary, and terminal, single, or in pairs, subsessile, from one to two inches long. Flowers numerous, scattered, small, dull yellow. Bracles minute, one on the under side of each germ. Calgr cup-shaped, obscurely four-toothed, pretty smooth and even on both sides. Petals four, very small, lanceolar. Filaments eight, smooth, many times longer than the calyx, and inserted into it. Anthers two-lobed. Germ inferior, one-celled, containing two, three, or four ovula, attached to the top of the cell. Style mearly as long as the stamina. Sligma acute.

4. C. acaminotum. R.

Scandent. Leaves opposite, and alternate, subsessile, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, with a scordate base. * Spikes axillary, and terminal. Calax campanulate, a very hairy belt within. Petals subrotund.

Patjoons the vermeular name in Silhet, where it is found wild in the forests, running sover trees, &c to a great extent. Flowers in March and April; seed ripe in July.

Young skoots downy. Leaves subopposite, and alternate, subsessile, from oblong to ovatelanceolate, entire; base cordate; apex alternate and acute; upper surface pretty smooth, vildons underneath; from four to six inches long, and from one to three broad. Spikes axillary and terminal, peduneled, shorter than the leaves, villons. Flowers numerous, sessile, small, yellow. Calyx campanulate; mouth acutely four-toothed, round the inside just below the insection of the filaments, is a very hairy, membranaceous ring, with the lower hairs thereof pointing down, while those above point up through the mouth of the tube, and are straw-coloured. This hairy valve, or membrane, will immediately point out this species. Petals four, roundeval, yellow. Stamina eight. Germ evate, one-celled, containing three or four ovata, attached to the top of the cell. Style length of the stamina. Stigma simple. Seed oblong, fourcornered, the four sides grooved; angles thick and rounded, smooth, dark brown and dry, Integraments two, no perisperm. Embryo inverse, with the large cotyledons most intricately folded as in the Convolvataceae, and not expanding, or rising above ground during vegetation.

5. C. extensum. R.

Shrubby, climbing and twining to a great extent. Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth, entire. Spikes lateral, often compound, short-peduncled, ovate. Calga infundibuliform, smooth; divisions acute. Petals truncated.

A most extensive, stout, woody, twining, and climbing plant, with smooth brown bark ; a native of the Malay Islands. From Amboyna it has been introduced into the Botanic Gar-

den at Calcutta, where it blossoms in January and February; seed ripe in April

Leaces opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, firm and polished, about six inches long, and about three broad. Spikes lateral, and axillary; the first from the former years branches, below the leaves, short-pedunded, often compound much shorter than the leaves, ovate, and closely covered with diverging, small, pale greenish white flowers, becoming reddish by age. Bracles most minute, one-flowered. Calgar funnel-shaped; border of four, triangular, recurvsed, acute, divisions. Petals four, not half the length of the divisions of the calyx, ovate-teuncate, but as the edges become revolute, they then appear acute. Filaments eight, inserted into the mouth of the calyx, and longer than the divisions of its border. Authors roundish, orange-coloured. Germ inferior, linear-oblong, one-celled, containing two, three, or four seeds attached to the top of the cell. Style so long as to elevate the stigma even with the anthers.

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Seed always single, and with Gærtner, I consider the exterior integrment thereof all there is for a seed vessel, which is of a lanceolate shape, with four grooves on the four sides, and the four angles extended into four, large, scariose, semilunar wings. Inner integument more spongy and entering into the four angular grooves formed by the foldings of the lobes. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, oval, three-nerved, emarginate, plaited into each other. Plumula minute. Radicle clavate, superior, pointing directly to the convoluted cord, which attaches the inner integument to the outer, under the style.

6. C. chinensis. R.

Subarboreous, scandent. Leaves opposite, and tern, oblong. smooth. Spikes axillary, shorter than the leaves. Tube of the calyx clavate, month shut with hairs.

A very large, spreading, ramous, scandent plant, in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta; originally from China.

Flowering time in Bengal the beginning of the cold season.

Trunk scarcely any, but numerous branches, spreading in every direction and climbing when supported, to the extent of some fathoms. Bark dark brown; and pretty smooth. Leaves opposite, and tern, petioled, drooping, entire, oblong, polished on both sides; about four inches long, and two broad. Spikes axillary, solitary, simple, erect, subcylindric, compact, scarcely half the length of the leaves, bearing sessile flowers on all sides. Bractes subulate, recurved. Calyx. Tube, clavate; mouth shut with hairs; border of four, acute segments. Petals obovate, acuminate, twice longer than the segments of the calyx. Stamens eight, a little longer than the petals. Germ sessile. Style nearly equalling the filaments. Seed with four large wings.

This is evidently different from C. secundum and decandrum but to distinguish it from

laxum, requires that attention to be paid to the three-fold leaves; the form and length of the spikes, the size of the petals, and the length of the filaments. Vide Jacquin. Stirp. Amer.

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Scandent, smooth. Leaves opposite, ovate. Racemes axillary, subcylindric, dense and

crowded. Calyx infundibuliform. Segments acuminate. Petals oval.

A very extensive, powerful rambler, a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in December. It is readily distinguished by the flowers being pedicelled, and while in the bud acutely conical, also within is a hairy rim round its mouth, below the eight stamina. The larger leaves are about a foot long, and from six to eight inches broad.

S. C. squamosum. R.

Scandent, all the tender parts covered with minute scales. Leaves opposite short-petioled, oblong, entire, acute. Panicles terminal, and axillary. Petals lanceolar.

A native of the Malay Archipelago. 9. C. laxum. Willd. 2, 319.

Scandent. Leaves oval. Racemes lengthened, thin of flowers and without bractes. Calyx woolly within.

Teling. Bandikota.

A native of the Northern Circars, but I doubt whether it be the same as the American species with the same specific name.

10. C. pilosum. R.

Scandent. Leaves opposite, ovate-lanceolate. Panicles uncommonly dense and hairy. Flowers hairy, decandrous. Petals lanceolar.

Beng. Jooni-ugur.

A native of the Silhet district, and like the other Indian species, an extensive, very permanent, large scandent species with the more slender branches twining. Bark of the ligneous parts pretty smooth, dark brown; that of the younger shoots clothed with much ferru-

ginous, soft pubescense.

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Leaves opposite, subsessile, broad ovate-lanceolate, entire, nearly smooth, as scarcely any thing more than the nerve and veins on the underside are slightly pubescent; six or eight inches long, and from one to three broad. Floral leaves small, broader in proportion, more pointed, and somewhat coloured. Panicles terminal or short, with opposite, diverging, hairy branchlets, very large, crowded with opposite, brachiate, compound racemes, and those again crowded with opposite flowers, bractes, and small floral leaves; every part densely clothed with much ferruginous hair. Flowers tawny, with ferruginous hairs, short-pedicelled. Bractes linear-lanceolar, opposite, one-flowered. Calyx superior, campanulate, five-toothed, both sides hairy. Petals five, lanceolar, much longer than the segments of the calyx, outside clothed with appressed fulvous hairs. Filaments ten, much longer than the corol, five inserted immediately under the petals, and five deep in the tube of the calyx. Germ five angled, hairy, one-celled, containing two ovula, attached to the top of the cell. Style length of the stamina. Stigma simple. Seed five-winged, villous. Integuments two. The exterior is the soft, villous winged tunic; the inner a thin dark brown membrane, adhering to the cotyledons. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons angularly-convolute. Radicle superior. 11. C. decandrum, Willd. 2. 319. Corom. pl. 1. N. 59.

Shrubby, climbing. Leaves opposite, oblong, smooth, floral leaves coloured, and villous. Spikes terminal, and axillary ; flowers decandrous. Capsules five-winged.

Teling. Arikota.

It is a large, climbing shrub, a native of forests and mountains, &c. Flowers during the

Stem woody, climbing. Leaves opposite, reflected, short-petioled, oblong, acute, waved, smooth, about six inches long, and three broad. Floral leaves small, coloured, downy. Spikes numerous, terminal and axillary. Bracles opposite, lanceolate, one-flowered. Calyx campanulate, five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Stamens ten. Seed five-winged.

12. C purpureum, Willd. 2, 319. Vahl. Symb. 3, 51.

Seandent. Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate, glossy, underneath purple. Spikes panicled, terminal, flowers decandrous.

Cristaria coccinea. Sonnerat. it. 2, 247. t. 140.

A native of the Mauritius, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

GRISLEA. Schreb. gen. n. 642.

Calux from four to six-toothed. Corol from four to six-petalled, inserted into the fissures of the calyx. Filaments long, ascending. Capsule superior, two-celled. Seeds numerous.

G. tomentosa, Willd. 2, 321, Corom. pl. 1. N. 31.

Shrubby. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping. Racemes axillary. Petals minute; stamina eleven, or twelve.

Lythrum fructicosum. sp. pl. 641. Dhawry. Asiat. Res. 4. p. 42. Sans. Agnijwala, and Dhatree. Teling. Seringir.

Beng. Dhau-phool.

A very beautiful, flowering shrub, or small tree, a native of the hills and vallies through the northern Circars, &c. &c. It flowers during the cold, and the beginning of the hot season,

and the seed ripens in the rains.

Stem and principal branches erect, smaller ascending. Bark rust-coloured; twigs drooping. Leaves opposite, in a position between decussate and bifarious, stem-clasping, lanceolate, with cordate base, acute, above smooth, whitish underweath. Racemes axillary and below the leaves, over the leafless branchlets, often compound, short, bearing from five to fifteen flowers. Flowers pretty large, red. in a great measure permanent. Calyx red, twelve-toothed, the alternate ones very small, permanent, as is also the colour. Petals six, small, linear, lanceolate. Filaments twice the length of the calyx, alternately a little shorter, ascending, inserted into the calyx near its base, and projecting along its under side. Germ superior, two-celled. Style shorter than the stamens. Stigma bifid. Capsule two-celled, two-valved, covered with the coloured permament calyx. Seeds most unmerous. Receptucies reniform, large.

Note. The bright red, permanent calyx, which retains its colour till the seeds are ripe,

gives to this shrub a very gaudy appearance.

ROXBURGHIA. Banks.

Calyx four-leaved. Corol four-petalled, their lower half carinated on the inside. Anthers sessile in the grooves formed by the carinas of the petals. Germ superior, one-celled, manyseeded; attachment inferior. Capsule superior, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds several, each sitting on a spongy receptacle.

R. gloriosoides. Willd. 2, 321. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 32.

Teling. Kanipoo-tiga.

Ubium Polypoides, Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 364, t. 129. Compare with Stemona tuberosa, Lourier, Cochin Ch. p. 490.

This elegant plant is a native of moist vallies up amongst the Circar mountains. Flower-

ing time the cold season.

Root perennial, compounded of many, smooth, cylindric, fleshy tubers, of from six to twelve inches long, and from three to five in circumference about the middle; they taper equally towards each end. Stems perennial, or more, twining, smooth, running over trees, &c. Branches like the stem, round, smooth, and slender. Leaves sometimes alternate, sometimes opposite, petioled, nearly depending, cordate, fine-pointed, entire, smooth, shining, in substance soft and delicate, generally eleven-nerved, with beautiful very fine, transverse, veins running between the nerves; from four to six inches long, and from three to four broad. Petioles slightly channelled, smooth; one and a half and two inches long. Peduncles axillary, single, erect, the length of the petioles, generally two-flowered. Pedicels clubbed, short. Bracles one, lanceolate, at the base of the pedicells. Flowers large, and beautiful, but feetid. Calyx four-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, membranaceous, striated, coloured, revolute, placed immediately below the petals. Corol; petals four, nearly erect, lanceolate, the lower half is rather broader than the upper, and along its inside runs a deep, sharp, slightly waved keel, which forms on each side of it, a deep groove, or hollow; these four keels converge, and in some measure adhere together, which brings the side of the petals close so as to resemble a tube; the upper part of the petals is narrow, first bending out a little, then converging at their points. Nectary composed of four, lanceolate, yellow bodies, each sitting sessile on the apex of the keel of the petals, converging into one conical dome. Filaments none. Anthers eight, linear, lodged in the grooves formed by the keel of the petals, adhering their whole length, but their chief insertion is near the base. Garm superior, cordate, compressed, one-celled; orula many, attached to the bottom of the cell, cordate, Style none, Stigma pointed. Capsule ovate, compressed, one-celled, two-valved, opening from the apex; it is about an inch and a half long, and one broad. Seeds from five to eight, inserted by pedicels into the bottom of the capsule, cylindric, striated; the pedicels are surrounded with numerous, small, pellucid vesicles.

Note. This was one of the last plants Dr. Konig saw. It was brought in when he was

on his death bed; he did attempt to examine it, but was unable, the cold hand of death hung

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Page over him; he desired I would describe it particularly, for he thought it was uncommonly curious, new, and beautiful. This observation, from a worthy friend, a preceptor, and predecessor, has made me more than usually minute in describing and drawing it.

MIMUSOPS Schreb. gen. n. 644.

Calyx from six to eight-leaved, alternately smaller. Corol one-petalled, segments many in a double series, with alternate scales on the inside. Germ superior, from six to eight-celled, cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Berry one or more seeded. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

M. elengi. Willd. 2, 325. R. Corom. pl. 1, N. 14.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, pointed, waved, smooth.

Bacula. Asiat. Res. 4, p. 273. Elengi. Rheed. Mal. 1, t. 20.

Beng. Bokul. Hind. Mulsari. Teling. Pagadoo. Tam. Magadoo.

The Kunki of the native Portuguese.

I have only once found this tree in its wild state. It was on the mountains in Rajamundree Circar, where it grows to be a middle-sized tree. On account of its fragrant flowers, it is II. very generally reared in the gardens of the natives, as well as in those of the Europeans in 237

India. It flowers chiefly during the hot season.

Trunk erect, generally from eight to twelve feet to the lowest branches. Bark pretty smooth. Branches exceedingly numerous, spreading, with the extremities ascending so as to form a most elegant, globular thick head. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, approximated, declined or depending, waved, very firm, both sides of a deep shining green; from three to four inches long and one or one and a half broad. Stipules small, lanceolate, concave, rusty, caducous. Peduncles axillary, from one to eight, short, clubbed, bowing, undivided, one-flowered. Flowers middle-sized, drooping, white and fragrant. Calyx inferior, eight-leaved, in a double series; leaflets lanceolate, the four exterior ones leathery, larger, and permanent. Corol onepetalled. Tube very short, fleshy. Border; it may be divided into a double series of segments, and a single nectary, or a single series of segments, and a double nectary; the first method I shall follow. I therefore consider the border to be composed of a double series of segments; the exterior one consists of sixteen, spreading; the interior one of eight, generally contorted, and converging, all are lanceolate, a little torn at their extremities. Nectory eight-leaved, conical, ragged, hairy near the base, inserted alternately with the tilaments, into the mouth of the tube, converging. Filaments eight, short, hairy. Anthers linear, sharp-pointed, below twoparted, converging. Germ eight-celled, with one ocula in each attached from their middle to the lower end of the couic axis. The germ of Achras Sapota is exactly the same, only from eight to ten-celled. Berry oval, smooth, when ripe yellow, and edible, one or more celled, according to the number of seeds that ripen, which is generally one. Seed solitary, oblong, compressed; attached to the bottom of the cell; covered with a smooth, hard, thick integument, lined with a veined membrane. Perisperm conform to the seed, two-lobed, pointed at the base, the lobes uniting round the radicle; above the radicle they are often entirely divided by the large cotyledons, which extend to, or rather through its margins. Embryo erect. Cotyledons large, oval. Plumula minute. Radicle inferior, linear-oblong.

2. M. Kanki, Willd. 2. 326.

Leaves scattered, petioled, about the ends of the branchlets, obovate-oblong, obtuse, hoary underneath. Fruit oval, drooping.

Flowers hexandrous.

Metrosideros macassarensis. Rumph. Amb. 3. t. 8.

Manil-kara. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 25.

Malay, Booa-sow.

Achras dissecta, Linn. Supp. 210. Forst. pl. escul. N. 13.

A native of the Malay Islands, Malabar, &c. It flowers during the hot season; the fruit is edible, and large.

3. M. hexandra. Willd. 2. 326. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 15.

Leaves alternate, long-petioled, obovate, emarginate, smooth. Flowers hexandrous.

Tamul, Palla. Teling. Palla.

This tree is a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars; it is never cultivated, nor have I seen it near cultivated places. It flowers during the hot, and beginning of the wet

Trunk erect, frequently when old it has large rotten excavations. Bark ash-coloured. Branches numerous, rigid, spreading, extremities nearly erect, forming a large shady head. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad, wedge-formed, or obcordate, deeply emarginate, very hard, both sides of a deep shining green; from three to five inches long, and one and a ladt, or two broad. Petioles round, one, or one and a half inch long. Peduacles axillary, from one to six, erect or spreading, nearly as long as the petioles, clubbed, undivided, one-flowered. Flowers considerably smaller than the former. Calyx inferior, six-leaved, three interior and three exterior; these last mentioned three are leathery. Corol one-petalled. Tube very short. Border like Elengi, consisting of two rows of segments, the exterior twelve, the interior six, all spread-

[Cyminosma, Xylocarpus, OCTANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

Guarea. ing. Necture situated between the filaments, as in the former, but spreading, shorter and more deeply indented. Filament six, spreading. Authors oval. Pistillum as in Elengi, but six. Car celled. Berry the size and shape of an olive, yellow, rarely more than one-seeded. Perisperm, embryo, &c. as in Elengi.

CYMINOSMA. Gart.

Calgar four-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Berry superior, four-celled. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

C. peduneulata, R.

Jambolifera pedanculata, Willd. 2, 326, Vahl, Symb. 3, 52, t, 61, good. Cyminosum, baccae ovato acuminatae. Gart. sem. 1. p. 281. t. 58. f. 1. Periu-panel. Rheed. Mal. 5. t. 15.

Dr. Konig's description of this plant as given by Dr. Dryander, in the 2nd. vol. of the Transactions of the Linnsean Society; page 233 is very correct.

A native of Ceylon, Chittagong, &c.

XYLOCARPUS Schreb. gen. n. 646.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol four-petalled. Nectary eight-cleft, staminiferous. Capsule fourvalved, cells uncertain, replete with from six to twelve, angular, variously shaped seeds. Embryo centrifugal.

X. granatum, Willd. 2, 328.

Leaflets opposite, from two to three pair, oblong, smooth.

Grauntum litoreum. Rumph. Amb. vol. 3. f. 61.

Tam. Kandalanga. Cing. Kadul-gaha. Beng. Pussoor.

This tree is a native of the Soonderbuns, (the lower Delta of the Ganges.) Fruit ripens

in June and July.

Leaves alternate about the extremities of the branchlets, pinnate; from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets two pair, opposite, sessile, oblong, entire, obtuse, smooth, deep on both sides; about four inches long. Petioles round, smooth, dark brown. Stipules none.

GUAREA. Schreb. gen. n. 649.

Calyx four-toothed. Petals four. Nectury cylindric, bearing the anthers in its mouth. Germ superior, four-celled, cells two-secded; attachment superior. Capsule four-celled, fourvalved. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse; no perisperm.

1. G. binertarifera. R.

Arboreous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from four to six pair, alternate. Panicles rigid, axillary, composed of dichotomous ramifications. Nectury double.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal, where it grows to be a tree of considerable size. Flowering time the beginning of the rains, in June. Seed ripens in February.

Trunk straight. Bark smooth, between ash colour, and olive. Branches patent; young shoots round, and pretty smooth. Leaves alternate, pinnate, from one to seven on each side, drooping, evate-oblong, petioled, from one to two feet long; leaflets alternate, petioletted, taper-pointed, entire, smooth on both sides, about six inches long, and two or three broad. Petioles common, flat on the upper side below the leaflets, where they are inserted, flexuose, and nearly round. Petiolets short, and round. Stipules none. Panicles axillary, or rather above the axils, rigid, not half the length of the leaves, composed of short, alternate, rigid, expanding ramifications. In old stunted trees, the panicle has dwindled into a small, rigid, simple raceme. Bractes minute, caducous at a very early period. Flowers rather small, of a pale yellow colour, inodorous. Calgar one-leaved, small, campanulate; mouth four-toothed. Prtals four, linear, recurvate, many times larger than the calyx, and rather longer than the exterior nectary. Nectary double; exterior subcylindric, and of a deeper yellow colour than the petals; mouth a little contracted, and obscurely eight-toothed, the inner one somewhat gibbons, about one-third of the length of the exterior one, fleshy, orange-coloured; mouth funnel-shaped, eight-toothed; teeth alternately smaller, and many of them dentate. Filament none. Anthers eight, inserted on the inside of the exterior nectary, a little within its mouth, and immediately under the eight fissures. Germ superior, ovate, four-celled, with two horizontally placed ocula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style cylindric as long as the exterior nectary. Stigma enlarged; apex obscurely four-lobed, its base surrounded with a belt. Capsule globose, the size of an apple, of a hard fleshy texture, smooth; when ripe, of a deep yellow throughout, four-celled, four-valved, opening from the apex. Seed solitary, obovate, oblong, the size and appearance of a chesnut; no aril. Integument single, spongy; the outside polished, of a dark purple colour; inwardly yellow. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed, firm, of a deep green round the edges, paler within. Plumu-la conic, two-lobed. Radicle ovate, superior, its apex considerably within the vertex of the cotyledons.

Of all I have yet examined, this tree comes nearest to Sandoricum Indicum. I have not observed that any part of it possesses any peculiar odour, which, with the double nectary is a sufficient reason to induce me to think it is not the American species, Guarea trickilioides.

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2. G. paniculata, R.

Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate; leaflets from six to twelve pair, alternate and opposite, ovate-lanceolate. Panicles axillary.

Kulikoura is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a pretty large tree.

Flowering time May and June; the seed ripens the following April.

Young shoots slightly villous. Laures alternate, abruptly pinnate, from eighteen to thirty inches long. Leaflets from six to fourteen pair, short-petiolate, the inferior pairs often alternate, those above opposite, somewhat unequally ovate, lanceolate, entire, taper-pointed, nearly smooth; from five to ten inches long, and two or four broad. Common petioles round and villous. Stipules none. Panicles axillary, solitary, nearly as long as the leaves, spreading. Ramifications villous. Flowers very numerous, pedicelled, pretty large, of a pale yellow, expanding in the evening, and dropping the next morning. Bractes filiform, villous, Calyx cup-shaped, obscurely four-toothed, a little villous. Petals four, spatulate, obtuse, recurved. Nectary cylindric, the length of the corol, and hairy on both sides; the mouth eight-toothed; segments bidentate. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers oblong, attached round the inside of the mouth of the nectary. Germ superior, ovate four-celled, with one, rarely two orula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style the length of the nectary, hairy. Stigma globular. Capsule globular, the size of a crab apple, three or four-lobed, with a furrow between, smooth, of a dark orange colour, from three to four-celled, from three to fourvalved; valves thick, and spongy, with the partitions rising down the middle. Seed solitary, round or oval, considerably flattened; interior half yellow, in the middle of which is a large whitish, flat umbilieus; exterior half of a smooth, shining, chesnut colour, across which is a trifling groove, marking the separation of the transverse cotyledons. Perisperm none. Embryo transverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed. The Plumula and Radicle together form a minute, round spot in the centre of the cotyledons, the former pointing to the umbilicus, and the latter to the circumference, (centrifugal.)

MOLINEA. Juss.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled, unequal. Filaments woolly, ascending over the small petal. Capsule three-celled, three-valved. Seed solitary.

M. canescens. Willd, 2, 329. Corom. pl. 1. N. 60.

Leaves abruptly-pinnate; leaflets two pair, obtuse. Racemes on the leafless branchlets. Style single; stigma three-toothed.

Teling. Korivee.

Sapindus tetraphyllus. Vahl. Symb. 3, 54.

A native of the Circar mountains, and flowers about the time the Sapindus does.

Trunk not straight, but thick. Bark ash-coloured, a little scabrous. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Leaves alternate, abruptly-piunate, sometimes ternate, about six or eight inches long. Leaflets opposite, generally two-pair, oblong, entire, smooth, shining, firm, five or six inches long, and two or three broad. Petioles round, four or five inches long. Racemes many, simple, or compound, from the extremities of the last, or two last years' leafless branchlets round the base of the present year's shoots. Flowers small, white, fascicled. Calyx inferior, five-parted. Petals five, four large, and standing on the upper side, the fifth small, standing singly on the under side. Nectary the leaflets torn, and woolly. Style single. Stigma three-toothed. Capsule single, three-sided, three-celled, three-valved. Seeds

The wood of this tree is white and not so serviceable as that of Sapindus rubiginosus.

2. M. lævis. Willd. 2. 329.

Leaves abruptly-pinnate; leaflets one or two pairs, cuneate-obovate, obtuse, entire, smooth

Panicles axillary. Petals round, with a woolly scale in each side near the base.

A handsome slender tree, a native of the Mauritius, where it blossoms in June and July, and the seeds ripen in October.

AMYRIS. Schreb. gen. n. 650.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol of four expanding petals. Germ superior, four-celled; cells from two to three-seeded; attachment interior. Berry one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. A. simplicifolia. R.

Leaves simple, oblong, and broad lanceolate. Racemes axillary, short, few-flowered. Germ two-celled.

A small tree, a native of Pulo Pinang. In this species, the leaf is joined to the apex of the petiole by an articulation, and there the leaf falls off, leaving the petiole, which is much more permanent. The racemes are about twice the length of the petioles; the flower small and white. The

ripe fruit has not been found.

2. A. commiphora, R. Arboreous, branchlets often ending in spines. Leaces petioled, simple, elliptic, serrate, 245 acute, with a pair of minute leaflets, or ears at the base. Flowers axillary.

Commiphora Madagascarensis, Jacq. Schoenbr. 2, p. 66, t. 249.

Sans. and Beng. Googgula. The tree is a native of Silhet, Assam, &c. E. and N. E. from Bengal, in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta it blossoms about the beginning of the hot season, in February and March, but seldom ripens its seed.

Tounk of our small trees crooked, and clothed with many spreading and drooping, crooked Ca branches down to the ground. The short latural branchiets often end in thorny points. Bark of the young shoots green and smooth, that of the larger branches, and trunk covered with a light coloured pellicle as in the common birch, which peels off from time to time, exposing to view a smooth green coat, which in succession supplies other similar exfoliations. Leaves alternate, petioled, oval, or elliptic, serculate, smooth on both sides, at the base or apex of the petiole on each side, is generally found a small leaflet tending to give the whole the appearmuce of a ternate leaf. Flowers short-pedicelled, small, red, collected in little bundles on the small protuberant gems left by the former years' leaves, over the now leafless slender twigs. Calys, cocol, and stamina as in the genus. Nectary, eight glands alternate with the insertion of the filaments. Berry drapaceous, the size of a black currant, red, smooth. Nut twocelled, with a single seed in each.

The whole plant, while growing is considerably odoriferous, particularly when any part is broken or bruised, and diffuses a grateful fragrance, like that of the finest myrrh, to a considerable distance round, which for some time induced me to think it might be the plant from which that drug was procured, particularly as I observed on being wounded, there exuded much pale coloured juice, but unfortunately for my conjecture, it is soon carried off by evaporation, leaving little or nothing behind. I have at various times of the year wounded the plant in different places, and placed various contrivances to collect the juice, but all I could ever procure, was a very minute portion of a gunnny matter, which certainly resembled myrrh both in smell and appearance, but had no tendancy to be tenacious, or elastic, hence I conclude there must be a mistake in its being the elastic gum tree of Madagascar, as men-

tioned by Jacquin.
3. A. gileadensis. Willd. 2. 334.

Shrubby, the branches and branchlets spinous. Leaves short-petioled, ternate; leaflets from oval to elliptic, serrulate, smooth.

A native of Arabia. It has not yet blossomed in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, though a pretty large plant has been there five years.

1. A. acuminata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves ternate, and quinate, rarely of seven leaflets, pinnate; leaflets petioled, from ovate to oval, entire, acuminate, smooth. Pedancles diverging, three-flowered, or trichos

tomons, and many-flowered. Stameas shorter than the pistillum.

Introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta from the Moluccas, in 1798. In 1808 the young trees had acquired a short trunk, of eighteen inches in circumference, and not very

straight, covered with very smooth greenish ash-coloured, fleshy bark.

Branches stiff but brittle and spreading in every directions; bark thereof like that of the trunk. In Bengal they blossom in May, but have not yet produced ripe fruit. Leaves altermate, ternate, and quinate-pinnate, rarely seven, and nine still more so; in Bengal deciduous in November and December, and appearing with the flowers in May. Leaflets petioled, oval, or ovate, taper-pointed, entire, polished; about three inches long and about two broad. Petisoles nearly as long as the leaflets, round, polished, and coloured. Stipules none. Peduncles excillary and from the base of the tender shoots below the young leaves, as well as from the apices of small lateral, leaflets scions; often as long as the petioles, diverging, three-flowered, or once, or twice dichotomous, and many-flowered. Flowers small, yellow. In Bengal they have hitherto proved abortive. Bractes in opposite pairs, at the divisions of the peduncles, lan-ceolate, smooth and fleshy. Calyx four-toothed, half the length of the petals. Petals four, linear-oblong, their lower two-thirds forming a tube, the upper third expanding, and acute, Filaments eight, shorter than the germ, alternately longer, inserted on a fleshy ring round the base of the germ. Asthers ovate-sogittate, apparently destitute of pollen. Germ ovate-oblong, clammy, two-celled, with two ocula in each, attached to the partition below the middle. Style searcely any. Siigma large two-lobed, and these again somewhat two-lobed. Fruit not seen.

The Bark and all the tender parts of the plants, on being bruised or wounded, discharges a small quantity of a pale whey-coloured liquid, which possesses a fragrance something like

that of the orange leaf.

In Bengal the flowers constantly prove abortive. I therefore conclude the tree to be polygamous, and that ours are all female-hermaphrodites, with imperfect stamina.

When the trees were younger, the leaflets were more numerous, often five and sometimes seven; I then thought it might be Amyris Prolium, but have now reason to think it a new species.

5. A. pentaphylla. R.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate-quinate; leaflets broad-lanceolar, entire. Panicle terminal.

Berry ovate, verrucose.

Plants of this species were presented to the garden at Calcutta, by Colonel Hardwicke, who found them indigenous in the vicinity of Cawnpore. In this garden they blossomed in March, when about four years old, and not more than three feet high, with a simple slender

stem, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark.

Leares alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets generally five, often subalternate, short-petiolleted, entire, broad-lanceolar; from two to six inches long. When bruised between the fingers, very fragrant. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, erect, composed of short, expanding, two or three times dichotomous branches, with always a single short-pedicelled flower in the fork, which makes them appear trichotomous. Bractes minute, Calgar small, cour-toothed. Petals oblong, concave, dotted with glands on the outside, much larger than the ealyx., Filaments broad. Anthers ovate. Germ ovate, hairy, four-celled, with



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many ovala in each, elevated on a short receptacle, into the under part of which the filaments are inserted. Style very short. Stigma four-toothed. Berry ovate, pulpy, of a pale orange colour, verrucose; the size of a small cherry, lengthened to an obtuse point. Seed single, oval,

6. A. heptaphylla. R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, pinnate; leaflets alternate, from three to four pair, entire. Panicles terminal. Berries sub-cylindric.

Karunphal is the name it is known by about Calcutta, which is the only place in which

I have yet found it.

Trunk, in all the plants I have seen, there is scarcely any, but many, suberect branches, covered with dark coloured, smooth bark ; general height from five to six feet. Leaves alternate, pinnate; from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets alternate; short-petiolleted; from three to four pair, obliquely oblong-lanceolate, entire, marked through and through with transparent dots, those towards the base of the common petiole smallest. Panicles terminal, composed of diverging, trichotomous ramifications. Flowers numerous, small, whitish yellow, Calyx, corol, receptacles, stamens and pistil as in the family. Berry oblong, covered with glandular dots; when ripe pale yellow. Seed solitary.

The leaves, when bruised, give out in a very strong degree the fragrance of the finest and

freshest anise.

7. A. nana. R.

Shrubby. Leaflets from five to eleven, opposite, and alternate, ovate, crenulate, smooth. Panicles axillary. Berries round.

Introduced from the Moluccas, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms

in April and May. Seed ripe in June and July.

Tounk erect, in our young plants, simple. Bark smooth, dark brown, whole height of four years' old plants from two to five feet. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with an odd one. Leaflets from five to eleven, subopposite, or alternate, short-petioled, obliquely ovate, more or less crenulate, emarginate, smooth on both sides; general length from one to two inches. Petioles, and petiolets round, and somewhat glandular. Racemes simple, and compound, axillary, solitary; the simple shorter than the leaves, the compound, or panicles, they may be called, about as long as the leaves. Flowers minute, whitish, alternate, rather remote. Calyx four-toothed, glandular. Petals oblong, concave, marked with green glands on the back. Filaments short, with a broad concave base, converging over the germ. Anthers erect, oblong. Germ elevated on a short receptacle, four-lobed, glandular. Style short. Stigma four-lobed. Berry nearly round, size of a large pea, pale greenish somewhat pellucid white.

Note. This description is taken from a small plant of two years' growth when it first

blossomed, but I find they grow to be large, elegant, very fragrant shrubs.

8. A. suffruticosa. R.

Suffruticose; leaflets about eleven or thirteen, opposite, or alternate, short-petioled, ovate.

Panicles axillary. Berry linear, oblong.

A native of Chittagong, and from thence sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in the months of February and March. Seed ripe in April and

Stem simple, about two feet high. Bark of the lower woody part ash-coloured, of the young shoots green and villous. Leaves alternate, pinnate, expanding from six to sixteen inches in length. Leaflets generally from eleven to fifteen, opposite, and alternate, short-petiolleted, the lower pairs small, cordate-ovate, the superior oblong; all are entire, and downy on both sides. Petioles, and petiolets round and downy. Panicles axillary, diverging, scarcely half the length of the leaves, villous. Flowers numerous, small, greenish white.

Calyx small, with four acute divisions. Petals four, expanding, concave. Nectary a small fleshy ring round the base of the germ. Filaments alternately a little shorter, enlarged at the base. Anthers large, two-lobed. Germ globular. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma small, four-lobed. Berries lanceolate, drooping, orange-coloured, succellent, marked with numerous, large, pellucid glands, nearly an inch long, and about a quarter of an inch in

diameter. Seed solitary, shaped like the berry, green.

9. A. sumatrana. R.

Arboreous, tender parts villous. Leaflets from eight to twelve pairs, opposite or alternate,

unequally ovate-lanceolate, entire. Panicles terminal. Berries oval.

From Sumatra this tree has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where in five years the plants grew to the height of twenty feet, with a long, perfectly straight trunk, covered with smooth brownish olive-coloured back. The leaves when fresh and bruised emit a pleasant aromatic odour like that of the lemon leaf. The filaments spread out at the base, as in A. punctata; the receptacle of the germ is also the same, but the style and stigma are here entire. Flowers and ripens its seed at various periods in Bengal.

9. A. punctata. R.

Arboreous; leaflets from twelve to fifteen pair, ovate-lanceolate, crenalate, dotted. Pani-

cles terminal. Germs elevated on a receptacle. Berries round, glandular.

I have only met with this tree in the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta, to which it was brought from Chittagong some years ago. The Chinese gardeners say it grows in China also. The trees seem full grown, and are about twelve feet high, rather thin of branches, with the lower-most spreading near the surface of the earth. Bark smooth, dark rust-coloured. Leaves entirely deciduous during the cold season, they appear again with the flowers in March. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with an odd one, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaflets

alternate, short-petiolleted, from ten to twenty pairs, obliquely-oblong, the lower half being lanceolate, and the upper falcate. Margins cremulate; both sides of a dull green, and marked with glandular dots; size various, those about the middle are the largest, being generally from three to four inches long and about one broad. Stipules none. Petioles and petiolets round, a little scabrous, and somewhat hairy. Panicles terminal, oval, erect; the peduncles and subdivisions a little hairy. Braces minute. Flowers numerous, small, white. Calgr small, fourtoothed. Petals four, oval, spreading, concave, inserted by claws, nectary a large fleshy receptacle, contracted at the middle, the lower swelling receiving the petals, and filaments, the upper supporting the germ. Filaments eight, below very much enlarged, with their insides concave to receive the corresponding convexity of the germ and nectary; they are shorter than the corol. Authors oval. Germ four-sided. Style thick, four-sided, straight, the length of the stamens. Stigma truncated, obsoletely four-pointed. Berry as in the genus.

The leaves when bruised smell like sassafras.

XIMENIA.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol four-petalled, hairy on the inside, and revolute, forming a bell. Drupe superior; one-seeded.

X. americana. Willd. 2. 330.
 Shrubby, armed. Leaves alternate, oval, emarginate. Peduncles many-flowered.

Teling. Oora-nechra.

A large, ramous, thorny shrub, a native of forests, and mountains. It flowers about the beginning of the hot season. Trunk and branches irregularly disposed. Bark scabrons, inwardly red, and very astringent. Thoras axillary, or terminating the branchlets, single, large, bearing leaves, flowers, and sometimes smaller thorns. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval, emarginate, smooth, about two inches long, and one broad. Racenes axillary, or from the extremities of small branchlets, one, two, or three together, small, erect, each bearing, generally. From four to six flowers. Peduacles and pedicels round, smooth. Bractes small, single. Flowers of a dull white, small, many of them male. Calyx below, small, generally four-toothed, though sometimes five-toothed. Petals four or five, corresponding with the number of toothlets in the calyx, oblong, campanulate, with the upper half revolute, very hairy on the inside. Filaments from eight to ten, erect, short. Anthers linear, erect. Germ superior, conical. Style tapering, the length of the filaments. Stigma simple. Drupe oval, size of a nutmeg, pulpy. red, smooth, one-celled. Net solitary, of the same shape as the drupe, not very hard. The ripe fruits are eaten raw by the natives; their taste is a compound of sour and bitter. The kernels are also eaten, and taste much like fresh filberts. The wood is yellow, like sandal, and its powder is often substituted for that of sandal by the brahmuns on this part of the coast in their religious ceremonies.

X. agyptiaca. Jussien. genera. p. 283.

Thorny, Leaves binate. Flowers decandrous. Drupe torose. Hind. Hingen.

Teling, Garee.

In the Memoirs aur L'Egypt, is a paper on this plant, by M. A. Dehile, where he says

the fruit passes in Egypt for Chebulic myrobalans.

This seems to me a new genus rather than a species of Ximenia. It is an hostile-looking, small tree, or large shrub, grows on the most inhospitable, dry, barren, uncultivated places in

the Circars. Flowering in May.

Trunk erect; bark ash-coloured, crooked. Branches few, erect, with extremities spreading, and often drooping. Thorns axillary, single, large, strong, very sharp, frequently leaf and dower-hearing. Leaves scattered, petioled, binate. Leaflets short-petiolated, from oval to oblong. smooth, shining, when young downy; about an inch and a half long, and three quarters broad Pedancles axillary, short, downy, many flowered Flowers small, greenish-white, pedicelled. Calyx inferior, five-leaved; leaflets oval, downy, spreading. Petals five, very like the calyx. Nectary a large, fleshy green, ten-notched, ten-grooved ring, surrounding the lower half of the germ. Filaments ten, rather shorter than the petals, inserted between the nectary and petals. Authors cordate. Germ superior, woolly, five-grooved, five-celled, with one ocula in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Style erect, short. Stigma slightly five-lobed. Drupe size of a pullet's egg. five-grooved, covered with a smooth, light grey, dry cortex. Pulp very like soft soap, exceedingly bitter, having an offensive greasy smell. Nat exceedingly hard, onecelled, one-seeded.

The nut is employed in fire works. A small hole is drilled in it, at which the kernel is extracted, and being filled with powder, and fired, bursts with a very loud report, so exceedingly hard is the nut; I know no other use to which any part of this shrub is put.

PIERARDIA. R.

Calyx four-leaved. Corol none. Germ superior, four-celled; cells two-seeded, attachment superior. Style scarcely any. Stigma tetragonal. Berry with three or four arilled seeds. Embruo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

P. sapida. R.

Lutco of the Hindoos, about Tippera, &c. to the eastward of Calcutta, where the tree is

A few small trees are now in the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta; they were ori-

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ginally from Tippera. Our Chinese gardeners say it is also a native of their country, where it is called Lutqua, and its cultivated for its agreeable fruit, our trees are as yet small, from six to ten feet high, with little or no trunk, but many, sub-erect branches, covered with dark-coloured, scabrous bark. In their native soil they blossom in February, and ripen their fruit in June.

Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides; generally about eight inches long. Petioles channelled, about two inches long. Racemes from the naked branches (such as are about the thickness of the little finger seem to produce the greatest number) drooping, covered nearly to the base with numerous, small, yellow flowers. Bractes lanceolate, inserted on the common peduncle, three-flowered, each flower hanging on its proper pedicel, there uniting into a common one rather shorter than its bracte. Calyx, or corol, for there is but one, four-leaved; leaflets oval, downy, fleshy, incurved over the stamens, and pistil. Filaments generally eight, short, incurved, inserted round the base of the germ. Anthers two-lobed. Germ superior, round, three or more generally four-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the top of the cell. Berry round, size of a large gooseberry, smooth, yellow, from three to four-celled. Seed solitary, subovate; invested in a copious soft, white, subacid, edible aril. Integument reddish, firm, pretty thick. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous. Embryo nearly as broad and long as the perisperm, inverse. Colyledons oval, three-nerved. Radicle oval, superior.

Note. This new genus, for so it seems to me, I have named after Francis Pierard, Esq. one of the Honourable East India Company's Civil Servants. His abilities as a Botanist, in discovering various new plants, with which he has enriched the Honourable Company's

Botanic garden, claims for him this mark of distinction.

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DODONŒA.

Calyx or corol four-leaved. Capsule three-celled, three-valved, three-winged. Seeds one or two in each cell.

1. D. angustifolia. Willd. 2. 344.

Polygamous, shrubby. Leaves linear-lanceolate. Racemes axillary and terminal.

A large ramous, erect shrub, very common on the barren uncultivated lands of Coroman-

del. It flowers during the rains.

Leaves scattered, sub-sessile, linear-lanceolate, smooth, entire, margins a little revolute; from two to four inches long; on the gems and young leaves a little bright yellow resin is generally found. Racemes axillary, and terminal, generally terminal, much shorter than the leaves, few flowered. Flowers long-pedicelled, small, of a greenish colour.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS have sometimes a fifth more parts than in the genus, there is only one seed in each cell of the capsule, and sometimes the capsule consists of only two

cells, and two wings.

Female Flowers, are sometimes mixed with the hermaphrodite, and sometimes occupy a distinct plant; they want the stamens entirely, otherwise they agree.

2. D. dioeca. R.

Dioecous, shrubby. Leaves lanceolate. Racemes axillary and terminal. A native of the interior parts of India. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stem creet, woody, with numerous, subcreet, woody branches. Bark smooth, light brown. Leaves alternate. short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, tapering most towards the base, entire, smooth. Racemes axillary, and terminal, solitary, short, corymbiform. Flowers with long slender, nodding pedicels. Bractes minute. Male. Calyx four-leaved. Corol none. Filaments seven or eight, very short. Anther linear, six or eight times longer than the fila-

Female Plowers on a separate tree. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Germ superior, three-lobed. Style long, three-sided, as if composed of three portions. Stigma three-pointed. The ripe seed vessel has not been found.

MELICOPE.

Calyx four-parted. Corol four-petalled. Nectary surrounding the germ. Capsules superior, four, singly ovate-oblong, two-valved, one-celled, with a single winged seed in each.

M. tetrandra. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, obovate. Corymbs axillary. Flowers tetrandrous.

This tree is a native of Pulo Pinang where it blossoms in May.

Branchlets round, and smooth. Leaves near the extremities of the branchlets, opposite, petioled, cuneate, obovate, entire, smooth on both sides; from three to four inches long, and two or two and a half broad. Petioles scarcely an inch long, channelled, smooth, swelled at the apex, as if united to the leaf by an articulation. Stipules not visible. Corymbs axillary, opposite, long-peduncled, supra-decompound, smaller ramifications villous. Bractes minute, solitary under each division and sub-division. Flowers pedicelled, small, very numerous. Calyx four-cleft, small, permanent. Petals four, cordate, acute, expanding, inserted between the calyx and nectary; on the disk of each rests a small, seemingly abortive stamen. Nectary a fleshy ring round the four-lobed germ. Filaments four, expanding, alternate with the petals, and of the same length, inserted on the four angles of the nectary. Anthers cordate. Germ superior, immersed in the nectary, four-lobed. Style single. Sligma most slightly four-lobed. Capsule deeply two-lobed, each lobe oblong, one celled, two-valved, but not opening readily. Seeds one or two in each lobe, or cell of the pericarp, inserted at the base, and all but the apex envelop-

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red in an orange coloured, fleshy aril.

LAWSONIA.

Calyx four-toothed. Corol four-petalled, inserted into the bottom of the calyx alternately with the pairs of stamens. Germ four-celled, cells many-seeded; attachment central. Capsule superior, four-celled, many-seeded. Embrgo with centripetal radicle, and no perisperm.

L. inermis, Willd. 2. 314.

Arboreous, armed, in a bad soil. Leaves ventricose-lanceolate.

Alcanua. Gart. sem. 2, 133, t. 110.

Mail-anschi. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 40.

Beng, Mendee. Pers. Henna.

Arab. Erkan.

Teling. Gounta.

On the coast of Coromandel where it is indigenous, I have commonly found it in the state of a large shrub, though it is naturally a small, ramous tree. Here it is in flower and

seed most part of the year.

Trunk crooked, of various lengths and thickness. Bark rust-coloured. Branches very numerous, standing in every direction; young shoots somewhat angular. Leaves opposite, short-petioled oblong, or broad lanceolate, pointed at both ends; about an inch long, and less than half as inch broad. Stipules wanting. Panicles terminal, globular, cross-armed, many flowered. Bracles scarcely any. Flowers small, greenish-yellow, very fragrant. Petals orbicular, inserted into the divisions of the calyx; margins involute, and very much carled, as in Lagerstramia. Filaments longer than the corol, inserted by pairs into the calyx between the petals. Germ superior, four-celled; orala numerous, attached to the axis. Style the length of the stamens, somewhat bent. Stigma simple. Capsule globular, the size of a grain of pepper, four-grooved, with the apex depressed, having in it part of the remaining style, fourcelled; partitions membranaceous. Seeds angular, wedge-form, inserted by their apices round the middle or enlarged part of a centrical, columnar receptacle. Embryo with centripetal radicle, and no perisperm.

It is much used for hedges, growing readily from cuttings; consequently fertile seeds are not often met with. The flowers are remarkably fragrant, whether fresh or dry, and are

particularly grateful at a distance.

The species called spinosa is nothing more, I imagine, than the same plant growing on a dry sterile soil; at least, in such soils, I have often found it very thorny, the branchlets

being then short and rigid, with sharp thorny points.

The fresh leaves beat up with Catecha, dyes the nails and skin of a reddish orange colour, which is much admired by the fair sex all over India. The fresh under paste is laid on at bed time, and removed in the morning; the colour remains till the mils or epedermis is renewed, cor removed.

The leaves yield in decoction a porter coloured liquor; I have found it a deep orange colour, which acids destroy, while alkalies and infusions of astringent vegetables deepen it; this decoction dyes the finger of a deep orange; but does not communicate any colour to cloth evariously prepared, nor could I procure any precipitate from the decoction worth attending to.

MEMECYLON.

Calyxfour-toothed Corols four-petalled. Nectury four glands, inserted just over the astamina, in the fissure of the calyx. Berry inferior, one-seeded.

1. M. edule. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 82.

Shyphia Logger convents over smooth. Umbellets from the polest broadles and the color.

Shrubby. Leaves opposite, oval, smooth. Umbellets from the naked branches, and stems below the leaves.

Comus sylvestris. Burm. Zeyl. p. 76, t. 31. Teling. Alie.

The leaves are an ingredient in the dyes of Coromandel. I therefore suspect M. tinctorium of Willdenow may be the same plant.

A very common, small tree, or large shrub; it is to be found in every jungle all over the lt flowers about the beginning of the bot season.

Trunk very irregular in shape and size, covered with a dark coloured, scabrous bark. Branches numerous, nearly creet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, smooth, shining, firm, entire, with scarcely any reins, from three to four inches long, and from two to three broad.)

Cabellets many, sometimes, small, from scabrons elevations, where the leaves stood, over the old woody branches. Pedancles common, and partial, four sided. Pedicels round, coloured. The generic character as in Richard's edition of the Genera Plantacum. Seeds, seldom more than one cames to perfection, though in the germ the radiments of many are to be seen.

The ripe berries are eaten by the natives; they are astringent; the pulp is of a bluish black colour, and is found in considerable quantity.

2. M. amplexicantix, R.

Leaces opposite, half stem-clasping, ovate-cordate. Flowers in sessile, axillary heads.

A native of Pulo Pinang.

Leaces opposite, sessile, half stem-clasping, ovate cordate, smooth, shining, entire, of a firm texture, and veinless; from four to six inches long. Flowers numerous, very small, collected in round, sessite heads, in the axills of the leaves, or below them. Bracles two at the

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Page base of each pedicel. Calyx four-toothed. Petals orbicular, sessile. Stamens, length of the petals. Berries about the size of a gooseberry, dry. Seed solitary, round.

MARLEA. R.

Calyx from six to eight toothed, superior. Petals from six to eight, Germ inferior, twocelled ; cells one-seeded ; attachment superior. Drupe with a two-celled mut. Embryo inverse, furnished with a perisperm.

M. begonifolia. R.

Marlea is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous and grows to the size of a small tree, yielding timber which is employed by the natives in the construction of their houses. Flowering time the month of April; the seed ripens in July.

In its natural character it approaches near to Alangium; the number of stamina, and the internal structure of the germ and drupe, however, are so different, as to induce me to consider it sufficiently distinct to form a separate genus, which I do under its vernacular name

Leaves alternate, petioled, unequally cordate, as in Begonia, entire, or lobate, acuminate, smooth, five, or more-nerved; from four to eight inches long, by from three to five broad. Petioles round, a little villous, about an inch long. Stipules none. Peduncles axillary, the length of the petioles, dichotomous, many-flowered. Flowers of a middling size, short-pedicelled, petals white. Calyx superior, small, from six to eight-toothed. Petals from six to eight, linear, recurved. Filaments eight, short, flat, hairy, inserted within the petals on a glandular hemispherical body which crowns the germ. Anthers linear, very long. Germ inferior, two-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma large, four-toothed. Drupe oval, obtuse-pointed, the size of a small cherry, pulp in small quantity but soft and dark coloured; round the base of the obtuse point may be traced the minute remains of the Calyx. Nut single, conform to the drupe, brittle, though hard, black, two-celled, grooved on the sides, with the apex transversely two-toothed. Seed solitary, oval, flattened Integument single, thin. Perisperm conform to the seed, soft and oily. Embryo inverse, nearly as extensive as the perisperm; cotyledons ovate, cordate, obtuse. Radicle superior, oval.

SYMPHOREMA.

Calyx ; involuere, from six to eight-leaved. Perianth from six to eight-toothed. Corol onepetalled, from six to eight-cleft. Capsule none. Seed single, inclosed in the calyx.

S. involucrata, Corom. pl. 2. N. 186,

Teling. Suroodoo.

A large scandent shrub, a native of the Coromandel forests, &c. Leaves deciduous during

the cold season, and coming out with the flowers in February, March, and April.

Stems woody, large, climbing. Bark ash-coloured. Branches straight, cross-armed. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate, grossly-sawed, downy; about three inches long, and two broad. Peduncles fascicled, from the extremities of the naked branchlets, and last year's axills, round, downy, each supporting a single umbellet. Flowers sessile, small, white. Calyx; involucre from six to eight-leaved, from seven to nine-flowered; leaflets chaffy, lanceolate, downy, permanent. Perianth inferior, one-leaved, tubular, from six to eight-striated, from six to eighttoothed, downy, permanent. Corol one-petalled; tube short; border from six to eight-cleft; divisions linear, spreading. Filaments seven or eight, shorter than the corol, inserted just below its divisions. Anthers oblong. Germ superior, round. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma bifid. Pericarp none, the remaining withered calyx serving for one. Seed one, globular, smooth, the size of a pea.

I know of no use to which any part of this shrub is put, except that of fuel.

ALLOPHYLLUS. Schreb. gen. n. 643.

Calyx of two unequal pairs of suborbicular leaflets. Corol four-petalled, regular. Stamina regular. Germ two-lobed. Stigma bifid. Berry superior, two-lobed, with one seed in each.

A. lanatus, Lourier, Cochin Ch. 286.

Leaves ternate; leaflets broad-lanceolate, serrate. Racemes axillary, simple. Petals equally disposed, and woolly on the whole of the inside.

A native of Pulo Pinang, Silhet, &c. It flowers in May. Arboreous; young branchlets

round, and smooth.

Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate. Leaflets subsessile, lanceolate, remotely and minutely serrate, smooth on both sides; from four to six inches long. Petioles slightly channelled, smooth, about half the length of the leaflets. Racemes axillary, in pairs, or solitary, twice the length of the petioles, simple. Flowers numerous, very small, collected in little, one-bracted bundles. Calyx four-leaved; leaflets roundish, the two exterior longer. Petals four, wedgeshaped, the whole of the inside very woolly, equally disposed round the stamina and pistil. Filaments eight, nearly the length of the petals. Anthers oval. Germ two-lobed. Style single. Sligma two-parted. Pericarp not seen.

ORNITROPHE. Juss.

two-lobed, two-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment subinferior. Berries two (though it frequently happens that one is abortive) one-seeded. Embryo folded, with inferior radicle and no perisperm.

1. O. aporetica, R.

Polygamous, shrubby. Leaves ternate; leaflets sessile, broad-lanceolar, acuminate, acutely serrate. Racemes simple. Nectary four-leaved.

Aporelica ternata, Forst, gen, N. 66.

Beng. Ghee-Kushee.

A shrubby species, about four or five feet in height; a native of the Silhet district where

it blossoms in June.

Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate. Leaflets sessile, broad-lanceolar, remotely but acutely serrate, enspidate, smooth on both sides, from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules none. Racemes axillary, solitary, simple, erect, shorter than the leaves, villous. Plowers numerous, small, pale vellow, collected in little bundles, and embraced by some small, linear, villous bractes, many of them male. Calyx of two, opposite, rather unequal pairs of round concave leaflets. Petals four, unilateral, obovate, cuneate, emarginate, very woolly on the inside above the middle. Nectary within the base of each petal, a small, oblong, smooth, pale yellow leaflet. Filaments eight, ascending opposite to the petals, very woolly near the base. Anthers oval. Germ superior, in some of the flowers minute, and abortive, in others hairy, and two-lobed, with one ovula in each, attached to the lower, and inner angle of the cell. Style erect. Stigma of two revolute lobes. Berries two, when both come to perfection. which is not frequent, obovate, smooth, succulent; when ripe, red, the size of a large pea, one-celled. Seed conform to the berry, and attached to the bottom of the cell. Integuments two; exterior whitish yellow and thin; interior membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, folded. Cotyledons unequal, fleshy, sublanceolar. Radicle taper-pointed, a little curved, inferior.

2. O. villora. R.

Shrubby, tomentose. Leaves ternate; leaflets oblong, ventricose, remotely serrulate on the anterior margin. Racemes axillary, and terminal, simple. Petals cuneiform, the whole of the inside woolly

A native of Chittagong.

Young shoots flexuose, very villous. Leaves alternate, ternate. Leaflets suboblong, ventricose, remotely serrulate, upper surface scarcely hairy, but soft with brownish short hairs underweath; from six to eight inches long and from four to five broad. Petioles long, round, and very villous. Racemes axillary and terminal, when in the axils, which is by far the most frequent, solitary, all are very hairy, generally shorter than the petioles. Flowers numerous, small, hairy, collected into little fascicles all over the raceme. Bractes subulate, very hairy, Calyx of two very equal pairs of opposite, roundish, concave hairy leaflets. Petals four, unilateral, cunciform, very woolly over the whole of the inside. Nectory, a gland at the base of each petal on the inside, and without the stamina. Filaments eight, scarcely so long as the petals, surrounding the germ on all sides, woolly. Anthers oblong. Germ two-lobed, hairy, two-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style short. Stigmax two, as long as the style, recurved.

3. O. serrata. Willd. 2. 322. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 61.

Polygamous, shrubby. Leaces ternate; leaflets oval, serrate. Racemes axillary. Petals cuneate, woolly in the centre. Berries obovate.

Hind. Rakbal-phul. Teling. Tauntikee.

It is one of the most common plants on the Coast of Coromandel; amongst the mountains it grows to be a small tree; on the low lands nearer the sea, it is always a ramons shrub, with grey spotted bark. It flowers during the wet season. It is also common in Bengal.

Leaves ternate. Leaflets ovate, pointed, servate, generally bubbled, with frequently reflected margins, smooth on the back; from two to three inches long, and about one and a half broad. Racemes axillary, single, erect. Flowers numerous, small, white, fascicled. Malg

and Hermaphrodite flowers mixed on the same tree, and sometimes on separate ones.

Hermaphrodite. Calyx four-leaved. Petals four, unilateral. Nectorial scales incerated. Filaments very woolly near the base. Germ superior, two-lobed, with a single ovula in each, attached to the base of the partition. Style single. Stigma two-cleft. Berry succulent, generally single, the second lobe of the germ, being for the most part abortive, abovate, the size of a pea, smooth, bright red, one-celled. Seed conform to the berry. Integuments two, the exterior one white, thin, and rather hard like parchment, and in general larger than the embryo, which is closely embraced by the inner brown, rather spongy, somewhat double covering, Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, folded. Cotyledons two, sublanceolate, thick, and fleshy. Radicle taper-pointed, inferior. Male Plowers exactly like the Hermaphrodite, except the pistil, which is wanting, or at most only the rudiments of one are to be found.

The ripe berries are eaten by the natives. The root is astringent, and employed by the

Telinga physicians in substance to stop Diarrheas.

4. O. glabra. R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, ternate; leaflets oblong, smooth, serrate, with hairy glands in the axiils of the veins. Racemes axillary.

Schmidelia racemosa, Willd. 2, 435.
Usubus triphylla, Burm. ind. 81. t. 32. f. 1.
The species I am now describing, was found at Chittagong by Mr. Roxburgh, and by

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Page him introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in May, and ripens

its seeds in August and September.

Stem nothing that deserves the name, but several, spreading branches. Bark somewhat scabrous, with ferruginous spots. Leaves alternate, ternate, petioled. Leaflets oblong, subsessile, serrate, the point rather obtuse, having small hairy glands in the axils of the veins underneath, from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles channelled, smooth, from one to two inches long. Racemes axillary, solitary, simple, erect, twice the length of the petioles. Flowers numerous, short-pedicelled, collected into little fascicles, many of which are male. Bractes minute, acute, one, two, or three, to each fascicle of flowers. Calyx of two unequal pairs of round, permanent leaflets, the inner pair much larger. Petals four, placed on one side opposite to the stamens; cuneate, emarginate, on the inside of the exterior half is a tuft of wool. Nectary, a yellow, somewhat crescent-shaped gland, between the petals and stamens. Filaments eight, as long as the petals, projecting in an ascending direction, woolly. Anthers roundish, incumbent. Germ superior, two-lobed, &c. as in servata. Style short. Stigma two-cleft. Berries one or two, round, the size of a pea, when ripe red, pulpy, Seed solitary, the shape of the berry, and nearly the same size. Embruo as in secreta.

It differs from serrata; 1st. In being a spreading shrub, whereas that is erect and very ramous. 2ndly. In the young shoots, leaves and raceme being all very smooth, whereas there they are downy. 3rdly, and lastly. In the points of the leaves being rather obtuse, there acute.

But in habit the difference is most striking, when seen growing together.

O. Cobbe. Willd. 2, 322.

Shrubby. Leaves ternate; leaflets subsessile, serrate, downy, the pair ovate, oblong, the terminal one broad lanceolar. Racemes axillary, simple.

Rhus Cobbe, sp. pl. 382.

I have seen only one dry specimen of this, it was given me by Dr. Rottler, under its old name (Rhus Cobbe.) The tender parts of the specimen are very downy, the leaves narrower, and less deeply servate than O. servata, which it resembles almost exactly in every other respect. The flowers are all male, or male hermaphrodite: and agree so exactly with those of that plant, that one description may serve for both.

6. O. integrifolia. Willd. 2, 322.

Leaves alternate; leaflets petioletted, oblong, entire. Racemes axillary, simple, as long as the leaves. Petals reniform, long-clawed.

A native of the Moluccas.

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Leaves ternate; leaflets ovate, repand, smooth. Racemes axillary, compound, shorter than the leaves. Petals obovate, short-clawed, very woolly on the inside.

A native of the Moluccas.

SCYTALIA. Schrob, gen. n. 671.

Calyx four or five-toothed. Corol none, or of four or five petals regularly disposed. Germ superior, two-celled, two-lobed, cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Style two-cleft. Berries two, though rarely more than one comes to maturity. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

 S. Lichi, R.
 Polygamous. Leaflets four pair, lanceolate, acute. Calyx four-parted. Corol none. Fertile germ two-lobed; fruit oval, murexed. Scytalia Chinensis. Gart. sem. 1. t. 42. f. 2.

Euphoria, Juss. Gen. pl. p. 274.Dimocarpus, Lichi Lour, Cochin Ch. 287. Willd, 2, 346.

Sapindus edulis, Hort. Kew. 2. p. 30.

Chin. Lichi, or Lee chee.

This very famous tree is now common in Bengal. It was originally brought from China. Flowering time February and March. The fruit ripens three months afterwards. The trees in Bengal are as yet small, but I have seen them in China fully as large as a middling sized ash-tree; they are also somewhat like it in appearance, with numerous, spreading branches, and a smooth ash-coloured bark. Specimens of this tree have been sent to me from old trees growing on the Garrow mountains.

Leaves alternate, petioled, abruptly-pinnate. Leaflets from two to six pair, opposite, short petiolleted, lanceolate, tapering to a long, fine point, very smooth and shining on both sides, of a firm texture, and almost veinless, from three to six inches long, and about one broad. Panicles terminal, large, oval, ramous, erect, or ascending, according to the direction of the branch that supports them. Bractes minute. Flowers small, greenish white, smell rather offensive. On some trees they are mostly hermaphrodite; while on others mostly mate, but as far as I have observed never completely so.

HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx spreading, four, rarely five-lobed; both sides downy. Corol none. Nectary a large, fleshy, crenulate gland, into which the stamens and pistil are inserted. Filaments from six to eight, short, bairy, spreading. Anthers roundish, two-lobed. Germ superior, elevated on a short column, two-lobed, hairy, two-celled, each containing a single ovula, attached to the inner and lower angle of the cell. Style erect, rather short, hairy. Stigma two-cleft; divisions revolute. Berry generally single, though sometimes double, oval, the size of a pigeon's egg. covered with a thin, bright red, murexed bark; next under it is the pulpy aril, which is of a faint, transparent azure colour, and delicious subacid taste. Seed single, ob-

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long, enveloped by the pulpy aril, smooth, brown and affixed by the base. Embryo erect, with. Carey out perisperm, &c. as described by Gærtner.

MALE FLOWERS mixed with the hermaphrodite. Calgar and nectary as in the former. Corol none. Filaments from six to eight, thrice as long as in the hermaphrodite. Germ mailer than in the former and always abortive. Style very short and entire.

Independently of the well known fruit of this tree, it is highly ornamental, being one of

the most permanent ever greens we have in India.

2. S. Longan, R.

Leaflets four pair, lanceolate, obtuse. Corol five-petalled, fertile germ, often three-lobed, fruit round, slightly cabrons.

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Beng. Ash-phul. Chin. Longan.

Dimocarpus Longam Lour, Cochin Ch. 287.

This is also a tree, and more regular in form than the preceding species, having a short traight trunk with a large, very dense, globular head. The leaves are the same in situation, ud composition, but obtuse, somewhat downy on the under side, and with large parallel veins. Panieles the same. It is also a native of China, as well as of the mountainous countries which orm the eastern frontier of Bengal. Flowers small, pale yellowish white, male and herma-

phrodite, mixed on the same panicle.

HERMAPHRODITS. Calyx deeply five-parted, downy on both sides. Petals five, inserted etween the calvx and nectary, lanceolate, spreading, hairy. Nectary as in the former. Staseas also the same, but the filaments much more hairy. Germ superior, and frequently threeobed with a three-cleft style, otherwise as in the former. Berry single, or double, rarely tride, round, the size of a large cherry, covered with a brownish grey, scabrous bark. Aril less a quantity than in the Lichi, and less grateful to the taste, but reckoned very wholesome. seed solitary, round, smooth, and brown. Embryo as in the Licki.

Male. Calyx corol, and nectary as in the hermaphrodite. Filaments long, and very hairy.

Pistil, abortive, &c. as in the Lichi,

The wood of both trees is hard, close-grained and white; I do not find that it is yet emaloyed for any purpose in Bengal.

3. S. Ramboutan. R.

Polygamous. Leaflets two or three pair, oblong or broad lanceolate. Panicles axillary. Calyx four and five parted. Corol none. Berries with dry echinate bark.

Nephelium Cappacum, Linn. Syst. 851. &c. Dimocarpus crinita Lourier. Cochin Ch. 288.

Mal. Ramboutan, or Rambosteen.

From the Malay Islands it has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

4. S. rimosa. R.

Polygamous. Leastets three or four pair, subopposite, lanceolate. Panicles axillary and

erminal. Corol none. Berries oblong, rimose, tubereled.

Tengoori is the vernacular name in Silhet, where the tree is indigenous and grows to a arge size; flowers in March and April, and the fruit which is generally eaten, ripeus in August.

Leaflets four or five pairs, lanceolate. Panicles terminal, and axillary. Corol of five,

mooth, orbicular petals. Fruit oblong, smooth, purple.

Lall Koc-poora is the vernacular name in Silhet, where the tree is indigenous, and grows a a moderate size. It blossoms in March; the fruit ripens in May and is eaten by the natives. Back of the young branches and branchlets rather scabrous. Leaves alternate, abruptly-pinate, from one to two feet long. Leaflets four or five pair, subopposite, lanceolate, entire, rather mooth, except while very tender, then villous underneath, from six to twelve inches long. Petioles cylindric, rather rough. Panicles terminal, and axillary, shorter than the leaves; rabifications alternate, smooth, and spreading much. Flowers numerous, small, rosy, or purple, coording to the age. Bractes small, triangular. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets unequal, roundish, oncave, coloured. Petals five, round, sessile, concave, smooth in every part. Filaments about ight, short, inserted on the base of the short column which elevates the pistillum. Anthers mear-oblong, incurvate. Germ superior, two-lobed, with one ovula in each, attached to the ase of the partition. Style short. Stigma bifid; segments recurved. Berries one or two, the ze and shape of an olive, smooth, dark purple; like the fruit of Engenia jambolana, succulent, ne-celled, the purple aril is eaten by the natives. Seed, solitary, the shape of the berry. Insquarents two, exterior, ash-coloured, firm and thin; interior brown, softer, and thicker than me exterior. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons nearly equal. Radicle inferior, trun-

6. S. parviflora. R.

Leaflets about seven, lanceolate, serrate, crenate. Panieles terminal. Calyx, and Corol of our leaflets, and petals.

A native of the Moluccas.
7. S. oppositifolia. R.

Leaves opposite, unequally pinnate, leaflets from three to five, lanceolate, remotely servate, renate. Panicles terminal.

A native of the Malay Islands.

8. S. verticillata, R.

Shrubby. Leaves simple, subverticelled, lanceolar, smooth, entire. Panicles terminal. Ps-

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tals five, with a woolly scale near the base. Germ two-lobed, elevated on a receptacle.

This pretty shrub, or small tree was brought to this garden from the Moluccas, with the spice plants in 1798, where it blossoms and ripens its seed at different periods through the

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Trunk straight, with many straight branches, and tolerably smooth, brownish bark; height of the plants, about seven feet, and are still growing fast. Leaves subverticelled, short-petioled, lanceolate, smooth on both sides, and entire; about six inches long and about two broad. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, many crowded together; also single from the exterior axills, erect, with numerous diverging ramifications. Bractes minute, caducous. Flowers shortpedicelled, small, pale yellow, with a tinge of red. Calyx of five, unequal, roundish, concave leaflets. Petals five, oblong, expanding, each with one villous, nectarial scale on the inside near the base. Filaments, about seven, short, erect, inserted on a short fleshy receptacle, which also elevates the pistil. Anthers erect. Germ superior, on a short fleshy receptacle, two-rarely three-lobed; lobes one-seeded, attached to the bottom of the cell, &c. Style very short. Stigma two pointed. Berries generally twin, oval, the size of a small coffee bean, pulpy, when ripe, orange-coloured, supported on a short common receptacle. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

9. S. Danura. R.

Shrubby. Leaves simple, broad-lanceolate, with a cordate base. Panicles terminal, petals five, with two woolly scales at their base. Germ two-lobed. Style scarcely any.

Beng. Danoora. This tree is a native of the Delta of the Ganges and of the parts to the east of it. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets, simple, subsessile, broad-lanceolate, smooth, entire, about a foot long. Panicles terminal, composed of rather remote, diverging, compound, ramifications. Flowers numerons, solitary, pedicelled, of a pale pink colour. Bracles minute, one-flowered. Calyx of five, unequal, roundish, concave leaflets. Corol of five equal, equally disposed, oval, emarginate, short, clavate petals. Nectary, a double woolly scale at the base of each petal on the inside, also a fleshy, crenulated ring round the germ, in which the stamens are inserted. Filaments from six to eight, half the length of the petals. Anthers erect, oblong. Germ two-lobed. Style rather shorter than the stamens. Stigma two-parted. In some flowers, (and they are, I suspect, always barren,) the Germ is small, and the style only a conical point between its lobes. Berries one or two-celled, the size of a field bean, and juiceless.

It was formerly observed, that I thought it necessary to keep the first described two species of Scytalia distinct from the genus Sapindus, on account of the regular corol, or its entire absence; the same reason prevails here. To the former, Scytalia, I assign a regular corol with the stamens equally disposed on all sides; whereas to the latter I give an irregular corol,

with ascending filaments.

SCHLEICHERA. Willd.

Polygamous. Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled, or none. Germ superior, three-celled, cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Capsule berried, entire, or three-valved. Seeds from one to three, arilled. Embryo naked, without perisperm, curved, erect.

S. pentapetala, R.

Leaflets from three to four pair, subalternate, lanceolate. Flowers five-petalled. Capsule one-seeded.

A pretty large tree, a native of the forests of Silhet, where it blossoms in March and April, and the fruit ripens during the rains. The male tree is there called Koipoora and the hermaphrodite, or fertile tree Poora-Koi. This sort is not eaten, the aril, the only edible part, being very thin, and insipid.

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Young shoots smooth. Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets three or four pair, subopposite, lanceolate, entire, firm, lucid, obtusely acuminate, from four to eight inches long, and one or two broad. Petioles round, smooth. Stipules none. Panicles axillary, rather shorter than the leaves, crowded with numerous ramifications, and clothed with soft down. Flowers small, and very numerous, of a dull yellowish green. Male. Callyx five-parted; segments broad-cordate, a little hairy. Petals five, lanceolate, with two small, smooth, incurved scales at the base, as in the Sapindi. Nectary a torulose hairy ring between the insertions of the petals and filaments. Filaments seven or eight, the length of the petals,

or longer. Anthers two-lobed. Germ an oblong gland.

HERMAPHRODITE and Male flowers on a separate tree. Calyx, corol, and nectary of the hermaphrodite, like those of the male. Filaments shorter, but the anthers as in the male. Germ oblong, three-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma of three recurved lobes. Capsule the size of a black current; tapering into a pedicel at the base, marked with three sutures on the outside, generally one-celled, three-valved; the valves containing little cells filled with a fragrant balsam. Seed generally solitary. the size of a small pea, round, enveloped in a thin, succulent aril. Integuments single, smooth brown. Perisperm none. Embryo curved, erect, greenish. Cotyledons unequal, one-curved, the other, viz. the inferior one, doubled. Radicle conical, curved, inferior, its apex touching one side of the umbilicus.

The seed vessel of my other species, S. trijuga. Willd. 4, 1096. Koon. Gart. sem. 2, 486. t. 180, does not open spontaneously as in this, and sometimes contains three seeds, enveloped in a thick, succulent, subacid, edible aril. The proper integument is there also single; nor is there sany perisperm, but both the cotyledons are doubled, and equally long.

2. S. trijnga. Willd. 4. 1096.

Leaflets three pair, lanceolate. Flowers apetalous.

Koon. Gart. sem. 2. p. 486. t. 180. f. 11.

Cing. Coughas.

Tam. Zolim-buriki.

Teling. May, or Roataugha.

A stout, handsome middling sized tree, a native of various parts of India. Flowers about February. The fruit ripens in May. It is allied to Melicocca, and Scytalia, probably not ssufficiently removed from the former to authorize its forming a new genus. The pulpy subsacid aril, is edible, and palatable.

Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets, abruptly pinnate, from eight to sixteen inches long. Leaflets from two to four pair, opposite, sessile, broad-lanceolate, or oblong, entire, pretty smooth on both sides ; the lower pairs the smallest ; from three to eight inches dong. Petioles a little downy, from six to sixteen inches long. Stipules wanting. Racemes axillary, or below the leaves, round the base of the young shoots, solitary; in the male simple; in the hermaphrodite often compound; from two to four inches long.

MALE. Calyx cup-formed, five-toothed. Corol none. Filaments from six to ten, erect, amany times longer than the calyx. Authers oval, erect. Pistil, merely the rudiment of one.

HERMAPHRODITE flowers on a separate tree. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Nectary a fleshy, yellow ring surrounding the insertions of the filaments. Stamens as in the male. Germ superior, ovate, three-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma three-cleft, recurved, slender, downy. Drupe the size of a nutmeg, a little pointed, covered with a tender, dry, grey bark. Seeds one, two or three, oblong, smooth, at the base obliquely truncate, and there affixed, each surrounded with its proper whitish, pulpy aril, which is of a pleasant acid taste, and is most grateful during dry weather. Embryo doubled, with inferior radicle and no perisperm.

The bark is astringent, rubbed up with oil, the natives of these parts use it to cure the

stch. The wood is hard, and employed for many purposes by the natives.

SAPINDUS.

Calyx from four to five leaves. Corol from four to five petalled, in some unilateral. Germ superior, three celled, cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Berries three, superior, more or less united. Seed solitary. Embryo erect, curved, or straight, no perisperm.

1. S. laurifolius. Willd. 2, 469. Vahl. symb. 3, 54.

Leaflets three-pair, ovate, lanceolate, smooth, rachis simple. Panicles terminal. Petals five, lanccolar, equally woolly all over the inside.

A stout, very shady tree, a native of various parts of India. Flowering time December;

the seed ripens in April.

Trunk straight, when full grown as thick as a man's body. Bark, a mixture of ash and olive colour. Branches numerous, spreading much in every direction. Leaves alternate, abruptly pinuate. Leaflets three pair, though sometimes next to the panicles two pair, obliquely ovate-lanceolate, taper-pointed, entire and smooth on both sides; veins elevated and whitish; from four to six inches long. Petioles round. Petiolets short and rugose. Panicles terminal, broad-ovate, large, and very ramous; ramification rather scaly. Bractes minute. Flowers, numerous, small, short-pedicelled, dull white. Calux five-leaved; leaflets oval, vilions on the outside, and margin. Petals five, lanceolar, equally woolly over the whole of the anside, and without any appearance of the nectarial scales on the base, or margin, as in all the other species described by me, clothed on the outside with appressed brown hairs. Filaments woolly, shorter than the germ, and inserted between it and the five-lobed, hairy receptacle. Germ three-lobed, very hairy, three-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the bottom of the axis. Style simple. Stigma three-toothed. Berries three, united, singly, the size of a cherry, when ripe soft, and of a yellowish-green colour, with a few brown hairs scattered over them; one-celled. Seed round-obovate. Integuments two, the exterior one thick, tough and hard, smooth and black; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, uncinate. Cotoledoss unequal, thick, firm, fleshy, spirally incurvate, colored with a tinge of green. Radicle inferior, linear, lodged at the base of the seed, pointing to the lower and inner angle.

The berries are saponaecous, and used with those of the other species of the same nature.

S. emarginatus, Vahl. symb. 3, 54. Willd. 2, 469.

Leaflets two or three pair, oblong, retuse, or emarginate. Panicles terminal. Calyx and Corol of five equal, regularly disposed leaflets, and petals, with a woolly scale on each side of the latter.

Beng. Bura-reetha. Teling. Konkoodoo

A handsome, middling-sized tree, with a short trunk, and very large, dense, spreading head, decorated with beautiful thick, deep green foliage the whole year. Flowering time in

Bengal, October; the seeds ripen in April.

Leares alternate, abruptly pinnate, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets generally two pair, opposite, short-petioletted, oblong, with entire margins, and rounded cuarginate apex, pair, opposite, short-petioletted, oblong, with entire margins, and rounded cuarginate apex, smooth, of a shining deep-green, and downy underneath. Petioles round, villous. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, crowded with numerous ramifications of small, whitish, inodorous blossoms. Bracles small, caducous. Calyx of five, equal, oblong leaflets. Petals five, equal, re-

Page gularly disposed, oblong, or lanceolate, outside hairy, with two inflected woolly tufts on their Carey margin were the middle. As in most, if not all the other species, there is a not ched fleshy margin near the middle. As in most, if not all, the other species, there is a notched, fleshy, hairy ring between the insertion of the petals and staming. Filaments eight, short, woolly. Anthers two-lobed. Pericarp, drupes from one to four, though three is the most common number, slightly conjoined, singly, somewhat of an oblique-ovate shape, with an elevation running from the base to the apex on the outside, smooth until wrinkled by age in drying, lined on the inside with a smooth, tough membrane, except round the insertion of the seed, and there hairy, as in S. detergens. Seeds, or nuts solitary, round, smooth, dark-coloured, indeed almost black; size of a large marrow-fat pea, unilocular thick and exceedingly hard.

The leaflets in this species are always very obtuse, and generally emarginate; this circumstance, together with a calyx, and corol of five parts, induces me to think Gærtner's Sapin-

dus rigida, p. 341. 70. f. 3, must be another species.

 S. detergens. R.
 Polygamous. Leaflets from four to five pair, subalternate obliquely ovate-oblong, obtuse. Petioles simple. Flowers panicled. Calyces, and corols of five, equal, regularly disposed leaflets, and petals.

Hind. and Beng. Reetha. Sans. Urista.

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I have found this tree only in Bengal, though a native of most parts of India. Flower-

ing time the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk straight; branches also nearly erect, and few of them. Bark smooth, and ashcoloured; height of the tree generally about twenty feet. Leaves alternate, about the ends of the branchlets alternately pinnate; from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets subalternate, from eight to twelve in number, or from four to six pair, entire, obliquely lanceolate, oblong, smooth on both sides, and about four inches long. Petioles common, round, flexuose, smooth. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axils, diffuse, composed of diverging, compound ramifications. Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, equal, and regular. Nectary, two woolly scales near the base of each petal. Stamens six or eight; filaments woolly. Germ three-sided, sitting, with the stamens, on a large glandular receptacle. Style single and short. Drupes generally solitary, seldom more than one coming to maturity, one-celled, subglobular, very smooth, and yellow, with a pretty large ridge round the base on the outside, the inside marked with the two abortive lobes of the germ. Nut solitary, round, and smooth, affixed to the inside of its cells, where a considerable quantity of woolly fibres intervene.

With the pulp of the fruit the Hindoos wash linen, &c.

In January, 1808, a healthy young tree of about twenty feet in height, reared from seed, received from North America, under the name Sapindus Saponaria, flowered abundantly, and ripened many seeds. It differs from my detergens; 1st. in being a larger tree, and more ramous. 2nd. In the leaflets being acute, and lanceolar, that is taper at each end. 3rd. In the calyx, and corol consisting of six parts each, which are round, and shorter than the germ; and in the petals being without the two woolly scales, so conspicuous in detergens. I therefore conclude they are distinct species, and doubt if the American tree is to be found indigenous in India, probably not in Asia.

4. S. squamosus. R.

Leaves pinnate; leaflets about three-pair, sub-opposite, obliquely ovate, lanceolate, acute, polished, entire. Panicles axillary and terminal. Petals five, regular, with two very large woolly scales. Filaments and Germs woolly.

A native of the Malay Archipelago; my specimens were gathered on the Island of Nasau-

Young shoots straight, round, and a little villous. Leaves alternate, pinnate, sometimes abruptly, sometimes unequally, about six inches long. Leaflets about three pairs sub-opposite, short-petioletted, obliquely ovate-lanceolate, rather unequally divided by the nerve, entire, acute, firm and polished, about three inches long. Petioles round, villous. Panicles axillary, and terminal, the length of the leaves. Flowers numerous, small. Calyx five-cleft, hairy, Petals five, equal. Nectarial scales very large, and very woolly. Filaments eight, equally disposed, woolly, inserted on the inner edge of a glandular ring which separates them from the petals. Germ woolly.

5. S. longifolius. Willd. 2. 469.

Leaflets from four to eight pair, subalternate, short-petioletted, entire, linear-lanceolate, obtuse, the most inferior pair or two oblong. Panicles terminal. Corol regular, five-petalled.

A native of the Moluccas.

S. rubiginosus. Willd. 2, 469. R. Corom pl. 1, N. 62.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves abruptly pinnate; leaflets from four to five pair, lanceo-late, villous. Panicles terminal. Calyces five-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Style and Stigma single. Berries distinct, oblong.

Teling. Ishee-rashee. 283

A large timber tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars. It flowers about

the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk perfectly erect, of considerable length and thickness. Branches numerous, ascend-Branchlets clothed with ferruginous pubescence. Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate, about a foot long. Leaflets opposite, from four to six pair, sublanceolar, entire, above smooth, downy underneath; from three to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles round, downy, ending in a downy bristle. Panieles terminal, large, erect, composed of simple racemes. Calyx five-leaved. Petals four, placed on the upper side, an entirely woolly scale arises

from the base on the inside of each. Style single, ascending, shorter than the stamens. Berries Page three when all come to perfection, which is rarely the case, singly oblong, one-celled.

The wood of this tree is very useful for a great variety of purposes; being large, straight, strong, and durable, towards the centre it is chocolate-coloured.

7. S. fruticosus. R.

Shrubby. Leaflets from three to four pair, lanceolar, with an orbicular pair inserted on the base of the common petiole. Petals with small woolly scales at the base.

It is a native of the Molnecas, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1798, where it blossoms in March, and the fruit ripens in May and June.

The plants are as yet (1809) but small, but with an erect trunk, covered with smooth ashcoloured bark. The branches are few, weak, and much bent, even so as to be cernuus

Leaves abruptly pinnate, about a foot long. Leaflets three or four pair, generally alternate, subsessile, lanceolar, entire, of a firm texture, and smooth on both sides; from three to six inches long, (the exterior largest,) and from one to two inches broad. Petioles round, smooth. Stipules, or inferior pair of leaflets very remarkable, smooth, round cordate, inserted on opposite sides of the base of the common petiole. Inflorescence for the most part axillary racemes, though sometimes terminal panicles, composed of but few, expanding ramifications. Flowers small, with a ferruginous calyx, and white corol. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, subulate. Calyx of four smooth, suborbicular, ferruginous leaflets. Petals four, suborbicular, rather larger than the calvx, near the base of each is a double tuft of wool. Filaments eight, shorter than the corol, inserted into a woolly receptacle, which also receives the base of the germ. Anthers ovate. Germ superior, two or three-lobed, from two to three celled, each containing one ovula attached to the bottom of the cell. Style none. Stigma large, glandular, two-lobed. Berry two or three-lobed, size of a small cherry, of a bright, smooth, shining black colour, the pulp is in large proportion, and of a pleasant sweetish astringent taste. Seeds one in each lobe of the berry. Embryo erect, without a perisperm.

8. S. serratus. R.

Leaflets numerous, alternate, lanceolate, serrate; rachis simple. Panicles subterminal. Petals five, regular, with two very hairy clavate scales near the base.

A native of the Moluccas.

OCTANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

II.

POLYGONUM. Schreb. gen. n. 677

Calyx none. Corol five-parted resembling a calyx. Seed solitary. Sect. Style two-cleft. Seed without angles.

1. P. nutane. R.

Annual, suberect, ramous. Leaves lanceolate. Stipules not bearded. Corols four-cleft. Stamens five. Styles two. Seed roundish, compressed.

Several plants came up accidentally in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, but from whence the seed came I cannot be certain.

Stem short, erect, soon dividing into many, first spreading, then ascending branches, covered with red bark, and maculated with still darker red, with a few short, white, stiff hairs, scattered over every part, as also over the underside of the nerves of the leaves. Leaves shortpetioled, lanceolate, margins a little curled, and somewhat waved. Stipules membranaceous, smooth, truncated, not ciliate. Racemes terminal, and from the exterior axils, cylindric, nodding, most completely covered with numerous, small, white flowers. Bractes somewhat fringed. Corols four-cleft, opposite; divisions a little unequal. Stamens five. Styles two. Seed roundish, pointed, much compressed, smooth.

P. lanatum. R.

Procumbent, with erect branches. Leaves linear-lanceolate, woolly; sheathes lacerated. Corol four-cleft. Styles two-cleft. Stamens six. Seeds round, compressed.

Beng. Swet-pance-murich.

Annual, growing in ditches, &c. near Calcutta; and flowering during the rains.

Stems herbaceous, jointed, below procumbent, and striking root from the joints that rest on the ground; above erect, internally of a deep red colour, particularly at the joints, height various. Leaver short-petioled, narrow-lanceolate, entire, heavy underneath, long and about one inch broad, withering on the plant. Stipules nearly as long as the joints, striated, woolly, having their mouths lacerated, but not bearded. Racemes terminal, pedancled, erect, crowded with numerous, small, white flowers. Bractes many-flowered, &c. as in the other species. Calyx four-parted. Stamens six. Style two cleft. Seed round, pointed, much compressed, smooth, of a shining brown colour.

3. P. pilosum. R.

Erect, annual, hairy. Leaves long-petioled, ovate-cordate, downy; the mouth of the sheaths spreading open. Style two-cleft. Stamens from seven to eight. Seeds round, compressed, and somewhat thin at the edge.

Beng. Bura-pance-murich.

Lagunea Cochin Chinenxis. Lourier Flor. Cochin Ch. 272.

Common near Calcutta, on the borders of such places as are inundated during the rains. Flowering time the beginning of the wet season.

Stems annual, suberect, branchy, the whole plant from two to four feet high, and covered

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with many soft greyish hairs. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate-cordate, decurrent on the petiole, pointed, entire, both sides covered with much soft down, six inches long, and three broad. Petioles two inches long, inserted into the stipules. Stipules sheathing, hairy, striated, truncated, having the mouths ciliated, sometimes expanded, sometimes closely embracing the stem. Racemes long-peduncled, crowded with small white flowers. Stamens seven, five in the fissures of the corol, and two embracing the germ. Style half two-cleft. Stigmas globular. Seed round,

compressed, smooth, brown.

Note. The ends of the succulent branches, after being wetted became covered with a clear thick gluten.

4. P. tomentosum. Willd. 2. 447.
Annual, suberect. Leaves lanceolar, silky; sheaths and bractes bearded. Stamens seven or eight. Stigma two-cleft. Seed round.

Teling. Yeatee-mallier.

Persicaria maderaspatana. Pluk. t. 210. f. 7. good.

This plant is annual, a native of ditches, rivulets, &c. appearing during the wet season. Stems several, below procumbent, and there rooting at the joints, above erect, jointed, with but few branches; from two to four feet high. Leaves broad-lanceolar, short-petioled, silky, entire; from four to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules long, sheathing the stem, with the petioles issuing from it a little above its base, lobed, having the mouth bearded. Racemes (generally from three to five,) terminal, or from the exterior axills, erect, peduncled, hairy. Bractes a large exterior one at each joint, which embraces the rachis, and fascicle of flowers; this is unequally lobed, and its mouth much bearded; besides this there is another common one which embraces the fascicle of flowers only; within it each flower has its proper bracte, these are not bearded. Flowers numerous, small, white, from six to eight at each joint, or set of bractes, but always expanding in succession. Stamens seven or eight. Style two-cleft, shorter than the stamens. Seed round, compressed, not in the least angular.

Cattle eat it greedily.

5. P. glabrum. Willd. 2, 447.

Annual, suberect, smooth, reddish. Leaves narrow-lanceolar. Stipules a little ragged. Stamens seven. Style three-cleft. Seed round.

Schovanna mudela muccu. Rheed. Mal. 12. t. 77. 288

Annual, a native of the same places as the other species are, but less common. It is a

much more elegant, delicate looking plant.

Stems as in the last species, but deeply tinged with red. Leaves short-petioled, linearlanceolar, tapering much towards each end, smooth on both sides, entire, from five to seven inches long. Stipules sheathing, lobed, short, smooth, adhering firmly to the stem; mouth a little ragged, but not ciliated. Racemes as in P. tomentosum, but longer, slender and smooth. Bractes as in the former, but without a beard. Flowers numerous, rose-coloured, three or four in each set of bractes, appearing in succession, heptandrous. Style three-cleft, twice as long as the stamens. Seed ovate, compressed, not in the least angular.

6. P. perfoliatum. Willd. 2. 454.

Prickly, scandent, perennial. Leaves triangular. Stipules ample, round-oval, spreading, perfoliate. Style three-cleft. Seed round.

A native of various parts of India. From Nepal the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive well, and blossom most part of the

Stems and branches slender, scandent to a considerable extent, armed with numerous, acute, recurved prickles, but without pubescence. Leaves long-petioled, somewhat peltate, triangular, entire smooth on both sides, except a few, very minute prickles on the underside of the nerve and veins; size various, from one to three inches each way. Petioles as long as the leaves, armed. Stipules large, round, oval, surrounding the branch, or branchlet immediately within the insertion of the leaves; smooth and unarmed. Spikes terminal, solitary. Bractes cordate, spike-clasping. Stamens from eight to ten. Style three-cleft. Seed round, smooth, shining black, hid in the enlarged, livid, fleshy calyx, and in that state appear a berry.

It is probably a Coccoloba.
7. P. Chinense, Willd. 2. 453.

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Scandent, flexuose. Leaves oblong, with truncate base. Bractes ear-shaped. Peduncles terminal, subpanicled; flowers in globular pedicelled heads.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal. Flowers in February, March, and April.

8. P. cymosum. R.

Shrubby, scandent, ramous. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, entire, acute, smooth. Cymes terminal; flowers in small heads, octandrous.

A native of Chittagong, where it flowers in April. Sect. 2. Style three-cleft. Seed three-sided. 9. P. tenellum. R.

Annual, flaccid, ramous. Leaves lanceolar, with bearded sheaths. Racenes filiform, fascicles of flowers remote. Tabe of the corol internally ribbed. Stamens from seven to eight. Styles three. Seed three-sided.

Found in ditches, &c. low wet places all over Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season. Root fibrous, often biennial, if not perennial. Stems several, ramous, weak and straggling, slender, and smooth. Leaves subsessile, lanceolar, entire, smooth. Stipules on the outside furrowed, otherwise smooth, having their mouths crowned with long distinct filaments. Racemes terminal, often subpanicled, filiform. Braces rather remote, obliquely truncated, ciliate, outside glandular. Flowers small, white. Corol, the mouth of its tube contracted with ridges, alternate, with the insertions of the filaments. Stamens eight. Styles three. Seed three-sided.

 P. barbatum. Willd. 2. 447.
 Branches erect, ramous, smooth. Leaves lanceolar, smooth. Stipules bearded, and hairy. Racemes twiggy, with fascicles of flowers rather remote. Stamens eight. Style three-cleft. Seed three-sided.

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Teling. Kunda-mallier.

It is a native of moist, or wet places amongst the mountains.

Stems several, erect, ramous, slender, smooth, from three to four feet high, joints a little swelled. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar, smooth, from three to five inches long. Stipules as long as in P. tomentosum, mouth much ciliate, the whole outside hairy. Racemes terminal, long, twiggy, short-peduncled; fascicles of flowers rather remote. Braces as in the former species, the exterior one ciliate and hairy. Flowers rose colour, numerous, in succession from the same set of bractes, octandrous. Style three-cleft, length of the stamens. Seed three-sided.

Cattle are fond of all these four species.

11. P. rivulare. Kon. Mss.

Annual; branches erect. Leaves narrow-lanceolate, pretty smooth. Stamens eight. Style three-cleft. Seed three-sided.

Velutta modela muceu. Rheed. Mal. 12. t. 76.

Annual, a native of similar places with the last two species, has nearly the same appearance

and habit, but is rather more slender than even P. glabrum.

Leaves narrow-lanceolate, entire, pretty smooth; from five to six inches long. Stipules short, obliquely lobed, much ciliate. Racemes as in the last described species. Bractes as in the former two, the exterior one is here bearded. Flowers unmerous, crowded, from three to four to the set of bractes, also in succession. Stamens eight. Style three-cleft, twice as long as the stamens. Seed three-sided.

Note. The three-sided seed and three-cleft style, distinguish it from P. tomentosum.

12. P. flaccidum. R.

Annual, flaccid, smooth. Leaves lanceolate, with cordate base, smooth. Stipules long, ciliate. Stamens eight. Style three-cleft. Seed three-sided.

Beng. Pance-murich.

A native of ditches, &c. near Calcutta; flowering time the wet season.

Stem scarcely any, but many, slender, straggling, smooth, jointed, round branches. Leaves sessile, from the base of the stipules, lanceolate, with the base cordate, entire, and smooth on both sides; from one to six inches long. Stipules, bristles on the outside; mouths long ciliate. Racemes terminal, subcylindric, crowded with small, white flowers. Bractes ciliate. Stamens eight. Style half three-cleft. Seed three-sided, smooth, of a dark brown colour.

13. P. elegans, R.

Perennial, prostrate. Leaves lanceolar. Flowers axillary, crowded. Stamens eight. Stig-ma three-cleft. Seed three-sided.

A native of dry, uncultivated ground, appearing and flowering chiefly in the dry season. Root simple, very long, yellow. Stems numerous, prostrate, from six to twelve inches long. Branches numerous, bifarious. Leaves alternate, bifarious, very short-petioled, lanceolar, dotted with small glandular points, smooth, margins red; about half an inch long. Stipules sheathing, membranaceous; mouth toru, and ciliated. Bractes sheathing, membranaceous. Flowers axillary, peduncled, small, rose-coloured, octandrous. Calyx, the three interior divisions obtuse, the two exterior pointed. Styles three, very short. Seed three-sided, with sharp angles.

14. P. horridum. Buch.

Scandent, angular; the angles armed with recurved, sharp aculei. Leaves sessile, linear, with a cordate base; sheaths fringed. Spikes terminal, subcylindric subpanicled.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal. 15. P. fagopyrum. Willd. 2, 455.

Stem nearly erect, unarmed. Leaves petioled, cordate, sagittate. Flowers in loose spikes; angles of the seed equal

Found cultivated all over the mountainous countries north of Bengal, Oude, &c.

COCCOLOBA. Schreb. gen. n. 678.

Calyx beneath, five-parted, coloured. Corol none. Berry calycine, one-seeded. C. crispata. Buch.

Perennial. Leaves short-petioled, ovate-oblong, margins finely curled, smooth; Sheaths membranaceous, truncate. Panicles terminal, composed of numerous heads, on glandular peduncles.

A native of Nepal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms during the cold season.

CARDIOSPERMUM. Schreb. gen. n. 680.

Calyx from four to five-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Nectary four-leaved, unequal. Capsules three, united, inflated. Seed solitary, globular.

C. halicacabum, Willd.

Scandent, five-seeded. Leaves compound, gashed, smooth. Tendrils umbelliferous. Sung. Jyotishmutee.

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Beng. Noaphutki Sihjhool. Teling. Nalla goolisienda.

Very common all over the southern parts of India, and in flower, and seed all the year.

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OCTANDRIA TETRAGYNIA.

ODINA. R.

POLYGAMOUS. HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx four-toothed. Corol four-petalled. Germ onecelled, ovula single, pendulous. Drupe superior, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

Male. Calyx and Corol, as in the Hermaphrodite.

O. wodier. R. Sang. Jeevula. Beng. Jiyal.

Teling. Gampina.

Hind. Kushmulla, Kashmulla, Kimul, &c.

It is a very large tree, a native of most mountainous parts of the coast, Bengal, &c. it is also frequently found in a cultivated state, chiefly about Madras where the sides of the roads are lined with them. It grows readily from cuttings, which is I believe, the chief inducement for employing it; for it is without leaves from the beginning of the year, till April or May, a season when shade is particularly wanted, for after that the weather, in general, becomes more clouded. Flowering time March and April, when it is perfectly naked of leaves. Nor could the flowers be any inducement to have it near the houses; in short there is nothing in its favour, but its growing easily and quickly.

The following description is taken from the tree in its wild state amongst the Circar

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Trunk straight to the branches, of no great height but very thick. Bark pretty smooth, ash-coloured. Branches numerous, the lower spreading, the upper ones disposed in every direction. In a cultivated state it is generally pruned very close once in two or three years, which makes the branches shoot more erect, but takes away from the native beauty of the tree, and renders the shade when in foliage much less extensive, than in its natural state. Leaves alternate, about the ends of the branchlets, pinnate with an odd one, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaflets generally three or four pair, opposite, sessile, oblong, ovate, pointed, smooth, entire; about five inches long, and two broad, the exterior ones largest. Racemes terminal, filiform, pendulous if long, which they generally are, if short spreading. Bractes minute, fall-Flowers small, purple, inodorous.

In general the Hermaphrodite and Male flowers (there are no other sort that ever I saw,) are on the same tree, and even mixed on the same racemes; the male are by far the most nu-

merous; sometimes but rarely they are on a separate tree.

Hermaphrodite. Calyx four-toothed, small, permanent. Petals four, oblong, concave, spreading. Filaments eight, spreading, rather shorter than the petals. Anthers ovate. Germ superior, oblong, one-celled, containing one ovula attached to the top of the cell. Styles four, short, erect. Stigmas simple. Drupe kidney-form, smooth, the size of a large french bean, when ripe red, one-celled. Nut the shape of the berry, one-celled. Seed conform to the nut; no perisperm. Embryo inverse, curved.

Male. Calyx, Corol, and Stamens as in the hermaphrodite. Pistil the rudiments of a germ, with a short, four-toothed style.

The wood of old trees is close grained, of a deep reddish mahogany colour towards the centre. This coloured part is serviceable for many uses, and looks well. The white wood is fit for no use that I know of.

From wounds in the bark there issues a gum, which, when dry, is much like pieces of

dry glue; but I know of no use it is put to.

This is the tree Dr. Anderson calls Wodur in his miscellanies.

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CLASS IX.

ENNEANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

LAURUS. Schreb. gen. n. 688.

Calyx one-leaved, six-cleft. Corol none. Anthers four-celled. Germ superior, one-celled; attachment superior. Berry superior, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

SECT. 1. Leaves opposite.

1. L. Cinnamomum. Willd. 2. 477.

Leares opposite, ovate-oblong, three-nerved. Panicles terminal, with the extreme ramifications three-flowered. Nectarial glands sagittate. Cinnamomum foliis latis, &c. Burm. zeyl. 62. t. 27.

Kasse Koronde of the same.

Dar-cheeni, often pronounced dat-cheeni, the Persian, Hindee and Bengalee name of Cinnamon. Twuk-putra, Ootkuta, Bhriga, Twucha, Chocha, Vuranguka, are some of the numerous Sanscrit names of Cinnamon, and Dr. Carey says the last three are also given to the bark of Laurus Cassia, commonly-called Cassia lignea, or Cassia bark.

This well known tree seems still to require a little illustration, particularly as there are no doubt several varieties, if not species, included under this name. When General Hay Macdowal was in command on the Island of Ceylon, he sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1801, several plants of the first, or best sort; called by the Cingalese Kasse Koronde. These plants have now, 1810, attained to the height of twenty feet; the trunk is short, and from sixteen to eighteen inches in circumference. The bark thereof scabrous, and considerably cracked in various directions, that of the younger parts smooth. The head remarkably ramous, large, and dense, for the last three or four years they have flowered freely during the months of January and February; and ripened abundance of berries. It is from these the following description was taken. The drawing and description, No. 1058, was made from young trees, which were reared by me at Samulkota, from the seeds of the trees growing in Tinnevellee, near Palamkotta, which were procured from Ceylon in 1781 or 1782, and which differ from this in the leaves being much narrower at the base, in short, broad-lanceolar, and the three nectarial glands clavate. The sort introduced into Bengal by Mr. Hastings, between thirty and forty years ago is of this narrow leaved inferior kind.

Descriptions of Kasse Koronde.

Leaves opposite, rarely sub-opposite, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, rather obtuse; texture hard, surfaces polished, the three nerves often uniting a little above the base, and the lateral two vanishing beyond the middle of the leaves; from four to six inches long, and from one and a half to three broad. Petioles about half an inch long, smooth, and channelled. Panicles terminal; the large ramifications opposite, expanding, the extreme ones three-flowered, all more or less four-sided, and smooth. Flowers numerous, small, greenish-white, smell rather offensive. Bractes minute, caducous. Calga six-eleft; base entire, embracing the germ; border divided into six, oblong, slightly villous segments, the three exterior rather broader, all are permanent and from a capula, or small cup in which the berry sits, as in the common oak. Corol no other than the last described body. Filaments nine, the six exterior inserted on the base of the segments of the calga, and without glands, the other three have a conglobate gland on each side, and alternate with the three short pedicelled, sagittate, nectural bodies, inserted a little lower down. Anthers four-lobed, &c. as in the other species. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing one ovala, attached to the top of the cell. Style length of the stamina. Stigma three-lobed. Berries oblong-oval, smooth, succentent, when ripe, dark blackish purple, the size of a field-beam, one-celled, one-seeded. Seed conform to the berry. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons oblong, fleshy. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle ovate, superior.

2. L. malabathrica, Soland, Mer.

Leaves oblong, three-nerved, with the lateral nerves distinct to the very apex. Panicles terminal.

Katou-karua. Rheed. Mal. 5. t. 53.

A native of the Malabar mountains.

3. L. cassia, Willd. 2. 477.

Leaces subopposite, lanceolar, triple nerved. Panieles axillary with simple, three-flowered ramifications. Nectorial glands sagittate. Stigma triangular.

Sans. Twuk-putra.

Tej-pat the Hindoo name of the leaves.

Carua. Rheed, Mal. 1. t. 57.

Cinnamomum perpetuo florens of Burm. Zeyl. 1. 28. is too broad in the leaf, and too ovate for this, and seems to me to agree better with my next species L. multiflora, which is also a native of Ceylon.

An elegant large tree, a native of the various mountains of the continent of India. The trees are now common in gardens about Calcutta, originally from the mountains of Tippera. Flowering time, in the gardens, the beginning of the warm season; the seed ripens in July.

Trunk straight. Bark smooth, of a greenish ash-colour. Branches numerous, forming an elegant, tall, oblong head. Leaves subopposite, drooping, short-petioled, lanceolar, triple nerved, smooth and polished on both sides; about five inches long, and one and a half broad. Panieles axillary, or terminal, on small axillary branchlets, as long as the leaves. Ramifications opposite, simple, each bearing three short-pedicelled, small, whitish flowers. Bractes minute, caducous. Calga as in the genus. Segments villous. Nectarial glands sagittate, and yellow. Filaments nine, six in the exterior series, without glands; and three in the inner, with glands. Stigma clivate, three-lobed. Berry oval, the size of a black currant, smooth, succulent, when ripe black, one-celled. Seed conform to the berry. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

This differs from all the other species hitherto described by me, not only in the narrowness of the leaves, but in the lateral nerves thereof issuing from the middle nerve considerably above the base. The panieles also differ greatly; for here the ramifications are simple, and bear three flowers; there they are compound, and umbelliferous. In both this, and multiflora (which is the species it comes nearest to,) the nectarial glands are sagittate, but there the stig-

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4. L. multiflora. R.

Leaves opposite, three-nerved, ovate-lanceolar, the nerves vanishing towards the top. Panicles terminal, and axillary, with compound umbelliferous ramifications. Nectorial glands sagittate. Stigma peltate.

Cinnamomum perpetuo florens. Burm. zeyl. p. 63. t. 28. appears to be this plant, and is

the only figure known to me that I can well refer to.

This small elegant tree, as far as I know, is only found in Ceylon, and approaches the true Cinnamon; yet I must deem them distinct species for the reason mentioned throughout the description, and in a note at the bottom.*

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate, or ovate-lanceolate, entire, very smooth on both sides, three-nerved, with the lateral nerves vanishing towards the apex. Stipules none. Panicles from the exterior axils, and terminal, crowded with numerous, cross-armed ramifications, dividing into others, and finally ending in umbellets of small, whitish-yellow flowers. Calyx of six divisions, which are sublanceolate, nearly equal and very downy, particularly on the inside. Necturial glands, the three that stand alternate with the three interior stamens are sagittate, and purple. Stamens, the three interior filaments have each a pair of large, flat, crenulate glands near the middle, as in L. Cinnamomum, &c. Anthers with four poleniferous pits. Stigma large, peltate.

5. L. culitlaban. Willd. 2, 478.

Arboreous. Branches appressed. Leaves opposite, ovate, lanceolate, triple-nerved, retrofracted. Panieles terminal, and axillary. Pedicells three-flowered. Necturial scales sagittate. Mal. Culit-lawan, Culi-lawan, or Cortex caryophyllaides. Rumph. Amb. 2. t. 14.

About the year 1802, many plants of this tree were received into the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta from Amboyna, and in the dry seasons of 1809-10 the only plant that remained alive blossomed. It is about twelve feet high, slender as the common Cypress, in consequence of the branches being short, erect, and pressed to the stem. The bark of the trunk, which is about as thick as a man's arm, is ash-coloured; of the round young shoots a shining deep green, from it the Malays obtain an essential oil by distillation; and Dr. Fleming informs me that he has seen various specimens of it from Bencoolen, and says it smelt like a mixture of sassafras and cloves. I suppose that its medical virtues agree with those of the essential oils of those substances. Murray says that the inhabitants of Amboyna esteem it an excellent remedy in a retention of urine, given in a dose of six drops twice a day.

Leaves for the most part perfectly opposite, short-petioled, refracted, broad-ovate-lanecolate, triple-nerved, of a hard texture, and with a polished, deep green surface, from three to five inches long, and from one to two broad. Panicles terminal and axillary, shorter than the leaves, brachiate, the ultimate divisions three-flowered. Flowers small, white, inodorous. Bractes oblong, or lanecolate, opposite at the divisions of the panicle. Calyx to near the base, six-parted, &c. as in the other species. Stamina also as in the other East Indian species. Nectarial glands with very exactly sagittate heads. Germ ovate, one-celled containing one seed, attached to the

top of the cell. Style of a middling length. Stigma obscurely three-toothed.

6. L. nitida. R.

Leaves opposite, broad-lauceolar, obtuse, triple-nerved, glossy. Panieles axillary, and below the leaves, with simple, three-flowered, ramifications. Glands of the inner filaments pedicelled.

Cassia Coolit manees Marsden's Sumatra, p. 125.

A native of Sumatra, from thence Dr. Charles Campbell sent plants in 1802, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta under the Malay name Koolit manees. After seven years the young trees blossomed in February, and ripened their seeds in May.

Trunk straight, in our young trees the bark is yet quite smooth, and of a greenish ashcolour. Branches, and branchlets spreading. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar,
distinctly triple-nerved to near the apex, permanent, of a firm texture, polished, and very smooth
on both sides, but paler coloured underneath; five or six inches long, and from one and a half
to two broad; when young, coloured; when bruised they emit a pleasant spicy odour. Petioles
short, and channelled. Panicles below the tender leaves of the young shoots, and also solitary
in their axils, and shorter than them, composed of opposite, and alternate, three-flowered,
diverging peduncles. Flowers small, pale yellow. Segments of the calyx, (corol. Lian.) oval
and hairy on the inside. Nectarial glands; the inner three cordate-sagittate, on short pedicells. Those attached to the inner three filaments, are also supported on short pedicells, which
issue from their filaments a little above their base. This circumstance alone, if constant, distinguishes it from all the other species of this genus which I have yet met with, for in all the
rest they are sessile.

Germ conical, one-celled, with one seed, attached to the top of the cell. Stigma threelobed. Berry obovate, the size of a field-bean, polished, and when ripe, of a deep dark green bordering on grey, one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the berry. Integuments two, both thin, and of a dark, dull brown colour. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, inverse, pale

green. Plumula conic, three-lobed. Radicle roundish, superior.

7. L. recurrata, R.

Shrubby. Leaves subopposite, ovate, long-pointed, with the two lateral nerves evanescent

^{*} The remarkable, umbelliferous, extreme ramifications of the panicles in this species, readily distinguish it from others hitherto described by me. I must, at the same time say, that I think every attempt to find clear, correct, specific marks in the leaves alone, will prove fruitless

towards the apex. Nectorial glands with cordate heads. Peduncles axillary, three-flowered.

There are several trees of this species in Mr. Cox's garden at Russapugla near Calcutta, formerly Mr. Johnson's; the plants are said to have been originally from China. Flowering

Trunk short, with subcreet, rigid branches forming a large, oblong, erect bush. Bark smooth, and more or less green, according to age. Leaves subopposite, short-petioled, ovate, tapering to a long narrow point, recurved, three-nerved, with the two lateral vanishing towards the apex, on both sides smooth. Peduacles axillary, or opposite, on the present years shoots below the leaves; solitary, three-flowered. Corol, nectary, stamens, and pistit as in L. Dulcia.

The leaves possess a considerable share of a sweetish aromatic taste; but are much weaker than those of dulcis, and the bark still more so.

8. L. obtusifolia. R.

Leaves opposite, three-nerved, lanceolar, obtuse. Pauicles terminal, with an involucre of four large leaves, and a bud in the centre, smooth. Nectorial glands cordate-sagittate. Berries

oval. Kinton is the vernacular name in Silhet, and Ramtejpat at Chittagong.

A large tree, a native of the mountainous countries immediately east of Bengal, where it blossoms in January and February, and the seed ripens in July and August. It has the habit of the Cinnamon tree, but grows to a much greater size, being as large as the mango tree. The timber is said to be very useful, and as it can be had of a large size, it is used for various

Branches opposite; the young ones smooth, and somewhat four-cornered. Leaves opposite, when they attend the panicles subquatern, short-petioled, lanceolar, obtuse, entire, completely three-nerved, of a very firm texture, smooth, of a deep, shining green on the upper surface, and glancous underneath; from six to ten inches long, and from two to three and a half broad. Panieles many, round a smooth scaly bud, which forms the apex of the branchlet, and also from the axils of their subquatern leaves, long-peduncled, subdecussate; ramifications smooth, and tending to be four-cornered; ultimate divisions three-flowered. Flowers very numerous, small, greyish-yellow. Bractes cadacous at an early period, clothed with greyish, seriecous pubescence. Calyx six-cleft, &c. as in the genus, somewhat sericeous. Nectorial filaments hairy, with large cordate-sagittate heads. Stamma as in the genus, the inner three filaments have their glands clavate, and hairy. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, containing a single orula, attached to the top of the cell. Style shorter than the stamina. Stigma large, threeangled. Berries oval, succulent, the size of a field bean, smooth; when ripe, black, one-celled, one-seeded, &c. as in the genus 9. 1. dulcis. R.

Leaves sub-opposite, three-nerved, lanceolate. Panicles terminal and axillary; nectarial

glands with purple cordate beads.

This elegant, tall, slender, small tree, I have only found in an Armenian's garden near Calcutta, who informs me that he got the plants from China about seven years ago; they are in flower about the beginning of the hot season, in March and April, the seed ripens early in

Trunk straight, and high in proportion to its thickness; bark ash-coloured, and smooth.

Branches elegantly scattered in all directions, with extremities often pendulous, forming a slender, oblong head. Leaves opposite, or nearly so, drooping, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, rather obtuse, three-nerved, with the lateral ones vanishing above the middle, smooth, deep green on both sides; about four or five inches long, and from one to one and a half broad; when young coloured like those of the Cinnamon tree. Panicles terminal, or opposite near the extremities of last year's shoots, or the base of the present; when so, the coloured leafy shoot from the centre, gives to the whole the appearance of a large tufted panicle. Bracks minute, caducous. Flowers small, of a pale yellowish colour, on pretty long, slender, diverging pedicels. Calyx none. Corol as in L. Cinnamomum. Nectarial glands cordate, dark purple, on short, thick, yellow filaments. Stamens exactly as in L. Cinnamomum. Germ ovate. Style crocked, the length of the stamens. Stigma pretty large, and glandular.

From the sweet aromatic taste, and smell of the leaves and bark of this pretty tree, I am inclined to think it is this which yields the thin, small, quilled cinnamon like Cassia, and Cas-

sia buds carried from China to Europe and elsewhere.

It is readily distinguished from L. cianamomum by its long narrow leaves in which the nerves vanish a little above the middle, and by its cordate nectarial glands. From Laurus Cassia it is readily distinguished by its leaves; there the nerves are triple, (that is they meet the main or middle one considerably above the base of the leaves) and continue distinct to near the apex, as in Carua Rheed, Mal. vol. 1. f. 57.

SECT. 2. Leaves alternate.

D. camphorifera, Willd. 2, 478.

Leares alternate, ovate-lanceolate, taper-pointed, three-nerved. Panicles axillary, with alternate corymbiform ramifications. Nectorial glands clavate, bairy.

The trees from which my description, and drawing of this famous plant are taken, grow

at Hottentos Holland near Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope.

They were brought to that place from Sumatra, or Java by Governor Vanderstell, in 1692-3, the trunk of these trees, now 1798, is short in proportion to their thickness, rather erooked, and from ten to twelve or even more feet in circumference. The whole tree has much 303

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Page the appearance of a fine old oak. I saw about twenty of them, besides which many have been cut down for the wood, nor could I learn that any attempts had been made to procure Camphire from them; though the owner, Mynheer De Vos says, he has often observed minute whitish grains amongst the fibres of the wood, but knew not what they were, and paid no attention to them. Many young trees and plants are to be found in the neighbourhood. They all seem perfectly at home. M. De Vos would certainly find it worth his while to cut up into chips every refuse piece, and sublime, or distil it with water in an iron retort, covered with an earthen, or wooden head, in the cavity whereof hay or straw should be put to which the Camphor as it rises would adhere. See Kamp. Amoen. p. 772. Thunberg, &c. authors who have written on the subject.

The Leaves are alternate, petioled, ovate, and oblong-lanceolate, smooth, entire, pointed, triple-nerved, the nerves less regularly disposed than in any of the other species, and vanishing about the middle of the leaf; they are from three to four inches long including the peti-

ole, which is from a third to a fourth of the whole.

Stipules none. Panicles axillary, solitary, about as long as the leaves, and composed of small, alternate, corymbiform ramifications. Flowers numerous, all hermaphrodite that I have examined, small, of a pale greenish yellow. Bractes small, caducous. Corol, nectarial glands, stamina, pistil and berry exactly as in L. Cinnamomum. See the description thereof. The alternate leaves, and alternate ramifications of the panicles, immediately distinguish

this species from all the others I have yet met with.

This is far removed from the famous camphor tree of Sumatra, which is a Shorea.

Laurus camphorifera. Kompf. Amoen. 770. t. 771. Leaves alternate, oblong, ventricose, acuminate, sub-triple-nerved, with glands in their

axils Racemes axillary, nectarial glands conglobate.

This slow growing, handsome tree, is a native of the Malay Islands, and was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1802; now 1810, the largest of many individuals is only eight or ten feet high, clothed with spreading branches down to the ground. They now

begin to blossom in April. Trunk in our young trees short, variously bent, dividing into many, far expanding, ra-

mous branches. Bark of the oldest woody parts rather scabrous; of the young shoots smooth, polished, glaucous-green. Leaves alternate, no tendency toward being opposite, petioled, of an ovate, oblong-ventricose shape, entire, waved, tapering at the apex to a long sharp point, while young, of a soft, when old, of a firm, or rather hard texture, of a polished deep green above, glaucous underneath, somewhat triple-nerved, and in the axils of the nerves little glands, as mentioned by the accurate Kompfer; from two to four inches long. In this species they are particularly permanent, and what is uncommon in these countries, scaly conical buds are formed. The leaves, bark, and succulent parts smell strongly of camphor when bruised. Petioles slender, channelled, scarcely an inch long. Racemes axillary, short, and as yet simple, and bearing but very few, subopposite, small whitish, pedicelled flowers. Bractes minute, and caducous. Calyx and Stamina as in the genus. Nectorial glands three which (as in all the other species of Laurus described by me,) are alternate with the inner three filaments, sessile, conglobate, and yellow. The other three pairs are small, and attached laterally to the very base of the inner three filaments. Stamina as in the other species. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, containing one seed, attached to the top of the cell. Style about as long as the stamina. Stigma three-lobed. Berry sub-globular, size and colour of a black currant. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, without perisperm, &c. as in the genus.

11. L. glaucescens. R.

Leaves alternate, narrow-lanceolate, triple-nerved. Flowers in lateral fascicles.

A native of the northern Circar mountains, behind Rajamundree.

Laurus sylvestris. B. H.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, lanceolar, acuminate, one-nerved. Panicles terminal, tomentose (with a tomentose scaly bud in the centre.) Nectorial glands, broad-cordatesagittate. Berries spherical.

Orook, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, growing to the size of the mango tree. It flowers in February, and the seed ripens in April and May. The timber of

this tree is made use of by the natives for various economical purposes.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, and though acuminate, tapering most toward the base, entire, smooth on both sides, but glaucous underneath; (no tendency to the tri or triple-nerve habit,) from three to six inches long, and two broad. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, several, round a terminal scaly tomentose bud, the length of the leaves, having every part amply clothed with soft, light-brown pubescence, and composed of alternate, dichotomous branches; each division three-flowered, and one in the fork. Bractes small, villous, caducous. Calyx six-cleft. Segments oblong, villous on both sides, permanent. Nectarial glands with short filaments, and broad-sagittate-cordate heads. Stamina as in the genus, viz. six forming the exterior series, with the side of the anthers containing the four poleniferous pits facing the stigma; the ioner three with their anthers reversed; (i. c. the four poleniferous pits facing outward.) Germ ovate, one-celled, containing one ovula attached to the top of the cell. Style shorter than the stamina. Stigma small, and obscurely three-toothed. Berries round, &c. in size and appearance much like a large black currant. Seed solitary, round, &c. as in the genus.

12. L. porrecta, R.

Leaves alternate, oblong, veined, glaucous underneath. Panicles lateral. Nectarial glands

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П. 308 sagittate. Stigma three-toothed. Berries round.

Cayoo-gaddees. Marsden's Samatra, p. 129.

A native of Sumatra, From thence Dr. Charles Campbell sent plants to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where after seven years they blossomed during the cool months of December and January, and ripened their berries in May. Roots, the ligueous parts very much like sassafras, and possessing the same pleasant, sweetish, aromatic taste and fragrance. Trunk straight to the top of the tree, and clothed with numerous branches to the base; the lower ones reclinate, with their extremities ascending, the superior ones expanding. Bark on the trunk, and old branches, of a brownish ash-colour, and somewhat scabrous; on the young ones smooth and green; height of the tree, in seven years, about twenty feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, veined, * permanent, oblong, entire, generally acuminate, firm, both sides smooth, the upper polished, the under glaucous, from three to six inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles about an inch long, channelled, smooth and slender. Panieles lateral, scattered round the base of the young shoots, below their tender foliage, solitary, long-peduncled, expanding, small, composed of a few, nearly diverging branchlets. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, small, pale yellow. Bractes few, minute caducous. Calga with border divided into six alternately rather smaller, oblong, obtuse, expanding segments, which are somewhat hairy on the inside. Nectorial glands three, with sagittate yellow heads, alternate, with the inner three stamina, and three pair on their filaments, immediately below the anthers. Filaments nine; six in the exterior series, inserted on the base of the divisions of the calyx, and three on the inner inserted with the sagittate nectarial glands, round the mouth of its tube. Authors oval, with four poliniferous, lidded pits, on the inside of the exterior series, and four on the inside of the inner. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, with one seed attached to the top of the cell. Style short. Stigma three-toothed. Berry globular, the size of a small black currant, smooth, when ripe succulent, and of a dark purple colour, the pulp smells exactly like the fresh skin of a green orange, one-celled. Seed solitary, round. Integaments two; the exterior one rather hard, and dark brown; the interior one membranaceous, and adhering to the cotyledons. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons semispherical. Plumula two, lobate. Radicle ovate, superior.

13. L. lanceolaria. R.

Arboreous, every part glossy. Leaves alternate, lanceolar, acuminate, one-nerved. Panicles axillary, and round the base of the young shoots. Berries oblong.

Sandhigool, the vernacular name in Silhet where it is indigenous. It grows to be a middling sized tree, the wood of which the natives convert into various useful purposes.

Flowering time April; the fruit ripens in the rains.

Branchlets crowded, or subverticillated, smooth, clouded. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar, tapering equally at each end, acuminate, one-nerved, cutire, shining; from four to six inches long, and from one to one and a half broad. Panicles axillary, and round the base of the young shoots, from the axils of the scales which formed the bud of the shoot, and also from the axils of the leaves of the shoots, long peduncled, small, smooth. Bracles, the inferior ones like the leaves, but small, those of the subdivisions linear. Flowers numerous, small, pale yellow. Calyx six-parted. Segments oval, smooth. Stamina as in the genus. Nectorial glands broad, cordate-sagittate, their penicles hairy on the inside. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing one ovala attached to the top of the cell. Style cylindric. Stigma three-lobed. Berries oblong, succulent, smooth, black, one-celled, &c. us in the genus.

14. L. villosa. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar, one-nerved. Panicles axillary and round the base of the young downy shoots, villous. Berries spherical.

A large tree, a native of the forests of Chittagong, where it blossoms in January.

Trunk in full grown trees in their native soil, from four to five feet in circumference and covered with scabrous, dark brown bark; young tender shoots tomentose, but becoming smooth by the second year. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar, entire, one-nerved, obtuse-pointed, when they first begin to expand soft and very downy, like the twigs that bear them, but soon becoming hard and somewhat glossy; from four to six inches long, and from one and a half to two broad. Panicles axillary, and round the base of the young shoots, copious, the length of the leaves, very ramous, and very downy. Bracles small, downy. Calyx, stamina and germ as in the genus, permanent. Nectorial glands pedicelled, triangularly sagittate. Berries spherical, of the size and appearance of a black current. Seeds and Embryo as in the genus.

15. L. bilocularis. R.

Arboreous, with a straight trunk, and many, for-extended branches. Leaves opposite, and alternate, broad-lanceolar, veined. Racemes solitary under the leaves, or axillary. Filaments without glands. Nectories nine. Anthers bilocular. Berries oblong, glaucons.

A native of the country about Tippera, from thence Stephen Harris, Esq. sent plants to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1797, where at the age of ten years, they blossomed in March, and the fruit ripened in June.

Trunk straight. In trees thirteen years old, two feet in circumference four feet from the root, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Branches very numerous, and spreading horizontally to a great extent, forming a large, uncommonly dense, broad-ovate shady head; young shoots round and smooth, green on the side most remote from the sun, and purplish on the other. Leaves opposite and alternate, petioled, veined, broad-lanceolar, often unequal at the base, entire, obtuse-pointed, smooth on both sides; about six inches long and two broad,

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^{*} The trinerve or triple-serve habit, so general amongst our East India Lauri is not found in t

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Page deciduous during the cold season, and appearing with the flowers in March. Petioles onesixth or one-eighth the length of the leaves, round, smooth. Peduncles axillary and from the base of the young shoots below the tender leaves, solitary, scarcely so long as the petioles, round, a little villous, bearing a few, viz. from six to twelve, small pedicelled pretty vellow flowers, in form of a raceme. Bractes one under the insertion of each pedicel, ovate, caducons. Calyx of six oblong, villous, expanding segments, &c. as in all the other species examined by me. Corol none. Filaments nine, six in the outer series and three in the inner, all with-312 out glands. Anthers oblong-ovate, bilocular, that is with only one oblong, polleniferous pit on each side, as in Cassyta, this species differing from all I have yet met with, the rest having two pits on each side. Nectarial glands nine, all pedicelled; six alternate, with the six exterior stamina, with larger, and more rounded heads, and three alternate with the inner three, and of a cordate-sagittate shape, all yellow and fleshy. Germ ovate, one-celled, with one seed attached to the top of the cell. Style straight, length of the filaments. Stigma somewhat three-cornered. Berries oblong, as thick as the largest olive and considerably longer, being about two inches long, and one in diameter, smooth, when ripe a deep dark purple, covered with much whitish-grey bloom which easily rubs off. Palp pale yellow. Seed solitary, conform to the berry. Integument somewhat nuciform, and lined with a thin membrane. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Plumule of two minute lobes. Radicle roundish, superior.

ANACARDIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 1582.

Calyx five-parted. Petals five, reflexed. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded, attachment lateral. Nat reniform, resting on a fleshy receptacle. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. A. occidentale. Willd. 2. 486. Kapa mava. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 54. Cassuvium. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 69. Hind, and Beng. Hijulee-budam.

Acajuba occidentalis, Gart. sem. 1. 192. t. 40. f. 2.

A tree common in the East and West Indies. In the former it is found in the vicinity of the sea only, where the soil is almost perfect sand. Flowering time March and April.

Trunk short, thick and very crooked. Bark considerably rough, and in old trees deeply cracked. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction to a great extent. Young shoots round, and smooth. Leaves alternate, rather short, petioled, obovate, with a rounded or emarginate apex; smooth on both sides and of a hard texture, from four to eight inches long. Panicles terminal, bearing both barren and fertile hermaphrodite flowers intimately intermixed, small, and of the same size and external appearance. There may be trees which produce barren flowers only. Bractes gibbous, lauceolate. Calyx inferior, five-cleft nearly to the base; divisions oblong, conic, acute. and pretty smooth. Petals five, linear-lanceolate, revolute, of a pale yellow colour, with longitudinal pink stripes. Filaments generally nine, united at the base into a ring round the germ, one of them particularly in the sterile flowers, more than double the length of the others. Anthers, they appear to be all fertile, that of the major filament larger. Germ in the barren flowers minute, with a very short style, in the fertile flowers obliquely obcordate; one-celled, with one reniform seed attached to the side of its cell. Style long, becoming convolute, as if to bring the simple stigma into contact with the large anther of the long filament. Fruit as described and figured, by Gart. vol. 1. 192. t. 40.

2. A. dubium. R.

A native of Sumatra, and said to be a large and beautiful tree.

Branchlets round, and smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth, from four to six inches long, and about two broad. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, thin, pretty large, and composed of a few, alternate, compound, and simple corymbiferous ramifications. Flowers numerous and small. Calyx inferior, one-leaved, bifid. Segments rounded. Petals four, five, or six, (five most common,) inserted round the middle of the clavate receptacle which elevates them, the stamina and pistil above the calyx linear-lanceolar. Filaments four, five, or six, corresponding with the number of petals, inserted on the receptacle below the germ, rather shorter than the corol. Anthers oblong. Germ obliquely obcordate, one-celled, containing one ovula attached to the upper part of the cell a little to one side, and immediately under the insertion of the long curved style. Sligma simple.

CASSYTA.

Calyx three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Filaments petaliform; the inner three with glands at the base. Nectorial glands three, alternate with the appendaged filaments. Drupe inferior, one-seeded.

C. filiformis, Willd. 2, 487.

Filiform, lax, leafless. Acatsja valli. Rheed, Mal. 7. t. 44.

Sans. Akashavuli. Teling. Paunch tiga.

A thread-like leafless parasitic plant, found growing on, and twisting round the branches of trees, &c. in almost every part of the Coast and in Bengal. Spikes lateral, ascending. Flowers small, white, rather remote. Braces three-fold, em-

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bracing the fructification, like a calyx, and only a little less than it. Calyx three-leaved; leaf- Page lets very small, round, permanent. Corol; petals three, oblong, many times larger than the Carcalyx. Nectary (I call what have been termed filaments such) composed of nine, stameniferous leaflets and nine glands; the leaflets stand in three series, those of the exterior series are clubbed, lying immediately over the petals, and rather shorter than they are; on the inside near the apex are two oval pits, where the stamens are lodged till they are ripe, the second and largest series oblong, standing alternate with the petals, length of the exterior series, and having their stameniferous pits the same; inner or third series the smallest, each augmented with two yellow glands at the sides of the base, swelling out over these glands, and then tapering to an obtuse point; the stameniferous pits are here on the outside. The three remaining glands are cordate, pointed, standing alternate with the inner series, embracing immediately the germ. Filaments nine pair, most minute, inserted into the upper margins of the pits of the nine leaflets of the nectary. Anthers small, oval, when ripe they spring with a jerk from their enclosures and stand erect, or spreading upon their little filaments.

Style short. Stigma entire. Nat round, covered by the increased receptacle.

ENNEANDRIA HEXAGYNIA.

BUTOMUS. Schreb. gen. N. 693.

Calyx none. Petals six. Capsules six, many-seeded.

B. lanceolatus. R.

Leaves radical, long-petioled, lanceolate. Scape as long as the leaves, bearing from six to twelve long pedicelled flowers in an upright umbel

Found by Dr. Buchanan, in the Eastern parts of Bengal.

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DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

SOPHORA. Schreb. gen. N. 694.

Calux gibbons, five-toothed. Corol papilionaceous, wings length of the vexillum. Legume necklace-shaped.

S. tomentova, Willd. 2, 500.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate ; leaflets about eight pair, between alternate and opposite, ovate, obtuse, hoary underneath. Legume necklace-shaped.

This large shrub, or small tree, is so far as I can learn, a native of Ceylon. From thence it was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1798, by Dr. A. Berry. Flowering time in Bengal the rainy season.

Trunk erect, with expanding branches. Bark of the old woody parts somewhat scabrous, of the young shoots hairy. Leares alternate, pinnate, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets about eight pair, short-petioled, neither alternate nor opposite but between the two; ovate, obtuse, entire, of a firm texture, smooth above and hoary underneath; from an inch to an inch and a half long, and about one broad. Petioles and Petiolets round, and villous. Stipules none. Racemes terminal. Flowers numerous, generally single, bright yellow, fragrant. Bracles solitary, one-flowered, caducous. Calgar villous, of a short urceolate shape, with the margin slightly five-toothed, and incurved. Corol papilionaccous. Legume necklace-shaped, villous, composed of about five or six nearly round protuberances, with a single, round, brown, smooth seed in each.

PODALYRIA. Lamark.

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Calyx five-toothed. Corol papilionaceous. Legume ventricose, few, or many-seeded. P. bracteata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves simple, oval. Peduncles axillary, once or twice bifid; ultimate divisions flowered, with a pair of large, opposite, roundish, many-nerved bractes, hiding the calyx, and a similar pair at the forks of the peduncles.

Gopoori, the vernacular name in the Silhet district, where it is found indigenous in the forests, growing to the size of a large bushy shrub. Flowering in May and June, and the seeds ripening in December and January

Tender shoots columnar, and clothed with a few thinly scattered hairs. Leaves alternate, bifarious, petioled, oval, entire, obtuse, smooth, and beautifully reticulated with slender veins; from three to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles from half an inch, to an inch and a half long, a little hairy. Stipules ovate, many-nerved. Peduacles axillary, solitary, once or twice billd, each ultimate division, one-flowered. Bractes in pairs at the divisions of the peduacles, one pair the largest, embracing each flower; all round, or oval, and manynerved. Flowers large, white, perfectly papilionaceous. Calyr bowl-shaped, hairy on the outside. Mouth unequally five-toothed, caducous. Banner very broad, deeply emarginate, short-clawed. Wings falcate, obtuse, five-clawed, the length of the banner, keel two-petalled, their lower margins united, of the length and shape of the wings. Filaments ten, distinct to their

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insertion into the receptacle round the base of the germ, subulate, smooth, nearly as long as the pistillum, ascending in a gentle curve. Anthers ovate, oblong, erect. Germ lanceolate. smooth, one-celled, containing three ovula attached to the upper margin. Style subulate. Stigma acute. Legumes obliquely oblong, tapering equally at each end, with the apex acuminate, and somewhat recurved, one celled, two-valved, smooth, on the outside dark brown, within pretty and whitish, from three to four inches long and one and a half broad. Seeds two, or three, large, and very unequal, of a dark brown colour. Perisperm none. Embryo as in other Leguminosa.

BAUHINIA.

Calyx a spathaceous border or tubular base. Corol irregular, five-petalled, expanding. Anthers incumbent, bursting longitudinally on their sides.

SECT. I. Trees or Shrubs.

Verregale 1. B. candida. Willd. 2. 510.

Arboreous. Leaves roundish, downy underneath. Lobes obtuse. Panicles terminal. Segments five, all fertile. Legume linear.

Sans. Kuvidara, also Yooga-putra, double-leaved. Hind Kana-raja.

A small handsome tree. I have only found it in gardens, where it flowers about the be-

ginning of the hot season.

Leaves alternate, petioled, nearly bifarious suborbicular, two-lobed, from nine to elevennerved, the middle one ending in a villous bristle between the lobes, below downy; lobes oval, obtuse, or very obtusely-pointed; the whole leaf is from three to five inches each way. Racemes axillary, and terminal, those of the axils small and simple, the terminal ones large, compound, or panicled. Flowers numerous, white, large, delightfully fragrant. Calyx spathiform, leathery, not gaping at the base, splitting longitudinally on the under side; apex minutely five-toothed. Filaments five, ascending, the uppermost smallest. Anthers linear, incumbent; there are no sterile filaments in this species. Germ long-pedicelled. Style short, ascending.

319 Legume linear, compressed smooth, many-speded.

2. B. variegata. Willd. 2. Arboreous. Leaves smooth subrotund with obtuse lobes. Racemes terminal and axillary. Petals broad-cuneiform, with waved margins. Stamens five, all fortile. Legume linear. Chovanna mandaru. Rheed. Mal. 1. p. 57. t. 32.

Sans. Kuvidara.

Beng. Ructa-kanchun.

It is one of the most stately of the genus, growing to be a tree of considerable size; I have only found it in gardens; where it is indigenous I cannot say. Flowering time the month

of February and March, the seed ripens in April and May.

Trunk tolerably erect, often as thick as a man's body. Bark dark ash-coloured and pretty smooth. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, with smooth ash-coloured bark. Leaves subifarious, petioled, suborbicular, two-lobed; lobes obtuse, smooth above, somewhat villous underneath, from two to three inches each way. Racemes terminal, few-flowered. Peduncies clavate, round, villous. Bractes small, caducous. Flowers large, of a lively reddish purple. Calyx spathiform. Petals unilateral, pairs equal, and oblong, with somewhat curled margins; the upper one is broader, more deeply coloured, and with a longer channelled claw. Stamina five, all fertile, sometimes there are the minute rudiments of from one to five abortive filaments between them. Legume straight, linear, compressed, acuminate, pedicelled. Seeds from six to twelve, approximate, or often with the anterior edge of one resting over the posterior edge of its neighbour.

This tree can only be said to differ from B. candida, in the colour of the flowers; had I met with this first, I should certainly have considered the other as a variety only.

B. purpurea, Willd. 2, 511.

Arboreous. Leaves smooth; lobes obtuse. Filaments ten, of which three or four are large and fertile. Panicles terminal. Legumes linear.
Chovanna-mandaru. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 33.

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Beng. Deva-kanchun.

This I have not only found in gardens, but also wild on the mountains, where it grows

to be a large tree.

Leaves alternate, petioled, nearly bifarious, smooth on both sides, from nine to elevennerved; the middle one ending between the lobes in a bristle; lobes oblong, obtuse, the whole from five to six inches long, and from four to five broad. Panieles terminal, ascending, composed of racemes, similar to, though larger than those of B. candida. Bractes, one embracing the insertion of the pedicel, and two pressing the calyx laterally. Flowers numerous, of a deep rose colour, very large. Calyx generally splits into two; divisions reflexed, the lower one is generally emarginate, and the upper one three-toothed. Petals lanceolate, waved. Stamens three or four, large with fertile authers and six or seven small sterile filaments.

4. B. triandra. R.

Arboreous. Leaves smooth, subrotund, with lobes obtuse. Racemes terminal and axillary. Petals cuneiform, obtuse, long-clawed, margins waved, and curled. Fertile stamina three.

11. 320 Legume linear, many-seeded.

A native of Bengal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it blossoms in October and No-

vember, the seed ripeus in March.

Trunk straight, and of considerable size. Branches few, with smooth brown bark. Leaves alternate, petioled, sub-orbicular, two-lobed, having the lobes obtuse, entire, and smooth on both sides, about three inches long and four broad, the whole leaf being nearly the same. Potioles round, smooth, swelled at each end, length about one-third of the leaves. Racemes terminallor axillary, rarely opposite to the leaves. Calyx spathiform, &c. as in the other species. Petioles cuneiform, obtuse, with the margins waved and curled, three of them forming as it were an upper, and the other two the under lip of the corol. Filaments ten, of which three only are of the length of the pistil, and bear fertile anthers, the other seven very small and without the least vestige of an anther. Liquide somewhat sickle-shaped, linear, smooth, from six to twelve inches long. Seeds remote, flat, round, from eight to sixteen in each legume.

This when in flowers, is one of the most beautiful species of Bauhinia I have yet met with, and as it blossoms when so low as three feet, and when not more than one year old, is particularly well adapted for the conservatory. It comes nearest to purpurea in the parts of

fructification.

5. B. malabarica. R.

Arboreous. Leaves transversely broad, oval, smooth, nine-nerved, slightly two-lobed; lobes rounded. Racemes axillary, corymbiform, sessile; calyx and corol regular; stamina

ten, all fertile.

A pretty large tree, a native of Malabar, in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, young trees four or five years old from the seed, are about twenty feet high, their stems about as thick as a man's thigh; coma very ramous, with its numerous, smooth, slender, flexuose branchlets, drooping. It begins to blossom in October and November. This very distinct species is remarkable for the regularity of its five-parted calyx, and equally disposed, equal petals.

6. B. retura, R.

Arborcous. Leaves roundish, reniform, from two-lobed to scarcely emarginate. Panicles terminal. Petals roundish. Stamens three, all fertile. Legume oblong, from five to sixseeded.

I found this species in the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta, but could never learn from whence it was brought. The trees are about twenty years old. Flowering time

September; the seed ripens in March.

Trunk short and thick, but rarely straight. Branches spreading, with long, slender, waving, pendulous branchlets. Bark pretty smooth, rust coloured. Leaves bifarious, alternate petioled, round-reniform; from two lobed, to slightly emarginate, with a bristle in the notch, from seven to eleven-nerved, smooth on both sides, dimensions from three to six inches each way. Posicles terminal, and axillary, composed of many corymbiform racemes; the ramifications a little villous. Flowers numerous, small, pale yellow, beautifully marked with numerous, small, purple spots. Filaments three, from the under side, nearly as long as the pistil, ascending, they are all fertile. On the upper side of the large woolly receptacle into which these and the pistil are inserted, are two large, yellow, bristle-pointed, smooth glands, with smaller brownish ones, intermixed; some, or all of these have also a little bristle issuing from them. Pistillum when the flowers first expand, and for sometime afterwards recurved, as if to place the stigma below the authors; afterwards it becomes incurved like the stamens, and in that situation the stigma is higher than the anther. Legume linear oblong, with the apex rounded, flat, smooth, about six inches long, and two broad. Seed from four to eight in the legume, obovate, much compressed, smooth and of a dark brown colour.

From wounds made in the bark a brownish mild gum, like that of the cherry tree, is

produced.

B. parviflora, Willd. 2, 509.

Arboreous. Branchiets drooping. Leaves subreniform, deeply two-lobed ; lober obtuse. Racomes solitary. Stamens ten, all fertile. Legume linear, ligneous, many-seeded.

Sans, Vuna-raja. Tam. Areka-marum.

Teling. Arro.

A small, uncommonly crooked bushy tree; a native of most forests on the coast of Coromandel. Bark dark and scabrous.

Leaves alternate, petioled, two-lobed, somewhat downy; lobes oblong, rounded at both ends; size various, the whole leaf generally about two inches broad, and not quite so long. Petioles round, downy. Racemes simple, terminal, or leaf-opposed. Flowers scattered, pretty large, yellow. Calyx spathiform, bursting on the under side, reflected, not gaping at the base. Pet ils and stamens ascending. Anthers fertile on all the ten filaments. Legame seimitar-shaped, very hard, not opening, interrupted. Seeds from ten to twenty, oval, smooth, Legume shining, brown. Matchlock men make their matches of the bark of this tree; it burns long, and slowly, without the help of saltpetre or any other combustible. To prepare the bark it is boiled, dried, and beat. Ropes are also made of the inner rind, which is fibrous, strong and durable.

8. B. tomentosa Willd. 2. 511. A Manufacture Manufacture of the Shrubby. Learner roundish, deeply two-lobed, villous underneath. Stipules setaceons. Peduncles leaf-opposed, two-flowered. Petals oval. Stamina ten, all fertile. Legume lanceolate, villons,

Canschena-pou. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 35.

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A native of Malabar, Coromandel mountains, &c. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it

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is in blossom most part of the year. Trunk straight. Branches numerous, forming a close, handsome, large shrub. Bark ashcoloured; young shoots villous; the general height about ten feet, I mean of large plants.

Leaves, alternate, bifarious, petioled, roundish, deeply two-lobed, with a minute bristle between;

lobes roundish, villous underneath. Stipules filiform, villous. Peduncles solitary, nearly opposite to the leaves, two-cleft, two-flowered. Flowers large, of a pale sulphur colour, drooping. Bractes three on the outside of the base of each pedicel. Petals oval, the upper one smaller, and in some plants marked on the inside, with an oblong deep purple spot. Filaments ten. ascending, the length of the pistillum. Anthers tou, all fertile. Legume lanceolate, villous, gra not condited have

from five to six-seeded.

9. B. acuminata, Willd. 2. 511. Shrubby. Leaves with lobes somewhat pointed. Racemes laterifolius, and terminal. Stamens ten, alternate by shorter. Legumes lanceolate.

Velutta-mandaru. Rheed. Mal. 1. p. 61. t. 34.

Beng. Canchun. Hind. Cuchunar.

It is a small, ramous tree, or large shrub; whole height from eight to ten feet. It is in

flower most part of the year.

Trunk scarcely any, but many large branches spread in every direction; bark greyish brown. Leaves alternate, bifarious, petioled; two-lobed, nine-nerved, the 'middle nerve ends in a short bristle between the lobes; smooth above, downy underneath; lobes oblong, somewhat pointed; from two to four inches long. Petioles channelled, swelled, and jointed at the base, downy, one inch long. Stipules half-lanced, very acute. Flowers racemed, large, pure white, incorons. Racemes solitary, laterifolious, or terminal, short, few-flowered. Bractes a small pointed one below each pedicel, with two or more scattered among the pedicels. Calyx above, tapering to a long, fine point. Corol regular; petals expanding, oblong, concave, obtuse. Filaments ten, ascending, five are larger, more spreading than and alternate with the five shorter ones. Anthers equal. Legume obliquely linear-lanceolate; upper margin threekeeled. Seeds from eight to twelve.

Note. The pistillum is often minute, and abortive. This species differs from candida in being rarely more than a shrub; in having the lobes of the leaves pointed, and inodorous. Flowers with ten fertile stamens. It is a very specious plant, well deserving a place in the

gardens of the curious.

SECT. II. Scandent.

B. racemosa, Vahl, symbol. 3, p. 56, t. 62, Willd. 2, 509.

Scandent, and of immense extent. Tendrils opposite. Leaves subrotund; lobes obtuse, downy. Racemes corymbiform, terminal. Stamina five, three of them fertile. Legume linear, ligneous, very downy.

Hind, Mahwal. Nap. Boila. Teling. Adda.

The largest and most extensive creeper I have seen. It is a native of the mountainous

parts all over India, where it runs over the highest trees.

Trunk often as thick as a child's waist when only ten years old. Bark brown and rough. Branches very extensive, I may say from one to three hundred feet; young shoots covered with remarkably soft down. Leaves remarkably large, alternate, petioled, two-lobed; lobes rounded at both ends, downy with a middle nerve, ending in a soft bristle between the lobes; size often a foot each way. Petioles round, downy. Tendrils opposite below the leaves, woody, very strong, simple. Racemes terminal corymbiform. Peduncles round, downy, not very long, as the flowers grow near each other. Pedicels about two inches long, thickened near the apex, jointed, and have there two small lanceolate bractes; besides a downy, narrow-lanceolate one below each pedicel. Flowers pretty large, when they first open white, but gradually becoming yellow. Calyx spathiform, on a tubular base. Corol, the superior petals larger, the inferior more distant. Filaments on the upper side of the germ three, nearly as long as the petals, ascending, bearing oblong, incumbent anthers; on the under side two or three very small, and without anthers. Germ oblong, sessile, downy. Style subulate, rather shorter than the filaments. Stigma headed. Legume pendulous, about twelve or eighteen inches long, and from two and a half to three broad, compressed, woody, covered with much, dark brown, soft velvetlike down. Seeds from eight to twelve, orbicular, flat, smooth, brown, about an inch in diameter, and one-sixth of an inch thick. They are eaten raw, when ripe, the taste is like that of Cashew-nuts.

The leaves are employed to line baskets, and various other sorts of packages by the hill people, where the plant grows for which they are well adapted not only on account of their great size, but also on account of their being remarkably firm, tough, and durable.

11. B. scandens. Willd. 2. 58.

Scandent. Tendrils opposite. Leaves round cordate, apex two-lobed. Racemes terminal, simple, or ramous. Flowers triandrous. Legumes linear, from four to five-seeded.

Folium linguæ. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. 1. t. 1. Gunda-gilla the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous in the forests of that province, running up, and over trees of the first magnitude. Flowering in April and the seed

ripening in October.

Branchlets very long, flexuose, sending forth from each knee, a small tendril-bearing floriferous twig. The tendrils are generally opposite, slender, flattened and simple. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, round-cordate, apex divided into two lobes, by an open gape; some few are found perfectly entire, smooth on both sides, general size from three to five inches each way. Racemes terminal, sometimes ramous, but far more frequently simple, covered with much brown sericeous pube-cence. Flowers rather small for a Bauhinia, alternate, solitary, long pedicelled. Bractes acuminate, one under each pedicel, sericeous. Culyx clavate, sericeous, having the mouth divided into five, small, rounded segments. Petals five, nearly equal, orbicular, shortclawed, densely clothed with much soft, ferruginous grey-down. Filaments three, ascending, longer than the pistillum. Anthers incumbent. Germ short-pedicelled, linear, densely clothed with ferruginous down, one-celled; orula from five to six. Style rather short. Stigma capitate. Legume linear-oblong, dark brown, somewhat villous, from four to six inches long, and two broad. Seeds about two, nearly orbicular, or a little compressed, smooth, of a dark brownishblack, seven-eighths of the margin is surrounded with the eye as in Carpopogon; they are the size of a chesnut, and surrounded with a soft, spongy, greyish, yellow substance.

12. B. piperifolia. R.

Scandent, smooth. Leaves entire, cordate, from five to seven-nerved, lucid. Panicles terminal. Legumes from round to oval, one or two-seeded.

A large scandent species, a native of the mountain forests north of Silhet, where it blos-

soms about the beginning of the cold season.

13. B. anguina. R.

Scandent. Stem compressed, flexuose; flexures approximate, regularly and alternately concave and convex on the two flat sides. Leaves subcordate, smooth, entire, or two-lobed; lobes subtriangular, and acuminate. Panicles terminal, flowers triandrous. Legumes oval, smooth, from one to two-seeded.

Na ga-ma-valle. Rheed. Mal. 8. t. 30 and 31.

Folium linga. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 1. cannot be this, and to it I have retained the old Linnean specific name scandens, though some other might be better, as there are many scandent species now known.

Nag-poot is the vernacular name in Silhet.

This is the most extraordinary as well as one of the most extensive ramblers I have met with. It is a native of the mountainous tracts in the vicinity of Silhet, Chittagong, &c. and the most regularly serpentine pieces of the stems and large branches are carried about by our numerous mendicants, to keep off serpents. Flowering time about the end of the rains, and the seeds ripen in the cool season. Stoms and large branches flat being from four to six inches broad, scarcely half an inch thick, when old the margins become double, like the letter V or T, and pretty straight, whereas the body, or space between them, is most regularly flexuose, with the flexures alternately convex and concave. Bark rather rough, and ill defined. Wood hard, but porous, and nearly white. Branches and branchlets bifarious, and regularly alternate, from the flexuose parts just mentioned. Teadrils simple, or bifid, permanent. Leaves bifarious, alternate, petioled; on the older plants entire or nearly so, and round-cordate; on young plants; and on the luxuriant shoots, more or less bifid, with the lobes narrow and tapering much to their points; from five to seven-nerved, smooth on both sides, from two to six inches each way. Panieles terminal, composed of long, simple racemes, of numerous, very small white flowers. Calyx cup-shaped, unequally five-toothed. Petals five, obovate, short-clawed. Stamina only three, all fertile. Germ short pedicelled, oblong, inserted on the under margin of a large, two-lobed gland, which occupies the centre of the flowers, one-celled, two-seeded. Style short. Stigma simple. Legume oblong, thin, with the edges even, and the apex a small recurved point, both sides smooth, about two inches long, and one broad, one-celled. Seeds one or two, oval, with an obtuse point on the auterior upper part, which is formed by the radicle compressed, smooth. Integument in the recent state single. Perisperm in considerable quantity in the fresh seed. Embryo curved, &c. as in the sides.

14. B. corymbosa. R.

Scandent. Leaves two-parted; lobes semicordate, obtuse, two or three nerved. Corymbs terminal; flowers triandrous; petals spatulate, and curled. Legumes linear, from six to twelveseeded.

This very extensive delicate species, is a native of China; from thence seeds were sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where in five years the plants raised from them began to blos-

som abundantly in April, and ripened their seed in the rainy season.

Stem scarcely any thing that deserves the name, but many, long, slender branches, and branchlets, climb and spread in every direction to an extent of many fathoms, running over high trees, &c. Bark smooth, that of the old ligneous parts dark-brown; of the young shoots green, and often coloured. Tendrils opposite, simple, short. Leaves alternate, bifarious nearly round, smooth, divided for about three-fourths down; length and breadth about one inch and a half, lobes semicordate, very obtuse, from two to three-nerved. Stipules ensiform. Corymbs terminal on the short lateral branchlets, short peduncied. Flowers of a middling size, white with a faint tinge of pink, fragrant. Pedicels long, jointed at the middle; the upper portion, or rather tube of the calvx clavate. Bractes filiform. Calyx, here, and I believe in all our Indian species, ought to be described with a long slender tube, and five-parted border. Petals five, equal, spatulate, elegantly curled, spreading. Filaments from the month of the tube of the calyx; three long and fertile, and from two to five small, and abortive. Anthers oval, twolobed. Germ linear, curved, smooth, rising on a pedicel, with the three fertile stamina, from

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Page the lower edge of the mouth of the tube of the calyx, one-celled; orula many, attached to the upper margin. Style short. Stigma large. Legume thin, from four to five inches long, and three-fourths of an inch broad, smooth, dark brown, from six to twelve-seeded.

15. B. semibifida. R.

Scandent. Leaves subovate, deeply two-lobed. Stipules broad-falcate. Racemes terminal. Calyx five-leaved. Petals oblong, claved. Stamina three, with two rudiments. Legume flat, smooth, few-seeded.

A native of the Malay Archipelago; from Sumatra it has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta where it blossoms in October and November; the seeds ripen in Apr L

Stems and branches ligneous, scandent, much bent in various directions. Bark of the young shoots clothed with much ferruginous pubescence. Leaves bifarious, petioled, subobovate, deeply two-lobed, from seven to nine-nerved; lobes linear oblong, obtuse, pretty smooth on both sides; length of the whole leaf from three to five inches, and the breadth from two to four. Petioles round, villons, half the length of the leaves. Stipules broad-falcate, obtuse. Tendrils simple, ligneous permanent. Racemes terminal, erect, solitary, large, many-flowered. Flowers white, changing to pale yellow when the stamina drop, pretty large, opening in succession from the base up, fragrant. Peduncles and pedicels round and clothed with rust coloured down, like the other tender parts; the latter from one to two inches long, ascending; spex clavate, this club or enlargement is hollow, with a perforation from the apex immediately within the attachment of the pedicel of the germ, and as it is common to all, it may very properly be called the tube of the calyx. Bracles minute, caducous at an early period. Calyx of five linear, thick, fleshy, reflexed, caducous leaflets. Petals five oblong; base tapering into claws, the exterior two large, the inner one very small. Filaments five, the three exterior ones fertile, incurved, shorter than the two longest petals, smooth, white, the two inner ones minute. Anthers very large, incumbent. Germ short, thick and villous. Stigma very large, and clammy. Legume sublanceolate, thin, very smooth, of a dark chesnut colour. Seeds a few, nearly round, flat, and smooth.

16. B. ferruginea. R.

Scandent. Leaves subrotund, two-lobed. Racemes terminal, solitary. Tendrils solitary. Petals lanceolate, obtuse, downy on the outside. Filaments five, three with anthers, and two

A very large, woody, scandent species, a native of the Malay Islands, &c. about the straits of Malacca.

17. B. integrifolia. R.

Scandent. Leaves subrotund, emarginate; floral leaves, cordate, acute. Corymbs panicled. Filaments five, three with anthers, and two sterile.

A large, woody, climbing species, a native of Pulo Pinang.

Stem, and larger branches woody, climbing over trees, &c. bark smooth; young shoots covered with dark rust-coloured down. Leaves alternate, petioled, orbicular, emarginate, otherwise entire, smooth on both sides; from seven to eleven-nerved, size very various. Floral leaves cordate, with downy nerves and petioles. Tendrils generally axillary, simple, or two-parted. Corymbs terminal, and from the exterior axils, numerous, forming large terminal panieles; every part covered with much dark rust-coloured down. Flowers very numerous, small, of a pale yellowish colour. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, oblong, concave, caducous. Calyx with a tubular base. Border often divided into five parts. Petals oval, subequal, waved, expanding. Claus hairy. Filaments five, three with anthers, longer than the pistil; two sterile, rather shorter than the petals, and very slender; the whole, with the style, ascend in an elegant curve. Germ pedicelled, very hairy, from three to four-seeded, inserted on the lower margin of the mouth of the tube of the calyx. Stigma peltate.

B. cordifolia. R.

Smooth in every part. Leaves cordate, from three to five-nerved. Corymbs terminal. Flowers triandrous, long-pedicelled. Stigma peltate.

A native of the Moluccas.

CASSIA. Tourn. Gært.

Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, nearly equal. Filaments unequal. Anthers opening by two slits on the front.

Note. The genus Cassia, like many others, is now, more extensive than convenient, I have therefore, with Gærtner separated the lomentaceous species from the leguminous. The former

under the old generic name Cassia and the latter Senna.

The first are trees of great beauty, particularly when in flower, the leaves pinnate; no glands on the common petioles but stipulate at the base. Flowers on axillary racemes. Calyx of five equal leaflets. Corol of five nearly equal petals. Stamina very unequal; the three lower filaments much longer than the rest, with a double curve below the middle, and in two of them, a large swelling at the middle. Lowent cortical, cylindric, pendulous, many-celled, with one seed in each. Embryo straight, furnished with a hard perisperm, large, roundish Cotyledons, and a centrifogal radicle.

 C. fistula, Willd, 2. p. 518.
 Leaflets about five pair, ovate oblong. Racemes pendulous. Loment cylindric, pendulous; partitions lined with soft sweet pulp.

Sans. Soovurnuka. Beng. Soondali.

Hind. Unultuss. Teling. Pela.

Connn. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 22.

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A native of various parts of the East Indies, as well, I presume, as of the west; as young trees reared from West India seed, now ten years old, do not in any respect differ from these of the East, both are now, April, in full flower, and the seeds are ripe about nine, or ten months afterwards.

Trunk short. Bark smooth, of a light ash-colour. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction; general height of full grown trees from twenty to thirty feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, from twelve to eighteen inches long, deciduous in the cool season, and appearing with the blossoms in April. Leaflets from four to eight pair, five the most common, opposite or nearly so, short petioletted, the inferior ones broad-ovate, the superior ones oblong, entire, generally obtuse or emarginate, polished on both sides, from two to six inches long and from one and a half to three broad. Petioles round, without glands. Petiolets vermicular. Stipules minute, conic. Racemes pendulous, simple, from one to two feet long. Flowers large, bright yellow fragrant, diverging on long slender, smooth pedicels. Calyx of five, nearly equal, oval, smooth leaflets, which are much shorter than the corol. Petols equal in shape; viz. oval, but differing in size. Filaments the three lower much longer than the others and having a double curve, but no swelling, as in some of the other species with cylindric filaments. Anthers on the three long filaments oblong, opening by two lines on the face, the other seven clavate, with pores at the small end. Germ pedicelled, filiform, smooth, one-celled, containing numerous seeds, which at this period are without any sign of separation, that appearing in the advanced state, attached to the upper margins. Style short, incurvate.

Stigma conic, smooth. Loment cylindric, pendulous, &c. as described by the accurate Gart-

ner, vol. 2, p. 313 t. 147.

The tree is uncommonly beautiful when in flower, few surpassing it in the elegance of its numerous long, pendulous racemes of large, bright yellow flowers, intermixed with the young, lively green foliage.

2. C. rhombifolin. R.

Leaflets about five-pair, rhombiform, polished. Racemes pendulous. Loment cylindric,

partitions lined with soft bitter pulp.

A native of Ceylon, from thence General Hay Macdowall sent seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1802. In six years the plants therefrom have attained to the height of twenty feet. It blossoms during the months of May and June, and the seed ripens in Feb-

rnary, March, and April.

Trunk straight. Bark light ash-coloured, and smooth. Branches spreading, with bark like that of the trunk. Branch/ets bifarious, flexuose, round, and smooth. Their base often remains, and resembles rude thorns. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, rather more than a foot long. Leaflets from three to seven pair, opposite, short petioletted, tapering equally at both ends, rhombiform, entire, obtuse, polished; from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles round, slender, no glands. Petioles vernicular. Racemes from the leafless branchlets of the former year, also axillary, solitary, or in fascicles, pendulous. Flowers large, bright yellow, on long slender diverging pedicels. Bracles tern, lanceolate, very early caducous. Calyx of five, nearly equal, oblong, obtuse, concave, smooth leaflets. Petals five, nearly equal, spreading; oblong, obtuse, concave. Filaments the lower three as long as the pistillum. They have a double curve at the base and ascend in a semicircle. Anthers on the three long filaments, oblong, and opening in two lines on the face, those of the other seven clavate, with two pores at the small end. Germ pedicelled, filiform, smooth, ascending in a semicircular curve, with the three long filaments, one-celled, in which are numerous seeds attached to the upper margin. Style short. Stigma minute. Lowest cylindric, pendulous, above two feet long, and scarcely so thick as the little finger, having the sutures sometimes strongly marked with Cortex dark brown, smooth, and hard, and the bristle as in C. fistula, many-celled, about four in every inch, but not opening spontaneously. Partitions lined with soft, black, bitterish pulp. Seeds one in each cell, round, obcordate, the size of a small pea. Integament simple, hard, and polished. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a hard tough texture, and pale ash-colour, even while fresh. Embryo straight, pale yellow. Colyledons nearly round, and so large as to extend to the integument all round, dividing the perisperm. Plemula of one pectinate lobe. Radicle roundish, immediately within the umbilious

It differs from C. fistula in the shape of the leaves, more slender loment, and general habit

of the trees.

3. C. nodosa, Buch.

Leaves bifarious; leaflets ten-paired, oblong. Stipules obliquely crescent-shaped, with a bristle at each angle. Racemes lateral. Three lower filaments with a globular swelling near the middle.

A native of Chittagong. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it flowers in April.

Trunk short; in one tree twelve years old, it is thirty-eight inches in circumference. Bark smooth. Branches numerous, hifarious, spreading much; young shoots slightly pubescent, grooved, and flexnose. Leaves bifarious, spreading, about a foot long or more. Leaflets from eight to twelve pair, toward the apex narrower and sub-lanceolate; the lower pairs ovate and ovate-lanceolar, all are smooth and entire, from two to three inches long. Petioles round, slightly villous, without glands. Stipules obliquely crescent-shaped, with the extremities lengthened into long subulate spurs. Racemes lateral, on the naked, two or more year-old branchlets, simple. Braces three-fold, one-flowered, narrow-lanceolate, the lateral pair smaller. Pedicels

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Page slender, villous, diverging, about two inches long, one-flowered. Flowers large, of a beautiful pale pink colour. Leaflets of the calyx equal, ovate. Petals lanceolate, nearly equal, eight or ten times longer than the calyx. Filaments ten, very unequal; the lower three much longer, each with a globular swelling near the middle and a double curve below it. Anthers on the three long filaments opening on the sides, the rest opening by two pores at the base. Germ pedicelled, incurved, cylindric, one-celled, containing numerous seeds attached to the upper suture or concave side. Style very short. Stigma minute, green. Loment cylindric, pendulous, about two feet long, more than eighty-celled, with transverse partitions, lined with a dry substance. Seed solitary. Perisperm in small quantity, and particularly yellow. Embryo as in C. bacillus, &c. see Gært. sem. 2. p. 313. 4. C. bacillus. Gært. sem. 2. p. 313.

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Leaflets from ten to twelve pair, oblong, or oval, obtuse. Stipules crescent-shaped, adnate. Racemes terminal, on short lateral branchlets. The three lower filaments with an oval, swelling near the middle.

Cassia fistula silvestris. Rumph. Amb. 2. t. 22.

A native of the Malay Islands. From seed received from Sumatra into the Botanic garden at Calcutta many trees have been reared. They blossom during the hot season and ripen their seed in February. When in flower it is by far the most beautiful cassia I have yet

Trunk of our young trees rather crooked and leaning to one side. Bark smooth, dark brown, spreading almost horizontally, with alternate, bifarious spreading-flexuose branchlets Spines, the base of many of the branchlets become such, and of great strength, and size. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets generally from eight to four-teen pair though on the small lateral floriferous branchlets they are often only from two to three or four pair, all very short petioletted, oval, or oblong, entire, very obtase or even marginate and smooth; from one to two inches long and about half that in breadth. Petioles without glands. Stipules crescent-shaped, lower half narrower, and less obtuse, the upper half much broader and emarginate, with a bristle. Racemes terminal, on short lateral branchlets. Bractes ten, cordate, cuspidate, one-flowered. Pedicels long, and slender. Calyx of five, ovate, dull reddish leaflets, many times smaller than the corol. Petals oblong, differing in size only, of a lovely pink or rose colour. Stamina all fertile, the three lower filaments much longer, and having each an oval swelling near the middle and a double curve below it. Anthers on the three long filaments ovate; on the other seven incumbent, with pores at the small end. Germ long-pedicelled, subulate, one-celled, containing numerous seeds attached to the upper suture. Loment cylindric, from eighteen to twenty-four inches long and about three quarters of an inch in diameter, covered with very dark brown, rather smooth, torose bark, &c, as in cassia fistula, which it resembles so exactly that the soft sweet pulp of fistula is the only distinguishing mark. In this species the cells between the seventy or eighty partitions are filled with a spongy substance in which is a roomy cell for each seed. Seed solitary, obovate, a little compressed, the size of a pea, smooth, of a shining brown colour. Integument simple, when fresh rather soft and tough. Perisperm of a tough, soft, horny texture, and brownish colour. Embryo straight, yellowish. Cotyledons two, oval, cordate, three-nerved. Plumula two-lobed, one large, and pinnatifid, the other a minute point. Radicle oval, lodged immediately within the umbilicus.

5. C. marginata. R.

Leaflets fifteen pair, oblong, margined. Stipules semisagittate. Racemes axillary. A native of Ceylon introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta by General Macdow-

all in 1802, where it blossoms during the rains, and ripens its seed in March and April. The tree is at all times uncommonly beautiful and particularly so when in flower.

Trunk tolerably straight, in trees six years old about two feet in circumference, and covered with deeply cracked, dull light brown-coloured bark. Branches spreading much, secondary branches, and branchlets bitarious and horizontal. Bark of the larger branches greenish, ashcolour, spotted with brownish spongy excrescences; tender shoots flexuose, furrowed and villous. Leaves alternate, bifarious, drooping a little, pinnate, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets from ten to twenty pairs, linear-oblong, often emarginate, a little villous underneath, having the margins coloured, and somewhat thickened, about one inch long and half an inch broad. Petioles channelled, villous, with glands upon them. Stipules semisagittate, both barbs and the apex cuspidate and curved. Racemes axillary, solitary, much shorter than the leaves. Bractes tern, lanceolate, the inner two on the base of the pedicel, and much smaller. Flowers of a middling size, pink colour, marked with greenish nerves and veins. Petals nearly equal, three on the upper side and two on the under. Stamina all semifertile; the three lower ones much the longest and with a double curve below the middle, but no swelling as in C. nodosa, and some of the other species, the anthers on the three long filaments, are ovate and erect, all the others are incumbent, with pores at the small end. Loment cylindric, from eight to twelve inches long, and as thick as a man's little finger, covered with a dark brown, torose, somewhat ligneous bark; divided by transverse partitions, into thirty or forty cells, in which is lodged, a soft, white, spongy substance which involves the seeds. Seeds solitary, obovate, size of a small pea. Integuments single, smooth, light brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, soft, and tough, divided to the base into two lobes by the large cotyledons. Embryo straight, green. Cotyledons oval-cordate, three-nerved, transversely curved like the letter S. Plumula of two very unequal lobes, the largest pinnatifid; the smallest a mere point. Radicle roundish, immediately within the umbilicus.

SENNA. Gart.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol irregular, five-petalled. Fertile anthers beaked, opening by two pores at top.

1. S. exigua. R. Leaflets two pair, oval. Stipules and bractes filiform. Flowers tetrandrous.

A minute, erect, flexuose, hairy plant, with small yellow flowers, in small subterminal racemes. A native of Bengal; it flowers about the close of the rains.

Biennial, claminy. Leaflets two pair, obovate. Flowers pentandrous. Stamens five, equal. Legumes straight, hairy, six-seeded.

Cassia absus. Willd. 2, 514.

A small bi-or triennial, ramous species, every part of which, the leaves excepted, is cover-

ed with glutinous hairs.

Leaces alternate, bifarious, twice-paired. Leafle's obliquely-oval, obtuse, somewhat hairy on the under side ; about an inch long. Petioles the length of the leaflets. Glands an awled one between each pair of leaflets. Stipules acute. Racemes either opposite to the insertion of the leaves or nearly so, or terminal, few flowered. Flowers yellow, small. Pedicels bracted at the middle. Calyx glandular. Stamens five, equal, no rudiments of more; the anthers opening by a slit on each side of the pointed apex and not by round lobes in the apex. Legumes hairy, six-seeded. Seeds black. 3. S. Tora, R.

Annual, Branches spreading. Leaflets three-paired, obovate-cuneate, a subulate gland between each of the lower two pairs. Stipules subulate. Flowers in axillary pairs. Legumes long, recurved, subcylindric. Seeds numerous.

Cassia tora. Willd. 2, 515.

Sana. Presni-parni. Beng. Chakunda. Teling. Tantim.

A little more robust than the last, and a native of the same country. In flower and seed great part of the year.

4. S. toroides. R.

Annual. Leaflets three pair, cuneate, obovate, a subulate gland between the lower pair only. Flowers in axillary pairs on a short common peduncle. Stipules subulate. Legume linear, four-sided.

The seeds of this plant were sent from Mysore to the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Dr.

Buchanan in 1800, and about the close of 1801 the plants blossomed.

Stem annual, erect, somewhat woody branches; spreading, height of the whole plant about six feet. Leaves pinnate, spreading or drooping. Leaflets three pair, occupying the exterior half of the petiole, obovate-cuneate, sessile, entire, villous; the lower pair smaller; all somewhat acuminate, with a small soft bristle, from one to two inches long. Glands, a single, yellow, subulate one between the lower pair of leaflets only. Stipules subulate, villous. Flowers axillary, in pairs, large, yellow, on long pedicles, inserted on a short common peduncle, with some small bractes about the insertion, one of the two uniformly proves abortive. Petals, the upper one obcordate, the rest oval. Filaments, the three upper ones minute, and abortive; the lower seven nearly equal and fertile. Legume long, straight, four-sided, with a double groove, or three keels on each margin, from six to nine inches long. Seeds numerous, from twenty to thirty, trapeziform, smooth, pale brown.

This plant is allied to C. Tora. The best specific difference is one gland only, and that between the lower pair of leaflets, in Tora there are always two, that is one between each of the two lower pairs. But in appearance and smell the difference is very great. This grows nearly erect, to the height of six or more feet, and has little or no smell whereas in the same soil, and with the same treatment. Tora is diffuse, rarely more than one or two feet high,

the flowers and legumes are much smaller, and the smell very different.

5. S. aurata. R.

Shrubby. Leaflets three pair, ovate-oblong, pointed, smooth, having a conic gland between each pair. Stipules and bractes ensiform. Racemes corymbose. Legumes cylindric, ob-

A stout, lucid, very bandsome shrub, with many large, bright gold coloured flowers; a native of the countries and islands to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms freely during the rains and the seed ripens in the cool season.

6. S. bicapsularis. R.

Shrubby, with long, weak, slender, smooth, subscandent branches. Leaflets four-pair, obovate; a globular yellow gland between the lower pair. Stipules subulate. Racemes axillary, as long as the leaves. Two of the authers much larger. Legume torulose, many-seeded.

Cassia bicapsularis. Willd. 2. 516.

Probably not a native of India; how it came into the Botanic garden at Calcutta is uncertain, but there it is now common, and blossoms about the close of the rains in September and October.

Annual, erect, smooth. Leaflets from four to six pair, lanceolar, on hemispheric glands at the base of the petiole, the lower one and three superior stamens sterile. Legumes turgid, many-seeded.

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Beng. Kala-Kalkashinda. Teling. Conda kashinda.

A large, erect, ramous, annual species, a native of the mountainous parts of the Coast. I have raised it from seeds in my garden, and from these plants this description is taken. Flowering time the cold season, the whole plant is about three feet high.

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Stem erect, as thick as the little finger, round, smooth, somewhat woody, purple coloured. Branches numerous, ascending, a little flexuose, very smooth; of a deep, clear, reddish purple colour. Leaves remote, from four to six-paired. Leaflets oblong, lanceolar, smooth, entire, ending in a soft bristle, the interior one generally the largest; in breadth nearly equal, from one to one and a half inches long, and about half an inch broad. Petioles smooth, purple, channelled. Glands a semiglobular one near the base of the petiole. Racemes axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, few-flowered. Flowers pretty large, bright yellow. Bracles broad lanceolate, falling. Stamens as in the genus, except that, as in C. sophora and esculenta, the inferior one is small, and sterile. Stigma incurved, perforated. Legumes sub-cylindric. Seeds very numerous.

8. S. occidentalis. R.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaflets four or five pairs, ovate lanceolate, acuminate, having a dark brown, polished, hemispheric gland on the tunid base of the petiole. Legume linear. subeylindric.

Cassia occidentalis. Willd. 2, 518.

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season. The smell of every part heavy and offensive in the extreme.

Stem erect, smooth, rather polished, somewhat ligneous, though generally annual. Branches many, ascending, flexuose, smooth, coloured with a mixture of dark purple and green; height of the whole plant from three to six feet. Leaves alternate, pinnate, from four to eight inches long. Leaflets four or five pair, the lowermost ovate, and smallest, the superior ones ovate-oblong and much larger, all smooth, entire, and acuminate, from one to three inches long, and from one to one and a half broad. Petioles nearly round, and smooth; on the green tumid base is a polished, dark brown, hemispheric gland. Stipules semi-ovate, acuminate, curled, caducous. Flowers terminal and axillary, when terminal they form an uninterrupted raceme; when axillary they are three, four, or five, on a very short, common peduncle. Pedicels much longer than the peduncle. Ca/yx, scarcely half the length of the corol. Corol, the lower two petals, rather smaller than the other three, and closer together. Filaments, the lower one small and abortive, the next pair largest, the next two pairs smaller, and with the large pair, fertile, the upper one small, and barren. Legume nearly straight, when full grown about as thick as a rattan and nearly cylindric. Seeds numerous.

9. S. obtusa. R.

Diffuse. Leaflets five-pair, obovate obtuse. Petioles without glands. Stipules cordatelanceolate. Racemes axillary. Legume lunate.

Cassia senna. Burm. H. Ind. t. 33. f. 2.

A native of the high, dry, uncultivated lands of Mysore, where the leaves are used as a substitute for zenna. The seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan from Seringapatam to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plant thrives well, flowering and ripening its seed most part of the year.

Root perennial. Stems scarcely any, but many straggling branches resting on the ground. Leaves nearly bifarious, five or six inches long. Leaflets from four to six pairs, linear-oblong, with the exterior pair more cuncate, all obtuse, and somewhat villous, about one inch long. Petioles slightly channelled without any appearance of glands. Slipules tapering, from an ovate-cordate base. Racemes axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, bearing a few small, yellow, short-pedicelled flowers. Bractes ovate-cordate, acuminate, concave, one-flowered. Calyx about a third shorter than the corol. Filaments, the two uppermost small and sterile. Legume broad, thin, lunate, transversely grooved, in other respects smooth; about two inches long and three quarters of an inch broad. Seeds from six to eight, wedge-shaped, rugose, &c. as in Cassia senna.

S. arborescens. R.

Arboreous. Leaflets five or six pairs, oblong, with a pedicelled gland between each of the lower two or three pairs. Stipules falcate. Racemes axillary. Legumes linear, thin, pendulous, many-seeded.

Cassia arborescens. Willd. 2, 520. C. glauca, Lamarck's Encycl. 1, 647. Wellia tagera. Rheed. Mal. 6, t. 9, and 10.

It is a native of various parts of India, and in blossom in the Botanie garden at Calcutta

most part of the year.

Trunk rarely straight and in length and size very various. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Bark of the trunk, and larger branches of a brownish ash colour, and tolerably smooth; that of the young shoots smooth and green. Leaves scattered, pinnate, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets from four to six pair, elliptic; the inferior pairs smallest, and broader in proportion to their length; smooth on both sides, and of a pale green colour, the superior pair about three inches long, and about one and a quarter broad. Petioles round, smooth, having a pedicelled, brown, round gland between each of the lower two or three pairs of leaflets. Stipules falcate, incurved. Racemes axillary, solitary, about half the length of the leaves erect, bearing near the apex, many, large, pale yellow, long-pedicelled flowers. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, elliptic, revolute, caducous. Calyx, leaflets very unequal, pale yellow,

smooth. Petals nearly equal, expanding. Anthers all fertile, and nearly equal, though the Carey inferior two have much longer filaments than the other eight. Legumes linear, thin, contract. Ed. ed between the seeds, smooth, pendulous, from six to eight inches long, and about three quarters of an inch broad.

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11. S. officinalis. Gart.
Biennial, ramous. Leaflets six-paired, lanceolar, no glands. Stipules acute, expanding. Racemes axillary. Legumes oblong, incurved, thin.

Cassia Senna. Willd. 2. 520.

Arab. Suna, or Sena.

A native of the interior of India, as well of Arabia, &c.

12. S. esculenta. R.

Annual, erect. Leaflets seven or eight pair, lanceolate, acute. Racemes terminal, panicled. Legumes linear, turgid, many-seeded.

Teling. Nutee-kashinda-kura.

A large, erect, annual, much like cassia sophora, but not so very offensive in its smell. It grows about hedges, rubbish, &c. with that plant, but is not so common. Flowers during the cold season.

Stem erect, flexuose, a little furrowed, commonly from two to three feet high. Branches few, nearly erect, axillary, in form like the stem. Leaves alternate, abruptly-piunate, six or seven inches long. Leaflets from six to nine pair, lanceolate, acute, entire, smooth, soft, when young a little downy; two or two and a half inches long, and three-fourths of an inch broad. Petioles channelled, ending in a brown bristly point. Glands a clubbed one near the base of the petiole. Stipules small, caducous. Racemes terminal, and from the exterior axils, the terminal one a large, compound pannicle, the axillary ones smaller and simple. Flowers middie-sized, yellow. Stamens, the lower one small and sterile, the next two large; the next four middle-sized; the upper three small and sterile.

The smell of this plant is heavy, and disagreeable. Its leaves are eaten in curries by the

natives.

13. S. sophora. R.

Annual, creet. Leaves from eight to ten-paired, lanceolar, smooth; the lower much smaller, a clavate gland at the base of the petiole. Upper petal retuse. The lower and three upper stamina sterile. Legume linear, turgid, many-seeded.

Cassia sophora. Willd. 2, 525.

Beng. Kul-kashinda, and the dark purple variety, which is as common as the green, they call Kala-kul kashinda.

Pounain-tagera, Hort. Mal. 2, t. 52.

Gallinaria acutifolia. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 97. f. 1.

A native of Bengal, &c. Flowering in the rainy and cold season.

14. S. speciosa. R.

Arborescent. Leaflets from eight to nine-paired, oblong, obtuse, having a smooth pedicelled gland between the lower two, or three pairs. Racemes axillary, long-peduncled. Legumes leafy, linear.

This species I have only found in gardens; there it is a most shewy plant, and in flower

Trusk erect. Brasches many, ascending. Leaves numerous, about six inches long. Leaflets from eight to nine pair, oblong, obtuse, smooth, the interior pairs largest; a pedicelled gland between each of the lower two or three pairs. Stipules ensiform indexed. Racemes axillary, solitary, long-peduncled. Flowers numerous, large, yellow. Braces solitary, oneflowered, lanceolar oblong. Stamens, all the ten fertile. Legumes thin, leafy, about six inches long, and less than one broad.

S. Sumatrona. R.

Arboreous. Leaftets from six to ten pairs, oblong, emarginate, smooth, glands none. Stipules minute, subulate. - Panicles terminal. Legumes linear, compressed, many-seeded.

The seeds of this quickly growing, beautiful, stately, useful species were sent to me from Benecoleu by Dr. C. Campbell in the beginning of 1800, and in two years the young trees reared from them, were not less than from ten to twenty feet high, and stout in proportion. In August, 1801, they blossomed for the first time and ripened their seed in April, 1802. Now, 1809, they have grown to a very great size for their age, with a trunk thirty-six inches in cir-

cumference and four feet above ground.

Trunk straight and covered with smooth, olive-coloured bark. Branches few, spreading. Leaves numerous, alternate, pinnate, from six inches to a foot long. Leaflets from four to fourteen pair, opposite, short-petioletted, oblong, entire, smooth, polished, of a deep, shining green, the exterior pairs largest; are entire, more or less emarginate, with a small bristle at the apex; from two to three inches long and from half an inch to an inch broad. Petioles smooth and channelled, no glands. Stipules minute, subulate, caducous. Panicles terminal, very large, erect, ovate, composed of many alternate, corymbiform racemes. Flowers numerous, large, bright yellow. Bractes lanceolate, concave, one-flowered. Calyx of five, unequal, pale yellow, roundish, concave reflexed leaflets, about one-third the length of the corol. Corol the superior petal small, longer-clawed, and obcordate; the other four nearly equal, and almost round. Filaments seven fertile ones, but as in the genus, differing much in size; the three uppermost barren, and small. Legumes linear, thin, swelled a little at the seed, smooth, both margins rounded, of a dark brown, from six to eight inches long. Seeds many, thin, oval, of a dark shining brown colour.

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Dr. Campbell says that it is one of their most useful trees in Sumatra, is of rapid growth, and the wood not inferior to Ebony when old. I may add that in Bengal its growth is also uncommonly rapid and the tree one of the most beautiful the country can boast of.

16. S. auriculata, R.

Shrubby. Leaflets ten-paired, oblong. Stipules ear-shaped. Racemes terminal, corymbiform. Legumes membranous, from ten to twelve seeded.

Cassia auriculata. Willd. 2, 526.

Teling. Taugheroo.

It is one of the most common shrubs on the coast of Coromandel, looks well, and is in

flower during the whole of the year.

Stems triffing, crooked. Branches spreading in all directions; bark dark-coloured, and preity smooth; the whole plant is in general from four to eight feet high. Leaves scattered, from eight to twelve-paired. Leaflets oblong, entire, mucronate, a little downy. Glands a subulate one between each pair of leaflets. Stipules kidney-form, behind is a long spur on the side next the petiole. Racemes terminal, and from the exterior axils, sometimes compound, corymbiform. Bruches three-fold at the insertion of the pedicels. Flowers large, numerous, bright yellow. Calyx, the two exterior leaflets small. Stamens as in the genus. Legume linear, membranaceous, waved, from ten to twelve-seeded.

With the bark the natives commonly tan and dye their leather of a buff colour. It is a

pretty strong, simple astringent.

The caterpillar of a large species of silk worm feeds on the leaves of this plant.

17. S. alata, R.

Shrubby. Leaflets from ten to twelve pair, linear-oblong; no glands. Racemes terminal. Bractes coloured, caducous. Legumes enlarged on each side with a broad crenulated wing. Seeds numerous.

Cassia alata. Willd. 2. 523. Herpetica. Jacq. obs. 2. 24. t. 45. f. 2.

Herpetica. Rumph. Amb. 7. t. 18.

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Hind, and Beng. Dad-murdun, Tam. Wandu Rolli.

Teling. Mitta tamara.

The English, and I believe all other Europeans on this coast, call it also Mitta tamara. It is a large shrub found in our gardens; where it is indigenous I cannot say. In a cultivated state it flowers during the latter part of the wet season, and beginning of the cold. The seeds ripen during the latter part of the cold season.

Stem erect, often as thick as a man's leg, marked by the cicatrices of the fallen leaves, and the permanent stipules, which appear like prickles. Leaves scattered, abruptly pinnate. two feet long. Leaflets opposite, from eight to fourteen pair, the exterior largest, linear-oblong, obtuse, or emarginate, with a point, smooth, entire, veined; from three to six inches long, and from two to two and a half broad; the lower pair more distant from the next pair than the others above, nearly round and reflexed back on the stem or branches. Petioles channelled; the channel large and formed by two thin, firm yellow borders; there is a cross-bar between each pair of leaflets, covered with small dark-coloured bristles and no other gland, each of them terminates in a cordate point. Stipules ear-shaped, rigid, pointed, lasting. Racomes terminal and from the exterior axils, long, sometimes two-forked, nearly erect. Flowers numerous, simple, large, yellow. Bracles large, one-flowered, oval, concave, yellow, cadu-cons. Calyx coloured like the corol. Legume borizontal, from five to six inches long, enlarged with a broad crenulated wing on each side which runs the whole length. Seeds nu-

The Telinga and Tamul Physicians say it cures all poisonous bites and other venereal II. 351 outbreakings, and also strengthens the body. The fresh leaves are very often employed to cure ring-worms. They are well rubbed into the parts affected, once or twice a day, and generally with great success.

Seeds from the West Indies received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the name Cassia herpetica produced this very plant.

18. S. glauca, R.

Arboreous. Leaflets as far as sixteen pair, linear, obtuse, smooth, no glands. Stipules minute. Panicles terminal, composed of distinct coryunts. Legume linear, from eight to tenseeded, having a conical gland on the upper edge of its pedicel which is particularly conspicuous in the germ.

A pretty large tree, a native of the Carnatic, from hence Dr. Berry sent seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in November and December, with Senna Sumatrana which it much resembles, but differs in the number, and shape of the leaves, the shape of the petals, and the pale glaucus colour of the whole foliage, the seed ripens in March.

Trenk of young three-years-old trees in the Botanic garden erect, thick as a man's leg, with smooth brownish bark. Branches spreading; young shoots smooth and coloured, whole height of the trees about fifteen feet. Leaves alternate, pinnate from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets from eight to sixteen pair, linear-oblong, smooth, obtuse, with a slender bristle at the apex, from one to two inches long and about half an inch broad. Petioles channelled, and destitute of glands. Stipules minute, caducous. Panieles terminal, composed of simple, expanding corymbs.

A single, simple, similar corymb is generally found in the axil of each of the exterior leaves. Flowers pretty large, yellow. Petals the lower pair larger, and more remote from

each other. Stamens simple, seven are nearly equal and fertile, the superior three small and sterile. Legame linear, very thin ; smooth, somewhat pedicelled, with a gland, or conical process on the upper edge of the pedicel. This is particularly conspicuous in the germ, and is a good specific mark and immediately distinguishes it from S. Samatrana which has no such gland and is the only species known to me, for which it can be pristaken. Seeds generally about fifteen, separated by very firm distinct partitions, and attached by convolute slender cords to the upper margin.

19. S. prostrala. R.

Perennial, prostrate. Leaflets minute, twenty-paired, daggered. Peduncles from two to three-flowered. Stamens five; all fertile. Legumes straight, six-seeded.

Teling. Nalla Jeelooga.

A native of pasture ground. Flowers during the wet and cold seasons,

Root woody, perennial. Stems perennial, numerous, spreading every way and pressing close upon the ground, round, a little bairy, about a foot long. Leaves pinnate, alternate, bifarious. Leaflels from twelve to twenty-six pair, minute, linear, acute, the lower margin ciliate. Glands, a long pedicelled, peltate one between the lower pair of leaflets. Stipules semilanced, very acute. Flowers above the axils, peduncled, small, yellow, from one to three. Calyx. Leaflets equal, daggered. Stamens five, nearly equal; no sterile filaments. Legumes linear; partitions obliquely-transverse, as is Galeya, smooth. Seeds from six to seven, shining, dark brown.

Untile est it.

20. S. dimidiata. Buch.

Annual, slender, erect. Leaflets thirty pair, with a flat gland between the lowermost. Peduncles above the axils from two to four-flowered. Stamens four, or five, all fertile, but two coloured. Legums straight, from ten to fifteen seeded.

A native of Nepal, from thence seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and are in blossom and seed most part of the

year. It is a beautiful, delicate species.

Root sometimes biennial. Stems and branches straight; the lower parts round, and smooth, the superior and more tender parts clothed with a few curved hairs; the general height of the plants in the Botanic garden is about three feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, from two to three inches long. Leaflets numerous, semilanceolate, smooth. Glands a pretty large one between, or rather under the lower pair of leaflets. Stipulets fine taperpointed. Peduncles solitary, rather above the axils, very short, each producing in succession, three or four long-pedicelled, small, yellow flowers. Stamina four or five, all fertile, two of the anthers are always coloured. Stigma large, with a sharp ciliate margin. Legumes straight, smooth, containing from six to twelve, or even fifteen seeds.

21. S. sensitiva. R.

Perennial, procumbent. Leaflets minute, from forty to fifty pairs. Peduncles from one to two flowered. Stamens ten, all fertile. Legumes straight, many-seeded.

A small, elegant, procumbent plant, growing on pasture ground. It flowers during the wet season.

Roof perennial. Stems or branches many, procumbent, alternate, bifarious, a little hairy. with the extremities ascending, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaves pinnate, alternate, bifarious, from one to two inches long. Leaflets from thirty to sixty pairs, minute, obliquelyoblong, pointed. Glands, a round, peltate, sessile one between the lowest pair of leaflets. Petioles upper side ridged, notched, with a minute bristle in each of the notches. Stipules at the base cerdate, tapering to an acute point. Pednacles above the axils, one or two, one-third the length of the leaves, one-flowered. Bractes one or more embracing the base of the peduncle, and two opposite near the apex. Flowers yellow, the stamens being much shorter than the pistil, bow till the germ is impregnated. Stamens ten, nearly equal. Legume erect, linear, flat, from fifteen to twenty-seeded.

Note. It is at first sight very much like S. prostrata but on examination they prove very different. The leaves are considerably more sensitive than any other of this genus that I know.

Biennial, erect, ramous. Leaflets from fifty to sixty pair, minute, linear-lanceolate mueronate, a flat gland between the lower pair. Petioles sharp-edged and crenulate on the upper side. Flowers one or two, rarely three, above the axils. Anthers ten, all fertile. Legame

It is a native of the interior parts of Bengal, and from thence was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, by Dr. W. Carey in 1799, where it blossoms during the rains,

and the seeds ripen during the cold season.

Root about biennial in the Botanie garden at Calcutta. Stem erect, slender, with many expanding, slender, bifarious, somewhat hairy branches, height of the whole plant, in a good soil from two to three feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, from two to three inches long. Leaflets from forty to sixty pairs, very small, lanceolate, mucronate, and smooth. Pelioles villous, with the upper-edge sharp and cremulate, and a large flat gland at the lower pair of leaflets. Stipules semilanecolate, neute. Peduacle, common, a little above the axils short, each bearing in succession two or three, pretty large, bright yellow flowers on long pedicols. Bractes one at the base of each pedicel and two below the flowers near the apex of the pedicels. Calyx; louflets innecolate, rather shorter than the petals. Petals orbicular, the two lower ones smaller than the others. Anthers ten, all fertile, alternately larger. Legumes linear-cancate,

'age much compressed, suberect, smooth, from one to two inches long, containing from six to twelve or even more seeds.

POINCIANA. Schreb. gen. n. 701

Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, unequal, the highest longer clawed, more beautifully coloured, and fringed. Stamina long, ascending, naked, all fertile.

1. P. pulcherrima, Linn.

Shrubby, armed. Leaves bipinnate. Leaflets oblong, emarginate. Racemes terminal, corymbiform. Claw of the upper petal tubular. Stamina much longer than the petals. Casalpinia pulcherrina Ed. sp. Willd. 2. 531.

Tsetti-mandarum. Rheed. Mal. 6. t. 1.

Sans. Krishna choora. Beng. Krishna-choora, Tam. Komri.

Common in gardens all over India, and in flower and seed the whole year. Plants reared

from seed from the West Indies do not in any respect differ from those of India.

The trunk of this little tree or large shrub, when old, I have found constantly hollow, and occupied by a large red dark brown ant. From these, when disturbed, they issue forth in numbers, and by their bite inflict a severe and painful punishment on their disturbers.

2. P. elata, Lin. Spec. 544.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves bipinnate. Leaflets linear. 356

Cæsalpinia elata. Willd, 2. p. 532.

A native of Coromandel, where it blossoms during the dry season.

Trunk erect, though rarely straight, often as thick as a man's body. Bark pretty smooth, ash-coloured. Branches numerous, spreading much, the general height of full grown trees from twenty to thirty feet. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, about six inches long. Pinnæ from six to seven pair, opposite. Leaflets from ten to twenty pair, sessile, opposite, linear, smooth; about four lines long, and one in breadth. Petioles common, grooved on the upper side, smooth, and without glands. Stipules minute, subulate. Racemes terminal, corymbiform, simple, few-flowered. Flowers large, very gaudy, inodorous, vellow, Bractes small, one-flowered, caducous. Calyx divides fleshy base, into five, equal, lanceolate segments, which are villous on the interest of the state of the s side. Petals five, inserted on the fleshy base of the calyx, of which the upper one is smaller, and deeper coloured, all nearly round, and much curled round the edge. Filaments ten, equal, ascending, afterwards recurved, twice the length of the petals, thick and villous at the base, inserted on the calyx, within the petals. Anthers incumbent. Germ sessile, linear, villous, one-celled, with from fifteen to twenty orula attached to the upper suture. Style as long as the filaments, for some time after the flower expands modestly recurved from the filaments, which have then a different direction, afterwards ascending, when the filaments become declinate. Stigma small, turbinate.

CAESALPINIA. Schreb. gen. n. 703.

Calyx, base permanent; border five-parted, and deciduous. Corol irregular, five-petalled, the upper one smaller. Filaments woolly. Anthers all the ten fertile, and open on their sides. 1. C. Sappan. Willd. 2. 533. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 17. t. 16.

Arboreous, armed. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from ten to twelve pair; leaflets from ten to twelve pair, somewhat dolabriform. Panicles terminal. Legumes ligneous sub-trapeziform, from three to four-seeded.

Lignum sappan. Rumph. Amb. 4. t. 21.

Sans. Patanga.

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Teling. Beng. and Hind. Bukkum. This is also said to be the Arabic and Persian name.

Tisam-pangam. Hort. Mal. 6. t. 2.

Found in most parts of India, and its islands. It flowers in the hot season.

2. C. Bonduccella. R. Fleming in Asiat. Res. 11. 159.

Scandent, armed. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ seven pair; leaflets eight pairs, ovate-oblong. Stipules large, and pinnatifid. Bractes lanceolate, reflected. Racemes simple, above the axils. Legumes armed, two-seeded.

Puticaraja. Asiat. Res. 2. p. 351; also 4. p. 276. and 11. 159.

Guilandina bonduccella. Linn. Lamarck, &c. Globuli majores. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 49. f. 1.

Caretti, Rheed. Mal. 2. t. 22.

Beng. Nata.

Hind. Katkarunja, Katkulija.

The plants reared from seed from the West Indies, proved to be exactly the same. The seed is a powerful tonic.

3. C. oleosperma. R.

Scandent, prickly. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ and leaflets eight paired. Stipules subulate. Legumes unarmed, from two to three-seeded, and swelled at the seeds.

Beng. Umul-koochi.

Teling. Noonee glika. Noonee means oil, oily. This seems to me to be an undescribed species, has much the habit of Bondaccella. It flowers during the wet season. The seeds ripen in March and April,

Stem and branches climbing, woody, armed with many small, sharp, recurved prickles. Leaves alternate, abruptly-bipinnate, oblong, from eight to nine inches long, and about four broad. Pinnæ opposite, seven, eight, or nine pairs. Leaflets opposite, from six to ten pair, linear-oblong, smooth, entire, about one-third of an inch long, and one-fifth broad. Petioles common, are frequently armed with some, small, scattered prickles, and there is generally a pair below each pair of pinnæ. Stipules subulate. Racemes rather above the axils, simple, somewhat shorter than the leaves. Pedicels diverging, about an inch and a haif long. Flowers many, pretty large, yellow. Petals orbicular, the lower end smallest, and striated with red. Filaments woolly, alternately shorter. Legume smooth, oblong, obliquely-jointed, very protuberant at the seeds; about two and a half inches long, and one broad. Seeds two or three, oval, smooth, shining, hard, about the size of a large pea.

From the seeds, an oil is expressed, in some part of the country, which is used to burn

in lamps.

4. C. oncullata. R.

Scandent, armed. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from four to six pair; leaflets from four to five pair, ovate, polished. Panicles terminal, and axillary, thin. Upper petal two-lobed and vaulted. Legume thin, smooth, membrane margined on the back, one or two-seeded.

A native of the Delta of the Ganges where it was found by Dr. William Carey, and by him introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta where it blossoms in February and March.

Trunk ligneous, stout, scandent, which together with the scandent branches are armed with numerous, strong, very sharp, dark-coloured, recurved prickles, which by age acquire a large conic base. Bark smooth, and polished in the young shoots. Leaves bipinnate, from one to two feet long. Pinnæ opposite, from three or four to six or seven pair. Leaflets generally four or five pair, opposite, ovate, entire, taper-pointed, firm, and polished on both sides, from one to three inches long. Petioles common and partial, round, smooth, and armed with recurved prickles. Stipules minute, falling long before the leaves are full grown. Panicles axillary, and terminal, composed of a few simple, ascending, rigid racemes. Bracles small caducous. Flowers numerous, solitary, drooping, greenish yellow. Calyx as in the genus, yellow, and smooth, size of the corol. Color greenish, the upper petals two-lobed, the lobes large, and at all periods folded down like an arch, over the base, and the insertion of the stamina and pistil; lateral pairs nearly round, at first greenish, becoming yellow by exposure to the air and light. Filaments scarcely downy at the base, much longer than the corol. Germ short-pedicelled. Stigma obliquely funnel-shaped. Legume linear-oblong, thin, pointed and often twisted near the apex, smooth and unarmed, a thin membranaecous, scariose wing runs along the whole length of the back. Seeds one or two, smooth, light brown.

5. C. Simora. Buch.

Scandent, armed, the tender parts coloured and glandular. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from twelve to twenty-four pairs; leaflets from eight to sixteen pair. Stipules ensiform. Racemes

simple, leaf-opposed and terminal. Legume dolabriform, turgid, two-seeded.

A native of Mysore, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta where the plants grow luxuriantly, and blossom during the cold season; the seeds ripen four or five months afterwards. Stem and larger branches stout, and ligneous, climbing over trees to a considerable extent. Bark brown, and armed with very sharp, straight prickles; going shoots of a bright reddish colour, armed, glandular, and somewhat hairy. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, from one to three feet long. Pinnæ from twelve to thirty pairs, opposite, about two inches long. Leaflets from eight to sixteen pair, opposite, linear-oblong, smooth, entire; nearly half an inch long. Petioles common, nearly round, armed, and chiefly with three larger prickles at or near the insertion of the partial petioles, two of them below, and recurved; one above, and incurved. Partial petioles also armed. Stipules ensiform. Raceness nearly opposite to the leaves, and sometimes terminal, single, and simple, very long. Pedancles armed near the base; the rest and the diverging long pedicels detted with many, clammy dark-coloured glands, interspersed with a few hairs. Braces solitary, one-flowered, at the base ovate-cordate with subulate apices, caducous. Flowers solitary, pretty large, colour a bright yellow. Legumes turgid, of an irregular kidney-shape; acuminate, somewhat hairy; more than an inch and a half long, and about one inch broad near the apex. Seeds two, oblong, smooth, of a shining dark brown. Embryo without perisperm. Cotyledons two. Radicle directed to the umbilicus.

6. C. sepiaria, R.

Scandent, prickly. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ eight pair; leafletz ten pair, linear oblong. Stipules semisagittate. Racemes axillary. Calyces coloured. Legume unarmed, daggered, six-seeded.

The Mysore thorn, was introduced into Bengal from that country by General Martin, where it is now as common as it is in the Mysore country, and is used to make fences. Flower-

ing time in Bengal the cold season.

Trank and branches stout, and ligneous, spreading, or climbing to a considerable extent, if not checked; all armed with strong, sharp prickles. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, from ten to eighteen inches long. Pinnæ opposite, generally from six to ten pair, from one to four inches long. Leaflets opposite, from eight to twelve pair, subsessile, linear-oblong, rounded at both ends, smooth on both sides, about three-fourths of an inch long and one quarter broad. Petioles common, armed in the same manner with minute prickles. Stipules caducous, of a broad, waved, sub-semi-sagittate form. Racemes axillary, solitary, nodding, from the weight of the great number of large, beautiful, yellow flowers. Peduncles armed, and having often a small leaf or two below the flowers. Bracles solitary, ovate-lanceolate, caducous, one-flowered.

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Page Calyx with the divisions reflexed, coloured like the corol, and about half the size thereof. Corol, the two pairs of lateral petals equal, nearly round; the upper one much smaller, with a longer claw, all of a bright yellow colour. Filaments woolly below the middle, about as long as the larger petals, and with them inserted on the permanent base of the calyx. Germ oblong, villous. Style as long as the stamens. Stigma simple, perforated. Legame linearoblong smooth, with a long subulate point. Seeds from four to eight, obovate, oblong, smooth, dark coloured, variegated, the size of a large pea.

This, when in full blossom, is ornamental and well deserving a place in the gardens of all such as are fond of showy productions. It also makes an excellent fence, and as such was much employed by Hyder-Alli in the bound-hedges of his forts, and other strong holds.

7. C. chinensis. R.

Scandent, armed. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ and leaflets from two to four pairs, the latter oval and oblong, both ends obtuse lucid. Petioles and petiolets armed.

Introduced from China, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it has now been for these five or six years and has not yet blossomed.

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Scandent, armed. Leaves bipinnate. Pinnæ from four to eight pair ; leaflets from six to seven pair, oval, lucid, mucronate.

Guilandina boudue. Willd. 2, 534.

From Sumatra this very large species has been incroduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta without having blossomed, though in perfect health, and of great extent.

9. C. resupinata. R.

Arboreous, subscaudent, armed. Leaves bipinnate; pinna, and leaflets many-paired; common petiole armed on the underside. Stipules minute, caducous. Racemes axiilary. Flowers resupine. Legume two-seeded.

A native of the Moluccas, and reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta from seed received from those islands in 1798. It blossomed for the first time in the month of September, 1800,

and ripened its seeds the March following.

Trunk tolerably erect, though rather too weak to support itself at its present age, every part thickly armed with numerous, short, very sharp prickles. Branches numerous, some scandent, some spreading or drooping; height of the whole plant at present about twelve feet. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Pinnæ about twelve pair, opposite, from one to two inches long. Leaflets opposite, from eight to twelve pair, obliquely oval, entire, smooth on both sides ; about one-third of an inch long. Petioles common, round, villous, armed with recurved prickles between the pinnæ on the under side, and a gland between each pair on the upper. Stipules filiform, very small, caducous. Racenes axillary, solitary, and generally simple, spreading, shorter than the leaves. Pedicels solitary, one-flowered, round, smooth, slender, about an inch long. Flowers resupine, numerous, bright yellow, and though not small, they are more so than any other Indian species of this genus I have yet met with. Bracles most minute, one-flowered. Calyx smooth, coloured on the inside; lower division of the border much larger than the rest; the base only permaneut. Corol the two lateral pair of petals nearly equal, roundish, expanding, short-clawed. The superior one smaller, ovate-cuneate, with a curled margin, and on the centre a tuft of wool, coloured with reddish veins. Legumes oblong, thick, fleshy on the margin, protuberant where the seeds are lodged. Seeds from one to three, round, smooth, brown, size of a marrow-fat pea.

10. C. enneaphylla. R.

Shrubby, scandent, armed. Leaves bipinnate. Pinnæ and leaflets from eight to ten-pair-

ed. Panicles terminal. Legume unarmed, winged on the back, five-seeded.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal, where it blossoms about the beginning of the cold season. Trunk and larger branches stout, ligneous, climbing up and over large trees, and whatever else they meet with, armed with numerous, curved, sharp, black prickles, each inserted over the old woody parts, on a large, transversely oblong, subsolid tuberosity. Bark of the young shoots smooth, shining, deep green, armed with numerous smooth, sharp prickles. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, from nine to ten inches long. Pinnæ opposite, generally eight, nine, or ten pairs. Leaflets from eight to ten pairs, cuneate-oblong, rounded at both ends, entire, smooth on both sides; from half an inch to one inch long. Petioles common, armed underneath; with many, recurved, sharp prickles; a pair of which is always placed at the insertion of the pinne, and sometimes a single straight one on the upper side between them. Stipules searcely any. Panicles terminal, composed of many large, ascending racemes, of numerous, beautiful yellow fragrant flowers. Calyx of five, subequal coloured, reflected, caducous divisions inserted on a permanent base. Corol papilionaceous; the upper three petals placed on the upper side resembling the banner, the lower pair resembling the wings, while the lower division of the perianth before it becomes quite reflected is not unlike the keel. Filaments ten, declined, woolly, alternately shorter. Anthers incumbent, brown. Pistil hid amongst the stamens. Legame unarmed, smooth; broad-lanceolate, thin on the back, enlarged by a membranous wing which is united by an elevated suture. Seeds five or six, oval, smooth, flattened.

11. C. paniculata. R. Scandent, armed. Leaves bipinnate; pinna and leaflets three or four-paired. Stipules minute. Panicles terminal. Legumes obliquely oval, smooth, cuspidate, one-seeded.

Kaku-mullu. Rheed. Mal. 6. t. 19.

Guilandina paniculata, Willd, 2, 535, Lamarck, Enegel, 1, p, 430.

A native of various parts of India. It blossoms during the dry months of February and March. 'The seeds ripen in August and September.

til the plants are several years old; every part armed with dreadfully sharp, strong, recurved chesnut coloured aculei which acquire an immense base like the point of the finger on the tennk and large branches of old plants. Leaves bipinnate, from six to twelve inches long.

Plane three or four pair, remote. Leaflets three pair, evate-langeolate obtains. Plane three or four pair, remote. Leaflets three pair, ovate-lanceolate, obtuse, entire, of a firm texture, polished on both sides, from one to two inches long. Pelioles common and partial, armed on the underside, smooth, round, generally coloured on the upperside. Stipules very minute and soon falling off. Inflorescence, generally one terminal paniele, or compound raceine, and one or two simple, single raceines from the axils next the paniele. Bracles ovatelanceolate, but dropping long before the flowers expand. Flowers numerous, pretty large, yellow and fragrant. Legame obliquely oval, smooth, compressed, cuspidate. Seed solitary.

12. C. tortuosa, R.

Armed, subarboreous, with a long, weak, straggling trunk, and branches. Leaves bipinnate; piana and leaflets numerous; common petiole armed. Racemes axillary. Legume from

three to four-seeded, twisted, and contracted between the seeds.

This dreadfully armed species is a native of the Island of Sumatra. From thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Campbell, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1796. Now, October 1800, the trees are about tifteen feet high, with weak, slender trunks, and few still weaker subscandent branches, armed with numerous very sharp somewhat incurved, subulate prickles. It blossoms in October and the seeds are ripe in February.

Leaves bipinnate, a foot or more long. Pinnæ from fifteen to twenty pair, opposite. Leaf-

lets from twenty to forty pairs, opposite, tapering from the base to an obtuse point, smooth, firm, and shining, about half an inch long, and one-eighth of an inch broad. Petioles common, keeled on the upperside, and armed with small recurved prickles underneath. Racemes axillary, erect, solitary, generally simple, subcylindric, rather longer than the leaves. Flowers statered, very numerous, large, yellow, slightly streaked with red near the base of the petals. Bracles minute, cadneous. Calyx here the lower division is uncommonly large. Corol the two pairs of lateral petals nearly equal, and almost round, the upper one much smaller, deeply emarginate, coloured, having a long claw. Filaments woolly, alternately smaller and shorter. Legame linear-oblong, swelled at the seeds, considerably twisted. Seeds from two to five, hard, smooth, of a dark blackish brown, size of a large pea.

13. C. Sumatrana. R.

Scandent, armed. Leaves bipinuate, no stipules; petioles armed on the under side. Racemes cauline, axillary, or terminal. Calyx cylindric, confining the petals. Filaments naked. Legume winged on the back.

Introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta from Sumatra where it is held in as much

dread as the Kantuffu is in Abyssinia.

Trunk scarcely any, but many stout, woody branches climbling up and over trees to a great extent. These are covered with dark brown bark, and armed with numerous, strong, sharp, recurved prickles, the largest of them are generally in stipulary pairs. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, from one to two feet long, Pinne from three to six pair, opposite. Leaflets from six to twelve, short petioletted, alternate, oval, entire, smooth on both sides, from one to two inches long. Petioles common, and of the pinnæ armed on the underside with sharp, recurved prickles otherwise smooth and polished like every other young part of the plant. Stipules none, but a brown smooth gland in their place. Racenes very large, compound, or simple, from the naked ligueous branches, or from the axils, or they are terminal. Flowers numerous, drooping, pretty large, of an orange colour tinged with pink. Braces minute, caducous, large before the flowers expand. Calyx subcylindrie, the inferior division a little longer, base permanent. Petals subclavate, the superior one rather larger and more beautifully coloured, all are only a little longer than the calyx and inserted with the stamina a little above its base. In this species the great length of the cally prevents the petals from expanding. Filaments ten, alternately a little shorter, ascending, smooth. Anthers ovate, two-lobed. Germ obliquely ovate. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma simple. Legume oblong, thin, with a broad membranaceous margin along the upper edge, this wing is about one-third the breadth of the whole and united to the seed-bearing body of the legume by a suture which is somewhat elevated like the nerve of a leaf. Seeds from one to three or four, small, ovate, compressed, coloured and smooth.

14. C. inermis. R.

Unarmed. Leaves bipinnate; pinna as far as ten pair; leaflets as far as twenty. Panicles terminal, ferruginous. Petals base of the filaments, and germ very woolly.

A native of the Moluceas. The legume not seen.

15. C. laceress. R.

Shrubby, scandent, dreadfully armed. Leaves bipinuate. Calyces coloured like the corol. Legumes unarmed, winged, one-seeded.

Teling. Walekadooda. A large climbing species, most completely armed. It is common in wild, woody, uncultivated places, and flowers during the first part of the wet season.

Stem and longer branches climbing, woody, covered with scabrous, ash-coloured back; the smaller branches less so, and armed with innumerable, large, strong, sharp, recurved prickles; the tender shoots purple. Leaves alternate, abroptly bipinnate, from five to six inches long and three broad. Pinna opposite, from four to eight pair. Leaflets opposite, from four to eight pair, oval, entire, smooth, half an inch long and a quarter of an inch broad. Petioles common, smooth, armed with a pair of recurved prickles below each pair of pinne, and a single erect one opposite to them on the upper side. Racemes axillary, and only from the extreme leaves, which

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DECANDRIA MONOGYNIA. [Hyperanthera, Gærtnera, Adenanthera.

gives them the appearance of a large terminal leafly panicle. Flowers middle sized, numerous, white, beautifully tinged with red. Calyx coloured, as large as the corol.

HYPERANTHERA, Vahl.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol irregular, five-petalled. Stamina unequal. Capsule superior, one-celled, three-valved. Seeds winged.

H. moringa. Willd. 2. 536. Asiat. Res. 11. 168.

Arboreous. Leaves supradecompound. Half the stamina sterile.

Guilendina Moringa, Linn. Jacq. &c.

Anoma Moringa, Lourier, Cochia Ch. 343-4. Mouringou. Rheed, Mal. 6, f. 11. Sobhanjaua. Asiat. Res. 4. p. 277.

Beng. Sujuna.

Tam. and Teling. Morunga.

Common in a cultivated state all over India. The leaves, flowers, and tender seed-vessels, are eaten by the natives in their curries.

A red flowered species, or variety is found in the vicinity of Malda, its Sanscrit name Mudhoo-shigroo.

GÆRTNERA. R.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol irregular. Petals five, reflexed. Germ three-celled, cells oneseeded, attachment subsuperior. Capsules three, superior, each three-winged, and one-seeded.

Embryo inverse, without perisperm.
1. G. racemosa. Willd. 2. 551. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 19. t. 18. Leaves ovate-oblong, acute. Two exterior petals oblong.

Antimucta. Asiat. Res. 4. p. 282.

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Banisteria Bengalensis. Linn. sp. pl. 611. Madab lota. Sonnerat. N. 2. p. 238. t. 135. Molina racemosa. Lamarck. Encyclop. 4. 227. and Cavan. Diss. 9. t. 263. Sida-pou. Rheed. Mal. 6. t. 59.

Teling. Vedal-tshittu.
Beng. Madhuva-luta, or Madhubuluta, also Mal tee.

Found in various parts of India. It flowers during the rainy and cold season. The blossoms are uncommonly beautiful, and exceedingly fragrant.

G. obtusifolia. R.

Leaves oblong, obtuse. All the petals round, the lower two expanded, the upper three reflex

A native of China, and from thence brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, prior to 1793. Like racemosa, it is a large, scandent, somewhat twining shrub; running over trees of considerable size. Flowering time the month of March. Its blossoms are smaller, less

beautiful, and not so fragrant, as those of G. racemosa.

Flowers of five petals, the lower two, more expanded, the upper three completely reflexed, all elegantly fringed round the margins, the uppermost one has a rosy tinge round a yellowish base where two curved hornlets project in toward the stamina, the other four are white. Filaments unequal, ascending in a beautiful curve; the lower one much larger, and longer. Germ superior, three-lobed, each lobe crowned with one larger, and two smaller, semilunar, hairy processes, which in the fertile lobes become wings; each lobe contains a single seed attached to the inner and upper angle of the cell. Style ascending, nearly as long as the long filament. Stigma simple, incurved. Samara, rarely more than one of the three come to maturity, globese, villous, and of a soft chaffy texture, three-winged; wings lanceolate, scariose, one of them larger, between it and the base is a small scar, the mark of the attachment of the style.

II. Seed single, round. Integument single, tender, brown, attached to the samara under the 370 remains of the style. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse, yellowish. Cotyledons conform to the seed, unequal, and sometimes divided. Plumula two-lobed. Radicles oval, curved up, and pointing to the vertex of the seed.

ADENANTHERA. Schreb. gen. n. 707.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled; a globular gland crowns the apex of each anther.

A. pavonina. Willd. 2, 550.
 Unarmed. Leaves bipinnate; leaflets smooth. Racemes axillary.

Sans. Koochundung.

Beng. Ructa-chundan, Runjuna, which means red sandal, whereas we consider Pterocarpus Santalinus to be the tree which yields that wood.

Mandsjadi. Rheed. Mal. 6. t. 14.

Corollaria parvifolia. Rumph. Amb., 3. t. 109.

Found in various forests over most parts of India. It grows to be a very large tree with an erect trunk, and when old, dark-coloured scabrous bark; while young, smooth. The inte-

rior wood of large trees is of a deep red colour, very hard and durable.

Leaves alternate, abruptly bipinnate, from one to three feet long. Pinnæ opposite, generally from four to six pair, each from four to twelve inches long. Leaflets alternate, short-

petioletted, from four to ten or twelve pair, oval, with the margins waved, smooth on both sides, from one to two inches long. Petioles round, smooth, coloured. Racemes terminal and from the exterior axils, solitary, cylindric, about a span long. Flowers numerous, small, yellow, fragrant. Bractes minute and caducous. Calyx, &c. parts of fructification as in the genus, only the petals adhere slightly at the base, and there the filaments are inserted.

The coloured wood of this tree is used for a variety of economical purposes. The smooth,

oval, bright scarlet coloured, hard seeds are strung on a thread and worn by the women round their necks in many parts of India. The wood yields a dye, and is employed by the Brahmins after religious bathing in marking their forcheads; for which purpose it is obtained, by rub-

bing the wood on a wet stone. 2. A. aculeata. R.

Arboreous, prickly. Leaves bipinnate, smooth. Legumes cylindric, replete with a farinaceous substance, in which the seeds are found.

Prosopis spicigera, Willd. 2, 547. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 63.
Somi. Wilford in Asiat. Res. 4. p. 363. Sir William Jones's Sami of the same vol. page
307, is very different; viz. Mimosa farmesiana, a plant he never intended for Sami.
Prosopis aculeata, Asiat. Res. 4. p. 405.

Prosopis aculeata. Kön. Mss.

Teling. Chance.

This grows to the size of a tree. It is a native of most parts of the coast of Coromandel, chiefly on low lands at a considerable distance from the sea; it is also found in some parts of

Hindoostan. It flowers during the cold and beginning of the hot seasons.

Trunk tolerably erect. Bark deeply cracked, of a dirty ash colour. Branches irregular, very numerous, forming a pretty large, very shady head. Prickles scattered over the small branches, in some trees wanting. Leaces alternate, generally biplanate, from two to three inches long. Piasa from one to four, when in pairs, opposite, and having a gland between their insertions. Leaflets opposite, from seven to ten pair, obliquely lanceolate, smooth, entire, about half an inch long, and one-sixth broad. Stipules none. Spikes axillary, several together, filiform, nearly erect. Bractes minute, one-flowered, caducous. Flowers numerous, small, yellow, single, approximate. Calyx below, five-toothed. Filaments united at the base. Anthers incumbent and white, with a gland on the apex of each which falls off soon after the flower expands. Style crooked. Stigma simple. Legume long, pendulous, not inflated. Seeds many, lodged in a brown mealy substance.

The pod of this tree is the only part used; it is about an inch in circumference, and from six to twelve long; when ripe, brown and smooth, containing besides the seeds a large quantity of a brown mealy substance which the natives cat. Its taste is sweetish, and agreeable; it may therefore be compared to the Spanish Algaroba, or Locust tree (Ceratonia siliqua.)

CYNOMETRA. Linn.

Calyx four-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Legume fleshy, lunate, one-seeded. Embryo centripetal, no perisperm.

C. polyandra, R.

Leaves pinuate. Branchlets floriferous. Flowers polyandrous.

Peng is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a very large and useful timber tree. Flowering time March and April. The seeds ripen in July and August.

PETALOMA. Schreb. gen. n. 1750.

Calyx five-toothed. Petals five, the stamina inserted on the calyx. Berry inferior, onecelled. Seeds from one to four,

P. alternifolia. R.

Leaves alternate, obovate-cuneate, emarginate. Spikes axillary.

Kada Kandel. Rheed. Mal. vol. 6, t. 37.

A pretty large tree, a native of the Delta of the Ganges, where the spring-tides rise so

high as to overflow the ground on which they grow. Flowering time the hot season.

Trunk straight, bark scabrous. Branches numerous, erect, and ascending, with dark brown, smooth, bark. Leaves alternate, subsessile, obovate, emarginate, slightly crenate, almost veinless, smooth on both sides, and fleshy, about two inches long, and one broad. Stipules none. Spikes axillary, solitary, generally simple, about as long as the leaves, each bearing from six to twelve, alternate, small, white flowers. Bractes, a very minute one at the base of each germ, and two growing on the opposite sides of its middle. Calyx five-toothed; teeth rounded and frequently unequal. Petals five, inserted within the fissures of the calyx, oblong, entire, first expanding, then recurved. Filaments ten, alternately a little longer, about the length of the petals. Anthers evate. Germ inferior, evate, compressed. Style awled, as long as the stamens. Stigma acute. Pericarpium a small ovate, oblong, compressed, drupaceous berry, with a single linear, oblong seed.

The wood is remarkably strong and durable; it is much used for posts and other parts of the houses of the natives, but its chief consumption about Calcutta is for fuel, large quantities

being brought daily from the Sunderbunds (low parts of the Delta,) for that purpose,
I doubt if this can with propriety be considered a *Petaloma*. The habit does not by any
means agree. It will probably form a genus.

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RUTA. Schreb. gen. n. 725.

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Calyx five-parted. Petals concave. Receptacle of the germ impressed with ten melliferous pits. Capsule lobate.

R. graveolens. Willd. 2, 542.

Leaves supra-decompound; leaflets oblong, the terminal ones obovate. Petals entire. Arab. Sudal.

Sans. Somalata, also Brahmee. Hind. Saturi, also Arooda.

It is I presume a native of Persia, and the western parts of Asia. In Bengal, it is found in gardens only where it flowers during the cold season.

MURRAYA. Schreb. gen. n. 717.

Calux five-toothed. Corol campanulate, five-petalled. Germ two-celled, with two subpendulous ovula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Berry superior, two-celled. Seeds solitary, woody. Embryo inverse without perisperm.
1. M. exotica. Mant. 393. Willd. 2. p. 518.

Leaves alternately pinnate; leaflets from five to seven, obliquely obovate, oblong. Corymbs terminal, globular, crowded.

Chalcas panientata, Mant. 68. Camunium Sinense, Rumph, Amb. 5, t. 18, f. 2. Marsana buxifolia, Sonnerat it, 3, 192, t. 139.

Teling. Naga golunga.

It grows to be a small tree, though in general found in the state of a large, erect, very ramous shrub, with a light ash-coloured bark. It was brought from China to this coast many years ago, where it continues to be cultivated in gardens; but I have found it very common wild, amongst the mountains in the Circars. It is from the wild plant I take my description.

It flowers chiefly during the hot season.

Leaves scattered, pinnate with an odd one. Leaflets generally three pair, alternate, obovate-oblong, emarginate, smooth, of a shining deep green, from one and a half to two inches long, and about one broad, the inferior smallest. Petioles glandular, round. Corymbs terminal, globular, crowded with pretty large, beautiful, pure white, exquisitely fragrant flowers. Calyx one-leaved, five-parted, glandular, divisions erect, acute. Corol five-petalled, campanulate. Petals lanceolate, spreading at top. Nectory a fleshy ring surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments ten, alternately longer, and larger. Anthers oblong. Germ superior, oblong, glandular, two-celled, with two ovula in each vertically attached to the upper half of the partition. Style thick, length of the stamens. Stigma large, glaudular. Seeds one, or two, oblong, pointed above, flat on one side, woolly. Embryo inverse, and without perisperm.

2. M. Sumatrana. R.

Leaves alternately pinnate; leaflets from five to seven, ovate and ovate-oblong, emar-

ginate. Flowers terminal.

A large shrub, a native of Sumatra, and from thence sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, by Dr. C. Campbell, under the name Chalcas ; it is much thinner of branches, has larger leaves, and fewer but much larger flowers, than exolica, and when growing together most conspicuously different in habit. Flowers, and ripens its seed at various times through the year.

BERGERA. Schreb. gen. n. 718.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled, expanding. Germ two-celled, one ovula in each attached to the axis. Berry superior, one or two-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

B. Königii, Willd, 2, 549.

Leaflets obliquely lanceolate, serrate.

Beng. Bursunga. Teling. Kari-Vepa.

Tam. Kamwepila.

This grows to be a small tree. Is a native of the mountainous parts of the Coast, and is also cultivated in gardens for the sake of its leaves; they being a principal ingredient in the country stews called curries. Its flowering time is the hot season.

This tree is so well described by the late Dr. König, in the genera and species plantarum

of Linnæus, that it is unnecessary for me to say any thing on that head.

The leaves, as observed above, are a very principal ingredient in curries; and when they cannot be had fresh, are used dry, for they retain their flavour very well in that state, and are to be had in every market. They have a peculiar flavour, which I cannot describe; at first it is rather disagreeable, but most people soon become perfectly reconciled to, if not fond

The bark and root are used as stimulants by the native physicians. Externally they are

also used to cure eruptions and the bites of poisonous animals.

The green leaves are described to be eaten raw for the cure of dysentery; they are also bruised and applied externally to cure eruptions.

2. B. integerrima. Buch.

Arboreous. Leaflets entire, with long taper points.

Ban kooncha of the natives of the eastern banks of the mouth of the Megna, where the Page Carey tree grows. It was introduced into the Botanic garden by Dr. Buchanan in 1797; now, January 1800, they have advanced to the size of small ramous trees, and are at present in blossom.

Leaves alternate, petioled, pinnate, with single terminal leaflets, from six to eighteen inches long. Leaflets opposite or subalternate, short-petioletted, obliquely lanceolate, oblong, waved, ending in long, fine, tapering points, tolerably smooth above, and somewhat villous underneath, differing in size, the exterior or largest above six inches long and two broad. Petiolets and petioles round, and a little villous. Corymbs terminal, decompound, large, ramifications villous. Flowers short-pedicelled, erect, numerous, white, emitting a strong, heavy, offensive smell. Bractes very minute. Perianth five-toothed. Petals five, lanceolate, expanding. Stamens alternately longer. Germ superior, oval, resting on a fleshy receptacle. Style clavate. Stigma subrotund. Berry the size of a large pea, oval, when ripe yellow. Seed solitary, nearly as large as the berry.

LIMONIA. Schreb. gen. n. 720.

Calux four or five-toothed. Corol four or five-petalled. Germ from two to five-celled; cells from one to two seeded, attachment interior. Berry superior, few-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. L. bilocularia. R.

Shrubby, armed. Leaves elliptic, emarginate, glossy. Flowers axillary, and terminal, subsessile, decandrous. Germ and berries two-seeded.

A very ramous, well armed, rigid shrub, very like Limonia monophylla, but always smaller; a native of Coromandel. Flowers in June; the seed ripens in September.

Spines axillary, solitary, long, strong and sharp. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, reflexed, elliptic, somewhat crenulate, emarginate, firm and glossy, abounding in minute cells, and odorous like the leaves of the orange, &c. when bruised; about an inch and a half long, and three quarters of an inch broad. Stipules axillary, solitary, by the base of the spines, subulate. Flowers axillary and terminal, in little, subsessile clusters, small, pure white. Bracles minute, subulate. Calgar cup-shaped, five-toothed. Petals five, oblong. Nectory a cremulate, white fleshy cup, round the lower half of the germ. Filaments ten, alternately shorter, lanceolar, thick, and distinct, inserted between the nectary and petals. Anthers ovate. Germ superior, two, very rarely three-lobed; two, rarely three-celled with one ovula in each, attached to the middle of the partitions; style short and thick. Stigma large, nearly round, and clammy. Berries spherical, of the size and appearance of a ripe sloe, succulent, two-celled. Seed solitary. Integament single, thin, and clear. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse, green. Cotyledons conform to the seed.

2. L. monophylla, Willd. 2, 571. Corom. pl. 1. N. 83.

Shrubby, armed with straight spines. Leaves simple. Nectory campanulate, antheriferous.

Trichilia spinosa, Willd. 1, 2, p. 554. Limonia pumila, Burm. zeyl. 143, t. 65. Mal-Naregam. Rheed. Mat. 4, t. 12. Teling. Adivi-nima, (wild lime.)

This plant is a native of our large, extensive forests over the Coast of Coromandel, where it often grows to be a small tree, though oftener found in the state of a large shrub. Flower-

ing time about the rainy season.

Trunk irregular. Bark pretty smooth, of a greenish ash colour. Branches numerous, very irregular, and very rigid. Thoras single, axillary, very strong and sharp; in some plants entirely wanting. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblung, congruinate, smooth, firm, two or three inches long, and one or one and a half broad. Stipules subulate. Recemes axillary, short. Bractes subulate, small. Calgar from four to five-parted, permanent. Corol four or five-petaled; petais equal, oblong, expanding. Nectory cylindric, mouth ten-toothed; teeth alternately larger. Filaments none; anthers resting on the teeth of the nectury. Germ superior, globular, generally four-celled, with two orula in each, attached to the axis. Style length of the nectary. Stigma three or four-lobed. Berry the size of a nutmeg, very much like a lime (hence the Telinga name, wild lime) generally four-celled. Seeds generally solitary, that is one in each

The flowers of the above described plant agree with those of Melia, Trichilia, Turraea, and Swietenia; their pericarps must be depended on to distinguish the genera.

3. L. citrifolia. R.

Shrubby; armed with recurved spines. Leaves simple, elliptically oval, entire, obtusely

acuminate. Flowers axillary. Berries ovate, few-seeded.

A very ramous, rigid, well-armed shrub, of five or six feet in height, a native of the forests of Chittagong, and with the other armed species, well adapted for fences. Flowering time the hot season.

Young shoots polished. Thorns axillary, solitary, short, somewhat recurved. Leaves alternate, round-petioled, elliptic, with an obtuse, somewhat lengthened point, entire, smooth, but marked with numerous pellucid points, as in many Auran'in; from four to five inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules none. Flowers small, white, short-peduncied, axillary. Bractes minute, about the insertion of the peduneles, and on them. Calyx five-toothed, having its substance marked with pellucid points. Pelais five, oblong, smooth. Filaments ten, distinct, short, inserted round the base of the germ. Anthers linear, erect. Germ Page ovate-oblong, five-grooved, on the outside five-celled, each cell containing two ovala attached to the axis. Style thick and short. Stigma sub-peltate. Berry ovate, of the colour and appearance of a lime, even to the little green cells in the cortex. Seeds from one to four, separated by some few small fibres only, which are scarcely to be traced when dry, oblong, having the sides agreeing in shape with the number in the berry. Integument single, membranaceous. 380 Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle superior.

Shrubby, scandent, armed. Leaves ternate; leaflets lanceolar, entire, smooth. Berries three-seeded.

Sans. Luvunga-luta.

Lung-phool of the natives about Silhet.

A very extensive, powerful, scandent shrub, a native of the hills about Silhet and Chitta-

gong, where it blossoms in March and April, and the seeds ripen in September.

Trunk or branches several from the same root, long, thick, stout, ligneous, scandent, armed. Bark pretty smooth and ash-coloured. Thorns axillary, solitary, strong, long, acute, and a little recurved. Leaves alternate, ternate. Leaflets lanceolate, entire, smooth, shining and firm, from six to seven inches long, having both surfaces marked with minute, dark green, glandular dots, or cells, though the smell, as in most leaves of this conformation, has nothing particular in it; when the plants are young, the leaves are simple. Petioles channelled, smooth, deep green like the leaves. Peduncles axillary, or from the naked branchlets below the leaves, each supporting from four to twelve, pedicelled, pretty large, white, fragrant flowers, in form of a raceme. Calyx one-leaved, cylindric, with the mouth cut into four short, truncate divisions. Petals four, linear oblong, fleshy, recurved. Filaments eight; the lower haif united into a firm, fleshy tube. Anthers linear, incumbent. Germ conical, elevated on a fleshy receptacle, three-celled with two vertical ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style cylindric. Stigma entire, roundish. Berry oblong, somewhat three-lobed, size of a pigeon's egg, pretty smooth, pulp of a resinous nature, and odoriferous, three-celled. Seed solitary, oval, somewhat pointed at the apex, covered with a single greenish-veined integument. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, inverse. Cotyledons oblong green, fleshy. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle ovate, superior.

Previous to having seen the pericarpium of this plant, an incomplete description and drawing were sent to the Honourable the Court of Directors, under the name Aitonia spinosa. The discovery of the seed vessel, together with its structure, &c. convinces me it cannot belong to that genus, and seems to associate best with Limonia, Murraya, and Triphasia, and no doubt

belongs to the seed, and divisions of Jussieu's natural order Aurantia.

 L. pentaphylla. Willd. 1. 572. R. Coron. pl. 1. p. 60. t. 84.
 Unarmed, shrubby. Leaves pinuate; leaflets about five, subalternate, oblong, entire. smooth. Berries with one or two, rarely three, perfect seeds.

Teling, Gulunga. Beng. Ash-shoura.

A very common shrub every where, and in flower and ripe seed all the year. The small white flowers are sweetly fragrant.

L. arborea, R. Corom. pl. 1 60. t. 85.

Unarmed, arboreous. Leaves pinuate ; leaflets about five, oblong, serrate, smooth. Berries with one or two perfect seeds. Teling. Konda Gulunga.

A native of the Circar mountains.

7. L. crenulata. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 60. t. 86.

Arboreous, armed. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from two to three pair, oblong, crenulate; petioles winged. Corols four-petalled. Berries with from one to four cells, and one seed in

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Limonia acidissima. Mant. 380. Willd. 2. 572. Tsjerou-katou narigam. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 14.

Teling. Torelega.

An elegant small tree, a native of Coromandel, Malabar, &c. Flowering time the hot season.

8. L. pentagyna. R.

Arboreous. Leaflets from five to nine, sublanceolate. Racemes axillary, compound. Nectary short, crenulate. Berry with from one to five lobes, and as many seeds.

Teling. Chitreka.

A large timber tree, a native of the Circars, Bengal, &c. and in flower during the hot season.

COOKIA. Retz.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Germ elevated on a receptacle, five-celled; cell two-seeded; attachment interior. Berry superior, five-seeded. Embryo inverse, no peri-

 C. punctata. Willd. 2558. Sonnerat, it. 2. 181. t. 130. Sonneratia punctata. Syst. 1. 675.

Quinaria lansium. Lour. Cochin Ch. 334.

Chin. Whung-pi.

A Chinese fruit tree, now common in Bengal, and various other parts of India. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season; the fruit ripe in three or four months after.

Trunk straight; branches numerous, suberect; back pretty smooth, ash-coloured, that Page of the young shoots green, and scabrous. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with an odd one. Leaf-lets three or four pairs, nearly opposite, short-petioletted, obliquely oblong-oval, entire, of a firm texture, smooth on both sides, while the under side of the veins are scabrons. Petioles round, hairy, and scabrous. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, large, erect, composed of many, suberect, compound racemes, covered with rough, glandular excrescences. Flowers numerous, small, white. Bractes small, falling. Calyx inferior, cup-shaped, five-toothed, outside glandular. Petals five, lanceolato-oblong, spreading, concave. Filaments ten, rather shorter than the petals, recurved, inserted with broad bases round the bottom of the receptacle. Anthers roundish, incumbent. Germ superior, short-pedicelled, five-celled with two orala in each, attached to the thickened middle of the axis. Style short, and thick. Stigma of five obtuse lobes. Berry the size and appearance of a gooseberry, skin tough, and replete with cells filled with a fragrant green balsam, five-celled. Seed solitary, oblong. Integument single, thin, colourless. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse, green. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Plumula conical, bidentate. Radicle cylindric, superior.

The fruit, and indeed every part of the tree, possess a peculiar kind of agreeable fragrance, which is something of a Terebinthinaceous nature.

BOSWELLIA. (R.)

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Nectary a crenulated fleshy, staminiferous cup, surrounding the lower part of the germ. Germ superior, three-celled, cells two-seeded, three-valved. Seed solitary, membrane winged. Embryo inverse, folded, without perisperm.

Note. The genus is so named, in memory of the late Dr. John Boswell, Physician in

Ediuburgh.

1. B. thurifera. Colebrooke in Asiat. Res. 9, 317, and 11, 158.

Leaflets servate. Racemes simple, axillary. Filaments inserted on the exterior margin of the nectary.

Canarium kirautum. Willd. 4. 760.

Camarium odoriferum; hirautum. Rumph. Amb. 2. t. 51.

Sanz. Salaci the tree, and Koondooroo, the drug, or incense.

Beng. Salai the tree, and Koondooroo, or Gundharus the drug.

A large timber tree, a native of the mountainous parts of Coromandel, Bundelkhund, &c. Flowering time the hot season, March and April, and the seeds ripen about the end of the year. From the researches of Mr. Colebrooke, above quoted, in the 11th Vol. of the Asiatic Researches it appears that the oblibanum or Frankincense of the ancients is the produce of this tree, and not of Juniperus lycia, as hitherto thought.

B. glabra, R. Corom. pl. 3, N. 207.

Leaflets smooth, serrulate, or entire. Racemes terminal, subpanicled. Filaments inserted into the base of the nectary on the outside.

Canarium odoriferum lave, Rumph. Amb. 2. t. 50. Canarium balsamiferum, Willd. 4, 760.

Teling. Googoolspoo-chittoo.

This as well as thurifera yields a resin, which is used as incense, and for pitch, in some parts of India. It is a native of the mountainous districts of Coromandel where it blossoms during the dry season.

BUCHANANIA. (R.)

Calyx five-toothed. Petals five. Nectary double; the exterior a crenulate cup between the filaments and germ; the inner four subulate bodies are one side within the former. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment from the bottom of the cell to the apex of the ovula. Drupe with a one-seeded nut. Embryo transverse, no perisperm.

1. B. latifolia. R.

Arboreous. Leaves oval.

Saus, and Beng. Piyala, the name of the tree. Hind. Peeyar, Peeyal, Piyala.

Sans. Chirika, the name of the fruit.

Beng. Chirongi, the name of the fruit, as sold in the Bazars.

Teling. Charoo-mamudee.

Mowdo, or Kati mango-marum of the Tamuls. It must have been the Telinga and Tamul names, which induced Konig to call this tree Mangifera silvestris.

Larmzon. Buch. in Asiat. Res. 5. p. 123.

A large tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the coast. It flowers in January and

February.

Trunk strait, thick, and of a great height. Bark scabrous. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Leaves alternate, though sometimes three-fold, short-petioled, oval, oblong, or obovate, obtuse, entire, of a hard texture, pretty smooth, above scabrous, below softer, six or seven inches long, and about four broad. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axils, erect, branchy, conical. Bractes small, caducous. Flowers very numerous, small, of a whitish green. Calgar inferior, five-toothed, permanent. Petals five, oblong, spreading. Nectary double; exterior, a fleshy, ten-notched yellow ring surrounding the base of the

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germ; interior, consisting of four subulate bodies, placed on one side of the germ, and within the exterior ring; they are about as long as the whole pistil, and look like four additional styles. Filaments ten, equal, spreading, nearly as long as the petals, inserted into the outside of the base of the exterior nectary. Anthers ovate. Germ conical, hairy, one-celled, containing one ovula, attached to the bottom of the cell by a long curved cord, which takes nearly a turn round the ovula, and enters it on the middle of the opposite side. Style subulate. Stigma simple. Drupe size of a cherry, a little compressed, smooth, when ripe, black. Nat very hard, one-celled, two-valved. Seed solitary covered with a double integument. Perisperm none. Em-

The wood of this tree is used for various purposes, and the kernels are a very general sub-

stitute for almonds, amongst the natives.

2. B. augustifolia. R.

Arboreous. Leaves linear-oblong, apex rounded.

A native of the south end of the Peninsula of India. Flowers in June, and the fruit takes nearly one year to come to maturity.

3. B. lancifolia. R.

Arborcous. Leaves lanceolate, obtuse pointed, lucid, entire. Panicles terminal.

A large, and tall tree, a native of Chittagong. The tender, unripe fruit is eaten by the natives in their curries.

WALSURA. (R.)

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Nectary double; exterior subcylindric, bearing the anthers in its mouth; interior a fleshy ring round the germ. Germ superior, two-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment interior. Berry one-seeded. Embryo erect, no perisperm.

1. W. robusta. R.

Leaves quinate-pinnate; leaflets lanceolate. Panieles terminal and axillary. Filaments distinct, (consequently the exterior nectary is not found.)

Upplying, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be one of their largest timber

trees; having a trunk seven feet in circumference, and other parts in proportion.

It flowers in March and April, and the seed ripens in June.

Young shoots rough with scabrous speeks, but void of pubescence. Leaves alternate, unequally pinuate, some ternate; from six to nine inches long. Leaflets generally five. The pairs opposite, from oblong to lanceolate, acuminate, entire, smooth; from four or five inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles marked with the same sort of elevated rough white specks that are to be found on the young shoots. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axils, length of the leaves, much crowded, and very dense; their numerous ramifications scarcely villous. Bractes minute. Flowers numerous, rather small, and white. Calyx five-parted; segments nearly equal, small, and oval. Petals five, oblong, spreading, a little villous. Nectary a large fleshy crenate ring round the base of the germ, within the filaments. Filaments ten, broad towards the base, but not in the least united, tapering regularly to the apex, which is very slender; they are inserted under the exterior part of the nectary, and are alternately a little shorter. Anthers small, oval. Germ superior, ovate, two-celled; ovula two in each cell, attached to the middle of the partition. Style short. Stigma peltate. Berry oval, size of a small olive, resting on the permanent corol, calyx, and stamina, one-celled. Cortex rather thin, and bright grey. Seed solitary, conform to the berry, before maturity or when imperfectly ripe, a pretty large quantity of a clear, very succulent exterior envelope, or aril is found, but when ripe it is scarcely to be seen. Integuments besides the aril, single. Perisperm none. Embryo straight, inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle obovatetruncate, superior.
2. W. piscidia. R.

Leaves subternate; leaflets subternate oblong, obtuse.

П. Teling. Wallursi. 388 Tam. Walsura.

A tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars. It flowers during the cold sea-

son. Specimens of this, in the Banksian herbarium, are referred to Trichilia.

Trunk erect. Bark ash-coloured; in old trees deeply cracked. Branches very irregularly scattered, forming a thin head. Leaves alternate, petioled, subpinnate. Leaflets from two to four, alternate, oblong, entire, frequently emarginate, above smooth, of a deep, shining green, below whitish, from two to three inches long, and about one broad. Stipules none. Flowers numerous, small, of a dirty yellowish white colour, collected on small terminal panicles. Bractes minute, falling. Calyx interior, five-cleft, permanent. Petals five, equal, lanceolate, expanding. Nectary double; exterior cylindric, half the length of the petals, tencleft for two-thirds of its length; divisions emarginate, staminiferous; interior, a fleshy ring surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments ten, short, inserted into the notches of the divisions of the exterior nectary. Anthers oblong, erect. Germ roundish, sunk deep into the interior nectary, two, rarely three-celled with two ovula in each, attached to the partition. Style the length of the exterior nectary. Stigma large, turbinate. Berry oblong, downy, pulpy, one-celled. Seed one, large, oblong.

This tree has nearly the flowers of Melia, Trichilia, and Swietinia, but the fruit of Mur-

raya; it may therefore constitute a new genus.

The wood serves for various economical purposes. I am informed by the natives, that if the bark in quantity is thrown into fish ponds, it soon kills the fish, which I believe is true,

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for it is rare to meet with a tree that has not been deprived of its bark. They do not esteem the fish the less wholesome, and it renders them easily caught, as they soon float, probably before they die; as is the case when cocculus Indicus is employed. This is the second species of fish poison, employed by the natives of this country, to enable them to catch fish, with little or no trouble. The fruit of Gardenia dumetorum, was the first which has been already taken notice of.

3. W. ternata. R.

Leaves ternate; leaflets narrow-lanceolate. Panicles axillary. Nectary gibbous, with divisions alternately rounding and bidentate.

Tam. Kaka-walsura. Teling. Chinna-wallursi.

A small tree growing on the sides of hills. It flowers during the hot season.

Trank erect; bark smooth, rust colour. Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate. Leaflets narrow-lanceolate, equal, entire, above smooth, of a deep shining green, whitish underneath; from four to five inches long, and one broad. Petioles semicylindric, rust-coloured, two inches long. Stipules none. Panicles axillary, middle-sized. Bractes single, small, caducous. Flowers very numerous, small, milk white. Calyx and corol as in W. viscidia. Nectary, the exterior one gibbons, and having only the spex of every other division bifid; the intermediate one, rounded, and a little shorter. Interior salver-shaped, with a large, high, callous margin. Stamens as in the former species. Style half the length of the gibbous nectary. Stigma large; apex two-lobed.

I have not seen the pericarp, but from the structure, and contents of the germ, I ima-

gine it will be a one-seeded berry.

HEYNEA. (R.)

Calyx five-toothed. Petals five. Nectury cylindric with the anthers attached round the inside of its mouth. Germ two-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment interior. Capsule superior, one-celled, two-valved, one-seeded. Seed arilled. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. H. trijuga, R.

Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets three pair. Panicles axillary, long-peduncled.

Kapyakooshee

A native of Nepal; from thence, in 1802, Dr. Buchanan sent seeds of this tree, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the vermecular name yakooshee, where in seven years, the young trees were about fifteen, and twenty feet high, with much the habit of the Walnut tree.

Flowering time in the Botanie garden, March; the seed ripens in October.

Trunk straight, in our young trees about as thick as a man's thigh. Bark dark ash-co-loured, and pretty smooth. Branches few; young shoots marked with scabrous spots. Leaves unequally pinnate, alternate, from one to two feet long. Leaflets opposite, short-petioletted, two or three pair, ovate-oblong, acuminate, entire, smooth, from four to eight inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles round, smooth, swelled at the insertion of the leaflets. Petioles channelled, less than an inch long. Stipules none. Panicles axillary, solitary, long peduncled, smooth, erect. Flowers numerous, small, white. Bractes minute, caducous. Calgx one-leafed, five-toothed, permanent. Petals five, cancate-lanceolate, spreading. Nectorium subcylindric, shorter than the petals, half ten-cleft, division alternately a little shorter, bifid. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers ten, ovate three-lobed, crowned with an obtuse point, attached to the inside of the divisions of the nectary. Germ superior, immersed in a large fleshy ring, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Style short. Stigma large, nearly round, with a two-toothed spex which is rather within the mouth of the nectary. Capsule round, the size of a small cherry, fleshy, one-celled, two-valved, opening round the apex. Seed solitary, round, invested in a complete, thin, white, sebaceous aril, which with the seed, as in the germ, are attached to what was the partition, now pressed to one side by the abortion of three-fourths of its original contents. Integument single, when recent orange, but soon changing to a chesnut colour, smooth, and strong, with a long white umbilicus strongly marking the side of attachment. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, hemispheric, conform to the seed, firm, green. Plumula small, two-lobed. Radicle superior, small.

The back, leaves, and tender parts possess a considerable share of a peculiar bitter taste; and the cold infusions thereof, with the addition of a little sulphate of iron, becomes black; two principles very generally found amongst the plants of this natural order, which grow in

India.

Specimens of another species were received from the Molucca Islands where the tree grows, but I have no drawing thereof. I however add a short definition below.

2. H. quinquijuga. R.

Arboreous. Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets five pair. Panicles, the length of the leaves.

A tree, native of the Moluccas, with the perfect habit of a Melia.

EKEBERGIA. Schreb. gen. n. 619.

Calyx from four to five toothed. Corol five-petalled. Nectory cylindric, ten-cleft, antheriferous. Germ superior, five-celled, cells one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. E. indica. R.

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Shrubby. Leaves pinnate; leaflets grossly serrate. Nectaries ten-cleft to near the base. Panieles axillary.

Teling, Pooroodona.

Common throughout the Circars. It delights chiefly in the lower, sloping barren lands, about the bottom of mountains, where it grows to be a small tree. It flowers all the year

Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to nine inches long. Leaflets from four to six pairs, opposite, oblong, grossly serrate, smooth; the most exterior always largest, about three inches long, and one and a half broad. Panicles axillary, small, long-peduncled. Flowers small, white, inodorous. Nectary ten-cleft, cylindric; segments bifld. Filaments exceedingly short, inserted into the divisions of the ten segments of the nectary. Germ superior, five-celled, with one orula in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Berry, the size of a pea, round, smooth, when ripe red and somewhat succulent, five celled. Seed solitary, reniform. Integuments two; exterior hard, thin, and elastic; inner membranaceous, and brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, soft and juicy. Embryo a little curved, inverse. Catyledons oblong. Radicle oblong, superior.

I have not found that this species is employed in any shape except for fuel.

SANDORICUM. Schreb. gen. n. 1751.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Nectary cylindric, bearing the ten anthers in its mouth. Germ superior, five-celled, cells two-seeded, attachment subsuperior. Berry five-seeded. Embryo inverse, no perisperm.

1. S. indicum. Willd. 2. 556.

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Sandoricum Rumph. Amb. 1. p. 167. t. 64.

A most elegant tree, having a straight trunk, about ten or twelve feet in height, covered with smooth, greenish bark; the tree this measurement is taken from is in the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta, about twenty-four years old, eighty inches in circumference, four feet above the ground, supporting a large, globular, dense head; it flowers in February, and

the fruit ripens in the rainy season.

Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate, about a foot long. Leaflets ovate, entire, having the upper side smooth, except when young, and the lower one downy, the veins parallel, from five to seven inches long, and from three to four broad. Petioles round, when young downy. Stipules none. Panieles axillary, diffuse, shorter than the leaves. Bractes oblong. Flowers numerous, small, yellow. Calyx beneath, campanulate, five-parted; divisions rounded, downy. Petals five, linear-oblong, expanding. Nectary double; the exterior one cylindric, with a tentoothed mouth; the interior one is one-fourth the length of the exterior one, enveloping the germ and base of the style, with its mouth about ten-toothed. Filaments none. Anthers ten, linear, affixed to the inside of the exterior nectary. Germ superior, five-celled, with two ora-la in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Berry nearly round, size of a small orange, slightly villous, when ripe yellow; pulp in large quantity, fleshy, acid, and edible, five-celled, but the partitions are often incomplete, when the seeds come to maturity. Seeds one in each cell, oblong, each enveloped in its own proper aril, as in the guttifere; aril replete with tough woolly fibres, which adhere firmly to the exterior, tough, parchment like integument; the inner integument brown, polished and spongy; attachment from the upper and inner edge to the upper end of the axis, as in the germ. Perisperm none. Embryo straight, inverse. Cotyledons two, conform to the seed. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle short, clavate, superior.

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MELIA. Schreb. gen. n. 724.

Calux five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Nectary cylindric, bearing the anthers in its mouth. Germ superior, five-celled; cells from one to two seeded; attachment subsuperior. Drupe with from a one-to a five-celled nut. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, with little or no perisperm.

M. azadiracta. Willd. 2, 559.

Leaves pinnate; leaflets falcate. Drupe one seeded.

Sans, Nimba.

Teling. Vepa.

Beng. Neem, or Nimb.

Tam. Vepam.

Azedarach. Burm. Zeyl. 40. t. 15. Aria-bepou. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 52.

A middling sized, very common, beautiful, and very useful tree. Flowering time the hot season. It differs from all the other species known to me in baving a one-celled, one-seeded nut, though the germ has uniformly five-cells, with one or two ovula in each.

2. M. tomentosa. R.

Leaves pinnate; leaflets ten paired, entire. Thryses axillary, solitary, long peduncled, simple.

Mal. Barang babee.

A native of Pulo Pinang, where it grows to be a large tree.

Leaves alternate, pinnate, six feet, or more in length. Leaflets opposite, ten or more pairs, subsessile, lanceolate, entire, fine-pointed, of a firm, leathery texture, reticulated, and very downy underneath; exterior pairs largest, often a foot in length. Petioles round, very

downy. Stipules none. Racemes axillary, solitary, long-peduncled, thyrsiform, compound Flowers pretty large, very numerous, crowded. Bractes subulate, downy. Calyx cup-shaped, almost entire, downy. Petals five, wedge-shaped, expanding. Nectory cylindric, nearly the length of the petals, the ten divisions of its mouth linear, and ragged on the inside; exceedingly hairy. Stameas as in the genus. Germ ovate, hairy. Style as long as the nectary, hairy. Stigma globular.

The ripe fruit has not been found, but the germ has five cells, with one seed in each.

3. M. sempervirens. Willd. 2, 559.

Leaves bipinnate; leaflets ovate cordate, gashed, with taper, entire apices, smooth on both sides but not shining.

Melia foliis duplicato-pinnatis. Flor. Zeyl. 162.

Sans. Muha-nunba. Hind. Bakarja.

Arab. Ban.

Teling. Turka-vepa.

A native of Persia, now common throughout India. Plants reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta from seed received from the West Indies, did not in any respect differ from our own Asiatic sort. It blossoms the greater part of the year in our gardens, and is perfectly distinct from Azedarak which is a robust, deciduous timber tree, and this a small, delicate, ever green, of short duration, compared with the other.

M. azedarak, Willd, 2, 558.

Leaves bipinnate; leaflets obliquely ovate-lanceolate, serrate, taper-pointed, of a deep, shin-

Shum-shu of the Chinese at Canton.

Melia azadiracta, Gart, sem. 2. p. 474. t. 180. f. 9.

A native of China, &c. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it flowers during the hot season, thrives luxuriantly and quickly becomes a large useful timber tree, of very great beauty. Its flowers are like those of the Lilac, and are sweetly fragrant.

5. M. superba. R.

Leaves bi-tripinnate; leaflets ovate-cordate, serrate, acuminate, lucid. Drupe ovate; mut

perforated with both ends.

A native of Soonda, where Dr. Berry found it, a forest tree of immense size. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta where it has been raised from the seed, sent by Dr. B. it has, in six years from the time the seed was sown, attained the height of forty or lifty feet, with a most stately trunk, of about four feet in circumference, at four feet above ground. Flowering time February and March, and the seed ripens in December and January

Trunk nearly straight. Bark dark brown, dotted with small white specks. Branches generally trichotomous, their bark like that of the trunk. Young shoots mealy. Leaves alternate, in luxuriant young trees tripinnate, when older generally bipinnate; from two to four feet long, (in M. robusta they are only from twelve to eighteen inches long). Pinna from three to six pair, opposite. Pinnula ternate. Leaflets from three to seven pair to each pinna, generally opposite, petiolated, cordate, and ovare-cordate, crenate, smooth, acuminate; from three to five inches long. Petioles round, while young mealy. Panicles axillary, and lateral, round the base of the present annual shoots, large, ascending, very ramous, and of an ovate form, while young mealy. Flowers numerous, small, of a dull white, and offensive smell. Bractes small, lanceolate, nearly caducous. Calyx five leaved; leaflets ovate-lanceolate, incurved, mealy. Pstals linear, concave, recurved. Nectary subcylindric, rather gibbous at the base, ten-ribbed, hairy on the inside; the ten teeth of its mouth divided into three, four, or five short, subulate segments. Germ five-celled, with two seeds in each, attached from their upper and inner angle, to the axis. Style cylindric. Stigma large, with a five-toothed apex. Drape ovate, the size of a pigeon's egg, smooth, fleshy, when ripe yellow. Nut oblong, perforated, at both ends; apex five-toothed round the perforation, five-celled. Seeds solitary, lanceolar, attached from the apex. Perisperm in small quantity. Embryo straight, inverse, pale green. Cotyledons lanceolate. Radicle oval, superior.

6. M. robusta. R.

Leaves bipinnate ; leaflets obliquely ovate, polished, entire, or with the anterior margins crenulate, acuminate. Panicles axillary. Drupes oyate. Nut with a quinquedentate apex.

A large tree, a native of Malabar, and introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Dr. Berry, where in seven years the trunk of the largest tree was forty-four inches in circumference, four feet above ground, and the total height forty-six feet. Flowering time March and April. The seed ripens in December.

Trunk very straight. Bark clean, smooth, dark brown. Branches large, not very numerous, but spreading considerably, their bark like that of the trunk, with some light grey, seabrous specks. Young shoots downy, with minute stellate pubescence. Leaves alternate, unequally bipinuate, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Pinnæ about three pair. Leaflets three, five, seven, or nine on each pinna, the pairs obliquely-ovate, and oblong ; the terminal one biform, all are smooth, or rather polished, entire, or crenulate, acuminate, from two to three inches long. Panicles axillary, scarcely half the length of the leaves. Flowers numerous, small, white, inodorous. Bracks below the ramifications of the panicle, solitary, filiform, and often very long. Caly& five-leaved; leaflets ovate-oblong. Petals linear-lanceolar, recurvate. Nectary gibbons at the base; segments of its mouth minute and filiform. Filaments none. Anthers sessile, round the inside of the mouth of the nectary. Germ ovate, five-celled, with two seeds in each, attached from their apex to the aril. Style the length of the nec-

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Page tary. Stigma large, with a five-pointed apex. Drupe evate, the size of a large clive, smooth, carey of a yellowish green within, when ripe, one-celled. Nat oblong, a perforation at each end, which passes through the centre; apex deeply five-toothed, thick and hard, five-celled, fivevalved, for by age and exposure they divide spontaneously. Seed solitary, lanceolar. Integuments two; the exterior one highly polished, black; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons lanceolar. Plumula two-lobed. Radiele short, superior.

SWIETENIA. Schreb. gen. n. 723.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Nectary subcylindric, bearing the anthers in its mouth. Germ superior, from three to five-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment interior. Capsule from three to five-celled, from three to five-valved. Seeds imbricated, and winged. Embryo inverse, no perisperm.

1. S. febrifuga. Willd. 2. 557. R. Corom. pl. 18. t. 17.

Leaflets from three to four pair, opposite, oval, and oblong, obtuse. Panicle terminal diffuse. Capsules five-celled, opening from the apex.

Teling. Soymida. Beng, Rohina. Tam. Wond-marum.

A native of the mountains of India, It flowers during the hot season. The bark is a powerful febrifuge, and an excellent substitute for Peruvian bark, which was one of Sir William Jones's desiderata; see Asiat. Res. vol. xi. 180.

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Leaflets from six to eight-pair, sub-alternate, obliquely oblong, pointed. Panicles terminal, diffuse. Capsules three-celled.

Beng. Chikrassee.

A native of the mountainous parts near Chittagong, &c. to the castward of Bengal. Flowering time the hot season, viz. April, and May. It is a timber tree of great size, with a thick, straight trunk, and dark rust-coloured bark, which is pretty deeply cracked, but inwardly very firm and of a pretty deep reddish brown colour, which is powerfully astringent, but without bitterness.

Leaves alternate, abruptly-pinnate, in luxuriant plants often bipinnate, from six to eighteen inches long. Leaflets subopposite, from two to ten pair, subsessile, obliquely-ovate; with a pretty long tapering point, entire, smooth on both sides, increasing in size towards the spex of the leaf. Petioles round, with here and there a small scabrous speck. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, erect, pretty large. Flowers numerous, pretty large. Bractes small. Calyx inferior, small, five-parted, the divisions expanding, linear, wedge-formed, slightly emarginate. Nectary nine-leaved, subcylindric, rather shorter than the petals, striated; mouth most slightly ten-toothed. Filaments minute, inserted into the top of the toothlets of the nectary. Anthers cordate. Germ oblong, striated, a little hairy. Style just long enough to raise the large peltate. Stigma even with the mouth of the nectary. Capsule oval, somewhat pointed, scabrous, the size of a small pullet's egg, three-celled, three-valved, with double integuments, and a three-winged receptacle. Seeds numerous, winged and imbricated in a double series across

The wood of this tree is greatly admired for its beauty, being of a light colour, and most elegantly veined; at the same time very close in the grain. It is employed to make furniture of various kinds.

3. S. chloroxylon. Willd. 2. 557. R. Corom. pl. p. 49. t. 64.

Leaflets alternate, from ten to twenty-paired, semicordate, oblong. Nectary a fleshy ring, with the stamina inserted round its base. Panicles terminal. Capsules three-celled.

Teling. Billoo.

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Cing. Boorootch gata. Tam. Moodedad-marum.

This is our beautiful East Indian, satin wood tree, which grows in mountainous districts chiefly, and blossoms during the hot season.

GARUGA. (R.)

Calyx campanulate, five-toothed. Corol five-petalled inserted into the mouth of the calyx. alternate with five stamina, and just above the other five. Germ superior, five-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment subsuperior. Stigma five-lobed. Drupe with from one to five oneseeded nuts. Embryo inverse, no perisperm.

G. pinnata. R. Ind. pl. 3. N. 208.

Teling. Garuga, or Garugoo.

Katou-Kalesjam. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 33.

A tree of great size, a native of various parts of India. It flowers during the hot season. The fruit is eaten by the natives, both raw and pickled.

TRIBULUS. Schreb. gen. n. 732.

Calyx five-leaved, or five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Style none. Germ five-celled;

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cells about three or four-seeded; attachment central. Capsules or units superior, five or more united, thorny, many-celled, cells one-seeded. Embryo centripetal, without perisperur.

lanaginosus. Willd. 2. 568.

Prostrate amongst grass, &c. Leaves about five-pair, oval, hairy. Nats two horned.

T. terrestris zevlanicus. Barm. zeyl. 1. 106. f. 1.

Sans. Gokshoornka.

Beng. Gokhoor or Gokhooree.

Common on pasture land in many parts of India, producing flowers and ripe seed great part of the year.

JUSSIEUA. Schreb. gen. n. 741.

Calyx from four to five-parted. Corol from four to five-petalled. Capsule inferior, from four to five-celled, opening at the angles. Seeds numerous.

1. J. repens. Willd. 2. 574.

Annual; floating by vescicles round the insertion of the alternate, obovate-cuneate leaves. Flowers axillary, five-petalled, decandrous.

Nir-carambu, Rheed, Mal. 2, t. 51. Sans, Bhoolsvangga, also Langulee.

Teling, Neer batsalla.

Hind. Kanchana.

Beng. Kesara-dam. It is found in most parts of India, floating on lakes, and pools of fresh water ; in flower during the miny season.

2. J. exaltata. R.

Perennial, erect. Leaves alternate, sessile, narrow, lanceolate, downy. Flowers solitary, four-petalled, octandrous. Capsule nearly as long as the leaves. Catta-carambu. Rheed. Mal. 2, 1, 50.

Beng, Bun-lung, or Lal-ban-lung. Teling, Neeroo-agheendrapakao.

This species is perennial, it delights in moist places overgrown with small jungle. Flow-

ering time the wet season.

Stem erect, when old woody. Foung parts slightly four-sided, and downy. Leaves alternate, sessile, linear-lanceolate, entire, downy, from two to four inches long. Stipules minute, semilanceolate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, very short, one-flowered. Calyx four-cleft. Petals four, orbicular, clawed. Stamens eight, erect. Capsule four-celled.

MELASTOMA. Schreb. gen. n. 742.

Calyx campanulate, five-toothed. Corol five-petalled, inserted into the mouth of the calyx. Germ five-celled; cells many seeded; attachment to a cunciform receptacle projecting

from the axis. Capsules five-celled, involved in the ealyx. Seeds numerous.

Note. All the species examined by me, have the seeds regularly attached to a cunciform semilunar, receptacle in each cell, vertically united to the axis, as in Orbeckia kirta Gart. sem. 2. t. 126. I make this remark because Guertner describes them to be nidulent; his seed vessels may have been old, and the receptacles decayed.

1. M. ferruginea. R.

Shrubby, all the tender parts, except the upper surface of the short-petioled, ovate-cordate, acuminate, entire leaves, covered with ferruginous, stellate pubescence. Panicles terminal. Flowers octandrous. Calyx with ample, obtusely four-lobed borders.

A native of Pulo Pinang.

2. M. crinita, R.

Shrubby, all the tender parts very hairy. Leaves petioled, lanceolate, from three to five nerved, entire. Pasicles terminal; flowers octandrous; border of the calyx eight-parted; segments ensiform, four of them minute, all ciliate.

A native of the most moist, and shaded parts of the rocky coast of Chittagong where it blossoms in April and May. It is remarkable for its great quantity of long, distinct, appressed, pale coloured hair, and large beautiful red flowers. 3. M. pulchella. R.

Shrubby. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate, entire; margins and nerves with a few appressed bristles. Panicles terminal; bracles cordate, bristle-ciliate. Flowers octandrous, in the bud, bristle-ciliate and ramentaceous.

A native of Chittagong. 4. M. geniculata, R.

Shrubby. Leaves subsessile, lanceolar, entire, scabrous, bristly, with three strigose nerves. Flowers terminal, triple, octandrous, alternate, filament jointed.

A large ramous shrub, a native of many parts of India-

Back of the old branches pretty smooth, of the young very strigose; all round. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, three-nerved, scabrous on both sides, not only from numerous, short, bristly hairs pointing forward, but also from a natural harshness; the under side of the nerves, and petioles strigose. Flowers terminal, generally three-fold, shortpeduncled. Peduncles very strigose. Bractes solitary, or in pairs to each flowers, ovate-concave, and falling off with, or soon after the petals, leaving the tube of the calyx for an envelope to the capsule. Calga four-parted, very strigose; divisions cordate, acute. Corol

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four-petalled. Filament alternately enlarged with a second curved joint. Anthers recurved. linear. Capsule four-celled.
5. M. cernua. I. R.

Scandent. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, five-nerved, smooth. Panicles terminal, long, thin, drooping, with the ramifications four-winged Flowers octandrous.

A native of Chittagong. It flowers in October and November; and the seed ripens in

The leaves in this elegant large rambling species that occupy all but the base of the panicle are rather long-petioled, remarkably large, often a foot long, and from three to four inches broad; with the nerves particularly large and distinct to the very apex; those close to the panicles are sessile, and very exactly cordate; the panicles are also uncommonly long, as far as two feet, or more, and droop elegantly when loaded with its profusion of middling sized, bright red flowers.

6. M. vagans. R.

Scandent. Leaves ovate-cordate, bristle-servulate, acuminate, three or five-nerved; petioles and nerves hairy. Panicles terminal, large and decussated, flowers octandrous.

Beng. Juy-phutkee.

An extensive, beautiful scandent shrubby species, a native of the hilly countries immediately east of Bengal where its numerous, small, bright red flowers appear in October, and the seed ripens during the ensuing hot season. The young shoots, petioles, and nerves of the leaves are the only bairy parts, and but in a small degree, all the rest are smooth; the leaves are large, about six inches long, and three broad.

7. M. impuber. R.

Smooth in every part. Leaves long-petioled, ovate-cordate, entire, three-nerved, (beside the marginal rib.) Panicles terminal, divaricate. Flowers octandrous. Calyx subcylindric, with the mouth obscurely four-toothed. Capsule hid in the bottom of the calyx.

A native of the Moluccas. The flowers in this pretty, smooth species, are uncommonly small, with the oval petals shorter than the filaments, which are all simple, and shorter than

their anthers.

8. M. cordifolia. R.

Scandent, every part smooth. Leaves short-petioled, cordate, entire. Panieles terminal. Flowers octandrous. Petals ovate. Calgx with an ample, obtusely four-lobed border.

A native of Chittagong and Pulo Pinang.

9. M. malabathrica. Willd. 2. 592.

Shrubby, tender parts strigose. Leaves entire, broad-lanceolar, from three to five-nerved, scabrous, with appressed, short, sharp, flat bristles. Flowers terminal, and surrounded with ovate-cordate bractes, divisions of the calyx cordate, acute.

Kadali, Rheed, Mal. 4, t. 42.

A large shrub, or small tree, a native of our Circar mountains, Chittagong, &c. It flowers in March.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad lanceolar, from three to five-nerved, entire, seabrous, particularly above; about four and a half inches long, and one and a half or two broad. Flowers terminal, short-peduncled, large, red. Calyx and Corol as in the genus. Filaments ten, yellow, five are short, tapering, ending in a crescent-shaped gland, in which the anthers sit; five others are alternate with those five, double their length, have a bend, with a crescent-shaped process on their middle. *Anthers* linear, erect. *Germ* hairy, five-celled, with numerous ovula in each cell, attached to their semi-ovate cuneate receptacles, which adhere vertically to the axis, as represented in Osbeckia hirta. Gert. sem. 2. t. 126.

10. M. decemfida. R.

Shrubby. Leaves petioled, lanceolar, three or five-nerved. entire, smooth, except a few bristles on the nerves. Flowers terminal, decandrous. Calyx ten-cleft, and very shaggy, with long stiff hairs.

A native of hills on Pulo Pinang, in flower and seed in July and August.

11. M. curva. R.

Shrubby; all the tender parts trigose Leaves petioled, ovate-cordate, from five to sevennerved, finely serrulate. Panicles terminal, corymbiform, supradecompound. Flowers decandrous. Petals cordate, ciliate.

A native of Chittagong.

12. M. furcata. R.

Shrubby, tender parts a little bristly. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, three-nerved, entire. Flowers terminal, long-pedicelled, decandrous. Calyx covered with bifid strigge, the segments of its border subulate, and deciduous.

A native of the Moluccas, a slender, delicate species.

13. M. dodecandra. R.

All the tender parts more covered with bristles than the lanceolate, entire, three-nerved leaves are. Flowers in terminal fascicles, dodecandrous, twelve segments of the very bristly calyx deciduous. Filaments alternately doubled.

A native of the Moluccas, and by far the largest-flowered species I have yet met with; when full blown they expand from four to five inches. The capsule has only five cells.

eight to ten-celled; cells one seeded; attachment superior. Stigma from eight to ten-raved. Capsule evalvular, from eight to ten-celled. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, and furnished Carey with a perisperm.

1. G. palmata. R.

Sub-arborcous, armed. Leaves palmate, serrate; petioles armed.

An erect, stout shrub, or small tree; every part well armed with numerous, short, straight prickles. A native of the moist vallies of Chittagong, where it blossoms in January and Feb-

ruary, and the seeds ripen in May and June.

Stem, in luxuriant plants in the Botanic garden at Calcutta now three years old, straight, nearly simple, about as thick as our largest walking canes, from six to seven feet high, completely armed with numerous, small, straight and incurved peickles, toward the leaves, round, the top intermixed with appressed, ferraginous, stiff bristles. Branches only two or three from the lower parts of the stem, where it is thicker, and more ligneous, in every respect like the stem. Full grown trees in their native vallies, are from ten to twelve feet high, with stems twelve inches in circumference, bearing only a few branches at the top. The leaves round the top of the stem and branches are nearly round, alternate, approximate, petioled, palmate; from five to nine-lobed, from five to nine-nerved, of a hard texture, the upper surface pretty smooth, the under one rather rough; lobes lanceolate, acuminate, acutely servate; sinuses round; the length and breadth from twelve to thirty-six inches. Petioles often as long as the leaves; base somewhat sheathing with one bidentate, acute, stipulary process on the inside; from thence to the thickened incurved spex columnar, and armed with small prickles; which are more numerous about the apex, and ramentaceous. Punicles axillary and terminal, composed of a few, long-peduncled, simple umbellets; the whole much shorter than the leaves. Involucres a few, ensiform, ferruginous scales. Bractes solitary at the division of the panieles, sheathing, tapering, acute, ferruginous. Flowers numerous, pretty large, white. Calyx superior, small, with a sub-truncate margin, being only obscurely marked with from eight to ten denticles, clothed on the outside with mealy ferruginous down. Petals from eight to ten, generally ten, lanceolate, spreading. Filaments from eight to ten, generally ten, alternate with the petals, and about the same length, or rather longer. Authors of two very distinct linear-oblong lobes, which separate more at the base. Germ turbinate, from eight to ten-celled, with one orula in each cell, attached to the top of the axis. Style short, conic, from eight to ten grooved, permanent. Stigma concave, with its margin marked with as many elevations, as there are cells in the germ. Berry or capsule, nearly round, crowned with the remaining calyx, the size of a nutmeg, somewhat mealy, thin, and of a soft ligneous texture, from eight to ten-celled, evalvular (never, by any mode yet observed, opening spontaneously.) Seed solitary, conform to the cell, consequently very thin, particularly the inner edge. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverse, Cotyledous two, lanceolate. Radicle oblong, superior.

2. G. sasuroides. R. Unarmed. Leaves simple.

A native of the Moluccas, and nearly allied to Rumphius's Sasuru or Pseudo-sandalum, col. 2. t. 12. Here the umbellets are decompound; the first rays numerous; the second dichotomous; and the third many-fold, and short.

RHODODENDRON.

Calyx five-parted. Corol infunbuliform. Stamina declined. Capsule five-celled. 1. R. puniceum. R.

Arboreous. Leaves lanceolar, coriaceous, hoary underneath. Racemes terminal. Bractes ensiform, sericeous. Corol campanulate; segments retuse. Capsules ten-celled. Boorans. Hardw. in Trans. Axiat. Soc. 6, 359.

A large tree, a native of the mountains north of Robilkhund, &c. It flowers in April and

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Trunk from twenty to thirty feet high, in large trees about two feet in diameter. Bark suberous, light, scaling off in irregular pieces, of an inch in thickness, and composed of numerous, reddish cinnamon-coloured lamina of about half a line in thickness; the exterior one of a burnt brown. Branches numerous, very crooked. Leaves alternate, about the ends of the branchlets, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, coriaccous; smooth above, heary underneath; about six inches long. Stipules none. Germs terminal, imbricated. Racemes terminal, sessile, subglobular, much shorter than the leaves, crowded with large, beautiful, deep crimson flowers. Bracles; exterior, before the flowers expand, imbricated, strobiliform; large, of a shape from eval to cuneiform, solitary, one-flowered clothed on the outside with much, long, beautiful, sericeous, pale yellow pubescence; the interior two, filiform, inserted on opposite sides of the pedicells near the base. Calgar small, unequally five-toothed. Corol campanulate, somewhat ablique. Border of five, nearly equal, broad, retuse segments, the undermost one more highly coloured, if possible, and rather the largest. Filaments ten, shorter than the corol, unequal, declining. Anthers open with two pores at the top. Germ superior, ovate-oblong, sericeous, ten-grooved, ten-celled. Style longer than the stamina, curved. Stigma large, infundibuliform, with a ten-notched margin. Capsule linear-oblong, pretty smooth, and void of pubescence, ten-celled, ten-valved. Receptacles very thin, vertically attached to the axis, and projecting far into the valves. Seeds numerous, minute, somewhat winged.

Colonel Hardwicke informs us that the wood is in estimation among the natives, for mak-

ing gun stocks, or the stocks of their match-lock pieces.

To introduce this beautiful tree in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, many attempts have

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Page in vain been made; the seeds are exceedingly minute, and have always proved abortive.

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Dr. Rutherford, of Mooradabad, who has just sent me seed and specimens, writes Dr. Rutherford, of Mooradabad, who has just sent me seed and specimens, writes that he had at last penetrated to the second range of Hills in the neighbourhood of Chipea, and there had an opportunity of seeing this most lovely of all trees in its glory, and says, "On "the leaves of the accompanying specimens, you will observe a substance encrusted like su-"gar, or honey. I was much struck with this appearance, for the trees on which it was first "observed, glistened in the sun as it they had been just moistened with rain, and my sur-"prise was not a little encreased when I discovered that this substance was sweet as the most "delicious honey. It existed in various degrees of density, from the thinest varnish, to a "crust of several lines in thickness; while from some leaves it hung in drops, that were some-"times soft and pellucid, at others opaque and solid like candied sugar; what is remarkable. "the southern face of the trees only presented this appearance, nor was it observed in any but "those at the very summit of the mountain. To us, parched with thirst, and exhausted with "fatigue it proved extremely grateful; though afterwards, a somewhat different feeling was "excited. On discovering that the underside of the leaves was covered with thousands of in-"sects, of a faint green colour, and so minute as to be barely distinguishable by the naked "eye, at first I supposed that the honied substance must have been a formation of these in-"sects; but I was afterwards able to correct this notion, by observing that some of the stems "and branches, which were hoary with licheus, were likewise covered with it, though no traces "of the insects could be observed. The nectaries of the flowers were plentifully supplied

FERONIA.

Correa in Trans. of Linn. Soc. 5, 224.

Calyx from four to five-toothed. Corol from four to five-petalled. Germ superior, onecelled; ovula numerous, attached to five parietal receptacles. Berry spherical, covered with a hard cortex, one-celled. Seeds numerous, immersed in pulp. Embryo vaga without perisperm.

1. F. elephantum. Willd. 4. 973. R. Corom. pl. 2. N. 141.

"with honey; but in them it was fluid, and transparent as water."

Crateva vallanga. Kön. Mss. by some written balanga, or balangas,

Capittha, Asiat, Res. 4, p. 280. Anisifolius, Rumph, Amb. 2, t, 43.

Beng. Kath-bel.

Teling, Yellanga. Tam. Vallanga, or Vola-marum. Eng. Elephant, or wood apple.

A large tree, yielding very hard, durable timber, found in most parts of India. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season. The germ is one-celled, containing numerous orula attached to five parietal receptacles. The fruit edible, and much esteemed by many.

ARBUTUS. Schreb, gen. n. 750.

Calyx five-parted. Corol ovate, diaphanous at the base. Berry superior, five-celled.

A. herpetica. C.

Arboreous. Leaves ovate, entire, pointed. Racemes terminal, drooping. Berries manyseeded.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke, amongst the mountains on his tour to Sirinagur. See Asiat. Res. vol. 6. p. 360.

CERATOSTEMA. Juss.

Calyx five-parted. Corol tubular, subcylindric; mouth five-eleft. Anthers long-horned. Germ inferior, five-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment central. Berry five-celled, many-seeded. Embryo centripetal, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. C. vaccinacea. R.

Shrubby. Leaves subverticelled, narrow-lanceolar, serrate. Racemes axillary, the length

An elegant, very ramous shrub, a native of the Garrow hills, where it is called Kesaproom, the flowers have an acid taste, and are eaten by the natives in their curries. Flowering time

April; the seed ripens in July.

Branches and branchlets numerous, and very erect; the young twigs rough with the withered permanent stipule, like ensiform scales; general height of the shrub about six feet. Leaves tending to be verticelled, subsessile, narrow-lanceolar, serrate, acute, smooth, three inches long, and half an inch broad. Racemes axillary, the length of the leaves. Flowers numerous, drooping from the exterior side of the raceme, small, white, tinged with green. Bracles two, small, on each pedicel near the base. Calyx superior, five-toothed, permanent. The base is joined to the enlarged apex of the pedicel by a contracted articulation. Corol tubular. Tube considerably gibbous. Mouth five-toothed, and contracted. Filaments ten, inserted on the base of the tube of the corol. Anthers linear, ending in a linear, brown scariose flat arista, as long as the anthers themselves, the whole shut up within the corol. Germ inferior, five-celled, with two vertical rows of ocula in each, attached to the axis. Style the length of the corol. Stigma fivelobed. Berries inferior, globular, succulent, the size of a small pea, smooth, of a greenish-yellow when ripe, five-celled. Seeds many in each cell, oblong, rugose. Perisperm soft, and white.

Embryo straight, cylindric, green, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons oblong. Radi-Carey cle cylindric, the length of the cotyledons, centripetal.

2. C. variegata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolar, entire. Racemes axillary, few-flowered, drooping.

Beng. Jalamoot.

A stout shrubby plant, a native of mountain forests near Chittagong, Silhet, and on the Garrow hills, where it blossoms during the cool season, when its numerous, most beautiful,

large, variegated, rosy flowers are highly ornamental; the seed ripens in July

Branches thick, ligneous, and of a stunted appearance, covered with rough, ash-coloured Young shoots smooth, and coloured. Leaves alternately crowded about the ends of the branchlets, subsessile, lanceolar, entire, firm and smooth; from five to six inches long and one and a half or two broad. Stipules none. Peduncles axillary, but chiefly from the old axils on the two to three year old branches, solitary, or in pairs, very short, from five to twenty flowered, smooth. Pedicels much longer than the peduncles, smooth, clavate, highly coloured, pendulous, having the apex enlarged into a saucer-shaped receptacle for the germ. Flowers large, (two inches long,) pendulous, of a variegated pink and red colour, with the mouth greenish. Bractes some triangular scales at the base and divisions of the peduncle. Calyx superior, five-parted. Segments smooth, conical, and acute. Corol one-petalled. Tube considerably gibbous toward the middle; the shades of colour appear imbricated, and acuminate; month five-cleft; segments taper, rather obtuse, and greenish. Filaments ten, short, scariose, sometimes slightly united at the base, inserted partly on the crown of the germ, and the base of the tube of the corol on the inside. Authers linear, of a bright rust colour, two-celled, crowned with a very long, scariose, bright, gold coloured horn, which reaches to the mouth of the corol, and united their whole length into a tube round the style. Germ inferior, urn-shaped, five-celled, with many orula in each, attached to the axis. Style the length of the corol. Stigma five-lobed. Berries inferior, turbinate, crowned with the permanent calyx, the size of a small cherry, succellent; when ripe the colour is a mixture of red and yellow, five-celled. Seeds many, linear-oblong, inserted as in the germ. Integument single. Perisperm conform to the seed, soft, and clammy. Embryo nearly straight, cylindric. Cotyledons two. Radicle columnar, apex at the umbilicus (centripetal.)

STYRAX. Schreb. gen. n. 753.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol one-petalled, five-cleft. Germ superior, one-celled, many-seeded; attachment inferior. Drupe dry; nut one or two-seeded. Embryo erect, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. S. serrulata. R.

Leaves oblong, acuminate, serrulate, smooth. Racemes terminal, simple.

Beng. Koom-jameva.

A small tree, a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in March, and the seed ripens in October.

Branchlets alternate, the extreme tender parts only villous, with a little, minute, stellate pubescence. Leares alternate, short-petioled, broad-ovate-lanceolate, serrulate, acuminate, while young somewhat villous underneath, about three inches long, and from one to one and a half broad. Stipules none. Racemes terminal, generally on very short lateral branchlets, solitary, simple, shorter than the leaves. Peduncles and pedicels villous. Flowers pretty large, alternate; besides those which occupy the racemes there are two, or three, on pretty long, recurvate, proper peduncles, in each of the exterior axills. Bractes subulate, villous. Calyx campanulate; mouth repand-dentate, the outside and margins villous. Corol one-petalled. Tube short, cylindric. Border six-cleft; divisions lanceolate, villous on the outside. Filaments ten, inserted into the mouth of the tube of the corol, and there broad and woolly. Anthers linear, erect. Germ superior, ovate, villous, one-celled, containing a number (from ten to fifteen) of seeds attached to a receptacle, which rises but little above the bottom of the cell, and is also in some measure attached to the sides of the germ by three partial partitions, in short, semitrilocular. Style the length of the stamina, smooth. Sligma obscurely three-lobed. Drupe or capsule superior, ovate, the size of a small nutmeg, clothed with short, soft, grey, thin, and rather bristly, pubescence one-celled, when ripe, slitting irregularly from the base, into two, three, or four irregular portions. Nuts or seeds generally from one to four, consequently their shape varies much, attached as in the germ. Integuments two; the exterior one somewhat nuciform, pretty smooth, dark brown, the interior one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a firm texture, and dull whitish grey colour. Embryo erect, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons ovate-lanceolate. Radicle oblong, inferior.
2. S. benjoin. Willd. 2. 623, Dryand, in Phil, Trans. 77, 308. t. 12.

Leaves alternate, oblong, tapering to an obtuse point; racemes (paniele,) axillary, compound, not villous, one-seeded.

Benjamin, or Benzoin, Marsden's Sumatra, p. 123. Luban the Bengalee, and Arabic name of the resin, though in fact this name ought to be applied to the resin of my Boswellia thurifera, which is the real olibanum or Frankincense, of the ancients.

INOCARPUS.

Calyx bidentate. Corol infundibuliform; five-cleft. Stamina in a double series from the

Page tube. Germ superior; one-celled; one-seeded; attachment superior. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse; no perisperm.

I. edulis, Linn, suppl. 239,
Gajanus, Rumph, Amb. I. p. 170, t. 65.
A native of the Molucca Islands, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1798, where in ten years the largest of them was twenty-five or thirty feet high;

they blossom during the hot season, and ripen their fruit in August and September. II.

Trunk straight. Bark smooth; of a greenish-ash colour. Branches spreading with nu-417 merous, bifarious, flexuose, beautifully drooping branchlets. Leaves alternate, bifarious, shortpetioled, permanent, oblong, emarginate, entire, both sides polished, and of a deep shining green colour; from six to twelve inches long, and about three or four broad. Stipules minute, caducous. Spikes axillary, sessile, solitary, or in pairs, much shorter than the leaves. In the Bengal plant smooth. Flowers numerous, small, very pale yellow, fragrant. Calyx bilabiate. Corol funnel-shaped. Border five-cleft; segments lanceolate. Filaments ten, in a double series, hid in the tube, and inserted into it. Anthers oval, those of the upper series even with the mouth of the tube of the corol. Germ superior, oval, one-celled, containing one-seed, attached to the top of the cell, immediately under the stigma, for there is no style. Drupe obliquely oval, the size of a goose's egg, a little compressed laterally, smooth, when ripe yellow, and of a tough fibrous texture, one-celled, two-valved, opening round the margin into two equal portions. Nut solitary, thick, two-valved, one-celled, and of a hard, tough fibrous consistence. Seed single, conform to the nut, and attached to it immediately under the stigma. Integuments two, the exterior one brown, firmer and thicker than the inner one, and beautifully marked with numerous, ramous, veins; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, conform to the seed, amygdaline. Plumula, in seeds beginning to vegetate, it consists of several imbricate scales. Radicle superior, cylindric, and lodged immediately within the umbilicus, under the stigma.

The rapid growth of this very beautiful, ever green tree, and the elegant shape of its spreading, dense crown of deep green foliage, renders it one of the most ornamental presents Bengal has got from the Molucca Islands. The kernel is certainly edible, but by no means palatable. As yet I can say nothing of the quality of the timber.

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CASEARIA. Schreb. gen. n. 756.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Nectorial filaments eight, or ten, distinct, and alternate, with the same number of stamina. Germ superior, one-celled, many-seeded, attachment parietal. Capsule berried, three-valved, one-celled. Seeds nidulent. Embryo in some centripetal, in others centrifugal, and between those directions, with a perisperm.

C. vareca, R.

Shrubby. Leaves linear-oblong, and lanceolate, very finely serrulate. Flowers axillary, crowded, octandrous. Stamina and nectaries on the bowl of the one-leaved calyx.

Vareca, Gært. sem. 1. p. 290. t. 60. Tetahehera the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; it flowers in May, and

the seed ripens in September and October. Young shoots straight, rather angular, and somewhat bairy. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, linear-oblong, and lanceolate, very finely, and acutely serrulate, a little hairy underneath; from three to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules cordate, villous. Peduncles axillary, crowded, short, one-flowered, the insertions embraced by many, small, scariose bractes. Flowers small, of a greenish grey colour. Calyx one-leaved, bowl-shaped, the border divided into five orbicular segments. Nectarial scales broad, short, and hairy, inserted alternately with the filaments, into the middle of the tube of the calyx. Filaments eight, short, slightly united to the nectarial scales. Anthers cordate. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, containing several ovula attached to three equidistant portions of the middle of the ovarium. Style short. Stigma capitate. Capsule superior, oval, the size of a french beau, smooth, one-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex; the edge of the valves elevated. Seeds generally six, oblong, attached to the middle of the valves, enveloped in a little succulent aril, which dries into Gærtner's partial cells. Integuments two; the exterior one thin and white; the interior one firmer and brownish. Perisperm conform to the seed, oily. Embryo green, shorter than the perisperm, straight. Cotyledons cordate. Radicle cylindric, centrifugal.

C. glomerata, R.

Shrubby. Leaves bifarious, ovate-lanceolate, acutely serrulate, smooth. Flowers axillary; peduncled, crowded, octandrous. Capsules berried, two-valved, five-seeded.

Loorjoor the vernacular name in Silhet where it is found indigenous in the forests. Flow-

ering in December, and the seed ripening in March.

Trunk short, dividing soon into many, nearly erect, smooth branches and branchlets. Leaves bifarious, short-petioled, from ovate to ovate-lanceolate, sharply serrulate, smooth on both sides, from two to four inches long, and one and a half broad. Stipules, a brown downy scale, on each side of the insertion of the leaves. Flowers axillary, very numerous, small, of a greenish-yellow, each with a distinct peduncle. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Nectary of eight hairy filaments, alternate with, and shorter than those of the stamina. Filaments eight. incurved. Anthers cordate. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, containing a few, from four to six, ovula attached oppositely to the inside of the cell near the middle. Style rather shorter than the stamina. Stigma large, subpeltate. Capsule berried, oblong, fleshy, somewhat ventricose, the size of a very small olive, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds generally from three to six

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attached in the germ, nearly round, invested in a small portion of a red, soft aril. Integument's two, the exterior one thin, but firm like parchment, and white; the interior one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo straight. Cotyledous two, cordate, green. Radicle directly opposite to the umbilicus, centripetal.
3. C. ovata. Willd. 2.629.

Arboreous. Leaces alternate, bifarious, ovate-oblong, serrulate. Flowers axillary, crowded, octandrous. Calyx five-leaved.

Stamens and nectaries distinct. Anavinga. Rheed. Mal. 4, t. 49.

A pretty large tree, with an erect trunk, and numerous spreading and drooping branches, and branchlets. Found in the garden of Mr. Cowper on the banks of the Hoogly just below Calcutta, and was in full biossom in March, the old leaves were then falling, and the new ones

just beginning to appear.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, drooping, ovate-oblong, and oblong serrulate, downy underneath. Petioles short, round, villous. Stipules small, villous, caducous. Flowers axillary, or from the old axills of the new leafless branchlets, much crowded into globular heads, small, of a pale green. Peduncles short, one-flowered, surrounded at their insertions with numerous, short, chaffy, villous involucres; these, when the flowers are removed, form a round chaffy receptacle, like that of many of the syngenesious flowers. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets ovate, villous. Corol none. Nectaries eight subclavate, ciliate bodies, distinct from and alternate with the antheriferous filaments, and about half their length. Filaments eight, subulate, rather shorter than the calyx. Anthers two-lobed, on the anthers or the filaments being touched, or otherways irritated, they immediately expand and approach the base of the stigma, by means of an articulation at the base of the filament, which admits of this motion. Germ above ovate. Style the length of the stamens, villous. Stigma large, somewhat three-lobed.

The mature fruit has not been seen.

4. C. glabra. R.

Arboreous. Leaves bifarious, alternate, drooping, ovate-lanceolate, slightly and remotely serrulate, smooth. Flowers axillary, decandrous. Stamens and nectories inserted distinctly

from each other.

Of this there is a single small tree in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, raised from seed from the Molucca Islands; it is in flower most part of the year, but never produces fruit, yet the flowers seem perfect hermaphrodites. The trees are now above ten years old, with a straight trunk, up through the diverging, or rather drooping branches to the very top of the little tree.

5. C. tomentova. R.

Leaves alternate, oblong, serrate, downy. Flowers axillary, octandrous. Stamina and nectaries united at the base.

Teling. Gaungudoo.

A small handsome tree, a native of most of the Circars, but not abundant. It flowers

about the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk erect. Branches spreading, horizontal; branchlets bifarious; young shoots downy. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, ovate or oblong, serrate, downy underneath; from three to five inches long, and from one and a half to two and a half broad. Stipules small, downy. Peduncles axillary, many, short, one-flowered. Flowers small, downy, of a greenish vellow. Calyx five-cleft to the bottom; segments aval, hairy. Nectary a small flat ring surrounding the base of the germ; from it projects eight, clubbed, hairy, divisions. Filaments eight, alternate with the divisions of the nectary and inserted into it; length of the calyx. Anthers oval. Capsule oblong, the size of a nutmeg, fleshy, sulcated, three-valved, one-celled. Seeds many, nestling in a scarlet nidus.

6. C. esculenta, R.

Leaves alternate, oblong, entire, smooth. Flowers axillary, octandrous. Stamina and nectaries united at the base

Tojeron kanneli. Rheed. Mal. 5. t. 50. seems to be this plant.

Teling. Kunda-jungara.

This I have found only amongst the Circar mountains; it is a large shrub, differing from the last in size, and in having the leaves and every part perfectly smooth and shining; in other respects they are the same

The leaves are eaten in stews by the natives. The roots are purgative, and as such used

by the hill people.

I have, without success, tried to extract a good colour from the red nidus of these plants.

AQUILARIA. Schreb. gen. n. 1753.

Calyx campanulate, five-cleft. Corol none. Nectary ten-leaved, alternate with the stamina. Germ superior, two-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Capsule two-celled, two-valved. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

A. Agallocka. R.

Leaves lanceolar. Umbels lateral, subsessile.

Sans. Ugooroo the name of the incense, or Aloe wood.

Eng. Agallochum, or Aloe wood.

Hind, and Beng, Ugoor, Arab, Ayaloogi, Ayuloogin, Yellanjeoj, &c. Pers, Ayaloor-chee, Oud, or Oud Hindee,

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An immense tree, a native of the mountainous tracts East and South East from Silhet, in about the latitude of twenty-four and twenty-five north. Flowering time the month of

April; the seed ripens in August.

There can be little, or no doubt, that this is the tree which furnishes the real Calambac or Agallochum of the aucients, and there seems more reason to think that it was carried to China from our eastern frontier, than to suppose it was carried from Cochin China, or any other country in the vicinity of China, where it has always been in great demand. Small quantities are sometimes imported into Calcutta by sea, from the eastward; but such is always deemed inferior to that of Silbet. Thriving plants of the Goro de Malacca received from that place, are now in the Botanic garden and so exactly like plants of the same age and size of our species, that they cannot be distinguished. But for proof positive of their being the same, we must wait till the Malacca plants blossom, and ripen their fruit, or till good specimens that can be depended on, in those states are obtained (and they are promised:) till then we may be allowed to consider A. ovata. Willd. 2, 629, as another species of the same genus.

HARDWICKIA. R.

Calyx none. Corol from four to five-petalled. Legume capsular, one-seeded.

1. H. binata. R.

Leaves binate ; leaflets semicordate.

Tam. Acha, alti-marum.

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This elegant tree is found indigenous on the mountains of the coast of Coromandel, where it grows to a large size, and yields timber of an excellent quality for a variety of uses.

Trank tolerably straight. Bark deeply cracked. Branches numerous, spreading in

every direction, with bifarious, alternate, slender, smooth, waving, drooping branchlets. Leaves alternate, bifarious, petioled, binate, with a minute bristle between them. Leaflets sessile, of a shape between semi-cordate and reniform, entire, very smooth on both sides, while young tinged with red, slightly marked with three or four nerves, from one to three inches long, and a little more than half of that in breadth. Petioles round, smooth, about one-fourth or one-third the length of the leaves. Stipules small, cordate, caducous. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axils, small, delicately slender, and smooth on every part. Flowers scattered, slender, pedicelled, small. Bracles minute, caducous. Calyx none, except the corol be so called. Petals five, obovate, concave, spreading, somewhat hoary on the outside; inside yellowish, rather longer than the stamens. Filaments ten, alternately shorter, inserted round the base of the germ. Anthers incumbent, ovate, with an acute point between the lobes. Germ oblong. Style ascending. Stigma large, peltate. Legume lanceolate, from two to three inches long, two-valved, striated lengthways, opening at the apex. Seed solitary in the apex of the legume, and there inserted, cuneate, furrowed; the posterior edge thin and somewhat membranaceous, no aril.

Some beautiful thriving young trees are in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, reared from seeds sent from the mountains of Coromandel by Dr. Berry of Madras, will soon enable us to know whether this tree produces any thing like the medicinal balsam (Copaira) obtained

from a tree which seems to be very nearly allied to it."

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2. H. pinnata. R.

Leaves alternately pinnate.

A tree a native of Travancore; the leaflets are about five in number, alternate, obliquely ovate-oblong, entire, firm and lucid.

NECTANDRA. Juss. gen.

Calyx inferior, tubular, from four to five cleft. Corol none. Nectarial scales from eight to ten from the mouth of the tube of the calyx, alternate with the stamina. Germ one-celled, one-seeded. Berry dry, one-celled. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse without perisperm.

N. decandra. R.

Leaves opposite, lanceolate, entire. Nectarial squamæ linear-clavate.

Herenda is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it has been found on only one hill, in the centre of an extensive jungle growing on the ruins of an old Hindoo place of religious worship, where the largest were elegantly bushy shrubs; flowering time October, the seed ripens

in January, February and March.

Bark of the woody parts with small lighter coloured specks thickly scattered. Branch-lets dichotomous, and much crowded. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, smooth, entire, finely veined; from two to three inches long, and less than one in breadth. Floral leaves sessile and coloured, in other respects like the common green leaves. Peduncles terminal, pretty long, smooth and slender, embraced generally above their base, by a pair of floral leaves, each bearing an erect umbellet of about six, pretty large, greenish white, fragrant flowers. Pedicells about as long as the flowers, and jointed a little below the middle; no bracta, Calyx in-426 ferior, tubular, withering; tube rather gibbous, hairy within; border five-cleft; segments linear, and about as long as the tube. Cored none, but there ten clavate, abortive, filament-like bodies which originate from the mouth of the tube of the calyx, alternate with the true stamina. Filaments ten from the mouth of the tube of the calyx, twice as long as the nectarial clubs, and rather lenger than the segments of the calyx. Anthers erect, ovate. Germ superior, oblong, remarkably hairy, one-celled, and containing one ovala attached to the top of the cell. Style the length

of the stamina. Stigma large, round. Berry dry, roundish-obovate, size of a large pea, hairy, Page particularly the somewhat pointed apex, one-celled. Seed single, nearly round. Integement single. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverse, oval, ledged in the upper half of the perisperm. Cotyledons thick, semi-circular. Radicle conical, superior.

QUISQUALIS. Schreb. gen. n. 739.

Calga with filiform tube, and five-cleft border. Petals five. Germ inferior, one-celled; attachment superior. Drupe five-seeded.

1. Q. villosa. R.

Bractes ensiform. Petals obovate-connecte.

Devec-moung, the vernacular name at Rangoon,

From Pegu this elegant, scandent, stout shrub has been sent to me by the Rev. Mr. F. Carey, and differs no doubt, from another species received from Amboyna, which I consider

Q. indica, on account of the form of the bractes and greater degree of pubescence.

Leaves opposite, or nearly so, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, somewhat acute, slightly villous; about three inches long, and nearly as broad. Spikes terminal, and axillary, solitary, villous. Flowers numerous, opposite and alternate, sessile. Bracies solitary, one-flowered, ensiform, villous. Calga superior. Tube very long, and slender; widening considerably near its five-toothed mouth, somewhat villous on the outside. Petals five, obovate-cupeate, inserted into the month of the tube of the calyx, alternate with its segments, villous. Filaments ten, alternately shorter, inserted below the petals into the mouth of the tube of the calyx, and much shorter than they. Anthers oval, incumbent. Germ inferior, lanceolar, five-sided, villous one-celled with generally three, linear ornio, attached to the top of the cell, (exactly as in our combretums, Pentaptera and Terminalia). Style blended in the tube of the corol, free at top only, where it emerges from the tube. Stigma clavate, perforated. 2. Q. iudica. Willd. 2. 579.

Bractes oblong-ventricose. Petals oblong, very bairy.

Quis-qualis. Ramph. Amb. 5. L. 38.

A native of Amboyna, where it grows to be a large scandent shrub, with the young

Leaces sub-opposite, short-petioled, from round-oval to oblong-cordate, entire, villous, their points triangular and acute. Stipules none. Spikes terminal, and axillary, villous. Flowers numerous, opposite, and alternate. Bracles solitary, one-flowered, rhombiform and ciliate. Calga. Take filiform, widening just below the five-cleft hairy mouth. Petals five, oblong-lanceolar, inserted on the mouth of the tube of the calyx. very hairy. Filaments ten, short, in two alternate rows round the mouth of the calyx. Anthers oblong, incumbent. Germ inferior, oblong, one-celled, and containing generally four orals, attached to the top of the cell, as in the Pegn species, (Q. villoss.) Style united to the tube of the calyx until it reaches the stamina, where it separates, and ends equal with the anthers, in a large, three-sided, perforated stigma.

GETONIA.

Calyx one-leaved, five-parted, permanent. Corol none. Filaments inserted into the calvx. Germ inferior, one-celled, from two to three-seeded; attachment superior. Seed solitary, crowned with the remaining calyx.

1. G. natass. R.

Pasicles drooping. Stamina one-fourth the length of the calvx.

Found indigenous on the Rajmahl hills by Mr. William Roxburgh; in the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms in February, March, and April. This genus differs from Combretum in the want of a corol only, for in some of the species of that genus, there are ten stamina,

Trunk short. Branches scandent, or even twining. Bark of the young shoots somewhat mealy; of the old and ligneous parts light grey, and pretty smooth. Leaves opposite, or nearly so, short-petioled, oblong, and ovate-oblong, entire, acaminate, drooping, while young villous; about six inches long and from two to three broad. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, and axillary, drooping, composed of several opposite, diverging downy spikes. Bracks very downy, lanceolate, one-flowered, shorter than the germ. Calyx superior subcampanulate, villous, permanent; tabe very short; borders of five long spreading lanceolate, acute, three-nerved divisions. Corol none. Filaments ten, about one-fourth the length of the calva, inserted on its tube, Anthers small, incumbent. Germ five-ribbed, one-celled, containing for the most part three seeds attached to the top of the cell. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma simple. 2. G. floribunda, Roxb. Corom. pl. 1 pl. 61, t, 87.

Panieles erect. Stamina as long as the divisions of the calyx.

Teliag. Bandee mooroedeedoo.

A native of the Circars, flowering in February and March.

Note. Calgeopterus. Lamark illust. gen. t. 357. is exceedingly like this, consequently like the former.

TERMINALIA. Schreb. gen. n. 1533.

Colux five-parted. Corol none. Germ inferior, one-celled, two-seeded, attachment superior. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, spiral, no perisperm.

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1. T. procera. R.

Branches horizontal, verticelled. Leaves cuneate, polished. Racemes axillary. Corol flat

(rotate.) Drupe oblong, obscurely five-seeded, with the nut of the same shape.

This very charming species is a native of the Andaman Islands, where it grows to be a tree of the first magnitude. From thence it was introduced with many other plants, into the Botanie garden at Calcutta by Col. Alexander Kyd in 1794; and in 1809 they were about fifty feet high, with a slender, perfectly straight smooth trunk, and several verticells of perfeetly horizontal branches; with bifarious, alternate branchlets. Flowering time in Bengal the month of March; the fruit ripens in July. Its leaves as in Catappa, drop about the beginning of winter in Bengal, and appear with the flowers in March.

Leares crowded about the ends of the branchlets, short-petioled, cuneate; margins slightly waved, apex rounded, with a large rather obtuse point; perfectly smooth on both sides; veins parallel, and simple, with a small hairy bit in the axill of each, and two glands on the sides of the nerve near the base; from eight to twelve inches long, and from four to five broad. Racemes axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves. Flowers numerous, small, pure white, the hermaphrodite ones are near the base of the raceme; the male ones farther in. Calyx salver-shaped (spreading flat without any tube.) Stamens alternately short, and incurved. Germ inferior, one-celled, containing two ocula, pendulous from the top of the ceil. Drupe oblong, obscurely five-sided, but not in the least compressed, as in T. Catappa, which in most respects this species resembles very exactly, when ripe yellow. Pulp in large quantities, of a lively red colour and pleasant subacid taste. Nat in shape exactly like the drupe, but the five sides are better defined. Embryo with the thin cotyledons wrapped spirally round each other and the superior radicle.

T. Catappa, Willd. 4, 967.

Branches horizontal, verticelled. Leaves obovate. Racemes axillary. Drupe and nut compressed.

Catappa. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 68.

Beng. Budam.

Adamaram. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 3. 4.

Badamia. Commersoni Gært. sem. 1. t. 97. Juglans Catappa Lourier. Cochin Ch. 703.

A most beautiful, large tree, found in gardens, &c. near towns and villages, where in-digenous, I have not been able to ascertain. On the Coromandel coast it is in flower and fruit

almost the whole year.

Trunk straight; branches verticelled, spreading horizontally like the different stages of that kind of compound table, called a dumb-waiter. Branchlets alternate, bifarious. Bark smooth, of a dark olive colour while young. Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets, subsessile, horizontal between obovate, and wedge form; margins a little scolloped; apex rounded, with a small obtuse point, smooth on both sides, having a large gland on each side of the nerve near the base on the back, from six to twelve inches long. Racemes axillary, solitary, simple, shorter than the leaves. Flowers numerous, small, dull-whitish colour. Bractes minute, falling.

MALE FLOWERS most numerous, scattered profusely over every part of the raceme, above

the hermaphrodite. Calyx, &c. as in the genus

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS a few below the male ones. Drupe oval, compressed, smooth, having the margin elevated with a groove on each side; when ripe, of a yellowish colour, nut oblong, with a rough surface. Nucleus linear-oblong.

The kernels are fully as palatable as the best filberts, or even almonds, and I have every reason to think they are equally wholesome, and nutritive. The tree is highly ornamental, few surpassing it in elegance and beauty. The wood is also useful.

3. T. belerica. Corom. pl. 2. N. 198.

Leaves crowded about the extremities of the branchlets, long-petioled, oval, with smooth glands on the petioles. Spikes axillary, simple. Calyx campanulate. Drupe oval, downy.

Sans. Vibhituka. Beng. Buhira. Arab. Be-ley-luj.

Pers. Be-ley-leh.

Tam. Tandra marum. Tani. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 10.

Teling. Toandee.

Myrobalana. Belerica. Gært. sem. 2. 90. t. 97. M. M. &c.

It is a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars, growing to be one of the largest trees, with an erect trunk, and a very large spreading head. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Leaves crowded about the extremities of the branches, petioled, oval, entire, firm, smooth; six or seven inches long, and two and a half broad. Petioles round, from two to three inches long, with two opposite glands on the upper side of the apex, and sometimes near the base. Spikes axillary, solitary, simple, erect. Flowers small, of a dirty grey colour. The male flowers towards the apex of the spike, the hermaphrodite ones below. Calyx, stamens, and pistillum as in the genus. Drupe oval, somewhat pentagonal, the size of a nutmeg, fleshy, covered with a grey silky down. Embryo inverse, &c.

The kernels of the fruit are eaten by the natives; they taste like filberts, but are reckoned intoxicating, when eaten in any quantity. Hereabouts they do not use any part of the

fruit in medicine, so far as I can learn.

Wood white, rather soft, durable and seldom used. From wounds in the bark, quantities of an insipid gum issues, it much resembles Gum arabic, is perfectly soluble in water, burns away in the flame of a candle, with little smell, into black gritty ashes,

The flowers have a strong offensive smell, not unlike those of Sterculia fietida.

4. T. moluccana. Willd. 4. 968.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth, without glands. Spikes axillary. Flowers rotate. Drupe obovate, villous.

Saus. Kala Drooma.

The dry fruit of this tree, of which there are two varieties, a larger and a smaller, both growing in this garden are so very like the real Belevic myrobalass, the produce of my Terminutia Belerica. Corom. pt. 2. N. 198. as to be sold by the native druggists as such, under the Hindoo name Bohura, which is their name for that drug. The trees which produce the above-mentioned large, and smaller sorts, are exactly alike in every other respect except in the size of the fruit. They are natives of the various mountainous countries North East of Bengal.

In this garden they blossom in April and May, and ripen their seed the following March. Trunk straight. Branches sub-verticelled, horizontal. Bark pretty smooth, and of a dark brown colour, height of the whole tree about fifty feet. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, obtuse, entire, smooth on both sides, beautifully reticulated with minute veins, while young coloured and villous, from two to twelve inches long, and broad in proportion. Petioles scarcely one-fourth the length of the leaves, round, smooth, without glands, and this is the only species of the genus, I have yet met with, that is so, and in this it differs from T. belerica. Spikes axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves. Flowers numerous, of a dull yellowish brown colour, and rather offensive smell. Male towards the apex, and the hermaphrodite below. Calgar flat, with the spices of the five divisions revolute, villous on the outside, and woolly within. Filaments ten, twice or more longer than the calya. Germ and style in the male small, and abortive, in the hermaphrodite larger and longer. Drupe round-obovate, somewhat villous, size of a large nutmeg. Nat the shape of the drupe, slightly five-grooved, from the apex to the base.

For some time I gave this species the trivial name eglandulosa; a specimen so named must have fallen into Willdenow's hand to have enabled him to quote me for that name. See his edition of the species, vol. 4. p. 968.

5. T. chebula. Willd. 4. 969.

Leaves sub-opposite, oblong, villous underneath, glands on the margins and petioles. Spikes terminal, often panieled. Drape oval, smooth.

Saus. Haritaka.

T. chebula, Retz. obs. 5, 31, Corom. pl. 2, N. 197, Asiat. Res. 11, p. 181.

Myrabolana chebula, Gært, sem. 2, 91, t. 97. M. Indica and Chebula. Hills, M. M. p. 500. 1.

Her, Haraa, Hindoo names of the chebulic myrabolans.

Teling, and Tam. Kadukar.

Zengi, or Zunguhar, the black or Indian myrabolans, and for the Asiatic synonyms of the other varieties, see Dr. Fleming's paper at page 181, in the 11th. volume of the Asiatic Researches above quoted.

A large tree, a native of the forests of India, from Cape Comorin, to the mountains which bound the plains of Bengal, Onde, &c. on the north. Flowering time in Bengal, the hot season.

The seed ripens in November and December.

Trunk rarely straight, and but short for the size of the tree. Bark in young trees of about seven or eight years growth, of a light ash-colour and slightly cracked, their trunks are then from two to three feet in circumference, three feet above ground. Branches many, spreading much in every direction, their extremities often drooping, and while young downy. Leaves opposite, or nearly so, short petioled, oblong, entire, obtuse, while young very downy on both surfaces, but when old underneath only, some small glands in the margins near the base, and generally two on the edges of the downy petioles near the apex, about six inches long and three broad. Stipules none. Spikes in a terminal panicle, or axillary, and there generally undivided, downy. Flowers numerous, small, dall white, smell offensive, (as in most, if not all, the other species,) all hermaphrodite. Bractes solitary, subulate, downy, one-flowered. Calyx bowl-shaped, five-toothed, very hairy, particularly the inside, and five very hairy glands in its bottom, surrounding the base of the style. Filaments ten, alternately a little shorter, twice the length of the calyx. Authers small, oval. Germ inferior, oval, hairy, one-celled, containing two ocula attached to the top of the cell. Style rather shorter than the stamina. Stigma acute. Drupe oval, about an inch and a half long, and about one inch in diameter, smooth, of a pale greenish yellow, very obscurely five-angled, one-celled. Pulp in considerable quantity, hard and yellowish. Nut oblong, thick and very hard, with surface rough, the irregularly and obscurely five-grooved, one-celled. Seed solitary, lanceo-late. Integument membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, inverse. Cotyledons thin, and large, and spirally rolled up round each other, and the lower part of the cylindric, superior radicle.

The tender leaves, while scarce unfolded, are said to be punctured by an insect, and its eggs deposited therein, which by the extravasation of the sap, become enlarged into hollow galls of various shapes and sizes, but rarely exceeding an inch in diameter. They are powerfully astringent, and make as good ink as oak galls. They also yield the chintz painters on

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Page the Coast of Coromandel, their best and most durable yellow. They are called by the Tamuls Carey Kadu kai, and by the Telingas Aldicai, and are very like the Faba Bengalensis of our Materia Medica.

6. T. citrina. Roxb.

Leaves sub-opposite, oblong, with a tapering base, smooth, acute, having two small glands on the apex of the petiole. Panicles terminal and axillary. Nut five-winged. Myrabolanas Citrina. Gart. sem. 2, 91, t. 97.

A very large, and tall timber tree, a native of the various extensive forests on the eastern frontier of Bengal where it is called Huritaki; it blossoms there in April and May, and the seed ripens in November.

The fruit of this, like that of T. chebula, is an article of import in Hindoo Materia Medica and generally, I believe, pass under the same name, so much alike are they, and for

II. the most part employed as gentle purgatives. 436

Trunk straight, and of very great size. Branches spreading, but not much crowded, Bark rather scabrous that of the young shoots strongly marked with light coloured, elevated specks; wood much like mahogany, but finer grained; a beautiful specimen sent to me by Mr. Smith of Silhet, was accompanied with the following words :-

"This piece of wood is from a tree which I bought; it was eighty feet long, one straight "body or trunk, and was nine feet in circumference. This wood is very hard, no insect will

" touch it."

Leaves sub-opposite, short-petioled, from broad-lanceolar to oblong, tapering less at the base than at the apex, entire, rather obtusely acuminate, smooth and glossy on both sides, from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad; when the plants are young the leaves are villous. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills, composed of many, simple, erect, slightly villous spikes. Flowers numerous, small, of a dull yellow, all hermaphrodite. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, subulate, smooth. Calyx cup-shaped, five toothed, hairy on the inside, five, very hairy glands having at the bottom round the base of the style. Filaments ten, alternately shorter, but all much longer than the calyx, and inserted into its inside.

Anthers oval. Germ inferior, one-celled containing two ocula attached to the top of the cell. Style shorter than the stamina, smooth. Stigma acute. Drupe oblong-lanceolar, about two inches long, and two in circumference where thickest, while fresh obscurely five-cornered but more clearly so when dry, of a dull orange yellow, and smooth. Nat oblong, deeply five-grooved, with the five angles sometimes sharp, sometimes rounded, one-celled. Seed solitary, linear-lanceolar. Integument single, thin, of a light brown. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, thin, and broad, rolled spirally up. Radicle superior.

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7. T. angustifolia. Willd. 4. 970.

Tender parts hairy. Leaves narrow-lanceolate, acuminate; glands on the margin of the base.

Tam. Morgatchee.

A large tree, a native of Tinnivalle and Travancore. It has now been four years in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in which time they have attained to the height of ten and twelve feet, but have not blossomed. The young leaves are clothed with much ferruginous hair. The fruit so much like the chebula myrabolans, as scarcely to be distinguished from it, and they possess the same sensible qualities.

8. T. gangetica. R.

Tender parts villous. Leaves opposite, and alternate ovate-oblong, acuminate, base abrupt-

ly rounded and has some glands in the margin.

A tree, a native of the banks of the Ganges, where it blossoms and ripens its fruit. It is also like the Chebula myrabolans, goes by the same general name, Hur or Hura, and is used for the same purposes, so that it is difficult to say which of the last three species deserves most to have the specific name Chebula attached to it.

PENTAPTERA. R.

Calyx bowl-shaped, five-toothed. Corol none. Germ one-celled, orula from two to three, pendulous. Nut inferior, woody, five-winged. Seed single. Embryo inverse, without perisperm, and the two cotyledons spirally rolled up.

1. P. angustifolia. R.

Bark smooth; branches drooping. Leaves sub-opposite, from lanceolar to linear oblong, smooth, having two sessile glands at the base, on the margins of the short petiole where it joins the leaf and which are equally conspicuous viewed on either surface. Spikes terminal, sub-

A stout timber tree, a native of the Balla-ghant mountains. Flowering time in the Botanic garden at Calcutta in April and May; the seed ripens about the close of the year.

2. P. Arjuna. R.

Bark smooth. Branches horizontal. Leaves sub-opposite, linear-oblong, with over unequally cordate base, smooth, having two sessile glands underneath the base, and not visible when looking at the upper surface of the leaf.

Sang. Urjoona, also Kukooubha.

Hind. Cahua.

A stout quick growing timber tree, a native of various parts of India. It flowers in April and May, and the seed ripens about the close of the year. The margins of the leaves are often slightly crenulate, and the two glands underneath the base are only conspicuous on the under side, whereas in P. augustifolia, which this resembles most, they are equally conspicuous in viewing either surface.

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Bark remote. Leaves sub-opposite, oblong, acute, crenulate, smooth, one or two cyathiform glands on the rib, far above the base.

A large timber tree, a native of Coromandel. It flowers in April and May.

4. P. coriacea. Roxb.

Leaves sub-opposite, short-peticled, oval, with a cordate base, hard above, hoary underneath, having one or two sessile, turbinate glands at or near the base of the nerve. Spikes panieled, terminal and axillary. Nut heary.

Tam. Anemui marum.

A timber tree of considerable size, a native of the mountains of Coromandel. It flowers in July. It is nearly allied to Pentaptera tomentosa, (which was formerly called Terminalia alta tomentosa.) The chief marks of distinction are to be found in all the tender parts, except the bard upper surface of the leaves, that being in this very hoary; the leaves are shorter, broader, and more cordate at the base; the glands sessile, and the nut soft with heavy pubes-

Trunk tolerably erect. Bark ash-coloured, and deeply cracked, even in young trees. Branches spreading, with the extremities often drooping, and downy. Leaves sub-opposite, short-potioled, oval with a cordate base, and one side generally extending further down on the peticle than the other; obtuse or emarginate, entire, hard, on the upper surface, except while very young heary and soft underneath, about five or six inches long, and four broad. Glands near the base of the rib, or nerve, either one or two, when two they are on opposite sides; turbinate and sessile. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills, composed of a few, simple, long, cylindric, hoary spikes. Flowers sessile, all hermaphrodite, crowded, small, of a dull yellow, with the outside heavy. Bracter solitary, one-flowered, linear, the length of the germ, heary. Calyx five or six cleft, heary without, and very lairy within. In the bottom, round the insertion of the style, are five or six glands, which are so very completely covered, as to seem a tuft of hair only. Filaments ten or twelve, much longer than the calvx. Germ round, one-celled, containing two ovula attached to the top of the cell, immediately under the style; about as long as the stamina. Stigma simple. Nat linear-oblong, enlarged with five, very broad, hard, thin, heavy wings, one-celled, size nearly two inches each way, wings included for the diameter of the nut itself, is less than half an inch. Seed solitary, linear-lanceolate, acute at both ends. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse straight. Cotyledons two, thin, wrapped spirally round the superior, sub-cylindric radicle and each other.

Dr. Andrew Berry, of Madras, who is acquainted with the tree in its native soil, has fur-

nished the following information:

"It is a native of the inland mountains of Coromandel, chiefly those of the western parts. The bark is very thick, and deeply cracked, outwardly of a dark grey colour, inwardly red like dragou's blood. The trunk straight and lofty; wood of considerable diameter, so as to be made into solid wheels for buffalo carts; strong, hard, and heavy.

5. P. tomentosa, Roxb.

Bark deeply cracked. Leaves sub-opposite, linear-oblong, downy with some turbinated pedicelled glands on the rib near the base.

Sans. Usua, Pecata-saluka.

Hind. Anns.

Beng. Peca-sal, or Usan. Teling. Nella-madoo.

Found in various parts of India, grows to be a large timber tree of much utility. Flowering time April and May, the seed ripens in the cool season.

6. P. glabra. R.

Bark smooth; branchlets drooping; leaves sub-opposite, narrow, oblong, smooth with some sub-pedicelled, umbilicate glands towards the base of the rib.

Teling, Tella-madoo.

A timber tree, a native of various parts of India. It flowers in May and the seed ripens in the cool season.

7. P. bialata. R

Arboreous. Branches horizontal. Leaves alternate, cuncate-oblong, waved, pointed, polished. Spikes axillary, drooping. Drupe two-winged.

Of this very distinct species, there is a large one in the Botanic garden which blossoms

about the beginning of the rains. It is a native of the mountainous parts of India. Trunk perfectly straight, even up through the horizontal subverticelled branches to the very top; it is from five to six feet in circumference four feet above ground. Bark smooth, of a brownish ash colour; the height of the whole tree about fifty feet. Leaces alternate, about the ends of the branchlets, long-petioled, oblong-cuncate, entire, acuts, with waved margins, smooth, polished, of a deep green on both sides, from four to seven inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles about half the length of the leaves, very smooth, the lower half being round, and the upper half flattened on the upper side. Spikes axillary, solitary, smooth, drooping, about as long as both leaf and petiole. Flowers numerous, small, of a greenish yellow, hermaphrodite in the lower half of the spike, and male in the rest. Bracles minute, one flowered, caducous. Calyx campanulate, five-parted, having the bottom filled with brown hairs. Filaments ten, alternately a little shorter, the short ones do not expand so much as the longer five.

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Anthers two-lobed. Germ beneath, ovate, villous. Style nearly as long as the stamina. Stigma acute. Drupe oblong, villous, tapering equally towards each end, and enlarged with two broad. membranaceous, waved, villous wings. Seed lanceolate. Embryo with its two large thin cotyledons, rolled spirally up round each other and the superior radicle.

8. P. paniculata. R.

Branches diverging. Leaves sub-opposite, linear-oblong, with a cordate base, entire, smooth, but very hard; there are two sessile umbilicate glands underneath the base. Panieles terminal. Nuts unequally three-winged.

Tam. Pe-karakai. Teling. Neemeeri.

A stout timber tree, a native of the peninsula, and from thence introduced by Dr. A. Berry into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where, in eight years, from the seed the young trees began to blossom in December, and the seed ripened in May, they were then about twenty feet high, and the stems eighteen inches in circumference at four feet above the ground.

CONOCARPUS. Schreb. gen. n. 321.

Flowers aggregate. Receptacle, common, globular, that of the corollets columnar raising them above the germ. Calyx bowl-shaped, five-toothed. Corol none, or five-petalled. Stamina five or ten. Seeds naked, inferior.

1. C. latifolia, Roxb.

Leaces obovate, sub-retuse. Peduncles ramous; corollets apetalous, decandrous.

Teling. Sheriman.

This is one of the largest timber trees that is to be found amongst the chain of mountains, which separate the Circar from the Mahratta dominions, where it is a native. It flowers during

the cold season, January and February.

Trunk erect, straight, varying in length and thickness, the largest are thirty or thirtyfive feet to the branches, and about six in circumference. Bark pretty smooth, of a light ash colour. Branches numerous, spreading, forming a large, high, ever green head. Leaves nearly opposite, short-petioled, ovate, generally emarginate, entire, smooth, from one to four inches long, and from one and a half to two broad. Peduncles axillary, short, round, smooth, ramous, each ramification supporting a little globular head, of small yellow corollets. Calyx, common perianth scarcely any, a globular common receptacle unites the corollets, with which it is every where covered. No proper perianth. Corollets supported upon columnar, partial pedicels, onepetalled, imperforated, five-cleft; segments acute, erect, with the bottom woolly. Filaments ten, twice the length of the corollets, erect, inserted into the mouth of the tube. Anthers oblong, lower, birid. Germs inferior, sessile, compressed, ending in the pedicel of the corollet, which is permanent, and looks like a remaining stile. Style awled, rather shorter than the stamen. Stigma acute. Pericarp none. Seeds single, oblong, perpendicularly surrounded with a rigid, narrow ring. Receptacle globular, a little sealy.

C. acuminata, R.

Leaves oval, pointed. Panicles undivided; corollets apetalous, decandrous.

Teling. Paunchinan.

This second species is also a large timber tree, a native of the same places. It flowers

during the cold season.

Trunk equally high with that of the preceding species, but seldom or never straight.

Bark ash-coloured. Branches very numerous, spreading, with their extremities pendulous like the weeping willow, the whole forming a most beautiful, large, regular, ever-green top. Leaves nearly opposite, short-petioled, oblong, pointed, entire; when young downy; when old smooth, about two inches long, and one broad. Peduncles axillary, single, simple, undivided; each bearing one small globular head of small yellow corollets.

These trees are valuable on account of their wood, particularly the first, Shereman; its

timber is universally esteemed for almost every economical purpose. Towards the centre it is of a chocolate colour, and is then exceedingly durable. For house and ship building, the natives reckon it superior to every other sort, Pentaptera tomentosa, and teak expected.

The wood of Paunchinan is exceedingly like, and fully as strong, and as durable, if kept dry, as the former, but exposed to the water, it soon decays; of course it is unfit for the Marine yard, but equally fit for house building when it can be obtained straight, which is seldom the case.

DECANDRIA DIGYNIA.

TRIANTHEMA. Schreb. gen. n. 762.

Calyx two leaved, or none. Corol five-cleft, or five-petalled, daggered under the top. Capsule inferior, circumcised.

T. crystallina, Willd, 2, 635.

Perennial. Stems filiform, prostrate, in fact cespitose, dotted with crystalline specks.

Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate. Flowers single, or in pairs in the forks of the branchlets, pentandrous, monogynous. Seed solitary.

Teling, Kooka pal koora.

A native of Coromandel. It flowers during the rainy and cold season.

2. T. decandra. Willd. 2. 636.

Arenaria.

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Prostrate. Leaves elliptic. Pedunoles many-flowered. Stamina from eleven to twelve. Carey
Ed. Styles two. Capsules four-seeded. Teling. Tella galgeroo.

Hind, Gada-bani.

Zallia Decandra, Birm. Ind. 110, t. 31, f. 3.

A common weed in gardens in most parts of India, and in flower and seed great part of

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Stems prostrate. Leaves opposite, alternately, larger and obcordate, smaller and oblong. Flowers solitary. Staneau from fifteen to twenty. Style single. Capsules many-seeded.

Swet-sabuni the Hindee name of the pale variety, and Lal-sabuni the reddish.

Teling. Yurra-galjeror, or Bodo-pail-kura

It delights in old gardens, rubbish, &c. It flowers all the year round.

Root long, perennial. Stems many, diffuse, dichotomous, round, jointed, coloured, a little downy on the upper side. Leaves opposite, petioled, obcordate, smooth, waved, with a reddish margin, alternately smaller, the large one being more than an inch each way, and the smaller one less than an inch long and narrow. Petioles winged, concave, uniting and clasping the stem, forming a cap with two lateral stipulary, or cally like processes for the flower. Flowers solitary, seasile in the divisions of the branches. Calgo no other than the processes of the united petioles. Corol as in the genus. Stamens from lifteen or twenty in our Indian plant. Germ totally superior, turbinate. Style single, shorter than the stamens. Capsule oblique truncate, circumcised. Seeds many, reniform, black, rough. Receptuals a line running along the upper side of the bottom of the capsule.

The leaves and tender stops are eaten by the natives.

SAPONARIA. Schreb. gen. n. 769.

Calyx tubulous, naked, five-toothed, permanent. Corol of five, long-clawed petals. Capsule superior, one-celled. Seeds many.

S. perfoliata. R.

Calyces gibbous, five-keeled. Stem erect, two-forked. Leaves perfoliate, three-nerved, sublinear, panicles terminal, dichotomous; apices of the petals notched.

A native of Bengal, appearing during the cold season. It has the habit of Gypsophila perfoliata.

DIANTHUS. Schreb. gen. n. 770.

Calux cylindric, one-leafed; at the base four scales. Petals clawed. Capsule superior, cylindrie, one-celled.

D. chinenzie, Willd. 2, 677.

Flowers solitary. Scales of the calvx subulate, expanded, as long as the tube. Petals crenate. Lences laureolate.

A native of China, but succeeds well during the cold season in Bengal,

2. D. Caryophyllus, Willd. 2, 674.

Flowers solitary. Scales of the calyx ovate, acute, short. Petals crenate, beardless.

Pers. Gool Karumphool.

A native of Persia, and succeeds during the cool season in Bengal.

DECANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

SILENE. Schreb, gen. n. 772.

Calux one-leafed, ventricose, five-toothed. Petals five, entire, or bifid, anguiculate, crowned with the nectarium. Capsule imcompletely three-celled. Seeds numerous. Receptacle columnar.

Leaces stem-clasping, lanceolar. Flowers terminal. Calyx ventricose, ten-angled, with five short teeth. Petals bifid, with a toothlet on each side near the nectary. Capsule ovate-oblong, one-celled.

A native of Nepaul. It flowers during the cold season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

ARENARIA. Schreb. gen. n. 774.

Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, entire. Capsule one-celled, many-seeded.

Annual, flaccid, jointed, smooth, dichotomous. Leaves in opposite fascicles, filiform, the length of the joints. Flowers panicled. Calyces rather obtuse. Capsules globular. Seed re-miform, membrane-winged.

This plant greatly resembles spergula arrensis, and probably may be a variety of that plant; it is only found during the cold season as a weed in gardens about Calcutta, and may have been accidentally introduced from Europe.

HIRÆA. Schreb. gen. n. 781.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Seeds (Samara) three, each with a large membranaceous wing on each side. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. H. nutans. R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves simple, ovate ventricose, entire, acuminate. Panicles terminal,

drooping. Samara elliptic.

An extensive, twining, shrubby species, a native of the interior parts of Bengal. It flowers in August and September, the seed ripens in November and December. Stems ligneous, and with their extensive branches, twining up and over trees of considerable size. Bark of the old woody parts dark brown, and pretty smooth; young shoots pendulous, round, and clothed with closely appressed hairs. Leaves opposite, petioled from ovate to cordate, entire, tapering much toward the acute apex, having the upper surface glossy, with a few appressed hairs, and the under paler and more hairy, from four to eight inches long, and from two to five broad. Petioles round, hairy, from one to two inches long. Stipules minute, subulate, pointed. Pawicles terminal, and axillary, pendulous, large, composed of many, opposite, diverging, simple or compound racenes, and like the other parts clothed with appressed brown hairs. Bractes lanceolate, conic; those of the ramifications solitary, those of the pedicel term. Flowers numerous, opposite, small, yellow, inodorous. Calyx five-parted; segments equal, oblong, obtuse. Petals five, oblong, sessile, expanding: manuelliferous pores. Filaments ten, shorter than the petals, base broad and slightly united, inserted into the receptacle round the germ. Anthers oblong, erect. Germ superior, three-celled, with one ocula in each, attached to the axis. Styles three, length of the stamina. Stigma headed. Samara three, united, singly linear, and surrounded with a very large entire reticulate, scarious, elliptical wing, one-celled, evalvular. Seed solitary, linear, attached near the apex to the inside of the cell. Integuments single, thin, brown. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, equal, linear. Radiele ovate, superior.

2. H. indica. R.

Shrubby, climbing. Leaves opposite, ovate, entire. Panicles axillary and terminal. Samara linear.

Teling. Regrak tiga.

A pative of the Circar mountains.

3. H. rotundifolia. R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves orbicular, entire, villous underneath. Panicles axillary, thin, villous. Samara orbicular with a small wing on the back

An extensive perennial, woody rambler, a native of Chittagong. It flowers in March and

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ERYTHROXYLON. Schreb. gen. n. 783.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled with emarginate scales over the base on the inside. Nectury campanulate divided into ten antheriferous filaments. Germ superior, threecelled; attachment superior. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, furnished with a perisperm.

 E. monogyum. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 61. t. 88.
 Leaves subsessile, cancate, entire. Stipules conic acute. Flowers axillary, one or two. Style single. Stigmas three. Drupe oblong. Teling. Adivi gerenta.

2. E. sideroxyloides. Lamark Encycl. 2. f. 390. Willd. 2. f. 748.

A native of Coromandel, Ceylon, &c. It flowers during the greater part of the year.

From Ceylon General Macdowall sent it to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the name of the Fen tree.

3. E. laurifolium. Willd. 2, 749.

Arboreous. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, obtuse, lucid. Peduncles axillary, crowded, longer than the flowers. Nectarial scales with truncate, porous apices. Stamina monode-

Found by Colonel Hardwicke indigenous on the Mauritius in flower in August.

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DECANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

AILANTHUS. Schreb. gen. n. 167.

Polygamous. Male calyx five-toothed; corol five-petalled. Hermaphrodite calyx and corol as in the male. Germ from three to five. Capsules (Samara) from three to five, one-seeded.

A. excelsa. Willd. 4. 974. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 13. Leaves abruptly pinnate; leaflets twelve pair, petioletted, opposite, broad-falcate-lanceolate, grossly serrate.

An immense tree, a native of the interior of Coromandel. It flowers during the cold season. The wood is white and soft, consequently of little use.

AVERRHOA. Schreb. gen n. 784.

Calga five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, campanulate. Germ superior, five-celled cells; few-seeded; attachment interior. Pomum angular, five-celled. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

1. A. Carambola, Willd, 2, 750.

Pomum oblong, acute-angled. Leaflets ovate. Tamara tonga. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 43. and 44.

Sans, Karmaranga.

Hind, and Beng. Kamarunga.

Native place uncertain, but common in gardens all over India. There are two varieties; one producing a sweet, the other a sour fruit. In Bengal both blossom during the rainy season, and the fruit ripens during the cool mouths of December and January.

2. A. bilimbi. Willd. 2. 749.

Leaces pinnate, many paired; leaflets ovate-lanceolate. Fruit oblong, obtuse-angled.

Bilimbi. Rheed. Mat. 3. t. 45 and 46. Blinbingun teres. Rumph. Amb 1. t. 36.

This pretty little tree I have only found in a cultivated state; where it is indigenous I cannot say. In Bengal it is uncommon; and in the Botanie garden flowers in March and April, and the fruit ripens in about two months. For the uses of the fruit of these two species I refer to Rumphius.

SPONDIAS. Schreb. gen. n. 784.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, five-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment superior. Drupe with a five-celled nut. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. S. mangifera. Willd. 2. 751.

Leaflets four or five-pairs, oblong, mucronate. Panicles diffuse. Nut oblong, nearly smooth on the outside.

Ambalam. Rheed. Mal. 1, t. 50. Anorataca. Asiat. Res. 4, p. 284. Hind. and Beng. Amra.

Teling. Amatum.

Ponastia. Juss. Genera. plant. 410. Spondius amara. Lamark Encycl. 4. p. 245. Mangitera pinnata. Linn, suppl. plant. p. 56.

This is a large tree, amongst the mountains of Coromandel, but in gardens where it is frequently found cultivated, it is of a smaller size, and low. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season, when the leaves come out. The fruit ripens during the cold season, and then its leaves are deciduous.

Trunk straight, in our gardens from one to two feet in diameter. Bark smooth, ashcoloured, astringent. Branches nearly horizontal. Leaves alternate about the extremities of the branches, pinnate with an odd one, from twelve to twenty inches long. Leaflets about five pair, opposite, oval, pointed, entire, smooth, veined; from three to six inches long, and two or two and a half broad. Petioles round, smooth. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, very large, diffuse, and thin. Flowers very numerous, small, white, mostly barren, though no male flower (apparently so) is to be found. Calgar below, small, five-toothed. Petals five, oblong, spreading. Neetary a large fleshy notched ring surrounding the germ. Filaments ten, awled. alternately shorter, incurved, scarcely half the length of the petals. Authers small. Germ ovate, fivecelled with one orula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Styles five, short, erect, distant. Stigmas simple. Drupe oval, fleshy smooth, the size of a pullet's egg, when ripe, yellow. Nut oblong, woody, very hard, outwardly fibrous, five-celled, but seldom more than one, two or three of them produce seed. Seed lanceolate. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

The wood of this tree is soft, and of little or no use. From wounds made in the bark, about the beginning of the hot senson, very large quantities of a transparent juice issues, which soon bardens into a mild insipid gum, exactly like gum arabic.

The fruit is eaten raw when ripe, and before ripe is pickled, put in curries, made into

tarts, &c. &c.

2. S. dulcis, Willd. 2, 752.

Leaves from six to seven pair, oblong, serrulate. Panieles terminal. Nut round, armed. S. cytheria. Lamark, Encycl. 4, 245. Gart. sem. 2, 101. t. 103. Sonnerat. 2, 222. t. 123. A native of the Society Islands, and now common in the Botanic garden at Calcutta where it grows to be a large tree with an extensive, very ramous head. Flowering time in Bengal, March ; the fruit ripeus about the close of the rains.

3. S. acuminala, R.

Leaflets from five to eight pair, subopposite, long, oval, remotely crenulate, acuminate,

polished; petioles cylindric

A most elegant, middling-sized tree, with an uncommonly dense crown, a native of Malabar. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta young trees reared from the seed, were in four years twenty feet high; the frank perfectly straight; the back smooth, olive grey; the branches spreading in all directions from erecto-patens above, to divariente below.

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4. S. longifolia. R.

Leaflets opposite and alternate, from ten to twelve pair, very unequal-Bark verrucose.

ly ovate-obloug, entire, lucid, obtusely acuminate.

From the Mauritius this very distinct species has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where its growth is rapid; it is nearly straight, with a few stout, patently diverging, almost simple branches, very rough with brown tubercles; the leaflets very unequally divided by the nerve.

5. S. axillaris. R.

Leaflets from six to eight pair, ovate-lanceolate, gash-serrate cuspidate. Peduncles axillary, few-flowered. Nut oval, smooth.

A small beautiful Melia looking tree, a native of Nepal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it flowers in March, and the seed ripens about the close of the rains.

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ONESTIS. Juss.

Calgar five-leaved (five-parted, Juss.) Corol five-petalled. Germ five, superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment inferior. Capsules from one to five, one-celled, one-valved (two-valved, Juss.) Seeds solitary, attached to the base of the cell. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

C. monadelpha. R.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate; leaflets five or seven, sub-alternate, oblong, obtuse, acuminate, polished. Panicles axillary, crowded. Filaments united at the base.

Sookurtothee of the Hindus about Silhet, where the shrub grows. It is also found on the hills of Chittagong, and there called Kowatothee; the natives eat the fresh aril of the ripe seeds. Flowering time the rainy season; the seed ripens in October.

Compare with Gartner's Aegiveras minus.

Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate; from six to eight inches long. Leaflets five or seven, sub-alternate, short-petiolate, from ovate to oblong, entire, firm, polished, obtusely acuminate, from two to five inches long, and from one to two broad, the exterior by far the largest. Stipules ensiform. Panicles axillary, several together; slender, smooth, nearly as long as the leaves. Flowers numerous, small, sub-campanulate, white and fragrant. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets broad-ovate, sub-ciliate, permanent. Petals five, linear-oblong, margins connected for a little way near the base, above that sub-campanulate. Filaments ten, alternately long, broad toward the base, and there united into a ring round the lower half of the germ. Anthers oval, incumbent. Germs five, each one-celled, and containing a single ovula, attached to the bottom of the cell. Styles five, scarcely half the length of the stamina, recurvate. Stigmas simple. Capsule solitary; the four abortive germs may be found under its base, now minute, dry and compressed, obliquely ovate-oblong, coriaceous, smooth, about an inch, or three quarters long, one-celled, one-valved, one-seeded, opening along the whole of the inside, exposing the seed before quite ripe. Seed solitary, attached to the bottom of the capsule, as in the germ, ovate, invested in a complete orange-coloured aril. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, inverse. Cotyledons thick fleshy, of a pale green. Radicle patelliform.

ROBERGIA. Schreb. gen. n. 787.

Calyx five-parted. Petals five. Drupe one-celled, with two-valved nut. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

R. hirsuta. R.

Shrubby, scandent, bairy. Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets from four to eight pair, oblong-cordate, entire. Panicles terminal and axillary.

A native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in March.

The cortex of the drupe has its inner lamina perforated with large cells filled with a fragrant, clammy, brownish balsam.

COTYLEDON. Schreb. gen. n. 788.

Calyx four or five-cleft. Corol one-petalled, four or five cleft. Nectury of four or five awled scales embracing the germs. Capsules four or five. Seeds numerous. 1. C. laciniata. Willd. 2, 758. 11.

Perennial. Leaves decompound, pinnatifid, and simple. Flowers octandrous.

Planta anatis. Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 95. Hemasagara. Asiat. Res. 4. p. 284.

Beng. Hemsagur.

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Found in gardens about Calcutta, and in flower during the rainy season.

2. C. rhizophylla. R.

Shrubby, succulent. Leaves fleshy, simple and pinnate, crenate, viviparous. Flowers pendulous, octandrous.

A native of the Moluceas, in the Botanic garden at Calcutta; it blossoms in the cold season. When leaves are placed in a damp place and shaded, young plants spring from their crenatures.

3. C. heterophylla. R.

Perenuial, succulent, smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled; in young plants ternate, when more advanced simple, ovate-oblong, slightly laciniate, fleshy, smooth. Corymbs decompound. Flowers octandrous.

[Bergia, Oxalis, Cerastium, DECANDRIA DECAGYNIA.

Phytolacca, Rhizophora.]
A native of Mysore, in the Botanic garden at Calcutta; it blossoms during the cool season.

BERGIA. Schreb. gen. n. 791.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Capsule superior, globular, protuberant, five-celled, five-valved, valvelets petal like. Seeds most numerous.

B. verticillata. Willd. 2, 770.
 Creeping, annual. Leaves lanceolar, serrate, smooth. Flowers axillary, sessile, numerous.
 Pola-tsjira. Rheed. Mal. 9, t, 78.

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Teling. Neeroo-pavala. Hind, and Beng, Lal-khesura.

A native of various parts of India in wet places during the rainy season.

2. B. ammanioides. Roxb.

Annual, erect, ramous. Flowers axillary crowded with stamina, corresponding in number with the parts of the calyx and corol.

Lechea verticillata, Willd, 1, p. 495.

A native of various parts of India; it appears and flowers during the rains and cool

season.

OXALIS. Schreb. gen. n. 794.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-parted, cohering above the claws. Capsule, superior, fivecelled, five-valved, five-cornered, opening at the angles.

1. O. corniculata. Willd. 2. 800.

Creeping, ramous, villous. Leaves termite. Pedancles longer than the leaves, umbelliferous. Flowers monadelphous. Filaments alternately shorter and sterile. Capsule subcylindric. 2. O. puzilla, Salisbury in Trans. of Linn. Soc. 2. 243.

Sans. Amislonika, Chukrika.

Beng. Amrool.

Common all over India, delighting in cool, dark, shady moist places, where it blossoms most part of the year.
3. O. sensitiva. Willd. 2. 804.

Leaves pinnate. Peduncles umbelliferons.

Hind. Lak chans.

Todda vaddi. Rheed. Mal. 9. t 19. is a pretty good representation of a young plant, while Herba sentiens, Rumph. Amb. 5. t. 104. f. 2. is tolerable for an old one. Common all over India, and in flower the whole year.

CERASTIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 797

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Calyx five-leaved. Petals two-cleft. Capsule one-celled, gaping at top.

C. cordifolium. R.

Annual, flaccid, ramous. Leaves opposite, the lower ones petioled, the superior ones stemclasping. Peduncles solitary, one-flowered, hairy.

A native of Bengal, where it appears as a weed in our gardens and cuitivated fields during the cool season.

DECANDRIA DECAGYNIA.

PHYTOLACCA. Schreb. gen. n. 800.

Calyx none. Petals calycine. Berry superior, ten-celled ten-seeded (or compound,) with a seed in each acinus.

P. acinosa. R.

Herbaceous, erect, ramous. Leaves oblong. Flowers decandrons. Berries composed of from six to eight distinct acini.

A native of Nepal. It flowers about the end of the cool and the beginning of the hot season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta. The leaves are used by the natives of Napal in their diet.

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DODECANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

RHIZOPHORA. Schreb. gen. n. 806.

Calyx from four to many-cleft. Corol from four to many-petalled. Stamina from eight to many. Germ inferior, from three to four-celled; cells from one to two-seeded; attachment superior. Perkurp none. Seed solitary, subcylindric. Embryo inverse, no perisperm.

1. R. mangle, Willd. 2, 843.

Leaves opposite, oblong, cuspidate. Peduncles three-flowered. Flowers octandrous. Fruit subulate-clavate.

Re- Kandelia Rheedii

Pee-candel. Rheed. Mal. 6. t. 34.

Teling. Upoo-poma.

Mangium calendarium. Rumph. Amb. 3. t. 71.

Bhora of the inhabitants of the Delta of the Ganges, where it grows to be a tree of considerable size.

Leaves opposite, petioled, decussate, oblong, entire, cuspidate, smooth on both sides, fleshy, veinless, marked with numerous, blackish minute dots underneath; from four to six inches long. Petioles round, about an inch long. Stipules large, in pairs within the leaves, caducous. Peduacles axillary, solitary, recurved, generally three-flowered, smooth, compressed, bracted at the apex, where it divides. Pedicles short, thick and ending in a cup-like bracte, in which the flower sits. Calyx four-leaved. Leaflets oblong, permanent. Petals four, lanceolate, having the inside and margins very woolly. Filaments always eight, very short. Anthers linear. Germ superior, four-celled, each containing a single ocula attached to the upper end of the axis. Style thick. Stigma bidentate. Seed clavate, pendulous, from one to two feet long, pretty smooth, its base inserted, (as in a socket,) into a large firm flask-shaped receptacle, which I take to be the albumen and vitellus of Gærtner. If the seed be erect, the permanent calyx adheres to its globular base. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons undetermined. Plumula of a long, sharp, conical shape, two-lobed; plumula within. Radicle conform to the seed, superior, the real root proceeds from its apex,

The great length of the seed of this species, gives in a very short time a young tree; for if the apex from whence the root issues, is only stuck a little way into a wet soil, or mud, the leaves quickly unfold at the opposite end, as mentioned by Brown in his History of Jamaica.

The wood of this tree is of a dark reddish colour, hard and durable, 2. R. gymnorhiza. Willd. 2. 843.

Leaves opposite, oblong and broad-lanceolar, smooth. Flowers, solitary. Calyx manycleft. Stamens twenty or more.

Kandel, Rheed. Mal. 6. t. 31. and 31. good. Rumphius's figures are not so good. Kakra of the inhabitants of the Delta of Ganges, where, in such places as the spring

tides rise over, it grows in abundance to be a tree of considerable magnitude.

Trunk generally dividing before it reaches the ground, like a parcel of hop-poles piled up in form of a cone. Leaves opposite, decussate, crowded about the ends of the branches, petioled, erect, oblong, pointed, very smooth, entire, firm, and somewhat fleshy, almost veinless; generally about six inches long. Petioles from one to two inches long, channelled. Stipules large, within the leaves, caducous. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, shorter than the petioles, nodding. Calyx about twelve-cleft; divisions tapering, acute, a little incurved, fleshy, smooth, permanent. Petals just as many as the divisions of the calyx, of nearly the same length, and inserted on its inside, opposite to the fissures thereof; at the base they are formed into a tube opening on the inside, and there bearded; apex two-lobed, and ornamented with, generally, five short filaments. Stamens just twice as many as there are petals in the corol, two being found enclosed within each of them. Filaments half the length of the petals, unequal, the interior one of the pair being shorter. Anthers linear, erect, with their apices sharp and incurved. Germ inferior, turbinate, three or four-celled, with two ovula in each. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma slightly three or four pointed. Pericarp no other than the permanent calyx, in which the *plumula*, or ascending part of the embryo on the base of the seed is lodged. Seeds solitary, subcylindric, tapering equally towards each end, pendulous; the *plumula*, or ascending part of the future plant is lodged on the base, while from its apex the rostellum, or root issues.

The wood is of a yellowish colour, hard and durable; its chief use is for burning, and

for posts with which to construct the houses of the natives.

3. R. parciflora, R.

Leaves ventricose-oblong. Peduncles axillary, many flowered; calyx eight-cleft. Stamina

eight pair, embraced by the eight petals. Fruit subcylindric.

A small, very ramous, smooth, glossy tree, a native of the salt, and brackish creeks, &c. of the Delta of the Ganges. Flowering time December. Leaves opposite, crowded about the ends of the smooth twigs, short-petioled, from broad-lanceolar to ventricose-oblong, entire, firm and polished; from four to five inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules large, within the leaves, &c. as in the Fici. Pedancles axillary, once or twice trichotomous, smooth. Bracles small. Flowers small, one on each division of the pedancles. Calgar eight-cleft; segments acute. Petals eight, considerably shorter than the segments of the calgar, deeply emarginate, and bearded; sides incurved, round the two stamina. Filaments sixteen, unequal, inserted by pairs into the receptacle immediately within the petals, and closely embraced by their incurved sides. Anthers sagittate. Germ inferior, cylindric, furrowed, three-celled, containing in each two ovula attached to the top of the axis. Style shorter than the petals. Stigma three-toothed.

TRIUMFETTA. Schreb. gen. n. 819.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, from three to four-celled; cells one or two-seeded; attachment superior. Capsule hispid, three or four-partible. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. T. trilocularis, Roxb. Shrubby. Leaves three-lobed, serrate, from three to five-nerved, downy. Racemes terminal; flowers complete. Capsule three-celled.

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A native of India. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms during the cool season, Page viz. November, December, January and February, and the seeds ripen from March to June.

Stem short, stout and ligneous; covered with pretty smooth ash-coloured bark. Branches

numerous. Foung shoots clothed with stellated pubescence. Height of plants three or four years old, five feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, three-lobed, from three to fivenerved, unequally serrate; both sides clothed with soft pubescence. Those next the racemes ovate-oblong, from one to six inches long. Stipules ensiform. Racemes terminal. Peduncles verticelled, three-flowered. Bractes numerous, the large solitary one at each verticel may be called a floral leaf, its lower servature on each side glandular, the rest ensiform. Flowers numerous, small, yellow, pedicelled. Calgx, color, and stamina as in the genus. Nectarium, a slender, crenulate cup round the insertion of the petals. Geom round, echinate, three-celled, with two seeds in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Style simple, length of the petals. Stigma minute, obscurely three-toothed. Capsule globose, of the size of a pea, brown, and of a tough coriaceous texture, armed with numerous, diverging uncinate, backwardly his-pid bristles, marked with three small sutures, which do not open, (three-celled.) Seeds two in each cell, obliquely ovate, of a brown colour. Integaments two, the exterior one thin, the the inner one thick and tough. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo straight, inverse, the length of the perisperm, yellowish. Cotyledons oval. Radicle cylindric, superior.
2. T. Bartramia. Willd. 2. 854.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves with the anterior part three-lobed, serrate, hairy. Flowers axillary

Beng. Bun-okra.

Lappago Amboinica. Rumph. Amb. 6, p. 59, t. 25, f. 2., A native of various parts of India.

PORTULACA. Schreb. gen. n. 824.

Calyx two-cleft. Corol four or five-petalled. Capsule circumcised.

P. oleracea, Willd. 2, 859.
 Leaves cunciform. Flowers sessile.

Hind, and Beng, Loonya or Nooniya shak.

Arab. Khurfa also Tooruk.

P. meridiana, Willá, 2, 861.

Annual, creeping, the joints hairy. Leaves oblong, fleshy. Flowers subsessile, with four floral leaves and a hairy involucre. Petals four. Stamisa from six to eight.

Nela tsjera, Rheed. Mal. 10. t. 31. which Willdenow quotes for his Oldenlandia depressa.

Are they the same?

Teling. Pail-kura.

Beng. Nooniya.

Its flowers open at noon, and shut at two. It is common in gardens, chiefly as a weed,

though much used by the natives of Coromandel, as a pot-herb.

3. P. quadrifida. Willd. 2. 860.
Creeping; joints hairy. Leaves oblong, fleshy. Flowers subsessile, with four floral leaves; petals four ; stamens ten or twelve.

Teling. Pedda pail-kura.

It is much like P. meridiana, but a much rarer plant, and considerably larger in all its parts, in the form, &c. of its stems, branches, leaves, hairs that surround the joints, and the insertion of the leaves and flowers, four terminal leaves, or bractes, &c. they are nearly alike; but in this species there are from ten to twelve stamens, and always four stigmas, which are the chief marks by which it is distinguished from meridiana.

The natives do not eat this sort; they reckon it very unwholesome, and apt to produce

stupefaction.

The flowers expand at or before noon, and continue open till near sun-set; this is another circumstance which marks its being a distinct species, and no variety of P. meridiana.

4. P. tuberosa. R.

Root tuberosus and villous. Leaves alternate, lanceolate. Flowers terminal. A native of the Circars. It flowers during the rainy season.

TALINUM. Juss.

Calyx two-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, one-celled, many-seeded; attachment inferior. Capsule three-valved, one-celled. Seeds several.

T. cuneifolium. Willd. 2. 864.

Leaves obovate, cuneate, smooth, entire, fleshy. Paniele terminal, inferior peduncle from two to four-flowered.

Native place uncertain. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it flowers chiefly during the rains, and ripens abundance of seed in the cool season.

PEMPHIS. Forst.

Calyx tubular, twelve-toothed. Petals six. Germ semitrilocular; ocula many on a receptacle rising from the bottom of the cell. Capsule superior, one-celled, many-seeded. P. angustifolia. R.

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Shrubby, heary. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolar,

Found by Colonel Hardwicke, growing on the shores in corol sand between Port Louis and Petit Rivier, on the Mauritins; in flower in August. At a distance, he says, it resembles much a common Myrtle bush.

DODECANDRIA TRIGYNIA.

EUPHORBIA. Schreb. gen. n. 823.

Calyx one-leafed, gibbous. Corol four or five-petalled, sitting on the calyx. Capsule tricoccous.

E. ligularia, R.

Arboreous; branches five-angled. Flowers stipulary.

Leaves perioled, wedge-shaped. Peduncles from three to fifteen-flowered.

Ligularia. Rumph. Amb. 4. t. 40.

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Beng. Munsa-sij. I have only found this plant in Bengal, about the houses of the natives. Flowering time the months of February and March; when perfectly destitute of foliage, ripe seed not seen.

Root branchy. Trunk when twenty years old, round and scabrous, often a foot in diameter, the whole height of the largest trees seldom more than twenty feet. Branches scattered, ascending, having the young shoots constantly five-sided, angled, somewhat spirally disposed and armed with elevations like the teeth of the largest saw; each of these supports a leaf, and a pair of short, sharp, black, hard, stipulary thorns. Like the other species every part abounds with acrid milky juice, which is employed to remove warts, cure cutaneous eruptions, &c.

Leaves alternate, about the summits of the branches, short-petioled, inserted singly on the elevations, or servatures of the angles of the branches, wedge-shaped, entire, waved, fleshy, smooth on both sides, almost veinless from six to twelve inches long, and two or three broad, deciduous at the beginning of the cool season, and appearing again after the flowers decay, in March or April. Peduncles solitary in the sinuses between the serratures of the angles of the branchlets, short, once, twice, or thrice dichotomous, with a sessile flower in the forks, that is, bearing three, seven, or fifteen flowers. The sessile flower which is the largest, is often entirely male, the lateral, or terminal peduncled ones have always been found to contain one pistil; and male florets. Flowers middling sized, greenish yellow. Bractes reniform, opposite, embracing the base of the pedicels on the outside, withering. Calyx® five petalled. Petals roundcordate, fringed with a finely ragged margin inserted into the calyx, just under its fissures. Stamina collected into five fascicles; male florets of about five each, which expand in succession, and are surrounded with an uncertain number of finely divided petals, or scales. Anthers four-lobed. Germ pedicelled, somewhat two-lobed, three-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style short. Stigma three-cleft.

This plant is sacred to Munsa, the goddess of serpents. The root of the tree mixed up with black pepper, is employed for the cure of their bites; both internally and externally. In the months of July and August, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, the natives approach the tree with offerings, and pray to Munsa to be preserved from the bite of snakes. I suspect this and Euphorbia nereifolia, have hitherto been considered as one species, both being quoted for the last by Linnæus, Burman, &c. I have for these fourteen years had both growing in this garden, so that I do not hesitate to pronounce them totally distinct, and clearly marked. 2. E. nereifolia. Willd. 2. 984.

Arboreous. Branches round. Thorns stipulary. Leaves subsessile, wedge-shaped. Peduncles three-flowered.

Ela-calli. Rhood. Mal. 2, t. 43.

Tithimalus zeylanicus. Pluck. 2. t. 330. f. 4.

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It grows to be a small, poor looking tree, delighting in an almost dry, barren soil. Flowering time the hot season

3. E. antiquorum. Willd. 2, 881.

Shrubby, leafless. Branches spreading, triangular, armed with double spines at the protuberances of the angles. Pedancles solitary or in pairs; three-flowered.

Sanscrit. Seehoondee.

Beng. Nara-shij.

Teling. Buma chumadoo.

Schadida calli. Rheed. Mal. 2. t. 42.

Very common on barren uncultivated lands all over India. In Bengal it blossoms during the cold season.

4. E. arborescens. R.

Arboreous, leafless. Branches numerous, ascending, triangular, armed, as in antiquorum. Native place uncertain, but I believe, Bengal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it grows

^{*} The calyx and corol, as hinted by that excellent Botanist Jussieu, in his Genera Plantarum, page 424, may be considered a common perianth, or involuere to many male florets only; or encircling one female. The plants bearing such compound flowers, I have observed to be arboreous or shrubby, with the branches angular, or cornered, and armed with stipulary spines, namely, E outiquorum; and three other East Indian triangular species, one round E. nersifolia, five and one-angled liquiaria of Ramphius; and very lately from Pegu, a small, shrubby, tuberous rooted unarmed species, with similar flowers, has come to my knowledge; a drawing and description thereof accompanies this under the name E. sessilifora.

to be a pretty large tree, with a round distinct trunk, and numerous branches forming a large, Carey dense, subglobular head. dense, subglobular head.

5. E. lactea. R.

Shrubby, erect. Branches erect, appressed, triangular, armed, leafless.

A native of the Moluccas, differing from antiquorum in being more slender, in having the centre of the three sides milky coloured, and particularly in the erect appressed habit of the numerous branches. It has been twelve years in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, but has not yet blossomed.

6. E. trigona. R.

Shrubby, three-sided; angles deeply repand with a pair of short spines, and a large sessile obovate cuneate leaf from the apex of each tubercle. Peduacles three-flowered. This pretty species of Emphorbia was brought from the Molucca Islands to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1798, where it thrives well, and blossoms in February, March, and April.

Stem erect, three-sided, with a few scattered, ascending, smooth, deep green, succulent branches; these are all three-sided, with the angles considerably extended into large, scolloptoothed tabercles; the extremity of each is armed with two short, sharp spines, and like the rest of the family every part abounds with much acrid, milky juice; the general height of the plants, when ten years old, six or seven feet. Leaves solitary, one between each pair of spines at the end of the tubercles, sessile, wedge-shaped, entire, smooth on both sides, having the upper side of a deep green, and being much paler underneath, from one to two inches long, and less than half that in breadth. Stipules, on the upper side of the base of each spine, is a small, somewhat acute, bard, brown gland, not unlike the spines themselves, but much smaller. Peduacles from the sinuses on the angles of the branches, short, thick, generally three-flowered, the main one sessile, containing five fascicles of staminary male florets only; the lateral pedicelled flowers, contain one female and five male florets. Calyx in both fiveparted; segments two-edged, entering the calvx below its fissures, roundish, jagged, incurvate over the male and hermaphrodite flowers, there are five segments of the male florets those are in fascicles of about six each, lengthening and expanding in succession, these are also surrounded by several multifid scales, or petals. Anthers of two round lobes. Germ superior, short-pedicelled, ovnte, three-sided, three-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style short, half three-cleft. Stigmas emarginate. The ripe seed not found.

E. Tirucalli, Willd. 2, 890.

Arboreous, unarmed branchlets, cylindric, succulent, polished, from alternate to crowded. Leaves linear, sessile. Fiowers terminal, and in the forks of the branchlets.

Tirucalli. Rheed. Mal. 2. t. 44.

Ossifraga-luctea. Ramph. Amb. 7. t. 29.

Beng. Lanka sij. Tam. Tiru calli.

A native of various parts of India; when well advanced in age and size it flowers during the rains. About Madras it is very generally employed for fences, and there called Milk hedge.

Trunk of old trees as thick as a man's thigh or more. Bark dark olive-coloured and cracked. Wood white, pretty close grained, and of a middling hardness. Branches very numerous; young shoots from alternate to crowded into the form of an umbel, proliferous, succulent, smooth, polished, green points abrupt. Every part abounding in an acrid milky, juice. General height of what may be called large trees, twenty feet. Leaves alternate, remote, and at the end of the twigs chiefly sessile, linear, smooth, small and fleshy. Flowers at the end of the twigs and in the divisions of the branchlets, crowded, subsessile, chiefly female, or abortive hermaphredite, small, pale yellow. Calyx campanulate; mouth enlarged by three or four, or more generally five, flat, roundish, smooth, peltate, horizontal segments, on the inside of the bell, woolly. Corol, I could find no other than the peltate segments of the calyx. Stamina very uncertain, more frequently not found, when present very few, involved in wool. Anthers two-lobed. Germ pedicelled, woolly, three-celled, with one seed in each attached to the top of the axis. Style recurved. Stigmas bifid, with cularged glandular heads. Capsule the size of a large pea, villous, hard, dark brown, three-lobed, three-celled, six-valved. Seed solitary, ovate. Integuments two, the inner one a white membrane adhering to the exterior one. Perisperm and embryo as in the other Euphorbia.

8. E. dichotoma. R.

Somewhat shrubby, hairy. Leaves opposite, oval, serrate, three-nerved, hairy. Flowers in terminal and axillary heads, imbricated with hairy scariose bractes. Corol of four large obcordate, membranaceous petals.

Found by Dr. Hunter at Oojjein; it blossoms in October.

9. E. cuncifolia. R.

Shrubby, particularly near the root, erect. Leaves alternate, sessile, cuneiform, entire, smooth. Umbel trifid then bifid. Incolucres oblong, involucels cordate. Capsules smooth.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke in the northern parts of Hindoostan; in flower in March.

10. E. sessiliflora. R.

Root tuberous. Stem simple, round, smooth. Leaves alternate, sessile, oblong, obtuse.

Flowers axillary, sessile.

This pretty little species was brought from Pegue by the Rev. Mr. Felix Carey to this garden, where it blossoms freely during the month of February, at which time it is perfectly destitute of leaves; like the rest it is abundantly lactescent.

Root an irregularly shaped single tuber, about the size of a potatoe, in our small plants, Stem erect, simple, round, smooth, about a foot high. Leaves sessile, alternate, oblong, obtuse,

smooth, entire, nearly veinless; about three inches long and about half as much broad, deciduons in the cold season, and appearing before the rains set in, when the plant has done flowering. Stipules a minute glandular point on each side of the insertion of leaves. Flowers axillary, sessile, solitary, or paired with the rudiments of one or two more pressing on opposite sides of the fleshy base of the common calyx, and covered by an angular bracte. Calyx common, its mouth divided into five equal semilunar coloured segments. Petals five, red equal, with the apex incurved and deeply cut into filiform segments. Stamina in five fascicles of five each. Germ oval. Style searcely any. Stigma trifid.

11. E. acaulis. R.

Root tuberous, perennial, stemless, unarmed. Leaves radical, fleshy, sessile, cuneiform, smooth, with curled margins, crenulate, and callous, with a circular apex. Peduncles from the

crown of the (now leafless) tuber, three, five, or seven-flowered.

A native of Bengal. From Poornea Mr. B. Smith sent me a plant to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it flowers in March, its leafless period, but has not yet produced ripe seeds. The leaves spread much and are decidnous about the end of the rains, and appear after the flowers have perished, in April and May. As in our East Indian armed Euphorbias, the flowers are compound, that is several male corollets surround the pistillum.

12. E. hirta. Willd. 2 897.

Annual, hairy, oblique, with the apices recurved. Leaves opposite, obliquely oblong, serrulate. Umbellets axillary, peduncled, globular.

Beng. Bura keru.

Tithymalus botryoides. Burm. zeyl. 223. t. 104.

A common weed every where, and in flower and seed the whole year.

II. 473 13. E. parciflora. Willd. 2. 898.

Annual, smooth, dichotomous, oblique. Leaves opposite, obliquely-oblong, serrulate, smooth. Flowers interfoliaceous, many on a common peduncle, one on a proper peduncle of the same length. Calyx and corol unilateral, and each of four parts.

A native of various parts of India, and in flower nearly all the year.

 E. glauca, Willd. 2, 916.
 Erect, smooth. Leaves lanceolate, entire. Umbel quinquifid-trifid. Involucres linear-oblong, involucells ovate-cordate. Inside of the calyx woolly.

A native of Hindoostan.

15. E. thymifolia. Willd, 2, 898.

Branches pressing flat on the earth, coloured, hairy. Leaves opposite, obliquely ovate, serrate. Flowers axillary, crowded, short-peduncled. Calyx and corol of four semilateral parts each. Beng. Swet-kerna.

A native of gravelly spots, and in flower most part of the year.

16. E. uniflora. R.

Annual, dichotomous, diffuse, filiform, smooth. Leaves somewhat linear, with the base obliquely cordate, and serrulate toward the apex. Flowers solitary. Petals with a large gland on the inside. Capsules smooth.

Common on dry barren spots, such as neglected gravel walks, &c. flowering all the year. 17. E. chamaesyce. Willd. 2, 999.

Root perennial. Branches spreading flat on the ground, smooth, and sub-dichotomous. Leaves opposite, obliquely-oblong, serrulate. Flowers axillary, solitary.

Beng. Chota-kerwa. H.

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II. 475 A native of Coromandel and Bengal, on neglected gravel walks, &c.

18. E. dracumculoides. Willd. 2. 905.

Annual, erect, unarmed, ramous above the base. Umbel three or four-fid, dichotomous. Involucres and involucells linear, sessile, diverging, entire and smooth. Petals two-horned.

Beng. Chagul-putputi.

A native of Coromandel and Bengal. It flowers during the cold season. Differs from exigua, in being ramous up to the umbel; in having the leaves, involucres, and involucells; linear and spreading horizontally; and in the filaments being nearly cylindric.

19. E. peltata. R.
Annual, erect. Leaves and involucres ovate-lanceolate; involucells from oblong to cordate,

serrulate. Petals peltate. Capsule round and smooth.

A native of the interior parts of the Coast of Coromandel; seeds brought from thence to the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta, grew and have continued sowing themselves, and

producing plants every cold season without care,

Stem annual, erect, ramous, round, smooth; the height of the whole plant a foot. Branches curved upwards. Leaves alternate, sessile, wedge shaped, and lanceolate, finely serrate, very smooth. Umbels terminal, in six rays; the partial ones from four to two-cleft. Involucres like the leaves, only a little broader. Involucells from oblong to cordate, the nearer the apex the broader, all are smooth, and finely servate. Flowers solitary, sessile, small, of a greenish yellow. Petals peltate. Capsules round, scarcely any angle to be seen, smooth in every part.

CLASS XII.

ICOSANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

CACTUS. Schreb. gen. n. 838.

Calyx one-leaved, imbricated. Corol many petalled. Berry inferior, one-celled, many-seeded.

1. C. indions. R.

Joints proliferous, oblong, much compressed, thorns generally simple, long and straight, issuing from tufts of sharp bristles. Corol yellow, twice as long as the stamens; exterior petal obcordate.

Tam, Naga-kalee. Beng. Nag-phunee.

This plant is found here and there on road sides, in forests, and among bushes in the vicinity of Calcutta, and I am informed that it is equally common, not only over the whole of the province, but also on most of the adjoining districts; so that, independent of its proper Bengalee name, and medicinal uses, there is every reason to imagine it is a native of these countries. Nor can I well reconcile it to any of the opuntias hitherto described; as will appear more evidently after reading the following description. It is in flower during the hot

season, and more or less the whole year round.

Roof fibrous. Trank, I have not yet seen any plant with any thing like one, (though I am informed it grows to be a perfect tree,) here it is a ramous bush, with tolerably erect joints; these are proliferous, of an obovate-oblong form, and much compressed, thin, while young smooth, except in the axills of the leaves; length and breadth various, according to soil and situation. Leaves scattered over the joints, small, sessile, subconical, fleshy, caducous. Thorns axillary, generally single, though sometimes in pairs, straight, from half an inch to two inches long, very strong, whitish, except the point, which is darker coloured, and very sharp; their insertions are surrounded with innumerable, slender, sharp, short bristles, which readily penetrate the skin, and give much trouble to the unwary handler. Flowers from the upper edges of the joints; sessile, large, of a bright beautiful yellow colour, opening only in the day. Calyx one-leafed, consisting of a leathery cup which fills exactly the umbilicus of the germ, decidnous with the corol, stamens and style in one body. Petals many, the exterior ones smaller, and obcordate; the interior ones oblong with somewhat ragged margins. Stamens not half the length of the petals. Pistillum, &c. as in the genus.

Upon this plant the Cochineal insects lately brought from America, thrive and multiply

abundantly.
2. C. chinensis. R.

Subarboreous, joints compressed, proliferous, sublanceolar, almost unarmed. Petals re-

tuse, truncate, longer than the stamina.

A native of China; from thence it was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta about twenty years ago, during all that time it has blossomed only once.

FABRICIA.

Calux five-cleft. Petals five, sessile. Stigma capitate. Capsule many-celled; seeds winged. F. bracteata, R.

Leaves opposite, oblong, the floral ones minute and lanceolate. Flowers, solitary, with

two bractes below the calyx.

A native of the Moluceas. It has the habit of a Myrtus, but from the capsule which is from eight to ten-celled, I conclude it is not of that family. The stamina are very numerous, the length of the oval petal. The stigma is truncate, not capitate. The floral leaves are so small, and the flowers so numerous toward the end of the branchlets, as to appear like a panicle

METROSIDEROS. Schreb. gen. n. 791.

Calyx four or five-cleft, semisupera. Petals four or five. Stamina very long, standing out. Stigma simple. Capsule three or four-celled.

I. M. vera. R.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, polished. Corymbs axillary, brachiate, shorter than the leaves. Calyx four-toothed.

Metrosideros vera. Rumph. Amb. 3. t. 7.

Rumphius describes it to be a tree of great size, growing in the forests of Amboyna, and the other Molucea Islands. It was introduced from the former place into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1801, and in July 1804, the largest plants blossomed for the first time, when only about seven feet high. It has a slender trunk, smooth bark, and few branches. No part of the tree, so far as I have yet observed, possesses any kind of fragrance.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, obiong, firm, smooth, polished, perfectly entire, rather seute, with small and parallel ceiss, about six inches long, and from two to three broad. Corymbs axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, brachiate, bearing a few pretty large, pale greenish white inodorous flowers; pedicels flattened. Bractes oblong, or lanceolate, smooth, acute. Calyx saucer-shaped, four, rarely five-toothed. Petals four, seldom five sessile, round, expanding. Filaments from twenty to twenty-five, much longer than the petals of the same greenish yellow colour, and luserted with them into a rim round the inside of the calyx, at some distance from the four-lobed germ. Anthers ovate. Germ half above the bottom of the calyx; this part is evidently four-lobed, and a section thereof exposes four distinct cells, with numerous ovala in each, inserted on a projecting receptacle, which is longitudinally attached to the axis. Style rather longer than the stamens. Stigma simple, rather sente, with a perforation at the very point. Capsule nearly globular, the size of a pea, two-thirds above the calyx,

^{*} I call the little caducous conical bodies ever the joints leaves.

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age four-celled, four-valved. Seeds numerous, angular.

2. M. comosa. R.

Leaves alternate, sessile, narrow-lanceolate, attenuated to both ends, mucronate, smooth, rigid, with the margins entire and thickened. Flowers lateral, crowded into a cylindrical trifid spike. Calycine segments semicircular and smooth, as are also the round subsessile petals.

A native of the Moluccas.

3. M. suberosa. R.

Bark of even the young shoots cracked and corky. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, smooth. Umbellets lateral.

A native of the Moluccas.

Branchlets covered with deeply cracked corky bark. Leaves opposite, subsessile, broadlanceolate, entire, taper, obtuse-pointed, firm and polished on both sides, from six to seven inches long and two broad. Umbellets from the old axills below the leaves, sessile. Pedicels clavate, smooth, one-flowered, which with the germ and calyx form a perfect imitation of a speaking trumpet. Calgar narrow-campanulate, obscurely four or five-toothed. Petals four or five, round, small, sessile. Filaments numerous, much larger than the petals. Germ threecelled. I have not found the ripe nor even full grown seed vessel. Style rather shorter than the filaments. Stigma acute.

4. M. linearis, Smith. in Trans. Linn. Soc. 3. p. 271.

Shrubby. Leaves scattered, linear, channelled, acute, rigid. Flowers crowded round the

branchlets, a little below their trifid apices, some of them axillary.

This beautiful plant was reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, from seed sent by Colonel Patterson from New South Wales in 1800. In seven years the plants were six or eight feet high, stout and rigid. Flowering time in Bengal, April and May; the seeds require above a year to ripen.

Stem nearly erect, about as thick as a man's wrist. Bark dark-coloured, and rather scabrons. Branches few, scattered, still and straight; the ligneous parts ash-coloured, the tender ones downy. Leaves scattered, sessile, linear, rigid, channelled, from two to three inches long, and an eighth of an inch in breadth. Flowers crowded round the branchlets below the leaves of the same year, sessile, some of them are axillary, and in that case solitary. Calyx urceolate; margin five-cleft; segments reniform, deciduous. Petals five, greenish, nearly round, villous. Filaments inserted on a rim, (within the petals) round the mouth of the calyx, many times longer than the petals, of a bright crimson, and from their number, size, and length, giving that colour to the whole flower, though the petals and calyx are green. Germ more than semisupera, being attached to the bottom of the calyx only, round, hairy, generally threecelled, though I have found some with four, each containing numerous, very minute seeds attached to a large convex receptacle in the inner angle of the cell, which is attached to the axis. Style as long as the stamina. Stigma simple. Capsule crowded round the branchlet, seminifera, inserted in the globular, firm, thick calyx, round, of the size of a grain of black pepper, hairy, particularly the vertex, thin, three-celled, three-valved. Receptacles as in the germ. Seeds numerous, filiform, brown.

Gærtner's figure of Metrosideros armillaris vol. 1, 6, 34. f. 5. is so exactly like this,

that it may well serve to be quoted for it.

PSIDIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 841.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol five-petioled. Germ inferior, four-celled. Berry one-celled, manyseeded.

1. P. pyriferum. Willd. 2. 957.

Fruit turbinate.

Eng. White Guava; however the colour of the inside of the fruit varies much.

Pela. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 34.

Hind. Soopari-am, pronounced Sufriam.

Beng. Peyara.

P. pomiferum, Willd, 2, 958.
 Fruit spherical.

Eng. Red Guava, but like the other, the colour of the inside varies much.

Malacka-pela. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 35.

Hind. Lal-sufriam.

These two kinds of Guava are very generally cultivated in the warmer parts of America.

CARRALLIA. R.

Calyx six or seven cleft. Corol six or seven-petioled, unguiculate. Sligma plate-lobate. Germ inferior, one-celled, one-seeded, attachment superior. Berry one or two-seeded. 481

C. lucida. R. Ind. pl. 3. n. 211.

Leaves opposite, oblong, serrulate. Peduncles many-flowered.

Teling. Karalli.

This is a small handsome tree, a native of the lower region of the Circar mountains, and of Chittagong. Flowering time March. Leaves not decidnous.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval-pointed, delicately serrate, smooth and shining on both sides; four or five inches long and from two to two and a half broad. Stipules interfoliaceous, pointed. Umbellets axillary, small, rigid, few-flowered, generally three-cleft. Calyx above, six or seven parted; divisions acute, erect, permanent. Corol six or seven-petalled, orbicular, scolloped, waved, inserted into the divisions of the calyx by short claws. Filaments twelve or fourteen, of the length of the corol, inserted into the calyx. Anthers oblong, erect. Germ inferior, globular, one-celled, containing one, two, or three seeds, attached to the top of the cell. Style the length of the filaments. Stigma three-lobed. Berry globular, smooth, pulpy, of the size of a large pea, one-celled. Seed one, rarely two, uniform.

2. C. lanceafolia. R.

Leaves lanceolar, acutely-serrulate, waved, shining. Peduncles many-flowered.

Engeet-darray is the Malay name on the West coast of Sumatra, where the tree is indigenous; from thence it was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where in ten years it has attained the height of twenty-five feet, with a very straight trunk as in the firs; decorated with numerous, expanding, opposite branches and branchlets. Bark of the old ligneous parts, smooth and brown, of the tender shoots smooth and green.

It is a very perfect ever green, and the foliage uncommonly dark.

Leaces opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, sharply serrulate at the margin, having the upper surface of a clear, shining deep green, and the under one paler, with the apex rather obtuse, from three to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules large, linear, sheathing, caducous. Peduseles axillary, or where the last year's leaves grew, opposite, rigid, thick and short, generally twice bifid with about three or four sessile, small greenish white flowers on the spex of each division. Bractes small, subannular. Calyx superior, from six to seven-toothed; segments triangular and acute. Petals six or seven, inserted by short claws into the calyx immediately under its fissures, sub-reniform, with the margins much curied, and laterally incurved, embracing the middle part of the larger filaments. Filaments from twelve to fourteen, inserted into the calyx, alternately shorter, and incurved. Anthers incumbent. Germ sub-inferior, with a large turbinate crown rising in the centre like the true germ itself, as if the calyx were inferior, this crown is embraced by a yellow crenate ring, which may be called a nectory; the germ is five-celled with two ovala in each cell attached to the middle of the axis. Stylo nearly as long as the corol. Stigma peltate, five-lobed.

EUGENIA. Schreb. gen. n. 842.

Calyx entire, or four-parted. Corol four-petalled. Germ inferior, two-celled; cells manyseeded; attachment interior. Berry one or more seeded. Embryo without perisperm.

E. malaccensis. Willd. 2, 959.

Trunk straight. Leaves from oblong to lanceolar. Flowers in sessile, lateral fascicles. Berries turbinate.

Jambosa domestica. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 37.

Nati-schambu. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 18.

Beng. Malacca Jamrool.

A native of the Malay Islands, &c. In Bengal it blossoms and bears fruit at different periods of the year.

There is a variety with dark blood red fruit, which is probably Rumphius's Jambosa nigra, 1. p. 125. t. 38. f. 1.

The fruit is large, juicy and beautiful and very generally eaten, though rather insipid. 2. E. purpurea. R.

Trunk straight. Leaves smooth. Flowers in lateral sessile fascicles as in the last. Berries

It differs from E. Malaccensis in the shape of the fruit only, a native of the Malay Islands, flowering in the hot season; the fruit is as large as that of the former species; the colour a very dark purple.

3. E. amplexicantis. R.

Leaves stem-clasping, oblong, obtuse; peduncles lateral, three or nine-flowered. Berries spherical.

A stately tree, a native of Chittagong, a country still abounding in numerous undetermined new species of this noble genus. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it is in flower and

fruit at different periods through the year.

Trunk tolerably straight, quickly dividing into numerous spreading branches, forming a large extensive, dense head. Bark of the old woody parts brown, but pretty smooth; that of the young shoots polished, of a clear green. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, oblong, entire; with a rounded apex, firm and glossy, from six to eight inches long, and from three to four broad. Peduncles lateral, short, three-flowered, trifid; each division three-flowered. Flowers large, white, inodorous. Calyx four-parted; the opposite segments unequal. Petals four, nearly round. Stamina numerous, &c. as in the genus. Germ turbinate, two-celled, with several orula attached to the thickened middle of the partition. Style about as long as the stamina. Stigma acute. Berry round, the size of a small apple, greenish yellow when ripe. Pulp of a soft, rather spongy texture, and sweet insipid taste, rarely more than one-celled, containing one or two large, oval, more or less compressed seeds, covered with a soft white integument, the abortive cell, and its contents are very evident in the ripe fruit of this species. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed. Cotyledons of a thick, firm, fleshy texture, and nearly

equal. Radicle generally near the middle of the cotyledons.

The cultivation of this species cannot well be recommended, on account of its fruit; but the tree is one of the most handsome of the genus.

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4. E. Jambolana. Lamarck. Encycl. 3, 150.

Leaves oblong, entire, sub-acuminate. Panicles below the leaves. Calyx entire. Berry oblong, and often obliquely so.

Culyptranthes Jambolana. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 2. 975.

Perin-njara. Rheed. 5. t. 29.

Jumboo, Jumboo, Sanscrit names. Beng. Kalla-jam. Teling. Nasedoo.

This grows to be a large tree, is common every where, both in its wild and cultivated states; every soil and situation suiting it equally well. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season. The fruit ripens in July and August.

Trunk generally a little crooked. Bark whitish with a few cracks. Branches the larger irregular, the smaller depending; the whole forming a very large, beautiful, shady head. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, pointed, waved, smooth, shining, firm, from four to five inches long, and two broad. Stipules none. Panicles often opposite on the naked branchlets, just below the leaves, middle-sized, globular, cross-armed, rigid, and sub-divided by them. Calyx cup-form, with the margin entire, permanent. Petals four, orbicular, claws very short, inserted into the mouth of the corol. Anthers small. Germ inferior. Style rather shorter than the stamens, declining. Stigma acute. Berry roundish, about the size of a large cherry, succulent, smooth, when ripe black. Seed one, roundish, smooth.

The wood of this tree is hard, close grained, and durable; it is of course used for vari-

The bark is strongly astringent, and dyes excellent durable browns of various shades

according to the corrosive employed, or the strength of the decoction.

The fruits are universally eaten when ripe, by man and birds; they are of a subacid,

astringent taste.

There is a variety of the fruit in the northern and mountainous parts of the coast of a superior quality, and as large as a pigeon's egg.
5. C. obtusifolia. R.

Leaves elliptic, obtuse, polished; panicles below the leaves. Corol calyptrate. Berry oblong, one-seeded.

Jambolifera pedunculata. Gært. sem. 1. 178. t. 36.

Jambolana. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 42 A tree of considerable size, a native of the Moluccas. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it has been about twelve years, it blossoms in March, and the fruit ripens in June. It differs from E. Jambolana of the continent of India, only in the leaves being obtuse, and frequently emarginate, as in Rumphius's figure.

Jambosa Ceramica. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 41. seems a species still undescribed, except by Rumphius, which I have not yet met with.

6. E. operculata. R.

Trunk short, thin of branches. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, smooth, coarsely veined. Panicles lateral, brachiate, collecting the flowers in sessile, terminal heads. Calyx entire; corol operculate. Berries spherical.

From Amboyna this tree was brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it

blossoms in March and April, and the seeds ripen in May and June.

7. E. caryophylifolia. Lamarck.

Leaves oblong-lanceolate. Panicles below the leaves, cross-armed. Calyx obtusely fourtoothed. Corol four-petioled, deciduous without expanding. Berry globular.

Calyptranthes Caryophyllifolia, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 2. 975.

Myrtus Czminum. Linn. sp. pl. 674. Jambosa Ceramica. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 41.

Beng. Chota Jamb.

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A native of various parts of India, growing luxuriantly in almost every soil, and situa-

tion. Flowering time the hot season.

Trunk seldom straight, nor long, but thick, and covered, as well as the numerous spreading branches, with smooth ash-coloured bark, the smaller branches, and twigs are generally pendulous. Leaves opposite, petioled, nodding, oblong-lanceolate, waved, very smooth, and shining on both sides, with numerous, most slender, paralleled veins; from three to four inches long, and about two broad. Petioles about an inch long, channelled. Panicles diverging from the naked branchlets below the leaves, cross-armed, rigid. Flavers numerous, small. Calyx cup-shaped, obscurely four-toothed. Corol, petals four or five, orbicular, concave, sessile, they seldom or never expand, but are pushed off by the stamens in one cup-shaped body like the calyptra in mosses. Stamens numerous. Berry round, but in general disfigured, by depressions or pits, size of a large pea, when ripe black.

Observation. This tree comes exceedingly near my Eugenia Jambolana, but when found growing together, it is evidently different. I considered them as one, or at most as varieties of one species, until I met with them both together in this garden, and, have now raised plants from the seeds of each, and they continue distinct. The best distinguishing marks are stated in the definition; besides, the leaves and fruit of Jambolana are much larger in the same soil; particularly the fruit, and also uniformly of an oblong shape.

Peria Njara. Rheed. Mal. vol. 5. t. 29. is evidently the last mentioned.

The wood is whitish, very strong, close grained, hard and durable. The fruit scarcely three to four inches long, and about two broad. Petioles about an inch long, channelled.

The wood is whitish, very strong, close grained, hard and durable. The fruit scarcely catable, whereas many reckon that of Jambolana good, particularly if soaked in a little salt and water for about an hour, which removes a great part of their superabundant astringency. Page 8. E. fruticosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaves from broad-oblong to oval, finely veined. Panicles lateral. Flowers numerous. Calyx entire. Pedancles and pedicells square. Corol four-petioled, but generally deciduous, in form of a lid.

Hind. and Beng. Bun-Jamb.

A large shrub or small tree, a native of Chittagong. It flowers during the hot season, and its very small one seeded berries ripen early in the rainy season.

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9. E. brachiate. R.

Arboreous. Leaves elliptic, obtuse-pointed. Panicles lateral. Peduncles and pedicells four-

seeded. Calgar entire. Berries spherical.

A native of Amboyna. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms in May, and the fruit ripens in July; they are about the size of pease, dark purple or black, and of an astringent taste. It is nearly allied to fruticosa, but grows to a much greater size; the leaves are broader and more obtuse, and in the same garden it has taken eleven years from the seed to blossom, while fruticosa requires only three or four.

10. E. claciflora, R.

Leaves lanceolar. Corymbs lateral, subsessile, umbelliform; flowers clavate. Berries long,

ovate, crowned with the cyathiform base of the calyx.

Lamba-nali-jamb the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous, and grows to be a stout useful timber tree, of very considerable size. Flowering time February and March, and the fruit which is eaten by the natives, ripens in May.

E. cerasoides. R.

Leaves short-petioled, from oval to oblong, remotely coarse-veined. Panicles lateral, brachiate. Fruit round, of the size and appearance of small black cherries.

Botee Jam, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous. Its trunk is so large as to furnish planks for various purposes. Flowering time April and May, and the fruit, which is very generally eaten, ripens in July.

12. E. pracox. R.

Leaves opposite, petioled, lanceolar, rather obtuse, coarsely veined. Panicles lateral and axillary, brachiate half the length of the leaves

A stout tree, a native of the hilly parts of the province of Chittagong, where it blossoms

13. E. Paniala. R.

Leaves broad-laneeolar, acuminate, coarsely veined. Panicles lateral, brachiate, flowers in little heads. Berries oval.

Beng. Paniala-jamb.

It is one of the largest and most robust trees of this very noble genus; a native of the forests of Chittagong, where they abound more than in any other country I am acquainted with, and furnish the natives with timber of a large size, fit for a variety of purposes. Flowering time the month of April, the fruit ripening in June; they are about the size of a small gooseberry and very juicy.

14. E. laurifolia. R.

Leaces subsessile, oblong, glossy, obtusely acuminate. Peduncles lateral, three-flowered;

pedicells clavate, length of the peduncles. Berries oblong.

A beautiful, densely ramous, small tree, flowering in the hot season and ripening its fruit during the rains, like many of the other uncultivated species, the pulp of the fruit is in small quantity, and scarce catable; the shape however of the berries in this species, together with its dark brown bark, immediately point it out.

14. E. ternifolia. R.

Leaves tern, sessile, oblong. Flowers lateral.

A large tree, a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in April, and the fruit ripens in

June and July: it is eaten by the natives.

Of this beautiful, stately species, there are two varieties, one with white flowers, called by the people where the tree grows Phool jamb, the other with lovely rosy flowers they call Laiphool-jamb. Their leaves are amongst the largest of the genus being from six to fifteen inches long, and from three to six broad.

E. augustifolia. R.

Leaves tern, linear-lanceolar. Peduncles lateral, from three to four-flowered. Corol many petalled.

A small tree, a native of Chittagong, where it flowers in March and April. The fruit ripens in June and July.

It is readily known by its many-petalled corol, having from twelve to sixteen petals, and by its three-fold leaves.

E. Zeylanica, Willd. 2, 963.

Arboreous. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, obtusely acuminate, lucid, veinless, when young villous. Peduncles axillary, generally solitary, or crowded on little comose racemes.

A native of the Silhet District, where it is called Nagasun Jamb, and grows to be a tree

of a middling size, flowering in April.

17. E. myrtifolia. R.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolate, taper, obtusely pointed, lucid. Peduncles axillary, compound, many-flowered. Berries spherical.

A beautiful small tree or large shrub, a native of Sumatra, from whence it was sent by

Page Dr. C. Campbell to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where in nine years the plants from seed had attained the height of six or seven feet, when they began to blossom in March and April, and the seed ripened in May and June.

18. E. bracteata. R.

Shrubby. Leares oblong, ventricose, obtuse, lucid. Peduncles axillary, one, rarely two or 11. three, one flowered. Involuces two-leaved. Berries spherical, smooth. 491

Myrtus Coromandeliana. Kön. Mss. Myrtus bracteata. Willd. 2, 969.

Teling. Gorag-moodee.

Hind, and Beng, Hijulee Mendee.

It grows in great abundance on the sand hills near to the sea on the coast of Coromandel. E. polygama, R.

Polygamous. Leaves short-petioled, elliptic, cuspidate. Panicles axillary on some trees, and not on others, villous. Stigma capitate.

A native of the Malay Archipelago. I have not seen the pericarp, its genus is therefore uncertain, particularly as it has a capitate stigma.

20. E. venusta. R.

Arboreous, with numerous drooping branchlets. Leaves broad-lanceolar, obtusely acuminate. Panieles axillary and terminal, brachiate, shorter than the leaves, ultimate divisions three-flowered

From Tippera, where this elegant tree is indigenous, the seeds were received into this garden, where in six years the largest of the young trees was about twelve feet high, clothed with innumerable slender, drooping branches down to the ground. Bark of the woody parts dark brown and smooth, of the tender shoots green and smooth. Leaves opposite, short petioled, from lanceolar to oblong; when the plants were younger they were much narrower in proportion to their length, entire, firm, highly polished, obtusely acuminate; from three to four inches long, and one and a half broad. Panicles axillary, more rarely terminal, shorter than the leaves, composed of brachiate pairs of branches with their ultimate divisions three-flowered, all round and smooth. Flowers like those of the common myrtle, and about the same size. Calyx four-toothed. Corol of four short-clawed, orbicular, concave, reddish petals. Germ twocelled, with many ocula in each, &c.

21. E. acuminata, R.

Leaves broad lanceolar, acuminate, polished, finely veined. Peduncles axillary, terminal, many-flowered. Corol operculate. Berries round.

A small, but tall, handsome tree, a native of the Moluccas; in the Botanic garden at Calcutta it flowers in March, and the fruit ripens in June.

22. E. cymosa. R.

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, polished, hard. Cymes terminal and axillary, crowded.

Buttee Jamb, the vernacular name in Silhet where the tree is indigenous; it grows to a great size, and the wood is used for various economical purposes. Flowering time December.

23. E. aquea. R.

Arboreous, trunk soon divided. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, oblong-lanceolate, entire. Peduncles terminal, and from the exterior axills, many-flowered. Fruit flattened at both ends, (turnip-shaped.)

Jambosa aquea. Rumph. Amb. 1. p. 126. t. 38. f. 2. the rose-coloured variety, and

Jambo-ayer. Rumph. Amb. 1. p. 126. the white.

Both the above varieties have been introduced from the Moluccas into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they thrive luxuriantly, and blossom during the month of March, the fruit

ripens in May and June.

Trunk short; branches numerous down to the ground. Bark smooth, ash-coloured; whole height from twenty to twenty-five feet. Leaves opposite, very short-petioled, sublanceolate, with their narrow base somewhat cordate; margins entire, smooth on both sides. Peduncles terminal, and from three to five or seven large, white flowers, on pedicels of various length. Calyx the four segments of the border subreniform. Petals subrotund, rather larger than the divisions of the calyx. Filaments numerous, twice the length of the petals. Anthers small, oblong. Germ broad-turbinate, two-celled, with the rudiments of many seeds in each. Style longer than the stamina. Stigma acute. Fruit about the size of a large Medlar, somewhat turbinate, with both ends much flattened; surface smooth and polished, but uneven, and in the first noticed variety of a most beautiful lively pale rose colour, and aromatic taste, containing from one to four seeds, though in the germ, as in all the other species I have examined there are the rudiments of a great many. The other variety, Jambo ayer, has the fruit perfectly white, there is no other difference.

The tree which bears the rose, or pink coloured variety, is conspicuously beautiful, when the drooping brauches of the full grown, brilliant coloured fruit, appear through the dark deep

green leaves.

24. E. alba. R. Trunk rarely straight, and soon divided. Leaves subsessile, oblong. Peduncles lateral and terminal, brachiate, many flowered. Flowers pedicelled. Berries depressed, turbinate.

A native of the Malay Islands. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, this rather low, very ramous tree blossoms, and bears immense crops of large pure white shining fruit during the hot and rainy seasons, but they are very insipid, and quite watery.

25. E. oblata. R.

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Leaves opposite, broad lanceolar, obtusely-acuminate. Panicles terminal, with smaller axillary corymbiform fascicles in the axills, all shorter than the leaves. Berries transversely

Goolsm, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is found wild, as well as cultivated for its edible fruit; the wood is also in some estimation. It blossoms in March, and the fruit ripens in June and July.

26. E. lanceæfolia. R

Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate, with the base rounded, acuminate, smooth. Panicles axillary and terminal, globular, shorter than the leaves. Berries oblong, crowned with the

entire calyx.

Eugenia.

Poora-Jamb, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous in the forests of that district, and grows to be one of the largest trees. Flowering time November, and the seed ripens in February; uncommon periods for an Eugenia to flower and ripen its fruit; this I am inclined to consider one of the most elegant and most useful species of this extensive, and truly superb genus.

27. E. lanceolaria. R.

Leaves short-petioled, narrow-lanceolar. Flowers terminal, about fifteen, corymbose-fasci-

cled. Berries irregularly round lobate.

Pounce-Jamb, the vertacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a small smooth tree of from ten to twelve feet in height, the flowers very large, rosy, and somewhat fragrant, which with the elegant foliage, renders it one of the prettiest of this very grand family. It flowers in May, the fruit ripens in December, and though as large as a small apple, is not eaten, the pulp being in small quantity and tough.
28. E. Jambos, Willd. 2, 959.

Trunk rarely straight and soon dividing. Leaves lanceolate. Flowers terminal. Berries

Malacca schambu, Rheed, Mal, 1, t, 17.
Jambosa sylvestris alba, Rumph, Amb, 1, t 39.
Jamba the Sanscrit name, Asiat, Res. 1, 419.

Beng, Gulab-jamb.

Found common in gardens in most parts of India and its Islands.

E. caryophyllata, Willd. 2, 965.

Leaves from lanceolar to oblong, acute. Corymbs terminal. Berries oblong, one, rarely, two-seeded.

Lavange, the Sanscrit name.

Pers. Meykuk. English. Clove tree.

On the Molneca Islands where these trees are indigenous they begin to blossom when about nine years old; the average produce is about two, or two and a half pounds of cloves yearly.

Arab. Kerunpul. Beng. Lang.

Caryophyllus aromaticus. sp. pl. 735. Gært. sem. t. 167. 33.

Caryophyllus. Rumph. Amb. 2. t. 1. 2. 3.

30. E. leptosperuma. R.

Leaves short petioled, lanceolate, coriaceous, polished. Panicles terminal, very ramous. Calyx acetabuliform, obscurely five-toothed. Stigma two-toothed.

A native of the Island of Romoa.

31. E. Thumra. R.

Leaves lanceolar, polished. Panicles terminal, extreme, remote, many-flowered. Divisions of the calyx subrotund; petals reniform, sessile.

Sent from Pegne by the Rev. Mr. F. Carey, under the vernacular name Thumra.

32. E. pulchella. R.

Leaves broad-laucoolar, acuminate, finely veined, lucid. Panicles terminal, divided in a triternate form; peduacles and pedicells four-seeded. Berries spherical.

A very beautiful, slow growing, small tree; a native of the Molucca Islands. Flowering time in the Botanic garden of Calcutta March and April, and the fruit which is like the black current, ripens in the early part of the rains.

33. E. Inophylla. R.

Trunk straight to the top of the tree. Leaves from oval to oblong, finely-veined and polished. Panicles terminal, corymbiform. Calgar obscurely from four to five-lobed. Corol from four to five-petalled. Berries turbinate.

A native of the Moluccas. It flowers during the hot season in the Botanic garden at

Calcutta.

Although it resembles the clove tree, it possesses no kind of fragrance. The large pearshaped berries are not catable, the pulpy part or rather cortex being of a hard tough texture and unpleasant taste

34. E. rubens. R.

Leaves short-petioled, opposite, and subalternate, lanceolar, obtuse, fine-veined, hard and

glossy. Panicles terminal, ultimate divisions often umbelliferous.

A large timber tree, a native of the extensive forests of Chittagong, where it is called Karee Jamb. It flowers in April; the fruit which is caten by boys, ripens about the beginning of the rains.

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ICOSANDRIA MONOGYNIA. [Myrtus, Eucalyptus, Fætidia, Punica.

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35. E. glandulifera. R.

Shrubby. Leaves broad-lanceolate, highly polished. Panicles terminal, brachiate; ramifications simple and umbelliferous. Calyx five-toothed, and with the germs and pedicells

A native of Sumatra. 36. E. macrocarpa. R.

Leaves subsessile, lanceolate, acuminate, base narrow-cordate. Peduacles terminal, fewflowered. Berries spherical, of the size of a large orange, crowned with the four-lobed perma-

Chalta-jamb, the vernscular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous in the forests amongst the timber trees. Flowering in April, and the immensely large fruit, resembling that of the Chalta, (Dillenia indica now called speciosa,) which is eaten by the natives, ripens in August and September.

37. E. corymbosa. R.

Leaves ovate-lanceolate, entire, smooth. Corymbs terminal, decompound. Calyx with large round divisions. Berries globular.

A native of the Moluceas.

MYRTUS. Schreb. gen. n. 844.

Calyx five-cleft; petals five. Berry inferior, from two to five-celled, with a few gibbons seeds in each.

1. M. communis. Willd. 2. 967.

Flowers sub-solitary. Involucre two-leaved.

Arab. Isbor.

Hind. Belatee mendee.

Common in gardens, it flowers during the cold season. I am not certain that this species is found indigenous in any part of India.
2. M. tomentosa. Willd. 2. 960.

Shrubby. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, three-nerved, hoary underneath. Peduncles axillary, one-flowered. Bractes two at the bottom of the germ. Berry oval, cells uncertain; seeds very numerous.

3. M. canescens. Lour. Cochin Ch. 381.

Arbor sinensis, &c. Pluk. am. p. 21. t. 372. f. 1. is good.

A native of the Island of Pulo Penang, as well as of China, Cochin China, &c.

EUCALYPTUS. L'Horit.

Calyx permanent truncated, before flowering covered with an entire deciduous lid. Corol none. Capsule inferior, four-celled, opening at top, many-seeded.

E. moluccana. R.

Lid conical, shorter than the calyx. Panicles lateral, composed of peduncled heads, of

six or seven flowers. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolate, entire, firm and polished.

A native of the Molucca Islands, differing from all the species described by Dr. Smith in the 3d vol. of the Transactions of the Linnaan Society, in having lateral panicles, composed of heads of six or seven sessile flowers.

FŒTIDIA. Juss.

Calyx superior, four-parted. Corol. Drupe turbinate. Nut ligneous, four-celled. Seeds one or two.

F. mauritiana. Willd. 2. 980. Lamarck. Juss. &c.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke indigenous on the Mauritius, in seed in the month of July.

He says it is a tall, stout tree.

Stem smooth and straight, thirty feet without branches. Branches diverging. The bark very tenacious, thick, entire; surface whitish, red within, bitter and astringent. The woodcutters strip young shoots of the bark to bundle up their wood. Leaves about the ends of the branches on all sides, crowded, lanceolar, entire, smooth, with mid-rib red, sessile.

PUNICA. Schreb. gen. n. 847.

Calyx five-cleft. Petals five. Pome inferior, many-celled, many-seeded. P. granatum. Willd. 2. 981. Asiat. Res. xi. 175.

Arboreous. Leanes lanceolate.

Arab. Rana, or Ruman.

Pers. Anar.

Hind. Darim, also Anar.

Sung. Darimba.

Beng. Dalim, or Darim.

Gool-amar is the Hindee name of the double flowered variety; both are common in gardens throughout India.

A decoction of the bark of the root, has been found a sovereign remedy for the Tania, or Tape-worm. For the knowledge of this valuable discovery, we are indebted to Mr. Alex-

ander Colvin, and Mr. Home of Calcutta. See Dr. Fleming's Account thereof in the 11th vol. Carey of the Asiat. Res. above quoted.

AMYGDALUS. Schreb. gen. n. 848.

Calyx five-cleft. Petals five. Drupe superior, having a shell perforated with pores.

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 A. persica, Willd, 2, 982 All the serratures of the leaves acute. Flowers sessile, and solitary.

Arab. Tuffa-parsec.

Pers. Shooft-aloo. Chin. To is the name of the common peach, and pinto of the flat peach.

Several varieties from China and Persia have been introduced into the gardens of India. The most uncommon is the flat peach from China, its fruit is vertically compressed, like a turnip. In Beugal they blossom in February and the fruit ripens in May.

2. A. communic. Willd. 2. 982.

Lower servatures of the leaves glandular. Flowers sessile and in pairs.

Arab. and Hind. Budam.

Common in Persia and Arabia I therefore conclude it is a native of those countries. It does not succeed in India, requiring much nursing to keep it alive.

3. A. cordifolia. R.

Leaves cordate, acuminate, gland-serrulate. Flowers in pairs, peduncled. Nut hairy. A native of China, and now common in gardens about Calcutta, where it grows to be a large very ramous tree, and is cultivated for its small, yellow, succulent, acid fruit, of which tarts are often made. Flowering time in Bengal the cool season, the fruit ripens in the hot season.

PRUNUS. Schreb. gen. n. 849.

Calyx five-cleft. Petals five. Drupe superior, with the nut having prominent sutures.

1. P. cerasus. Willd. 2. 991.

Umbels sub-peduneled. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, smooth, folded together.

Arab. Kerasya or Jerasya.

Pers. Aloo-baloo.

A native of Persia, &c.

2. P. armeniaca. Willd. 2. 989. Flowers sessile. Leaves subcordate.

Hind. Khoo-banee.

Arab. Bin-kook, also Tuffa-urmena.

Pere. Mishmish.

A native of China, as well as the west of Asia.

3. P. silvatica. R.

Peduncles short, few-flowered. Leaves oblong, cuspidate, finely-servate, polished, having two glands at the base. Bractes ovate, sessile, pectinato-serrate.

Prunus, Hardwicke in Asiat. Res. 6, 362

Found wild by Colonel Hardwicke, and afterwards by Mr. Francis Pierard; a tree of considerable size on the mountains north of Hurdwar.

L. P. trifolia. R.

Unarmed. Pedancles tern. Leaves oblong, very finely gland-serrate, smooth, in the bud equitant. Drupes cordate.

Chin, Hong-sum-li.

This elegant very ramous bushy shrub has been received from China, into our gardens in Bengal, where it blossoms in February, immediately after which the luxuriant foliage expands, and the fruit, which is about the size of the common plum, and nearly as palatable, ripens in

May and June.

Trunk in our young cultivated trees, or rather shrubs, very short, soon dividing into numerous branches and branchlets in all directions from diverging to erect. Bark on all smooth. Leaves alternate, in the bud equitant, petioled, recurved, oblong, tapering equally at each end, very finely gland-serrate, considerably acuminate, smooth, from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad, in Bengal deciduous about the close of the year. Stipules from the base of the petioles, ensiform, gland-ciliate. Flowers very numerous, rather small, and white, short peduneled, regularly three from each bud, and there are generally two of those buds in each of the old axils, with a leaf-bearing one in the centre. Bracles, the scales of the bud, cordate, scariose, and nearly caducous. Calyx, segments five, oblong; margins glandular. Petals oval, short clawed, the length of the peduncies. Filaments about thirty, shorter than the petals. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing two ovala attached to the same side of the cell. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma large. Drupe cordate, with an obtuse rising at the apex, the size of the common plum, and of the same purple colour, covered with a similar bloom, growed on one side. Pulp in large quantity, of a pale reddish yellow. Seed single, conform to the nut. Integument single. Perispera a thin covering on one side only. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons unequal, the small one doubled, and embraced by the larger, subequitant.

ALANGIUM. Juss.

Calyx from six to seven-toothed. Corol from six to seven-petalled. Germ inferior. one-

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Page Carey Ed. II. celled, one-seeded, attachment superior. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, furnished with a perisperm.

A. hexapetalum, Willd, 2: 1174.

Arboreous, with the branchlets sometimes ending in spines sometimes not. Leaves lanceo-503 late. Corol from six to seven-petalled.

Greevia sulvifolia. Linn. suppl. 409.

Greevia montana. Kon. Mss.

Angolam. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 17. and Kara-angolam t. 26 are, I strongly suspect, at most but varieties of the same species.

Beng. Akar-kanta.

A native of Coromandel, Malabar and Bengal. It flowers during the hot season. The germ has one cell, and contains a single ovula attached to the top of the cell. The embryo is inverse and furnished with a perisperm. The wood beautiful.

LAGERSTROEMIA. Schreb. gen. n. 910.

Calyx six-toothed. Petals six, inserted by claws, and curled. Germ from three to six-celled; cells many-seeded, attachment central. Capsule superior, from three to six-celled, from three to six-valved. Seeds several, winged. Embryo, with centripetal radicle, and little or no perisperm.

L. grandiflora. R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, oblong, with an enlarged cordate base. Panicles terminal, drooping. Stamina equal, longer than the corol. Calyx smooth. Capsules six or more-celled. Seeds filiform.

A native of Chittagong, and the neighbouring districts. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it was reared from seed in 1801; and when seven years old, the trees were large; it blossoms during the dry season; and the seeds ripen from April to June.

Trunk perfectly erect and straight to the top of the trees. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches subverticellate, the stout ligneous parts diverging, the very long, smooth, slender twigs drooping much from the weight of the leaves, and still more when in flower, or seed, by the additional weight of the flowers, &c. general height of the trees when seven years old from twenty to forty feet. Leaves opposite, approximate, short-petioled, linear-oblong, with a cordate, stem-clasping base, entire, of a firm consistence, smooth on both sides, with the lower side paler, from six to twelve inches long, and from three to five broad. Panieles terminal, drooping, sub-globular. Flowers very large, from ten to forty in the panicle, with a rather offensive odour. Calyx divided about half way down, into six acute, smooth, thick, fleshy permanent segments. Petals six, oblong, obtuse; margins curled, considerably longer than the segments of the calyx. Filaments about eighty, equal, longer than the corol. Anthers linear, incumbent. Germ superior, conic, six or more grooved, six or more celled, with innumerable ocula in each, attached to the large triangularly conic receptacle, rising from the bottom of the cells and longitudinally to the inner edges of the partitions. The space generally occupied by the axis being here empty. Style longer than the stamina, often serpentine. Stigma ovate, slightly divided into as many lobes as there are cells in the capsule. Capsule nearly round, of the size of a very small apple, with smooth, brittle, dark brown, rather thin cortex, surrounded with the permanent segments of the calyx, six or more celled, six or more-valved, opening from the apex, partitions longitudinally attached to the middle of the valves, and their inner margins to the inner part of the receptacles. Seeds numerous, very minute, linear-oblong, pedicelled, from their apex proceeds a long filiform process, or wing. Integument the smallness of the seed prevents me from determining whether there is more than one, it is rather hard where the embryo is lodged, but both extremities are spongy. Perisperm none or very thin, and not to be distinguished from the envelope. Embryo straight. Cotyledons cerdate, oblong, greendotted. Radicle subcylindric, pointed to the base of the seed.
2. L. regina. Willd. 2. 1178. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 4. t. 65.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, oblong. Stamina equal. Calyx variously grooved on the outside. Capsules six-celled.

Arjuna. Asiat. Res. 4. p. 301.

Beng, Jarool.

Adamboe, Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 20 and 21.

L. Flos. Regina, Retz. Obs. 5. p. 25. and 1. p. 20.

A native of Bengal, Malabar, &c. H. C. the seed ripens in August. It is a large timber tree, when in blossom beautiful. At Rangoon the timber is used to make knees for ships.

3. L. parciflora, Willd. 2.1179. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 48. t. 66.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, oblong, downy underneath. Peduncles from three to sixflowered. Stamina unequal. Capsule from three to four-celled.

Teling. Chinangee.

A native of various parts of India. It flowers during the hot season; the seed ripens in August.

4. L. indica. Willd. 2.1178.

Shrubby, Leaves nearly opposite, oval. Petals with long clawed and much curled. Stamina unequal. Capsules from five to six-celled.

Hind. Telinga-china.

Velaga globosa, Gært, fruct. 2, t, 133, p, 2,

An exotic from China; it flowers in the rainy reason, but rarely ripens its seed here.

CHRYSOBALANUS. Schreb. gen. n. 850.

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Calyx five-cleft. Petals five. Style lateral. Drupe with a five-furrowed, five-valved nut.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth. Racemes axillary, simple, much shorter than the leaves.

A native of the Moluccas.

SONNERATIA. Schreb. gen. n. 853.

Calyx from four to six-parted. Corol six-petalled or more. Capsule superior, many-celled. Seeds numerous, nestling.

S. acida, Willd. 2, 999.
 Petals six, narrow-lanceolate.

Rhizophora caseolaris, Linn. syst. reg. 442. Mangium caseolare, Remph. Amb. 3, 4, 73.

Pagapate, Sonneral, it. nor. Guin. p. 16. t. 10. and 11.

Blatii. Rheed, Mal. 3, t. 40.

A native of the Delta of the Ganges ; flowering time the hot and rainy seasons.

2. S. apetella. Buch.

Branchlets pendulous. Calyx four-parted. Corol none. Stigma peltate.

S. apetala. Syme's Embassy to Ava. 3, 12.

Reng, Khourn.

An elegant, pretty large tree, a native of the Delta of the Ganges. It flowers during the hot season,

LUDIA. Juss.

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Calyx many-parted. Corol none. Germ superior, one-superior, one-celled, many-seeded, attachment parietal. Berry few or many-seeded. Embryo centrifugal, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. L. spinosa. R.

Arboreous, Trusk and large branches armed with ramous spines. Leaves oblong, re-

motely obtuse-serrulate, smooth, three-nerved.

A native of Sumatra; from thence plants were sent by the late Dr. Charles Campbell in 1804, to the Botanie garden at Calcutta, where they began to blossom in May 1812, and ripened their fruit in September.

Compare with spina spinarum. Rumph. Amb. 7. p. 30. t. 19. f. 1. I suspect they may be the same, and more so as his tree is a native of Java. and mine of Sumatra, neighbouring

Islands.

Trunk erect in trees eight years old, fully as thick as a man's leg and with the larger branches dreadfully armed with long, strong, straight, compound spines, as in Flacontia cataphracta. Foung shoots smooth and coloured, whole height of those young trees from fifteen to twenty feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, oblong, very remotely and obtusely serrulate, obtusely acuminate, having both sides smooth, and the one upper lucid, triple-nerved, from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad, while young beantifully coloured. Petioles short, channelled. Stipules minute, triangular. Racemes axillary, solitary, simple, shorter than the leaves, few-flowered. Flowers small; pale yellow, pedicelled, many of them male hermophrodite. Bractes small, and solitary, under the base of each pedicel, and some round the base of the raceme also. Flowers about the size and appearance of those of the common myrtle, many seem abortive, though all are hermaphrodite, and in those the filaments are longer and the unthers lighter-coloured. Colyx saucer-shaped; border twelve-parted; six of which form an inner series, and are narrower, the whole permanent. Corol none. Flaments numerous, inserted on the disk or undivided part of the calyx. Anthers ovate oblong. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled; ovula many, attached to three equidistant parietal receptacles. Style about as long as the stanian. Stigma three-loied. Berry oblong, the size of an clive. Pulp of a soft fleshy consistence; the taste of which is something like a bad, sweet pear, though somewhat better. Seeds few, roundish-oval, umbiliens pointed, attached as in the germ, and nesting in soft yellow pulp. Integuments two, both membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, amygdaline. Embryo as extended as the perisperm. Cotyledous round-cordate, three-nerved. Radicle oval, contribugal.

2. L. fatida. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves oblong-serrate, smooth. Racemes axillary, longer than the

leaves, compound. Stigma four-cleft.

Somer-mera, the Malay name under which it was received from Amboyna into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it has been for fourteen years, and for some years past blossoms freely during the rains, but has not yet produced a single full-formed seed-vessel in Bengal. The trees are now about thirty feet high, with a perfectly straight truck of a proportionate thickness, covered with smooth, olive-coloured bark. Branches numerous, spreading and dividing much, the whole forming a large, ovate, very dense crown. The scent of the tree when near it, is particularly fetid.

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ICOSANDRIA DIGYNIA.

CRATEGUS. Schreb. gen. n. 854.

Calyx five-eleft. Corol five-petalled. Berry inferior, two-seeded.

1. C. erenulata. R.

Shrubby, spinous. Leaves narrow elliptic, crenulate, polished. Flowers terminal, sub-racemed, pentagynous. Berries oblate, open at top, exposing the five seeds.

A native of Nepal; in the Botanic garden at Calcutta in eight years it has grown to the height of six or eight feet, very ramous. It flowers during the hot season, and the berries ripen

2. C. integrifolia, R.

Procumbent, subspinous. Leaves obovate cuneate, entire, coriaceous, hairy underneath.

Flowers axillary, solitary. Calycine segments obtusely triangular and entire.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke on the hills between Hurdwar and Sirinagur. See Asiat.

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SESUVIUM. Schreb. gen. n. 856.

Calyx or corol five-parted. Capsule superior, three-celled, circumcised, many-seeded.
S. portulacastrum. Willd. 2. 1009.

Crithmus Indicus. Rumph. Amb. t. 72. f. 1.

Teling. Wangaredookooroo.

A native of the sand hills near the shores of India. In flower and seed the whole year,

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ICOSANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

MESPILUS. Schreb. gen. n. 857.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol five-petalled. Germ inferior, five-celled; cells two-seeded, attachment the base of the axis. Berry few-seeded. Embryo erect, no perisperm.

1. M. japonica. Banks. Icon. Kæmpf. tab. 18. Willd. 2. 1010.

Arboreous. Leaves sessile, lanceolar, very acute, serrate, downy underneath; panieles terminal, tomentose. Fruits obovate, villous. Chia. Loquat.

From China it was introduced into Bengal where it is much cultivated on account of its excellent fruit, the beauty of the tree, and the exquisite fragrance of its flowers. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms twice in the year, but bears fruit only once, viz. in February and March.
2. M. bengalensis. R.

Arboreous. Leaves petioled, lanceolar, remotely serrate, hard, smooth and glossy except while very young. Panicles terminal. Fruit obovate, from one to two-seeded.

A large timber tree, a native of Chittagong. Flowering time December and January, the

fruit, which is not eaten, ripens in June and July.

PYRUS. Schreb. gen. n. 858.

Calyx five-cleft. Petals five. Pome inferior, five-celled, many-seeded.
1. P. communis. Willd. 2. 1016.

Leaves ovate, serrate. Peduncles corymbed.

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Pers. Nash-patee. I have not been able to discover this tree in its native state in India, the following is the only pear, I have yet been able to find that has not been brought from Europe. 2. P. malus. Willd. 2. 1017.

Leaves ovate-oblong, servate, smooth, or villous. Umbels simple, sessile. Claws of the petals shorter than the calyx. Style smooth.

Sung. Seeba.

Arab. Tuffa.

It is common all over the western parts of India, and Persia, and but very little improved by culture, consequently the varieties are few.

P. cydonia. Willd. 2, 1020.

Leaves oval, hoary underneath, quite entire. Stipules oblong. Flowers solitary. Introduced from Europe, and from the Cape of Good Hope.

4. P. chinensis, R.

Leaves cordate, acuminate, finely serrulate smooth. Stipules filiform. Corymbs peduncled. Pedicels longer than the peduncle, hairy, with scattered filiform bractes. Styles smooth. Fruit vertically compressed.

Chia. Cha-li.

Salli is the name by which the people about Calcutta know this tree. It blossoms at various seasons, but yields few fruits, and those of a very bad quality.

5. P. indica. R.

Leaves cordate and ovate, most acutely and finely serrulate, smooth. Stipules filiform,

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the length of the petioles. A small tree, a native of the little known, mountainous districts east and north east of Silhet, while the plants are young the leaves are deeply lobate, the fruit round and smooth, a little concave at the base, from one to two inches in diameter; the taste is harsher than the

common crab-apple of Europe.
6. P. tomentosa, R.

Tender parts tomentose. Leaves oblong, obtuse, obtusely serrate; stipules scarcely any. This is the Quince tree of Hindoostan, and most likely that which furnishes the Quince seed brought from Muscat to Bengal for sale, where they are much used for medical purposes under the name Beheeke beej.

SPIRAEA. Schreb. gen. n. 862.

Calyx five-cleft. Petals five. Capsules five, superior, many-seeded.

S. corymbosa, R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves lanceolate, serrate. Corymbs terminal, globular.

A mitive of China and of the mountains north of India, in the Botanic garden at Calcuttn; it blossoms more or less the whole year, but most copiously during the hot and rainy season, but never ripens its seed.

ICOSANDRIA POLYGYNIA.

ROSA. Schreb. gen. n. 863.

Calyx pitchered, five-cleft, fleshy, contracted in the neck.
Seeds numerous, hispid, affixed to the interior side of the calyx.

1. R. involucrata, R.

Subscandent, armed with strong stipulary, straight prickles. Flowers in subsessile fascicles.

Bractes in form of a four or five leaved laciniate, inferior calyx.

A native of Nepal and Bengal; it flowers about the beginning of the warm weather in February; its seed ripens in the rains. Stem and branches stout and ligneous, the latter often very long, subscandent, armed with strong, straight, stipulary prickles; young shoots villous. Leaves pinnate; common petiole villous, slightly armed, stem-clasping, base pinnatifid. Leaflets opposite, from five to eleven, oblong, serrate, villous underneath; the largest about an inch long, and half an inch broad. Flowers terminal, from one to many together, subsessile, large, pure white, sweetly fragrant. Bracles four or five, surrounding the base of the germ, singly they are lanceolate, acuminate, with the lower margins deeply laciniate, and villous. Calyx villous; divisions entire. Corol single. Petals obcordate. Germ globular, villous.

R. centifolia. Willd. 2, 1071.

Germs ovate, with peduncles hispid. Stem hispid, and prickly. Petioles unarmed.

Arab. Wurd.

Pers. Gool.

Hind, and Beng, Gulab. 3. R. chinensis, Willd, 2, 1078.

Germs obovate. Stem with remote, large prickles. Peduacles hispid. Petioles almost unarmed. Leaflets about five, broad-lanceolate, serrate, having both sides smooth. Divisions of the calyx downy on the inside.

Beng. Kanta, or Kat-Gulab.

A native of China. Flowering time the cold season. It agrees so well with Linnaus's description of Rosa Indica, as to induce me to think they are the same.

4. R. glaudulifera, R.

Germs oblong, shrubby, subscandent, armed. All the tender parts ciliate, with glutinous, headed glands. Leaflets from five to seven, ovate, doubly-serrate. Segments of the calvx sub-ensiform, finely pinnatifid. Flowers terminal in large corymbiform panicles.

Beng. Swet, or Sheooti gulab.

Found in gardens throughout India, where it is commonly called the white rose; its flowers being double, fragrant and white, like the white rose (R. alba,) of Europe. Where this plant is indigenous is uncertain, probably China, as I know it has been brought from thence to the Botanic garden at Calcutta. It blossoms all the year round; but chiefly during the cold season-

R. semperflorens, Willd. 2, 1078.

Germ globular, smooth; peduncles hispid. Stems and petioles aculeate. Leaves quinate. pinnate; leaflets lanceolate, serrate. Calycine segments, subentire, woolly on the inside.

A small, very ramous species, a native of China. In Bengal it is in constant flower, but most profusely during the cool season.

6. R. pubescens. R.

Germs globular. All the tender parts tomentose, and glanduliferous. Segments of the calyx entire; stems, branches and petioles armed. Leaflets seven, lanceolar, serrate.

A native of the mountains north of Robileund.

R. recurva. R.

Sub-scandent, well armed, with strong recurved prickles. Leaflets from five to nine, ovatelanceolate, acutely serrate, smooth. Stipules subulate; petioles armed.

This stout, straggling, recurved, powerfully armed shrub is a native of Nepal; from thence it was sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it has now been

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ten years and has not yet blossomed. Dr. Buchanan however ascertained the genus in Nepal, where it blossoms freely.

8. R. diffusa. R.

Stems and branches weak, diffuse, armed with strong, recurved prickles in stipulary

pairs. Leaflets five, ovate-oblong, villous; stipules pectinate.

This distinct species is readily known by its weak, diffuse and procumbent, very long, almost simple branches, which often rest on the ground; it is supposed to be a native of China, as it was brought from Canton to the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

9. R. microphylla. R.

Suffruticose, armed with straight pairs of stipulary prickles only. Leaflets seven or nine, minute, oval, finely and acutely serrulate; stipules ensiform, entire.

Chin. Hoi-tong-hong.

Introduced from Canton into the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

10. R. triphylla. R.

Scandent, armed. Leaves ternate; leaflets lanceolate.

From China this very extensive cambier was brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, previous to 1794, where it thrives luxuriantly, and is known to the Chinese gardeners in the garden by the name, Tsha-te-bay-fa.
11. R. inermis. R.

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Suffruticose, unarmed; leaves ternate and quinate-pinnate; leaflets lanceolate, serrate,

Of this very elegant small plant we have two varieties from China: one with double white flowers, called by the Chinese, Po-mon-he-wong; the other with double yellow flowers, Wong-mour-he-wong.

RUBUS. Schreb. gen. n. 864.

Calyx five-cleft. Petals five. Berry superior, compound grains one-seeded.

Shrubby, scandent, armed. Leaves simple, oblong and oblong-cordate, serrate. Panicles terminal. Flowers hexagynous; petals linear, shorter than the calyx.

Hera-Chora, the vernacular name in Silhet, where the plant is indigenous, It flowers

about the end of the rains, and the seeds ripen in the cool season.

Stem in full grown plants, as stout as a man's arm, with numerous, very long, climbing, round branches, and villous branchlets, all armed with small recurved prickles; when their apices rest on the ground, they strike root. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, simple, from oblong to ovate-cordate, serrulate, villous underneath; rib and petioles armed; from three to five inches long and from one to two broad. Stipules slender, and often divided into filiform, villous segments. Panicles terminal, large and very ramous, villous. Flowers numerous, small, long-pedicelled, white. Bracles solitary at all the divisions, from simply filiform to multifid, villous. Catycine segments undivided, with the end subulate. Petals linear, and a little shorter than the calyx. Filaments numerous, inserted on the calyx, and nearly the length of the petals. Anthers oval. Germ six, inserted in the centre of a convex, very hairy, receptacle, one-celled, containing one orula attached to the top of the cell. Style the length of the germ, permanent. Stigma simple. Seeds, rather, partial berries, for they are so, from one to six, generally three or four, distinct, obliquely ovate, smooth, red and succulent; when dry wrinkled, almost chocolate-coloured. Integuments two, the exterior one sublucid; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons ovate, conform to the seed. Radicle superior.

It ought to be compared with Dr. Smith's Rubus pyrifolius. To me it appears to differ from his figure and description, in the leaves being broader and cordate at the base; in all the calycine segments being undivided, and lastly in the petals being only a little, say one-

fourth, shorter than the calyx.

2. R. gowree phul. R.

Shrubby, armed with recurved prickles and terminal, subpanicled. Petals twice the length of the calyx. Rubous. Asiat. Res. 6. p. 364.

A native of the Sewalik mountains, which bound Hindoostan on the north.

A large, bushy, perennial plant, with very long spreading and recurved branches, and somewhat five-sided, succulent; branchlets armed with many sharp recurved prickles, and a

great quantity of long harsh diverging reddish-brown hair.

Leaves scattered, ternate. Leaflets oval, serrate, downy and whitish underneath, from two to four inches long. Petioles round, armed and hairy like the branches. Stipules petiolary, subulate. Flowers axillary, and terminal, forming small corymbiform panieles, pretty large and white. Bractes subulate downy. Calyx downy, particularly on the outside. Petals cuneiform-obovate, twice the length of the calyx, pure white. Stamens in a single series round the germ, and of nearly the same height.

Introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Col. Hardwicke, where plants grow most luxuriantly; it blossoms during the dry months of February and March, but the berries never ripen well, nor are they so palatable as Col. H. found them in their native soil on

the Sewalik mountains.
3. R. moluccanus, Willd. 2, 1086.

Shrubby, prickly. Leaves simple, cordate-ovate, serrate, downy underneath. Panicles terminal, with axillary umbellets.

Rubus Moluccanus latifolius. Rumph. Amb. 5. p. l. 47. f. 2.

Fragaria, Comarum,

Ternstroemia.

A native of the Malay Archipelago.

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4. R. paniculatus. R. Shrubhy and smooth. Prickles free. Leaves pinnate, quinate, ribbed, smooth, acutely serrate. Panicles terminal, segments of the calvx subulate; petals round. A native of the Moluccas. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it blossoms and ripens its fruit, which is rather tasteless, during the rainy and cool seasons, indeed more or less the whole year.

5. R. rosofolius, Smith, ic. ined. 3, 60, Willd, 2, 1080.

Shrubby, erect, prickly. Leaves generally quinate, pinnate, green on both sides, doubly serrate, villous. Flowers solitary.

A native of the Mauritius. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it has lately been

introduced, it blossoms during the cold season.

6. R. hirlus. R.

Shrubby. Stem and petiales prickly, and very hirsute. Leaves ternate; leaflets roundoval, serrate, villous. Panicles terminal, composed of small umbels. Petals oblong, length of

A native of the mountains of the Peninsula of India. It flowers during the cold season

in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta.

7. R. racemosus. R.

Shrubby. Stem and petioles prickly and villous. Leaves pinuate; leaflets from five to seven, serrate, villous, ovate, lanceolate, the exterior ones often three-lobed. Racemes terminal. Petals as long as the calyx.

A native of the mountains of Mysore.

S. R. rosæflorus. R.

Shrubby, erect, smooth, armed, as well as the petioles, with recurved prickles. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from seven to nine, elliptic; servatures large and very sharp, hoary underneath. Corymbs terminal, heavy, sessile, shorter than the calyx.

Found by Captain Hardwicke in the vicinity of Serinagur. See Asiat. Res. 6. p. 364.

9. R. albescens, R.

Shrubby, long, scandent, or creeping, apices viviparous; armed with sharp, acute prickles, and clothed with a white bloom, which becomes brown by age. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from five to seven, from cordate to ovate, oblong-serrate, hoary underneath. Stipules lanceolate. Flowers terminal. Petals round, red, shorter than the calyx.

A native of the mountains of Malabar. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms

and ripens its bramble like fruit during the cool season.

10. R. gracilis. R.

Shrubby, slender, creeping, villous, armed, as well as the petioles, with recurved prickles. Leaves ternate, and quinate-pinnate; leaflets from round cordate to oblong, doubly serrate. rugose. Stipules petiolary, lanceolate. Flowers axillary, solitary. Calyr twice the length of the spatulate, crenulate petals.

A native of Nepal. It flowers during the hot season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

FRAGARIA. Schreb, gen. n. 865,

Calyx ten-cleft. Corol five-petalled. Receptacle of the seeds ovate, succulent, and coloured like a berry.

1. F. indica. R.

Roofs tuberous. Leaves from ternate to quinate, serrate, hairy. Pedanoles opposite to the leaves of the runners, solitary, one-flowered. All the divisions of the ealyx dentate-servate, the inner five incurved over the fruit.

It is a native of the banks of the Bruhmapootra, to the east and north-east of Bengal; the fruit is perfectly insipid. It flowers during the cold season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

2. F. malayana. R.

Runners rooting at the joints. Leaves ternate; leaflets obovate, cureate, dentate-servate, a little hairy. Peduacles from the joints of the runners, simple, one-flowered. Exterior divisions of the callyx cureate, and deeply (three) dentate; inner lanceolate, entire and incurved over the fruit.

A native of the tops of the mountains of Palo Penang. In the Botanic garden in Bengal it is in flower and fruit the whole year; and the last the berries were perfectly insipid.

COMARUM. Schreb. gen. n. 869.

Calgar ten-cleft. Petals five, smaller than the calyx. Receptacle (of the seed) roundish, spongy, villous, permanent. Seeds naked, smooth.

C. flavum. Buch.

Annual, with slender, short, dichotomous, villous branches. Leaves pinnate, quinate and

ternate, with obovate, gashed, villous leaflets; stipules lanceolate.

A native of Nepal. It flowers about the beginning of the hot season in the Botanic gar-

den at Calcutta.

CLASS XIII.

POLYANDRIA MONOGYNIA.

TERNSTROEMIA. Schreb. gen. n. 872.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx five-leaved. Corol one petalled, with a staminiferous tube, and five-

Page Carey Ed. parted border. Anthers turbinate, with biperforate apices. Germ from three to five-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment interior. Berries superior, from three to five-celled, many seeded.

1. T. serrata. R.

Leaves alternate, lanceolate, servate, acuminate. Peduncles in lateral fascicles, compound and decompound. Berries five-celled.

Daloop the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to the size of the apple, or pear tree. It is used for fuel only. Flowering time April and May, the seed ripens

II. in July and August. 522 Young shoots c

Young shoots clothed with a little grey, meally pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, from lanceolate to oblong, serrate, acuminate, smooth, except the veins on the under side; from five to ten inches long, and from two to three and a half broad. Petioles about an inch long, channelled, meally. Stipules none. Peduncles lateral, many together, drooping, divided in a triternate manner, with one flower on each of the ultimate divisions. Flowers small, rosy. Bractes small, opposite at the divisions. Calyx five-leaved, permanent. Leaflets unequal, oval. Corol one-petalled. Tabe gibbous, sub-campanulate. Border of five, nearly round cordate, spreading segments, which are imbricated in the bud, as in the contorte. Filaments above fifty, shorter than the tube of the corol, and inserted in a double series into it near the base. Anthers turbinate, two-lobed, having a circular opening in each at the top, for the discharge of the pollen. Germ superior, ovate, five-celled, with numerons ovala in each, attached to as many vertical receptacles, which project into their cells from the axis. Style short, five-grooved, five-parted; segments spreading and finally recurved. Stigmas transversely oval. Berries rather dry, nearly round; the size of a small pea, smooth, five-celled. Seeds a few in each cell, intermixed with a little pulp, oval, brown.

2. T. bilocularis, R.

Branchiets, scaly; leaves alternate, cureate, lanceolate, acute, serrulate. Flowers in lateral fascicles below the leaves. Berries three-celled.

A native of the Moluccas.

Young shoots clothed with ferruginous subulate scales. Leaves short-petioled, cuneate, lanceolate, acute, finely serrulate, smooth, from four to six inches long and two broad. Flowers peduncled, and collected in little fascicles over the leafless branchlets, small. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets roundish, imbricated, smooth, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube very short. Border of five obliquely oblong, spreading, smooth segments. Filaments from twenty to thirty, short, broad, inserted at the bottom of the tube of the corol. Anthers clavate, opening, with two porcs at top. Germ superior, ovate. Style short, three-cleft; segments long and recurved. Sligmas simple. Berry three-celled, with numerous seeds in each cell, inserted on large receptacles, rising from the axis.

BASSIA. Schreb. gen. n. 805.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx four or five-leaved. Corol one-petalled; border about eight-eleft. Germ superior, from six to eight-celled, cells one-seeded, attachment interior. Embryo erect, no perisperm.

1. B. longifolia. Willd. 2. 842. Gart. sem. 2. 104. t. 104.

Leaves lanceolate. Flowers crowded round the ends of the branchlets, drooping. Stamina from sixteen to twenty, within the gibbous tube of the corol.

Tam. Illupi.

A native of the peninsula of India, and found in plantations along the southern part of the coast of Coromandel. It flowers during the hot mouth of May, the seed ripens in August

and September.

Trunk pretty straight, and of considerable thickness, but short, in proportion to the size of the tree. Branches numerous, dividing much, and spreading far, forming a very extensive, shady head; young shoots downy. Leaves crowded about the ends of the branchlets immediately above the peduncles, lanceolate, smooth, entire. Petioles from one to two inches long, round, slightly villous. Stipules ensiform, downy, very early caducous. Peduncles crowded round the base of the young villous shoots, twenty-three inches long, drooping, one-flowered. The bractes, if any, fall so soon, and are so small, that I have not detected them. Calyx of two opposite pairs of ovate oblong, rather acute, somewhat villous leaflets. Corol Tube length of the calyx, gibbous, of a thick, firm, fleshy texture; border eight-cleft; segments sub-lanceolate. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers from sixteen to twenty, attached to the inside of the tube of the corol. Germ from six to eight-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the inner and under-side of the cell. Style twice as long as the corol. Stigma contracted, but evidently from six to eight-toothed. Berry oblong, the size of a large plum, villous, pulpy, when ripe yellowish, seldom more than three-celled, and one is more common; in the germ, always from six to eight. Seed solitary, oblong, of various shapes according to the number in the berries, attached to the lower half of the axis. Perisperm noue. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle roundish, inferior.

I cannot account for Gærtner's large, five-celled, five-seeded berry, and suspect it belongs to some species which I have not yet met with, probably one Rumph's Vidoricum. See vol. i.

of his Hor. Amb. page 173 and iii. 184.

Economical uses of the Illupie tree. Bassia longifolia by the Rev. Dr. John of Tranquebar.

1. The oil pressed from the ripe fruit is used by the natives as common lamp oil, who cannot afford to buy cocoanut oil. It is thicker, burns longer but dimmer, smokes a little, and

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II. 523 gives some disagreeable smell which common people do not mind.

2. It is a principal ingredient in making the country soap, and keeps therefore often the

same price with the cocoanut oil.

3. It is to the common people a substitute in place of ghee and eccoanut oil in their curries and other dishes. They make cakes of it, and many of the poor get their livelihood by selling these sweet oil cakes.

4. It is used to heal different out-breakings, such as the itch, &c.

5. The cake left after the oil is expressed, is used for washing the head, and is carried as a small article of trade to those countries where these trees are not to be found.

6. The flowers which fall in May are gathered by the common people, dried in the sun, rousted and enten as good food. They are also bruised and boiled to a jelly, and made into small bails, which they sell or exchange for fish, rice, and various sorts of small grain.

7. The skin is taken off from the ripe fruit as well as the unripe, and after throwing away

the unripe kernel, boiled to a jelly, and eaten with salt and capsicum.

8. The leaves are boiled with water, and given as a medicine in several diseases to both men and cattle.

9. The milk of the green fruit and of the tender bark is given also as a medicine.

10. The bark is used to cure the itch.

11. The wood is as hard and durable as Teak wood, but not so easily worked, nor is it procurable of such a length for beams and planks, except on clay-ground, where it grows to a considerable height, but in such a soil does not produce so many branches, and is less fruitful than when in a sandy or mixed soil, which is the best for them. In a sandy soil the branches shoot out nearer to the ground to a great circumference, and give more fruit. These trees require but a little attention and watering during the first two or three years in the dry season, and being of so great use, we have here whole plantations of them on high and sandy grounds, where no other fruit tree will grow.

12. We may still add, that the owls, squirrels, lizards, country dogs and jackals, take a share in the flowers, but the report is that the latter, especially in the time of blossom, are apt

to grow mad by too much feeding on them.

B. latifolia, Willd. 2842. Coron. pl. 1, No. 19.

Leaves oblong. Calyx four-leaved Stamina from twenty to thirty, within the gibbous tube of the corol.

Madhaca, is the Sanscrit name. See Asiat. Res. 1. p. 300, vol. ii, p. 301, and iv. p. 280. Madhooka, Garoodshpoo, Madharama, Voonaprastha, Madhooshpootheela, Madhoo.

Mahwa, Mahooa, and Mahoola of the Bengalese.

Teling. Ipie.

A middling sized tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars and of Bengal. Leaves deciduous during the cold season, and appearing again with the flowers in March and

April. The seed ripens in July and August.

Trank straight but short, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Branches very numerous, the lower ones spreading horizontally. Leaves alternate, petioled, crowded about the extremities of the branches, oblong, rigid, smooth above, somewhat whitish below, from four to eight inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles round, about an inch long. Stipules subulate, downy. Flowers numerous, crowded from the extremities of the branchlets, peduncled, at all times bowing, viz. bent with the mouth of the flower directly to the ground. Peduscles about an inch long, round, thickened, covered with rust-coloured down. Calyx as in the genus. Corol tabe as in the genus. Border from seven to fourteen-parted. Germ ovate, hairy, from six to eight-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the upper end of the large axis. Berry, the size of a small apple. Seeds from one to four, very rarely more. Embryo erect, and without perisperm.

This is a very useful tree. The wood is hard, very strong, and proper for naves of wheel

carriages, &c.

The flowers are eaten raw by the natives of the mountainous parts of the Circars, and by jackals. They have a sweet spirituous taste. An ardent spirit is distilled from them by the hill

people, which is strong and intoxicating.

The seeds yield a large quantity of oil by expression; but it is thick, of a quality inferior to castor oil, and used only by the poorer people to burn. Large plantations of B. longifolia are to be found about Tranquebar, Karikal, Nagur and Nagapatam; but the proprietors do not find them answer their expectations.

On the apices of the flowers, before they open, there is frequently a drop of a whitish, soft, tasteless resin to be found.

3. B. butyracea, Roxb. in Asiat. Res. 8, 477.

Leaves obovate. Calgx five-leaved. Stamina from thirty to forty crowning the subcylindric tube of the corol.

Frelwa or Phulwara, of the natives of the Almora hills, where the tree is indigenous. Flowering time the month of January; the seed ripens in August. For a full account of this valuable species, see the volume of the Asiatic Researches above quoted.

DIOSPYRUS. Schreb. gen. n. 1598.

GEN. CHAR. POLYGAMOUS. HERMAPHRODITE. Calgs and corol four, rarely five-cleft. Stamina varying in every species, and often abortive. Germ superior, many-celled, cells oneseeded, attachment superior. Styles three or four, rarely five, or one and variously divided.

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H. 528 Berry from one to twelve-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

MALE in general on a different tree. Calyx and corol as in the hermaphrodite, but with stamina more numerous, and frequently with twin-authors.

Diospyrus, Kaki, Suppl. p. 439, Willd. 4, 1119.

Leaves bifarious, ovate-cordate, downy. Male pedancles three-flowered. Stamina about twenty; hermaphrodite solitary, octandrous. Style four-cleft. Stigmas bifid. Kaki. Kempf. amoen. p. 805. 6. 7.

The Chinese gardeners employed in the Botanic garden at Calcutta call it Chin,

A native of China, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, by the late Col. Kyd, where it blossoms in March.

In twelve years they have only grown to be from twelve to fifteen feet high, with but few sub-creet branches. The bark is pretty smooth, but of a dark brown colour, that of the young shoots downy.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, cordate, more or less acuminate, entire, very downy on both sides, particularly while young; from two to five inches long, and from one to four broad-

Stipules none.

ABORTIVE HERMAPHRODITE, or rather male flowers small, yellow, sometimes on the same, sometimes on a different tree. Peduncles axillary, and from the base of the young shoots, recurved, short, villous, from one to three or more-flowered. Bracles small, cadacous. Calgar four-cleft; divisions ovate, half the length of the corol. Corol urccolate; month four-cleft; divisions contorted, sub-orbicular, emarginate, becoming revolute soon after expansion. Filaments from sixteen to twenty-four, or even more, very short, inserted sometimes by hairs, sometimes singly round the bottom of the tube of the corol. Anthers sagittate, hid in the tube of the corol. Pistil none, or in some trees a small, conical villous gland.

FERTILE HERMAPHRODITE flowers solitary, on short drooping peduneles. Calyx and corol as in the abortive hermaphrodite, but larger. Filaments generally eight, short, inserted into the bottom of the tube of the corol. Anthers sagittate, with the barbs bearded. Germ superior, conical, smooth, eight-celled, attached to the top of the axis. Style four-cleft. Stigmas two-lobed. Berry nearly round, of the size of a small orange, when ripe yellow, smooth, and abounding in edible yellow, fleshy pulp, covered with a firm but soft skin, eight-celled. Seeds one in each cell, when all come to perfection, which is uncommon, from semi-orbicular to linear-oblong, compressed, attached from the apex to the top of a soft central receptacle. Integuments single, firm, pretty thick, brown, polished, two-valved, with a slender, lighter coloured groove running down the back, or convex edge. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous, pearl-coloured. Embryo inverse, half the length of the perisperm. Cotyledons two, ovate-oblong. Radicle subcylindric; straight, superior, with its apex close to the umbilicus.

This tree is now pretty common about Calcutta, and I find it is not only a native of Japan but of China, and the mountains of Nepal, to the northward of Bengal. The fruit is tolerably pleasant, though by no means equal to a good apple, but what is worse, the trees about Calcutta are uncommonly unproductive.

 D. Ebenum. Kön. in. Suppl. pl. 440.
 Leares short-petioled, alternate, bifarious, oblong, entire, polished. Make Flowers subracemed, with about twenty anthers; HERMAPHRODITE solitary, octandrous. Style single. Stigma four-cleft.

D. Ebenum. Suppl. p. 440.

Hebenaster. Rumph. Amb. vol. 3. p. 13. t. 6. appears to be the same.

2. D. Ebenaster, Willd. 4. 1109.

This species is a tree of considerable magnitude, a native of Ceylon. There are many young trees in this garden, they grow slowly, and flower during the hot season, but have not yet produced fruit.

Leaves short-petioled, bifarious, alternate, oblong, entire, of a firm texture, and smooth on both sides; from two to four inches long. Male Flowers on a separate tree. Peduncles axillary, drooping, many-flowered. Calyx funnel-shaped: tube a little bellied, and considerably longer than the calyx. Border four-parted. Filaments, number uncertain, inserted into the very base of the tube of the corol; some are simple, others two, three, or even four-cleft.

Anthers generally about twenty, that is, one on each division of the filaments.

Female Hermaphrodite Flowers axillary, sub-sessile. Calga beneath, four-parted, with a callous, clevated, four-lobed, permanent, marginal ring round its mouth, inside villous. Corol; tube cylindric, about as long as the divisions of the calyx. Border four-parted. Filaments eight, very short. Anthers small, sterile. Germ conical. Style, shorter than the tube of the corol. Stigma four-parted. Berry nearly globular, succulent, when ripe, yellow, and about the size of a large cherry, resting on the permanent, reflexed calyx; cells, eight is the natural number. Seed, one in each cell semi-ovate, thin on the inner edge, of a light brown colour, and smooth, united at the apex to the central receptacle

There are many species of this extensive genus, which yield a hard, black wood. I mean, pure intensely black (not variegated,) to all of which we give the general appellation Ebony; my D. Melanoxylon is one. The species I am now describing, a second. Ebenus, Rumph. Amb. vol. 3. p. 1. t. 1, seems a third. From all these I know that of the Mauritius differs essentially, by the entire fruit, with ripe seed, just received from that Island, and now before me. The mountains of Bengal, Bootan, and Nepal produce at least another very distinct species, viz. my tomentosum, several young trees of which are now in this garden.

3. D. melanoxylon. Willd. 4. 1109. Corom. pl. 1. N. 46.

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Leaves sub-opposite, oval and oblong, obtuse, villous. Make Peduncles from three to six-flowered. Hermarhnoute, solitary, sub-sessile with cally and corol five-cleft. Styles three or four. Rerry with as many as eight seeds.

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Tindoo of the Hindoos. Coromandel Ebony-tree-Tumida of the Telingas.

The Ebony tree is a native of most woody mountainous countries in India, viz. Ceylon, Malabar, Coromandel, Orissa, &c. It grows to be very large, particularly the male tree; the wood of this sort is also more esteemed. Leaves deciduous in the cold season; the new ones ap-

pear with the flowers in April and May,

Trunk tolerably straight in large trees, from twenty to twenty-five feet to the branches, and about eight or ten in circumference. Bark scabrous, or deeply cracked, somewhat spongy, colour a mixture of grey and black, in irregular strata. Branches very irregular, numerous, rigid, forming a large spreading, shady head; young shoots very downy. Leaves nearly opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, obtuse, when young very downy, when old pretty smooth; about four inches long, and one and a half broad. Stipules none.

MALE PEDUNCLES axillary, single, short, bearing three or four small whitish flowers, supported by short bowing pedicels. Bractes a small one at the insertion of each pedicel, and one or two, still smaller pressing the calyx. Calyx and corol as in the genus. Filaments generally twelve or thirteen, short, inserted into a receptacle. Anthers linear, erect. Pistil none.

HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS rather larger than the male, axillary, single, nearly sessile.

Bractes, a small one pressing the calyx. Calyx always five-cleft, downy. Corol five-cleft. Filaments about ten, short, inserted into a receptacle between the germ and flower. Authors small, seemingly sterile. Styles three, nearly erect; stigma bitid. Berry round, of the size of a small apple, yellow, pulpy. Seeds as many as eight, immersed in the pulp, kidney-shaped, sharp on

the inner straight edge.

The black part of the wood of this tree is too well known to require any description in this place. It is only the centre of large trees that is black and valuable; which part is more or less in quantity, according to the age of the tree. The outside wood is white and soft, which time and insects soon destroy, leaving the black untouched. The ripe fruit is eaten by the natives; it has an astringent taste, and is not very palatable. The bark is also astringent. Powdered and mixed with pepper, it is given for the dysentery by the native doctors.

4. D. tomentosa, Roxb.

Diocous, all the tender parts very downy. Leaves opposite, and alternate, oval, entire.

MALE PEDUNCLES three-flowered. Calyx and corol gibbous, four-toothed. Stameas twelve, on a receptacle. Female solitary, with the calyx and corol five-parted; berry as far as five seeded. Kakindoo, the Sanscrit name.

Beng. Kyou.

A native of the northern parts of Bengal, where it grows to be a tree of great size; the wood is black, hard, and heavy; in short the Ebony of that country. In a garden at Allipore, formerly belonging to Mr. Hastings, are some of the oldest trees about Calcutta. They may be about thirty years old. The trunk and whole tree very erect, tall and slender, not unlike the form of the common Cypress. The leaves are completely decidnous during the cold season, and appear again with the flowers in April.

Trunk of the trees just mentioned, erect, though not perfectly straight, with deeply cracked, spongy bark. Leaves sub-opposite and alternate, perioled, oval, entire, very downy while young, particularly underneath; from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles short, very downy.

MALE PEDUNCLES axillary or round the base of the young downy shoots, round, recurved, very downy, three-flowered. Flowers small, whitish. Bractes small, covered with much ferruginous down. Calga gibbous, very downy, four-toothed. Corol: tube gibbous, downy. Border of four cordate, downy, contorted divisions. Stamens about twelve, inserted on a

receptacle in the centre of the corol, and shorter than its tube.

Female Peduncies axillary, solitary, very short, one flowered. Calyx five-cleft, downy on the outside, and hairy on the inside, divisions triangular, with waved reflexed margins. Corol; tube short, cylindric, hairy; mouth five-parted. Stamens none. Germ round, hairy, five-celled, with one ocula in each. Styles two. Berry ovate, as large as a pigeon's egg, covered with a smooth, hard bark, which becomes yellow when ripe, and is filled with a soft yellow, edible pulp. Seeds as far as five, when all come to perfection.

5. D. glutinosa. König.

Leares linear-lanceolate, smooth. MALE PEDUNCLES from three to four-flowered, with about twenty filaments, and forty authors. HERMAPHRODITE solitary, with from one to four. Styles four.

Embryopteris glutenifera. Willd. 4. p. 836. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 70. and I suspect Embryopteris peregrina. Gart. Sem. 1. 145. t. 29. to be the same, and that by some mistake or accident, the fruit, &c. have been inverted.

Tindooka, the Sanscrit name, Hind, and Beng. Gaub.

Teling. Tumika.

Panitsjika-marum. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 41.

A middle sized tree, growing in the moist cool vallies, amongst the mountains in the Circars. Leaves not deciduous. Flowering time, March and April.

Trunk erect, straight, middle sized. Bark pretty smooth, of a dark blackish rust colour. Branches spreading, scattered; going shoots smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, linear-oblong, pointed, smooth, firm, shining; when young soft and red, six inches long and two broad. Stipules a single variegated one which bursts and falls when the leaf begins

MALE PRDUNCLES axillary, single, bowing, bearing three four or more small white flowers. Bractes, a small deciduous one, below each pedicel. Calyx and corol as in the genus. Fila-

ments about twenty, bifid at the point. Authors about forty, linear, erect.

HERMAPHRODITE PEDUNCLES axillary, single, undivided, bearing one white flower, which is considerably larger than the male. Calga and corol as in the genus. Filaments one, two, three, or four, small, short. Anthers linear, small, sterile. Germ globular, eight-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Styles four, spreading. Stigmas branched, generally three-cleft. Berry globular, as large as a middle-sized apple, pulpy, rusty, yellow when ripe and covered with a rust coloured farina. Seeds generally eight, immersed in pulp, reniform, straight, thin at the edge. The wood of this tree is but of an indifferent quality, and not much used.

The ripe fruit is eaten by the natives, but I cannot say it is palatable; it is strongly astrin-

Sir William Jones writes me from Calcutta on the 29th December 1791, that the name by which this tree is generally known in Bengal is Gaub, (in Sanscrit it is called Tindooka,) and that the astringent viscid mucus of the fruit, is used all over that country for paying the bottom of boats. The unripe fruits contain a very large proportion of Tannin. An infusion is employed to steep fishing nets in, to make them more durable, and probably adds to their strength.

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Leaves bifarious, oblong, entire, obtuse, polished. MALE PEDUNCLES many-flowered, with about sixteen hairy anthers, on eight or ten hairy filaments. HERMAPHRODITE solitary, with about the same number of filaments and anthers. Berry globular, the size of a large orange, with a few irregular-shaped seeds.

Sapotte-nigra, Sonnerat it. nov. Guin. p. 45. 1. 14. 15. and 16.

A native of the Mauritius, and from thence introduced by the late Hyder Ally, into his garden at Seringapatam; from thence in 1804, Dr. Berry of Madras sent Dr. R. good specimens, and the entire ripe fruit. Since that time the tree has been introduced from the Mauritius into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it grows most luxuriantly and blossoms in the hot season, but has not yet perfected its fruit in Bengal.

7. D. ramiflora. Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves lanceolate, glossy; hermaphrodite and male flowers in fascicles from the large woody branches. Calyr and corol from five to six-parted. Style from five to six-eleft.

Berry with ten or twenty seeds.

Oori-gaub, also goolul of the natives of the eastern frontier of Bengal, where the tree grows wild, and to a great size, and supplies the natives with very strong, hard wood. A single hermaphrodite tree only of this species grows in the Botanic garden at Calcutta. It is about twenty years old, and was brought from the hills immediately east of Tippera. Flowering time, the end of March and April; and the fruit, which is as large as an orange, takes about

twelve months to ripen.

Trunk straight. Branches, numerous, spreading; branchlets alternate, bifarious. Bark of the old woody parts smooth, of a dark olive brown, that of the young parts smooth and green. Height of the individual tree in this garden about sixteen feet; on the mountains of Tippera, Silhet, &c. where indigenous, they grow to a great size; but it is evidently a tree of very slow growth, as are most, if not the whole of the genus. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-netioled, lanceolate, acute, entire, of a firm texture, and deep smooth shining green on both sides, from six to ten inches long, and about two or three broad. Flowers collected in small, subsessile fascicles, over the thick woody branches, the hermaphrodite ones on one tree, and the male ones on another. The short, thick, scaly peduncles and calyx are clothed with much dark, olive-coloured down; the corol white and smooth. Calva five or six-toothed, half the length of the tube of the corol. Corol one-petalled; tube somewhat gibbous, margin five or six-parted; divisions contorted, sub-reniform, at first spreading then revolute. Filaments, ten or twelve, inserted into the base of the tube of the corol. Anthers sub-sagittate, small, and containing little pollen, whence I conclude there is a male tree, which I have not yet seen. Germ in the hermaphrodite flowers ovate, smooth. Style short. Stigmas five or six, thickening, expanding. Berry globular, a large apple, slightly scabrous, resting on the very thick enlarged calyx, replete with yellowish edible pulp. Seeds ten or twelve, oblong, thin on the inner edge where they are united to the central receptacle.

8. D. racemosa. Roxb.

Leaves from oblong to lanceolar, obtuse, glossy. Both male and hermaphrodite flowers on axillary, comose racemes, the former with twenty or thirty stamina, the latter with twelve or sixteen; germ four-celled. Style, none; stigma four-celeft. Berries round, smooth, with as many as four seeds.

Goolal, the vernacular name in Silhet.

A middling sized tree, a native of the mountainous countries east of Bengal, where it blossoms in April; the fruit ripens in November, and is eaten by the natives.

9. D. lanceæfolia. R.

Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate, and polished. Flowers sessile; the male flowers crowded

in axillary heads; the hermaphrodite solitary.

Goolel the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a pretty large tree, and furnishes the natives with hard durable timber, for the construction of their habitations, &c. Flowering time in April; the fruit is edible.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, lucid; texture particularly

hard; from four to six inches long, and from one to two broad.

MALE FLOWERS sessile, and crowded together in the axills of the present leaves as well as in those of last year; it is the only species I have yet met with that has sessile flowers. Calyx downy, four-toothed. Corol with gibbous tube and imbricated four-parted border. Filaments about sixteen, short, inserted into the receptacles. Anthern linear.

HERMAPHRODITE Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile, cernuous. Calyx downy, from four to five-toothed; from the apex a keel runs down on the outside. Corol downy on the outside. Tube gibbous. Border from four to five-parted; segments cordate, imbricated in the bud. Filaments from eight to ten, short, inserted on the base of the tube of the corol. Authors linear. Germ hairy, ovate, torulose, eight-celled, with one ocula in each attached to the top of the axis. Style scarcely any. Stigma with about as many short divisions as there are cells in the germ.

 D. sylvatica, Willd. 4, 1108. R. Corom. R. 1. No. 47.
 Leaves from oval to oblong, smooth. Male peduncles many-flowered, with about eighteen single-anthered filaments; female hermaphrodite, solitary, with an ample calyx. Berry with as many as eight seeds.

Tella-goda of the Telingas.

A native of the Circars, where it blossoms during the hot season.

11. D. montana, Willd. 4, 1110, R. Corom. pl. 1, N. 48.

Armed. Leaves ovate-obloug, smooth. Male flowers numerous, with about eight filaments, and sixteen anthers; female hermaphrodite solitary, with only four sterile stamina, as many as eight seeds.

Yerra-goda of the Telingas.

A native of the Circar mountains; it flowers during the hot season.

 D. chlorovylov. Willd. 4, 1112. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 49.
 Armed. Leaves oblong, downy underneath. Male flowers fascicled, with about twelve filaments and sixteen anthers; hermaphrodite solitary, with about eight single stamina; styles four. Berry two or three-seeded.

Nella-woolimera of the Telingas.

A native of the Circars; it flowers during the hot season.

13. D. cordifolia, Willd. 4. 1111. R. Corom. pt. 1. N. 50.

Armed. Leucez linear-cordate, downy. Male peduncles three-flowered, with about eight filaments and sixteen authors; hermaphrodite single, with twelve single stamina; styles four. Berry eight seeded. Tamala; the Sanscrit name.

Teling. Kok wolimera.

Beng. Bun-Gaub.

Found over most parts of India, and with the whole of the other species blossoms during the hot season, that is, from the beginning of February to the end of May.

14. D. stricta. R.

Trunk straight to the top of the tree. Leaves ovate-lanceolate. Male peduncles from three to six-flowered; stamina sixteen on a convex receptacle.

A tall slender conical tree with a trunk perfectly straight, as in the Firs, to the very top; a native of Tipperah; it flowers in March.

The female tree unknown.

15. D. bracteata. R.

Leaves oblong, acute. Fartile flowers solitary and bracted: styles four. Berry with as many as eight seeds.

A native of the Docab; the male tree has not been found.

SYMPLOCOS. Schreb. gen. n. 1223.

GEN. CHAR Calyx superior, five-parted. Corol one-petalled, rotate, with the stamina inserted on its base. Germ semi-infera, three-celled; cells few-seeded; attachment to the upper end of the axis. Drupe inferior, thirteen-celled. Seeds one or two. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. S. racemosa, Roxb.

Racemes axillary. Leaves oblong, smooth, serrulate.

Sans, Savara, Lodhra, Beng, Lodh.

A small tree of from twelve to twenty feet high, a native of Burdwan and Midnapore in Bengal. Flowering time the month of December; the seed ripens in May.

Compare this plant with Myrtus Retz. obs. 4. p. 26.

Trunk about twenty inches in circumference. Bark somewhat rough, with a spongy, friable, exterior grey coat, inwardly of a firm, fleshy texture; when fresh, of a very pale yellowish colour and the taste mildly astringent. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from ovate-oblong to broad-lanceolar; margins serrulate, both sides smooth, of a thick firm texture, from two to six inches long, and from one to one and a half broad. Stipules none. Racemes axillary and terminal, single and generally simple, shorter than the leaves, many-flowered. Flowers soli-

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II. 542 tary, approximate, small, short-peduncled; colour a lively yellow. Bractes three to each flower, ovate, villous, one, viz. the largest under the pedicel, and two placed opposite at the base of the germ. Calyx superior, five-parted, permanent; segments broad-ovate or nearly round-obtuse. Corol one-petalled, rotate. Border five-parted; segments oval, deeply divided, concave, smooth, thrice the length of the calyx or more. Filaments numerous, as long as the corol, and inserted into its base. Anthers small, two-lobed. Germ inferior, turbinate, three-celled, with from two to four orula in each, attached to the inner and upper angle of the cells (upper end of the axis.) Style shorter than the stantina. Stigma three-lobed. Drape oblong, smooth, with a beautiful purple pulp in small quantity, when ripe purple, crowned with the permanent calyx. Nut conform to the drupe, three-celled. Seed generally solitary, (with the abortive integraments of the other one or three close by its apex) linear-oblong, attached to the inside of the top of the cell. Integument seems single, tough, and thick, colour on the outside light brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, rather soft. Embryo cylindric, inverse. Cotyledons small, oblong; radicle three or four times longer than the cotyledons, cylindric, superior.

The bark of this small tree is in request amongst the dyers of red in Calcutta, and is met

with in the markets in that city for a trifling price.

It seems to be used as a mordant only. To dye with Munjeet (East India madder.) in which the bark called Lodh is an ingredient. For three yards of cloth take Lodh, the bark is meant, Bura Hur (Myrobolana Chebula. Mat. Med. Terminalia chebula Roxb.) of each one chatek, or two ounces, pound and rub them with water on a stone; mix them up with water, and steep the cloth in it, then dry it. Take one chatak of alum, dissolve it in water, and boil it, put the cloth into this solution, and let it boil for an hour, then wash and dry it. Then take Al, viz. Morinda tinctoria. Roxb. one chatak Dhawra flowers, Grislea tomentosa. Roxb. one chatak Munjeet Rubia Munjeet. Hoxb. half a seer, nearly a pound, separately, mix them with lukewarm water, and let it boil. Then put in the cloth, and let it remain boiling for

About the red powder used by the natives during the Hooles holidays is made about

Kheerpase, of the bark of this tree.

2. S. spicata. Roxb.

Leaves from lanceolar to oblong-serrate, acute. Spikes axillary, compound. Drupes, cur-

ceolate-torose; nut one-celled, one-seeded.

Booree, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, growing to be a middlesized tree. It flowers in August, and the seeds ripen in the cold season. They are very hard, about the size of a pea, and resemble a minute fluted pitcher; when bored, they are strung like beads, and by the natives put round the necks of their children, to prevent evil. The nuts only of Nageia Putranjiva are employed in the same manner, and for the same end.

Young shoots smooth and straight. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from lanceolar to oblong-serrate, acuminate, smooth, texture hard, and in drying turn yellow; from four to six inches long and one and a half broad. Stipules none. Spikes axillary, solitary, compound, I may say panicled, scarcely half the length of the leaves, smooth. Flowers numerous, sessile, small, scattered, yellow. Bractes three, roundish, concave and ciliate, embracing the base of each germ, like a calycle. Calyx superior, five-parted, the five oblong segments being only slightly united at the base into one ring with the insertion of the filaments. Filaments about forty, twice the length of the corol. Anthers two-lobed. Germ inferior, three-celled, with three or four ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style the length of the filaments. Stigma large and perforated. Drupes the size of a pea, short, urceolate, torose, about twelve-ribbed, olive-coloured. Nut conform to the whole drupe, thick and hard, one-celled, cell annular, &c. conformable to the cell in the nut. Integament single. Perisperm conform to the seed, oily. Embryo shorter than the perisperm, arched. Cotyledons semi-columnar. Radicle cylindric, much longer than the cotyledons.

S. ferruginea. Roxb.

Leaves lanceolar, serrulate, acuminate, parallel-veined, downy underneath. Spikes axilla-

ry, solitary, compound, downy.

Foolingzur is the vernscular name in the Garo country, where it is indigenous; it grows to the size of a small tree, with much soft, ferruginous pubes. Flowering time the latter part of the rains.

Leaves alternate, short, villous, petioled, lanceolar, serrulate, acuminate, texture hard; smooth above, downy underneath; from four to seven inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules none. Spikes axillary, solitary, compound, not half the length of the leaves, very downy. Flowers sessile, crowded, middle-sized, yellow. Bractes three to each flower, like a calycle, broad ovate, downy. Corol rotate. Tabe very short; segments of the border five, oblong. Filaments numerous, inserted on the sharp tube of the corol. Anthers two-lobed. Germ semi-inferior, downy, three-celled; cells with from two to four ovula in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma three-lobed,

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MIMOSA. Schreb. gen. n. 1595.

GEN. CHAR. Aggregate. Calyx five-toothed. Corollets one, diadelphous legume. I call them corollets because inclined to consider the whole as one aggregate flower.

SECT. I. unarmed Spikes globular.

Leaves conjugate-pinnate; leaflets three pair, short, petiolate, lanceolate, when young highly coloured. Panicles axillary, and lateral. Legumes many-jointed, spiral; seed enveloped in an edible fleshy arill.

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A large unarmed tree, a native of the peninsula of Malacca, where it is called Karinga by the Malays. The legumes are very large and spiral, like a cork screw; the joints are nearly circular, compressed, and often two inches in diameter; each containing a single seed, as large as a common garden bean, covered with a considerable quantity of edible fleshy pulp.

2. M. Xylocarpa. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 100.

Leaves conjugate pinnate; leaflets from two to four pair, with a single one on each side below the pairs. Stipules lanceolate. Spikes axillary, round, long-peduncled; corollets deciduous. Legumes falcate, ligneous, many-seeded.

Acacia xylocarpa. Willd. 4. p. 1055.

Teling. Konda-tangeroo.

It is called Pingadoo in Pegu, where it is used for knees, crooked timbers, &c. in ship

A large stately timber tree; a native of various parts of India. It blossoms during the hot season, at which period it is nearly destitute of foliage. The timber is remarkably strong and durable.

3. M. Incida. R.

Leaves bipinnate, and conjugate-pinnate; pinne one or two pair; leaflets from one to three pair, oblong, lucid. Spikes terminal, sub-panicled, round; corollets from ten to twelve, monadelphous.

A large and beautiful tree, a native of the mountains north east of Bengal. Flowering

time the hot season.

4. M. monudelpha. R.

Leaves bipinnate; pinne and leaflets about two pair of each, the latter obliquely oblong and smooth. Pasicles terminal. Tube of the numerous united filaments very long. Legumo pedicelled, one or two-seeded. Nut black uncertain.

5. M. Sirisso, R.

Arboreous. Leaces bipinnate, pinna from two to three pair. Spikes axillary, round; corollets monadelphons. Segments leafy, dry, long-linear and broad, not opening spontaneously. Sirisha, or Shirish in Sanscrit and Bengalee.

This tree is very common in every part of India; all soils and situations seem to please it equally. It grows to be a pretty large tree, but with a short thick trunk covered with ashcoloured bark. It has a very extensive but thin head. Flowering time the hot and rainy sea-

son; the greatest part of its leaves drop during the cold season.

Leaves about the ends of the branchiets bipinnate, and about a span long. Piana from two to four pair, sometimes the lower pairs are somewhat alternate. Leaflets opposite, from four to eight pair, obliquely linear-oblong, slightly emarginate, otherwise entire, smooth, about an inch and a half long and three-fourths broad. *Petioles common*, round, tapering, with a large gland, a little above its base on the upper side, and sometimes one at the extremity; there are also two small glands near the base of the partial petioles, and smaller ones between the leaflets, but their presence and number is always uncertain, except those near the base. Peduncles axillary, one, two, or more, each supporting a globular head, of white, fragrant corollets. Filaments numerous, united below, monadelphous, very long. Legume leafy, from six to twelve inches long, and from one to two broad. Seeds from eight to ten, remote, lodged in the middle, where the legume is alternately elevated and depressed.

The wood of this tree, is much like that of M. Xylocarpa, and equally serviceable. The flowers are very fragrant. I have often seen large masses of very pure gum upon it.

6. M. heterophylla, R.

Arboreous. Leaves hipinuate, pisua from two to three pairs; leaflets from three to six pairs, varying in shape from unequally round-cordate to lanceolar. Panieles axillary; corollets pedicelled, monadelphous. Legumes entire, spirally twisted, into one or more circles.

Kawahurusse the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a large and useful tim-

ber tree. It flowers in February, March, and April; its seed ripens in May or June.

Foung shoots angular and smooth. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Pinnæ from two to three pairs. Leaflets from two to three pairs on the lower pinnæ, from five to six the exterior; the inferior pairs small, say from half an inch to an inch each way, and unequally cordate: the exterior pairs from four to five inches long, and one and half broad; all are firm, entire, and glossy. Petioles, common and partial, smooth. Glands, a large umbilicate one at the base of the common petioles and one between each pair of pinnæ and leaflets. Panieles axillary, crowded; divisions umbelled even to the globular heads of corollets. Calyx five-toothed. Corol tubular, four times longer than the calyx; mouth five parted. Filaments many, twice the length of the corol, united toward the base, and inserted on the bottom of the tube of the corol. Anthers oval, incumbent. Germ pedicelled, lanccolar. Style the length of the stamina. Legume entire, not articulate, contracted between the seeds, spirally twisted into one or more circles, smooth and brown on the outside, orange on the inside. Seeds from six to eight, remote, of the size of a kidney-bean, smooth, deep black.

M. trapezifolia, R.

Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from three to four pairs; leaflets from four to seven pairs, trapeziform, downy underneath. Panicles terminal, ultimate divisions three; composed of small umbellets of spherical heads of monadelphous corollets.

A native of the Molucca Islands; it is the only species I know, that bears its flowers in umbellets.

S. M. odoratissima, R. Corom. pl. 2, No. 20.

Leaves bipinnate; pinna from three to four pairs; leaflets ten pairs; panicle terminal; spikes round; corollets monadelphous. Legumes thin, linear.

Acacia odoratissima. Willd. 4. p. 1063.

Teling. Shinduga. Tam. Solomanim.

A native of Coromandel. It flowers during the hot season, the tree is large and handsome, the timber particularly hard and strong. Flowers with a gland considerably above the base of the petiole.

9. M. elata. Roxb.

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Arboreous. Leaves bipinnate: pinnæ, from three to five pairs, leaflets from six to ten pairs, oblong, a concave gland on the base of the petiole. Panicle axillary, compound. Spikelets globular. Stamens monadelphous. Legumes linear, thin, from six to eight seeded.

A large, tall, most stately and excellent timber tree, a native of the interior parts of Bengal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms at the close of the rains, and the seed

ripens during the dry season.

Trunk of trees sixteen or seventeen years old, from twenty-five to thirty feet to the branches, and from four to five feet in circumference, four feet about the ground. Bark in the above trees still smooth; but in old trees it is cracked in various directions, and of a dark ash colour. Branches spreading to a great extent; young shoots flexuose and smooth, the whole height of the just mentioned young trees is from fifty to seventy feet.

Leaves bipinnate, from one to three feet long; piana from three to six pairs; four is the most common. Leaflets from six to ten pairs, subsessile, opposite, oblong, emarginate, smooth on both sides, from one to two inches long. Petioles with a ridge on the upper side, and one large, oblong, concave, brown gland near the base of the common one, and generally one between or rather below the last one, two, or three pairs of leaflets. Racemes or pasicles axillary, generally compound, being composed of several diverging, pedicelled, globular heads of white corollets. Calyx subcylindric, five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped, five-cleft, twice the length of the calvx. Stamens numerous, moundelphous, twice the length of the corol. Germ oblong. Style rather longer than the stamens. Stigma minute. Legume linear, pointed, smooth, thin (leafy) six inches long and scarcely one broad. Seeds from six to eight.

10. M. Kalkora. R.

Arboreous. Leaves bipinmate; pinnæ from four to six pairs; leaflets from fifteen to thirty pairs, sublinear, smooth; there is a smooth, convex gland on the base of the common petiole, and one at the last pair of pinne.

Beng. Kalkora.

A large timber tree; a native of the hills in the vicinity of Gwalpara, and from thence brought to the Botanic garden by Mr. R. Kyd.

11. M. procera, R. Corom, pl. 2. No. 21.

Leares bipinnate; pianæ four pairs; leaflets ten pairs; stipules ensiform. Panicles terminal and axillary. Spikes thereof round; corollets monadelphous. Legumes linear-lanceolate, pointed.

Acacia procera. Willd. 4. p. 1063.

Teling. Pedda-Patseroo.

A native of Coromandel, where it grows to be one of their largest trees.

12. M. pulchella. R.

Arboreous. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from nine to ten pairs; leaflets from twenty to twenty-five pairs, linear-oblong, glaucous; there is a gland above the base of the common petiole. Stipules subulate.

A most beautiful, stately tree, with an immensely large, dense head, the larger branches spread much and the smaller droop, but what renders it most conspicuous is the dark bluish

grey colour of its numerous large leaves.

It is a native of Malabar, and from thence was sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta

by Dr. A Berry. 13. M. amara, R. Corom. pl. 2. No. 122.

Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ ten-pair; leaflets twenty-pair; stipules lanceolate; spikes axillary, crowded, peduncled, round; corollets monadelphous. Legumes thin, linear and broad.

Acacia amara, Willd. 41. 1074.

Teling. Nella renga. Tam. Shekram. 549

A middling sized tree, a native of Coromandel.

14. M. fructicosa. R.

Shrubby, smooth. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from eight to ten pair; leaflets from ten to twenty pair, sub-falcate, minute, a gland toward the base of the common petiole. Stipules mi-

nute, subulate.

From China it has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the Chinese

name Tham-yeaongton.

15. M. stipulacea. R.

Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from ten to twenty pair; leaflets numerous, scymitar-shaped; stipules and bractes semicordate. Panicles terminal; spikes pedicelled, globular; corollets monodelphous. Legume linear, leafy, from six to twelve-seeded.

Beng. Amlooki.

A native of the mountains north of Bengal. It flowers during the hot season, and is probably the largest of the genus; for I have seen a young (say twenty years old) tree which measured thirteen feet in circumference, five feet above ground; one in the Botanie garden, planted by myself was forty-eight and a half inches in circumference four feet above the ground, when only seven years old.

16. M. microphylla. R.

Sub-arboreous. Leaces bipunuate ; piana from ten to fifteen pair ; leaflets from three to five pair, obliquely-linear. Panicles terminal; corollets monodelphous. Legumes thin, few-seeded. Tetooleeya, the vernacular name in Silhet where it grows to the height of twelve feet.

Flowering time, May and June; the seed ripens in March and April.

Young shoots dark brown and scarcely villons. Leaves bipinuate, from six to eight inches long, of a bright green colour. Pinna from ten to tifteen pair. Leaflets from thirty to forty pair, minute, obliquely-linear, smooth. Petioles common and partial, downy. Panietes terminal and axillary, villous, composed of globular heads of minute greenish-yellow corollets. Bractes subulate, villous. Calyx and Corol as in the genus, both villous. Filaments from ten to twenty, monodelphous. Germ long-pedicelled. Legumes thin, leafy, smooth, long, broad, obtuse-pointed, from three to six-seeded, from six to eight inches long and rather above one broad. Seed oval, flat, smooth, light brown.

With the bark of this tree the mountaineers make an intoxicating liquor which they drink as we do beer; on the Coast of Coromandel the natives distil an ardeat spirit from a ferment-

ed mixture of the bark of Mimora leucophlea, coarse sugar, and palm-wine.

17. M. Smithiana, R.

Arboreous: Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from twelve to fifteen pair, leaflets thirty pair, semilanccolate. Pusicles terminal; corollets monodelphous. Legumes thin, linear, from ten to

Saris, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to be a very large

tree. Flowering time May, the seed ripens in December.

Young shoots somewhat angular, a little villous, and spotted with light grey dots. Leaves alternate, bipinnate, about a foot long, greenish. Pinnæ from twelve to eighteen pair. Leaflets numerous, from twenty to forty pair, semi-lanceolate, scarcely half an inch long, and about onefourth of that in breadth. Petioles common and partial, villous. Glands one near the base of the common petiole, and one between each of the last two or three pairs of pinnae. Stipules semi-cordate, in young luxuriant plants remarkably large, viz. one inch and a half long and one broad. Inflorescence terminal, panicled, and in the exterior axills a single, long-peduncled raceme, all composed of long-pedicelled globular heads of white corollets, the whole downy. Calyx and corol as in the genus, and both villons. Filaments from twelve to lifteen, very long, united toward the base into a tube which is inserted into the bottom of the tube of the corol. Germ pedicelled. Style as long as the stamina. Legumes linear-lanceolar, thin, straight-margined, and smooth, from three to four inches long and cather under one inch in breadth, from ten to twenty-seeded. Seeds oval, much flattened, smooth, of a greyish olive-colour.

18. M. pedunculata, R.

Arboreous. Leaves bipinnate, piuna from twenty to forty pair, sub-alternate; leaflets from sixty to a hundred pair, a pair of umblicated glands on the large of the petiole, and one between each of the last, from four to eight pair. Spikes subclavate, corollets monodelphous, decausirons.

An elegant tall large tree, a native of the Islands to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal, where it blossoms in May, and the seed ripens in December. The Malays are said to be fond of the seeds, which taste like garlic, and of the meally matter which surrounds them, as in M. biglobosa to which it is in many respects nearly allied.

M. biglobosa, Jacq. Amer. 267, t. 179, f. 87.

Arboreous. Leaves bipinuate; pinnæ from ten to thirty pair; leaflets from twenty to thirty pair, linear, an umblicated gland on the petiole below the lower pair of the pinner, and one between each of the last three or five pair. Pasicles terminal. Spikes few, long-peduncled, clavate; corollets decandrous, monodelphous. Legumes linear, many-seeded, in a mealy pulp.

Reng. Supota.

A native of the forests of Silbet, and its neighbourhood, where it grows to be a large tree,

flowering in December, and ripening the seed in April.

Trunk straight, when full grown about two feet in diameter, or six in circumference; young shoots villous. Leaves scattered, bipinnate, from twelve to twenty-four inches long, from ten to twenty pair; pinnæ opposite, from three to six inches long; leaflets from twenty-five to fifty pair, linear, lucid, half an inch long. Petioles common and partial, villous; glands an umblicated one under the lower pair of pinnae, and one between each of the last three, four, or five pair. Slipules minute, subulate. Panicles terminal, composed of a few, alternate, very long peduncled, large, sub-clavate, paie veilow fragrant spikes, (or flowers.) Bractes or scales of the clavate receptacle, solitary under each corollet, spatulate with the apex broad, and villous on the out side. Calyx tubular, month cut into five anequal, roundish, villous segments. Corol five-parted. Filaments ten, united from the middle downwards. Germ linear, many-seeded. Style the length of the stamina. Legames about a foot long, and an inch and half broad, tlat, swelled at the seeds, where a quantity of mealy matter is found to surround each seed; surface smooth, brown when ripe; it can scarcely be called jointed, except when very old. Seeds from twelve to twenty, oval, smooth, dark brown.

Note. About the base of the spikes on the sub-cylindrical part, the corollets are generally

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20. M. triquetra. Vahl. Symb. 3. 102.

Bi-triennial, prostrate. Leaves bipinnate: pinnæ two pairs; leaflets from ten to twelve pair. Psduncles axillary, solitary, bracted; spikes round, erect; corollets five-petalled, decandrous. Legumes linear, from four to six-seeded.

11. Desmanthus triquetrus, Willd. 4, 1045. 553

A small procumbent species, a native of Coromandel. In flower and seed the whole year.

SECT. II. Unarmed. Spikes cylindric.

21. M. natans. Corom. pl. 2. N. 119.
Annual, flowing. Leaves bipinuate; pinnæ from two to three pairs; leaflets ten pairs. Stipules obliquely-cordate. Flowers axillary, five-celled, decandrous, the lower ones barren. Legume falcate, many-seeded.

Desmanthus natans. Willd. 4, 1044. Nitti-todda-vaddi. Rheed: Mal. 9. t. 20.

Neptunia oleracea, Lourier, Cochia Ch. 804.

Beng. Pance-lajuk.

Teling. Necroo tavulupoo, and Nidra-yung.

This species is annual; it is found growing on pools and lakes of sweet water, or where

water has stood. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Branches or stems round, jointed, flexuous piped, tufts of radical fibres from the joints, between the joints spougy bodies are formed, which prevent the plant from sinking, the roots have not any connection with the earth, except when the water leaves it, and then it soon

Leaves alternate, bifarious, bipinnate; pinnæ two or three pair, opposite. Leaflets from eight to twelve pairs minute, smooth, possessing much sensibility. I think next to that of M. pudica. Stipules cordate, caducous. Peduncles axillary, single, longer than the leaves, supporting an oblong head of fertile and neuter florets. Bractes solitary, lanceolate, one-flowered. Fertile flowers above, decandrous. Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Legumes falcate, acute, smooth, from six to eight-seeded, torose. Neuter flowers below the fertile ones. Calyx and Corol as in the genus, but the ten stamens are here ten linear, lanceolate, waved, yellow petals.

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Note. It agrees pretty well with Miller's figure of M. plena, but the East Indian plant wants the bractes on the middle of the peduncles. The flowers are either neuter or hermaphrodite, and the latter have always ten stamens. Plukenet's 4th figure of plate 307 is certainly intended for this plan.

22. M. adenanthera. R.

Terminal, erect, smooth. Leaves bipinnate; pinna three pair; leaflets from twenty to thirty pair with coloured margins. Stipules obliquely cordate, acute. Peduncles axillary, bracted: spikes ovate, nodding, inferior corollets double, nenter: the superior ones, decaudrous; anthers crowned with a gland. Legumes sub-falcate, many-seeded.

Native place uncertain. Flowering time in Bengal the rainy season. It is a pretty sleuder, somewhat flexuous, sub-erect, shrubby plant. It is nearly allied to Willdenow's Desmanthus punctatus; if the anthers have a gland on the apex, as in Adenanthera, I think we may conclude they are the same. 23. M. scandens. R.

Scandent. Leaves bipinnate, ending in a tendril; pinnæ two pair; leaflets from three to four pair, oblong, emarginate, glossy. Spikes panicled, lateral; corollets decandrous. Legume jointed, with an entire margin.

Mimo Entada, Willd. 4. 1041. Acneia scandens. Willd. 4. 1057.

Perim-kaku-valli. Rheed. Mal. 8, t. 32, 33, and 34.

Entada. Rheed. Mal. 9. t. 77.

Beng. Gilla.

An immense scandent plant of many years duration; the oldest in the Botanic garden has been there fifteen years, and has not yet blossomed. Flowering time in the forests of Silhet

Trunk thick in proportion to the age and soil; in the above mentioned fifteen years old

where it is common, March and April; the seed ripens toward the close of the year.

plant in the Botanic garden, it is twenty-four inches in circumference. Bark rough, olive grey, and like most of the genus, astringent. Young shoots remarkably long, smooth, slender, and shining, and while very young, furrowed. Leaves alternate, bipinnate; from six to twelve inches long. Pinnæ two pair. Leaflets three or four pair, oblong-emarginate, lucid, entire, from one to three inches long. Petiole common, ending in a two-eleft, powerful tendril; all are polished, without glands, but channelled. Stipules subulate, small, embracing the branchlet. Spikes generally from four to eight, on a common peduncle, from the axills of the former leaves, upon the two or three years old branchlets, and there is often more than one such peduncle in the same axill. Rackis and the minute bracte clothed with ferruginous pubescence. Flowers numerous, small, pale yellow. Calyx cup-shaped, five-toothed. Corol one-petalled; but

divided to very near the base into five lanceolate segments. Filaments ten, inserted into the short tube of the corol. Anthers two-lobed, with a glandular point between them. Germ linear, containing many ovula. Style the length of the stamins. Stigma simple, but large. Legumes of an immense size, often several feet in length, and from four to five inches broad,

spirally twisted, surrounded with a thick very firm, polished, entire rim, which is found to remain, like a picture frame, when the less durable, jointed body of the legume has disappeared ; joints from ten to thirty, one-seeded, ligneous, swelled in the centre where the seed is lodged, and more or less transversely furrowed, otherwise pretty smooth, and of a greenish ash colour when ripe. Seeds sub-ovate, nearly as large as a pullet's egg. Integament single, thick and hard, in fact a powerful, polished, shining, chesnut-coloured nut. Perisperm none. Embryo straight. Cotyledons equal, conform to the seed, amygdaline. Radicle patelliform, lodged at the umbilious of the seed.

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SECT. III. Thorny. Spikes globular.

24. M. dulcis. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 99.

Thorns stipulary. Leaves bipinnate; leaflets subsemielliptic. Panicles terminal; spikes round, subsessile ; corollets monodelphous. Legumes twisted, turgid, with sweet, firm pulp, and smooth black seeds.

Inga dulcis. Willd. 4. p. 1005.

A native of the Philippine Islands. It flowers during the cold season in India, where it grows quickly to be a large beautiful tree, yielding annually abundance of nourishing, edible fruit. The timber is also of a good quality.

25. M. concordiana. R.

Arboreous, Thorns stipulary. Leaves bipinnate; pinnae one or two pair; leaflets from three to seven pairs. Spikes globular; corollets pedicelled, monodelphous. Legumes curved, many-jointed, notched on the exterior margin.

A low tree. Trank short, a few feet only, thickness various. Bark light ash colour, and

scabrous.

Branches numerous, forming a very large spreading head, which is out of all proportion to the trunk; branchlets flexuose. Thorns often solitary, large, diverging; leaf-and flowerbearing, they then appear as small branchlets, with sharp points; from one line to three inches long. Leaves bipinnate; on the young shoots, alternate, on the older parts collected. Pinace one or two pair, from one to three inches long. Leaflets from three to ten pairs, opposite, sessile, linear-oblong, smooth, entire, the exterior largest, and obliquely obovate-oblong, from six to twelve lines long, and about the same breadth. Petioles common, short, downy, with an umbilicated gland between each pair of pinnes, and a short point at the apex. Peduales one or two, axillary, about two inches long, each supporting a globular head of a few, white, subpedicelled corollets. Calyx and corol five-parted. Filaments numerous, monodelphous. Legume large, articulate, compressed, much curved, often forming a circle, or more, as in M. dulcis, hard, dark brown or blackish, a little scabrons. Seeds round, compressed, smooth, brown.

Note, It ought to be compared with Vahl's M. witida. I think his description agrees toler-

ably well with this plant, except in the stamina, his being polyandrous, mine most perfectly monodelphous, but if Willdenow is correct in his definition of the legume in his genus Acacia, this plant, which has a most perfectly articulate legume, cannot be his Acacia nitida, ed. sp. 1086, the only species observed by me, which it resembles. Vahl is silent about the legume.
 26. M. Farnesiana. Linn. Syst. Veg. ed. 4. p. 916.

Shrubby. Thorus stipulary. Leaves bipinnate; pisnæ from four to five pairs: leaflets from ten to fifteen pairs. Spikes axillary, long-peduneled, round; corollets polyandrous, Legumes turgid, with two rows of seeds enclosed in pulp.

Acacia farumiana, Willd. 4. p. 1083.

Teling. Kustoori, or Piktoomee.

Sans, Urimeda, Vitkhira.

Beng. Gooya-babela.
Samf. Asiat. Rev. 4. p. 307, is this plant, though the specimens of the Sami tree sent to me by Capt. Wilford, belong to my Adenuathera acuteata. See Prosopis acuteata. Asiat. Res. 4. p. 405.

A native of every part of India. It flowers in the cold season.

M. arabica, Lamarck. Encyclop. 1, 19. R. Coron. pl. 2, N. 149.

Thorns stipulary. Leaves bipinuate; pinno five pairs; leaflets fifteen pairs. Spikes axillary, round; corollets polyandrous. Legumes pedicelled.

Burbura the Sanscrit name. Aencia arabica. Willd. 4. p. 1085.

Teling. Nella-tooma.

Beng. Babool or babula.

Very common all over India, flowering and ripening its seed at various times of the year.

 M. eburnea. R. Corom. pl. 2. N. 199.
 Shrubby. Thorns stipulary, often longer than the leaves, and united at the base. Leaves bipinuate; pianæ six pair; leaflets nine pair. Spikes axillary, round; corollets polyandrous. Legumes linear, and variously bent.

Acacia eburnea, Willd. 4. p. 1081.

A native of Coromandel, where it flowers during the cold season.

29. M. lencophlon, R. Corom. pl. 2, N. 150.

Thorns stipulary. Leaces bipinnate; pinner ten pair; leaflets twenty-five pair. Panicles terminal, spikes round; corollets polyandrous. Legume, long, linear, curved. Teling. Tella-tooma.

Acacia lencophlea, Willd. 4, p. 1083.

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A native of Coromandel. It flowers during the rainy season.

30. M. tomentosa. R.

Arboreous; tender parts tomentose. Thorus stipulary. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from ten to twelve; leaflets twenty pair, downy. Spikes globular, peduncled, axillary, single or paired; corollets polyandrous. Legence compressed, falcate.

Acacia tomentosa, Willd. 4, 1089.

Beng. Sain babul. Tam. Kodi-velo.

This I have met with in Bengal, in the state of a small tree, but it appears as if it would be large if permitted to remain. Flowering time the beginning of the cold season;

young shoots downy.

Thorns stipulary, straight, divaricate, about an inch long, very strong and sharp, when young downy. leaves bipinnate; pinnæ ten or twelve pair. Leaflets from fifteen to thirty pairs, very minute, downy. Petioles common and partial, downy, with an umbilicated gland or two between the last pair or two of pinnæ, and an oblong one below the lower pair. Spikes axillary, globular, white, peduncled, one, rarely two, together, small, rather offensive. Peduncles protty long, and bracted at the middle. Legume linear, compressed, falcate; from six to eight-seeded.

SECT. IV. Thorny. Spikes cylindric.

31. M. dumosa, R.

Shrubby, very ramous. Thorns stipulary, somewhat recurved; pinnæ from two to four pairs; leaflets four or five pairs, oval, minute.

A small, very bushy tree, or large shrub of uncommon beauty, a native of the country immediately west of Delhi; its leaves are minute, and of a greyish colour.

32. M. latronum, Linn, Suppl. 4, 38.

Subarboreous. Thorns stipulary, united at the base, often dreadfully large. Leaves bipinnate, pinnæ four pair; leaflets about ten pair. Spikes axillary, peduncled, subcylindric; corollets polyandrous. Legume thin, broad-falcate, three or four-seeded.

Teling. Pukee-tooma.

Acacia latronum. Willd. 4. 1077.

A native of the coast of Coromandel, where it blossoms about the beginning of the hot season. It is a small tree, or large ramous shrub, with numerous, interwoven, flexuose branches, covered with a dark brown bark, dotted with white.

Spines united at the base, often very large, round, tapering to an acute, hard, brown point, the rest white, and smooth, particularly when young. Inwardly hollow, and the habitation of ants. From the fork, where the two unite, often a small branchlet, or leaf issues. Leaves bipinnate, in the young growing shoots they are solitary, from the fork of the spines all over the older branches several are frequently found together. Pianæ from three to five pair, opposite and rarely an inch long. Leaflets from ten to twelve pair, minute, smooth. Petioles common, acute, pointed, with a gland on the upper side a little below the first pair of pinne. Stipules no other than the spines. Peduacles generally in pairs, from the axills of the spines, and mixed with leaves, short. Spikes cylindric, about as long as the leaves. Flowers polyandrous, rather remote, fragrant, pure white when they first expand, but becoming yellow. Calyx minute, from four to five-toothed. Corol three or four times longer than the calyx, from four to five-cleft. Stamens numerous, distinct. Germ obliquely oval. Style crooked, as long as the stamens. Legume thin, broad-falcate, three or four-seeded.

33. M. fera, Lour. Cochin Ch. 801.

Thorns solitary, often much branched. Leaves bipinnate and pinnate; when bipinnate the pinna are from four to eight pairs; leaflets sub-alternate, from six to ten pairs. Spikes axillary, cylindrie; Corollets with from five to ten stamina. Legumes long, linear, variously

Gleditsia horrida, Willd. 4, 1098.

X native of China and Cochin China; young trees reared in the Botanie garden at Calcutta, from seeds of Gleditshia triacanthos received from America, do not in any respect differ from our China plant, which is evidently a Mimosa, and most likely Loureior's fera. It is a tree of very slow growth, and the wood particularly hard. Trees in this garden about twenty-five years old are not above twenty-five feet high, with slender, crooked, poor-looking trunks. 34. M. cinerea. R. Corom. pl. 9. N. 174.

Subarboreous. Thorns solitary; leaves bipinnate; pinna from eight to nine pair; leaflets fifteen pairs. Spikes axillary, subcylindric; corollets decandrous, the lower ones sterile.

Desmanthus cinereous. Willd. 4. p. 1048.

Teling. or Yellow. Tam. Warfataro.

A native of Coromandel. The spikes of this plant are large, droop much, and are particularly elegant.

SECT. V. Prickly. Spikes cylindric.

35. M. obovata. R.

Arboreous, armed with stipulary, recurved prickles. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ about three pairs; leaflets about four pairs, obovate. Spikes cylindric, axillary. Legumes linear, oblong, leafy.

A native of Robilcund, where it blossoms in March.

36. M. ferruginea. R.

Arboreous. Priekles stipulary. Leaves bipinnate ; pinnæ from four to six pairs ; leaflets from ten to twenty pairs. Spikes axillary, cylindric; corollets monadelphous. Legumes leafy, from five to six-seeded.

Teling. Wonnee.

This species I cannot well reduce to any of those mentioned in the works of Linnaus. It is a native of the mountainous parts of the country, where it grows to be a pretty large tree.

Bark deeply cracked, of a dark, rusty colour, and strongly astringent.

Thorus stipulary, recurved, strong, short and very sharp, they are not always present.

Leaves alternate, bipinnate, from two to three inches long. Pinna from three to six pair, opposite, one or one and a half inch long. Leaflets from eight to twelve pair, linear oblong, smooth, small. Petioles common, now and then armed with a few small prickles on the under side. Peduncles axillary, from one to three, and about the extremities of the branchlets, short, each ending in an erect, cylindrical spike of pale yellow corollets. Filaments many, conjoined into a tube near the base. Legumes membranaceous, rust-coloured, about six inches long, and one broad. Seeds from five to seven.

37. M. catechnoides, R.

Arboreous. Back dark brown. Prickles stipulary. Leaves bipinnate ; pinnæ from ten to fifteen pair ; leaflets from thirty to forty pair. Spikes axillary, from one to three, cylindric ; corollets monadelphous. Legumes linear, thin. 38. M. Catechu. R. Corom. Pl. 2. N. 174.

A mistake I was not aware of till I found the real M. Catechu in Bengal.

Teling. Podol Maun.

A pretty large tree, a native of Coromandel and Bengal.

39. M. Sandra. R. Corom. pl. 3. No. 225.

Arboreous. Bark dark brown. Prickles stipulary, recurved, with decurrent base. Leaves bipinnate ; piance fifteen pair ; leaflets from twenty to forty pair. Spikes axillary, from one to two, cylindric; corollets monadelphous. Legames lanceolate, thin, two or three-seeded.

Acneia Chundra. Willd. 4. p. 1079.

Teling. Sundra.

A native of Coromandel. It flowers in July and August,

40. M. Suma. R.

Arboreous, with remarkably white bark, twigs villous. Prickles stipulary, broad-based, straight. Leaves bipinnate; pisses from ten to twenty pair; leaflets fifty pair. Spikes (from one to six) axillary, cylindric; corollets polyandrous. Bractes lanceolate. Legume linear, thin, from six to eight-seeded.

Acacia polycantha. Willd. 4. p. 1099.

Sans. Shamee.

Beng. Sai-kanta.

A very common tree about Calcutta, and over Bengal, and is remarkably conspicuous on account of its white bark. Flowering time the miny season. There is a large concave gland above the base of the petiole, and two or three between the last two or three pairs of pinne.

41. M. Catechy. Linn. suppl. 439.

Arboreous, Back dark brown, armed with most acute, stipulary, recurved aculei. Leaves bipinnate; pinna from ten to thirty pair; leaflets as far as fifty pair; petioles armed. Spikes axillary, cylindric. Bractes from lanceolate to triangular; Corollets polyandrous. Legume brittle, linear, thin, from six to eight-seeded.

Acacia Catechu. Willd. 4. p. 1079. 42. M. Catechu. Medical observ. v. 5. p. 151. t. 4. Beng. Khira.

Khadira in Sanscrit and Kudhir the name of the extracts.

The last five species are nearly allied to each other, and require no small degree of attention to point out their differences in a short definition. Probably they are equally fit for yielding the extract now called Catechu. Flowering time the hot and miny seasons. The seed ripens after the rains.

SECT. VI. Prickly. Spikes globular.

M. pudica, Willd, 4, 10, 31.

Perennial, diffuse, aculeate. Leaves digitate, pinnate; pinnæ about four; leaflets many; corollets pentandrous.

Beng. Lajuk.

Native place uncertain, but common in gardens throughout India.

44. M. mutabilis, R.

Shrubby, scandent, armed with remote recurved prickles. Leaves hipinuate; pinna four pair; leaflets from four to eight pairs. Spikes panicled, round; corollets octandrous. Legame

enryed, three jointed, with a prickly margin.

A native of the banks of the Ganges near Benarcs, and particularly conspicuous on account of its numerous flowers, which appear during the rains; they are of a bright lively purple when they first expand, but become white by age, the reverse of the greater part of our Indian changeable flowers which generally acquire colour by age.

45. M. octandra. R. Corom. pl. 2. No. 200.

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Shrubby, scandent, prickles scattered. Leaves bipinuate; pinua from three to six pair; leaflets eight pair. Spikes panicled round; corollets octandrous.

Teling. Wallag-doora, or Poota; with prickly, jointed margins, Korinta, M. rubicaulis. Willd. 4. p. 1038.

Beng. Shai-kanta.

A native of the warmer parts of Asia, and like the last blossoming in the rains, and the flowers changing their colour in the same manner; I doubt if they are sufficiently removed from each other to make distinct species.

M. Intsia. sp. pl. 1508.

Shrubby, scandent, prickles scattered. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ four or five pair; leaflets about nine pair, shining, glands, one near the base of the petiole, and an obconical one between each pair of pinne. Stipules narrow, cordate. Spikes panicled, round; corollets polyandrous. Legumes leafy, linear.

Teling. Korinta. Intsia. Rheed. Hort. Mal. 6. t. 4. Acacia Intsia. Willd. 4. p. 1091.

A large rambling plant, common in forests all over Coromandel.

47. M. concina, Willd. 4. p. 1039.

Subarboreous, climbing, prickles numerous. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ from four to eight pair; leaflets from ten to twenty pair. Stipules and bractes obliquely semicordate. Spikes axillary, crowded, round; corollets polyandrous. Legumes fleshy, scarcely jointed.

Teling. Chience. Beng. Bun-reetha.

A considerable trade is carried on, in some parts of India, with the saponaceous legumes of this species. The plant is common in most forests, and blossoms during the rains in Bengal.

48. M. cæsia. sp. pl. 1507. Shrubby, scandent, armed with numerous recurved prickles. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ about eight pair ; corollets polyandrous. Legumes leafy, linear.

Acacia casia. Willd. 4. p. 1090.

Teling. Konda Korinta.

A native of Coromandel. 49. M. pennata. sp. pl. 1507. H. 566

Arboreous, with long scandent branches, armed with recurved aculei, none of which are stipulary. Leaves bipinnate ; pinnæ from twelve to fourteen pair ; leaflets about forty pairs. Panicles terminal; spikes globular, corollet polyandrous.

Hind. Biswool.

Acacia pennata. Willd. 4. p. 1090. Acacia aculeata. Burm. Zeyl. 2. 11.

A native of Hindoostan of the Ballo and Payen Ghaut mountains. Flowering time the month of October; the seed ripens in March and April.

50. M. lorta. R.

Sub-arboreous, with scandent branches, armed with recurved prickles. Leaves bipinnate; pinnæ as many as thirteen pair; leaflets as many as forty pair; petioles with a large oblique conic gland at the base, and between each of the last half of the pinnæ. Racemes ter-

minal; spikes globular, corollets polyandrous. Legumes leafy, from six to ten-seeded.

A native of the mountains of Coromandel. In those prickly, scandent, species, the small lateral branchlets twist round whatever they meet with and give powerful support to the whole plant, after having taken a turn or two their length extends, &c. like the other branches.

CAPPARIS. Schreb. gen. n. 876.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx four-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Stamina long. Germ pedicelled, one-celled; orula numerous, attachment parietal. Berry pedicelled, one-celled, many-seeded. Embryo spiral, no perisperm.
1. C. acuminata. Willd. 2. 1131.

Shrubby, armed with stipulary, straight thorns. Leaves from broad-lanceolate to cordate-accuminate, smooth; peduacles solitary, one-flowered. Berries obovate. In leadon bug to the

П. Beng. Kaloo-kera. 567 Teling. Palikee.

A middle sized, or rather a low, scraggy, ramous shrub, growing common on dry, barren,

rocky, or stony ground. It flowers about the end of the cold season.

Young shoots of a bluish purple colour, and covered with a little white dust. Thorns stipulary, straight, short. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from broad-lanceolate to oval, firm, smooth; matgins somewhat scabrons, and for the most part ending in a small, hard, sharp point; about two inches long, and one and a half broad. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, nearly as long as the leaves. Flowers pretty large, the two super petals tinged yellow. Anthers blue. Germ long-pedancied, oblong, hairy, one-celled with four partitions projecting from the opposite sides of the walls to near the centre, but not meeting. Ovula numerous, attached in two vertical rows to each angle formed by the partial partitions and the seeds on the germ. Berry sub-rotund, size of a pigeon's egg, pretty smooth, soft, and when ripe red, one-celled. Seeds many, scattered in soft fatid white pulp, beaked, reniform. Integuments four: the exterior one ash-coloured and membranaceous; the second, thick, brown, tolerably

bard, two-valved; the third, a thin white membrane lining the second, or shell; and the fourth, membranaceous and attached to the sech. Periopera no other than the fourth or inner integrment of the seed. Embryo spirally rolled up. Cotyledons two-folded, petioled, ovate, veined. Radicle three or four times larger than the cotyledons, spirally rolled up with its thick point to the umbilious.

2. C. Zeylanica, Willel. 2. p. 1132.

Shrubby, climbing; young shoots ferruginous, armed with stipulary recurved thorns, Leaves long, oval, acuminate. Pedancles one, two, or three, above the axills, one-flowered. Petals ciliate, shorter than the stamina; berries obovate obtusely four-sided.

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Teling. Adonda.

This species is readily known, by the tender shoots, leaves, and calvees being covered with much rust-coloured pubescence, by there being often three flowers in the axill, and by the petals being much shorter than the stamina, and ciliate, and lastly by the germ being nearly round.

3. C. subspinosa. R.

Scandent, armed with minute, stipulary thorns. Leaves linear-oblong, acute. Racemes corymbiform, axillacy, and terminal; the whole forming a leafy panicle. Corols almost regular.

A native of the Moluccas.

4. C. sepiaria. Willd. 2. 1132.

Shrubby; stipules thorny. Leaves oval. Umbels terminal. Corols irregular. Berries oneseeded.

Beng. Kanta-goor-kamaee.

Teling. Nella puec.

A middle sized very ramous, strong shrub, common in hedges, for which it is a most ex-

cellent plant.

Trunk scarcely any. Branches numerous, winding, very stiff. Prickles stipulary, recurved, very strong and sharp. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval, emarginate, smooth; about one inch and a quarter long and three quarters of an inch broad. Umbellets simple, terminal, globular, many-, and one-flowered. Flowers small white. Calyx unequal. Petioles unequal, ascending on one side. Filaments ascending on the other. Berry the size of a small cherry. smooth, black, one-seeded.

5. C. bisperma. R.

Arboreous; stipules thorny, recurved. Leaves oval, obtuse. Racemes terminal, corymbed. Corols irregular. Berries globular, two-seeded.

Teling. Goolee.

A timber tree, a native of the extensive forests amongst the mountains.

Trusk thick, tolerably erect, but of no great height. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Thoras stipulary, recurved, small, frequently wanting. Leaves alternate, shortpetioled, oval, obtuse or slightly emarginate, smooth; about two inches long, and one and a half broad. Racemes terminal, corymbiform. Calyx four-leaved, unequal. Petals four, oblong, waved, unequal, ascending, placed on the upper side, inserted into the insterstices of the enlyx by short claws. Filaments numerous, ascending on the under side opposite to the petals. Berry the size of a nutmeg. Seeds two, kidney-formed.

Note. This differs from C. Grandis of Dr. König in having thorns, and obtuse, or emarginate leaves. Can soil and situation cause the difference?

The wood is heavy, hard and durable, the natives employ it for various uses, 6. C. corymboxa. R.

Shrubby, climbing, armed with stipulary, recurved prickles. Leaves long, obovate; corymbs terminal. Corol irregular. Berries globular.

Teling. Aguba.

A large climbing shrub, a native of hedges and forests.

Branches twiggy. Prickles stipulary, recurved. Leaves alternate, remote, short-petioled, oblong-ovate, obtuse, smooth, shining, entire, about two inches long and one broad. Racemes corymbiform, terminal. Flowers large, very beautiful, white, slightly tinged with yellow. Evail the size of a pullet's egg, globular, smooth, when ripe of a beautiful dark purple.

7. C. heteroclita. R.

Shrubby, climbing, unarmed. Leaves elliptic; Corymbs terminal. Calyx four-cleft. Corol regular. Stamina on the receptacles. Bervies long, compound.

Teling. Putta tiga.

A large unarmed climbing shrub, a native of the most unfrequented and inaccessible woody parts of the Circar mountains. It flowers during the cold season.

Trunk and branches climbing. Bark of the old ligneous parts brown, and rough; of the young, round shoots, smooth and green. Leaves alternate, petioled, oval, entire, smooth on both sides; from one to two inches long; and from half an inch to an inch broad. Flowers pretty large, pale greenish white, terminal, forming small corymbs, of from four to eight on pretty long round, smooth peduncles. Bractes minute, one under the base of each peduncle. Calyx one-leaved. Tube short, campanulate, four sided. Rorder four-parted; divisions broadlanceolate, acute, entire, smooth. Corol four-petalled. Petals inserted into the calyx over the fissures, equal, lanceolate, waved, acute, about half the length of the calyx. Filaments many, longer than the calyx, inserted on a clavate receptacle, which is as long as the tube of the calys. Anthers oval. Germ elevated on a long, slewler style-like pedicel, even with the anthers, oblong, two-celled, each containing two vertical rows of ovula, attached to the partition. In what I consider the real species of Capparis, the receptacles are parietal, here septial. Sigle none. Stigma large, rather rough, and convex. Pericarp a long, compound, pendulous, berry,

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or rather four rows of berries, affixed along a receptacle; the whole is from two to five inches long, singly they are about the size of a cherry, covered with a thin, dry bark. Seeds only one

in each single berry, or lobe of the compound fruit.

Note. I should imagine this, with several of Jacquin's species, will form a new genus, the short turbinate receptacle is exactly like that of Grewia.

The unripe fruits are boiled, and eaten by the natives.

8. C. trifoliata, R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves terminal. Corol irregular. Berry spherical.

Crateva religiosa. Willd. 2. 853. Nurvala. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 42. Sans. Vuroona, also Tikta-shaka. Beng. Buroon.

Teling. Tella woollee mera.

Common every where throughout India, it flowers about the beginning of the hot season.

PAPAVER.

Calyx, two-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Capsule superior, one-celled, crowned by the permanent, dehiscent stigma.

P. somniferum. Willd. 2, 1147.

Calyx and capsule smooth. Leaves stem-clasping, garbed.

Beng. Post; and Afin, the opium.

Pers. Kooknar. Arab. Khus kash,

The large single, white flowered variety, with white seed, is extensively cultivated in many parts of India.

ARGEMONE.

Calyx three-leaved. Corol six-petalled. Capsule unilocular, opening at the apex; receptacle parietal. Seeds many.
A. mexicana. Willd. 2. 1148.

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Beng. Bura sheal kanta.

A common weed by road sides, &c. throughout India; it blossoms and ripens its seed during the dry season.

GORDONIA. Schreb. gen. n. 1144.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx five-leaved, or five-cleft. Petals five, inserted on the base of the united filaments. Germ superior, five-celled; cells from two to three-seeded; attachment interior. Capsules superior, five-celled. Seeds winged. Embryo inferior, centripetal, with

scanty perisperm.

Note. Notwithstanding the union of the ring formed by the filaments, and the malvaceous structure of the seed vessel and seed, I am for the present induced to place this

genus in the class Polyandria.

 G. integrifolia. R.
 Arboreous. Leaves broad-lanceolar, entire, acuminate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one, two, or three-flowered. Capsules spherical.

Hind. Makrisal.

A large timber tree, a native of the hilly tracts on the eastern frontier of Bengal, where it flowers in April and the seed ripens in December.

2. G. oblata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves broad-lanceolar, serrate, acute, coriaceous. Peduncles axillary, solitary, long, one-flowered. Capsules oblate spheriodical, with two or more seeds in each cell. A tree, a native of Pulo Penang, where it was discovered by Dr. William Hunter.

Leaves oval, entire; corymbs axillary, three or four times dichotomous. Flowers decan-

drons. A native of Pulo Penang, where it blossoms in May.

Leaves alternate, petioled, oval, smooth, entire, emarginate, of a firm texture, almost coriaceous, about three inches long and two broad. Petioles short, channelled. Stipules none. Corymbs axillary, as long as the leaves, three or four times dichotomous. Flowers numerous, small. Calyx five-leaved, leaflets imbricated, ovate, concave, permanent. Petals five, obovate, scarcely longer than the calyx, and like it permanent. Filaments ten, five or six times longer than the corol, united near the base only, forming a cup round half of the germ, with the pollen round the margin. Germ superior, ovate. Style as long as the stamens. Stigma large, subpeltate. Capsule oblong, of the size of the second point of a man's forelinger, five-celled, fivevalved. Each valve has a deep, sharp, longitudinal keel on the inside, half dividing the cells, which are separated by a continuation of the inflected margins of the valves, which unite in the centre and form the receptacle of the seed. Seeds two in each cell, separated by the keels of the valves, ending above in a long superior wing, and inserted near its apex into the inner margin of the partitions.

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GEN. CHAR. Calyx, four-leaved. Corol many-petalled. Style none. Stigma concave, peltate, with about six rays. Germ inferior, from six to eight-celled; cells five-seeded. Berry many-seeded. Seeds arilled. Embryo dicotyledonous, and furnished with both perisperm and vitellus, direction various.

A. spinosa. R.

A native of the sweet-water lakes and ponds in the district of Tippera, Chittagong, &c. to the eastward of Calcutta, where it blossoms most part of the year, and is known to the na-

tives of those countries by the name Makana.

Root, consists of numerous, thick, fleshy fibres, which descend deep into the soil at the bottom of the water the plant grows in. Stem none. Leaves radical, with petioles sufficiently long to admit of their floating on the surface of the water, peltate, from orbicular to oval, entire, having the upper surface dark green, with ferruginous veins, and armed with a few very slender prickles, of a most beautiful purple, underneath and there reticulated with numerous, very large, prominent, dichotomous, finally anastamosing veins, armed with long, straight, very sharp, strong spines; size of the leaf from one to four feet each way. Petioles round, and armed with straight spines. Peduncles radical, one flowered, round, armed with straight spines; if the water is shallow they are generally so long as to elevate the flower above its surface; but if deep, they blossom under water. Flowers small for the size of the plant, colour a lovely blue-violet. Calgar four-leaved, inserted on the crown of the germ, armed on the outside with recurved spines, smooth and coloured on the inside. Corol, petals about twenty, narrow, ovate-oblong; the exterior ones nearly as large as the calgx, gradually lessening till they become very small, and nearly coloucless next to the stamina. Filaments numerous, and like the petals, lessening towards the centre. Anthers oval. Germ beneath, ovate, armed, from six to eight-celled, each containing from six to ten seeds attached to the partitions, and to the exterior angles of the cells as in nymphaea. Style none. Stigma cup-shaped, with the margin only slightly marked with six, seven, or eight elevations. Berry inferior, nearly round, size of an orange, swelling out in various places by the growth of the seeds within, crowned with some portion of the calgar and the rays of the sessile peltate stigma which are from six to eight. Cells obscure, as the partitions become obliterated in the ripe state. Integuments, or bark, fleshy, armed with straight, sharp spines not opening into any number of valves, but, as in Nymphasa putrifying or crumbling away. Seeds nuclform, about twenty, nearly round, each enveloped in a complete, fleshy rose-coloured aril. Integuments two, the exterior one or shell nuciform, dark brown, uneven, with a very conspicuous pit near the oblong umbilicus which covers the vitellus; the inner one thin, and light brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a pure white, amygdaline consistence. Vitellus lenticular, penetrating the perisperm about one fourth its diameter, enveloped in its proper thin white integument, which adheres more firmly to the perisperm than to this organ. Embryo lodged in the exterior half of the vitellus, and attached to its exterior, elevated point, or dome, oval, with the inner end divided into two equal lobes. The part between these lobes and the apex, or exterior end, which is united to the point of the vitellus, I call the peduucle of the embryo, which lengthens as germination proceeds, and first forces the exterior end, or dome of the vitellus, through the pit in the shell, already mentioned, and there taking a square from, the corners thereof become ragged and blackish. The sheath or thickened integument of the vitellus, which connects this part, lengthens also, and opens in one side to give passage to the two lobes of the embryo; the peduncle continues lengthening, and when from half an inch to an inch in length, the two lobes, now evidently the two cotyledons, begin to separate. The exterior one, and yet the largest, takes a simple subulate shape; and the inner, or smaller lobe now advances fast, soon becoming not only the largest, but long-peduncled, and trifid; from the bosom of these the plumula advances, and from the base of the petioles of the leaves thereof, and that of the trifid cotyledon the real roots issue, and give sustenance to the little, now independent plant.

The seeds are farinaceous, much liked by the natives, and sold in the public bazars to the eastward of the mouths of the Gauges, where the plant is indigenous. The method of preparation, to fit them for the table is as follows; a quantity of sand is put into an earthen vessel, placed over a gentle fire, in the sand they put a quantity of the seed, agitate the vessel, or the sand with an iron ladle, the seed swells to more than double its original size, until it becomes light, white and spongy; during the operation the hard husk of the seed breaks in various parts, and then readily separates by rubbing between two boards, or striking it gently with a bye board. The Hindoo physicians consider these seeds to be possessed of powerful medical virtues, such as restraining seminal gleets, invigorating the system, &c. &c.

NYMPHAEA. Schreb. gen. n. 886.

Calyx and corol many-petalled. Germ inferior, many-celled, cells many-seeded; attachment septal. Berry many-celled. Seeds numerous. Embryo furnished with a perisperm; direction various.

1. N. rubra. R.

Leaves sub-orbicular, margins sharply sinuate-toothed, downy underneath. Flowers red. Stamina from forty to fifty. Berries spherical, from ten to twenty-celled. Teling. Yerra-kalwa.

Sans. Hulluka, and Rukta Sundhyuka. See Asiat. Res. vol. 4. p. 285.

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Hind. Rukta chunduna, or Sundhuka.

Beng. Rukta kumbula

A native of India. It flowers during the rainy season. In Bengal there is a small rosecoloured variety with from twenty to twenty-five stamina, and from twelve to fifteen rays in the stigma, consequently the same number of cells in the capsule. In all other respects 577 they agree. It is by no means so common as Lotus but infinitely more gaudy.

2. N. Lotus, Willd. 2, 1153.

Leaves orbicularly-peltate, margins sharply sinuate-toothed, downy underneath. Flowers white. Berries about twenty-celled.

Teling. Tella-kalwa.

Ambel. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 26.

Hind. Koee. Sans. Koomooda.

Beng. Shalook.

It differs from N. rubra in the colour of the flowers only. There is a beautiful rare variety with pink-coloured flowers. The white sort is found common in pools, &c. of fresh water in every part of India; it blossoms more or less the whole year, but chiefly during the rains,

Leaves oval, peltate, repand-dentate, posterior having the sinus narrow wedge-shaped. Segments of the ray of the stigma, fifteen, long, incurred. Berries fifteen-celled.

A native of Bengal, where there are two varieties of it; one pure white, the other pink

of various shades. Flowering time the rainy season.

4. N. cyanea. R.

Leaves roundish, peltate, obtuse, margins waved or even, both sides smooth, posterior lobes overlapping each other. Flowers azure; apices of the authers foliaceous. Berries spherical, ten or twelve-seeded.
Sans. Kalılara.

Beng. Soondi; also Neel-pudma.

Teling. Neeti-kalwa.

It is a native of similar places with the last two.

Root the same as in rubra and Lotus. Leaces somewhat peltate, as in N. rubra, and Lotus, broad-cordate, lobes large and overlapping each other in Bengal; on the coast they are less luxuriant, and often divaricate, with the apex rounded, and the border sometimes waved, of a pale green on the upper side and a deep purple on the under side; both sides smooth, Flowers pale blue, considerably smaller than either of the former species. Petals from eight to twelve, lanc colate. Filaments about twenty-five, in a double series; many of the exterior series having their summits subulate and coloured like the petals. Rays of the stigma ten or twelve, very short. Berry about half the size of that of the two first species, nearly globular, ten or twelve-celled.

The roots and seeds of this species are also eaten by the natives, but less esteemed than those of the former.

5. N. esculenta. R

Leaves sub-peltate, entire, downy underneath; flower's white. Berries from ten to fifteen-celled.

Koteka is the Telinga name of the plant, and Koteka-dumpa the tuberous root.

Beng. Chota Soondi.

Like the other species it grows in sweet, standing waters. It flowers during the wet and cold seasons. This species is considerably smaller than any of the others, even than cyanea.

Root perennial, tuberous, &c. like the rest. Leaves in shape, colour, substance, and down like those of N. Lolus, but the margin is always entire, or most slightly waved, whereas in Lotus it is always scallop-toothed, and as the size according to the rules of Linneus, cannot be admitted as a specific mark, the difference in the margin is alone to be observed. Flowers white, and smaller than those of cyanea. Petals from ten to fifteen, inserted as in the other species. Stamens about thirty, in a double series. Stigma, its rays are in number from ten to fifteen, long, and incurved. Berry spherical, of the size of a large nutmeg, from ten to fifteen-celled.

The tuberous roots of this sort, are reckoned by the natives far superior to those of any of the former three.

6. N. stellata. Willd. Bot. Repos. N. 330.

Leaves oval, entire, smooth on both sides. Flowers blue. Calyx four-leaved. Corol eight petalled. Stigma-eight-rayed. Stamina from lifteen to twenty; apices of the anthers foliaceous.

Beng. Chhoto Shalk.

Cit-ambel. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 27. A native of Bengal, and the smallest Indian species of this genus which I have yet met with.

AEGLE. Corr.

Calyx four or five-toothed. Corol four or five-petalled. Germ superior, from eight to twelve-celled; cells many seeded: attachment interior. Berry nearly round, covered with a hard cortex, from ten to fifteen celled. Seeds several in each cell. Embryo centripetal, no A. Marmelos. Corom. pl. 2. N. 143. Corr. in act. Soc. Linn. 5. 222.

Bilva, or Mabua. Asiat. Res. 2. p. 349. Covalum. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 37. Bilacus. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 81. Cratneva Marmelov. Willd. 2, 853.

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Teling. Maredoo. Tam. Willa-marvum.

Grows to be a pretty large tree. Is a native of the mountainous parts of the coast of Coromandel; is also found sparingly, in the low lands. It showers during the hot season, and the fruit ripens after the rains. Trusk pretty erect. Burk ash-coloured. Brusches few and irregular. Thorus, axillary, in pairs, single, or none, very sharp, and strong. Leaves ternate. Leaflets oblong, or broad-lanceolate, attenuated to a bent point, crenulate, differing much in size, but the exterior one is always the largest. Panicles small, terminal, and axillary, flowers large and white, all hermaphrodite, at least, I have not found any other. Calyx four or five-toothed. Corol from four to five-petalled. Filaments about forty, short. Anthers linear, erect. Berry large, sub-spherical, smooth, with a hard shell, from ten to fifteen-celled; the cells contain, besides the seeds, a large quantity of an exceeding tenacious, transparent gluten, which on drying becomes very hard, but continues transparent; when fresh it may be drawn out into threads of one or two yards in length, and so fine as to be scarcely perceptible to the naked eye, before it breaks. Seeds from six to ten in each cell, oblong, a little compressed, woolly, attached to the inner angle of their cell.

This is the Bilea or Matura of the Asiat. Res. vol. 2. page 349, from whence the following is an extract. "Uses. The fruit is nutritious, warm, cathactic; in taste delicious, in fragrance exquisite; its aperient, and detersive quality, and its efficacy in removing habitual costiveness, have been proved by constant experience. The mucus of the seed is for some purposes a very good cement." Note "This fruit is called Shreephula, because it sprang, say the ladian poets from the milk of Shree, the goddess of abundance, who bestowed it on mankind at the request of Jowarra, whence he alone wears a chaplet of Bilva flowers, to him only the Hindoos offer them; and when they see any of them fallen on the ground, they take them up with reverence, and carry them to his temple."

The root, bark, leaves, and flowers are reckoned refrigerants by the Malabar physicians.

The ripe fruit they esteem most wholesome

In Bengal there is a small variety, which the natives call Shreephula and is I presume that just mentioned by Sir. W. Jones.

BIXA. Schreb. gen. n. 887.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol ten-petalled. Capsule superior, bispid, two-valved. B. Orellana. Willd. 2, 1854.

Can. Kuppa-manhala Hind, and Beng, Latkan.

Pigmentaria Rumph. Amb. 2. t. 19.

This small tree appears to be a native of India. The flowers are however white, and the immature capsule green. In plants reared from West India seed the flowers are rose-coloured. and the immature seed vessel red, nor do the seeds of our plant furnish so much, nor so good a colour.

CORCHORUS. Schreb. gen. n. 917.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Nectary cup-shaped, between the corol and stamina. Capsuls superior, from three to five-celled, three to five-valved.

1. C. olitorius, Willd. 2. 1214.

Annual. Capsules cylindrical, five-celled, with transverse partitions between the seeds. Sans. Putta.

Beng. Pat.

A native of various parts of India. It is much cultivated in Bengal during the rains, for the fibres of its bark, which the Bengalees call jute, and employ for a variety of purposes. Of this there is a reddish variety which the natives call Ban, or wild Pat.

2. C. capsularis, Willd. 2, 1216.

Annual. Capsules globular, five-eelled, without transverse partitions. Ganja sativa. Rumph. Amb. 5. l. 78. f. 2.

Beng, Ghinalta pat.

Cultivated in Bengal and China during the rains for the fibres of its bark, of which gunny, or rice bags, &c. are made in Bengal.

3. C. fascus, R.

Annual. Leares ovate-oblong. Stamina from ten to fifteen. (Style single.) Capsules

subcylindrical, six-angled, three-pointed, three-celled, with one row of seeds in each.

Reng. Titta pat.

A native of various parts of India. It flowers during the rainy and cold season. This species is never cultivated. It differs from tridens, in having only one style; and from trito-cularis, in having only one style; and from trito-cularis, in having only one row of seeds in each cell.

4. C. fascicularis. Willd. 2, 1216.

Armual, erect, ramous. Leaces lanecolate, servate. Flowers in laterifolius, subsessile fascicles, sub-pentandrous. Capsules cylindric, three-celled.

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A native of Bengal, appearing and flowering during the rains; the seed ripens in the cool season.

5. C. trilocularis. Willd. 2. 1215.

Annual, erect. Leaves lanceolate, serrate, the lower serratures with or without a bristle. Stipules ensiform. Flowers paired, peduneled, and pedicelled. Capsules filiform, three-celled, hispid; apex entire and obtuse.

A native of Bengal. It flowers about the end of the rains; the seed ripens in the cold

6. C. decemangularis. R.

Annual, erect. Leaves elliptically oblong, obtusely serrate, lower serratures with or without a bristle.

Stipules ensiform. Flowers paired, subsessile. Capsules cylindric, ten-ribbed, five-celled; seeds imperfectly separated

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the end of the rains; the seed ripens in the cold season.

GREWIA. Schreb. gen. n. 896.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Nectary a scale, or fringed gland on the inside of the base of each petal. Stamina and germ elevated on a receptacle. Germ superior, generally two-celled; cells few-seeded; attachment interior. Drupe with from one to four, one or more-seeded nuts. Embryo inferior, centripetal, and furnished with a perisperm.

8. G. oppositifolia. Buch.

Arboreous. Leaves rhomb ovate; gland-serrate, scabrous. Peduncles leaf opposed, from

three to five-flowered. Petals lanceolate. Drupe from one to four-lobed; nuts one-celled.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1802, and in March April, May, and June 1808, the young trees were in flower,

and ripened their seed in October and November.

Trunk distinct, erect, stout as a man's arm. Bark pretty smooth, light ash colour. Branches spreading much, and covered with bark like the trunk. Branchlets or young shoots bifarious, round, harsh with stellate pubescence, and very short hairs. Leaves bifarious, alternate, short-petioled, from ovate, to rhomb-shaped, three-nerved, serrate, with the serratures obtuse and glandular, of an obscure green, and rather harsh on both sides, from two to three inches long, and one and a half broad. Stipules ensiform, hairy. Peduncles opposite to the leaves, solitary, much longer than the petioles, round, harsh, from three to five-flowered. Pedicels clavate, shorter than the peduncles. Flowers pretty large, yellowish. Bractes, or involucres several, round the insertion of the pedicels, ensiform, caducous. Calyx, the five leaflets linear, three-ribbed on the back. Petals lanceolate, with apices acute, but often somewhat serrate-dentate. Nectorial glands round, and ciliate. Germ ovate, hairy, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the partitions. Style the length of the numerous stamina. Stigma of two, spreading green lobes with ragged edges. Drupe from one to four-lobed, one is most common, and the abortive ones appear attached to its base on one side, smooth, of an olive colour, fleshy; flesh a dull purple. Nuts one in each lobe of the drupe, obovate, thick, and very hard, one-celled. Perisperm conform to the nut. Embryo straight, nearly as long as the perisperm, green. Cotyledons cordate. Radicle ovate, inferior.

It is allied to G. orientalis, but the difference is sufficiently marked by the shape of the leaves, and their glandular serratures in this, independent of its being a tree, and the other always a shrub, and scandent when protected and supported; add also the smooth drupe

with one-celled nuts.

G. scabrophylla. R.

Shrubby. Leaves round-cordate, serrate, rugose, above scabrous, underneath downy. Peduncles axillary, two or three-flowered. Drupes round; nuts four, one-celled, one-seeded.

A native of the upper parts of India, and reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta from seed received from Captain Hardwicke, in 1803. Flowering time the hot season in April, the

seed ripens in October. Stem or primary branches several, erect, round. Bark of a dark brownish green, and somewhat scabrous. Branchlets few, and erect. Young shoots hirsute. The whole plant about three, or four feet high. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, of a round, or roundish-ovate form, and somewhat oblique, having the anterior margins often slightly lobed, serrate, from three to fivenerved, rugose, tomentose underneath, scabrous above, and of a very hard texture, about six inches long, and four or five broad. Stipules subulate, hairy, caducous. Peduncles axillary, generally from one to four together, of various length, two or three-flowered. Bractes small, subulate, caducous. Calyr, leaflets linear-lanceolate, expanding nearly three times the length of the petals. Petals obovate, with the apices a little notehed, having the nectarial scales small, transversely oval, and ciliate round the anterior margin. Filaments numerous, inserted on a slightly elevated receptacle. Germ ovate, very hairy, two-celled, with four or six ovula in each, vertically attached to the partitions. Style longer than the stamina. Stigma of two spreading, laciniate divisions. Drupe the size of a large gooseberry, nearly round, being only a little vertically compressed, when ripe of a brownish-grey, and a little hairy. Pulp glutinous, and of a very pale yellow colour. Nuts four, obovate, rugose, thick and hard, one-celled, one-seeded, attached to the base of a slender fibrous axis. Seed conform to the nut, covered with a double integument. Perisperm two-lobed, united at the base round the radicle. Embryo erect. Cotyledons oval, as large as the perisperm, which they divide in two. Radicle oval, lodged in

the base of the perisperm, close to the umbilicus of the nut.

3. G. pedicellata. R. Leaves oblong, pointed, three-nerved, serrate, smooth. Stipules ensiform. Peduncles axillary and terminal, many times longer than the petioles, from three to six-flowered. Germ and finally the drupe long-pedicelled; nuts four, one-seeded.

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A native of Amboyna. 4. G. lancerfolia. R.

Shrubby. Leaves exactly lanceolate, acuminate, serrate, smooth. Peduncles in axillary pairs, three-flowered. Stipules subulate

A native of Chittagong, where it flowers in November.
5. G. excelsa. Vahl. symp. 1. p. 35. Willd. 2. p. 1166.
Shrubby, all the tender parts hoary, except the upper surface of the short-petioled, unequally-oblong, three-nerved, serrate leaves. Stipules ensiform. Peduncles from one to four, axillary, three-flowered.

A native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in April. 6. G. orientalis. Willd. 2. 1165.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate-cordate, servate, lucid above. Peduncles lateral, or axillary, solitary, three-flowered; drupes with four, two or three-celled nuts.

Pai-parce. Rheed. Mal. 5. t. 46.

Teling. Peyar.

A large, somewhat scandent, or leaning shrub, common in forests over India. Flowering time the rainy season

G. asiatica. Willd. 2. 1166.

Arboreous. Leaves round-cordate, serrate, downy. Peduncles axillary, collected, longer than the petioles, three-flowered; drupes round, with one or two, one-celled nuts.

Beng. Phulsa.

A native of various parts of India, and often cultivated in gardens. It flowers about the end of the cold season, the fruit ripens in April, and May, and is palatable to most people.

8. G. salvifolia. R.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolate, serrate, three-nerved, hoary underneath. Stipules lanceolate. Peduncles axillary, long, and slender, one, two, or three-flowered. Drupes round, with two one-celled nuts.

Teling. Pootikee.

A native of Coromandel. It blossoms during the rainy season.

9. G. hirsuta, Vahl. symb. 1. 34. Willd. 2. 1166.
Shrubby, Leaves lanceolate, serrate, very downy. Stipules and bractes subulate. Peduncles one, two, or three, axillary, three or four-flowered; drupe four-sided, with four, one-celled

Teling. Jovellikee.

A large shrub, a native of Coromandel; it blossoms during the hot and rainy season, and the fruit, which is very generally eaten by the natives, ripens in three or four months.

G. tiliæfolia. Vahl. symb. 1. 35. Willd. 2. 1167.

Arboreous. Leaves round-cordate, serrate, smooth. Stipules transverse, semi-cordate, falcate. Peduncles axillary, numerous, three or four-flowered. Drupes two lobed; nuts from three to six-celled.

A native of the Circar mountains. It flowers during the hot season. The fruit of this is also eaten by the natives.

11. G. carpinifolia, Juss.

Shrubby. Leaves subsessile, cordate-oblong, serrate, scabrous. Peduncles one, two, or three, axillary, short, three-flowered. Petals linear, with apices bipartite. Drupes one, two, three, or four-lobed. Nats from one to four, from one to three-celled.

Teling. Nullee.

A native of the Circars. It flowers during the rainy season.

12. G. pilosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolate, serrate, hairy. Peduncles axillary, solitary, length of the petioles, three-flowered. Drupe twice two-lobed, hairy; nuts two-celled, with one seed in each.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. It flowers during the rains.

Shrubby, erect, soon dividing into many, slender, expanding branches; young shoots covered with much hair. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, lanceolate, with the bases obliquely cordate, three-nerved, serrate, hairy on both sides, from three to six inches long, and about one broad. Stipules subulate, hairy. Peduncles axillary, solitary, rarely two in the same axill, about the length of the petioles, three-flowered. Flowers small, white when they first expand, afterwards becoming yellow. Pedicels shorter than the peduncles. Bracles linearlanceolate, hairy. Calyx; leaflets lanceolate, expanding, hairy. Petals scarce half the length of the calyx, lower half enlarged and fringed with a gland on the centre. Filaments many, shorter than the style. Germ elevated on a fleshy receptacle, very hairy. Style cylindric. Stigma two or three-cleft; segments pencil-formed. Drupe twice two-lobed, hairy, of the size of a marrowfat pea. Nuts four, each two-celled, with a single seed in each cell.

It differs specifically from my hirsuta, the only species known to me for which it can be mistaken, in having solitary peduncles, two or three-cleft stigma, and nuts with two cells. The leaves are also much longer and more hairy, so is the whole plant.

G. poiygama. R.

Polygamous. Shrubby. Leaves lanceolate, serrate, hairy. Peduncles axillary, longer than

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the petioles, from two to six-flowered. Drups thin; each two-lobed, with a solitary one-celled, one-seeded nut in each.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season; the seed ripens

during the cool months of November and December.

Trunk trifling. Branches bifarious, spreading; young shoots downy and scabrous. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, lanceolate, serrate, three-nerved, both sides downy, particularly the under one, and hairy; about four inches long and about one broad. Stipules subulate. Peduacles axillary. In the male two, three, or four together, two or three times longer than the petioles, round, hairy, each supporting from two to six pedicelled, small white flowers. Bractes or involucres subulate, villous, generally one to each pedicel. Calyx; leaflets linear, expanding, villous, twice the length of the petals. Petals oblong, with apices entire, and the usual hairy nectarial mark on the inside of the lower half. Filaments numerous. In the male flowers inserted on an elevated receptacle; in the hermaphrodite ones round the base of the germ, and mixed with much white hair. Pistil; in the flowers of the male plant there is nothing like one. In the female it is roundish, and very hairy. Style longer than the stamens. Stigma very large, stellate. Drupe four-lobed, hairy. Lobes about the size of a small pea, each containing a single, one-seeded nut.

It differs from G. pilosa, in being polygamous, and the nuts being one-celled. It is also nearly allied to my G. tomentosa, the best distinguishing mark is the male flowers in this

species.

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14. G. sepiaria. R.

Shrubby, Leaves obovate, servate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, three-flowered. Berries twin, singly two-lobed, with one seed in each.

Hind, and Beng. Pan-saura.

It is found all over Bengal, where it is often employed with Trophis aspera (Soura) to make hedges, and a remarkably close, evergreen one they make. Flowering time the rainy

Stems scarcely to be distinguished from the numerous, bifarious, spreading branches, and branchlets, with which it is enveloped; young shoots scabrous. Leaves bifurious, alternate, short-petioled, obovate, serrate, three-nerved, of a deep, lively green colour, at the same time scabrous to the feel; size exceedingly various, but in general small. Stipules setaceous. Per duncles axillary, solitary, scabrons, about half the length of the leaves, three-flowered; pedicel thickening, shorter than the peduncles. Bractes a few, small, round the apex the peduncles like an involuere. Calyx, &c. as in the genus. Berries twin, each two-lobed with one seed in

15. G. sapida. R.

Suffrutionse. Leaves oblong, sublobate, small, five-nerved, scabrous. Peduacles axillary, four times longer than the petioles, several together, three-flowered. Petals two-toothed. Drupes round, with from one to three one-seeded nuts.

A native of Bengal. It flowers during the hot season; the fruit is small, but palatable.

16. G. obliqua. R.

Arboreous. Leaves short-petioled, obliquely-cordate, repand, minutely dentate, scabrous above, downy underneath. Peduncles axillary, three-flowered. Drupe with four, two-ceiled

A native of Hindoostan. This has by far the largest fruit of any Grewia I have yet met with.

II. 17. G. heteroclita. R.

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Leaves alternate, short-petioled, linear-oblong, cuspidate, entire. Stamina in five pairs, each united at the base with a sterile filament. Stigma simple.

A native of the Molucca Islands.

18. G. didyma. R.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves lanceolar, servate, smooth, fine-pointed. Peduncles axillary, much longer than the petioles. Drapes twin, with two one or two-celled nuts in each.

Teling, All-peyar.

A native of the Circar mountains; it flowers during the rainy season.

19. G. aspera. R.

Arboreous. Leaves round-cordate, servate, sometimes lobed, scabrous. Peduncles short, axillary, several together, three or four-flowered. Drupes four-sided, with four one or twocelled nuts.

A native of the Circar mountains.

20. G. umbellata. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leav-s cuneate-oblong, serrate. Umbellets terminal. Petals linear, entire. Receptacle cylindric, with pentagonal base.

A native of Sumatra. It flowers in the Botanic garden at Calcutta in April and May.

21. G. princulata. R. Leaves short-petioled, cuneate-oblong, towards the apex servate, downy, with soft, stellate pubescence, underneath, three-nerved. Stipules two-cleft. Panicles terminal, mealy. Potals entire.

A native of Pulo Pinang, where it was found by Dr. Hunter.

22. G. ulmifolia. R. Shrubby, erect. Leaves bifarious, broad-lanceolate, having the whole margins serrate, acuminate. Stipules simple. Panicles terminal. Petals retuse. Drupe with a single bearded, three-celled nut.

A native of China and of the country about Silhet. It flowers in the rains; the seed Page ripens during the cool season. In Silhet it grows to be a tree, the fruit is the size of a gooseberry, and very generally eaten.

23. G. begonifolia. R.

Leaves oblong, with the base obliquely-cordate, entire, three-nerved, harsh, with stellate hairs underneath. Stipules and primary bractes ear-shaped. Panieles terminal, downy. Found by Mr. Smith at Amboyna in flower in August. From the appearance of his spe-

cimens, I imagine it is a tree.

ELAEOCARPUS. Schreb. gen. n. 898.

Calyx five-parted, or five-leaved. Petals five, laciniate. Authers with the top two-valved, and bearded, crowned. Germ from two to five-celled; cells two, or many-seeded. Drupe superior, with a tubercled, from two to five-celled nut; cells one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. E. ganitres, R.

Leaves alternate, lauceolar, serrulate. Flowers racemed. Stamina forty, bearded. Drupes spherical; nats spherical, five-celled.

Ganitrus sphærica, Gært, sem. 2. p. 271, t. 139. Ganitrus, Rumph, Amb, 3, p. 162, t. 101, Saus, Roadrak-ha,

Beng. Roodrakhya.

A tree, a native of various parts of India, as well as of the Malay Archipelago. The following description of the tree was made from one growing in the vicinity of Dacca, which was brought to that place by a fakic some years ago, and there planted in his garden, and is now according to the information of the Honourable Charles Andrew Bruce, about the size of a large apple tree. It blossoms in February and March, and the fruit ripeus in November.

Leaves alternate, approximate, short-petioled, lanceolar, serrulate, smooth on both sides, but while very young slightly sericeous, about six inches long, and about one and a half broad. Stipules minute, conical, caducous. Racemes from the former years branchlets below the leaves, and rather shorter than them, simple, drooping, one-flowered. Flowers of a middle size, drooping, white. Bracter of the pedicel solitary, one-flowered; of the calyx two, opposite, oblong, villous, having the anterior margins dentate and all dropping off at an early period. Calga five leaved, leaflets lanceolate, sente, the length of the petals, slightly villous on both sides; on the inner a small longitudinal rib runs down the middle. Petals five, sessile, oblong, the length of the stamina; the exterior half divided into numerous, subulate segments, somewhat villous. Nectary none, unless the receptacle of the germ and stamina can be so called, it projects into five obscure lobes, between the insertions of the petals. Filaments about forty, short, inserted on a large, convex receptacle on which the germ sits. Anthers linear, two-celled, gaping at the apex, where there are sometimes a few distinct hairs. Germ superior, ovate, villous, five-lobed, five-celled, with about four seeds in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Style longer than the stamina, five-groved. Stigma simple, small, acute. Drupe perfectly round, smooth, of the size of a large cherry, and of a deep purple colour; pulp firm, rather dry and of a dull brownish yellow colour. Nat spherical, thick, very hard, having the surface elegantly tubercled, and marked with five-equi-distant, deep grooves running from the apex to the base, five-celled. Seeds generally solitary, though sometimes two, when single, oblong, tapering most at the apex. Integuments two; the exterior one brown, hard, smooth, and brittle; the inner one grey, and membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, oily. Embeyo inverse nearly as long and broad as the perisperm. Cotyledons oblong, thin, three-nerved. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle oblong, superior. Gærtner has no doubt mistaken the apex of the drupe of this plant, for the base; and if more proof is required, let me add of Etacocurpus secrator also, where the embryo is also inverted, though the nut is never more than three-celled, that being the number of cells in the germ, and also my E. bilocularis, where the perisperm and embryo are the same, and the nut bilocular. I am a very inferior judge of natural orders, but certainly think this cannot belong to the same order with Garcinia, in which I include Gambogia, and two species of Xanthochymus. If it does, I must despair of ever making any progress in this branch of the science.

2. E. tuberculatus. R.

Leaves petioled, obovate-cuneate, remotely-serrulate.

Flowers racemed: stamina seventy-five, terminal by a thread. Drupe oval, nuts ovate, much tubercled, thick-margined, two-celled.

Tam. Roodrach, or Ooderach.

A tree, a native of the forests of Travancore, where it blossoms about the beginning of the hot season. Dr. Berry of Madras, who has procured from Mr. George Young specimens and seeds of this sacred tree, says the nuts are sold by the Sanyasees, or holy men, to the Hindoes, set in gold, and by them were as a religious ornament.

Leaves crowded about the ends of the branchlets, alternate, petioled, long, ovate-cuneate, remotely serrulate, obtuse, smooth on the upper side, somewhat hairy, particularly the rib and veins underneath, from six to twelve inches long, by three or four broad. Petioles one-sixth of the length of the leaves, round, a little hairy. Stipules conical, hairy. Racemes from the axills of the former year's fallen leaves, single; twice the length of the petioles. Pedicels al-

ternate, drooping, one-flowered. Bractes lanceolate, villous, caducous, one under the insertion of each pedicel. Flowers larger than in any of the other species I have yet met with. Calyx five-leaved. Leaflets lanceolate, downy on both sides, more than half of the length of the petals. Petals five, unciform, very hairy on both sides; exterior margins deeply divided into numerous capillary segments. Fitaments numerous, viz. from seventy to eighty, short, inserted into the receptacle, round the base of the germ, very hairy. Anthers linear, much longer than the filaments, and terminated by a single, long, capillary point. Germ superior, ovate, a little compressed, very hairy, two-celled, with about eight seeds in each, disposed in two vertical rows, and attached to the partitions. Style rather longer than the stamina. Stigma acute, simple. Drupe oval, smooth, of the size of a small apple; in the dry state, in which only I have seen it, covered with a considerable portion of a friable substance under the thin, tender, smooth cortex. Nut ovate, or oval, compressed, much tubercled on each of the flat sides, having an elevated sulcate ridge from the apex to the base, which marks where the two valves separate, of a tough, hard, ligueous texture, two-celled, though one is very often abortive, twovalved; partitions contrary. Seed generally solitary, rather thin, long-ovate. Integuments uncertain. Perisperm conform to the seed, horny. Embryo very nearly as long and broad as the perisperm, inverse. Cotyledons thin, three-nerved. Radicle sub-cylindric, superior. 3. E. serratus. Willd. 2. 1169.

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Leaves alternate, broad-lanceolar, serrate. Stamina thirty, bearded. Drupes oblong. Nut porous, with three-cells.

Perin Kara. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 24.

Beng. Julpai, the name it is known by in the gardens at Calcutta.

This small tree is now common in the Company's Botanic garden. It is a native of the

interior provinces, towards the mountains. It flowers during the hot season.

Leaves spreading about the extremities of the branchlets, alternate, petioled, oblong, serrate, smooth, of a shining green on both sides, from four to five inches long. Pelioles nearly round, smooth, an inch and a half long. Stipules minute. Racemes solitary, simple, just below the leaves of the present year's shoots, or from the axills of the fallen leaves. Flowers very numerous, small, white, surrounding every part of the raceme, all pointing to the earth. Bractes most minute. Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, wedge-formed, beautifully fringed. Nectary, five large fleshy glands surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments thirty, inserted into the upper and inner sides of the nectarial glands. Anthers linear, with the apex bearded. Germ superior, round. Style single, pointed, as long as the corol and stamens. Drupe size of a large olive, and very much like one, even in colour when ripe. Nut very hard, pointed, oblong, smooth, with three equi-distant spurious sutures, that do not open, smooth, except for small pits like those of the almond, but smaller, three-celled. Seeds oblong, smooth.

Without success I have tried to extract oil from the fruit. They are dried and used in

curries by the natives, and also pickled.

II. 597 4. E. rugosus. R.

Leaves subsessile, obovate-oblong, serrate, smooth. Racemes below the leaves, single. Stamina thirty, terminated by a single thread. Drupe oval; nut rugose, thin-edged, from one

Bun Julpai, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous, and grows to a great size, with a scanty crown. Flowering time March; the seed ripens in June and July.

Leaves about the ends of the branches, alternate, subsessile, obovate-obloug, serrate, of a firm texture, smooth on both sides, except when very young, thin, and clothed with a little ferruginous down; from six to twelve inches long, and from four to six broad. Racemes numerous, under the leaves, and shorter than them, spreading nearly horizontally. Flowers large, long-pedicelled, drooping. Peduncles and pedicels clothed with dark ferruginous down. Bractes small, caducous. Calyx five-leaved; leaslets lanceolate, on the outside downy. Petals five, subcuneiform, villous, with the apex irregular, and deeply cut into numerous filiform segments. Filaments thirty, short, inserted round the base of the germ, into a villous receptacle. Anthers linear, crowned with a single thread. Germ superior, villous, grooved, two-celled, with about eight ovula in each, attached in an imbricated order, in two vertical rows from their apices to the middle of the partitions. Style longer than the stamina. Stigma simple. Drupe obovate, of the size of a small pullet's egg, smooth, of an olive yellow. Nut oblong, a little pointed, rugose, having the edges sharp, thick, hard, and tough, one, rarely two-celled. Seed solitary, oblong. Integument single, thick and brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, horny. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons very thin, oblong, three-nerved, nearly as broad and long as the perisperm. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle ovate, superior.

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5. E. rubustus. R. Leaves ovate-oblong, serrate, acuminate, smooth. Stamina fifty, bearded. Dulpai probably Julpai, is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to be a very large tree. Flowering time the beginning of the rains in June.

Young shoots slightly villous. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate-oblong, serrate, acuminate, smooth, thick, and of a hard texture, about six inches long, and three broad. Petioles about an inch long. Racemes axillary, and from those of the last year, solitary, simple, diverging with a curve, villous, scarcely so long as the leaves. Flowers numerous, large, white, fragrant, pedic led, drooping. Calyx of five lanceolate, hoary leaflets. Petals five, broad-cuneiform, with the exterior margin multifid. Nectarial glands five, large, villous. Filaments fifty, nine between each pair of glands, and one from the inside of the apex of each short. Anthers linear, gaping at the top, and somewhat bearded. Germ oval, three-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the axis. Style shorter than the petals. Stigma small, tri-dentate. Drupe

oval, of the size of a pigeon's egg, smooth, of a yellow olive colour, and pulpy; when ripe one-celled. Nat oblong, rugose, very hard, three-celled, and in time having three valves. Seed solitary, linear, oblong. Perisperm conform to the seed, soft and oily. Embryo inverse, &c. as

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6. E. lanceefolius. R.

Leaves alternate, lanceolar, serrate, smooth. Stamina fifteen, bearded. Drupe long, turbinate, with a one-celled nut of nearly the same shape.

Safed-pai, is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a middling sized tree. Flowering time the beginning of the rains; the fruit ripens in September and October.

Young shoots round and perfectly smooth. Leaves about the ends of the twigs, alternate, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, serrate, rather obtuse, pointed, smooth on both sides, from four to six inches long, and scarcely two broad. Stipules none. Racenes axiliary, and from those of the last year, solitary, diverging with a curve, rather shorter than the leaves. Flowers alternate, pretty long-pedicelled, recurvate, small, white. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets lanceo-late. Petals five, cunciform; exterior margin deeply laciniate. Nectorial glands five, large, embracing the lower part of the germ. Filaments tifteen, short, two between the nectarial glands and one from the inside of the apex of each of them. Anthers linear, gaping at top, and there somewhat bearded. Germ ovate, three-celled, with two ovala in each, attached to the axis. Style the length of the corol. Stigma small, three-toothed. Drupe long, turbinate, of the size and appearance of a large olive, smooth, when ripe of a greenish yellow, one-ceiled. Net sub-clavate, inchinate, tapering most towards the base, and having there a superficial perforation, one-ceiled, three-valved. Perispers conform to the seed. Embryo inverse. Coty-

7. E. aristatus. R.

ledons cordate-lanceolate. Radicle superior.

Leaves perioled, obovate-cuncate, obtuse, and obtusely serrulate. Racemes axillary. Stamina from forty-five to fifty, award. Drupe oval; nut generally one-celled.

Ran delia is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to be a tree of very considerable magnitude. Flowering time in April, and the fruit ripens in August.

Young shoots thick, and rather rough, with a few hairs, which soon disappear by the wind, friction, &c. Leaves alternately crowded about the ends of the branchlets, petioled, cuneate-obovate, obtuse, and obtusely serrulate, smooth on both sides, and firm in texture; from four to six inches long and from two to three broad. Petioles about an inch long, with a very few short bairs scattered over them. Stipules subulate, bairy, caducous. Racemes axillary, drooping and spreading, of the length of the leaves, a little bairy. Flowers few, long-pedicelled, generally drooping, large, yellow, and fragrant. Calax of five, lanceolate, bairy, villous leaflets. Petals five, cunciform, baving the exterior margin deeply laciniate, very bairy. particularly on the outside; the hairs white, depressed, and pointing forward. Filaments regularly from forty-five to fifty, short, smooth, and slender, inserted in five, scarcely distinct bundles, on the top of the hairy receptacle. Anthers linear, opening at the top, the exterior lip of this mouth is continued into a pretty long, simple, straight arists. Germ ovate, very hairy, and elevated on the usual receptacle, which is here very hairy, two-celled, with from ten to twelve ovula in each, attached in two vertical rows, to the middle of the partition. Style subulate. Stigma acute. Drupe the size, shape, and colour of a large clive. Not oblong, both ends pointed, having a pretty large rib on each of the flattened sides running from the base of the apex, one, rarely two-celled, surface a little rugose, texture both hard and tough. Seed solitary, oblong, flat. Integument single, thick, hard, and of a dark brown. Ferisperm conform to the seed, cartileginous. Embryo inverse Cotyledons as much extended as the perisperm, oblong, very thin, three-nerved. Radiele oval, superior.

S. E. Incidus, R.

Leaves long-petioled, broad-lanceolar, remotely servate, lucid, two minute glands at the

A tree, a native of Chittagong.

9. E. fruticosus. R.

Shrubby. Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate, serrulate. Corymbs axillary. Petals much lacerated, united by woolly margins. Stamens and pivtil inserted on a large receptacle. Authors

A native of the Moluccas, dried specimens have only been seen, the genus is therefore doubtful, and the more so as the leaves are opposite.

VATERIA. Schreb. gen. n. 906.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx five-eleft, permanent. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment superior. Capsule one-celled, three-valved. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, no perisperm.

1. V. lanceafolia. R.

Leaves alternate, lanceolate, entire. Panicles axillary. Stamina fifteen.

Moal, the vernacular name in Silbet.

A middling sized, spreading tree, a native of the hills in the vicinity of Silbet, and Chit-

tagong, where it flowers in May, and the seed ripens in July and August.

From wounds, &c. in the bark, a clear liquid exudes, which soon hardens into a very pure pale amber coloured resin, from which the natives obtain by distillation, a dark coloured, thick, strong smelling balsam, called choos, or chova, by the people who prepare and sell it; and Goond by the brahmins, who use it in their religious ceremonies and temples.

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Branches numerous, and generally reclinate. Bark of the old ligneous parts pretty smooth and ash-coloured; of the young shoots quite smooth. Wood white, and very close in the grain. Leaves alternate, short-perioled, lanceolate, some of the largest may be called oblong; all are entire, some obtuse, some acuminate; all are smooth-pale; coloured underneath, from four to eight inches long and from one to three broad, with simple veins extending to the margin. Panicles axillary, shorter than the leaves, composed of several, alternate, compound, smooth branches. Flowers numerous, pretty large, white, and fragrant; in the bud imbricated. Calyx five-parted, outside hoary, permanent, and much increased in size by the time the seeds are ripe; segments ovate, and acute. Petals five, linear-falcate, obtuse, spreading, with a concave base, forming a gibbous tube round the stamina and pistilium, and hiding all except the stigma; in the bud imbricated. Filaments fifteen, very short and thick, inserted into the receptacle, round the base of the germ, one opposite to each petal, and two between. Authors short, ovate, two-lobed; crowned with a single subovate gland. Germ superior, ovate, ribbed, villous, three-celled, with two ocula in each, attached to the top of the axis in a way perfectly distinct from Jussieu's Guttifera. Style short. Stigma clavate, three-toothed. Capsule ovate. of the size of a pigeon's egg, rather thick, and of a pretty firm texture, when dry one-celled, threevalved, opening from the apex. Seeds generally one, sometimes two, scarcely ever more, when single, conformed in shape to the capsule. Integuments single, smooth, dark brown and thin. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, conform to the seed, nearly equal, thick, and of a firm fleshy texture; one or both bifid from the apex to the attachment of the circle, which is a little below the middle, two-toothed. Radicle lanceolate, superior. The whole being very exactly the perfect embryo of the other Shoracea, only the cotyledons are here more equal than in the genus Shorea itself.

V. indica. sp. pl. 734. Gart. sem. 3, 52. t. 189.

Leaves alternate, oblong. Panicles terminal. Stamina from forty to fifty.

Eleocarpus copaliferus. Retz. Obs. 4. n. 85. Willd. 2, 1170. Vahl. symb. 3. 6. 7.

Paenoc. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 15. Peini marum. Buch. Journey in Mysore, Canara, &c. 2. 476.

A very large and handsome tree, a native of Malabar. In the Bednore country, it is called the Dammar tree by the English, and blossoms during the hot season; the seed

ripens in August.

Note. In all the flowers examined by me the stamina had uniformly short broad filaments, and linear anthers, terminating in a single, tapering, acute thread, or soft bristle. Can König's Ceylon tree with two bristles be the same? The superior calyx of Retz, I must consider a mistake. However the genus is perfectly distinct from Eleocarpus, and every other known to me.

Young shoots and all tender parts, except the leaves, covered with fine stellate pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, entire, from emarginate to obtuse, pointed, smooth, corinceous, from four to eight inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles round, about an inch long. Stipules oblong. Panicles terminal, ramifications rather remote. Flowers rather remote, pedicelled, pretty large. Bractes oblong, one-flowered. Calyx five-cleft to the base; divisions oblong, obtuse, villous on the outside. Corol five-petalled. Petals oval, emarginate, broader but very little longer than the divisions of the calyx. Filaments from forty to fifty, short, broad, inserted between the petals and the base of the germ. Anthers linear, with a single filiform beak. Germ superior, conic, downy, three-celled; cells containing three ovula, each attached to the top of the axis. Style longer than the stamens. Stigma acute. Pericarpium a coriaceous, fleshy, oblong, obtuse, one-celled, three-valved capsule; general size about two and a half inches long, and one and a half in diameter. Seed solitary, shape of the capsule.

Abundance of the resin called copal exudes from this tree, in its native soil. When recent it is found from pale green, to a deep amber colour, with all the intermediate shades. In some parts of India beads are made of such pieces as most resemble amber beads, so

much like that substance is it, even to being electrical when excited by rubbing,

The resin or substance as it flows from the tree, applied while in its fluid state, makes a good varnish, called Piny Varnish on the Malabar Coast, and there the tree is commonly called the Piny Varnish tree, or Piny Marum. It is mentioned by Dr. Buchanan in his Journey through Mysore, Canara, and Malabar, vol. 2. p. 476; but as that book may not be in the hands of every one, I will transcribe what he says, viz. "Some men of the Pauchala tribe, which here is called Peningelan, paint and varnish by the following process. They take butter-milk and boil it with a small quantity of quick lime, until strings form in the decoction, and separate from the watery parts, which they decant. The stringy matter is then mixed with the paint, which has been well-powdered; with these the wooden work is first painted, it is then allowed to dry for one day, and afterwards receives a coat of Pundum, which is the fresh juice of a tree called Peini Marum. The Pundum must be used while it is fresh, and will not keep for more than two or three days. After the first coat of Pundum has dried, another coat of paint is given, and that is followed by another of varnish. In the same manner leather may be painted and varnished. The varnish effectually resists the action of water. All my attempts however to find out the varnish tree were vain.

MESUA. Schreb. gen. n. 1146.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx four-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, two-celled; cells two seeded; attachment sub-inferior. Capsule one-celled, two-valved. Seeds from one to four. Embryo erect, without perisperm,

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Nagacesara, Nagkesura, Sunscrit names. See Asiat. Res. 4, 295.

Beng. Nagsara or Nagkesur.

This most elegant tree is only, so far as I can learn, found in gardens in Bengal. I never saw it on the Coromandel coast. Flowering time the beginning of the warm season.

Trank straight, and beautifully slender in proportion to its height; bark smooth, dark ash-coloured. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, veinless, above smooth, and shining; underneath whitish, with a subtile dust, which may be rubbed off, from three to six inches long, and one or a little more broad. Flowers terminal, rarely axillary, solitary, or in pairs, short-peduacled, large, delightfully fragrant, petals pure white, with a large globe of bright gold-coloured anthers in the centre. Bracles none. Calyx four-leaved; leaflets orbienhar, concave, the inner pair somewhat large, and with membranaceous margins. Petais four, expanding, nearly obcordate, curled; margins often torn, and forcibly bent inward from their situation in the strong calyx before expansion. Filaments numerous, several hundreds, about one-fourth part of the length of the petals, filiform, slightly united at the base, unto a fleshy ring. Authors linear. Germ superior, ovate, conic, two-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the lower and inner angle of the cell, where the thickened base of the partition forms the receptacle. Stigma peltate. Capsule size of a crab-apple, nearly round, with an acute point, one-celled, the partition being nearly obliterated, two-valved. Valves thick, firm, somewhat fibrous, scabrous on the outside, glossy, light brown within. Seeds from one to four, shape conform to the number in the capsule, attached as in the germ. Integument single, and much like that of the common chesnut. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons two, conform to the seed, fleshy, pale-yellow. Radicle minute, patelliform, inferior.

CALOPHYLLUM. Schreb. gen. n. 1587.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx none. Corol eight-petalled, unequal. Stamina fascicled (polyadelphous.) Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment inferior. Drupe superior, dry, globular, one-seeded. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. C. Inophyllum, Willd, 2. 1157.

Leaves oval, with the base round, polished. Flowers polyadelphous.

Pouna marum. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 38.

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Hind, Sultana-champa.

This most elegant tree is to be found in a cultivated state over most parts of India, and is indigenous near the shores of the southern parts. It is in flower and fruit most part of the

year, and is particularly beautiful.

Tounk seldom straight, often as thick as a man's body. Branches numerous. Bark tolerably smooth, greenish-grey. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oval, emarginate, remarkably smooth, and opening on both sides, with numerous parallel veins; four inches long and from two to three broad. Stipules none. Racemes axillary, drooping, few-flowered. Flowers pretty large, pure white, fragrant. Bruches minute, falling early. Calyx and corol so much alike in colour, as not to be distinguished. Filaments about two hundred, generally conjoined into four bodies at the base. Germ round, one-celled, with one ovulum attached to the bottom of the cell. Style much longer than the stamina. Stigma large, irregularly lobate, peltate. Drape spherical, above an inch in diameter, smooth, when ripe somewhat yellow, and covered with a small quantity of yellowish pulp, which hats are found of one-celled. Nut conform to the drupe, &c. as figured and described by Gærtner. vol. 1. p. 20. t. 43. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons seem to be spherical, and remain in the nat during vegetation. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle interior, when vegetation begins it pushes through the bottom of the nut where it was attached to the envelope, leaving the cotyledons in the nut under the ground.

2. C. Bintagor. R.

Twigs cylindric. Leaves oblong, emarginate; base tapering, Incid, finely veined.

From the Manritius plants have been received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they grow freely, and though they have not yet blossomed, the leaves evidently point out a

specific difference between this and the first species.

Bintagor maritima, Rumph, Amb. 2, t. 71, is but a bad figure of this beautiful tree, the fruit is double the size of those produced by the only species I have yet found on the coast of Coromandel, which I consider to be Inophyllum. Louriero's Balsamaria may be either, for what I can say.

Seeds received from Otaheite were about the size of Rumph's; they have produced plants with leaves, only a little more lengthened in proportion to their breadth than those of the Mauritius trees. In other respects they are alike.

3. C. augustifulium. R.

Twigs cylindric. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate, with lengthened, somewhat obtuse points, lucid, finely veined. Flowers in axillary fascicles; pedicels with a cyathiform apex.

A native of Prince of Wales's Island, &c. to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal, where it

account of their fragrance.

^{*}The stamens are generally permanent and as the capsule enlarges, the ring which they formed round the base of the germ, burstsinto several portions, which gives them the appearance of being polyadelphous.

I am informed that the Grandees of Ava, stuff their pillows with the dried anthers of this plant, on

grows to be a tree of great size, and I am told yields the straight spurs, commonly called Peon, in these countries are used for the masts of ships.

4. C. tetrapetalum. R.

Leaves short-petioled, ovate, lanceolate, very finely serrulate. Umbels axillary. Corol fourpetalled.

A native of the Moluccas.

5. C. Suriga. Buch.

Leaves linear-oblong, polished. Flowers verticelled below the leaves. Calophyllum Soulattri, Burm. Fil. end. 121. The tree is a native of the mountains of that Coast. The flowers are large, beautiful and fragrant.
6. C. lanceolarium, R.

Twigs square. Leaves lanceolar, obtuse, lucid, finely veined.

From the Mauritius this very beautiful species has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, but as it has not yet blossomed, the genus is not certain, though the habit and foliage are pretty strong proofs of its belonging to this genus.

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GEN. CHAR. Calyx five-leaved, two of them increasing with the capsule into wings. Corol one-petalled, contorted. Filaments ten, inserted on the tube of the corol, alternately two-cleft. Anthers fifteen. Germ superior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment superior. Capsule one-celled, one-valved. Seed solitary. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

The great affinity of this genus to Shorea and Dipterocarpus induced me to place it here, rather than in *Dodecandria*, where it formerly stood. It is so named in memory of the late Dr. John Hope, professor of Botany in Edinburgh. The genus formerly so called is now referred to *Symplocos*, and *Vahl's Hopea*, En. pl. 1. 3. is my *Pladera pusilla*. Exam. sessile Willd. 1. 636.

1. H. odorata. R.

Leaves ovate-oblong, a hollow gland in the axills of the large veins.

A single tree, and the only I have seen, grows in the garden of Mr. Dowdeswell near Calcutta. Its native place, the mountains to the eastward of Bengal. Flowering time the month

of March. The seed ripens in May and June.

Trunk of the above-mentioned single tree straight, four feet in circumference, and high in proportion. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, and adorned with many long, slender, drooping, expanding, bifurious branchlets, covered with dark brown, smooth bark. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, drooping, ovate-oblong, entire, waved, smooth, shining, of a deep green on both sides, having often on the under side a pretty large single gland in the axills of the large veins. Stipules subulate, falling off at a very early period. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills, drooping, composed of alternate, bifarious, secund, recurved, villous ramifications of numerous small, pale yellow, delightfully fragrant flowers. Bractes cordate, acute, villous, caducous. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets unequal, ovate, villous, permanent, the two largest increasing into two large oblong, obtuse, membranaceous wings, by the time the pericarpium is full grown. Corol one-petalled, contorted. Tube short, campanulate. Border of five oblique, sublinear, oblong, spreading divisions, with their margins revolute, curled, and somewhat villous. Filaments ten, about as long as the tube of the corol, and inserted by broad, conical, fleshy bases, into its bottom, alternately larger and bifid. Anthers fifteen, two-lobed, with a subulate point from the apex of each, or as in Asarum the anthers may be said to adhere to the filaments below their apices. Germ superior, ovate, threecelled; cells three-seeded, attached to the top of the axis. Style straight, the length of the stamens. Stigma simple. Capsule ovate, pointed, one-celled, evalvular, of a tender texture, closely enveloping a single seed of the same shape and size, outwardly covered with the permanent calyx, two of the leaflets of which are now enlarged into two linear oblong, obtuse, tough, membranaceous, nervous wings, many times longer than the seeds.

The above described tree is nearly allied to my Shorea, as well as to the wood oil tree, Dipterocarpus of the Malay Islands, Pegue and Chittagong. It differs from the first in having only two of the five leaflets of the calyx increasing into wings, in having a more petalous co-

rol, and from Shorea in the stamina.

I am inclined to think Dammara selanica, Rumph. Herbar. Amb. vol. 2. p. 168. t. 56, is of the same natural order, particularly as in some parts of India, very large quantities of a resinous substance are also collected from the Shoreas, and used in the Marine yards, as a substitute for pitch.

2. H. eglandulosa, R.

Leaves ovate, oblong, obtusely acuminate, no glands in the axills of the veins.

A very beautiful large tree, a native of the hills of Tipperah, from thence plants have been introduced into the Botanic garden twelve years, and are not more than ten or twelve feet high though perfectly healthy. Trunk perfectly straight, as are the branches, which are scattered equally all round, spreading and dividing much, but never drooping; the bark in this species is of a greyish colour whereas in odorata it is dark brown, which mark alone is sufficient to distinguish them.

3. H. scaphula. R.

Leaves elliptic, entire, smooth. Panicles terminal. Stamina inserted on the margin of an expanded receptacle in which the germ is inserted.

Boil shora is the vernacular name in Mascal Island where the tree is indigenous and its

trunk so immensely large, as to be made into canoes by the Mug inhabitants. Flowering time Page Carey January.

DIFTEROCARPUS. Gart.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx one-leaved, permanent, two of the five divisions of its border large. and growing with the pericarp into two very long, scariose wings. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment interior. Nut ovate, one-celled, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, no perisperm.

This genus is so nearly related to Shorea and Hopea, as to induce a belief that they might all be referred to one, but a nearer inspection of the calyx and corol of each will I think justify their being considered three very well defined genera, provided we admit that the Monophyllus and polyphyllus, calyx and corol ought to constitute genera, even though they agree in the rest of the character and habit.

1. D. turbinatus. Gart. Sem. 3. t. 188.

Spikes axillary, drooping. Leaves ovate-oblong, glossy and ribbed. Body of the calyx without wings, or angles. Anthers thirty, bristle-pointed.

Beng. Tileeya-gurjun about Tipperah and Chittagong.

A native of Chittagong, Tipperah, Pegue, &c. to the castward of Bengal, where it grows to be an immense tree. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season; the seed ripens in June.

Trunk straight throughout, to the very top of the tree, and growing to an immense size, even so large as to be made into canoes that will carry an hundred men. Bark deeply cracked. Branches, the inferior ones spreading, the superior ones ascending. Branchlets bifarious. Young shoots hoary, and marked with sears of the fallen stipules. Leaves alternate, shortpetalled, bifarious, ovate-obloug, some entire, some waved, and some are even serrate or dentate, smooth on both sides, of a deep shining, glossy green. Veius many, straight, simple and parallel, nearly as in Dillenia indica; from four to twelve inches long. Stipules within the leaves, very large, sword-shaped, downy, caducous. Spikes axillary, drooping, solitary, shorter than the leaves, smooth. Flowers solitary, remote, alternate, large, white, with a very slight tinge of red. Calyx one-leaved; tube rather gibbous. Border five-parted, irregular; two of the divisions being much larger than the other three, and continuing to increase till the seed is ripe. Petals five, narrow, obliquely wedge-shaped, smooth on both sides, and entire, except that sometimes they are emarginate. Filaments about thirty, short, inserted round the base of the germ. Anthers ensiform, each ending in a long, tapering acute point approaching, to the habit of Valeria Shares and Hopea. Germ superior, ovate, three-celled, with the ovula in each cell attached to the upper end of the axis. Style erect, as long as the stamens. Stigma three-toothed. Capsule ovate, pointed, one-celled, one-valved of a tender consistence, covered with a little short, soft hairy down, enveloped in the cularged base of the even calyx, the two larger divisions of its border become two, very large, linear, oblong, scarious wings, beautifully reticulated with veins and nerves. Seed solitary, of the shape of the capsule, the radicle issues from its apex leaving the two large cotyledons in the ground.

This tree is famous all over the eastern parts of India and the Malay Islands, on account of its yielding a thin liquid balsam, commonly called wood oil, which is much used for paint-

ing ships, houses, &c.

To procure the balsam, a large notch is cut into the trunk of the tree, near the earth (say about thirty inches from the ground,) where a fire is kept up until the wound is charred, soon after which the liquid begins to cose out. A small gutter is cut in the wood to conduct the liquid into a vessel placed to receive it. The average produce of the best trees during the season, is said to be sometimes forty gallons. It is found necessary, every three or four weeks, to cut off the old charred surfaces, and burn it afresh; in large healthy trees abounding in balsam, they even cut a second notch in some other part of the tree, and charit as the first. These operations are performed during the months of November, December, January and February. Should any of the trees appear sickly the following season, one or more years' respite is given them.

2. D. costatus, Gart. Sem 3, 50, t. 187.

Tender parts hairy. Leaves linear, oblong; base rounded, acuminate, hairy underneath.

Stipules small and hirsute. Belly of the calyx five-ribbed, and a little hairy

A native of the coast south of Chittagong, where it is called Tileeya-gujrun: like the other species it grows to be a tree of the first magnitude, and also furnishes the bulsam called wood-oil, and is next in proportion to incanus. It blossoms in the cold season, and the seed ripens in April and May.

3. D. incanus. R.

All the tender parts hairy. Leaves ovate, with the base somewhat tapering, obtuse, soft, and villous; spikes, axillary, half the length of the leaves; belly of the calyx simply five-

Gurjan, is the vernacular name at Chittagong, where the tree grows to a great size, and is said to furnish the largest proportion of the best sort of wood oil or balsam mentioned in my description of D. turbinatus. Flowering time November and December, and the seed ripens in April.

Tender parts hairy. Leaves from ovate-oblong, to ovate-cordate, acuminate, smooth, and opaque above, harsh underneath, margins ciliate. Belly of the calyx five-winged.

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An immensely large tree, a native of Mascal Island, and the neighbouring coast, Pegue, &c. It is the wood oil tree of the latter country.

5. D. tuberculatus. R.

Body of the calyx spherical, with five knobs under its five fissures on the outside.

A native of Chittagong where it flowers about the beginning of the hot season, and the seed ripens in June.

6. D. pilosus. R.

Tender shoots very hairy. Leaves petioled, oblong, acuminate ; base rounded, hairy underneath; stipules remarkably long, and very hairy.

A large tree, a native of Mascal Island.

SHOREA. R.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx, five-leaved, permanent, enlarging into five long wings. Corol fivepetalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment superior. Nut one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

In honour of the Right Honourable Lord Teignmouth, late Governor General of Bengal.

S. robusta, Gart. Sem. 3, t. 186, Cor. pl. 3, N. 212.

Leaves short-petioled, cordate-oblong; stipules falcate. Panicles terminal and axillary. Stamina from twenty-five to thirty

Sala Uswukurnika, the Sunscrit names.

Beng. and Hind. Sal.

An immense timber tree, a native of Morung. Flowers during the hot season. Seeds

In April 1810, a young tree flowered in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, and is the first that has blossomed, though there are young trees in the garden of from twelve to thirteen years growth. The original description of this tree is very correct, all 1 can add is that the stipules are large and falcate. The stamina about fifty. Stigma three-toothed. Germ three-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the top of the axis. The seed constantly single. The Embryo inverse, and without perisperm. Cary alobis Gart Sem. 1, 215. t. 45. must at

II. least belong to the same natural order of Hopea Dipterocarpus, Shorea and Valeria. 616 2. S. camphorifera. R.

Leaves ovate, acuminate, parallel, veined, smooth. Flowers axillary. Camphor-tree of Sumatra, or that from which both the native camphor, and camphor-oil are obtained on that island.

To John Prince, Esq. of Tappanooly, we are obliged for the following memorandum. "This tree grows spontaneously in the forests, and is to be found in abundance from the back of Ayers Bongry, as far north as Bacongan, a distance of twenty-five miles. It may be

classed among the largest trees that grow on this coast, several within daily view, measuring

six or seven feet diameter. Before it acquires such dimensions it is conjectured to be many years old, but it will produce camphor at a much earlier period. A few of the trees do not exceed two or two and a half feet in diameter. The same tree which yields the oil, would have produced camphor if unmolested, the former being supposed to be the first stage of the latter's forming, and is consequently found in younger trees. The natives have no certain means of ascertaining the tree which produces either the one or the other, although there are some men styled Toongoo Nir Kapoor, who pretend to that knowledge, but they cannot give any reasons for their judgment beyond favourable dreams, which superstition has rendered infallible; and it must be admitted that the success of this description of people, in discovering and procuring, is greater than that of the commonality of those who go in search of the camphor; the distinction may have arisen from the peculiar favour of fortune to some individuals over others, as in most other circumstances of life, from whence they have acquired a celebrity, otherwise they could give some rational reason for their superior success. Both oil and camphor are found in the heart of the tree, occupying a vacuum, which in others is frequently filled with pith; but it does not extend to the whole length; on the contrary, they are found in small portions of a foot or a foot and half long at certain distances. The method of extracting the oil is merely by making a deep incision with a Malay axe in the tree, about fourteen or eighteen feet from the ground, till near the heart, when a deeper incision is made with a small aperture, and the oil if any in the tree immediately gushes out, and is received in bamboos or any other utensil better approved of. In this manner a party proceeds through the woods, wounding the camphor trees till they attain their object. The camphor is procured in pretty nearly the same way. The trees are cut to the heart about the same height from the ground as in the former instance, till the camphor is seen; hundreds may be mutilated before the sought for tree is discovered; when attained it is felled, and cut into junks of a fathom long, which are again split, and the camphor is found in the heart occupying a space, in circumference of the thickness of a man's arm. The produce of a middling sized tree is about eight China catties or nearly eleven pounds and of a large one, double that quantity. The camphor thus found is called the Tentory. It is often the case that the trees which have been cut and left standing in that state, will produce camphor in seven or eight years after, which is distinguished by the name of Oogar, but is inferior in appearance though of the same quality. The sorts of camphor called belly and foot are the scraping of the wood which surrounds it."

2. S. Tumbugaia. R.

Leaves ovate cordate, long-petioled. Panicles terminal. Stamina about one hundred, with Carry Ed. bearded anthers.

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A large timber tree, a native of the Balaghat mountains; it blossoms in the beginning of the hot season, and the seed ripens in June. Both these species yield a large quantity of the resin commonly called Dammar, in India, and very generally used as a substitute for pitch in the Marine yards. The best species are also frequently used instead of the common incense, Benzoin, in the temples of the natives. Rumphius's Dammara Selanica. Herb. Amb. 2, 173. t. 56. seems a species of this genus.

3. S. Talura R.

Leaces oblong, obtuse. Stipules linear, falcate. Panicles axillary and lateral. Stamina fifteen

This is also a timber tree, a native of the Balaghat mountains, where it blossoms during the dry winds and ripens its seed in June. In S. robusta the germ is trilocular, with two ovula in each, attached to the top of the axis. Compare with Valica Chinenxis, Smith. ic. ined. 36, 36, t.

4. S. longisperma, R. Nut sub-cylindric.

A native of Prince of Wales' island.

GARCINIA. Schreb. gen. n. 814.

GEN. CHAR. Polygamons, or Dioccous. Calga four-leaved. Corol four-petalled. Germ su-perior, from four to twelve-celled, with one ovula in each cell, attached to the axis. Berry one-celled, from four to twelve-seeded, crowned with the peltate stigma. Seeds enveloped in a pulpy aril. Embruo simple, erect, furnished with an ample perisperm.

1. G. Mangostana. Willd, 2. p. 838.
Polygamous. Leaves petioled, from oblong to broad-lanceolate; flowers terminal, peduncled, female hermaphrodite solitary, male fascicled. Berries spherical with the surface even, and containing as far as eight seeds.

Mangastana Garcinia. Gart. sem. 2, 105. t. 105.

Mangastana. Rumph. Amb. 1. t. 43. is a bad representation of the female hermaphrodite,

A native of the Malay Peninsula, and of the Islands to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal, where they often grow to be trees of a large size, with a straight trunk, and numerous spreading opposite branches, and branchlets forming an elegant, conical head. It is in flower and fruit great part of the year. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, and broad-lanceolar, entire, rather obtuse, having both sides polished, of a firm texture, from six to eight inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles short, marked with rugae and having a fleshy protuberance on the inside. Stipules none.

Make. Flowers terminal, pretty long-peduncled, generally three, five, or nine together, large, of a colour which is a mixture of red, green, and yellow. Bracket several about the insertion of the peduncles, and round the flower buds themselves, roundish, concave, scariose. Calgr of two unequal pairs, of round, concave, spreading leaflets. Petals four, oval, fleshy, of a yellowish red on the justile and a greenish red on the outside. Stamina numerous, collected on the four lobes of a large fleshy receptable, round the abortive column. Filaments short. Anthers ovate, oblong, recurved. Germ none, but in the centre an inverted, truncated, coni-

cal, fleshy body, scarcely rising above the elevated anthers.

FEMALE HERMAPHRODITE. Flowers sometimes on the same tree with the male, but I believe more generally on a separate one, solitary, rarely tern, pedancled, larger than the male, and of a deeper colour. Calyx and corol as in the male, the former permanent. Filaments many, slender, half the length of the germ, and inserted round its base. Anthers irregular, small, and seemingly abortive. Germ superior, round, from six to eight-celled, with one ovula in each, attached to the middle of the axis, the part which now forms the lining of the cells and their partitions, in the ripe state, separating readily from the inside of the cortex becomes attached to the seed forming the edible aril; this is exactly the case in all the other species examined by me, hence, when ripe, I consider it a one-celled fruit. Style none. Stigma peltate, from six to eight-lobed, permanent. Berry spherical, of the size of a pretty large apple, crowned with the stigma, having the surface even, (in the other species it is more or less torose as in the common melon,) one-celled. Cortex thick, firm, though somewhat spongy, of a dull crimson colour, or between that and a brick colour; taste powerfully astringent. Sords as far as eight, in shape and size like those of the other species, but the fleshy envelope, or aril, is more abundant than in any other, delicately white, and delicious to the taste. Integument proper, single and veined. Perisperm conform to the seed, firm, entire. Embryo simple, erect, filiform, extending through the centre of the perisperm its whole length, and not readily detected until vegetation begins, when a slender perishable root proceeds from the base and the scaly plumula from the apex which lengthens fast, and throws out the chief root from its base, as in the Palms; soon after this provision is established, the original, slender radicle perishes; it is the same with all the other species of this genus, as well as of Barringtonia and Xanthochymus,

From the earliest accounts we have of this charming tree and its delicious fruit; we learn that all the innumerable attempts hitherto made to familiarize it to other countries, be-

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Page sides those in which it is placed by nature, have uniformly proved unsuccessful. For these Carey thirty-five years past I have laboured in vain to make it grow and be fruitful on the continent of India. The plant has uniformly become sickly when removed to the north or west of the Bay of Bengal, and rarely rises beyond the height of two or three feet before it perishes.

 G. Cambogia. Willd. 2. 848.
 Leaves lanceolar. Flowers terminal, sub-sessile, solitary. Stigma from eight to ten-lobed. Berry torulose, from eight to ten-seeded.

Mangostana Cambogia, Gært, sem. 2, 106, t. 103.

Coddam-Pulli. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 24. is no doubt this very tree, for Van Rheed says the fruit is on a peduncle an inch long, yet his figure places the leaves close to the (terminal) fruit; so that it is evident the extremity of the branchlet must have been considered the peduncle. In my G. Zeylanica the flowers are axillary.

This grows to be a tree of considerable size in the forests of Travancore, where it is known to the natives by the name Ghorka Pelli, consequently we may conclude it to be Carca-pulli of Bauhin, Acosta, &c. It flowers in February and March, and its fruit ripens in

June and July

3. G. Zeylanica, R.

Dioceous. Leaves broad-lanceolar. Flowers axillary; male subtern and peduncied; female sub-sessile and solitary. Stigma varicose. Berry with as far as eight seeds.

Ghorka or korka of the Cingalese, which is rather an indefinite name, as with the help

of an adjective it would apply to various trees and their fruits.

This species is a native of Ceylon, and from thence was introduced into the Missionaries garden at Tranquebar, where the trees grow freely and acquire a middling size, and like most of the other individuals of this whole natural order, yield an inferior sort of Gamboge. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, from broad-lanceolar to oblong ventricose, smooth, of a deep lucid green on both sides from four to six inches long, and about two broad. Petioles about half an inch long, channelled, smooth.

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Male. Peduncles axillary and terminal, several together, one-flowered, smooth, from half an inch to an inch in length. Bracts an ovate, concave one embraces the base of each peduncle. Calyx four-leaved. Leaflets round and concave, the exterior pair smaller. Petals four, oblong, concave, expanding, double the length of the calyx. Filaments about thirty, short, inserted in a fleshy receptacle, which also elevates a small headed column or body in the centre. Anthers twin.

FEMALE. Flowers axillary and terminal, solitary, sub-sessile, rather larger than the male. Calyx and corol as in the male. Filaments six, seven or eight, about one for each cell of the germ, slender, short, each headed with something like a small abortive auther. Germ round, with from six to eight sulcaeate, from six to eight-celled, with an ovula in each attached to the middle of the axis. The part which becomes the aril in the ripe fruit, now forms the wall of the cells. Style none. Stigma the aril of each seed, now peltate, verrueose, no evident division into lobes. Berry the size of a small orange, smooth, when ripe yellow, somewhat torose, having an elevation over each seed, one-celled, crowned with the wonted stigma. Seeds as far as eight, each enveloped in its proper succulent aril, but not otherwise separated in the berry, semi-ovate. Integument seemingly single, though with care it may be divided into two, tough, veined coats. Perisperm and embryo exactly as in the species already described.

Dioecous. Leaves broad-lanceolar. Flowers terminal, male sub-umbelled; the female has one, three, or five flowers, with four, five or ten-cleft sets of abortive stamina. Stigma from six to eight-lobed. Berry torulose, from four to eight-seeded.

The tree is of a middle size and handsome; it yields an inferior sort of Gamboge, and the fruit edible, though not the most palatable. It is a native of Chittagong, and flowers in February; the fruit ripens in June.

4 G. lanceofælia. R.

Leaves narrow, lanceolar, acute. Flowers terminal, solitary. Stigma, from six to eightlobed. Berry turbinate, with as far as eight seeds.

A small tree, a native of Silhet, where it is known to the natives by the name Kirindur, and by them cultivated for the fruit, which they are fond of. Flowering time in February; its fruit ripens in July.

5. G. Kydia. R.

Dioecous. Leaves broad-lanceolar.

Male flowers in terminal and lateral umbellets; female also terminal and lateral, but solitary, and sessile, with four sets of unequal, abortive stamina, alternate with the petals.

Berry from four to eight-seeded, apex depressed with an elevated nipple-like centre, crowned with the stigma.

A native of the Andaman Islands, where it was discovered by Col. Alexander Kyd, and by him introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1794, where, when about ten years old, it began to blossom in February, and the fruit to ripen in July. Trunk straight, to the top of the tree, as in the common fir, &c. and in trees sixteen years old twenty-seven inches in circumference at four feet from the ground. Branches numerous, spreading far and regularly. Bark pretty smooth, of greyish brown; if it be wounded, a yellow exudation frequently takes place, which hardens into an inferior kind of gamboge; the extreme height of young trees about thirty feet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, acute, entire, firm and polished, from four to six inches long, and from one to one and a half broad. Stipules no

other than a little black or brown gland on each side of the petioles.

Male. Flowers in little terminal umbellets, pretty large, yellow, and smooth in every part.

Peduacles nearly as large as the petioles, clavate, one-flowered. Calga four, equal, ovate, obtuse, fleshy, smooth leaves. Stanina numerous, inserted on a somewhat four-lobed, large, elevated, convex. fleshy receptable, which occapies the whole centre of the flower. Filaments very short. Anthers four-sided, with a small polliniferous cell in each angle. Germ, no vestige of one.

FEMALE. Flowers terminal, and lateral, solitary, sessile. Calyx and corol as in the Male. Stamina four, small, unequally bilid, or trifid, filaments round the germ, alternate with the petals; divisions, subequitant, and ending in a small gland something like an author. Germ from six to eight-lobed, from six to eight-celled; that part which becomes the aril in the ripe fruit now forms the walls of the cells, and is of a paler colour than the rest. Style scarcely any. Stigma of from six to eight spreading, variously lobate, glandular lobes. Berry globular, torulose, of the size of a small orange, smooth, of a deep yellow when ripe, one-celled, with the toricx much depressed, in which rises the nipple-shaped apex, crowned with the from six to eight-lobed stigma; seeds as far as eight, semiovate, the juside being thin and straight. Integement single, tough and veined, the whole enveloped in a large, fleshy, acid aril. Peris-

perm conform to the seed, firm. Embryo simple, &c. as in the former species.

This elegant tree is so very like my G. Cowa, as not to be distinguished except by the female inflorescence and shape of the fruit, which in size and quality are the same, viz. and exceedingly sharp but pleasant acid, and like the rest of the genus, the aril is by far the more palatable part-

6. G. purpurea. R.

Leaves lanceolar, obtuse. Stigma eight-lobed. Berry spherical, of a deep purple throughout, with as far as eight seeds. Of this evidently very distinct species I have only specimens with leaves and the ripe fruit sent by Dr. Berry, under the name Mate mangostan, which is found in gardens only, and supposed to have been originally brought from the Eastern Archipelago. It differs from every other species in the whole fruit, which is about the size of a small orange, being throughout of a deep purple colour, even the proper pulpy aril of the seeds.

7. G. pedusculata. R.

Dioceous. Leaves oblong with parallel veins. Flowers terminal, long-pedunded, mals numerons, female sub-solitary, with nectarial filaments united into five bodies. Berry ten-seeded. Tikel or Tikeor.

A native of Rungpoor, where the tree is indigenous. The following description was taken from fresh specimens, sent from thence by Mr. Todd, who writes that the trees are high, perhaps sixty feet, and of stately growth, some young ones planted in a garden there, were in seven years, twenty feet high with a trunk, twenty-five inches in circumference, covered with bark of a spongy texture and inwardly of a flesh colour. Flowering time from January till March. The fruit ripens in April, May and June. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong and obovate-oblong, entire, obtuse, smooth on both sides, with large and parallel veins, from six to twelve inches long. Flowers terminal, peduncled; male numerous, forming small trichomous panieles; fenale solitary, and also long-peduncied. Bractes opposite, one or more pairs of the divisions of the male panicles, and also at the base at the long proper peduncles of both male and female flowers. The male flowers so far as I can see are always on a separate tree. Calyx of two opposite pairs of nearly equal cordate smooth, concave, fleshy leaflets. Petals four, oblong, alternate with the leaflets of the calyx, and nearly of the same length. Filaments numerous, short, collected on a large elevated four-sided, fleshy receptacle. Anthers twin. Pistil no other than an abortive gland immersed in the fleshy receptacle of the stamens. Female calgr and corol as in the male. Nectory, or abortive stamens, a membranous ring surrounding the base of the germ, which divides into twenty or thirty, compressed filaments, ending in enlarged, glandular heads, not unlike authors. This ring is soon split into various portions by the growth of the germ and then appears like the phalanges of filaments in the class Polya-delphia. Germ superior, globular. Style none. Stigma peltate, about ten-lobed. Berry large, two pounds weight each, round, smooth, when ripe of a rich yellow colour, and exceedingly acid. Seeds about ten, reniform, each inclosed in its own, proper, fleshy, succulent envelope, or aril, within which I always find a quantity of soft yellow resin.

The fleshy part of the fruit which covers the seeds and their proper juicy envelope, or aril, is in large quantity, of a firm texture and of a very sharp, pleasant, acid taste. It is used by the natives in their curries, and for acidulating water. It cut into slices, and dried, it retains its qualities for years and might be most advantageously employed during long sea-voyages, as a succedaneum for lemons, or limes, to put into various messes, where sait must is employed, &c.

8. G. paniculata. R.

Dioceous. Leaves oblong. Male flowers panieled, female spiked, and without a nectary.

Berry spherical, four-seeded.

This tree, tound in a few gardens about Calcutta, was originally from Silhet, where the tree is indigenous, and known to the natives by the name Boobee-Kowa; about Calcutta, they are smaller than in their native soil. Flowering time the cold season; the fruit ripens in July. Trunk straight, branches numerous, erect, and ascending; branchlets cross-armed. Bark pret ty smooth, of a dark-brownish colour. Leaces opposite, decussated; short-petioled, oblong and oblong-lance-olate, entire, obtuse-pointed, or emarginate, smooth and shining on both sides; about six inches long and from two to three broad. Male flowers very numerous, white collected on large brachiate panicles. Calga and corol as in the genus. Staniaa numerous, on an elevated, glandular, central receptacle. Female flowers on a distinct tree. Spikes termi-

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nal, short, rigid, supporting a few, generally five or seven rigidly sessile, decussate, small, pure white flowers. Calyx and corol as in the genus; no nectary. Stamens, rarely the rudiments of one or two may be present. Germ oval. Style none. Stigma large, convex, entire, dotted with glands. Berry round, of the size of a large cherry, when ripe yellow, succulent, and containing generally four reniform seeds, each immersed in a pulpy aril. This pulpy aril is palatable; its taste more like that of the mangosteen than any thing else I can compare it to.

9. G. pictoria. R.

Leaves oblong, ventricose. Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile. Stigma four-lobed. Berry with as far as four seeds.

This tree is a native of the highest parts of Wynaad, where the soil is a stiff whitish clay; where there is constant moisture from fogs during the dry season, and abundant rains during the wet. Flowering time, on their native soil, February; the fruit ripens in May and June. Mr. Dyer, the Surgeon at Tellicherry writes me, that many attempts have been made to rear this tree on low lands, near the coasts, but that they uniformly perish in a short time, being transported from their native soil to their gardens. The same gentleman sent several small plants to the Botanic garden in Bengal, and others have been reared from seed received from the same gentleman; but both sorts soon died. I have therefore much reason to think the Arbor Zeylanica of Burm. Flor. Zeyl. p. 27, is different, for though the fruit of both is small, and contains four seeds, yet that of Ceylon has round leaves which is by no means the case in our Wynaad tree; and I am further inclined to think that this very tree of Burman is now in this garden, at least I have several plants of one which was reared from seed, sent from Ceylon by General Macdowall, about nine years ago, under the Cingalese name Ambut ghoorka, they are now beautiful small trees, with polished, thick, obtuse, oval leaves; two of them have produced male flowers abundantly, and from their situation and structure I think will be a new

species of Xanthochymus.

Tree tall say sixty feet high, of a conical shape, and very full of branches. Bark pretty thick, scabrous and ramous on the outside of a dark ferruginous colour, intermixed with many yellow specks, and through its substance, particularly on the inside, considerable masses of gamboge are found. Young shoots somewhat angular, smooth, polished, of a deep green. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong-ventricose, rather acute, entire, smooth on both sides, and of a firm texture, from three to four inches long by one and a half or two broad. Hermaphrodite. flowers, axillary, over the axills of the former year, solitary, sessile, of a middling size, and yellow colour. Bractes some very short, obscure scales, round the insertion of the flowers. Calyx of two unequal pairs of concave, obtuse leaflets, permanent. Petals four, oval, longer than the callys. Filaments united into four bodies, which are again united at the base into a narrow ring, round the bottom of the young germ, above each body is divided into from two to six single unequal, short filaments. Anthers from ten to fifteen, oblong, two-lobed, and seemingly fertile. Germ superior, round, four-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the axis, a little above its middle. Style none. Stigma four-lobed, permanent. Berry size of a large cherry, oval, smooth, very slightly marked with four lobes, crowned with the sessile, four-lobed, verrucose, permanent stigma. Bark leathery, pretty thick, and rather spongy, one-celled. Seeds four when all ripeu, oblong-reniform. Perisperm and embryo as in the genus. Male flowers. Calyx and corolla as in the female. Nectarium none Filaments numerous, inserted on the crown of a square fleshy receptacle, in the centre of the flower, clavate, angular. Anthers peltate. Pistillum no vestige of one.

I have received frequent samples of the Gambogs the produce of this tree, from my good correspondent Mr. Samuel Dyer, the Surgeon at Tellicherry, and have uniformly found it even in its crude, unrefined state, superior in colour, while recent, to every other kind I have yet

tried, but not so permanent as that from China.

G. cornea. Willd. 2, 819.

Dioecous. Leaves opposite, oblong. Flowers terminal; male many-fold; female solitary. Stigma four-lobed. Berry four-seeded.

Lignum corneum. Rumph. Amb. 3, p. 55, t. 30.

Two small, beautiful trees, one male, the other female, of about twenty years growth are found in the garden of the late Colonel Robt. Kyd, near Calcutta, said to have been originally, from one of the Malay Islands. They blossom in January and February; and the female ripens its fruit in May and June. Trunk straight. Branches opposite, many of them drooping; height of the whole trees about twenty feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, drooping, oblong, entire, smooth, of a deep shining green on both sides; from four to six inches long and about two broad. Petioles about three quarters of an inch long, round, smooth.

Male Flowers terminal, peduncled, from three to nine-fold, pretty large, of a pale yellow colour and without smell. Bractes lanceolate, caducous. Calga of four roundish expanding, concave, withering leaflets. Petals four, nearly oval, concave, expanding, twice the size of the calyx, of a pale-yellow colour. Stamens very numerous, inserted on a fleshy four-lobed receptacle. Filaments very short, indeed scarcely any. Anthers sub-ovate, small, recurved. Germ none. Style four-seeded, clavate. Stigma a large glutinous, abortive yellow gland.

Female Flowers on a separate tree, terminal, sessile, and always solitary on our single tree. Calyx and corol as in the male. Stamens entirely wanting. Germ above, ovate, four-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the axis. Style short and thick. Stigma large, four-lobed and covered with glutinous glands. Berry nearly round, of the size of a mediar, covered with a dark purple, juiceless bark, and crowned with a rugose, rather elevated stigma. Seeds as far as four each, enveloped in a small portion of a pleasant sub-acid, white pulp, like that of the real Mangosteen. Perisperm, &c. as in the other species already described.

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From wounds made in the tree; or unripe fruit, there flows a yellow-juice, which soon hardens into a gum resin of a tolerably good yellow colour. In this country the plant is an exotic, of course there is no information to be procured from the natives regarding the quantity procurable, nor the uses to which it is applied in its native soil; we must therefore depend on what Rumphius says, if this be his tree.

XANTHOCHYMUS. R.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Nectories five, alternate with the five polyadelphous filaments. Germ from three to five-celled, one ovulum in each attached in the middle of the axis. Berry superior, one-celled, with from one to five seeds, each enveloped in a pulpy aril. Embryo simple, erect, in ample perisperm.

1. X. dulcis. R.

Polygamous. Leaves opposite oblong. Flowers fascicled, lateral. Corols globular. Fruit

oval, obtuse, from one to five-seeded.

A native of the Molucca islands; from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta as a species of Mangosteen. Flowering time in Bengal June and July. The fruit ri-

pens about the beginning of the cool season.

The trees in the Botanic garden are but small, being only eight years old; but very handsome, and the fruit palatable. Trunk quite straight to the top of the tree. Bark smooth, olive-coloured. Branches and branchlets opposite, expanding, the latter grooved and keeled; the height of trees eight years old about ten feet. Leares opposite, short-petioled, oblong, entire, often pointed; texture hard, both sucfaces polished, about six inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles short, transversely wrinkled at the base; on the inside a fleshy ligule, or protuberance, which is I believe common to the whole of this order (Guttifero.) Slipules none. Flowers in small fascicles, from the axills of one or two-year old branchlets, peduncled, of a middling size, or nearly globular, greenish white, inodorous. Calyx of from four to five or six unequal, round concave leaves, as long as the stamina, contracted into a globe, with a small opening at the apex when most expanded. Nectary in the male, a truncated porous, yellow body, with five lobes projecting between the insertion of the five filaments. In the hermaphrodite are five yellow porous glands, alternate with the filaments round the base of the germ. Filaments in both, are five incurved, broad, flat bodies divided at the apex into six, seven, or eight short portions, each of which supports a twin anther. Germ in the hermaphrodite ovate, smooth, five-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style scarcely any. Stigma five-lobed. Berry the size of an apple, from round to oval, obtuse, smooth, bright yellow when ripe, fleshy, the flesh or pulp in quantity, yellow, and rather sweet, one-celled. Seeds from one to five, oblong, rather pointed at the base on the inside, where a large, oblong, lighter coloured space marks the attachment. Integument single, reticulated with lighter coloured veins, on a dark cinnamon-coloured ground. Aril a large portion of the pulp, of rather a softer consistence, somewhat darker colour, and pleasant taste, appertains to each seed, which separates spontaneously with its seed from each other, and from the exterior, thick, fleshy covering when the fruit is perfectly ripe. This is the only edible part not only in this but also in all the species of Garcinia. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a hard fleshy texture and pale yellowish colour. Embryo simple, slender, the length of the perisperm, and scarcely to be distinguished from it till vegetation begins, when the radicle issues from the more pointed base of the seed, and the plumula from its apex. At this stage, a vertical section shows distinctly the form of this body passing through the centre of the seed (as represented by Gærtner in his Mangostana Cambogia, t. 105,) into the ligneous part of the plumula and radicle, while the two extremities of the perisperm may be as clearly traced to the cortical part. When vegetation is a little more advanced a more substantial root issues from the base of plumula, as in monocotyledonous plants, which increases rapidly while the other from the plumula is well established, and finally perishes.

2. X. vealifolius. R.

Polygamons. Leaves oval, polished. Flowers in lateral fascicles, male and female hermaphrodite mixed. Germ three-celled. Berry oval (size of a small apple) from one to three-seeded. From Ceylon the seeds of this very elegant, straight, uncommonly ramous tree, were sent by General Hay Macdowall to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the Cingalese name Ambul Ghoorka, where in from seven to ten years the trees began to blossom abundantly during the whole of the hot season, but did not produce perfectly ripe fruit until the month of July 1812, when they were fully ten years old.

3. X. pictorius. R. Corom, pl. 2. N. 196.

Leaves opposite, linear-lanceolar. Flowers in lateral fascicles. Berry ovate-pointed.

Beng, and Hind, Dampel, Telisg, Iwara memadee. Cing. Rata ghorka.

A native of the mountainous districts in India. Flowers during the hot season. Fruit ripens in November and December.

This beautiful tree yields a green fruit, and a large quantity of indifferent gamboge. It is truly guttiferous, and but little removed in its natural habit, from the Garcinias.

BARRINGTONIA. Schreb. gen. n. 1150.

GEN. CHAR. Calgar simple, from two to four-cleft, permanent. Corol one or four-petalled.

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inserted on the short tube of the stamina. Germ inferior, two-celled, (4, Gært.) cells many H. seeded; attachment interior. Berry dry, one-celled, one-seeded. Embryo simple, inverse, 634 length of the ample perisperm.

1. B. racemosa. R.

Leaves broad-lanceolar, serrulate. Racemes pendulous. Calyces from two to three-parted. Fruit ovate, four-sided, with rounded angles.

Eugenia. racemosa. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 2, 966.

Samstravadi. Rheed. Mal. 4, t. 6.

Butonica sylvestris alba, Rumph. Amb. 3, t. 116,

A stout timber tree, a native of the Molucca Islands, the Delta of the Ganges, Malabar, &c. In the Botanic garden it blossoms during the cool season, and the seed takes above half a year to ripen. Trunk pretty straight. Branches, numerous and spreading much. Bark on the younger part, a dark ash-colour; on the older scabrous, and darker coloured. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, acuminate, serrulate or crenulate; smooth on both sides; from three to twelve inches long, and from one to four broad. Racemes sometimes terminal, sometimes from the large branches, pendulous, coloured and smooth. Flowers remote, short-pedicelled, large, pale piuk. Bractes minute, caducous. Calyx superior, two or three-parted, smooth, permanent. Petals four, inserted on the base of the short tube which is formed by the base of the filaments united, and dropping off with them in one body, oblong, smooth, margins revolute. Filaments numerous, longer than the petals. Germ inferior, turbinate, two-celled, with several ovula in each attached to the middle of the partition, as in Eugenia. Style longer than the stamina. Stigma simple. Fruit drupaceous, of the size of a large pullet's egg, and not unlike one in shape, only somewhat four-sided. green within, the flesh rather spongy and brown, one-celled. Seed solitary, ovate-oblong. Integuments scarcely any other than the smooth, dark brown surface of the cell of the pericarpium.

Perisperm conform to the seed, firm, fleshy and white. Embryo simple, (as in the Guttiferous seeds) lanceolate, length of the perisperm, inverse; when vegetation begins, the plumula issues from the base of the fruit, and this part (the simple embryo) forms the ligneous centre of the shoots, while the perisperm furnishes the cortical part and the leaves. Radicle superior, (that is, from the apex of the perisperm and embryo, as the plumula is from the base) no appearance of any other cotyledon or cotyledons than the perisperm and embryo. The seeds of Barringtonia acutangala have exactly the same conformation. In neither have I observed anything that can be called a cotyledon except the copious perisperm which performs the same office, for by the elongation of its two extremities, it furnishes the bark and foliage of the young plant, while the opposite end of the embryo or central part supplies the wood and pith; it is exactly the same in the several species of Garcinia and Xanthochymus examined by me, only there the central portion, which I call the embryo, is very slender, and the permanent root proceeds from the base of the plumula as in the plants usually called monocotyledonous while that from the opposite end of the embryo soon perishes, or remains slender compared to the other.

2. B. acutangula. R.

Leaves cuneate-obovate, serrulate. Racemes pendulous. Calyx four-parted. Fruit oblong, four-sided, with the angles sharp.

Tsjeria samstravadi. Rheed. Mal. 4. t. 7

Eugenia acutangula. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 2. 966.

Stravidium . Juss. gen. pl. 361.

Ijul, the Sanscrit name.

Beng. Hijjul.

Meteorus coccineus, Lourier Cochin Ch. 499.

Butonica terrestris rubra. Rumph. Amb. 3. t. 115.

This species is common in most parts of India; it grows to be a large handsome tree, in appearance it is more like a regular, well-shaped, middle-sized Oak, than any other tree I have ever met with. It flowers about the beginning of the wet season. Its long pendulous racemes, of scarlet-coloured flowers, give it at that time a most elegant appearance. Bark dark-coloured, scabrous, tough and thick.

B. speciosa, Willd. 3, 845.
 Leaves entire. Flowers on a terminal thyrse. Fruit pyramidally four-sided.

Butonica. Rumph. Amb. 3. t. 114

Commersonia sonnerat. Guin. 14. t. 8. 9.

A large, and beautiful tree, a native of the Malay Archipelago and the South-Sea Islands.

CAREYA. R.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx four-parted. Corol four-parted. Stamina icosandrous, exterior and interior filaments abortive. Germ inferior, semiquadrilocular; ovula numerous; attachment sub-interior, Style single. Berry many-seeded. Seeds nidulant. Embryo simple, length of the ample perisperm.

1. C. sphærica. R.

^{*} Or it may be called one petalled, and the stamina inserted on the short tube of the corol, as in Exgenia the germ has two cells, with many ovula in each, and exactly as in the real Guttifera, the embryo is perfectly simple (monecotylodoneus) and furnished with an ample perisperm.

Arboreous. Leaves obovate, obtuse, glossy. Berries globular and crowned with the in-

flected flattened segments of the calvx.

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A large tree, a native of the mountains of Chittagong. Flowering in April; the fruit ripens in July. The leaves are deciduous just before the flowers expand, and appear with or immediately after them. Trunk straight, in young trees, thirteen years old, about twelve feet to the branches and twenty-four inches in circumference, four feet from the ground. Branches scattered, and dividing without order. Bark pretty smooth, ash-coloured, and abounding with very strong fibres, fit for cordage; whole height of the young trees about thirty feet. Leaves alternate, approximate about the ends of the branches, short-petioled, oboyate-oblong, firm and glossy, obtuse-pointed, slightly-crenulate, from eight to twelve inches long, and from four to seven broad. Stipules none. Spikes or heads terminal, sub-globular. Flowers large, sessile, crowded, from six to twelve together from the spike or head, expanding in succession at night, and dropping soon after sun-rise, inodorous. Bracles tern, embracing the base of the germ on the outside, ovate, smooth. Calax superior, four, rarely five-parted, smooth, permanent; segments semilunar, firm, and fleshy. Petals four, rarely five, oblong, obtuse, expanding, of a pale greenish yellow; soon after expansion the margins become so much rolled back, as to make them appear sharp-pointed, inserted into a hollow rise round the crown of the germ, within the base of the calyx. Filaments numerous, all united into one thick, fleshy ring near the base, and inserted within the petals, into the same ring, naturally dividing into three sorts, the first or innermost, short and converging round the lower part of the style, these are abortive; the second nearly as long as the petals, and fertile; the third as long as the petals, of a pretty deep red colour and abortive also. Asthers small, and attached to the second, or middle range of filaments only. Germ inferior, semiquadrilocular. Receptacles four, parietal two-lobed, meeting below in the centre (the body of the receptacle being there exactly rectangular,) though receding in the upper part; hence four-celled below, and one-celled above. Onula numerous and arranged in six vertical rows in each cell. In the other arboreous species (C. arborea) there are only two rows in each cell. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma obscurely four-lobed. Berry spherical, smooth, of the size of an orange, the whole substance, the seeds excepted, of a firm, yellowish fleshy consistence, intermixed with a few fibres. Seed a few scattered through the pulp of the berry, shape various but generally oblong, and about the size of a field bean, Integement single, tough, smooth, of a light-brown. Perisperal conform to the seed, hard, amygdaline. Embryo simple, (as in the Gattiferous seeds) lanccolate, extending the whole length of the seed. When vegetation commences the radicle issues from the small end of the seed, close to the umbilious; and the scaly plumula from the opposite end; the embryo furnishing the centre, or ligneous part, and the perisperm the cortical part of the young plant.

 C. arborea, R. Ind. pl. 3, N. 218.
 Arboreous, Flowers sessile. Leaves oval, serrulate dentate. Berries ovate and crowned with the erect segments of the calyx.

Pelou. Rheed. Mal. 3, t, 36,

Teling. Kumbi.

Tam. Pootta-tanni-marum.

A tree of immense size, growing on the mountains of Coromandel, &c. where it blossoms during the hot season, and the seed ripens about three or four months after.

3. C. herbaceous, R. Ind. pl. 3. n. 217.

Herbaceous, Flowers peduncled. Leaves obovate-cuneate, serrulate.

Bhoomi darimba the Sanscrit name.

Beng, Bhooi dalim.

A small herbaceous plant, with a ligneous, permanent root, which shoot from short, perishable stems, or branches of only a few inches in length; a native of the interior parts of Bengal, where it was found by Dr. William Carey, whose name the genus bears. Its numerous, very large beautiful pink flowers appear in February and March and the seed ripens in June and July.

BERRIA. R.

Gen. Char. Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment anterior. Capsule three-seeded, three-valved, six-winged. Seeds a few in each cell. Embryo inverse and turnished with a perisperm.

B. Amomnilla. R.*

Cing. Ammonilla. Eng. Trincomnlee wood tree.

A native of Ceylon and one of their largest and most useful timber trees. Much of the wood is annually exported from Trincomalee. Trunk in young trees in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, straight with smooth, light brown bark, and an extensive, very dense, shady head. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, sometimes slightly scolloped, from five to seven-nerved, acute, smooth on both sides, from four to eight inches long. Petioles rather shorter than the leaves, sleuder, round, smooth, and often coloured. Stipules ensiform. Panieles termina), and axillary, large, ramose, bearing numerous, elegant, middle-sized white flowers. Calyx oneleaved, downy, on the outside splitting irregularly into three, four, or five segments, permanent.

This Dr. R. is inclined to consider a perfectly distinct, and well marked, hitherto undescribed genus, which he has named after Dr. Andrew Berry of Madras, an eminent Physician and Botanist, to whose abilities and industry, the Botanic garden at Calcutta is much indebted. It appears to belong to Jussieu's natural order, Maleuces.

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Petals five-spreading, linear-oblong, double the length of the calvx or more. Filaments numerous, half the length of the petals. Anthers incumbent, two-lobed, of a bright yellow. Germ superior, hairy, ovate, three-lobed, three-celled, with about six or eight ovula in each, attached in two vertical rows to the axis. Style short. Stigma three-cleft.

Capsules six-winged, round, three-celled, three-valved, each valve ornamented with two large oblong, membranaceous, reticulated, expanding villous wings. Seeds from one to four in each cell, irregularly ovate, clothed with much stiff, light-brown, short hair, affixed to the central receptacle near its apex. The hair very readily enters the skin and produces as much painful itching as that of Carpopogon pruriens (Doluchos pruriens Linn.) Integuments three, the exterior one friable, light-brown; the second tough, smooth and darker coloured; the inner one a membrane adhering to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, amygdaline. Embryo inverse, of a pale yellow. Cotyledons roundish, from five to seven-nerved. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle oblong, superior, with its point immediately within the umbillieus.

HUMEA. R.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx simple, five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Nectary five-leaved between the germ and numerous stamina. Germ superior, five-celled; cells two-seeded. Style and stigma simple. Capsules as far as five, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds one or two. Embryo erect, without a perisperm.

1. H. slata. R.

Mas-jot the vernacular name at Chittagong, where the tree is indigenous and grows to a very great size particularly in the back part of that province. Flowering time the mouth of

May; the seed ripens in October, November and December.

Note. This truly majestic tree, appears to constitute a new genus in the class Polyandria, and order Monogynia of Linnaus, and many stand between Pterospermum and Storeulia in Jussieu's natural order Malvacea, and as the plant named by Dr. Edward Smith, in honour of the late Lady Amelia Huwe, had somewhat earlier been described and published in France, under the name Colomeria, consequently if that name was prior to Dr. Smith's, it must have the preference on that account. Dr. R. takes the liberty of consecrating this genus to the memory of that most amiable lady, by whose death Botany has lost one of its

greatest admirers and best benefactors.

Trunk straight and of a great size; that of full grown trees in their native soil about fifteen feet in circumference four feet above the root. Branches numerous, spreading, forming a very large, ovate, shady head. Bark of the trunk and large branches ash-coloured and smooth, that of the young parts, clothed with a little hoary pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, from three to seven-nerved, cordate, margins entire, one of the lobes into which the base is divided, generally larger than the other, upper surface smooth, hoary underneath, from four to twelve inches long, and from three to eight broad. Petioles swelled at each end, the rest round, and a little hoary about one-third or one-fourth the length of the leaves. Panicles terminal, large, ovate, very ramous; with the ramifications rather hoary. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, collected in little fascicles, colour bright yellow, not fragrant, but pretty large and showy. Calgar inferior, one-leaved, companulate; border four or five-toothed, hoary on the outside, smooth within. Corol. Petals five, in the bud contorted, when expanded obliquely oblong; yellow, spreading. Nectary or abortive filaments five, linear, shorter than the stamina, standing between them and the germ, opposite to its five grooves. Filaments numerous, slender, shorter than the petals, very slightly, or rather, scarcely united at the base, and inserted round the apex of a short turbinate receptacle. Germ superior, and elevated on the turbinate receptacle considerably above the insertion of the calyx and corol, and very hairy, conspicuously and deeply five-lobed, five-celled, each containing two ovula attached from their middle to the inner angle of the cell. Style single, five-furrowed, the length of the filaments. Stigma simple. Capsules from one to five, two or three most frequent, round-oval, about an inch and a half in diameter, and one inch thick, of a firm, fibrous, woody texture, surface grey or ash-coloured, and somewhat downy, one-celled, two-valved. Seed one, rarely two; conform to the capsule. Integuments two, the exterior one light-brown and friable; the interior one membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, erect. Cotyledons two, nearly equal, amygdaline. Plumula small, villous, two-lobed. Radicle oblong, inferior.

OBSERVATIONS.

An incomplete drawing and description of this very stately tree, were sent to England (with my other drawings,) in 1804, numbered 1482, under the name Pierospermum paniculatum; they were taken from excellent specimens in flower received from Chittagong, but unfortunately, the seed vessel of a Pterospermum, was no doubt brought, tied to the specimens for that of Maus-jot, and as such given in the above-mentioned drawing and description. This error has only been discovered during the last year (1810,) by procuring not only plants for the Botanic garden but abundance of specimens with flowers and seed vessels in all stages, from Chittagong and Silhet.

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OCHNA. Schreb. gen. n. 891.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx inferior, five-leaved. Corol from five to twelve-petalled. Germ from

five to twelve-celled, one-seeded; attackment inferior. Seeds several, affixed to a large round- Page ish receptacle. Embryo creet, without perisperm.

O. squarrosa, Willd. 2. 1158. Corom. pl. 1. p. 62. t. 89.

Panieles lateral. Leaves oblong, finely serrate.

Kenek-champa the Sanskrit name.

Teling. Yerra-juvec.

Japotapita cinnamomifolia. Burm. Zeyl. 123. t. 56.

A small tree, a native of the mountainous parts of India. Leaves deciduous in the cool season, and appearing with the sweetly fragrant flowers in February and March. The seed ripens in May and June.

ROYDSIA. R.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx inferior, six parted. Corol none. Stamina on a column or receptacle. Germ pedicelled, above the insertion of the filaments, three-celled; cells many seeded; attachment interior. Drupe pedicelled, one-seeded. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

This elegant, strongly marked genus is named in honour of Sir John Royds, one of the paisne Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Bengal, an eminent benefactor to the science.

R. sunveolens. R.

Madhavee-luta, the vernacular name in Silhet, where the plant is indigenous. Flowering time the month of March, when its numerous blossoms diffuse a strong, but pleasant odour through the forests, where they grow. The seed ripens in August and September. Stem stout, woody and with its numerous branches climbing over trees to a great extent. Bark of the young shoots green, void of pubescence, but covered with numerous, small, clevated, whitish specks. Leaves alternate, short petioled, oblong, entire, of a firm texture, and smooth on both sides, sometimes pointed, about six inches long, and about two and a half and three broad. Stipules none. Inflorencence terminal, and axillary, when terminal it is generally a long slender paniele, as long as the leaves; when axillary, a simple raceme. Flowers numerous, alternate, short-pedicelled, pretty large, of a pale yellow, and fragrant. Bractes solitary, oblong, villous, one-flowered. Calyx inferior, one-leaved, six eleft, villous. Segments ovate, in a double series, the exterior three rather longer than the others. Corol none, nor anything like a nectorial organ. Filaments numerous, (about 100,) the length of the pistilum, the pedicel of which is inserted on the apex of a short column. Anthers incumbent. Germ pedicelled above the elevated receptacles of the stamina, oblong, three-celled, with about two rows of ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style very short. Stigma trifid. Drope pedicelled, of the size of a large olive, oval, covered with a rather scabrous, oranged-coloured, thin, brittle cortex, one-celled. Pulp in considerable quantity, soft and yellow. Nut oblong; texture of a ligneous pature, thin, one-celled, and three-valved. Seeds solitary, conform to the nut. Integument single, membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embrao erect. Cotyledons two, unequal, the larger one deeply concave, receiving the smaller one doubled into its concavity, as in Shorea; they are of a firm fleshy texture, and yellowish. Radiele inferior, and rather within the base of the cotyledons.

POLYANDRIA TETRAGYNIA.

TETRACERA. Schreb. gen. n. 930.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx from four to six-leaved. Corol from three to six-petalled. Filaments dilated at top. Anthers twin. Follicles from one to four. Seeds arilled, one or more in each

T. sarmentosa, Willd, 2, 1240.

Shrubby, seandent. Leaves oval, ribbed, scabrous, serrate. Panieles terminal. Flowers

monogynous. Follicles one seeded.

Piripa. Rheed. Mal. Delima sarmentosa. Burm. Ind. 37. f. 1.

A native of Pulo Penang. Ceylon. &c. Dr. William Hunter who found it on Pulo Penang, thinks this may be Marsden's Pulass, see his History of Sumatra. p. 76.

2. T. triggna, R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves broad-lanceolar, acute, serrulate. Panicles terminal, scanty; flowers trigynous. Corol four-petalled. Follicles with several seeds in each.

Memplas of the Malays on Pulo Penang, where it is indigenous in the forests, running up and down trees, &c. to a great extent. Flowering time uncertain. The seed ripens in July and August. Legges alternate, short-petioled, short, broad-lanceolate, slightly serrate, having a few scattered hairs on both sides, from two to three inches long. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, small, a little hairy. Flowers pretty large. Bractes ovate-lanceolate, hairy, one or two at each of the divisions of the panicle. Calyx generally four-leaved; leaflets unequal, round, concave, effiate, permanent. Petals generally four, much longer than the calyx, deciduous. Filaments numerous, clavate. Anthers twin. Germ superior. Style recurved. Stigma simple. Follicles three, polished, size of a field bean. Seeds several, generally from three to five. round, smooth, enveloped in a large quantity of orange-coloured wool, growing from the eye of

3. T. Euryandra. Willd. 2. 1242.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves elliptic, scabrons, lineate, with the margins a little waved.

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Panieles terminal, large and ramous. Flowers trigynous. Calyx and corol of about seven leaflets and petals. Germs very hairy.

A native of the Moluccas,

POLYANDRIA PENTAGYNIA.

NIGELLA. Schreb. gen. n. 935.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx none. Corol five-petalled. Nectaries within the corol. Capsules five, connected.

N. indica. R.

Annual. Petals entire. Germs five, length of the stamina. Leaves decompound. Exterior lip of the nectaries ovate, and deeply two-cleft, interior entire and acute.

Beng. and Hind. Kalla-jeera.

A native of Hindoostan. It appears, flowers and ripens its seed during the dry season. Compare with N. arvensis.

POLYANDRIA POLYGYNIA.

NELUMBIUM.* Juss.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx none. Corol inferior, many-petalled. Germs many, distinctly immersed in the turbinate, truncate receptacle; one-celled, one-seeded; attachment (of the ovula) superior. Seeds many, lodged as in the germ. Embryo inverse, without perisperm or vitellus. N. speciosum. Willd. 2, 1258.

Root creeping. Leaves suborbicular, peltate, entire. Peduncles and petioles prickly.

Flowers many-petalled.
Tamara. Rheed. Mal. 11. t. 30.

Padma. Asiat. Res. 4, 286. Sungs. Pudma, Muhotpula.

The red variety, Ruktotpula, Kokunuda.

Beng. Rukta pudma.
Sungs. The white sort, Poondureeka, Sitambuja.
Beng. Shwet pudma.

Pers. Nilufu.

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I have met with only two sorts on the coast of Coromandel, one with rose-coloured flowers, the other with flowers perfectly white, and since that time a third variety has been brought from China with smaller rosy flowers. They grow in such sweet water lakes, &c. as do not dry up during the driest season, and on the coast, flower all the year round. In Bengal they flower during the hot season, April, May and June, and ripen their seed about the close of the rains. Root creeping in mud, jointed at various distances, in general, fully as thick as the fore-finger, of uncertain length, but it must be very great; smooth, generally tinged with red, perforated internally with many pores. The joints in old plants are often swelled into tubulosities of various sizes; sometimes as large as a man's fist; from them issue many fungous fibres, and from the upper and the interior part of these tubulosities issue one, two, or more leaves and flowers; their insertions being surrounded with spathe-like sheaths. Leaves radical, from the joints, petioled, peltate, floating on the water, transversely broad-oval, entire, except at that part which was the upper point before the leaf expanded, where it is emarginate with a point; the nerve that terminates in this point is simple and straight, all the other nerves, fifteen or thirty in number, are twice or thrice two-cleft; above, the leaf is of a beantiful pea-green colour and of a very soft velvet-like texture; underneath is a cuticle which is frequently of a turgid red, covering innumerable small vescicles, these render the leaves specifically lighter than water; the breadth of the leaves from twelve to twenty-four inches, and the length, from the emarginated point to the opposite margin, from nine to eighteen inches. Petioles of various length, according to the depth of the water, being always sufficiently long to admit of the leaf floating; round, rigid, as thick as a rattan, or thicker, armed with many small inoffensive prickles, and perforated with four larger and many smaller pores. Peduncles radical, one-flowered, of various length, round, thicker than the petioles, rigid, frequently tinged red, armed with small inoffensive prickles, and perforated with from six to seven large and many small holes. In the rose-coloured China variety, the prickles are sharper and more numerous. Flowers large and beautiful beyond description, particularly in the rosecoloured varieties, nearly inodorous, about nine or ten inches in diameter when expanded, they are then elevated a few inches above the surface of the water. Calyx none. Corol manypetalled (from fifteen to sixty,) the exterior ones small, and coloured, green on the outside, the middle series large, the interior lessening in size, all concave, oblong, with a minute point, lower part pale rose-coloured, deepening toward the apex. Filaments numerous (from two to three hundred) inserted in several series within the petals, round the base of the receptacle and about one half its length. Anthers linear, as long as the filaments, which elevate their apices a little above the surface of the receptacle, each crowned with a most beautiful,

^{*} Dr. Carey considers this name to be derived from two Sangskrit words, viz. Neel, blue; and Uniboja, generated in water. Although we have not yet found a blue Nelumbiam in these parts of Asia, yet it is said to be a native of both Kashmeer and Persia.

white, slightly incurved, pearl-coloured club. Receptacle sub-conical, from the apex from ten to thirty cells. Garms one in each cell of the receptacle, attached at the base, oblong, onecelled; orula single, attached to a swelling at the top of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigmas fleshy, sub-infundibuliform. Seeds generally as many as there were germs, oval, reniform. Integuments two; the exterior one spongy and spreading into lamina. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledous (vitellus) of Gaertner two, equal, white, united at the apex to the corol, and in some degree to each other round that organ. Plumula of two unequal subopposite, long-petioled, orbicular, peltate leaves; between them and the apex or point of union with the cotyledons is a short column, which as in Anneslea, I will call the peduncle. When vegetation begins, this, as well as the leaves of the plumula, and their folded petioles swell and lengthen and soon force a passage through the base of the seed, &c. as very accurately represented by Gærtner, 1. p. 73. 4. t. 19. By the time the two leaves of the plumula are expanded, the proper roots begin to appear, issuing from the base of their petioles, where they unite with the peduncle.

In China there is a still more beautiful bright crimson variety, which they call Hung-lin,

I have hitherto only seen a drawing of it.

The white Nelumbium differs in few respects from the red one, and may be considered as only a variety of it. The difference is as follows. 1st. In the white one the flowers are milk-white, in the red one rose-coloured. 2nd. In the white one the number of germs (consequently seeds) are from eight to twenty, in the red one from ten to thirty. The seeds of both come equally well to maturity and are equally fertile.

The tender shoots of the roots between the joints of both sorts are eaten by the natives, either simply boiled or in their curries. The seeds are eaten raw, roasted or boiled. The leaves are used to eat off instead of plates. These holy and beautiful plants are often met

with in the religious ceremonies of the Hindoos under their Sanscrit name Padma.

DILLENIA. Schreb. gen. n. 939.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Germ superior, few or many, one-celled, many-seeded; attachment interior. Capsules conjoined round a conical receptacle. Seeds few or many immersed in a gelatinous pulp. Embryo centripetal, and furnished with a peris-

1. D. speciosa, Thunb, in. Linn. 1. p. 100. Willd. 2. 1251.

Leaves petioled, oblong, acutely serrate. Flowers solitary. Capsules about twenty. Dillenia indica. Linn. sp. pl. 745.
Syalita. Rheed. Mal. 3. t. 38–39.

Beng. Chalta.

Teling. Uva-chitta, the name of the tree, and Uva-kay, the fruit.

This when in flower is one of the most beautiful trees I have ever seen; it is a native of the vallies, far up amongst the Circar mountains; is also found cultivated in some gardens on account of its elegant appearance. It flowers during the hot season, and the beginning of the rains, and the seed ripens in February. Trank very straight but of no great height. Branches numerous, spreading, then ascending so us to form a most regular round, dense, shady head, particularly while the tree is young. Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets approximated, short-petioled, oblong, most regularly sharp servate, very firm, with many large, elevated, parallel veins, corresponding in number with, and ending in the points of the serratures, smooth, about nine inches long by four broad. Petioles about an inch long, channelled, embracing half the circumference of the branchlets, leaving a permanent mark after they fall. Pedwacles generally one amongst the leaves that surround the extremity of each branchlet undivided, clavate, round, smooth, one-flowered. Flowers looking down the earth finally, delightfully fragrant, very large, about pine inches in diameter. Calux five-leaved, roundish, concave, thick and fleshy, enlarging with the capsule, which it permanently encloses. Petals five, oblong, waved, spreading, white. Filaments short, very numerous. Anthers numerous, linear, the inner series longer and larger, bending out under the stigmas and forming a large yellow globe in the centre, which is elegantly crowned with the white lanceolate, spreading stigma opening by two pores at the top. Style scarcely any. Stigmas linear, lanceolate, recurved. Capsules about twenty, sucrounding the large, conic receptacle, sub-reniform, soft, fleshy, pale green, one-celled, evalvular, containing a pellucid glutinous liquid which surrounds the seeds. Germs, about twenty, surrounding a thick, firm, conic receptacle : singly linear, one-celled, containing numerous ovula in several rows attached to a two-lobed receptacle in the inner angle of each cell. Seeds numerous, reniform or obliquely oval, attached as in the germ, very hairy, Integuments two, the exterior one rather thick and hard, the inner one membranaceous, and adhering to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo small, lodged immediately within the umbilious. Cotyledons two, small. Radicte oblong, centripetal.

This fleshy leaflets of the calyx when the fruit is full grown have an agreeably acid taste, and are much used by the natives where the trees grow, in their curries. They make a tolerably pleasant jelly. The wood is both hard and tough; and used to make gun-stocks.

D. pentagyna. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 21, t. 20.

Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolate, acutely servate. Peduncles one-flowered, lateral, fascicled. Capsules five.

Teling. Rowadan.

This is a large timber tree, a native of the Northern Circars; it flowers in March and April.

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3. D. repanda. R.

Leaves oval, retuse, repand, smooth; racemes leaf-opposed, from five to seven-flowered. Calya villons on the outside.

A native of Hindoostan.

4. D. augusta. R.

Leaves stem-clasping, broad-lanceolar, parallel-veined, acutely serrate towards the base,

the rest repand, dentate.

An immense tree, a native of the mountainous countries on the eastern frontier of Bengal. The leaves on the young trees in the Botanic garden at Calentta, are from two to four feet long, and from nine to eighteen inches broad; while young beautifully coloured, and then somewhat villous, they taper most toward their insertion, and there embrace the branchlet with a ruffle-like waved continuation of the leaf.

D. pilosa, R. Leaves sessile, lanceolarly cunciform, hairy, serratures subulate, and hairy.

A majestic timber tree, a native of the mountainous countries in the vicinity of Goalpara, on the banks of the river Megna. From thence plants have been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they grow freely, but have not yet blossomed; the leaves in our young trees are from twelve to nineteen inches long, and from four to nine broad; in the larger leaves the serratures become more remote scallop-dentate, they are finely pointed and hairy on both surfaces, as well as round the margin.

6. D. scabrella. R.

Leaves petioled, cuneate, lanceolar, acutely serrate, ribbed, both sides harsh with short

A stately timber tree, a native of the mountains on the eastern frontier of Bengal.

LIRIODENDRON, Schreb. gen. n. 942.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx three-leaved. Petals nine. Germs numerous, one-celled, two-seeded; attachment interior, many imbricated so as to form a strobile, winged, one-celled, from one to two-seeded. Embryo centripetal, with ample perisperm.

1. L. grandiflora. R.

Leaves oblong, with a tapering base, entire. Flowers terminal, solitary; calyx of several decidnous spathes. Corol nine-petalled, the exterior ones green on the outside.

Doolee champa, the vernacular name in Silhet.

A middling sized, very ramous tree, a native of the hilly countries in the vicinity of Silhet and Chittagong, where it blossoms in April and May, and perfomes the air to a considerable distance with the fragrance of its fine large flowers; the seed ripens in October and November. Young shoots strongly marked with the annular marks left by the stipules, otherwise smooth. Leaves alternate, oblong, tapering most to the base, entire, hard, and void of pubescence, but glaucous, particularly underneath, obtuse, ribbed with large, simple, expanding veins, between which the small ones are beautifully reticulated, from six to eight inches long, and from three to nine broad. Stipules solitary, sheathing attached to one side of the edges of the petioles of the next inferior leaf. Flowers terminal, solitary, large, as in Miller's figure of Magnolia grandiflora, and like them white and fragrant. Calyx what I consider to be it, or an involuces on the many spathes which cover the flower bud, and drop off in succession. sion, as it swells, leaving strong annular marks behind. Petals nine, oval, thick, firm, and fleshy, with thin waved edges, the exterior three or four green, on the outside, all the rest white. Stamina numerous, imbricated upwards, linear, incurved, having on each side a polliniferous groove to within a very little of the base. Germs numerous, imbricated upward into a cone, swelled at the base, one-celled, and containing two ovula attached to the inner angle or side of the cell; upper part (style,) free, ensiform, and villous. Stigma simple.

Fructification as described by Gærtner de fruct. 2. p. 475. an oblong strobiliform cone,

of about sixteen inches in length, and from seven to eight in circumference, upwardly imbricated, with numerous long-tailed, folicular samara, which open on the outside near the base, and expose to view the large beautiful orange-coloured seeds, often hanging by a slender, soft, sericeous filament. Seeds one or two, sub-triangular; angles rounded. Interuments three, the exterior one fleshy, and while fresh of a fine glossy orange colour, the second of a reniform texture, dividing into two valves, when vegetation begins, the inner one a fine membrane, Perisperm conform to the seed, soft and oily. Embryo small, lodged in that angle of the perisperm next the umbilicus. Cotyledons cordate. Radicle oval, centripetal.

2. L. Lilifera, Willd. 2. 1255.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth.

Beng. Anoa-chumpa.

A pretty large tree, a native of the hilly countries in the vicinity of Silhet.

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MAGNOLIA. Schreb. gen. n. 942.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx three-leaved. Corol nine petalled. Germs numerous, one-celled, twoseeded, attachment interior. Capsules two-valved. Seed berried, pendulous.

M. pumila. Bot. Repos. N. 226.

Shrubby, erect, smooth. Leaves broad-lanceolar, entire. Peduncles terminal, solitary, oneflowered. Petals six, concave and fleshy.

A native of China. Flower pure white, and exquisitely fragrant. Compare with Louriero's

Liriodendron Coco. p. 424. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it is in blossom all the year. Page but has never produced even half grown fruit. The genus is therefore doubtful.

M. obovata. Willd. 2. 1257.

Shrubby, erect, twiggy. Leaves oblong, entire, smooth. Peduncies terminal, solitary, oneflowered. Petals six, expanding.

A native of China; it blossoms during the rainy season in the Bolanic garden. Flowers very large, rose-coloured, and inodorous, like pamila it never produces fruit in Bengal.

3. M. fuscata. Bot. Repos. N. 229.

Shrubby, very ramous. Leaves oblong, ventricose, obtuse, smooth. Flowers axillary, soli-

tary. Calyx spathaceous, petals six, lanceolar.

A very ramous middling sized shrub, a native of China. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms in March. The flowers are rather small for a Magnolia, of a very pale yellow, or cream-colour, and exquisitely fragrant; it has never produced fruit in Bengal.

MICHELIA. Schreb. gen. n. 943.

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GEN. CHAR. Spathe one-leaved, deciduous. Corol many-petalled. Germ numerous, onecelled, few-seeded; attachment interior. Capsules numerous, few-seeded. Embryo centripetal, furnished with a perisperus

M. Champaca, Willd, 2, 1260.

Leares lanceolate, round, smooth, entire. Flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled. Champaca. Rheed. Mal. 1. t. 19.
Sampaca. Rumph. Amb. 2. t. 67 and 68.

Beng. Champaka, or Chumpa:

Sans. Champaca. See Asiat. Res. 4. 287.

A pretty large tree, common in gardens over most parts of India. Flowering time the rainy season; the seed ripens in the cold season. Trunk straight; branches ascending and sprending. Leaves alternate, round the extremities of the branchlet, petioled, lanceolate, waved, smooth, entire, from four to six inches long. Petioles marked on the upper margins with the cicatrices of the stipules. Stipules spathliorm, adjoined to the petioles, caducous. Peduncles axillary, short, thick, one-flowered. Flowers large, yellow, delightfully fragrant. Bractes several, below the calyx, like it, but smaller, also caducous. Calyx a conical, leathery sheath bursting on one side, and falling off before the flowers expand. Petals from twelve to twenty, lancesolate, the exterior largest. Filaments subulate, inserted into the receptacle below the germs. Authors, two, growing on the inside of each filament. Germs numerous, forming an imbricated cone, semi-ovate, furrowed on the outside, one-celled, with from four to twelve ovula in two vertical rows attached to the inner angle of the cell. Style and stigma from a short recurvate, ragged, glandular, yellow body.

Capsules many, sessile, distinct, oblung, obluse, arranged round the lengthened receptacle, of the size of the first joint of the little finger, scabrous, straw-coloured, brown when dry, one-celled, two-valved; valves thick and firm. Seeds from one to twelve, attached as in the germ, various in shape, of the size of a pea. Integaments three; the exterior one thick, fleshy and flesh-coloured; the second hard, irregularly furrowed, of a dark-brownish black; and the inner one membraneus. Perispera, conform to the seed, while fresh succulent. Embryo small, sub-cylindric, lodged close to the umbilicus. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle ovate, pointing to

the umbilious (centripetal.)

ANNONA. Schreb. gen. n. 945.

GEN. CHAR. Culyx three-leaved. Corol six-petalled. Germs numerous, one-celled, oneseeded; attachment inferior. Fruit compound, many-seeded. Embryo amply furnished with a perisperm.

A. squamosa, Willd. 2, 1265.

Leaves narrow, oblong, obtuse, smooth. Fruit ovate, obtuse, squamose. Exterior petals lanceolate and obtuse; the inner scarcely any.

Atamarum, Rheed, Mal. 3, t. 29.

Eng. Custard-apple.

Cultivated; where indigenous uncertain, it flowers during the early part of the hot season; the fruit ripens in July, August and September. 2. A. reticulata, Willd, 2, 1265.

Leaves oblong, lanceolate, somewhat acute, smooth. Fruit ovate, lanceolate and obtuse. Beng, Noona.

Anona marum. Rheed. Mal. 3, t. 30, and. 31.

Is said to be indigenous amongst the mountains immediately east of Bengal, and universally cultivated over India.

I strongly suspect Louriero's A. asiatica is this very tree.

UVARIA. Schreb. gen. n. 944.

GEN. CHAR. Calyr three-leaved. Corol six-petalled. Germs many, one-celled, seeds one or many; altachment interior. Berries many, pedicelled on a common receptacle, one or more seeded. Embryo centripetal, and furnished with ample perisperm.

1. U. ventricosa. R.

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Arboreous, with a straight trunk and diverging branches. Leaves ovate, lanceolate, en-Page Arboreous, with a struggle trans and diverging Carey tire, shining. Fascicles leat-opposed, many-flowered. Calgo minute. Petals equal, the inner Fed.

This elegant tree is a native of the eastern hilly and mountainous provinces of Bengal, from Tippera it was introduced by Mr. Stephen Harris into the Botanie garden, where it blossoms in March and ripens its seed in July. Trunk, in trees of eight or ten years' growth, thick as a man's thigh, perfectly erect, and straight, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Branches numerous, diverging, with apices somewhat curved up. Height of the young trees twenty-five or thirty feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, broad, ovate-lanceolate, entire, taper, obtuse-pointed, recurvate, or drooping, of a very firm texture, and shining, from four to eight inches long, and from one to three broad. Peduncles, or rather, fascicles solitary, nearly leaf-opposed, very short, generally bearing from ten to fifteen, long-pedicelled, somewhat drooping, pitcher-shaped, greenish white, fragrant flowers, which expand in succession. Bractes ovate, solitary at the base of each pedicel, with a smaller one near the middle. Calyx of three small, triangular, brownish leaflets. Petals equal, ovate, cordate, acute, the exterior three revolute, the inner three converging, and forming a conic dome over the genitalia, with the only apices recurvate, villons on the outside. Germs ten or twelve, nearly linear, incurvate, one-celled, containing two vertical rows of ovula vertically attached to the the inner angle of the cell. Style short. Stigmas somewhat capitate. Berries from four to eight, short-pedicelled, ovate, smooth, of the size of a pullet's egg, yellow. Seeds six or seven, placed in a double order, and separated from each other by a considerable portion of pulp. Shape various, but always more or less oval, or oblong, much flattened on both sides. Integuments single, brown and pretty smooth, sub-ligneous, and thick, particularly round the margins. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a pale colour and horny texture, deeply intersected with numerous brown, hard fibres, which project from the hard integuments of the seed. Embryo small, straight. Cotyledons ovate-oblong. Radicle oblong, immediately within the umbilicus and pointing to it.

2. U. dioeca. R.

Shrubby. Leaves from lanceolate to oblong, acuminate, smooth. Peduncles lateral, two-flowered. Calyx six-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Berries fusiform, one-seeded.

Tusbee, is the vernacular name in Silhet, where the shrub is indigenous. It flowers in April and May, and the seed ripens in September. Trunk short, soon dividing into many branches and bifarious villous branchlets. Leaves short-petioled, bifarious, from lanceolate to oblong, entire, smooth, except while very young, taper-pointed, from three to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Peduncles lateral, and generally below the leaves, two together, or bifid, villous, about an inch long. Bractes lanceolate, villous. Flowers of a middling size, drooping. On some shrubs I could discover only male, and on others only female, but in size and colour the same. Male calyx in this species must be described to consist of three, ovate, equal, lanceolate leaflets. Petals six, nearly adhering to each other from the middle downwards, resembling a monopetalous corol, hairy, much longer than the calyx, red. Stamina numerous, covering the whole sub-globular receptacle. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers turbinate, with a polleniferous groove on each side. Germs none. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Stamina none. Germs numerous, covering the whole of the receptacle, hairy, one-celled; and containing one ovula, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma recurved, large and obtuse. Berries numerous, long-pedicelled, of the size of a pea, smooth, one-celled; seed solitary. Perisperm round, conform to the seed, deeply penetrated with brown fissures, with the small, straight embryo, lodged in its base, close to the umbilicus.

3. U. bracteata. R.

Scandent, twigs villous. Leaves from lanceolate to oblong, villous. Peduncles between the leaves two-flowered, amply bracted. Calyx three-parted. Petals six, oval and nearly equal,

Berries oval, of the size of a pullet's egg. Jupa-bun Kula is the vernacular name in Silhet where it is indigenous; flowers in May,

and the fruit ripens in September, and is then very inviting to the eye. Trunk and branches climbing over trees to a very considerable extent; the young shoots are round and very downy. Leaves bifarious, alternate, short-petioled, from lanceolate to oblong, entire, downy, partienlarly while young, from four to eight inches long, and two to three broad. Peduacles lateral, between the leaves, very downy, bifid, two-flowered. Flowers small, of a pale yellowish white, drooping. Bractes large and downy, one at the division of the common short peduals and one on each pedicel. Calyx three-parted. Segments sub-orbicular, downy. Petals six, much larger than the calyx, nearly equal, oval, concave. Filaments numerous, short. Anthers, a groove on each side of the filaments. Germs many, in the disk, surrounded with the stamina, linear, downy, one-celled; ovula many, in two rows; attached to the inside of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma bidentate. Berries few, pendulons, of the size of a small pullet's egg, from oval to oblong, obtuse at both ends, smooth, when ripe of a rich yellow. Seeds a few, oval, compressed, smooth, rather longer than those of the common Tamarind, and of the same colour, and appearance. Perisperm and embryo as in the genus.

4. U. odorata. Willd. 2. p. 1262.

Leaves ovate-lanceolate, waved. Peduncle three-flowered, drooping. Petals equal, linear, acute, very long.

Cananga. Rumph. Amb. 2, 195. t. 65.

A native of the Malay Islands, and east of the Bay of Bengal. From Sumatra it was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1797, the largest of them, now 1809, has a trunk thirty-six inches in circumference, four feet above ground, and rather tall in proportion, it flowers and ripens its seed at various times of the year. Trunk straight throughout. Bark Page smooth, asti-coloured. Branches from patent to diverging. Young shoots round and smooth. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, drooping, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, with the margins entire but waved, smooth on both sides, from four to eight inches long, and from two to four broad. Stipules none. Flowers in small fascicles of generally three, on very short peduncles from the buds of the shoots of the former year's growth, large, drooping, of a pale yellow, odorous. Podicels pretty long, recurvate, villous. Bractes a few, small, recurvate on the short peduncles and base of the pedicels. Calyx of three triangular, obtuse divisions united at the base, yellow. Filaments shorter than the germs, each headed with a large, roundish, subulate, pointed giand. Authors a groove on each side below the heads. Germ many, sessile, linear, one-celled, with two vertical rows of ovula therein attached to the inner angle. Styles scarcely any. The stigmas, are so firmly united into one solid, hemispheric, glandular body that they cannot be separated. Berries about a dozen on pretty long pedicels, from a hemispheric umbel, singly oblong, about the size of a small olive, smooth, when ripe black. Seeds from six to twelve, separated by the soft greenish pulp of the berry, flattened, ovate, or nearly so, pitted. Perisperm and embryo as in the genus. See Gart. Sem. 2. 155. t. 114.

5. U. fornicata. R.

Scandent. Leaves currente-lanceolate. Peduncles between the leaves, one-flowered; the exterior three petals large, and lanceolate, the inner three small, and coalesced into a cone over the genitalia.

Beng. Lutamala.

A large scandent shrub, a native of Silhet, where it flowers in May and June. 6. U. bicolor. R.

Scandent. Leaves linear, oblong, acuminate, parallel-veined, a little hairy underneath. Peduscles one or two between and opposite to the leaves. Petals six, nearly equal; the exterior three, brown and hirsute, the inner three, smooth and red. Berries spherical, very villous, from four to eight-seeded.

A large, stout, scandent shrub, a native of Silhet; it flowers in April, and the fruit ripens during the rains.

7. U. cordifolia. R.

Shrubby. Leaves cordate, and ovate-cordate. Peduacles between the leaves, one-flowered; petals six, lanceolar, very long and sericeous.

A native of the moist vallies near Chittagong, where it grows to be a ramous shrub of

about six feet in height, it blossoms in June, and the seed ripens in November.

8. U. macrophyila. R.

Shrubby, spreading; leaves oblong, obtusely acuminate, base cordate. Pedancles (knobs) leaf-opposed, short, few-flowered, flowers rotate. Petals equal, obovate.

Beng. Bagh-runga.

A large stout spreading shrub or small tree with long, weak, sub-scandent branchlets, which are clothed with much short, ferruginous down; the leaves are remarkably large, often a foot long, and six inches broad, parallel-veined, with the upper surface somewhat bullate, underneath villous. The flowers are of a dull reddish colour, and expand an inch and a half.

9. U. heteroclita. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves ovate, oblong, acuminate. Peduncles axillary, one-flowered, male and female on the same or different plants. Berries many, sessile.

Beng. Tubee kura.

A large scandent shrub, a native of the Garrow hills and other mountainous districts in the vicinity of Silhet, where it blossoms about the beginning of the rains and the seed ripens in October and November. Foung branchiets smooth, glossy, green, with angles. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, and ovate-oblong, entire, except in young plants and shrubby, acutely serrulate-dentate, accuminate, smooth on both sides, from four to six inches long, and from one and a half to three broad. Petioles short, channelled and coloured. Stipules none. Female flowers axillary, solitary, long-peduncled. Bracter some scales round the base of the peduncles, one or two towards their middle. Calyx inferior, about eight or ten-leaved; leaflets unequal, roundish, concave, imbricated, smooth, caducous. Corol none. Stamisa none. Germs numerous, in an imbricated, globular head, single, conical, containing two ovula that are attached to the inner side of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma short, small, and, bifid, situated where the keel ends in the upper edge of the twin apex of the germ. Berries numerous, sessile, on a glo-bular, peduncled receptacle, distinct, turbinate, of the size of a red currant, and of nearly the same colour, succulent, one-celled. Seeds two, round, reniform, curvate, one end somewhat longer than the other. Integuments single, thick, and firm, of a brownish ash-colour. Perisperm conform to the seed, smelling spicy when cut. Embryo small, lodged in the small end of the perisperm. Cotyledons two small projections only. Radicle oval pointed, pointing to the end of the seed where it is lodged. Male flowers axillary, &c. as in the female; sometimes on a different tree. Calgr as in the female. Corol none. Stamina a small globular fleshy body in the centre formed by many imbricated, fleshy, sessile filaments, or bases for as many gaping, two-valved, one-celled anthers.

U. longifolia, Willd. 2, 1263.

Leaves narrow-lanceolate, waved, smooth, shining. Flowers fascicled, long-pedicelled; petals equal, narrow, lanceolate, waved. Berries oval, one-seeded.

Devadari, Asiat. Res. 4. p. 288.

Hind, and Beng, Devadaree, or Debdaree.

Its native place uncertain. In Bengal it blossoms in February and the seed ripens during

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Page the rains; the tree is large and elegant, but of slow growth, yet the wood is soft and white, Carey and deemed of little use. II.

11. U. villosa. R.

Leaves oval, entire, villous. Peduncles few-flowered. Inner three petals larger and orbi-665 cular. Berries oval, two-seeded.

A tree of considerable size, a native of Bengal. Flowering time March and April, and the berries ripen in June and July. They are very much like black cherries.

12. U. pilosa. R.

Leares oblong, entire, hairy, as are also the young shoots, petioles, and solitary one-flowered peduncles. Calyx hairy. Petals equal, smooth, and longer than the calyx.

A native of the Moluccas. 13. U. grandiflora. R.

Shrubby. Leaves cuncate-oblong, villous underneath, peduncles one-flowered. Petals sub-equal, obovate, flat. Berries long-peduncled, many-seeded.

A native of Sumatra, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden in 1804, and in June 1809 they blossomed for the first time. Stem in our young plants short, and as thick as a man's leg. Branches many, sub-bifarious, nearly erect, with their villous, round, extremities spreading; the height of the plants about six feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, cuneate oblong, narrowing most towards the base and there rounded, with entire, margins and the apex rather acute, downy underneath, simple and parallel-veined, six inches long, and three broad. Peduncles leaf-opposed, solitary, drooping, one-flowered, villous, from one to two-jointed near the middle, and in the aril of the lower bracte a flower bud and its bracte. Flowers very large, flat. about three inches in diameter, of a crimson colour, gradually changing to very dark red, inodorous. Calyx three-parted; divisious ovate, veined, villous. Petals six, nearly equal, the three exterior ones oval, the three inner ones obovate-oblong, all are obtuse, spread out flat; their texture is soft, thick, and slightly villous. Stamina numerous, forming with the pistils, a firm globe in the centre. Filaments cuneiform, incurved, rigid, crested.

Anthers a groove on each side of the filaments. Germs numerous, linear, one-celled, with rows of from ten to fifteen seeds attached to the inner side of the cell. Style none. Stigmas a clammy gland with a notch on the inside. Berries few, long-pedicelled, from oblong to cylindric, smooth, yellow, from one to three inches long. Pulp sweet and edible. Seeds from six to twenty, or more, crest compressed, smooth, light brown. Perisperm and embryo as in the genus. See Gart. sem. 2, 155, t. 114.

14. U. odorotissima. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves lanceolate, smooth. Tendrils bearing solitary pedundled flowers. Petals equal, lanceolate, gibbous at the base. Berries one-seeded. 15. U. uncata. Lour. Cochin Ch. 4, 26,

A native of China. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms throughout the year. It is powerfully fragrant, the odour not unlike that of very riple apples, when laid to ripen in a garret.

U. lutea. Willd. 2. 1262.

Leaves oblong, smooth, shining. Flowers fascicled. Calyx minute. Petals equal. Berries eval, about six-seeded.

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A native of the Circar mountains. Flowering time the hot season.

17. U. cerasoides. Willd. 2. 1261.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, downy underneath. Peduscles lateral, solitary, one-flowered. Calyx and corol nearly equal. Berries one-seeded.

Teling. Doodooga. 667

A native of the Circar mountains; it blossoms during the hot season; the seed ripens in July.

U. suberosa. Willd. 2, 1251. R. Corom. pl. p. 31.

Leaves oblong, waved, smooth on both sides. Peduncles solitary, one-flowered. Exterior three petals and calvx small. Berries one-seeded.

Teling. Chilka doodooga.

Beng. Bura-chalce.

A native of various parts of India, in flower and fruit the whole year round.

U. tomentosa, Willd. 2, 1262. R. Corom. pl. 1. p. 31. N. 35.

Leaves oblong, downy on both sides. Peduncles solitary, one-flowered; exterior petals minute as the calvx, and narrow-lanceolate. Berries oval, about four-seeded.

A native of the Circar mountains, where it blossoms during the hot season.

U. tripetala, R.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, smooth. Flowers three-petalled; petals lanceolate, fleshy. A native of the Molucca Islands. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms in April and September.

21. U. axillaris. R.

Leaves narrow-oblong; base rounded, entire. Peduncles axillary, many-flowered. All the six petals linear and equal. A native of the Isle of France, where it was found by Col. Hardwicke in flower in June and July.

22. U. nitida. R.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, entire, polished. Peduncles axillary, many-flowered. Calyx minute. Petals unequal, the inner three cunciform. Berries sub-sessile, one-seeded.

A native of the Molnecas.

UNONA. Schreb. gen. n. 947.

GEN. CHAR. Calux three-leaved. Corol three, four, or six-petalled. Germs many, onecelled, few-seeded; attackment interior. Berries many, necklace-shaped. Embryo erect, and amply furnished with a perisperm.

L. U. longiflora. R.

Leaves linear-oblong. Flowers from two to three-petalled, of great length and pendulous.

Joints of the berries few and linear oblong.

Kella-kera the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; grows to the size of a large shrub or small bushy tree, flowers in April and May, and the seed ripens about the close of the rains. Young shoots quite smooth, round, and flexnous. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled. linear-oblong, entire, smooth on both sides, and particularly glaneous underneath, from six to twelve inches long, and from two to four broad. Peduncles axillary, solitary, from three to ten inches long, filiform, smooth, one-flowered. Flowers uncommonly long, pendulous; yellow on the outside, bright orange on the inside. Calyx three-leaved; leaflets reniform, cordate, acuminate, very small and hairy. Petals two, rarely three, ensiform, thick and fleshy, from six to eight inches long, with the sides smooth, yellow on the inside, orange without. Stamina numerous, glandular-headed, forming a hemispheric ball round the germs. Germs from ten to twenty, sessile, clavate, very hairy, one-celled, ovula a few, imbricated upwards, and vertically attached to the inner margin of the styles, short. Stigmas large, recurved. Berries several, long-pedicelled, drooping, from two to four, joints linearoblong or sub-cylindric, smooth. Seeds one in each joint and of the same form, smooth. Integument polished, of the consistence of parchment. Embryo in the base of the perisperm, two-valved, from its inside innumerable fibres project exactly as in Ucaria. See Gart. sem. 155. t. 114.
 U. discolor, Vahl. s. 2. p. 63. t. 36. Willd. 2. 127.

Arboreous. Leaves bifarious, ovate-lanceolate, acute, smooth. Peduncles one-flowered. Berries from two to four, jointed; joints globular.

Uvaria monilifera. Gart. sem. 2. 156. t. 114.

Teling, Chilika doodooga.

A pretty large tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Northern Circars and the country near Chittagong. Trank straight, with a thin, conical, tapering head; bark scabrous. Braschlets bifarious, spreading. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, from oblong to lanceolate, waved, smooth, pointed, from three to six inches long and about two broad. Peduacles leaf-opposed, or between the leaves, rather more than an inch long bracted below the middle, each supporting a single large, yellowish, sericeous, drooping flower. Calyx, three-leaved; leaf-lets oblong, conical, acute, much shorter than the corol, caducous. Petals six, banceolate, sericeous, the three inner ones considerably smaller than the others. Stamma numerous, wedge-shaped, crowned with a large truncate brownish gland. Authors a line on each side from the gland to the base. Germs about twenty, linear, densely clothed with ferruginous down. Style scarcely any. Stigma recurved, glandular, naked. Berries several, short-pedicelled, composed of from two to four roundish-oval, pretty smooth joints, attached to a firm globular receptacle. Seed solitary, round-oval. Integument single, brown, thin, hard, and polished. Perisperm conform to the seed, hard perforated, &c. as described by Gærtner.

The wood is employed for various economical purposes, but chiefly for rafters.

Note. An imperfect description and drawing, No. 956, have been sent to the Honourable the Court of Directors, at which time the flowers had not been seen.

3. U. dumosa. R.

Scandent. Leaves linear, oblong, base cordate, parallel-veined, downy underneath. Petals

six, oblong and very large. Berries composed of two or three oval joints.

Tooba chara, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a very bushy climber. Flowers very large and pendulous, they appear during the hot season, and the seed ripens in October.

ATRAGENE. Schreb. gen. n. 949.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx inferior, four-leaved. Petals about twelve, seeds tailed.

A. Zeylanica, Willd, 2, 1287, R. Corom, 155, pl. 2, N. 188.

Tendrils two-leaved.

Beny. Chagul-bates.

Found in hedges in most parts of India. The root is tuberous, the stems and branches percaulal, climbing. Flowering time the rains; the seed ripens in the cool season.

CLEMATIS. Schreb. gen. n. 960.

GEN. CHAR. Calyr none. Corol four, rarely five-petalled. Seeds with a long tail. C. Gouriana. R.

Shrubby, climbing. Leaves decompound; leaflets ovate, lanceolate, entire. Pedaucles axillary and terminal, trichotomous, many-flowered. Petals four, lanceolate, revolute. A native of the interior of Bengal, flowers about the close of the rains; in the environs of the ancient city of Gour, it forms with Porana panicula extensive, levely festoons.

THALICTRUM. Schreb. gen n. 951.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx none. Corol of four or five petals; styles, persistent. Seeds without a tail.

1. T. bracteatum. R.

Perennial, scandent. Leaves opposite and three-fold, bi-and tri-ternate; leaflets long, cordate, ovate, entire; peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, with two opposite cordate bractes above the base.

I received this very elegant, small, scandent, plant from Dr. Carey, who found it indigenous in the northern parts of Bengal. Flowering time the end of the cold season. Root perennial. Stems herbaceous, scandent, round, smooth, scarcely so thick as a pack thread and from two to four feet long. Leaves opposite or three-fold between bi-and tri-ternate; leaflets of an oblique, ovate, oblong, cordate shape, entire and smooth on both sides, size various, the largest seldom more than an inch long. Peduncles axillary, solitary, crect, one-flowered, with two opposite cordate bractes above the base. Petals four or six lanceolate, expanding, very pale blue. Stamens, one-fourth or one-fifth the length of the petals. Germs from fifteen to twenty. Styles scarcely any. Seeds with a sharp stiff back.

RANUNCULUS. Schreb. gen. n. 953.

GEN. CHAR. Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, with a honey-bearing pore within the claw. Seeds naked.

II. 672 R. indicus. R.

Erect, annual; calyces spreading; flowers many, terminal, lower leaves petioled, three-parted, and ternate, with segments divided above, they are sessile, ternate and simple; stamens twenty; seeds smooth.

A native of Bengal, where it appears in shady places during the cold season. Root fibrous, annual. Stem erect, above very ramous, smooth, piped, about one and a half or two feet high. Leaves below petioled, three-parted and ternate, with leaflets divided above, sessile, ternate and simple, with leaflets linear-lanceolate; all are smooth on both sides. Stipules membranaceous. Flowers terminal, and from the divisions of the branchlets forming nearly an umbel, small and yellow. Calyx spreading, a little woolly ontwardly. Nectaries, about twenty. Seeds sessile on a cylindric receptacle, oval, laterally compressed, with a pointed top.

CALYCANTHUS. Schreb. gen. n. 870.

Gen. Char. Calyx imbricated, squamous; corol many-petalled. Germs several, onecelled, one-seeded; attachments inferior.

C. præcox. Willd. 2. 1120. Bot. Mag. 466.

Leaves opposite, from lanceolate to ovate, oblong; flowers axillary, solitary, sub-sessile; inner petals smaller.
Obai. Kampf. amoen. 878. t. 899.

From China this sweet smelling, rigid shrub has been received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during the months of December, January and February, at which time it is nearly destitute of leaves, for they are deciduous in Bengal during the cold season.

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DIDYNAMIA GYMNOSPERMIA.

AJUGA. Schreb gen. N. 959.

Calyx five-toothed. Upper lip of the corol small, bidentate, and shorter than the stamina.

1. A. fruticosa. Roxb. Shrubby, erect, ramous, downy. Leaves broad-lanceolate, serrate; the superior pair of anthers simple, the lower pair twin.

Nepeta malabarica. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 357.

Tam. Retti pemeretti.

A native of the coast of Coromandel, where it is esteemed a medicine of considerable

virtue by the inhabitants.

Stem erect, shrubby. Bark ash-coloured. Branches with four rounded angles, and furrowed sides, all the young tender parts covered with much, very soft, white down; height of the shrubs from four to six feet. Leaves opposite, short-petioled. drooping, cordate-lanceolate, or broad-lanceolate, serrate, and clothed like the young branches with much soft, white down, from one to six inches long, and about one-fourth of that in breadth. Flowers numerous, large, purple, sessile, alternate, on opposite, decussate, dichotomous, downy, ramous spikelets, which terminate the branches. Bractes filiform, and like every other part of the plant, downy. Calyx somewhat gibbous, mouth five-cleft, downy; corol, upper lip erect, entire, shorter than the stamina; the lower one three-lobed, with the middle tube cordate, emarginate, of a lively purple colour, and much larger than the paler coloured, posterior, or

lateral lobes. Filaments nearly equal, and adhering to each other. Anthers on the short, or Page exterior pair of filaments, twin, on the long or inner pair, single.

2. A. disticha. Roxb.

Annual, ramous. Leaves cordate, serrate, downy. Spikes axillary, two-cleft, recurvate, secund. Bractes subulate. Lower anthers twin.

Ballota disticha. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iii. 108. and probably Nepeta indica of the same, iii. 57.

Beng. Gobura.

Tsjadaen. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 88.

This is one of our largest annuals; it grows in hedges, &c. where the soil is good and

dry. Flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Stems erect, four-sided, with a few pairs of opposite branches, downy, from three to six feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, obtusely serrate, very soft, downy, three inches long, and two broad. Flowers seemingly verticelled, but are arranged alternately; ovula recurved; spikes sessile in the opposite axills; there is always a single flower stands between the pair of spikes. Bractes subulate, hairy, two to each flower. Calyx gibbous, five-toothed, (never ten-striated). Corol; tube length of the calyx; upper lip green, short, entire, projecting; under lip many times larger, recurved, about the middle it is enlarged with two wings, beyond which it expands into two. large, deep purple, orbicular, crenulate, depending segments. Stamina the short pair twin. Anthers, the larger single.

Obs. The family character does not well accord with that of Ballota, nor of Nepeta;

I have therefore removed it to Ajuga.

3. A. repens. R.

Biennial, procumbent, hairy. Leaves from oblong to lanceolar, tapering down the petioles, grossly and unequally serrate; spikes terminal, cylindric. Bractes oblong, ventricose, five-flowered, or ten to the verticel.

A native of Chittagong. Flowers in December and January, and the seed ripens in Feb-

ruary and March.

Is rather a robust species, spreading over a space of about two feet in diameter; the lower branches generally emit root from the joints, which rest on the ground.

TEUCRIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 960.

Colyx five-parted. Corol with the apper lip two-parted beyond the base, where the stamina are.

T. stoloniferum. Roxb.

Root perennial, stoloniferous. Stems straight, four-sided. Leaves cordate, serrate, rugose. Panicles terminal.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root perennial, producing numerous runners, which spread wide, and propagate fast. Stems annual, erect, four-sided, villous, simple till near the top of the plant, where there are a few pairs of opposite branchiets; the whole plant about two feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, drooping, cordate, serrate, a little wrinkled, soft, and a little villous. Petioles shorter than the leaves, channelled. Panicles terminal, which includes the whole of the top of the plant. Bractes opposite, elliptic, villous, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, small, of a lively pink.

ELSHOTZIA, Willa.

Calyx tubular, five-toothed. Corol bilabiate; the upper lip three- (four- Willd.) parted the under lip undivided. Stamina distant.

E. villosa, R.

Shrubby, downy. Leaves ovate, lanceolate, serrate; spikes panicled, sub-secund.

Rajat the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and is used in complaints of the bowels by the natives. Flowering time the rainy season.

MENTHA. Schreb. gen. N. 967.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol nearly equal, four-cleft. Stamina erect, distant.

M. paniculata, R.

Annual, erect; branches brachiate. Leaves long-petioled, triangularly cordate, grossly serrate. Spikes cylindric, panieled.

A native of the hills of Chittagong, where it blossoms during the cool season. The natives use the leaves in their curries on account of their grateful smell and taste.

M. auricularia, Willd. iii. 74.

Spikes terminal, cylindric, mixed with ciliate bractes. Leaves sub-sessile, oblong, serrate, Stamina longer than the corol.

Majana foetidia. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 16. f. 2. bad.

A native of the Moluceas, and rather a weak, flaccid, ramous, four-sided, bairy plant.

3. M. quadrifolia, Roxb.

Percunial, erect, stems round. Leaves four-fold, nearly linear, serrate; spikes terminal, evlindrie. Filaments hairy, and longer than the corol.

Teling. Konda-jajain. This seems an undescribed species, it is perennial, a native of the tops of hills, and the

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Page middle region of the Circar mountains, growing amongst the rocks. It flowers during the

rainy season.

Stems many, erect, with a few branches, woody, round, from two to four feet high. Leaves four-fold, rarely three-fold, spreading, short-petioled, linear-lanccolate, servate, rugose, downy, from two to three inches long, and about half an inch broad. Spikes terminal, solitary, cylindric, crowded with innumerable, small, rose-coloured flowers. Corol; tube twice the length of the calyx, segments reflexed. Filaments much longer than the corol, sub-equal, very hairy.

This plant is very fragrant, not less so than our garden mint in Europe; common gar-

M. verticeilata. R.

Annual, erect. Leaves verticelled, sessile, linear-lanceolate, serrate. Spikes terminal, cylindric.

Beng. Panee-kula.

Found in wet places near Calcutta, appears and flowers during the rains.

Stems annual, erect. Branches a few near the top, and verticelled. Leaves verticelled, sessile, linear, serrate. Spikes solitary, terminal, cylindrical. Filaments woolly, twice the length of the corol.

The plant has a considerable share of aromatic smell, and taste.

5. M. stellata. Buch.

III. Spikes terminal, cylindric. Leaves filiform, minute, verticelled.

6. M. fruticosa. Roxb. 6

Shrubhy. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, serrate, downy. Panicles brachiate, terminal. Filaments and style much longer than the corol, and variously bent.

A native of the Circar mountains.

Shrubby. Leaces from cordate to oval, serrate. Spikes terminal, secund, flowers fascicled. Stamens hairy, double the length of the corol.

Beng. Jul-luta.

Elsholtzin. Banksian herbarium.

This plant is common, and indigenous all over Bengal; flowering time the end of the

Stems many, shrubby, erect, ramous, round, smooth, coloured. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval and cordate, grossly serrate, when young downy, with the veins and nerves coloured, from four to six inches long. Petioles roundish, slightly channelled, much shorter than the leaves. Spikelets terminal, and from the exterior axills, secund, very numerous, the whole of each branch forming a long panicle. Bractes numerous, hairy, and ciliate, the exterior one of every other pair is generally abortive; in the axill of each of the other three fertile ones is a fascicle or two, of from four to twelve smaller falcate bractes, embracing like an involucre, about as many flowers. Calyx sub-cylindric. Corol; upper lip broad, three-parted, erect; under lip entire, ovate, pointed. Filaments double the length of the corol, hairy. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma two-cleft, segments tapering and expanding.

The plant possesses a strong, heavy, aromatic smell and bitterish taste.

7. M. sativa. Willd. iii. 79.

Flowers verticelled. Leaves elliptic, serrate. Stamina longer than the corol.

Beng, Poodena, Pudun, &c.

Found common in gardens throughout India. 8. M. perilloides. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iii. 83.

Annual, hairy. Leaves cordate, grossly serrate. Racemes terminal, and axillary, sessile, four-sided. Flowers in opposite approximate pairs, sub-secund. Braces as long as the flowers. Stamens shorter than the corol.

Perilla ocymoides. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iii. 83.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to this garden, where, in

one year from the time the seed was sown the plant blossomed abundantly

Stem erect, with four rounded angles, and excavated sides, hairy. Branches opposite, expanding, and, like the stem of the most luxuriant plants, about three feet high. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, broad, cordate, grossly-serrate, hairy on both sides, from three to five inches long, and from two to four broad. Petioles hairy, channelled. Racemes axillary and terminal, sessile, four-sided, particularly before the flowers expand. Braces lanceolate, acute, one-flowered. Flowers in opposite, decussate, approximate pairs, tending to point to one side only. Calyx hairy; divisions five, nearly equal. Corol, the upper segment emarginate; the under one much broader and longer, sub-remiform. Stamens rather shorter than the corol. Anthers of two distinct lobes.

GLECHOMA. Schreb. gen. N. 970.

Calyx five-cleft, each pair of anthers converging in form of a cross.

Annual, erect. Leaves cordate. Peduncles axillary, bearing several flowers in a head. A native of the skirts of the mountains of Nepal where it is called Niasbo by the natives, and used internally as a remedy in Gonorrhea. From thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan, under the above name, to the Botanic garden where the plants thrive well, blossom and ripen their seed all the year round.

III. Root annual. Stems nearly erect, four-sided, villous, branchy near the base, from one to two feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, serrate, downy. Peduncles axillary, solitary, Pround, longer than the petioles, supporting a dichotomous head of many small purple flowers, Car at and near the apex they become more and more approximate, and the leaves smaller and smaller, and may then be called exterior bractes. Bractes numerous, lanceolate, ciliate. Calyx ventricose, teu-ribbed, five-toothed, villous. Anthers twin. Seeds very small.

The plant possesses a pleasant smell, not unlike that of balm, and has a pungent bitterish

LEONURUS. Schreb. gen. N. 977.

Authers sprinkled with glossy dots. L. Tataricus. Willd, iii. 116.

Annual, erect, four-sided. Leaves from bipinnatifid to simple. Calyces with divisions daggered. Incolucres bristly, upper lip of the corol vaulted.

Cardiaca foliis tennis, &c. Mill, fig. A. 80.

Its native place uncertain, though common in gardens all over India. It is a plant of short duration, not more than three or four mouths, but there is a constant succession of them all the year round.

PHLOMIS. Schreb. gen. N. 978.

Calyx angular, toothed; upper lip of the ringent corol vaulted, incumbent, villous.

1. P. repetifolia. Willd. iii. 126.

Annual, straight. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, serrate, downy. Calyx eight-spinous-toothed, the upper and lower larger.

Hind. Hejur-chei.

Is a native of hedges, old mud walls, &c. It is a very specious-looking plant; flowering

in the cold season.

Stem annual, straight, four-sided simple, from four to six feet high. Leaves opposite, spreading, petioled, cordate, serrate, pointed, downy, from four to eight inches long, and two or three broad. Floral leaves (bractes verticillorum,) lanceolate, depending. Petioles channelled, winged with the decurrent leaf; verticels globular, two, three or four, towards the apex of the plant, about five inches a under. Involucres many, subulate. Flowers numerous, of a deep rich orange colour. Calux ten-striated, eight-toothed, of which the six lateral ones are smoothest, all very sharp. Corol: under lip very short, three-toothed, at all times of a dirty withered colour. Cattle do not eat of it, nor is it put to any use that I know of.

2. P. zeylanica, Willd. iii. 123.

Annual, straggling. Leaves linear-lanceolate, somewhat serrate. Calyx obliquely and slightly eight-toothed. Verticel axillary.

Herba admirationis. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 66. f. 1.

Tumba. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 91. Hind, and Beng. Hull-khusa.

Teling. Poo-alla-tumi.

This is one of the most common plants, every soil seems to suit it; but it delights most in rubbish.

Stem annual, when old straggling, four-sided, angles rounded, about two feet high; branches opposite. Leaves remote, short-petiolod, narrow-lanceolate, remotely and slightly serrate, a little downy, from two to three inches long and about one quarter of an inch broad. Verticels two or three towards the apex, small, globular. Incolners subulate. Calyx ten-striated, curved, widening; mosth oblique, slightly eight-toothed. Flowers white; upper lip short, projecting, bairy, vaulted; the under lip large, three-parted; middle divisions broad, truncated. Anthers two-lobed, one over the other.

This plant has a pleasant faint aromatic smell, its flowers are used by the brahmins to decorate their idols. In the Banksian herbarium, two other specific names are attached to it,

viz. obliqua and malabarica.
3. P. esculenta. Roxb.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves lanceolar, serrate, downy; heads generally terminal or with one globular verticel at the next pair of the leaves. Calyx obliquely ten-toothed.

Hind, and Beng, Choota-hull-koossa. Teling. Manchy tumi, or tumi-kura.

This species is annual, it grows common on dry cultivated lands. Flowers during the wet

Stem annual, erect, ramous, four-angled, four-grooved, downy, from one to two feet high. Leaves opposite, short-perioled, broad-lanceolate, serrate, downy, about two inches long and three quarters of an inch broad. Verticels one or two, many dowered. Incolucees very numerous, subulate, ciliate. Calyx obliquely ten-toothed.

The plant possesses a considerable degree of a peculiar fragrance; its leaves are used as a

potherb by the natives.
4. P. cephalotes. Kön. Mss.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, acute, serrate, downy. Heads terminal, Involucees lanceolate, ciliate. Calyx with the mouth even, and cut into ten equal divisions.

Hind, and Beng, Burn-hul-khusu. Teling. Gurosa-tumi,

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Like the former (P. esculenta,) but in other respects they are dissimilar. Leaves opposite, short-petiol d, oblong, pointed, serrate, soft, downy, about two inches long, and less than one broad. Verticels generally solitary, terminal, globular, many-flowered. Flowers numerous, white. Involuces numerous, imbricate, lanceolate, incurved, ciliate. Calyx erect, gibbous, tenstriated; mouth horizontal, ten-toothed. Corol upper lip erect, vaulted, very hairy; under lip as in the rest. Anthers oval (not two-lobed.)

It differs from P. zeylanica, and esculenta, in the form of the involucres, calyx, and an-

thers, as well as in the general habit of the plants. No use is made of this species.

5. P. calycina. Roxb.

Diffuse, villous. Leaves long-ovate, grossly and bluntly serrate, smooth. Peduncles fewflowered. Calycine segments five, cuneate, as long as their tube.

A native of the northern parts of Hindoostan. 6. P. urticifolia, Willd. iii. 124.

Annual, erect, four-sided, villous. Leaves ovate, bluntly serrate, smooth; verticels several, globular, many flowered. Involueres pedicelled, linear-lanceolate, ciliate, mucronate. Calyx obliquely ten-mucronate-toothed.

A mative of Coromandel, and also found wild in Hindoostan by Col. Hardwicke.

7. P. moluecana. Roxb.

Annual, erect, ramous, villous. Leaves petioled, from oval to rhomboidal, crenate. Flowers in axillary fascicles. Involucre minute. Calyx even, ten-ribbed, ten-toothed, alternately smaller.

A native of the Moluceas. 8. P. montana. Kön. Mss.

Perennial, ramous, downy. Leaves short-petioled, ovate-cordate, serrate. Verticels fewflowered, mouth of the calyx even, and cut into ten equally sharp-toothed segments.

Compare with P. chineusis. Willd, iii. 125. Is a native of hills, and dry barren spots, &c.

Stem short, perennial; branches ascending, four-sided, downy, from one to two feet high. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate-cordate, crenulate, downy, about an inch long, and three III. quarters of an inch broad. Verticels numerous, from six to twelve flowered. Involucres few, linear, erect, many times shorter than the calyx. Flowers white. Calyx straight, widening, ten striated, ten toothed. Corol; upper lip erect, vaulted, hairy; under lip horizontal, broad, three-lobed; middle lobe slightly four-parted.

9. P. biflora, Willd. iii. 124

Creeping, four-sided. Leaves petioled, ovate-oblong, serrate, smooth. Flowers in axillary pairs; calyx toothed, alternately smaller.

Leucas foliis rotundis, serratis, flore albo, Burm. Zeyl. 140. t. 63. f. 1. agrees pretty

well with this plant.

It is common about Calcutta; and in flower most part of the year.

Stems or branches perennial, numerous, creeping; when young four-sided, almost smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, erect, ovate-oblong, posterior sides entire, interior grossly ovate, smooth. Flowers generally solitary, though sometimes in pairs, axillary, peduncled, white. Involucres few, very small, subulate. Calgar funnel-shaped, ten-striated, ten-toothed, teeth alternately smaller. Corol, of two lips nearly equal in length; the upper one erect, vaulted, and very hairy; the under one very broad, and three-parted.

10. P. pilosa. Roxb.

Perennial, erect, hairy. Leaves cordate, serrate, soft and hairy. Flowers axillary, sub-solitary, sessile, naked. Calyx with an even, ten-toothed mouth.

A native of Bengal, where it flowers during the rains.

Root perennial. Stem and branches erect, four-sided, soft and hairy. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong cordate, servate, hairy and very soft, about two inches long, by one or one and a half broad. Flowers axillary, generally solitary, naked; sub-sessile, white. Calyx ten-striated; mouth even, hairy; upper lip vaulted, and very hairy; the under one of three, broad, villous segments.

CLINOPODIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 980.

Involucre many-leaved under the verticel. Calyx bilabiate. Corol, with upper lip plain, obcordate, and straight.

C. repens. R.

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> Root annual. Stems and branches four-sided, creeping, clothed with recurved hairs. Leaves short-petioled, ovate, crenate-serrate. Verticels numerous. Bractes subulate, very hairy.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at

Calcutta in November 1802, where the plants blossom during the rains.

Root generally annual, fibrous. Stems and branches, while the plants are young, nearly erect, but with the branches soon becoming procumbent, and lastly creeping; all are four sided, and clothed with many, white, recurved hairs. Leaves opposite, from one to two inches asunder, short-petioled, ovate, cordate, with the interior margins crenate, serrate, hairy, and wrinkled, about one inch long, and three quarters of an inch broad. Verticels numerous, from ten to fifteen-flowered. Flowers small, rose-coloured. Involucres subulate, and ciliate with numerous, long distinct hairs. Calyx striated, hairy.

OUYMUM. Schreb. gen. N. 986.

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Calgr with the upper lip circular, lower one four-parted. Corol resupinate, with the superior lip four-cleft; the other undivided. Exterior filaments (in some of the species) crested near the base

1. O. villosum. R.

Shrubby. Branches round, villous. Leaves ovate, oblong, obtuse, serrate, downy. Bractes petioled, reniform, cordate, acuminate.

Urjaka, its Sanscrit name. See Asiat. Res. iv. 288. 9.

Hind. and Beng. Toolsi, or Toolsi. Soladi-tirtava. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 87

This charming species in common in gardens and about the temples of the Hindoos over

every part of India; it is in blossom most part of the year.

Stem erect, short, woody, round. Bark with a thin, light-brown, scaly epidermis. Branchex numerous, the tender shoots clothed with much soft white hair. General height of the whole plant from two to three feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, oblong, crenate serrate, obtuse, downy, from one to two inches long. Petioles half the length of leaves, downy. Racemes terminal, solitary or triple. Flowers triple, and opposite, appearing verticelled, of a pale, greenish pink. Bracles opposite, petioled, reniform, cordate, acute.

O. sanctum. Willd. iii. 162.

Somewhat shrubby. Branches round, hairy. Leaves oval, serrate, downy. Bractes petioled, broad-cordate. Filements crested.

Nalla-Tirtavu. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 85.

Purnasa the Sanscrit name. See Asiat. Res. iv. p. 188. Beng. and Hind. Kala, or Krishna Toolasi or Toolsi.

Teling. Krishna toolasi.

Is always found cultivated in the gardens belonging to the Hindoo temples, in flower all

the year round.

Stem short, woody, perennial. Branches numerous, opposite, round, dark purple, hairy. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval, serrate, downy, dark-coloured, about an inch and a half long, and one inch broad. Racemes terminal, erect, dark purple, hairy, four-sided. Bractes opposite, petioled, cordate, reflexed, three-flowered, (i. e. verticels six-flowered.)

This is a very grateful smelling plant, the brahmins hold it sacred to their gods Krishnu

and Vishnu.

3. O. album, Willd. iii. 160.

Annual, erect, bushy. Leaves short-petioled, ovate, cordate, remotely serrulate. Racemes terminal, sessile. Bractes petioled, ovate-cordate, three-flowered. Upper lip of the calyx round-reniform. Filuments crested, as long as the subcampanulate corol.

4. O. bullatum. Lamarck, Encyclop. i. 384.

Found in gardens only, and as the natives have no vernacular name for it, I conclude it is not a native of the continent of Iudia. The scent is very powerful, more so, I think than any other species I have met with.

5. O. thyrsiftorum, Willd. iii. p. 158.

Biennial, erect, ramous, smooth, four-sided, four-grooved. Leaves broad-lanceolite, scarcely serrulate. Panicles terminal. Bractes broad-lanceolate. Filaments rather longer than the

corol, and crested.

To Dr. Rottler of Madras I am obliged for the seed of this species, which has been the means of introducing it into Bengal, where it was not known before. It is in flower, chiefly during the rainy and cool seasons, though more or less the whole year. Seed in perfection throughout the dry season. Stem erect, branches many, opposite, spreading, four-sided; sides deeply grooved, the whole plant about three feet high. Leaves petioled, opposite, broad-lanceolate, on the interior margins of the largest are two or three remote serratures, sharp-pointed. Pasieles, a terminal, ovate, dense one to each branch, ramifications thereof decussate. Flowers large, pale pink, forming a pretty contrast with the ferruginous calyces and bractes. Bractes opposite, lanceolate, ciliate, three-flowered, of a deep ferruginous colour. Calyx; upper lip orbicular, and ciliate, and its upper surface of the same colour as the bractes; under lip foureleft. Corol; upper lip broad, four-parted; the under one of the same length, linear-oblong, with a rounded crenate apex. Filaments, the superior short pair amply crested.

This is one of the most fragrant, and prettiest species of Ocymum we have in India.

6. O. caryophyllatum, Roxb.

Shrubby; branches polished. Leaves broad-lanceolar, serrulate, smooth. Bractes petioled,

Hind, and Beng. Goolal-toolasi.

Is found about the temples, and in the gardens of the Hindoos. Is in blossom most part

of the year, but chiefly during the latter part of the rains, and the cold season.

Siem erect, somewhat woody. Branches opposite, nearly round, and polished; height of the whole plant, from two to six feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-lanceolar, pointed, slightly serrate, smooth on both sides, about three inches long, of which the petiole occupies about one-fourth part. Racemes terminal, erect, ruchis furrowed, villous. Bractes petioled, lanceolate, somewhat ciliate, coloured. Flowers with pretty long peduncies, pretty large, and white. Calyx, upper lip nearly round, and ciliate. Coral hairy on the outside; upper lip erect, four-parted: under lip oblong, and much longer than the upper. Filaments rather longer than calyx, larger pair jointed, and crested near the base.

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7. O. pilosum Roxb.

Shrubby ; branches four-sided, and furrowed. Leaves ovate oblong, serrate. Bractes petioled, sub-orbicular, hairy; upper lip of the calyx orbicular and hairy, with corol twice its length.

Beng. Babooi-toolsi. A native of India.

Stem erect. Branches opposite, expanding, with four furrows on the sides; young parts hairy. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, and ovate oblong, servate, both sides smooth, with the margins slightly ciliate, about two inches long, including the petiole. Ravenes terminal, erect, rigid, hairy, with the six-flowered verticels approximate. Brackes petioled, ciliate, sub-orbicular, with a sharp point. Flower very short-peduneled, pretty large, and white. Calga hairy, upper lip orbicular. Corol; upper tip four-parted, hairy on the outside; under tip oblong, concave, with the margins waved. Filaments the large pair, with a large hairy process near the base.

The seeds steeped in water swell into a pleasant jelly, which is used medicinally by the

8. O. gratissimum. Willd. iii. 110.

Shrubby; branches four-sided, smooth. Leaves oblong-ventricose, serrate, smooth. Bractes short-petioled, cordate-lauceolate.

Hind. Ram-tulasi.

The whole plant, I think diffuses a stronger degree of fragrance, than any other of the

genus. It is only found in gardens, and about the temples of the natives.

Stem erect, woody, perennial. Bark ash-coloured. Branches opposite, erect, four-seeded, when young smooth, glossy and green; whole height of the plant from four to eight feet. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, drooping, oblong, ventricose, remately sorrate, pointed smooth on both sides, often six inches long, including the petiole, which is about a third of the whole. Racemer terminal, pretty long, rigidly erect, with the verticels of six flowers pretty close. Bracter shortpetioled, reflexed, cordate-lanceolate. Calga; upper lip marked with three nerves. Corol short, scarcely larger than the calyx, of a pale yellow underneath, oblong, concave, and entire. Filatments longer than the corol, with a large tuft of dark yellow hairs on the joints of the large pair near the base.

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9. O. Basilicum. Willd. iii. 161.

Annual, the whole plant somewhat ferruginous. Leaves ovate-oblong, grossly and acutaly serrate, smooth. Bracies lanceolate, ciliate. Upper lip of the calyx broad-cordate. Stamina and style longer than the corol. Filaments amply crested.

A native of Persia, from thence sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the Persian names, Deban shah, and Deban Macwazzi. It is very nearly allied to our Indian Goolat talasi, and to the thyrsiflorum. In Bengul it flowers during the rains and the cool season.

O. polystachyon, Willd. i. 365.

Annual. Stem and branches four-sided, with sharp angles. Leaves sub-cordate, servate. Spikes terminal. Bracles petioled, round-cordate. Stamens the length of the corol, not crested.

Teling. Neeru. i. c. water tulasi. Is a native of ditches, and wet places. It flowers during the rainy season.

Stem annual, erect, from three to four feet high, four-sided, with very sharp angles, which are armed with small, sharp, scabrons excrescences. Branches numerons, opposite, like the stem. Leaves opposite, spreading, petioled, cordate, pointed, serrate; about two inches long, and one and a half broad. Petioles four-sided. Racemes terminal, and axillary, erect; verticels approximate. Bractes petioled, cordate, pointed, three-dowered. Corol twice the length of the calyx, all the divisions of the border are of the same length; under lip concave. Filaments wanting the characteristic processes of hairs. Cattle cat it. It possesses little or no fragrance.

11. O. tuberosum. Roxb.

Anthers incumbent, oval.

Herbaceous, four-sided, smooth. Leaves sessile, oblong, grossly serrate, smooth. Bracles oval. Filaments crestless.

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Is a native of vallies among the Orissa mountains; the whole plant is about a foot high. Root perennial, the fibres end in pretty large tubers. Stems several, short, annual, foursided, smooth. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, very grossly serrate, running down the petioles near the base; smooth, six inches long, and about two broad. Racemes terminal, so itary; verticels remote. Bractes oval, three-flowered. Flowers rose-coloured, large. Filaments wanting the characteristic processes, or crest.

12. O. cristatua. B. H. and Kön. Mss.

Annual, four-sided. Leaves oval. cristate, serrate, dotted. Bractes linear, inserted in glan-

dular receptacles. Stamens twice the length of the corol, crested.

A native of dry, burren spots; such as old dry walls, &c. Flowering time the wet season; it is entirely destitute of smell.

Stem erect, annual, or biennial, short, four-sided, slightly hairy, branchy, from twelve to eighteen inches high, angles rounded, sides groved. Brancher opposite, like the stein. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval, cremate-secrate, both sid a covered with innumerable, minute, glandular pits. Ruceuss technical, verticelled. Verticels six-flowered, less than an inch asunder. Bractes opposite, linear, longer than the flowers, sometimes a little-twisted, caducous, each having a large, round, ptransan, concave gland, into which it was or is inserted. This is an excellent specific mark. Flowers of a pale rose-colour, projecting horizontally. Stamens equal, more than twice the length of the corol, projecting apices erect; processes large and hairy.

Note. The long, linear bractes, with their concave, glandular receptacles, and the long Carey stamens, are excellent specific marks.

13. O. inodorum. Kon. Mss.

Bi-triennial, four-seeded. Leaves cordate, crenate-serrate, rugose. Bracles cordate, sessile. Stamens the length of the corol, crestiess.

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A small, bi- tri- or perennial species, from one to two feet high; grows about old walls, and under the shade of bushes, forests, &c. where the soil is dry. Flowering time in the wet

Stem very trifling, erect, somewhat woody. Branches opposite, four-sided, pretty smooth; sides grooved; angles rounded. Leaves opposite; petioles cordate, a little rugose, crenate-ser-rate, from one to two inches long. Racemes terminal, verticelled; verticels six-flowered. Brac-tes broad-cordate, acute, reflexed. Flowers very minute, scarcely appearing without the calyx. Stamens toothiess.

This species is void of fragrance.

PLECTRANTHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 987.

Calgar with upper divisions larger. Corol resupinate, gibbous, or spurred at the base. Filamenta simple

1. P. secundus. Roxb.

Annual, erect, ramous, four-sided. Leaves round-cordate, crenate-serrate, long-petioled. Floral leaves sub-sessile. Raccous terminal, sub-secund, with opposite, three-nerved, from one to three-flowered bractes. Nectory gibbons. Under lip of the corol entire.

Ocimem molle, Willd. iii. 166.

A native of Mysore, from thence the seeds were sent by Mr. Heyne, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and blossom about the close of the rainy

Roof ramous, annual. Stem erect, four-sided, with rounded angles; villous. Branches opposite, uscending, and like the stem; whole height from two to three feet. Leaves opposite, those of the stem and branches, long-petioled, floral leaves short-petioled; all are round-cordate, somewhat rugose, sub-sessile, and tomentose, margins crenate-serrate, with generally a smaller serrature between the larger; the usual size from one to four inches each way. Petioles as long as the leaves, slightly channelled. Racenes terminal, one, two, three, or more together, sub-second. Rackie four-sided, villous, Bractes opposite, sessile, from ovate-oblong to cordate, generally three-nerved. Flowers pedicelled, from one to three belonging to each bracte, pointing to the outside, small, pale yellow. Calgae; upper tip cordate; the under one deeply divided into four long, acute, ascending divisions. Corol, base of the tube gibbons; upper lip erect, four-parted; the under one entire, horizontal, boat-shaped; the margins generally shut over the round two-lobed authors.

The smell of the fresh leaves is somewhat spicy, but with a degree of beaviness, that renders it rather unpleasant than otherwise.

2. P. scatellar loides. Roxb.

Perennial; the whole plant of a deep purplish colour. Leaves ovate-oblong, obtusely serrate. Panicles terminal, racemose, verticels of four ramous pedicels. Nectary gibbons.

Ocimum scutellarioides. Willd. iii. 166.

Majorana rubra. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 291. t. 101. Ocimuna scutellarioides. Mant. 84.

Introduced into the Botanie garden at Calcutta among plants from the Moluccas, in 1798. It is in blossom about the close of the rains, and more or less the whole year round.

Stem erect, somewhat woody. Branches deeply coloured and villous. The whole plant about three feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate-oblong, obtusely serrate, rugose, somewhat downy, and like the young shoots of a deep purplish green, particularly on the under side; from one to three inches long. Racemes, (panietes) terminal, long and slender. Bracles sub-sessile, cordate, acuminate, deciduous. Verticels of the raceme of four, many-flowered racemuli. This alone is an excellent specific character. Corol, tube, throat, and apper lip white; under lip boat-shaped, and of a light blue colour. Filaments smooth, united by pairs near the base, and without a process, as in the ocymums,

3. P. monadelphus. Roxb.

Annual, fleshy, diffuse. Leaves oval, cremate, fleshy. Racemes before the flowers open strobiliform, from four imbricated rows of ovate, acuminate, concave, caducous bractes. Nectury gibbous. Stamens united.

A native of dry barren hills about Bangalore. From thence the seeds were sent by Mr. Heyne to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants grow luxuriantly, and blossom

during the cool season.

Root unusal. Stem short. Branches numerous, opposite, spreading, round, pale green, claumy, clothed with long soft hairs; the whole plant not above one foot high, but expanding three or four times as much. Leaves opposite, with smaller ones in their axills, short-petioled, eval, and obovate, fleshy, with the exterior margin cremate, from one to two inches long. Racences terminal, solitary, erect, before the blossoms expand exactly four-sided; being thin, imbricated with four rows of broad, ovate-cordate, acuminate, concave, caducous bractes; after they fall off cylindric. Flowers numerous in approximate verticels of six (three on each side) large, and of a lively light purple colour. Calyx as in the genus, hairy, and the inside of its mouth shut with many hairs. Corol resupine. Tube with a somewhat gibbous base; upper lip

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four-parted, the under one ovate, concave, entire. Filaments as long as the lower lip of the corol, all the four firmly united for more than half their length, forming a tube, as in the diadelphous plants, for the style; a scale embraces the two lower seeds of the pistil.

The whole plant possesses a strong, though not disagreeable smell.

4. P. aromaticus, Roxb.

Perennial, villous. Leaves short-petioled, round-cordate, crenate, fleshy, downy, rugose, crenulate. Spikes solitary, verticelled. Bractes caducous.

Hind. and Beng. Pathur-choor.

This most agreeably fragrant plant, is common in almost every garden in India, but very rarely found in flower; this viz. the beginning of June, is only the second time I have found it in that state in the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta.

Stems creeping, round, succulent, perennial. Branches erect, round, very succulent, fragile, hairy, from one to two feet high. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, fleshy, fragile, broad-cordate, crenulate, a little hairy, rugose, particularly the under side; generally about two inches each way. Spikes terminal, erect, long, verticelled, before the flowers expand imbricated with four rows of caducous bractes. Flowers numerous, blue. Perianth hairy; upper lip broad, as in Ocymum; the under lip long, projecting, concave. Filaments conjoined, as in the diadelphous flowers, longer than the under lip, ascending, towards the apex distinct, the upper shortest.

The leaves, and indeed all parts of the plant, are delightfully fragrant, they are frequently caten with bread and butter, also bruised and put into country beer, cool tankards, &c. being an excellent substitute for Borage.

5. P. strobiliferus. Roxb.

Annual, erect, four-sided. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, serrate, hairy. Spikes panicled, terminal, compact, strobiliform. Lower lip of the calyx short, and truncated. Nectary, scarcely any

Katu-Kurka. Rheed. Mal. x. t, 90. Lavendula carnosa. Willd. iii. 62.

It is annual, a native of the most shady clifts of the rocks, among the Circar mountains.

It flowers-during the wet and cold seasons.

Stem annual, erect, with few or no branches, four-sided, hairy, two feet high. Leaves opposite, spreading, petioled, broad-cordate, obtusely serrate, fleshy, rugose, hairy; about two or three inches long and two broad; there are generally tufts of small leaves in the axills of the larger. Spikes terminal, often panicled, peduncled, imbricated until the flowering time, with four rows of bractes. Bractes oval, considerably longer than the unexpanded flowers, ciliate, spotted on the outside with small reddish dots. Flowers pretty large, beautiful, of a bluish purple. Calyx two-lipped; upper lip ovate, shutting down over the seeds like a lid, as soon as the flower drops; the under lip is short and truncate. Corol; tube compressed; the upper one short, erect, slightly three-toothed, the under lip is long and concave, in it the stamens rest. Nectary a scale, or lid, covering the lower half of the germ, issuing from the under side.

SCUTELLARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 989.

Calyx with the mouth sub-entire, after inflorescence closed with a lid.

S. indica. Willd. iii. 175.

Annual. Leaves petioled, round-cordate, crenate. Racemes terminal, before the flowers expand imbricated with opposite, one-flowered, lanceolate, bractes of the length of the peduncles only.

Exclude Serratula amara. Rumph. Amb. xv. t. 170. f. 1. which I consider a Gratiola. A native of the Moluccas, in the Botanic garden at Calcutta; it flowers during the cold season.

2. S. peregrina. Willd. iii. 174.

Herbaceous. Stem and branches four-sided. Leaves cordate, serrate, smooth. Racemes terminal, long, secund. Bractes petioled, ovate, entire, as long or longer than the calyx.

A native of Nepal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it blossoms during the cold and

hot seasons.

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COLEBROOKIA. Smith.

Aggregate. Common perianth imbricated; proper beneath, five-cleft. Corollets onepetalled, irregular. Germ superior, four-lobed; lobes one-seeded; attachment inferior. Seeds four, naked. Receptacle naked.

C. ternifolia.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves three-fold, lanceolate, serrulate.

A native of Mysore, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic

garden at Calcutta, where the shrubs blossom in February and March.

Trunk (in seven years old plants) short, thick, and woody. Bark light-brown, and pretty smooth. Branches three-fold, ascending; young shoots downy; height of the whole plant from five to eight feet. Leaves three-lobed, petioled, drooping, lanceolate, serrate, soft, with much very fine down, from four to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles round, very downy, about an inch long. Panicles terminal, erect, composed of three-fold, cylindric aments, closely covered with numerous fascicles, of most minute, aggregate, white flowers, on a naked, flat, common receptacle, surrounded by a from ten to twenty-leaved common calyx,

or inveluere. Calyx deeply five-parted; divisions subulate, nearly as long as the corol, clothed with much, long, soft, fine, white wool. These divisions lengthen much, and become more woolly by the time the seeds are ripe, giving to the aments, or ramifications of the panicle, a much larger and more woolly appearance than when in blossom. Corol monopetalous. Tabe short. Border four-parted; upper divisions emarginate; under three-parted, with the middle segments longer, and broader. Filament short. Anthers small, hid in the tube of the corol. Germ four-lobed, hairy. Style twice the length of the corol, half two-cleft, and the rest seems composed of two portions, as in Perilla. Stiamas two, acute. Pericarp none. Seeds four, obovate, hairy, adhering to each other, and to the calyx, the long, woolly segments of which readily carry them with the wind to a great distance.

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2. C. oppositifolia.

Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolar, crenate.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanau sent the seeds to this garden, where the plants thrive well, and blossom in February.

Trunk short, soon dividing into many nearly erect branches, covered with ash-coloured bark, while young four-sided, with rounded angles, and very downy. Leaves opposite, decussate, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, crenate, very soft and downy, and considerably wrinkled. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, with the primary branches opposite, supporting many cylindric, amentaceous spikes of nearly the same length. Calyx; common perianth many-(from four to twelve) flowered, many- (from eight to ten) leaved, imbricated, permanent. Proper perianth five-cleft; divisions filiform, hairy, the length of the tube of florets, their apices coloured, and less hairy. Corol; universal equal; proper one-petalled. Tube gibbous, border four-parted, the middle lobe of the lower division large, and nearly round, the upper broader and emarginate, unequal, remote. Filament, scarcely any. Anthers minute, hid in the mouth of the corol. Germ four-lobed. Style twice the length of the corol. Stigma two cleft, acute. Pericarp none. Seeds four, lodged in the bottom of the enlarged hairy, proper perianth. Receptacle naked, flat.

PRASIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 992.

GEN. CHAR Recries four, one-seeded. Embryo creet, without perisperm.

P. melissifolium. R.

Perennial, scandent. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, serrate. Flowers sessile, sub-verti-

Hursman the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous in the forests, flowering

about the beginning of the rains. The seed ripens in September.

It is a plant of very slow growth, at least in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, between three and four years have only given one of a few inches in height. Though in Silhet, they are long, weak, scandent, or leaning, with four-sided, villous shoots.

Flowers crowded in the axills, large, drooping, yellow and villous. Calyx five-parted;

divisions nearly equal, acuminate; as the berry advances to maturity, it splits into two; one two-parted, the other three parted; apper lip of the corol shorter and slightly emarginate; under broad, three-lobed, the middle one much longer. Asthers two-lobed, lateral. Germ four-lobed; lobes one-seeded; attachment sub-superior. Style about as long as the stamina and corol. Stigma bifid. Berries four, when all come to maturity, which is common, bright red, of the size of a small pea, convex on the outside, angular on the inner, pulp succulent, scarlet coloured. Seed single, conform to the berry, covered with a single thin white integument. Embryo erect, without perisperm. Cotyledons unequal, the inver one large, with a concavity in the exterior, lower half, for the reception of the small, oval, lenticular one.

DIDYNAMIA ANGIOSPERMIA.

OROBANCHE. Schreb. gen. N. 1045.

Calyx from bifid to four or five-cleft. Corol irregular. Stigma two-lobed. Capsules onecelled, two-valved, many-seeded.
1. O. indica. Buch.

Ramous, hairy. Bracles tern. Calyx sub-unilateral, five-cleft. Upper lip of the corol two lobed; the under one three-parted; anthers woolly, two-lobed; lobes calcarate.

Found by Dr. Buehanau in blossom in January in tobacco fields near Calcutta, adher-

ing to the roots of the plants.

Root fibrous, some portion thereof adhering to the roots of Nicotiana Tabacum. Stem ramous, with a scale at the ramifications only; from six to twelve inches high, round, hairy. sometimes coloured, thickness varying from that of a goose-quill, to that of the finger; the lower half branchy, the upper half leaning. Flowers numerous, round the upper half of the branches, forming dense, sub-clavate spikes, they are pretty large and blue. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered, hairy. Calyx one-leaved, five-cleft, hairy, open to near the base on the inside, where the flower presses on the branch; divisions subulate, half the length of the corol. Corol tubular, villous, the upper lip two-lobed, the under one three. Filaments smooth, except just at the base. Anthers two-lobed, the pairs united by woolly fibres, the lobes ending in a sharp hornlet. Germ ovate. Style rather longer than the filaments. Stigma of two, larger, fleshy lobes, with a perforation between them. Capsule ovate-oblong, two-valved, one-ceiled. Seeds very numerous, adhering to four longitudinal ridges on the inside of the capsule.

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2. O. acaulis. Roxb.

Stemless. Flowers crowded into irregular heads, immediately on the roots. Corol fiveparted, laciniste; authers single, each of the inner pair augmented with a large recurved oval-gland. Stigma peltate.

Found growing on the root of the China sugar-cane, in the Botanic garden at Calcutta,

and in full blossom in September,

Root, I suspect annual; of many thick, firm fibres, adhering to the roots of the China sugar-cane. Stem none. Flowers numerous, short-peduncled, collected into a large, dense, fascicle, even with the surface of the earth, very large; colour, a beautiful lively purple. Peduncles short, round, smooth, one-flowered; bractes a triangular, fleshy one, embracing the base of one or more peduneles, uniting them into a crown close to the root. Calyx oneleaved, length of the tube of the corol, fleshy, simple, opening on one side, or dividing into two unequal portions, on the outside tinged with red, on the inside white. Corol with the tube obliquely clavate-campanulate, smooth in every part; inside yellow; throat contracted and triangular; border five-parted, the capsule I have not seen yet, the divisions are nearly equal and about as long as the tube, margins laciniate. Filaments smooth. Authors a larger, oblong. white gland is attached to the base of the inner pair which appears like a second anther. Germ ovate. Style rather longer than the stamens, curved, smooth. Stigma peltate, very large, somewhat three-lobed, glandular, slightly villons. Capsula ovate, one-celled, two-valved, with two pair of ramous receptacles, to which the numerous, very minute seeds adhere,

3. O. pedunculata. Roxb.

Smooth. Stem simple. Flowers long-pedicelled. Calga spathiform. Corols five-parted; filaments naked. Anthers adhering by pairs, one of the pairs with a long fleshy appendage. Stigma cordate, peltate,

A native of Bengal; it appears during the rains, growing upon the roots of Andropogon muricatus.

Stem short; it may be called the common peduncle of a raceme, which rises only an inch or two above the surface of the earth, clothed with a few tapering fleshy scales or leaves. Peduncles as long as the stem, round, smooth, erect, one-flowered. Bractes no other than the solitary triangular, one-flowered scales, or leaves of the stem. Flowers very large. Tube yellowish. Border deep, lovely violet. Calyx one-leaved, spathiform, opening by a single longitudinal slit on the interior side, fleshy, smooth on both sides, when young tinged with red, afterwards of a pale yellowish white, replete with a clear clammy, liquor. Corol with an inflated, -curved, yellow tube, as long as the calyx. Border five-parted; divisions nearly equal, and of a round reniform shape, with the margins finely dentate; the upper two less deeply separated, of such a charming deep violet that no artist can possibly do justice to the brilliancy of this flower. Stamens hid within the tube. Filaments nearly equal, smooth, the interior pair recurved over the posterior. Anthers, all the four firmly connected, the interior pair supported by the posterior pair of filaments; enlarged by a long horizontal fleshy appendage, into which the filaments are inserted. Germ ovate. Style shorter than the tube of the corol. Stigma broadcordate, peltate. Capsule ovate, one-celled, two-valved. Seeds very numerous, very minute. Receptacles two pair, adjoined to the opposite sides of the capsule, ramous.

AEGENETIA. Roxb.

Calyx; spathe one-leaved. Corol campanulate. Capsule one-celled, with various convolute receptacles; seeds numerous.

A. indica. Willd. iii, 347, R. Corom. pl. 1, No. 91, Tsjem Cumulu. Rheed. Mal. xi. t. 47.

Orobanche Aegenechia, sp. p. 883.

A small, rush-like, naked, annual plant, a native of the hilly parts of the Circars.

Root a number of fleshy fibres, smooth, perfectly naked, intricately interwoven. Scales several, straight, round, except immediately at their base, where each is involved in a small sheath, about a foot long, one-flowered. Leaves none. Flowers large; of an elegant purple colone. Calga; spathe oblong, pointed, opening length ways on one side. Corol one-petalled, with the bottom of the tube erect, pitcher formed above, bent out through the spathe, horizontally gibbous; border five parted; divisious equal, rounded. Filaments four. Anthers twin, united by pairs. Germ ovate. Style bent to correspond with the form of the corol, and the length thereof. Stigma headed. Capsule ovate, pointed, of the size of a filbert. Although I have examined it in all stages, yet I have never been able to fix upon any determined internal structure; there are a number of convoluted lamina throughout, between these are lodged innumerable, most minute seeds, like those of the Orchidea.

BUCHNERA. Schreb. gen. N. 1035.

Calyx five-cleft. Tube of the corol long; border from four to five-cleft, unequal. Capsule two-celled, two-valved; seeds numerous.
1. B. asiatica, Willd, 337.

Erect, annual, four-sided. Leaves sessile, opposite, and alternate, linear, scabrous, entire. Segments of the lower lip of the corol oval, and rather acute.

Kalu polapen. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 66.

A small creet annual, a native of pasture ground, or such as has been lately in culture, appearing and flowering during the wet season.

Stem erect, from six to eighteen inches high, four-sided, scabrous. Branches one or two Page pairs, opposite. Leaves sessile; below opposite, above alternate, linear, erect, afterwards a little recurved, scabrons, about an inch long and one-eighth broad, those towards the extremities are very small, which makes them (the extremities) more like long spikes, than the extremities of the branches. Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile, of a middling size, white. Branches two, pressing on the calyx, laterally lanceolate. Calgar five-parted, striated, scabrons. Corol; tube rather longer than the calvx, curved at the apex; the border flat, two-lipped; upper lip broad, emarginate; the under one three-parted. Capsule covered by the calvx, opening at the apex; receptacle columnar.

There is a variety with exceedingly bright red flowers. Cattle do not like them.

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2. B. enphrasioides. Vahl. Symb. iii. 81. Willd. iii. 338.

Annual, erect, ramous, four-sided and scabrous. Leaves opposite and alternate, linear, scabrous, with short stiff bristles. Corol clavate. Capsule cordate, hid in the scabrous calyx.

A native of Prince of Wales' Island and the islands castward of the Bay of Bengal.

ACANTHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1065.

Calyx two-leaved, bifid; (in the East India species it consists of three pairs of leaflets). Corol one-lipped. Anthers bearded. Capsule two-celled, opening with elasticity across the partition. Seeds few. 1. A. Hiefolius, Willd, Hi. 398.

Shrubby, armed. Leaves oblong, sinuate, spinous, dentate. Spikes terminal.

Aquifolium indicum. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 71. f. 1.

Harikesa, the Sanscrit name. Beng. Harcooch Kanta.

Paina schulli. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 48.

A common shrub in and on the edges of salt or brackish lakes, marshes, &c. Flowers all

the year on the coast of Coromandel. In Bengal during the rains.

Roots ramous. Stems many, erect; branches few; bark smooth. Prickles stipulary, fourfold, short, but very sharp. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, scolloped, waved, spinous, dentate, polished on both sides, of a firm texture, from four to six inches long, and about two broad. Spikes generally terminal, though sometimes from the axills also erect. Flowers solitary, opposite, large, blue, inodorous. Bruetes, a single condate, pointed one below each flower, it presses on the calva, and seems a seventh leadet thereof. Colga as in the family. Corol many times longer than any of the leaflets of the apex, three-toothed. Filaments rigid. Anthers pressed closely together, linear, very hairy. Capsule oblong, ovate, smooth, size of an acorn, two-celled, two-valved, &c. as in Barleria and Justicia. Seeds two in each cell, obliquely cor-

2. A. madaraspatensis, Willd. iii. 400.

Herbaceous, spreading flat on the ground. Leaves quatern, sessile, elliptic, sometimes remotely serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile. Exterior calgar of four pair of unequal, cu-neate, ciliate, leaflets; the isser one of two pair, not ciliate.

A native of Coromandel, where it flowers in the cold senson

THUNBERGIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1058.

Calux double; the exterior one two-leaved. Corol irregular, one-petalled. Germ two-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment interior. Capsules with a long ensiform beak, two-celled, opening with elasticity contrary to the partition. Seeds solitary or paired. Embryo concave, with unequal ectyledons, and no perisperm.

 T. fragrans. Willd. iii. 388. Corom. pl. N. 67. Shrubby, twining, round. Leaves opposite, narrow. Teling. Zeamandarce Tiga.

This plant is common in hedges, amongst bushes, &c. on the banks of water courses about Samulkota. I have not met with it elsewhere. Flowers during the wet and cold seasons; when

cultivated it flowers all the year round.

Root, consisting of many thick, woody fibres. Stem and branches twining, woody, of considerable extent, two or three fatbours, jointed, and swelled there from the insertions of the leaves or their cicatrices, round; back of a light ash-colour; young shoots downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, narrow, cordate, acute, behind toothed and slightly lobate, or angular, threenerved, slightly scabrous, about three inches long by one and a half broad. Petioles about three quarters of an inch long, channelled, bent in various directions. Stipules none. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, round, clubbed, downy; from one to two inches long. Bracles none. Flowerz large, pure white. Perianths as in the genus, except that the leaves of the interior calvx are acute, and many-nerved. Corol salver-formed. Tabe compressed, cularged about the middle, a little hairy, longer than the interior calvx, bent to one side with a curve; border flat, five-parted; divisions equal, obscate, with their extremities lobed, and generally irregularly three-toothed; shorter than the flibs. Germ superior, four-lobed, two-celled, with two ovuls in each cell, attached to the middle of the partition. Style the length of the tube. Stig-ma funnel-shaped, two-lobed; lobes obcordate. Capsule sub-globular, flat, beaked, two-celled, opening from the base with an elastic jerk. Seed solitary, one in each cell, the other seldom or never ripens, round, ragose, with a large cavity, which penetrates two thirds of the seed.

Ohr. Dr. König on first discovering this plant, thought it a new genus and called it Roxburghia rastrata, but as soon as he saw the Supplement of the younger Linnaus, he found its

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Page character agree so well with that of Thunbergia, that he hesitated not to declare it a species Ed of that genus.

The whole plant possesses a peculiar sort of agreeable fragrance, which with the beauty of its flowers, entitles it to a conspicuous place in the flower gardens.

Perennial, twining. Leaves cordate, angled. Corol campanulate, no inner calyx. Anthers bearded and clavate.

Hind, and Beng. Meel-luta.

Found amongst bushes and wild uncultivated places near Calcutta. Flowering time, the

Root perennial, somewhat tuberous. Stem woody, twining up high trees, &c.; young shoots a little hairy, and slightly four-winged. Leaves opposite, petioled, spreading, cordate, often angle-lobed, pointed, from five to seven-nerved, a little scabrous from small stiff white hairs on both sides; floral leaves of the racemes small, otherwise like the rest. Petioles erect, nearly as long as the leaves, swelled near the base, channelled, scabrous. Stipules none. Peduncles axillary, solitary, or paired; or in brachiate pairs, i. e. two or three pairs on terminal racemes, which if not supported, become beautifully bowing, like elegant festoons. Pedancles of the axillary flowers, and pedicels of the raceme, round, somewhat clavate, as long as the petioles, one-flowered. Flowers very large, being about four inches broad when expanded, colour a beautiful light blue. Bractes none. Calga; spathe two-valved, obliquelyoblong, the under margins being more rounded and open; the upper almost straight, and slightly united, sometimes their whole length, though in general only near the apex, striated, pointed, a little hairy, and marked with small black dots, they are about as long as the tube and throat of the corol. Corol one-petalled, campanulate, sitting on a nectarial ring. Tube short and conical; throat ample, with a long, vaulted concavity on the upper side, where the stamens and style are lodged; on the opposite side is a large corresponding convexity, which is elegantly streaked with deeper and lighter blue. Border five-parted; divisions nearly round, the superior two erect, the inferior ones expanded. Nectary a large lobate body, surrounding the base of the germ, the corol inserted into it. Stamens within the throat. Filaments four, inserted on the mouth of the tube, interior pair much curved, and although longer than the other pair, yet from the curvature, their anthers are not more elevated than those of the other, or posterior pair; oblong, ovate, compressed, rugose. Anthers converging, equal, linear, erect, two-celled, margins of the cells bearded, as in Acanthus; each of the cells of the interior anthers, armed with a curved, sharp, rigid, white spur, exterior cell of the inner anthers armed in the same manner. Germ conical, somewhat four-sided. Style straight, length of the stamens. Sligma large, with a most uncommon perforation, which I compare to an inverted crescent, with a handle affixed to the centre of its concave side. Capsula globular, breaked, two-celled, two-valved, opening from the apex. Seed when all come to maturity, two in each cell, roundish, compressed with a notched margin, tubercled and convex on the out-

side, concave and smooth on the inner. It is one of the most elegant, showy, twining plants I have met with, and richly deserves

a conspicuous place in the shrubbery.

BARLERIA, Schrob. gen. N. 1051.

Calyx of two dissimilar pairs of leaflets. Corol somewhat funnel-shaped. Two of the stamina minute. Capsule two-celled, two-valved, bursting with elasticity contrary to the partition.

1. B. prionites, Willd. iii. 376.

Shrubby; thorns axillary, four-cleft. Leaves broad-lanceolate, spinous, pointed, smooth,

Kooroontuka, the Sanscrit name.

Beng. Kanta-jatec.

Coletta veetla. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 41. Hystrix frutex. Rumph. Amb. vii. t. 13. Melampyro, &c. Pluck. Alm. t. 119.f. 5.

Teling. Mooloo govinda.

Is one of the most common, and at the same time elegant, small, shrubby plants in India; every soil and situation suits it equally well, and it is in flower all the year round.

Stem short, erect. Branches numerous, opposite, erect, round, smooth; the whole plant two or three feet high. Thorns or rather prickles axillary, generally about four, straight, slender, sharp. Leaves opposite, decussate, short-petioled, oblong, waved a little, mucronate, smooth. Flowers axillary, generally solitary, sessile, large, yellow. Bractes uncertain, when there are no thorns on the same axill there are two, opposite, linear, daggered, besides an undetermined number of very small ones. Stamens, the long pair projecting, their filaments compressed. Stigma entire, cylindric, open, pitted. Capsule conical, two-seeded, one seed in

B. buxifolia. Willd, iii, 377.

Shrubby, spreading. Spines simple, axillary, twin. Leaves round, with spinous joints. Flowers not long, sessile between the twin spines

Cara-schulli. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 47. bad, if for this plant.
A native of Malabar, Mysore, &c. from the latter country the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan in 1800 to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive well, and are in blossom during the hot season.

Stems scarcely any, but several slender, variously bent, ramous, spreading branches; young shoots round and downy. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, nearly round, entire, spinous, pointed, villous on both sides; about half an inch long, and nearly as broad. Spines in axillary pairs longer than the leaves, simple, slender, white and sharp, when they are in opposite axills they form a verticel of four, but it is only the older branches on which they are found in both. Flowers solitary, sessile in the forks of the spines, large, of a beautiful pink tinged with violet. Stamens the two with fertile anthers considerably longer than the tube of the corol, and in this species there are three short sterile filaments. Capsule elliptic, with two villous seeds in each cell.

3. B. cristata, Willd. iii. 378.

Unarmed, shrubby. Leaves sessile, broad, lanceolate, entire. Flowers axillary, sessile, one

or two exterior leaflets of the calyces ciliate.

Found in gardens about Calcutta, and wild in the forests of Silhet. It is a large, very ramous shrub. Flowering time the cold season, during which period it is uncommouly gaudy; young shoots round, jointed, hairy. Leaves opposite, sessile, broad-lanceolate, entire, hairy, from two to three inches long. Flowers axillary, sessile, one or two, rarely more than three, large, of a beautiful bright blue. Bractes from two to three, subulate, hairy. Calgar four-leaved; exterior pair hairy, oblong and ciliated with strong bristles; interior pair much smaller, lanceolate and hairy. Corol, tube oblong, outside downy; border two-lipped, upper lip four-parted; the under one broader, but shorter and entire. Nectary a two-lipped cup, embracing the lower half of the germ. Filaments as in the family, with the addition of a small, fifth sterile one, all hairy. Anthers two-parted from below. Styles rather longer than the long filament. Stigma, enlarged, perforated between two short rounded lips.

3. B. ciliata. Roxb.

Unarmed, shrubby, with few long spreading branches. Leaves lanceolate. Flowers axillary, sessile, solitary or in pairs.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal and from thence sent by Dr. W. Carey, to the

Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms about the beginning of the cold season.

Stems scarcely any, but several long sleuder diffuse, straggling branches and branchlets, which makes it rather a naked plant, when compared with the species formerly described by me under the name B. cristata, though I must now acknowledge the species before me agrees better with Osbeck's figure than that does. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate, frequently recurved, a little bairy, entire, about two or three inches long, and half an inch broad. Flowers axillary, solitary or in pairs, large, pink, with a slight tinge of purple. Bracles ensiform, often ciliate. Calyx, leaflets two pairs; exterior pair lanceolate, nervose, ciliate; inner pair small and ensiform. Corol, upper lip of four broad, entire divisions; the under one slightly emarginate. Capsule with one or two hairy seeds in each cell.

4. B. dichotoma. Roxb.

Unarmed, shrubby, Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolar, Flowers collected in the axills, on short recurved dichotomous spikes; exterior pair of the leaflets of the calyx ciliate.

Beng. Sada-jatee.

Found in a Hindoo's garden near Calcutta, where indigenous I could not learn. Flower-

ing time the cold season.

Trunk scarcely any, but numerous opposite and decussated branches, and somewhat hairy branchlets; height from four to eight feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, lanceolate, oblong, entire, somewhat hairy on both sides. Flowers large, pure white, collected on very short, solitary, dichotomous, recurved, axillary spikes, two or three standing erect on the upper or convex side of each spikelet, with a single one in the fissure; they are all embraced by several, linear, pretty long bractes. Calyx, &c. exactly as in Barleria cristata.

5. B, carulea. Roxb.

Shrubby, unarmed, straight. Leaves sub-sessile, oblong, waved. Flowers in imbricated, axillary, and terminal fascicles. Exterior leaflets of the calyx ovate, scollopped and ciliate.

Beng. Dasce.

Justicia fasciculata of Dr. König's Mss.

Barleria strigosa. Willd. iii. 379.

A middle-sized, erect, flowering shrub, cultivated in our garden, for the sake of its numerous, beautiful, large, light blue flowers. It is a native of the shady moist vallies, up amongst the mountains, through the Circars, also of Bengal. Flowering time the cold season.

Roots branchy. Stems and branches many, erect, round, jointed; swelled above the joints, a little scabrous, from two to four feet high. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, pointed, waved, a little scabrous, from four to five inches long, and from two to two and a half broad. Spikes short, axillary and terminal, recurved, bearing the flowers on the upper or convex side. Bractes one or two to each flower, placed on the outside, oblong, pointed, nervous, waved, dentate, ciliate. Flowers large, blue, placed alternately in two rows. Calyx four-leaved; exterior pair large, pointed, dentate, ciliate, waved; inner pair lanceolate, small. Nectary a cmp surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments, a fifth sterile, between the short pair of stamens. Capsule little more than half the length of the exterior calyx. Seeds two in each valve.

6. B. longistora. Willd. Hi. 379.

Unarmed, shrubby. Leaves ovate-cordate, entire, sericeous. Exterior leaflets of the ealyx cordate, scariose. Tube of the corol long.

A singularly looking, shrubby species, a native of hills, and the lower region of mountains.

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Stem very short, woody; bark whitish; branches very numerous, below opposite, above alternate, spreading, from two to four feet high, Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, entire, covered with much soft white down, from one to two inches long, and one or one and a half broad. Flowers axillary, solitary, alternate, short-peduncled, white, in the opposite axill is a branchlet, the flowers occupying those axills on the upper side, and the branchlet those on the under. Bracles two, opposite, linear-lanceolate, revolute. Calyx four-leaved; the exterior two opposite, large, cordate, raticulated, chaffy, waved; the interior two also opposite, but many times smaller, lanceolate and concave. Corol; tube very long, from four to six inches. fillform, bent a little ; segments of the border flat, equal, obcordate. Authors, the superior pair somewhat sagittate; the inferior small and two-lobed. Stigma clavate, somewhat three-sided, funnel-formed, glutinous. Seeds four, two in each cell, silky.

Obs. Dr. König's bractes are my exterior leaflets of the calyx, but his flores terminales

I cannot account for, and there is no mistake in the plant, for I was with him when he discovered and first described it. It looks well while young, but afterwards it has rather a scraggy appearance; I have had it in my garden many years.

RUELLIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1050.

Calyx five-parted. Corol somewhat campanulate, by pairs. Capsule two-celled, two-valved, bursting with elasticity contrary to the partition.

1. R. infundibuliformis, Roxb.

Shrubby. Leaves oblong, four-fold. Spikes four-sided. Bracles three-fold. Calyx fiveleaved. Corol with unilateral border; seeds scaly.

Justicia infundibuliformis. Willd. i. 99.

Manja Kurini. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 62.

A pretty large, erect, ramous shrub; commonly found cultivated in the Pagoda gardens. where it flowers all the year round. Leaves four-fold and staid at the joints of the branchiets, spreading, petioled, oblong, pointed, waved, running down the petiole, slightly pubescent, about two or three inches long, and one and a half broad. Petioles channelled, about an inch long. Spikes axillary, erect, long-peduncled, four-sided; angles sharp, from the sharp points of the bractes always ending there. Bractes oblong, jointed, keeled ciliate, one-flowered. Bractioles two, subulate, placed on each side of the calyx. Flowers numerous, pretty large, of a bright orange colour. Calyx five-leaved, the three exterior largest. Corol; tube filiform, curved like the letter S; border irregularly five-cleft. Filaments four, short, curved, two of them shorter. Anthers oblong, within the tube. Pistillum as in the genus. Seeds two in the cell, with chaffy, torn scales.

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2. R. Zeylanica, Kön. Mss. B. H.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves cordate. Racemes terminal, becoming lateral, round. Capsules clavate: seeds one or two in each cell, with a thick double, dentate margin, Valli upu dali, Rheed, Mal. ix. t. 45.

A native of Coromandel, and in flower and fruit great part of the year. Stem not easily distinguished from the innumerable branches, which spread or climb in every direction to a very considerable extent, and by age become ligneous; the parts that rest on the ground strike root at the joints; young shoots pretty smooth and somewhat four-sided. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, entire, rather obtuse, pretty smooth, texture soft, from one to three inches long. Petioles toward the apex winged; length one-third that of the leaves. Racemes terminal, but becoming lateral by the time the seeds are ripe, as the branches lengthen on one side thereof, from six to twelve inches long, slightly incurvate, round. Rachis four-sided. Flowers short-pedicelled, solitary, rather remote, large, white or pale blue purple; for there are two varieties constituted by the colour of the flowers only. Bractes term, at the base of each pedicel, and one opposite to these on the opposite side of the rachis, small, triangular, permanent. Calyx to the base five-cleft. Segments ensiform, acute; corol with short tube, compressed, campanulate throat, and subequal border, of five nearly equal, sub-rotund segments. Filaments, the pairs united below the middle. Germ sitting in a fleshy nectarial cup, oblong, two-celled, with two seeds in each. Stigma rather large, slightly two-lobed, umbilicated. Capsules clavate, villous, a full inch long. Seeds one or two in each cell, rugose, with thick, double, dentate margins. The rest as in other Acanthoideæ.

3. R. racemosa. Roxb.

Herbaccous, erect, the tender parts villous. Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolate, rather III. blunt, entire. Racemes terminal. Corol cylindric, campanulate; divisions of the border equal and roundish. Authors twin. Capsule linear, oblong, many-seeded.

Found by Dr. Hunter, and Mr. Roxburgh in Pulo Pinang, under the shade of trees, in

flower in June. 4. R. comosa. Roxb.

Shrubby, ramifications crowded, very hairy. Leaves ovate-oblong, serrate, cuspidate, one much larger. Spikes axillary, imbricate, with decussate, ciliate, cuneiform bractes. Calyx two-

cleft. Corol obliquely campanulate.

A native of the Molucca Islands, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where in seven years the plants grew into large, very ramous, high, spreading bushes,

and then blossomed for the first time during the rainy season.

Trunk scarcely any. Branches numerous, much divided, crowded, spreading in every direction. Young shoots round, hairy, and swelled at the joints. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, one of the pairs much smaller, ovate, oblong, serrate, cuspidate, very hairy, length of the

largest about five inches by two and a half, and its companion scarcely half the size. Spikes Cares axillary, solitary, short-pedancled, scarcely so long as the petioles, imbricated with decussate, ciliate, cunciform, cuspidate bractes, those of the calyx opposite, similar in shape, but much smaller. Flowers large, purple. Calyx deeply two-cleft, very hairy; the upper segment three-toothed; the under one two-toothed. Corol of an oblique, narrow, campanulate form, with its border divided into five, short, broad, emarginate, nearly equal, somewhat crenulate segments. Capsule lanceolate, hairy, four-seeded.

5. R. flava. Roxb.

Shrubby, smooth, petioled, oblong, ventricose, tapering most at the base, sub-entire.

Spikes terminal. Flowers narrow, campanulate, sub-equal,

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A very pretty, small shrub when in flower, found by the Rev. Mr. F. Carey in the vicinity of Rangoon in Pegue, where it is called Pretchee. Branchlets straight, smooth, and in the dry specimens tending to be four-sided. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, ventricose, margins rather uneven, smooth on both sides, six inches long. Spikes terminal, crowded with bractes, and larger, yellow, opposite, sessile flowers. Rachis four-sided and smooth. Bractes a lanceolate one under each flower and two smaller ensiform ones pressing on the sides of the calyx and longer than its segments. Calyx five-parted. Segments cusiform. Corol irregularly narrow, campanulate. Border of five nearly equal, semicircular lobes. Filaments the longer pair most ciliate on the outside. Authors linear, and the opposite pairs firmly united. Germ oblong. Stigma of two very unequal lobes.

6. R. ringens.

Perennial, creeping or climbing. Leaves oblong, ventricose, hairy. Flowers axillary, shortpeduncied. Floral leaves longer than the calyx. Capsule clavate. Seeds imbricated.

Upu dali. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 64. has the divisions of the border of the corol too long and

too sharp for my plant.

Is common in thickets, &c. over most part of India, and is in blossom the greatest part

of the year. Compare with Vahl's R. pallida. Symb. ii. 72.

Stems or branches diffuse, climbing or creeping just as they meet with support, woody. Young shoots erect, somewhat four-sided, and hairy. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, ovate, oblong, entire or slightly scollopped, pale green and hairy on both sides. Flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled, large; colour, a beautiful pale blue, they expand in the evening and droop in the morning. Floral leaces, (bractes,) like the other leaves, but smaller, one on each side of the middle of the peduncle, from their axills other flowers often succeed. Calgar with very long, slender, bristle-like, hairy divisions. Corol bell-shaped, almost regularly five-parted. Filaments united by pairs near the base. Stigma entire, broad, glandular. Capsule clubshaped, with many compressed imbricated seeds in each cell.
7. R. cernua. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect, polished. Leases opposite, drooping, petioled, ovate lanceolate, acuminate. Flowers axillary, sub-sessile. Bracles petioled. Capsule clavate, many-seeded.

Moretiana. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 23. f. 1.

Reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta from seed sent by Dr. Buchanan from Mysore,

where the plant is indigenous. Flowering time in Bengal the rainy season.

Root perennial. Stems in a cultivated state several, sub-ligneous, erect, round, smooth, swelled immediately above the joints. Branches opposite, alternately smaller, sub-creet, smooth, obscurely four-sided, the whole plant about three feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, drooping, alternately smaller, ovate, banceolate, slightly repand, long, taper, recurved, pointed, smooth on both sides; size very various, the larger often from two to four inches long. Flowers axillary, from one to three, sub-sessile, small, pale pink, their insertious surrounded with some opposite pairs of small floral leaves and lanceolate petioled bractes. Calyx five cleft. Corol campanulate, lower lip larger and more deeply coloured, the other four equal. Stigma clayate, curved. Capsule clavate, many-seeded.

8. R. patula. Willd. iii. 364.

Perennial. Leaves ovate, scollopped, downy; peduncles axiilary, three-flowered. Filaments united by pairs, from the middle downwards. Capsules clavate, many-seeded. It delights in rubbish, shady corners, &c. in the vicinity of Negapatam. Flowers during the cold season.

Root woody, perennial. Stems many, sometimes resting on the ground, rooting, and sometimes nearly erect, very ramous, woody, and round jointed. The younger parts downy, about two feet high. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, a very little scollopped, waved, downy, somewhat glutinous; about an inch or one and a half long and broad. Petioles compressed, downy, half the length of the leaves. Peduncies axillary, short, generally three-flowered. Bractes leaf-like, but smaller, and narrow in proportion. Flowers pretty large, very pale blue. Filaments united by pairs from the middle downwards. Stigma large, particularly the under lip. Seeds about six in each cell, imbricated, margins woolly.

The plant has a weak, but pleasant, fragrant smell. 9. R. hirta. Vahl. Symb. iii. p. 84. t. 67.

Perennial, creeping, four-sided, hairy. Leaves oblong, crenate, bristly. Heads terminal, surrounded with lanceolate bractes. Capsules linear.

A native of various parts of India, and found chiefly in shady places. Flowers during the cold season.

Root woody, perennial. Stem often creeping, branchy, four-sided, very hairy, from one to two feet long. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, oblong, crenulate, covered with stiff brown hairs, about two inches long and one broad. Floral leaves four-fold. Flowers terminal, several forming one or more globular heads, large, bluish purple. Bractes involucre-like, linear, very

hairy. Corol, divisions of the border equal, obliquely oval, as in the contorted flowers. There is a variety of this species, with white flowers. 10. R. latebrosa. Roxb.

Herbaceous, creeping, round, hairy. Leaves oval, sub-sessile, crenate. Flowers axillary, solitary, and in terminal, bracted heads; corol nearly regular. Capsule lanceolate, manyseeded.

A small creeping, herbaceous plant, growing in shady uncultivated places, under bushes, 111. 47

&c. Flowers during the cold and the beginning of the hot season.

Root perennial. Stems several, creeping, round, hairy, from six to twelve inches long. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, broad, oval, serrate or notched, hairy, about an inch long, and three quarters of an inch broad. Flowers axillary, solitary, sessile, light blue, they are also collected in small, terminal, bracted heads, of from four to six flowers each. Corol; tube twice the length of the calyx, contracted about the middle. Capsule lanceolate, many-seeded.

11. R. flagelliformis.

Herbaceous. Shoots diffuse. Radical leaves petioled, oblong, and obtuse ; cauline remote, sub-sessile, and nearly round. Flowers axillary, crowded, sessile. Anthers twin, Capsule linear, many-seeded.

A native of the Moluccas.

12. R. Pavala, Roxb.

Suffrutex, very ramous, diffuse. Leaves ovate, pointed, serrate. Spikelets axillary, and terminal, sub-sessile. Corol with a regular, five-parted border.

Teling. Pavala.

This plant is in general so like R. fasciculata, the flowers excepted, that our description, except that of the flowers, may serve for both.

It is a native of the same places, and flowers during the cold season.

Spikelets terminal, and axillary, sub-sessile, oblong. Bractes opposite, oblong, downy, margins slightly fringed with hairs, one-flowered. Flowers small, bright, but deep blue. Corol; tube curved, widening from the base to the top, in the last it is gibbous, &c. divisions of the border equal; in the last it is grinning.

The plant has a strong disagreeable smell.

13. R. bracteata, Roxb.

Shrubby, straight. Leaves ovate, pointed, serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary or racemed.

III. Bractes cordate, chaffy. Corol campanulate. Capsules two-seeded.

A shrubby species, a native of the mountains. Stems several, woody, straight, spreading, round, smooth, jointed; length and thickness various. Bark light, ash-coloured. Branches few, stem-like. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, serrate, pointed, pretty smooth. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, or in luxuriant plants they are on small axillary racemes, like leafy branchlets. Bractes two, opposite, sessile, cordate, pointed, concave, chiefly veined; within them the proper five-parted perianth is hid. Flower white, large. Corol; tube gibbous; border sub-equal. Anthers twin, the lower point of each ends in an incurved spur. Capsule oval, two-seeded.

14. R. fasciculata. Willd. iii. p. 1. 369.

Suffrutex, very ramous, diffuse. Leares sub-rhombiform, decurrent, pointed, serrate. Spikelets sub-panicled. Corols ringent; tube gibbous; anthers twin.

A small, diffuse, very ramous, under shrub, a native of the hilly country. Flowers during

the cold season.

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Root percunial. Stems and branches numerous, and are so intermixed that there is no making a distinction; diffuse, those next the ground strike root at the joints, four-seeded, a little hairy, from one to two feet long. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, pointed, with the anterior margins serrate, running down to near the base of the petiole, a little downy, from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Spikelets ovate, small, numerous, panicled, peduncled, axillary, and terminal. Bracles lanceolate, imbricate. Flowers numerous, small, white. Corol grinning; tube bellied, contracted at the mouth; upper lip short emarginate; the under one broader and three-parted. Filaments inserted into the month of the tube. Anthers twin, the superior pair oblong, and placed laterally; the inferior globular, one above the other.

R. imbricata. Willd. iii. 366.

Perennial, diffuse. Leaves long-petioled, obliquely ovate. Racemes secund. Bractes solitary, reniform, ciliate, many-flowered; upper segments of the calyx very hard, lanceolate.

Found wild in shady places in the vicinity of the Botanic garden near Calcutta. It blos-

soms during the cold season, and its seed ripens in March.

Stem scarcely any, but numerous, sub-opposite, jointed, weak, straggling branches, often resting on the ground, and in that case roots issue from the joints. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, one of the pair always considerably smaller, obliquely ovate-oblong, taper-pointed, crenulate-serrate, tolerably smooth on both sides; size very various. Racemes axillary, and terminal, short, secund. The reniform bractes, with their flowers occupy the outside, while on the inside are just as many, opposite pairs, of every unequal (sized) floral leaves; in the axills of the largest of these, the alternate, reniform bractes with their flowers are inserted. Bractes axillary, solitary, short-peduncled, reniform, clothed with long, soft, glutinous hairs, each embracing from two to six, or more small, white flowers. Calyx five-cleft; upper division large, rather longer than the bractes, broad-lanceolate, the inferior four subulate, all are hairy, and clammy, like the bractes. Corol bilabiate; the upper lip bifid, the under one-trifid. Capsule four-seeded.

16. R. dependens. Roxb.

Spikes Page Carey Ed. Suffraticose, erect, very ramous. Leaves hanging, broad-lanceolate, serrulate. terminal, sessile, crowded, secund, imbricated. Bractes lanceolate, ciliate.

A native of Mysore. Flowering time, the rainy sesson.

Stem, scarcely anything like one, but numerous straight branches with alternate, erect, somewhat four angled, coloured, smooth branchlets; the height of the whole plant about two feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, drooping, alternately smaller, broad-lanceolate, margins entire, most slightly villous underneath, from one to four inches long. Petioles with a continuation of the base of the leaf, very various in length, a little bairy. Spikes terminal, crowded, sessile, sub-cylindric, secund. Bracles, on the back of the spike are two rows, of alternate, bifarious, lanceolate, spinous-pointed ciliate ones; on the floriferous side three similar ones to each flower. Calyx, to the base five-cleft; divisions unequal, ciliate. Corol ringent; tube as long as the calyx, gibbous; upper lip shorter, smaller and deeply emarginate; the under one three-parted, recurved. Anthers united by pairs. Capsule short, ensiform, with two seeds in each cell.

17. R. salicifolia. Willd. iii. 374. Vahl. Symb. 384.

Annual, sub-creet. Leaves lanceolate, serrate. Flowers sessile, fascicled in alternate axills.

Corols ringent, erect. Bractes lanceolate.

Is very much like Barleria longifolia; it is annual or biennial, and a native of the same

wet swampy places as that plant. It flowers during the wet season.

Stem towards the base resting on the ground, and there striking root at the joints, above erect, round, smooth, jointed. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate, slightly serrate, crenulated, or waved, smooth; about three inches long, and balf an inch broad. Flowers sessile, from two to six in each alternate axill, light-blue; in the opposite axill there is generally a small branchlet. Bractes several, lanceolate, slightly ciliate. Calgar, five-parted. Corol ringent. Capsules long, round, smooth. Seeds small, very numerous.

18. R. longifolia. Roxb.

Herbaceous. Leaves verticelled, lanccolate, hairy. Spines of the verticells six-fold.

Gecantuca, its Sanscrit name. See Asiat. Res. v. p. 291.

Barleria longifolia. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iii. 375.

Bahel-schulli. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 45.

Is common in low wet places all over India. Flowering time, the cold season.

Roots often biennial. Stems herbaceous, ascending, or creet, ramous, jointed, a little flattened, hairy, from two to three feet high. Branches opposite, like the stem, and also nearly erect. Leaves, an exterior, opposite, sessile pair at each joint, within these, and subalternate with the spines, several small ones in a verticel; all are linear-lanceolate; margins often revolute, hairy, I may almost say bristly; size various. Spines six in each verticel, between the leaves and flowers, awl-shaped, spreading, and a little recurved. Flowers verticelled, numerous, sessile, large, of a bright-blue, or in some varieties, rose-coloured. Bractes lanceolate, margins and outside bristly. Calyx of two pairs of nearly equal leaflets, clothed with soft hair. Corol two-lipped; lips nearly equal; upper two-parted, with the division emarginate; the under one three-parted, with the divisions also emarginate, in the under a coloured body like a large oblong anther. Filaments connected at the base; second pair larger than usual in the genus Anthers sagittate: Stigma subulate, involute, with a fissure on the upper

Annual, erect. Leaves lanccolar, entire, hirsute. Flowers sessile, crowded in both axills, Bracles numerous, linear, and with the five acute segments of the calyx very hairy.

A native of Chittagong.

20. R. obocata. R.

Annual, Leaves short-petioled, from oval to obovate, cuneate, obtuse, hairy. Flowers axillary, crowded, sessile. Bractes and calyx ciliate. Corol ringent. Capsule cylindric, smooth, many-seeded.

Nir schulli. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 46.

Found in moist situations in the province of Chittagong. Flowers about the close of the rains, and the seed ripens in February and March.

This species certainly agrees much better with Van Rheed's figure above quoted, than the short descriptions of R. difformis, Suppl. 289. Willd. iii. 374.

21. B. aliginosa. Willd. iii. 371.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves opposite lanceolate. Spikes terminal, four-sided. Flowers opposite, with three orbicular bractes to each. Corols ringent. Capsules linear; seeds numerous. Is very common on dry rice grounds, during the dry season.

Stem annual, weak, straggling, ramous, four-sided, jointed, smooth, of a purplish colour, about a foot long. Branches opposite, and like the stem. Leaves opposite, remote, sessile, lanecolate, entire, smooth, size various, often coloured. Spikes terminal, long, four-sided. Flowers opposite, decussated, blue, each embraced by the sessile, orbicular bractes. Calyx five-cleft. Corol ringent. Anthers two-cleft at the base. Stigma simple. Capsule linear, oblong. Seeds numerous, small, round, of a shining brown.

S2. R. briftora. R.

Annual, creeping, bairy. Leares cordate, serrate, or pinnatifid. Flowers verticelled. Corols ringent. Seeds unmerous.

A native of ditches, low ground, &c. in Bengal; it appears during the cold season.

Stems ereeping, with leaf and flower-bearing extremities, erect, hairy. Leaves opposite, the most inferior longer-petioled, ovate-cordate, serrate, hairy, from one to two inches

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Page long. Flowers axillary, three-fold, one a common short peduncle, pretty large and of a pleasing deep-rose, or purple colour. Bractes oblong, hairy, four or five to each fascicle of flowers. Calyx hairy, five-parted; divisions long, narrow and acute. Corol ringent; upper lip vaulted, two-parted; the under one expanding, broader, three-parted. Anthers bifid. Stigma. two-parted, one division much longer and hooked. Capsule linear, as long as the calyx. Seeds numerous.

R. suffruticosa. R.

Suffruticose, erect, hairy. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolate, obtuse, ciliate. Flowers terminal, solitary, sessile. Corol with a long slender tube, and sub-regular border. Capsules oblong, few-seeded.

A small, erect, ramous under shrub, of about one foot in height, with large, terminal, white flowers, which appear during the rainy season; opening at sun-set, and dropping in the

A native of the district of Dinagepore, &c.

LEPIDAGATHIS. Willd.

Calyx of two opposite, unequal pairs of leaflets, ringent; the upper lip small, the under one three-parted. Anthers twin. Capsule two-celled, two-valved, bursting with elasticity contrary to the partition.

L. cristata. Willd. iii. p. 400.

Perennial, diffuse. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate. Inflorescense, a dense head close to the crown of the root.

The generic character is but little removed from Barleria, but the habit of the plant is very different. It is a native of elevated, dry, barren ground, all over the coast of Coromandel. Flowering time, the rainy and cold season.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any, but several, long, slender, opposite, diffuse, four-sided, ramous, smooth branches, spreading close on the ground, and often striking root. Leaves opposite, sessile, lanceolate, entire, sometimes villous or even hairy, and scabrous; from one to three inches long and half an inch or less broad. Inflorescense in large, variously shaped, densely imbricated heads, close to the earth, near the root, with smaller ones scattered over the joints of the large branches. Bractes numerous, imbricated, lanceolate, ciliate, pointed. Flowers numerous, small, of a rose colour. Calyx of two pairs of unequal leaflets, the exterior pair much larger, with the lower leaflets bidentate, all are hairy and ciliate. Corol one-petalled, ringent ; tube gibbous, with the mouth contracted. Throat campanulate ; the upper lip erect, emarginate; the under lip large, three-parted; middle division broad, emarginate, a little curled, and more deeply coloured. Filaments within the throat of the corol. Anthers twin, Germ ovate, elevated on a glandular receptacle. Style sufficiently long to elevate the small stigma even with the anthers. Capsule ovate, acute, sessile, two-celled, two-lobed, bursting with elasticity, as in Justicia, Barleria, &c.

ROSCOEA. R.

GEN. CHAR. Involuce few-flowered. Calyx tubular. Corol irregular. Stamina very long, and distinct. Germ four-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment superior. Berry one-seeded. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

R. pentandra. R.

Involucre six-leaved, six-flowered. Flowers pentandrous. Sligma bifid. Leaves opposite, from ovate-oblong to lanceolate, smooth.

Kungea, the Bengalee name.

A large, climbing, permanent shrub, a native of the forests near Silhet, where it flowers

in February, March, and April, and the seed ripens during the rains.

Trunk ligneous, soon dividing into many long, scandent, woody branches, covered with rough ash-coloured bark. Branchlets opposite, the tender shoots villous; the ligueous ones scabrous, very small, and villous. Stipules nothing more than a villous ridge. Paniele axillary, and terminal, the terminal one large, and composed of several pairs of opposite, spreading, four-sided, villous branches. Umbellets opposite, solitary, long-peduncled. Bractes like the leaves, but much smaller and villous, one under each of the opposite peduncles, which support the umbellets. Involucre six-leaved, and about six-flowered; leaflets spreading, linear, obtuse, smooth, veined, much longer than the flowers. Flowers sessile, purple, inodorous. Perianth proper, campanulate, entire, ribbed, villous, permanent. Corol one-petalled; tube short; throat very woolly. Border of five or six spreading, sub-rotund, nearly equal divisions. Filaments five, or sometimes six, corresponding with the segments of the border of the corol, unequal, inserted within the mouth of the tube, much longer than the corol and variously bent. Anthers two-lobed, cordate. Germ superior, hairy, two-celled, the cells more than half divided by incomplete partitions which project from the centre of the complete one. Orula four, one in each cell, attached from the apex to the top of the axis. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma bifid. Berry superior, globular, hairy; half hid in the calyx, of the size of a small pea, one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the berry. Integuments two. The exterior one is the cortex of the berry; the interior one membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo creet. Cotyledons conform to the seed, nearly equal, the line of separation serpentine. Radicle small, inferior.

2. R. villosa. R. Involuce three-leaved, from five to ten-flowered. Stigma bidentated. Leaves opposite, cordate, downy. Anthers two lobed. Stigma slightly two-parted. Berry dry, top-shaped, fourpartible, each part one-seeded.

The leaves of these plants have a strong, heavy, disagreeable smell; they are used for Carey

fomentation by the natives.

A stout extensive, scandent shrub; it is a native of Pegue in the vicinity of Rangoon. The Rev. F. Carey found it common in the hedges. The young shoots are round and densely clothed with light brown, soft, short pubescence. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, cordate, entire, somewhat pointed, with short hairs on the upper surface, and the under one downy, from two to eight inches long, and from one to five broad; those accompanying the ramifications of the inflorescence are very small, more pubescent and coloured, in fact they may be called bractes. Stipules a connecting ridge only, extending through the division of the inflorescense. Panietes axillary, large, downy, generally composed of a few opposite pairs of branches, bearing single, opposite, long-peduncled involuered umbellets of small white flowers. Bractes no other than the floral leaves above-mentioned. Involuere three-leaved, from five to ten-flowered; leaflets spreading, sessile, oblong, veined, often emarginate or retuse, tomentose, much longer than the flowers; those on the inside of the base next to the flowers hairy like the calyx. Perianth proper, campanulate, five-toothed, both sides clothed with long soft white hair. Corol one-petalled; tube cylindric, longer than the calyx. Border of two unequal lips; one, viz. the interior one in all the exterior flowers in the same umbellet, is divided into three short, rounded segments; the other, or exterior one, as long as the tube, and deeply divided into two obovate segments. Filaments four, more than twice the length of the corol, variously contorted; the pair next the long lip shorter. Anthers two-lobed. Germ superior, oblong, two-celled, each cell half divided by two incomplete partitions, which project from the centre of the complete partition, containing four seeds attached to the upper end of the angle formed by the partitions. Style as long as the stamina. Stigma bidentate.

3. R. tomentosa. R.

Involuce three-leaved, from six to nine-flowered. Stigma entire. Leaves opposite, cordate. An immense, climbing shrub, or I may say tree, a native of forests of Chittagong, where it blossoms in March.

Bark of the large trunk, and old ligueous branches, scabrous and ash-coloured, of the young shoots tomentose. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, cordate, entire, more or less villous, according to age, from four to six inches long, and from three to four broad. Floral leaves small, and very downy. Panicles axillary and terminal, composed of many ascending, opposite pairs of tomentose branches, giving support to the opposite, single, peduncled umbellets of small, white flowers. Bractes from oblong to cordate, very downy, solitary, sessile, one at the base of each peduncle. Involucee three-leaved, from six to nine-flowered; leaflets elliptic, downy, pink-coloured, some few of them emarginate, above an inch long, and above half an inch broad. Perianth tubular, very hairy, five-toothed. Corol; tube the length of the enlyx; border bilabiate; the exterior lip very long, and bilid; the under or rather interior one of three oval, equal, sessile segments. Filaments didynamous, very long, much exceeding the exterior lip of the corol, variously bent. Anthers two-lobed. Germ sub-turbinate, &c. &c. exactly as in the former species. Pericarpium not seen.

A native of Coromandel, where it flowers in the cold season.

CLERODENDRUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1057.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol irregular, funnel-shaped. Stamina very long. Germ superior, seems four-celled. Cells one-seeded; attachment sub-interior. Berry or capsule dry, four-lobed, with a single seed in each. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. C. phlomoides, Willd. iii. 306.

Arboreous. Leaves ovate-cordate, scollop-dentate, downy. Panicles terminal; berries turbinate, dry.

Volkameria multiflora. Burm. Ind. 137, t. 45, f. 1.

Telaki of the Telingas.

Of this small tree, there are two varieties, one, the common one, with white flowers; the other with red, this variety is rare, a native of the mountainous parts of the coast of Coromandel, and differs from the white variety in the colour of the flowers only, consequently, the

same description serves for both.

Trunk from six to ten feet high, and as thick as a man's thigh, near houses it is so much cut for firewood, &c. so that the size cannot be determined by such plants. Bark light ashcolour. Leaves opposite, petioled, broad-cordate, scollop-dentate, downy, one or two inches each way. Petioles round, downy, half the length of the leaves. Flowers numerous, from the extremities and exterior axills, forming a large leafy panicle; peduncles generally three-parted. Bractes oval, petioled.

C. inerme. Gært. Sem. i. t. 75.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves oval, entire, smooth. Peduncles three-flowered. Berries dry, turbinal, four-partible.

Volkameria inermis, Willd, iii. 303. Nir-notsjil. Rheed. Mal. v. t. 49. Jasminum littorema. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 46.

Beng. Bun-jumat.

A large, ramous, often seandent shrub, delighting in a salt, sandy soil, near the sea. Flowering time, the cold season chiefly.

Leaves opposite, or nearly so, sometimes three-fold, short-petioled, oval, smooth, entire,

Page fleshy; both sides dotted with numerous minute, dark green dots; from one to two inches long. Stipules none. Peduncles axillary, solitary, generally three-flowered. Calyx small, fivetoothed. Corol; tube widening a little near the apex; border of five, distinct, equi-distant, roundish segments. Fruit dry, pear-shaped, four-partible. Seeds solitary.

VOLKAMERIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1056.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol one-petalled, with unilateral segments, opposite to the long curved stamina. Germ superior, seems four-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment sub-interior. HII. Berry (or capsule) four-lobed, four-partible, with a single seed in each. Embryo erect; with-

1. V. infortunata. Roxb.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate-cordate, serrulate, downy. Panicles terminal, brachiate. Berry enclosed in the enlarged coloured calyx, four-lobed.

Clerodendrum foliatum, &c. Burm. Zeyl. 66. t. 29. infortunatum. Willd. iii. 386.

Peragu. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 25.

Bhanti, or Bhantaca, in Sanscrit.

Hind. Bhant.

A very pretty shrub when in flower, and fruit. It is generally found under the shade of large trees, in consequence of birds dropping the seeds there. Flowers in February and March;

seed ripens in April.

Stem erect, somewhat quadrangular. Branches few, opposite, four-sided. Leaves opposite, petioled, remote, cordate, slightly serrate, downy, very various in size, but in general large, in old plants much narrower, even ovate lanceolate. Panicles terminal, large, cross-armed, coloured. Flowers numerous, pretty large, white with a small tinge of red. Calyx increasing with the fruit, of a bright red : divisions lanccolate, waved. corol, its five divisions are ranged in a semicircular form on the upper side. Stamens nearly equal, ascending until fécundation is over, then declining. Style declined until feeundation is over, then ascending. Berry a little depressed, somewhat four-lobed, lodged in the calyx, the divisions of which are now enlarged, of a conic shape, red and leathery, of the size of a small black cherry; when ripe, of the same smooth, shining, black colour. Seeds four in the complete berries, but it is seldom they all come to perfection, convex and wrinkled on the outside. Embryo erect, without perisperm. 2. V. Buchanani, Roxb.

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> Shrubby, erect. Leaces cordate, entire, downy. Corymbs terminal. Calyx shorter than the succulent berries, and reflected back from them.

> A shrub, received from Dr. Buchaman at Luckipore where the plant is found wild. The same plant was afterwards received from the Moluccas. Flowering time the close of the rains;

the seed ripens in January.

Stem erect, with few expanding, opposite branches. Young shoots downy, and somewhat four-sided. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, entire, downy on both sides, from four to six inches long, and from three to four broad. Corymbs terminal, bearing many, pretty large, deep scarlet coloured flowers. Peduncles and pedicels villous and coloured. Bracles small, coloured, and villous. Calyx five-cleft, small and pretty smooth. Corol; tube slender, five or six times longer than the calyx, (this mark alone distinguishes it from Volkameria infortunata.) Border of five, equal, erect, unilateral divisions. Berry four-lobed, four-seeded, sitting on the reflexed, bright red coloured, permanent calyx; when ripe of a dull bluish purple co-

3. V. Kampferi. Willd. iii. 385. Banks's icon. Kampf. t. 50.

Shrubby. Leaves long-petioled, round-cordate, sub-entire, margins a little waved, scaly underneath. Panicles terminal, brachiate, broad-ovate, coloured. Calyx globular. Berries succulent.

A large, ramous, erect, shrub, now common in gardens about Calcutta; it was originally

introduced from China. Is in flower during the hot and rainy season.

Root branchy. Stem scarcely any, but many erect branches, which are woody, and columnar below, young parts obtusely four-sided, and a little scabrous. Leaves opposite, petioled, IH. round-cordate ; lobes large and rounded ; margins entire, a little downy, the under side is covered with small concave scales; from six to twelve inches each way. Petioles round, from four to eight inches long. Stipules no other than a hairy ring round the branchlet, at the insertion of the leaves. Panicles terminal, large, cross-armed, every part thereof of a deep, bright, beautiful scarlet colour, even the floral leaves of the lower ramifications. Bractes solitary, linear, recurved. Flowers numerous, middle-sized, scarlet coloured. Calyx at all times scarlet coloured. Corol, divisions of the border shorter than the tube, reflexed in a semi-circle over the upper side. Stamens ascending. Stigma bifid; segments acute.
4. V. dentata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves round-cordate, acutely-dentate, acute; lobes rounded, and so large as to

overlap each other. Panicles terminal, brachiate, coloured.

An erect, very elegant shrub, of three or four feet in height, a native of the Silhet district; flowering time the hot and rainy season; it has not yet ripened seed in the Botanic garden, where it grows luxuriantly, and is very ornamental when in flower. It differs from V. Kampfera and Buchanani in the leaves being dentate, and from urticifolia in being a permanent shrub; besides in that species the leaves are much deeper cut round the margin, and the lobes never so large as even to meet. In all the four, the flowers are nearly alike in size, structure and colour, viz. a very bright deep scarlet.

5. V. urticifolia. Roxb.

Herbaccous. Leaves broad-cordate, acuminate, grossly and acutely dentate. Panicles terminal, coloured.

An elegant, middling-sized species, a native of Pegue, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta by the Rev. F. Carey, where it blossoms in August, September and October.

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Stems herbaceous in our young plants, simple, erect, becoming somewhat ligneous towards the base, and thinly covered with rough ash-coloured bark; tender shoots with four obtuse angles and grooved sides, covered with villous green bark; whole height from three to four feet. Leaves opposite, the inferior one very long-petioled; the superior, or floral ones sub-sessile; all are broad-cordate, with the acuminate margins grossly and acutely serrate-dentate, and the surfaces rather rough, the superior one with short bristles, and the inferior with little peliate glandular scales; length and breadth from five to ten inches. Stipules none, but a belt of hairs between the insertion of the petioles. Panicles terminal, solitary, large, and broad; composed of expanding, opposite, several times dichotomous, highly coloured, (scarlet,) villous, many-flowered ramifications. Bractes small, subulate, coloured. Calga sub-cylindric, small for a volkameria, five-parted. Segments lanceolate, villous. Corol one-petalled; tube twice the length of the calyx, sub-cylindric; border to five, sub-secund, linear-oblong, obtuse, concave segments; colour of the whole scarlet. Filaments nearly equal, twice the length of the corol, coloured, smooth, on the first day incurved, on the second recurved. Anthers brown, incumbent. Germ oval, somewhat four-lobed, seemingly four-celled, with one ovulum in each, but on a minute inspection there are found two, opposite, parietal receptacles, which meet so exactly in the centre, as to appear a complete partition, each of these divide into two, recurved, secund, rather incurved. Stigma of two subulate acute lobes.

6. V. obovata. Roxb.

Leaves obovate, entire, coriaceous, downy underneath. Paniele terminal, decussate, downy, the extreme ramifications, lengthened, secund spikes. Calyx obscurely five-toothed.

A native of the Moluccas. 7. V. serrata. Willd. iii. 384.

Shrubby. Leaves sub-sessile, opposite, and tern, lanccolate, serrate, smooth. Panicle ter-

minal, oblong, decussate.

Found in Mysore by Dr. Buchanan, who sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Cal-

cutta, where the plants blossom during the rains.

Trunk erect, stout, ligueous. Branches erect, decussate, or tern; young shoots smooth, four-sided. Leaves opposite, or tern, sub-sessile, broad-huccolate, serrate, smooth on both sides; from four to eight inches long, and from one to three broad. Panicles terminal, ramifications decussate, villous, two-forked. Brucles Innceolate, villous. Flowers numerous, large, two pairs of lateral segments, pale blue; the lower one deep blue. Calyx obscurely fivedentate. Corol; tube short, deeply divided on the upper side, incurved. Border of five, nearly equal, expanding divisions, placed on the under side. Filaments longer than the corol, erect, with their extremities beautifully recurved. Authors oval. Style as long as the stamens. Stigma of one long (the under), and one shorter lobe. Berry with from one to four lobes, smooth, succelent, when ripe of a shining black. Seeds one in each lobe of the berry, obovate. Corol, tube the length of the calvx, villous. Border of five, unequal, segments, placed on the under side, the two lateral pairs oblong, of a very pale blue, the lower one much larger, cuneate-cordate, and of a much deeper colour. Filaments swelled and villous at the base, inserted on the mouth of the tube, and rising erect through the vacant space on its upper side, towards the apex beautifully recurvate. Authors brown, two-lobed. Germ roundish, baving its base surrounded by a yellow nectarial ring, four-ceiled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the upper and exterior margins of the partitions. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma two-parted. Capsule nearly round, of the size of a pea, somewhat four-lobed, hairy; when ripe dry, and then falling spontaneously into four equal portions. Seed solitary, obliquely oblong. Integument single. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons linear-oblong, thick, fleshy and white. Radicle oval, inferior.

S. V. farinosa. R.

Shrubby twigs mealy. Leaves opposite, petioled, oblong, serrate. Panicles terminal, linear-oblong, leafy. A very stont shrub, or small tree, a native of Silhet, where it is called Taleuser. Flowering time the rainy season. It approaches nearest to serrata of any species known to me, but differs sufficiently on account of the perfect smoothness of the latter, which has the leaves as often tern as opposite; in farinosa petioled, always opposite.

9. V. nereifolia. R.

Shrubby. Leaves tern, linear-lanceolar. Peduncles axillary, three-flowered.

A shrubby species, found indigenous on the Island of Mascal, on the coast of Chitta-

gong; where it blossoms about the close of the rains, and the seeds ripen in February.

Stem short, but straight, stout and ligneous, soon dividing into many straight, nearly erect branches and branchiets; bark smooth, and of a light ash-colour and marked with lightcoloured, small, elevated specks. Leaves tern, rarely opposite, linear-lanceolar, entire, acute, smooth, about three inches long, and very generally under half an inch in breadth. Petioles short, and inserted on permanent elevated leaves. Peduncles axillary, much shorter than the leaves, generally three-flowered. Bracles opposite, ensiform. Calyx campanulate, mouth evenly five-toothed, permanent. Corol with a rather short, slender, curved tube, and unilaterai border, composed of five equal, oval, entire segments. Stamina twice the length of the corol, incurved or recurved, according to the length of time the flower has been expanded.

Germ superior, four-celled, with one ovulum in each. Style length of the stamina. Stigma bidentate. Capsule, (Berry, Gært.) broad-turbinate, four-grooved, size of a nutmeg, when ripe dry, and spontaneously dividing first into two and afterwards into four parts. Cortex pretty smooth, dark brown. Pulp in large quantity, somewhat spongy. Seed in each division of the capsule, oblong, tapering towards the base. Integuments two, both soft, thin and white. Perisperm none. Embryo, erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed, equal. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle inferior, the whole much like Clerodendrum inerme. Gært. i. t. 57.

HASTINGIA, König's Mss.

Calyx coloured, much expanded, almost entire. Corol with a long, curved tube, and unequally divided border. Germ superior, seems four-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment sub-interior. Capsule four-lobed, four-partible; lobes one-seeded. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. H. coccinea. Kön. Mss. Smith's Exotic Botany, 100.

Leaves cordate, serrate. Panicles terminal. Holmskioldia sanguinea. Willd. iii. 360.

This most elegant plant was brought originally from China, though a native of the interior parts of Bengal also. At the Botanic garden it grows to be a small tree if trained up with single stem, but if left alone, the branches spread far every way from the base of the stem close upon the earth, and strike root. The bark is ash-coloured and tolerably smooth. Flowering time the cold season, at which period scarcely any plant can exceed it in beauty.

It grows readily from cuttings,

Branches very numerous, brachiate, while young somewhat four-sided, and a little downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, serrate, long, pointed, a little downy, from three to four inches long. Petioles one fourth the length of the leaves, downy. Stipules none. Panicles on compound racemes, terminal, brachiate. Peduncles and pedicels a little hairy. Bractes, the larger ones petioled, cordate, the smaller lanceolate. Flowers numerous, pretty large, of a most beautiful scarlet colour, slightly tinged with orange, inodorous. Calyx one-leaved, very large, gradually widening into a most ample bell, with a slightly five-lobed border, coloured like the corol, permanent. Corol one-petalled, irregular. Tube longer than the calyx, projecting with a slight curvature downward, compressed laterally, widening gradually to the mouth; on the inside a little downy. Border small, five-parted; the under division larger. Stamens from the middle of the tube, and projecting a little beyond it, declining a little, somewhat downy. Anthers oval. Germ superior, four-lobed; lobes one-celled; one-seeded, attached to the partition a little above its middle. Style declinate with the stamens, and of the same length. Stigma acute, slightly two-parted. Capsule four-lobed, four-partible, each lobe obliquely turbinate, clavate, rugose, of the size of a small lentil, one-celled, one-valved, of a thick, soft, spongy texture, and dark brownish black colour. Seed conform to the lobe of the capsule. Integument single, from every examination I can give it, pretty thick, white, soft, and tough. Perisperm none. Embryo erect, amygdaline. Cotyledons two, oval, thick. Plumula small, semilunar. Radicle oval, inferior.

2. H. scandens, R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves cordate, serrate, acuminate. Flowers axillary.

Dandmaree, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is found wild in the forests; it blossoms during the cool months of December, and January. I am not very clear whether it be anything more than H. coccinea in its wild state.

SIPHONANTHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 165.

Calyx five-parted. Corol one-petalled, with a very long slender tube. Germ superior, seems four-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment sub-interior. Berry four-lobed; lobes one-seeded. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. S. hastata. R.

Leaves opposite, hastate, downy.

A large shrub or small tree, a native of Silhet, where it is called Hattee-kana (Elephant's car,) from the shape of the leaves. Flowers in April and May, and the seed ripens in June and

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Young shoots villous, somewhat four-cornered. Leaves opposite, petioled, hastate, lobate, downy, particularly underneath, about six inches long. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, downy and channelled. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, corymbiform, decussate, villous. Bracles like the leaves, but small, and diminishing fast toward the top, or extreme divisions of the panicle. Calyx campanulate, five-cleft. Segments sub-lanceolate, permanent and remaining coloured. Corol with a long, slender, recurved tube. Border of five, nearly equal, spreading, oblong segments. Filaments; two pairs, inserted into the tube of the corol a little within its mouth, long, coloured, smooth, various in their direction according to the length of time the flower has been open. Anthers incumbent. Germ ovate, four-cornered, seemingly four-celled, with one ovulum in each lobe, attached to the concave side of the wings of the parietal fungiform, receptacle, meeting in the centre, but not uniting, hence seemingly four-celled. Style the length of the corol. Stigma bifid; lobes acute, spreading. Berries shorter than the calyx, four-lobed, one, two or three of the lobes abortive, the fertile ones obovate, smooth, glossy, deep purple, and succulent, one-celled. Seed solitary. Perisperm none. Cotyledous obovate, fleshy. Radicle roundish, inferior.

 S. indica. Lamarck. Encycl. t. 79. f. 1. 1606. Shrubby, straight. Leaves verticelled, lanceolate. Panicles terminal. Brahmønee, Brahmønøyøshtika, &c. Sanscrit names. Beng. Brahman-patta, or Bamen hattes. Siphonanthus indica. Linn. Ovieda mitis, sp. pl. ed. Willd, iii. 382.

Found wild from Orissa northward: where it grows to be a tall, straight shrub. Flowering time the hot season, and again in October; the seed ripens in the cool season.

Stem erect, straight, simple, or with very few, straight branches, more or less piped, according to the age of the plant; bark smooth, greenish; young shoots smooth, of a shining green, with a double groove or furrow to each leaf of the verticel, and piped in the old woody parts; height various. In some parts of Bengal they are so long as to serve for rafters to cottages, and various other uses. Leaves verticelled, generally from three to five-fold, short-petioled, horizontal, lanceolate, entire, waved, above smooth, of a deep, shining green, below paler, from six to nine inches long. Floral leaves alternate and smooth. Stipules none, but in their place some short lairs. Fascicles from the axills of the exterior, alternate leaves, peduncled, in general solitary, erect, generally three-cleft; the whole forming a large elegant panicle. Peduncles and pedicels roundish, smooth, coloured. Bractes lanceolate, size various. Flowers, when they first open, white, gradually changing to cream colour. Calgar beneath, campanulate. Corol; tube exceedingly long, siender, bowing. Border five-parted; divisions oblong, nearly equal, reflected; the lower two more distant. Filaments four, inserted within the mouth of the tube, projecting in a double curve for some time after the flower first expands, afterwards they become revolute. Anthers incumbent, &c. according to the position of the Slaments, base two-partesl. Germ and contents as in S. hastata, four lobed. Style longer than the stamens, at first projecting, or recurved, after impregnation ascending, when the stamens become revolute. Sligma acute, two-parted. Berries from one to four, conjoined, sitting on the enlarged, coloured calyx, singly the size of a pea, when ripe, of a dark bluish colour. Seeds one in each lobe of the berry; it seldom happens that all the four berries come to perfection. Embryo as in S. hastata.

VITEX. Schreb gen. N. 1060.

Calyx campanulate, five-toothed. Corol ringent. Authors twin. Germ superior, generally two-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment central. Drupe with a four-celled nut. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. V. trifolia, Willd. iii. 392.

Sub-arborcous. Leaves ternate; leaflets all sessile, obovate, oblong, hoary underneath. Panieles terminal, with brachiate, dichotomous ramifications.

Cara-nosi. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 10.

Lagondium vulgare. Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 10.

A small tree, or large shrub, a native of various parts of India, and its Islands. The leaves of this plant are a powerful discutient, and by the Malays employed to remove the boss. The following is their recipe, furnished, by W. Ewer Esq. The leaves are given in decoction, and infusion, and formed into a cataplasm, which is applied to the enlarged spicen. In very obstinate cases it becomes necessary to have recourse to gentle mercurials.

Young shoots round and villous. Leaves opposite, ternate. Leaflets all sessile, ovate, oblong, entire, hoary underneath; the pair from one to two inches long, and the terminal one much longer. Petioles about an inch long, and hoary. Stipules none. Pasicles terminal, linear-oblong, composed of brachiate and dichotomous ramifications, every part hoary. Flowers small, of a lively light blue purple. Bractes minute. Calyx campanulate, heavy; mouth slightly five-toothed. Corol with the lower lip longer and undivided; the upper lip four-lobed. Stamina as long as the corol. Anthers twin. Germ round, two-celled, with ovula in each attached to the two angles of the septal receptacle. Style as long as the corol. Stigma of two filiform spreading lobes. Drupe round, smooth, when ripe black, size of a small pea, one-celled. Nat conform to the drupe, four-celled, nearly all fertile. Seed solitary. Perispera when the seeds are quite ripe none. Embryo creet. Cotyledons obovate-oblong. Radicle oval, inferior.

2. V. Negunda, Willd. iii. 393.

Arboreous. Leaces ternate, and quinate. Leaflets entire, lanceolate; the lower two sessile. Panieles terminal, long-pyramidal, with cross-armed, two-forked ramifications. Benn-nosi. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 12.

Lagondium litoreum. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 19. Sindooka in Sanscrit. See Asiat. Res. vol. iv. p. 292. Also Sindoowara, Indrasoocusa, Nirgoondi, Indranika.

Beng. and Hind. Nisinda.

An elegant, small tree, though generally found in the state of a large shrub; delights in

a rich, moist soil, yet it grows almost every where. Flowers all the year round.

Trunk irregular, often as thick as a man's thigh or more. Branches rather thin, opposite; young shoots downy, slightly four-sided. Leaves opposite, petioled, ternate and quinate. Leaflets, the exterior one or three, petioled; the lower two sessile; all are lanceolate, entire, soft; below of a very pale whitish green; from two to four inches long, and less than one broad. Panicles terminal, oblong, tapering to a point, erect; rachis straight, four-sided; ramifications decussated, generally three-forked; or two-forked with sessile flowers in the cleft. Flowers small, numerous, a most beautiful bluish purple. Calgx permanent, closely embrace III. 69

the bottom of the berry. Corol; lower lip large, entire; upper lip shorter, four-parted.

A decoction of the aromatic leaves helps to form the warm bath for women after delivery; bruised, they are applied to the temples for the head-ache; pillows stuffed with them are put under the head to remove a catarrh, and the head-ache attending it.

3. V. paniculata. Lamarck Encycl. ii. 606.

Arboreous. Leaves digitate, quinate; leaflets ovate-lanceolate, entire; the exterior one petiolate, the two inferior ones small, and sessile; smooth above, hoary underneath. Panicles terminal.

A native of the Moluccas. I doubt whether it be any thing more than a broad-leaved-luxuriant variety of Negunda. Rumphius, 19th plate of the 4th vol. of his Herbarium Amboinense, is a bad representation of this plant, though no doubt intended for it.

4. V. altissima, Linn. Suppl. 294.

Arboreous. Leaves ternate; leaflets lanceolate, entire, acuminate. Panicles terminal, com-

posed of opposite, verticelled, simple ramifications.

This, the most stately tree of the genus which I have yet met with, is a native of the mountainous forests of Coromandel. In Dr. Anderson's garden near Madras, it flowers in July and August. The same has since been found in the eastern parts of Bengal, where it flowers

Trunk erect, of very considerable magnitude, and covered with smooth greenish gray bark. Branches numerous, spreading. Leaves opposite, ternate. Leaflets sessile, entire, neute, somewhat downy, with the upper surface of a deep green, and the lower one pale, from three to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles common, somewhat channelled, and though long, they are shorter than the leaflets. Panicles terminal, composed of a few long, simple, opposite, pairs of sub-verticelled, downy spikes. At a more advanced age, what appeared verticels while young, become two opposite, short, biffd, or trifid secund spikes. Flowers numerous, small, collected, into short-peduncled, opposite fascicles, which appear like verticels. Bractes lanceolate, concave, downy. Calyx downy, the segments rather unequal. Corol, III. &c. as in the family. Germ ovate, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the parti-tion. Style fully as long as the corol. Stigma bifid. Drupe round, of the size of a pea, smooth, succulent, black. Nut round, hard, four-celled. Seeds solitary. Perisperm none. Embryo erect.

Arboreous. Leaves ternate; leaflets lanceolate. Petioles winged. Panicles axillary.

Mail eloa. Rheed. Mal. v. t. 1.

A native of Chittagong, where it grows to be a large tree. From thence it was introduced by Dr. Buchanan into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms in the month

of April.

Trunk straight, decorated with numerous, spreading and ascending branches, whole height of trees ten years old, about thirty feet. Bark smooth, of a dark, brownish, ash-colour. Leaves opposite, ternate. Leaflets lanceolate, smooth, entire, about six inches long. Petioles winged, particularly while the trees are young, about three or four inches long. Panicles axillary, solitary, erect, brachiate, with ramifications dichotomous, and a sessile flower in each division. Flowers numerous, pale yellow, tinged with very little blue. Calyx campanulate. Border unequally five-toothed. Corol, the middle lobe of the upper lip large, in proportion to its lateral lobes; the under lip two-parted, and small. Anthers twin, and of a bluish colour. Berry round, smooth, pulpy, when ripe purple, and the size of a marrow-fat pea. Nut turbinate, furrowed, four-celled, with a single seed in each.

6. V. incisa. Willd. iii. 392.

Shrubby. Leaves ternate and quinate; leaflets broad-lanceolate, gashed, of a soft fine texture, all are more or less petioled. Panieles terminal.

V. Negundo, Curt. Mag. 364.

V. Chinensis of the Banksian Herbarium, seems to be the same.

A native of China, from thence Mr. William Kerr sent seed to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and blossom when under one year old, and when less than a foot high. In six years they seem to have attained their full size, and are therefore large, ramons shrubs, of from six to eight feet in height.

Stem short, ligneous. Branches numerous, forming a large, ever-green bush. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, ternate, and quinate. Leaflets oblong, gashed, acute, smooth on both sides. Panicles terminal, from two to five inches long. Flowers numerous, small, white. Lower segment of the border of the corol much larger than either of the other four. Drupe the size of a grain of black pepper, with a four-celled nut.

8. V. arborea. R.

Leaves from ternate to quinate; leaflets sessile, oval. Panicles contracted.

Teling. Boosi.

A native of the mountainous parts of the Circars, Chittagong, &c. where it grows to be a

very large tree. Flowering time, the hot season; the seeds ripen during the rains.

Trunk straight, high, and of a large size. Bark ash-coloured, cracked. Heads spreading, and shady, but small in proportion to the size of the trunk. Leaves opposite, petioled, ternate, and digitate-quinate. Leaflets sessile, from broad-lanceolate to oval, sometimes obtuse, sometimes pointed, entire, veins many, running parallel, above pretty smooth, below downy; when there are five, exterior one from one to three inches broad, and from three to six inches long, the lower pair considerably smaller. Petioles the length of the inferior leaflets, channelled, downy. Panicles terminal, contracted, branchy; branches opposite, decussated. Peduncles and pedicels four-sided, villous. Flowers numerous, small, blue. Bracles oval, reflexed, downy, one

below each ramification. Calyx campanulate, five-toothed, permanent. Corol; tube somewhat gibbons, rather longer than the calyx, inside hairy at the bottom; throat compressed laterally; border two-lipped; the upper lip erect, two-cleft; the under lip reflexed, three-cleft, having the middle division largest, concave, and of a deep blue colour. Filaments twice the length of the tube, subulate. Anthers, split from the bottom up. Style, length of the filaments. Drupe, of the size and appearance of a black currant, smooth, succulent. Nut turbinate, very hard, four-celled. Seed solitary, obovate-oblong. Integuments two, both thin, soft, and rather succulent. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle oval, inferior.

The wood of this tree when old is of a chocolate colour, exceedingly hard and durable,

which renders it useful for various purposes.

9. V. Leucoxylon. Willd. iii. 392.

Leaves digitate, quinate; leaflets petiolate, oblong, very generally entire, both sides smooth. Panicles axillary, dichotomous.

Kariil. Rheed, Mal. iv. t. 36.

A native of Ceylon, Coromandel, and the mountains of Chittagong, &c. Flowering time

the month of April.

Trunk laterally straight, and in its native mountains growing to be a tree of very considerable size. Bark soft, spongy and cracked on the outside. Branches rather scarce and spreading. Young shoots round and smooth. Leaves opposite, long-petioled, digitate, quinate, rarely ternate; leaflets petioled, oblong, generally entire, rather obtuse-pointed, smooth and polished, from two to six inches long, and from one to three broad. Petioles nearly as long the leaflets, round and smooth. Stipules none. Panicles axiliary, solitary, long-peduncled, throughout dichotomous, with a sessile flower in the forks, drooping, ramifications tending to be angular, and most slightly villous. Flowers numerous, fragrant, pretty large, of a whitish straw colour, with the centre of the lower lip densely clothed with violet coloured hairs. Bractes very minute, and caducous. Calyx five-toothed. Corol with an unequal, five-cleft border; lower division large, round and curled. Filaments purple, protruded in a recurved manner. Anthers purple, two-lobed. Drups oval, smooth, of a shining black. Pulp very soft, and in large quantity, of a dirty black colour. Nut oblong, compressed, somewhat furrowed, four-celled, it is rare however that all are fertile. Seed lanceolate, the upper end obtuse. Integuments single, white, and spongy. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed, long obovate, of a tender, oily texture, pale white. Panicle come, inferior.

10. V. heterophylla. R.

Leaves long-petioled, ternate and quinate; leaflets all long-petioled, broad-lanceolate, entire, acuminate, smooth.

A tall, slow-growing timber tree, a native of the Tippera forests; it has been fourteen years in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, and is thirty feet high without having blossomed.

11. V. Saligna, R.

Leaves ternate and quinate; leaflets petioled, lanceolar, entire, smooth. Panicles axillary, dichotomous.

A tree of considerable size; a native of the forests in the interior parts of Coromandel, from thence introduced by Dr. B. Heyne into the Botanic garden where it blossoms in April and May.

PREMNA. Schreb. gen. N. 1025.

Calyx from three to five-toothed. Corol irregular, four or five-cleft, woolly. Anthers twin. Germ superior, four-celled; cell one-seeded; attachment interior. Stigma two-cleft. Drupe with a four-celled nut. Seed solitary. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. P. latifolia. Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves round-cordate, entire, smooth. Corymbs axillary, and terminal. Throat of the corol woolly.

Teling. Pedda-nella-Kura.

It is a native of most parts of the coast of Coromandel, though by no means common;

grows to be a small tree. Flowers during the hot season.

Trunk erect. Bark ash-coloured, pretty smooth. Branches numerous, spreading. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate or oval, entire, pointed or obtuse, a little downy, in general two and a half inches each way. Petioles round, generally about an inch long. Corymbs compound, terminal, or from the exterior axills, divided by threes. Bractes minute, falling. Flowers numerous, small, of a dirty yellow. Calyx campanulate, five-toothed, permanent. Corol, throat woolly; the upper lip three-cleft; the under one emarginate. Anthers bluish. Style longer than the corol. Drupe, the size of a pea, twin, juicy, smooth, when ripe black. Nut wrinkled, four-celled, all the four seeds seldom ripen.

The wood of this tree is white, firm, and used for various economical purposes. The leaves have a pretty strong, though not disagreeable smell, and are much used in curries by the natives.

2. P. tomentosa, Willd. iii. p. 314.

Arboreous. Leaves ovate-cordate, pointed, entire, very downy. Panicles terminal, corymbiform.

Teling. Naooroo.

A tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars. Flowers during the cold season.

Bark, the exterior membranous, cracking and peeling off like that of the birch tree, of a light gray colour; young skoots covered with a soft gray down. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, pointed, entire, very downy underneath, and whitish, above light green, from four to five inches long, and about two and a half, or three broad. Petioles round, about an inch and

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Page a balf long. Panicles middle-sized, terminal, erect, downy, somewhat corymbiform, their rami-Carey fications scattered. Bractes filiform, downy. Flowers numerous, small, of a dirty greenish yellow. Calyx and corol as in the last species. Anthers yellow, twin. Pistillum, drupe, and nut as in the other species, in this seldom more than one of the seeds ripen, which makes the most appear to have only one cell.

P. serratifolia. Willd. iii. 314.

Shrubby. Leaves cordate, serrate, acuminate, smooth, lucid, deep green. Corymbs terminal.

Beng. Bhoot-bhiruvi.

A large shrub, or small ramous tree, common in the woods in Bengal, is in blossom during the rainy months of July and August. The whole plant has a heavy unpleasant smell, nearly

the same as in some of the other species of this genus.

Trunk short. Branches numerous. Bark smooth, and dark brown; young shoots somewhat villous. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, serrate on the anterior margins, long, acutepointed, smooth on both sides, generally from one to six inches long, and from one to three broad. Stipules no other than a small connecting ridge. Corymbs terminal, or between two tender, terminal branchlets; primary divisions opposite, the last two-forked. Flowers minute, very numerous, of a pale greenish white. Bractes of the larger ramifications, lanceolate. Perianth small, irregularly three-toothed. Corol obliquely funnel-shaped. Border bilabiate, the superior lip narrow, undivided, and nearly double the length of the other, which is broad, and three-parted. Anthers twin.
4. P. spinosa Roxb.

Arboreous, armed. Leaves opposite, three or four-fold, oval, entire, smooth on both sides, Corymbs terminal.

Gumira litorea. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 134. Hind. Ustabunda.

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Beng. Goniari.

Cornutioides. Hor. Zeyl. N. 416.

A small ramous tree, found in woods near Calcutta. Flowering time, the beginning of

the rainy season. The fruit ripens in three months afterwards.

Thorns are found on the trunk and larger branches only, large and strong, placed oppo-.site and spreading. Leaves generally opposite, though sometimes three, or even four-fold, petioled, oval, entire, obtuse, smooth on both sides; from two to three inches long. Petioles short, smooth, slightly channelled. Stipules none. Corymbs terminal, pedunded, first ramification cross-armed, the rest two-forked, in branchlets with the leaves three-fold, the first ramifications of the corymbs are also three-fold, &c. Bracles, a small one below each ramification. Flowers very numerous, small, of a greenish yellow, very bairy, and of an offensive smell. Calyx three-cleft. Corol, tube thrice as long as the calyx; throat woolly; upper divisions of the border twice as long as the upper divisions of the border of the corol. Calyx the length of the stamens. Drupe globular, black, smooth, the size of a small pea. Nut turbinate, rough, four-celled.

5. P. cordifolia. Roxb.

Shrubby. Leaves cordate and cordate-ovate, entire, smooth, with the upper surface bullate at a shining. Corymbs terminal, decussate, with ramifications dichotomous.

Folium hircinum. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 133. agrees rather better with this species, than

with any other I have yet found in India.

A native of Prince of Wales' Island, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1798, where it thrives and blossoms during the hot months of May and June.

Trunk erect; branches few, some straight, and free of branchlets as a rattan; other, ramulose, and struggling; the height of the plants in this garden, in four years, is from six to eight feet. Bark of the old woody parts dark brown, of the younger light-brown. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, from cordate to cordate-ovate, entire, pointed, bullate, at the same time the upper surface is of a bright, shining, deep green colour, from three to six inches long, and broad in proportion. Stipules, no other than a small connecting ridge. Corymbs terminal; primary ramifications decussate, then dichotomous; round, villous, and of a very dark brownish olive colour. Bractes oblong. Flowers very numerous, small, of a pale greenish white. Calyx bilabiate. Corol bilabiate. Throat filled with long, soft, white hairs. Lips equal in length; the upper one narrow, and entire; the lower one, broad and three-lobed. Stamens nearly as long as the corol. Style considerably longer than the corol. Drupe the size of a large pea. Nut three or four-celled.

The leaves of this species possess a small degree of fragrance, when bruised, at least to

me the smell is not so disagreeable as that of the other species.

6. P. longifolia, Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves ovate-oblong, acuminate, entire, smooth. Corymbs terminal.

A native of Bengal, where it blossoms during the rainy season.

Trunk erect; branches opposite. Bark smooth and ash-coloured, dark brown, or greenish brown according to age; general height of the tree twenty feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, from ovate-oblong to oblong, entire, acuminate, smooth on both sides, from four to ten inches long. Petioles channelled, somewhat villous, from two to three inches long. Stipules none, except a small, connecting, villous ridge. Corymbs terminal, large, and spreading much; the first two or three pairs of divisions brachiate; afterwards dichotomous. Bracles minute. Flowers numerous, small, white; upper lip larger, and two-toothed; the lower lip threetoothed. Calga bilabiate. Corol; tube short; border four-parted; upper division longer, more coloured and reflexed; the lateral two expanding, the lower broadest and emarginate. Drupe Page globular, of the size of a grain of black pepper, when ripe, smooth, shining black. Nut obovate, rugose, four-celled, with one seed in each. This is the only species I have yet met with, which I can say has anything like an agreeable smell, this mark alone is sufficient to distinguish it from the other species already described and figured by me; there are, however, as may be observed in the description, many other differences to rest its specific character on.

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7. P. herbacea, R.

Herbaceous. Leaces opposite, obovate, serrate. Corymbs terminal and axillary. Beng. Bhool-Jamb.

Bhoomi-Jambooka, its Sanscrit name.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. From Dinagepore, Dr. William Carey sent the plant to the Botanic garden, where it blossoms during the mouths of February and March.

Root ligneous, perennial. Stems scarcely any, a few leafy, fructiferous, annual shoots rise from the roots about the close of the cold season, and when the seeds ripen decay. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, obovate, serrate, a little villous on both sides, very various in size. Corymbs terminal, and axillary, small, and shorter by far than the leaves. Flowers small, of a pale whitish yellow. Corol four-cleft; upper segment round; throat hairy.

8. P. mucronata, R.

Arboreous. Leaves broad-ovate, tapering at the base, sharply acuminate, entire, slightly

villous. Corymbs terminal.

A small tree, a native of Silhet, and there called Manoamal. Flowering in April, and the seed ripens in July and August. The wood is said to be remarkably hard and useful. It differs from all the other species known to me, in the tapering base of the leaves; the sharp point of the acuminate leaves is also a good mark ; for though in P. scandens the same mark exists, even in a greater degree, yet this is a small tree; that a scandent shrab.

9. P. esculenta. R.

Shrubby. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, grossly serrate, acuminate, smooth. Corymbs terminal, dense.

A native of Chittagong, where the natives use the leaves in their diet, as well as in medi-

cine. In the Botanic garden it continues in flower and fruit nearly the whole year.

Stem short. Branches and branchiets opposite. Bark on the young shoots, smooth, of a clear green. Learer opposite, short-petioled, oblong, broadest a little above the middle, grossly and acutely serrate, acuminate, from four to ten inches long, by from two to five broad. Stipules none. Corymbs terminal, short-peduncled, broad, and much crowded, with some pairs of opposite, multifid, smooth branches. Flowers numerous, small, of a greenish yellow. Bracles minute. Calgar unequally five-toothed. Corol with a short campanulate tube. Border fourparted; upper labe broad, obtusely three-to-thed, and vaulted over the hairy mouth of the tube, anthers, and stigma; the other three lobes nearly equal, and may be called the lower lip; the base of the middle one thereof is yellow. Anthers twin. Germ four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the upper part of the partitions. Style, length of the stamina. Stigma two-toothed. Drape minute, round, smooth, purple. Nut turbinate, rugose, four-celled, with a perforation up the centre. Seeds solitary, obovate. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons equal, conform to the seed. Radicle inferior.

10. P. integrifolia. Willd. iii. 314.

Arboreous. Leaves elliptic, entire, smooth. Corymbs terminal, rather irregular.

Folium hirci. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 134.

Cornutia corymbosa. Burm. Ind. 133. t. 41. f. 1.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke indigenous on the Mauritins, in flower in May and June.

11. P. seandens. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves from ovate-oblong to cordate, entire, much and very finely acuminate. Corymbs terminal, supra-decompound. Calyx entire; throat of the corol woolly. Nat tubercled.

An extensive, powerful, climbing shrub, a native of the forests of Silhet, where it runs over the larger trees. Flowering time the hot season; the seed ripens during the rains.

Young shoots more or less villous and somewhat four-cornered. Leaves opposite, differing in shape from narrow ovate-oblong to cordate, all perfectly entire, ending in a long sharp, ensiform, or even filiform point, sometimes villous, from four to six inches long, and from one and a half to four broad. Petioles about an inch long, generally villous. Corymbs terminal; primary divisions decussated, secondary one dichotomous; all villous. Bractes subulate. Flowers numerous, very small, of a greenish yellow. Calgs cup-shaped, entire, smooth. Corol with the mouth of the tube very woolly. Border of four, equal, oblong, obtuse divisions. Stamina longer than the corol. Germ roundish, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the axis. Style, the length of the stamina. Stigma bifid. Drupe, the size of a pea, round, smooth, succulent, black, one-celled. Nut conform to the drope, tubercled, four-celled, generally one or more abortive. Seed solitary, obovate. Integument single, thin, white. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle inferior.

GMELINA. Schreb. gen. N. 1023.

Calyx from four to five-toothed. Corol obliquely campanulate; border irregularly fourparted. All the anthers two-cleft. Germ superior, four-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment sub-superior. Drupe with a nut, from one to four-celled. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

1. G. oblongifolia. R.

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Arboreous. Leaves opposite, oblong. Panicles terminal, brachiate. Drupes oblong, lucid. A slow growing, tall timber tree; a native of the eastern parts of Bengal; flowering in March

and April; the seed ripens in August and September.

Trunk, in trees fourteen years old in the Botanic garden, straight, from twelve to fifteen feet to the branches, and about eighteen inches in circumference. Bark ash-coloured, and a little cracked. Branches ascending. Young shoots somewhat four-sided, total height of our young trees from twenty to thirty feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, from oval to oblong, entire, somewhat rough, rather obtuse, with a glandular impression on each side of the base of the rib or nerve, from six to twelve inches long, and from three to eight broad. Petioles about two inches long, channelled. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, solitary, broad-ovate, decussate; ramifications four-cornered, clothed with a brownish mealiness. Bractes small, and very early caducous. Flowers numerous, large, rosy and fragrant. Calyx eyathiform, entire, mealy, a few glands on the outside. Corol irregular. Tube short and curved. Throat obliquely campanulate. Border five-parted; lower segment longer, with a deep yellow mark in the centre of its base. Stamina as in the genus. Anthers bipartite. Germ superior, turbinate, smooth, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached from a little under the apex, to the upper part of the axis. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma of two unequal lobes. Drupe oblong, somewhat fourcornered, and obtuse, size of a large olive, smooth, when ripe of a shining bright crimson colour, one-celled. Nut clavate, four-cornered, four-celled, perforated from the base up the centre. Seed solitary, lanceolate. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle small, inferior.

G. arborea. Roxb. Corom. pl.
 Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves opposite, cordate, entire, hoary underneath. Panicles ter-

Cumbulu. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 41.

Gumbharee, the Sanscrit name of the tree.

Beng. Gumar, Goombar. Hind. Joogani-chookur. Teling. Tagoomooda.

Tam. Goomadee.

A large timber tree, a native of the mountainous parts of India. Flowering time the be-

ginning of the hot season.

Trunk straight. Bark ash-coloured, in young trees, smooth. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, so as to form a large shady head. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, pointed, entire, with the upper surface smooth, and the under one hoary, from four to ten inches long, and from two to six or seven broad; at the base where it joins the petiole, there are two, three, or four very conspicuous glands. Petioles round, villous, two or three inches long. Panicles terminal, ovate, composed of expanding decussated, downy racemes. Bractes lanceolate, downy, deciduous at an early period. Flowers opposite, drooping, large, yellow, tinged with brown. Calyx small, obscurely five-toothed, villous on the outside. Corol campanulate. Border four-parted, the upper three segments shorter; the lower or middle one bifid. Filaments two pairs; the longest considerably incurved. Anthers bifid. Germ round, four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style as long as the stamen. Stigma bifid, one of the lobes much longer and recurved. Drupe oval, smooth, when ripe yellow, of the size of a damson. Nut four-celled, though it rarely happens that the four are fertile.

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The wood of this tree is used for a variety of economical purposes by the natives of various countries where it grows. That of such trees as will square into logs from eighteen to twenty-four inches resembles Teak more than any other sorts I have yet met with. The colour is almost exactly the same, the grain rather closer, at the same time it is fully as light, if not lighter, and as easily worked.

Some years ago I received from Mr. M'Cleish, a Timber Merchant, then residing at Pat-na, but since dead, a large square log, of what I conceive to be this wood, which measured nearly thirty feet in length, and at the thickest end was full twenty-four inches square.

This piece afforded ample supplies for various experiments. One of them, and the most interesting, was made by placing part of an outside plank in the river, a little above low water mark, exactly where the worm is thought to exert its greatest powers. After remaining three years in this situation, though examined from time to time, the piece was cut, with the view of carrying a specimen of it to England, and to my great joy, I found it as sound and every way as perfect throughout, as it was when first put into the river.

Amongst other things, a valuable flood door was made of it, to keep the tides out of the Botanic garden. It is now seven years and a half since the door (which is four feet square) was made, and though much exposed to the sun and water, yet it remains good; while similar doors, though much smaller, made of Teak, were so much decayed, a year ago, as to ren-

der it necessary to replace them.

In addition to my own experiments, I have lately learned that the decks of pinnaces to the eastward, about Chittagong, Dacca, &c. are made of this timber, because it bears the weather better than any other they know, without shrinking, or warping.

These favourable circumstances induce me to hope, that experiments will be made to ascertain its value when used for the bottoms, and upper works, of vessels, as well as for knees, curved timbers, &c.

3. G. villosa. Roxb.

Arboreous, spinous. Leaves opposite, petioled, trapeziform, rather sub-lobate, downy underneath. Racemes terminal. Bractes lanceolate, cuspidate. Drupes spherical.

Radix deipara. Ramph. Amb. ii. p. 124. t. 39.

A native of Pulo Pinang; from thence introduced by Dr. W. Hunter, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1802. In six years, the seedling plants had reached the size of small

trees, and are in flower and fruit all the year round.

Trunk, in our young trees, straight, as thick as a man's leg. Bark olive-coloured. Branches numerous, spreading, and drooping in every direction; young shoots round, and villous. Leaves opposite, petioled, trapeziform, with the margins entire, except that the rounded side angles sometimes project into lobes, and the apex is generally acute, smooth on the upper side, pale and downy on the under one, from one to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules none. Racemes terminal. simple, downy. Flowers opposite, pedicelled, drooping, and scarcely so large as in G. asiatica, dull yellow, on account of their being clothed with ferruginous pubescence. Bractes large, lanceolate, cuspidate, continuing till the flowers expand. Calyx small, obscurely four-toothed, with some large glands on the under side, as in G. asiatica, but larger and more numerous, permanent. Corol with a narrow, curved, cylindric tube, and oblique gibbous-campanulate throat. Border four-parted, of which the lower one is much larger, and is a continuation of the protruded side of the throat. Filaments curved, one of the pairs much longer. Anthers bifid. Germ round, smooth, four-celled, with one seed in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style as long as the long pair of filaments. Stigma of two, very unequal, acute lobes. Drupe spherical, size of a large cherry, fleshy, smooth, when ripe yellow, one-celled. Nut obovate, obscurely four-lobed, smooth, four-celled, perforated by a conic cavity with its wide end downwards. This perforation is more or less on one side of the centre, according to the number of fertile cells, which is generally one or two only. Seed solitary, obovate-oblong, a little compressed. Integument single, brown, spongy. Perisperm none. Embryo erect. Cotyledons conform to the seed, obcordate. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle minute, inferior.

4. G. asiatica. Willd. iii. p. 313.
Shrubby, spinous. Leaves sub-opposite, oval, and somewhat lobed, smooth. Racemes terminal, and from the forks of the branchlets. Bractes small, caducous. Fruit oval.

Jambosa silvestris parvifolia. Rumph. Amb. i. p. 129. t. 40.

Teling. Goomoodoo.

Is one of the most common bushes in every uncultivated place over the coast of Coroman-

del, and in flower and fruit all the year round.

Trunk, I cannot say it has any thing like a distinct one, as I have always found it in the state of a large, ramous shrub. Branches numerous, very irregular. Thorns axillary, opposite, horizontal, leaf-bearing. Leaves on the young shoots generally opposite, on the woody branchlets fascicled, petioled, broad oval, or obcordate, irregularly lobed, both sides smooth and shining, from one to an inch and a half long, and about one broad. Racemes from the divisions of the branches, or terminal. Flowers large, yellow, opposite, approximate, drooping. Bractes lanceolate, small, concave, caducous. Corol the upper lip largest. Anthers, all the four are two-parted. Stigma two-parted, the lower four times longer and revolute. Nut four-celled, generally two or three of them abortive.

The only use this shrub is applied to, is for fences and fuel.
5. G. parriflora. Corom. pl. 2. N. 162.

Shrubby, spinous. Leaves obovate, from entire to three-lobed. Racemes terminal.

Teling. Shieri-goomoodoo.

Arbuscula Bisnagarien. Pluk. Alm. tab. 14. f. 4. Gmelina coromandelica. Burm. Flor. In. p. 32.

Is common in forests, and uncultivated places all over the coast. Flowering time October and November.

It differs from asiatica in the following respects.

1st. This is always a smaller plant, with much smaller leaves, although growing together on one spot, which is common. 2nd. The throns are more numerous, and always present. 3rd. The racemes are terminal. 4th. The leaves have the quality of thickening cold water like those of Pedalium murex, and Menispermum hirsutum. The flowers and fruit are in both the same.

The natives employ the water impregnated with the gelatinous quality of the leaves as a ptisan for the care of the heat of urine in gonorrhea. Water is also rendered glutinous by the leaves of P. murex, by only turning them round in it, but the water soon returns to its original state. The leaves of this plant, G. parcifolia, must be gently bruised with the hand in the water and it remains mucilaginous till decomposed by fermentation.

AVICENNIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1063.

Calyx five-leaved, or five-parted. Corol bilabiate; upper lip emarginate; the under one three-parted, reflexed. Capsule leathery, cordate, one-seeded.

A. tomentosa, Willd, iii. 395.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, obovate, hoary underneath.

Bontia germinans. Linn. sp. 891.

Beng. Bina.

Oepata. Rheed. Mal. iv. 1. 45.

Is common in India, in low places near the mouths of rivers, where the spring-tides rise. Flowering time the hot season. In the Soondur-bun, i. c. the lower part of the Delta, of the Ganges, it grows to be a tree of considerable magnitude, the wood of which serves the natives for various economical purposes. On the Coromandel coast, where it is common, I have only found it in the state of a ramous shrub.

Leares opposite, short-petioled, obovate, and oval, entire, obtuse, very hoary underneath. Panieles terminal, trichotomous, bearing the flowers in terminal, single, rigid heads. Flowers numerous, small, of a dark dull yellow, when dry almost black. Bractes of the divisions of the paniele, opposite, ovate; of the calyx three-fold, one-flowered. Calyx five-leaved; the three bractes thereof may be reckoned three more. Corol; tube short, bilabiate; upper lip emarginate; the lower one of three deeply divided, equal, expanding segments. Filaments from the fissures of the corol. Anthers twin. Germ superior, ovate, downy. Style about the length of the stamens. Stigma of two, acute points.

LANTANA, Schreb. gen. N. 1026.

Calyx obscurely four-toothed. Stigma hook-refracted. Drupe with a trilocular nut, the lower one sterile.

L. indica. R.

Shrubby, straight, four-sided, hairy. Leaves opposite, cordate, serrate, rugose. Peduncles solitary, axillary, shorter than the leaves. Heads ovate. Bracles ovate-lanceolate. Nut two-celled.

A native of Mysore, from thence Dr. B. Heyne sent the seed to the Botanic garden at

Calcutta, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and blossom during the rains.

Stem ligneous, perennial, erect, four-sided, clothed with short hairs, and tinged with dark purple. Branches few, and like the stem. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, cordate, swelling on the petioles, serrate, rugose, hairy underneath, from three two four inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules none. Peduncles axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, expanding, hairy, angular, and coloured like the stem. Heads ovate. Bractes one-flowered, from cordate below, to lanceolate near the apex, where they are sterile, all are acute and hairy. Flowers numerous, small, of a beautiful light purple, inodorous. Calyx small, margin ciliate, and obscurely divided. Drupe globular, smooth, purple, the size of a small pea. Nat turbinate, two-celled, with a seed in each; no empty cell in this species.

STREPTIUM.

Calyx five-toothed. Corol funnel-shaped; tube twisted; border five-parted, equal. Germ superior, four-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior, two-partible. Nut wrapped in the permauent calyx. Seed solitary. Embryo erect, no perisperm. S. asperum. Corom. pl. ii. N. 146.

Tortula aspera. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. iii. 359. Verbena Forskaelei. Vahl. Symbol. iii.

Teling. Obeera.

I have only found it in the vicinity of Samulkota, on the terraces and old walls of Pago-

das. In flower during the wet and cold seasons, while young it looks well.

Stem woody, perennial, short, irregular; branches opposite, exactly four-sided, rough; the height of the whole plant from two to four feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, serrate, covered with stiff hooked hairs; from one to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles channelled, rough. Racemes terminal, or in the cleft of the exterior branchlets, erect, very long; rachis four-sided, rough. Bracles solitary, one-flowered. Flowers towards the bottom of the raceme, remote, above approximated, small, white, Calyx one-leaved, obiong, gibbous, five-angled, five-grooved, five-toothed, covered with stiff, hooked hairs, permanent, closing and enlarging with the fruit, which it entirely covers. Corol; tube cylindric, rather longer than the calyx, twisted near the apex, a little curved; border five-parted; divisions obovate, equal. Filaments four, in the upper bent part of the tube. Anthers round, two-lobed, approaching by pairs. Germ four-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the bottom of its cell. Nut wrapped in the permanent calyx, spontaneously separating into two, singly straight on the inside; gibbous on the outside, and there armed with obtuse hornlets, two-celled, with a large spurious cell or cavity on the inside. Seeds solitary, curved, clavate. Integuments single, pure white, and very thin. Perisperm none. Embryo white, conform to the seed, erect. Cotyledons linear-oblong. Plumula minute. Radicle inferior, pointed. I have not found that this plant is put to any use.

LIMOSELLA. Schreb. gen. N. 1039.

Calyx from three to five-cleft. Corol from four to five-eleft. Stamina approximated by pairs. Capsule one or two-celled, two-valved, many-seeded.

L. diandra. Willd. iii. 342.

Creeping. Leaves paired, linear. Scapes solitary, as long as the leaves, one-flowered. Capsules two-celled.

An exceedingly small plant, found growing at the bottom of clear, standing, fresh water. Stoles numerous, creeping, filiform, jointed, so intricately interwoven, that a distinct specimen is not easily separated.

Leaves sessile, two at each joint, erect, linear, wedge-formed, obtuse; about three quarters of an inch long, and the sixteenth of an inch broad. Peduncles solitary, erect, between the pair of leaves, and of the same length, one-flowered. Calgar three-cleft; segments unequal. Corol; tube cylindric, a little curved, of the length of the calvx; border spreading, unequal; upper division largest, wedge-formed, three-toothed; lateral segments smaller and oval, the

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lower one is the least of all. Filaments two, in the tube of the corol. Anthers oval. Stigma oblong. Capsule oval, covered by the calyx, two-celled, the receptacle is large, and in the centre, but the partition is exceedingly thin. Seeds numerous.

ERINUS. Schreb. gen. n. 1034.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-cleft, sub-equal. Capsules bilocular, many-seeded.

E. bilabiatus. R

Annual, erect, villous. Leaves opposite. Spikes axillary and terminal, long-peduncled, erowded. Corol bilabiate.

This plant has been reared in the Botanic garden near Calcutta, from seeds received from

the Molneeas. It blussoms and ripens its seed between October and December.

Stem annual, erect, villous, almost round. Branches few, opposite; the height of the whole plant about two feet. Leaves opposite, oblong, a little reflexed, slightly serrate; scabrous on both sides, length of the cauline leaves about two inches, those near the inflorescence under one inch. Flowers numerous, collected into round, cylindric, imbricated, terminal spikelets, or heads. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered, sub-clavate, hairy. Calga five-leaved, on the base five-parted, hairy. Carol bilabiate, small, blue; upper lip emarginate; the under one three-lobed; lobes revolute. Anthers approaching by pairs, roundish. Stigma two-lobed. Capsule ovate, two-lobed, two-valved, when ripe the valves separate half way down; partitions double. Seeds numerous.

CAPRARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1030.

Calux five-parted. Corol campanulate. Capsule two-celled, two-valved, many-seeded.

1. C. gratissima, Roxb.

Annual, erect, with creeping roots. Leaces opposite, sub-sessile, oblong, serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary, sub-sessile.

Pola tsjira, Rheed, Mal. ix. t. 78.

This plant I have only found in rills of fresh water among the Circar mountains. It is

annual with a creeping root, sending up many shoots, or ramons stems of from one to two feet high; they are round, smooth and jointed, and as thick as the little finger; all the joints under water emit many fibrous roots, or multifid, filiform leaves.

Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, serrate, a little rugose, sprinkled on the under side with innumerable, glandular dots, about two and a half inches long, and one broad. Flowers axiilary, generally solitary, short-peduncied, purple. Calgx; upper divisious largest, incumbent. Corol campanulate; upper lip broader and emarginate. Nectary, a yellow ring surrounding the base of the germ.

It is delightfully aromatic, and has a sweet pleasant taste.

2. C. diffusa. R.

Suffruticose, diffuse. Leaves opposite, petioled, lanceolar, obtuse, entire. Spikes axillary, and terminal, shorter than the leaves.

From Pegue it was introduced by the Rev. Mr. F. Carey into the Botanic garden at Cal-

cutta, where it flowers and ripens its seeds during the whole of the dry season.

Stem scarely any, but numerous, opposite, diffuse branches and their sub-divisions, spread close to the ground, all are round, and the younger parts harsh with very short hair; whole spread of the plant about two feet high. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, lanceolar, obtuse, entire; from one to three inches long, and under one in breadth. Spikes, or racemes, for the flowers are short-pedicelled, axillary, and terminal, clammy, villous, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers small, purple, opposite, and alternate. Bractes linear-lanceolate, one beneath each pedicel, and two pressing the ealyx laterally. Calyx of five unequal, linear, villous, clammy segments, which are as long as the tube of the corol. Corol tubular. Border of five, nearly equal, rounded divisions. Anthers twin. Germ ovate-oblong, two-celled, with four vertical rows of seeds in each. Style, the length of the tube of the corol. Stigma of two very unequal, acute lobes. Capsale linear, scarcely so long as the permanent calyx, furrowed on opposite sides, twocelled, two-valved. Partitions contrary, composed of the incurved margins of the valves, and free from each other in the centre. Seeds numerous, minute, round, and tubercled.

STEMODIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1043.

Calyx five-parted. Corol bilabiate. Stamina four, with each filament two-cleft, two-anthered. Capsule two-celled.

S. viscosa, Corom, pl. ii. N. 163.

Annual, hairy and glutinous. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, linear-cordate, serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary.

Teling. Boda-sarum.

A small, annual plant, found on dry rice fields after the crop has been cut. Stem annual, generally bent to one side, with many spreading branches from its base, four-sided, hairy, clammy; from six to twenty-four inches high. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping; below linear-oblong, above cordate, hairy, clammy. Flowers axillary, solitary, pedancled, small, of a violet colour. Bractes two, lanceolate, pressing on the calyx. Corol; tube compressed, longitudinally wrinkled, twice the length of the calyx; apper lip broad, emarginated; the under lip three-parted. Stamens within the tube.

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The plant has a pleasant aromatic smell.

2. S. ruderalis, Willd. iii. 345, &c.

Annual, diffuse, downy. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary, sub-sessile. Calyx five-toothed. Corol deeply two-cleft.

Found on old walls about Calcutta. It flowers during the rains,

Root ramous, seems perennial. Stems many, ascending, ramous, herbaceous, woody, somewhat viscous, the whole plant about twelve or eighteen inches high. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, deeply servate, soft, a little hairy; about an inch long. Petioles shorter than the leaves, channelled. Stipules none. Flowers axillary, sub-sessile, solitary, opposite, small, yellow. Calyx ten-furrowed, five-toothed, permanent. Corol personate; tube the length of the calyx; both lips projecting, and shut; apex of the under lip broad, depending, three-toothed, of the upper one very narrow, bild; inside of both hairy, and beautifully marked with small purple dots. Filaments and anthers, as in the genus. Stigma slightly two-lobed.

TORENIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1011.

Calyx bilabiate. Corol irregular, one pair of the filaments with a barren branchiet. Capsule two-celled, many-seeded; partition parallel.

 T. cordifolia. Corom. pl. ii. p. 2. f. 161.
 Annual, brachiate, four-sided. Leaves petioled, cordate, serrate. Calyx two-cleft, with divisions two and three-toothed.

Nut cordate, serrate. Calyx two-cleft, with divisions two and three-toothed. Corosinam. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 68.

A native of the Circars, appearing in the dry season.

2. T. diffusa.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves sessile, cordate, serrate. Flowers solitary, long-peduncled. Calyx five-parted, superior filaments with a sterile branch. Vandellia diffusa. Willd. iii. 343.

A native of Coromandel, where it appears during the rainy season.

3. T. hians.

Annual, creeping, four-sided. Leaves petioled, cordate, serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary, peduncled. Calyx five-winged. Stigma of two large, round, cordate lobes.

A native of Amboyna, Chittagong, &c. It flowers in the Botanic garden about the close of the rains; when its numerous, large, beautiful dark blue violet flowers are highly ornamental.
4. T. multiflora.

Annual, erect, ramous, four-sided, smooth. Leaves opposite, oblong, sub-serrate. Flowers terminal. Calyx five-parted. Corol bilabiate, superior filaments, with a sterile branch. Capsules ovate.

A native of Bengal, appearing in the rainy and cool season.

Annual, erect, four-sided, smooth. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, ovate, serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary. Calyx five-toothed. Corol ringent. Longer filaments, with a sterile branch. A native of Coromandel and Bengal, where it appears during the rainy season.

6. T. vagans. R.

Straggling, smooth. Leaves ovate, oblong, serrate. Flowers axillary, long-peduncled. Calyx winged, both lobes acute and entire.

An extensive rambler, a native of Chittagong, where it delights in moist shady places. Flowers large and blue, they appear in greatest profusion in October.

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COLUMNEA. Schreb. gen. N. 1064.

Calyx five-parted. Corol ringent. Anthers twin, connected by pairs in a coronet. Capsule two-celled.

C. balsamica, R.

Annual, erect, stolouiferous. Leaves sub-verticelled, pinnatifid. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered.

Tsjeria-manga-mari. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 85.
Tsadaen-tsjira. Rheed. Mal. xii. t. 36 seems the same.
Hottonia. Burm. Zeyl. t. 55. f. 1.
Gratiola trifida. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 104.

Beng. Kurpoor.

Hottonia İndica, Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. 1813. Ruellia balsamica. König's Mss.

This is a small annual; the general height about six inches, a native of marshy places,

appears and flowers during the rainy and cold seasons.

Roots creeping. Stems erect, sometimes ramons, round, jointed, smooth. Leaves sessile, the lower are generally verticelled, or nearly so, above three-fold, and opposite; some are pinnatifid, some lobate, and some simply linear-lanceolate, all are serrate toward the apex, smooth on both sides, generally less than an inch long. Peduncles solitary, axillary, rather longer than the leaves, one-flowered, sometimes they are opposite and even tern towards the the top of the plant. Bracles two, pressing on the calyx. Stigma large, in shape like a dog's head, with the under division very long, and ascending. Capsule long, two-celled, four-valved;

Sesasmum. receptacle large. Seeds numerous. As König observes, the plant has a strong terebinthinaceous smell, it is at the same Carey

time very grateful. The taste is that of a warm aromatic.

2. C. Heterophylla. Annual; root creeping. Lower leaves verticelled, when under water filiformly-pinuatifid; floral leaves sessile. Corol somewhat bilabiate.

A native of Bengal, in wet places, during the dry season.

3. C. tomentova.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves generally opposite, wedge-shaped, with gashed margins. Racemes terminal, with ample five-cleft calyx, and ringent corol.

A native of Bengal, appearing during the cool season.

4. C. minuta.

Annual, spreading, four-sided. Leaves sessile, ovate-cordate, serrulate. Flowers axillary, long-peduneled. Calgar five-cleft. Corol ringent. Capsules globular.

A native of various parts of India, appearing during the rainy and cold season.

GERARDIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1004.

Calgar five-eleft. Corol irregular, sub-campanulate; lower lip three-parted, lobes emarginate, the middle segment two-parted. Capsule from two to three-celled, from two to three-

G. delphinifolia. Corom. pl. i. N. 90.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves pinnatifid, with filiform segments.

Antirhhina adfinis madraspatam cappilaceo folio, Pluk. p. 17. t. 358. f. 3.

A very elegant, erect, annual plant; a native of the mountainous parts of the country. Flowers during the wet and cold season.

Stem annual, straight, ramous, four-angled, four-grooved, about three or four feet high; spotted with dark purple. Branches opposite, like the stem. Leaves opposite, irregularly pinnatifid; divisions linear, as in Ipomaa quamoclit. Flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled, large, rose-coloured. Braces two, filiform, pressing on the cally laterally. Calga oneleaved, five-eleft; divisions linear, erect, permanent. Corol regular; tube sub-campanulate, two or three times longer than the calyx; border five-parted; segments equal, rounded. Filaments four, the superior pair ending in a recurved book, the inferior in an erect born. Authors linear, the superior pair approach archways, so that their apices meet; the lower pair firmly united their whole length. Germ ovate. Style length of the tube. Stigma enlarged, entire.

Capsule oblong, about as long as the calyx, two-celled, two-valved; receptacle colum-

nar. Seeds numerous.

DIGITALIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1017.

Calux five-parted, irregularly campanulate, five-eleft, gibbons. Capsule ovate, two-celled. D. atricta.

Annual, straight, scabrous. Leaves opposite, linear, scabrous. Flowers solitary. Calyx pitcher-shaped, with a slit on the under side.

An elegant annual species, found on pasture ground over Bengal. Flowering time the

Stem straight, from one to two feet high; branches few, opposite, nearly straight, all covered with much short, harsh hair; towards the apex somewhat four-sided. Leaces opposite, sessile, linear, almost entire, very scabrous, size very various. Flowers sub-sessile, the

inferior ones nearly opposite, the upper one alternate; pretty large for the size of the plant.

Bractes two pressing on the calyx laterally, they are of a lanceolate shape, and shorter than the calyx. Calyx ovate, nearly shut at the month, five-ridged, scabrons, slit underneath.

Corol, tube somewhat hellied, twice as long as the cally, colour a deep purplish red. Border of five broad, nearly equal, obcordate, rose-coloured divisions. Filaments woolly. Anthers of two lobes, the smaller of which ends in a sharp projecting hornlet.

CELSIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1015.

Calgar five-parted. Corol rotate. Filaments bearded. Capsule two-celled.

C. coromandeliana. Vahl. Symb. iii. 79. Willd. iii. 280.

Annual, erect, ramous, downy. Lower leaves lyrate, superior sessile, cordate. Pedicels as long as the bractes, divisions of the ealyx lanceolate, entire, and serrulate.

Beng. Kookshima.

A native of various parts of India, appearing during the dry season, and generally as a weed in gardens, or on cultivated land.

SESASMUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1048.

Calux five-parted. Corol irregularly campanulate, five-lobed, with the lower one larger, and protruding. Stigma of two equal, lanceolate lobes. Capsules four-celled, two-valved. S. orientale. Willd. iii. 358.

Leaves ternate and simple, the superior always simple and narrower.

Sans. Tila. Pers. Roghen. Arab. Duhn.

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Teling. Novu.

Gingeli, is the name by which it is generally known amongst Europeans on the Coromandel coast.

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Schit-elu. Rheed. Mal. ix. f. 54. and I believe fig. 55 is also the same.

This species or variety, is by far the most generally cultivated in the warmer parts of Asia. It is annual, and in a good soil grows generally to be about three or four feet high. I never found it in a wild state.

My figure of this plant, called S. indicum by Linnaus, is the Krishna til of the Hindoos. I can at most make only a variety of this species; it is larger, more ramous, the stem and branches tinged with a rusty, reddish colour; the leaves a darker green; but in situation and structure the same. The flowers are deeper tinged with red, and the seed darker coloured. Both are described by Rumphius, p. 204. &c. of the 5th volume of his Herbarium Ambaincase. Fig. 1. t. 76. of the same volume is a tolerable diminished figure of this variety. Their greatest difference, however, appears in the seed, and harvest time.

The former, S. orientale, is sown in Bengal in February, and the crop got in three months afterwards, so that the dews, and the little remaining moisture of the earth, are the only sources of humidity by which it can benefit, as this is in general a period of drought. S. indicum is sown on high places, about the beginning of the rains, June; and the crop cut

down in September.

BIGNONIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1018.

Calyx various. Corol, with the throat campanulate, and a five-cleft border. Germ superior, two-celled; cells many-seeded; attachment interior. Silique bilocular (partition contrary), containing many thin winged seeds. Embryo centripetal, no perisperm.

B. undulata, R.

Arboreous. Leaves opposite, simple, linear-lanceolate, much waved. Racemes lateral. Calyx campanulate, with the mouth cut into five, short emarginate segments. Silique linear, a little compressed, smooth, partition contrary.

A native of Hindoostan, from thence sent to the Botanic garden by Colonel Hardwicke, where it flowers in March, and ripens its seed in May. When in full flower it is one of the most beautiful small trees I have seen.

Trunk erect, in trees eight years old, as thick as a man's thigh, and the whole tree about twenty-five feet high. Bark scabrous, of a brownish ash-colour. Branchlets drooping, like the weeping willows. Leaves simple, opposite, petioled, drooping, linear-lanceolate, apex scarcely pointed, entire, much waved, clothed with minute micaccous scales. Petioles slender, channelled. Stipules none. Racemes lateral, from branchlets of one or two years growth, two or three inches long, five or six-flowered. Bractes, one at the base of each pedicel, and an opposite pair a little further up, caducous. Flowers very large, erect, orange-coloured, inodorous. Calyx campanulate, five-toothed; segments short, rounded, often emarginate. Corol; tube obliquely campanulate. Border four-parted; the upper division larger, and divided into two rounded lobes; the under three, equal, and nearly round, with the margins slightly waved. Filaments five, the single one small, and abortive. Anthers double. Germ linear, two-celled, with numerons ovula in each, attached to two longitudinal swellings on each side of the partition. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma of two thin, oval, acute lobes. Silique linear, curved, considerably flattened, so as to bring the sutures into the middle of the sides; about six or eight inches long by one in circumference, two-celled, two-valved; valves smooth, thin, and of a light brown colour. Partition thin, of a dark brownish black, contrary, that is, crossing the sutures, and attached to the middle of the valves. Seeds many, imbricate, thin, with a very thin white membranaceous wing all round; attached to the partition about half way between its middle and the margins. Perisperm none. Embryo with two-lobed cotyledons, and the point of the radicle immediately within the umbilicus,

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2. B. comosa. Tender parts very downy. Leaves simple, opposite, cordate, entire. Corymbs terminal, short, leafly. Calyces five-cleft. Corol, with a long, slender tube, and bilabiate border.

A native of the Moluccas.

 B. spathacea. Corom. pl. 2. N. 144.
 Arborcous. Leaves opposite, pinnate; leaflets, from three to seven pairs, with an odd one, roundish. Racemes terminal. Calyx spathaceous. Corol infundibuliform, oblique, long, slender, much curved.

B. falcata. Kön. Mss. in. B. H.

Teling. Woody.

A small thin tree, a native of most of the forests on the coast, flowers during the hot

Trunk very irregular, both in size and shape, the branches also. Bark light ash-colour; young shoots covered with whitish down. Leaves opposite and alternate, pinnate, with an odd one about six inches long. Leaflets opposite, from two to three pairs, nearly orbicular, entire, downy; from one to two inches long, and about as much broad. Racsmes terminal, erect, as long as the leaves, few-flowered. Flowers white, pretty large. Calyx, a spathe, two-thirds open on the convex side. Corol; tube longer than the calyx, cylindrie; border, flat divisions equal, oblong. Nectary, a dark purple ring, surrounding the base of the germ. Stamens, there is a fifth sterile filament. Anthers oval. Stigma two-lobed. Silique linear, about twelve inches long, pendulous, twisted in various forms.

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4. B. crispa. Buch.

Arboreous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets five or seven, oblong, entire. Calyx spathaceous. Corol hypocrateriform, with segments of the border sub-equal, and much curled. Silique linear; partition contrary.

A native of Mysore, where it was found by Dr. Buchanan, who sent seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where in seven years the trees were about twenty feet high; it blossoms

in May and June; seed ripe in December.

Trunk straight, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Branches tolerably erect, but not numerous. Leaves opposite, pinnate, from six to ten inches long; in Bengal, permanent. Leaflets five or seven, rarely ternate, petioled, oblong, entire, villous while young, from two to four inches long. Racenes solitary, terminal, bearing a few opposite, long-pedicelled, large, pure white, fragrant flowers, which expand in the evening, and drop in the morning. Calgar a perfect spathe, opening on the upper side, shorter than the tube of the corol, decidnous with or soon after the corol. Corol salver-shaped. Tube sub-cylindric. Border of five, somewhat reniform, equal segments; all much and beautifully curled. Stamens, a fifth, small, ster-He filament. Anthers twin. Germ conical, its base surrounded with a glandular ring, twocelled, in each many ovula attached to a longitudinal, elevated receptacle, which runs along the middle of the partition. Style shorter than the tube of the corol. Stigma of two, thin, oblong lobes. Silique linear, pendulous, about twelve or fifteen inches long, by one and a half in circumference, variously bent, obtuse-pointed, colour brown and scabrous, with still paler specks; a transverse section forms a very exact ellipsis, two-celled. Partition thick and spongy, contrary to the valves, and attached to the middle of them. Seeds numerous, winged at both ends, disposed in two imbricate rows in each cell, and attached to the middle of the opposite sides of the thick spongy partition, where it joins the valves, being the part most remote from its sutures. Perisperm none. Embryo straight. Cotyledons two-lobed; lobes nearly orbicular. Radicle oval, immediately within the umbilicus.

5. B. suaveolens, R.

Arboreous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets three pairs, oval, serrulate. Panicles terminal, thin, first divisions brachiate. Corol woolly. Silique cylindric.

Patali the Sanscrit name, See Asiatic Res. 291.

Beng. Parul. Hind. Paral.

B. padri. Kön. Mss. and B. H.

A middle sized tree, a native of Bengal, and of the southern parts of the Coromandel

coast. Flowering time the hot season.

Trunk tolerably erect, though not straight. Bark ash-coloured, and somewhat scabrous. Leaves opposite, pinnate, with an odd one from twelve to twenty-four inches long. Leaflets opposite, from two to four pairs, oval, with long, bluntish, narrow points, slightly serrate, having both sides downy while young, and when full grown not downy and feeling harsh; the exterior pair and odd one about six inches long, by three or four broad; the inferior pair, or pairs, smaller. Petioles swelled at the base, roundish, when old scabrous. Punicles terminal, composed of a few spreading branchlets; the first and second pairs thereof opposite, the superior dichotomous, with a solitary, pedicelled flower in the forks; all are downy, and somewhat viscid. Flowers large, of a dark, dull, crimson colour, exquisitely fragrant. Colour campanulate. Border four-cleft ; upper divisions with two minute points, ontside a little villous. Corol; throat ample, woolly, convex above, flat and plaited beneath. Border, the upper divisions shorter, erect; the three inferior ones longer and projecting, with the margins of all much curled. Filaments four, fertile, and between them a small sterile one. Anthers twin. Germ oblong, clavated on a glandular receptacle. Stigma two-lobed.

6. B. grandiflora, Willd. iii. 302.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves pinnate; leaflets ovate, serrate. Panicles terminal, pendulous, divisions of the calvx lanceolate, length of the corol.

Chin. Tung-vong-fa.

A large scandent shrub, a native of China, runs over bushes, &c. emitting roots from the

joints; the bark cracks, and peels off; otherwise it is smooth.

Young shoots spotted with dark purple. Leaves opposite, pinnate, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets opposite, from three to four pairs, with an odd one, oval, deeply serrate, pointed, tolerably smooth. Petioles deeply channelled, as if winged. Stipules none, Flowers terminal, forming pendulous, cross-armed panieles, they are large, on the outside of a tawny orange colour, on the inside of a tolerably bright, reddish-orange, with brighter streaks. Catyx and corot as in the genus. Nectary, a glandular, crequiate ring surrounding the base of the germ. Stamens a fifth sterile filament between the short pair. Stigma two-parted; anterior lip recurved. When in flower it is very ornamental,

7. B. chelonoides, Willd. iii. 304.

Arboreous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets about four-paired, with an odd one, from ovate to oblong, entire, cuspidate. Panicles terminal. Corol bilabiate. Siliques pendulous, long, siender, sub-cylindric, with sharp edges, and variously curved.
Padri. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 26.
Tam. Pou-padyra-marum.

Teling, Tagada.

A native of the mountainous parts of the coast of Coromandel, where it grows to be a large tree. Flowers during the hot and rainy seasons, and the seed ripens in December and January.

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Trank very straight, and of a great height and thickness. Bark thick, scabrous, brown. Branches very numerous, the inferior horizontal, above gradually becoming more and more erect to the top. Leaves opposite, pinnate, with an odd one, about twelve inches long. Leaflets opposite, short-petioled, generally four pair, the inferior smallest, obliquely oval, pointed, sometimes slightly notched about the margins, when young downy, afterwards smooth, about four inches long, by two broad. Petioles about nine inches long, channelled, smooth. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, the larger ramilications decussate, the smaller or terminal two-forked, with a sessile flower in the cleft. Pedunctes and pedicels round, covered with oblong, gray, scabrous specks. Bractes small, caducous. Flowers pretty large, yellow, very fragrant. Calyx five-notehed. Nectary a yellow fleshy ring surrounding the base of the germ. Filaments, there is a fifth sterile one between the lower pair. Anthers double. Stigma two-cleft. Silique very long, slender, twisted; receptacle of the seeds spongy, white, with alternate notches on the sides for the seeds to lodge in.

The wood of this tree is high coloured, hard, durable, and of much use amongst the in-

habitants of the hills, where it is plentiful.

 B. quadri/ocularis. Corom. pl. 2. N. 145.
 Arboreous. Leaves three-fold, or scattered, pinnate; leaflets from four to five pairs, with an odd one, serrate, smooth. Panicles terminal, dense, downy. Siliques linear, lanceolate, four-celled.

A large tree, a native of the Circar mountains. Flowers during the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk straight, and of considerable height. Bark gray, with a few scabrous spots. Branches numerous, spreading, forming a large shady head. Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets, generally three-fold, unequally pinnate, from twelve to twenty-four inches long. Leaflets, from four to five pairs, opposite, oblong, serrate, acute, smooth. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, erect, large, dense, many-flowered, very downy. Bractes searcely any. Flowers large, rose-coloured, delightfully fragrant. Calux generally two-parted, with the upper lip two-cleft, very downy. Corol; border five-parted; divisions equal, with their margins elegantly waved. Stamens, here is also a fifth sterile filament. Anthers double. Nectary as in B. spathacea. Stigma two-cleft. Silique erect, straight, linear, pointed, pretty smooth, twelve inches long, two broad, and half an inch thick, four-celled, two-valved, the dissepiment is enlarged in the middle on each side, with a sharp ridge which touches the sides of the valve, dividing each of the usual cells into two; into these ridges the seeds are affixed, hence I have taken my specific name.

The wood of this tree is employed for many purposes by the natives.

9. B. stipulata, R.

Arboreous, tender parts villous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from four to six pairs, from oval to oblong-elliptie; common petiole channelled. Stipules a tuft of sessile, orbicular ones in each axill.

A large tree, a native of Pegue, from thence introduced by the Rev. Mr. F. Carey, into the Botanie garden at Calcutta, where in two years it rose to the height of ten feet, with a

simple trunk, which is considerably four-cornered toward the top.

Leaves opposite, about two feet long; leaflets from nine to fourteen, the largest of them a foot long, by six inches broad. Common petiole much swelled at the insertion of the leaflets, with a channel running down the upper edge. It has not yet blossomed in Bengal, but the siliques sent from Pegue were cylindric.

10. B. xylocarpa. R.

Arboreous. Leaves bi- and tri-pinnate; leaflets from obliquely oblong to semi-cordate. Panicles terminal; segments of the border of the corol round, and curled. Siliques linear, crooked, ligneous, and tubercled.

A tall, elegant tree, a native of Soonda, where it was first observed by Dr. Andrew Berry, and by him introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where in six years the young trees were about twenty, or twenty-five feet high; they blossom in March, April, May

and June, and the seed takes about one year to ripen.

Trunk very straight. Bark ash-coloured, rather spongy, and considerably cracked. Branches few and sprending but little. Leaces opposite, bi- and tri-pinnate, from one to four feet long; in Bengal they are deciduous in the cool months of December and January, and appear with the flowers in April and May. Leaflets short-petioled, from semi-cordate to obliquely-oblong, entire, pointed, hard though void of pubescence, from two to five inches long. Petioles common and partial, channelled, and scabrous, with numerous, clevated gray specks. Panieles terminal, ramifications thereof opposite, or tern, two, three, or more times dichotomous, with a single flower in the forks, slightly pubescent. Bracles ovate-oblong, solitary on the outside of the divisions only. Flowers large, white, with a tinge of yellow, and delightfully fragrant. Calyx campanulate, coloured, unequally five-toothed. Corol, with a short-cylindrie tube, large, campanulate throat, and five-parted border; segments sub-orbicular, nearly equal, and much curled. Stamina as in the family, with a small fifth sterile one. Germ oblong, an annular gland round its base, two-celled, with numerous seeds attached to two, thick, equi-distant receptacles on each side of the partition. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma of two oblong, thin lobes. Siliques linear, variously bent, about two feet long; the greatest diameter one inch and a half, and parallel with the valves; and the transverse one, one inch; of a very bard, woody texture, and extremely rough, with numerous, large, irregular, hard tubercles, which would render it a dangerous bludgeon, one-celled, two-valved. Partition contrary, sub-cylindric, spongy. Seeds numerous, winged, small. Perisperm none. Cotyledons thin, near-

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ly round, emarginate. Radicle short, pointing to the umbilieus.
11. B. cadica. Willd. iii. 306.

Arboreous. Leaves supra-decompound. Flowers pentandrous. Siliques long, linear, compressed.

Bignouia pentandra, Lourier, Cochin Ch. 460. Palega pajoneli, Rheed, Mal. i. t. 43 and 44.

Shyonaka, and Mendooka-parae, two of its Sanscrit names.

Hind. Shyona. Tan. Vanga-marum.

Teling. Pampena. Is one of the tallest trees on the coast, grows up amongst the mountains chiefly. Flow-

ering time the beginning of the wet season. Seed ripens in January and February.

Trunk very straight, and very high, but thin in proportion. Bark smooth. Branches opposite, decussate. Leaves opposite, decussate, supra-decompound; from four, to six feet long. Leaflets obliquely-cordate, pointed, smooth, from three to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Pedancles and pedicels round, scabrons. Rucenes terminal, secund, erect, rigid, lower two-thirds naked, scabrous, and somewhat quadrangular; upper third part imbricated on one side, with very large, fleshy, dark red flowers. Bractes, searcely any. Calyx campanulate, entire, lasting. Corol campanulate. Border two-lipped; upper two-cleft, under three-cleft; segments wrinkled nearly. Filaments five, the exterior pair longest, bending in under the upper lip of the corol; at the base very woolly. Authers five pairs, singly oblong, bursting on the under side. Nectory, a large, fleshy, somewhat pentagonal body surrounding the base of the germ. Germ oblong. Style the length of the stancers, hollow its whole length; mouth funnel-shaped, opening between the two membranaceous, orbicular lobes of the stigma. Silique very large, retrofracted, transversely compressed, somewhat curved, with the convexity upwards. Seeds numerous, membranaceous, surrounded with a large, delicate membrana-

The wood of this tree is said to be soft and spongy, so much as to render it unfit for use;

at least I have never been able to discover any that it is put to.

12. B. suberosa. R.

Arboreous. Bark deeply cracked, and spongy. Leaves supra-decompound; leaflets sub-cordate, entire. Panicles terminal. Authors calcarate. Silique linear, thin.

Millingtonia hortensis. Willd. iii. 382.

The native country of this beautiful tree, I have not been able to discover; all I can learn is, that some plants or seeds were brought from the Bajah of Tanjore's garden to Madras, from thence one plant was procured for the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta, about fifteen years ago. It is now, when twelve years old, an elegant tree of about fifty feet in height.

Is in blossom about the close of the rains and the seed ripens in March.

Trunk straight. Bark deeply cracked in various directions, of a soft, spongy nature. The wood is white, firm, and close-grained, and promises to be valuable. Leaves opposite, supradecompound, about two feet long. Leaflets sub-cordate, with long taper obtuse points; margias entire, of a deep green colour, smooth on both sides, from one to three inches long and broad. Petioles and petiolets a little chanelled. Pasicles terminal, solitary, cross-armed, large, broad-ovate. Ramifications horizontal, the first trichotomous, then dichotomous, with generally a single flower in the fork. Bractes minute. Flowers numerous, large, pure white, like many of the other species of this charming family delightfully fragrant. Calyx very small, slightly five-parted; divisions nearly equal. Corol infondibuliform. Tube from two to three inches long, slender and cylindric. Border four-parted; the upper division broader, and nearly half two-cleft. Filaments only four. Anthers calcurate. Germ oblong. Style as long as the corol. Stigma bilabiate. Silique slender, linear, thin, pointed, pretty smooth, two-celled; about twelve inches long, by three quarters of an inch broad, and one line thick. Partition parallel. Seeds numerous, round, very thin, surrounded with a remarkably fine transparent wing. Perisperm none. Embryo with two reniform, emarginate cotyledons, and the radicle pointing directly to the umbilicus.

INCARVILLIA, Juss. Willd.

GEN. CHAR. Calgr campanulate, five-parted. Corol with an oblique gibbons tube, and unequally five-parted border. Germ superior, four-relied; cells many-seeded, attached to the involute margins of the partitions. Capsule siliqua-form, one-celled, four-valved. Seeds numerous, winged. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.
1. I. parasitica. Roxb.

Shrubby, parasitic, smooth. Leaves opposite, lanceolar, veinless, fleshy. Umbels terminal. A native of the forests which cover the Garrow hills, where it is found growing on trees; but shows a partiality for such places as retain decayed vegetable matter. In the Botanie garden it grows freely in a soil composed of rotten wood and garden mould. Flowering time the rainy season, when nothing can exceed the beauty of its numerous, large, pendulous, crimsonyellow flowers, approaching in shape and size to those of Digitalis purpurea. Seed ripens in September and October.

Stem scarcely any, but several, rather succulent, smooth branches, with swelled joints, from which the fibrous roots issue. Leaves opposite, or nearly so, short, fleshy, petioled, lanceolar, assuminate, with the margins more or less curled, of a firm, fleshy, and veinless substance, from four to six inches long, by one broad. Umbellets terminal, solitary, sessile, simple,

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many-flowered. Flowers large, drooping; colour, a beautiful mixture of orange and crimson. Bractes an oblong caducous one at the base of each pedicel. Calyx tubular, somewhat gib-bous; month five-parted. Corol tubular, curved. Tube somewhat ventricose, villous on the outside; month oblique, and divided into five, nearly equal, semicircular segments, one above and two on each side. Filaments four, didynamous, extend beyond the mouth of the tube. Anthers linear, apices united. Garm superior, linear, smooth; base embraced by a nectarial ring, fourcelled; ocula numerous, attached to the incurved margins of the partitions. Style, the length of the germ, or more protruded beyond the anther. Stigma entire, fleshy, sub-infundibuliform. Capsule siliquose, pendulous, long and very slender, being about twelve inches long, and scarcely so thick as a quill, smooth and brown, with a groove on the opposite sides, four-celled, two-valved. Valves thin, almost membranaceous. Seeds numerous, minute, imbricated, cylindrie, rough, from the apex two long rows and from the base one, they are attached to the rolled in edges of the valves of the capsule, as in the germ. Perisperm none. Embryo cylindric, inverse. Cotyledons oblong, not half the length of the whole embryo. Radicle cylindric, superior; when vegetation begins, the structure of the parts becomes evident, the apex of the radicle first projects, from which innumerable, minute rays issue, and lay hold of the soil, or rather bark of the tree, they are sown on, as is the case in other parasites.

2. I. oblongifolia, R.

Shrubby, downy. Leaces opposite, unequally ovate-oblong, acuminate, downy, serrulate.

Cymes axillary.

Common in moist vallies in the province of Chittagong. Flowers in October, and the seed ripens during the cool season. It is rather a small shrub, with thick, somewhat four-cornered,

very tomentose branches.

Leaves opposite or tern, long-petioled, from six to twelve inches long, villous, one side broader, and running further down on the petiole. Peduncles axillary, solitary, dichotomous, with a flower in the fork; divisions from three to six-flowered, all very villous. Flowers large, III. 114 like those of Martinia diandra; colour a mixture of whitish red, tinged with yellow. One pair of the filaments slender, and abortive; the other thick and villous, with large, two lobed anthers, without any thing like a spur, or arista. The capsules are not above one-third, or one-fourth the length of I. parasitica, but rather thicker; and the seeds are flat and winged with a membranaceous margin all round.

PEDALIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1067.

Calyx five-parted. Corol sub-equal, with border five-cleft. Nut corky, four-cornered, thorny on the angles, two-celled. Seeds two-fold.

P. murex. Willd iii. 401.

Teling. Yeanaga-pabiar.

Cuca-mullu. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 72.

Tam. Anci-nerunshil.

A pretty large, succulent, ramous, annual plant, growing every where, but chiefly near the sea on the coast of Coromandel, where there is a tolerably moist, sandy soil, which it de-

lights in. Flowering time, the rainy and cold seasons.

Root annual, ramous, of a deep orange colour. Stem scarcely any. Branches nearly opposite, spreading, with their extremities erect, round, and smooth; from six to twenty-four inches long. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval, irregularly dentate, truncate, three-nerved, pretty smooth; from two to three inches long, by one and a half or two inches broad. Petioles channelled, about two inches long. Flowers axillary, short-peduncled, single, pretty large, yellow, erect; on each side of their insertion, is a small, round, brown gland. Bractes no other than the above-mentioned glands.

All that I can add to the description in the Genera plantarum, is, that between the fer-

tile stamens, there is a short fifth filament, with a sterile, orange-coloured head.

The plant, when fresh, has the singular property of rendering water, or milk, either cold or hot mucilaginous; more or less so in proportion to the quantity of the plant used, and without altering the taste, colour or smell of the liquid. This effect goes off in the course of eight or twelve hours, leaving the liquid in its former state. Water rendered mucilaginous by this herb is sweetened with sugar, and given when fresh made, as a ptisan for the heat of urine in gonorrheas by the natives on the coast of Coromandel.

Butter-milk is often sold in the markets in India, and in order to make a greater profit on their merchandize, they dilute it with water, and then thicken the whole by turning it round a few times with a few fresh leafy branches of this plant, which makes the adulterated

butter-milk seem rich, and of the best sort.

CYRILLA. L. Herit.

Calyx five-leaved, or five-parted. Corol declined, funnel-formed; border five-parted, nearly equal. Capsule two-celled, many-seeded.

C. aquatica, Corom. pl. ii. N. 189.

Annual. Leaves verticelled, lanceolate, three or more nerved, serrate. Racemes terminal, recurvate.

Teling, Bagga-pattee.

A very beautiful and uncommonly curious plant, a native of the borders of pools, &c. of standing water, appearing and flowering in the wet and cold seasons.

Root creeping, annual. Stems erect, one or two feet high, round, jointed, a little bairy. Leaver, the lower ones, and they are generally under water, verticelled, number in the verticel uncertain, pinnatifid; divisios filiform, above water they are three-fold, sessile, broad-lanceolate, from three to seven-nerved, serrate, smooth, Racemes terminal, drooping, verticelled, many-flowered. Bracles three-fold, cordate, or like the leaves, but smaller, one-flowered. Flowers large, of a beautiful bluish colour. Corol sub-campanulate. Anthers, both pairs double, and connected.

The plant possesses a considerable share of fragrance.

CLASS XV.

TETRADYNAMIA SILICULOSA.

LEPIDIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1077.

Silicle emarginate, cordate, many-seeded. Valves keeled, contrary.

 L. Thlaspi. R.
 Annual, erect. Primary leaves sub-petioled, superior, with stem-clasping, sagittate base, all more or less cuncate, lanceolate, and remotely serrate. Flowers tetradynamous. Silicles round, with a broad thin border.

A native of Nepal in corn fields, during the cool season.

2. L. sativam. Willd, iii. 435.

Florers tetradynamous. Leaves oblong, multifid.

Pers. Seercezak.

Beng. Halim. Arab. Reshad

Universally cultivated in the warmer parts of Asia, during the cool season.

TETRADYNAMIA SILIQUOSA.

BRASSICA. Schreb, gen. N. 1096.

Calyx erect, converging. Seeds globular. A gland between the shorter stamens and pistil, and between the longer and the calyx. 1. B. Rapa. Willd. iii. 548.

Root caulescent, depressed, fleshy

Pers. Shillum. Arab. Subjum.

Beng. Shalgum.

Is very generally cultivated in Persia, and most parts of India, during the dry season, from October until March.

2. B. oleracea, Willd, W. 548.

Root caulescent, columnar, fieshy. Common cabbage.

Arab. Kermub.

Pers. Ghellum or Kellum

Beng, and Hind. Kobec.

Found in a cultivated state only, probably a native of Persia and the western parts of

3. B. erucoides.

Leaces lyrate. Racemes very long. Siliques clavate, pressed, every part of the plant

Beng. Shwet, or Suffet shursi. Cultivated during the cool season for the seed, from which oil is procured by expression.

SINAPIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1087.

Calyx expanding. Claws of the corol straight. Clands between the shorter stamina and pistil, and between the longer and the calyx.

1. S. dichotoma.

Dichotomous. Siliques cylindric, smooth, spreading; beak straight and tapering. Leaves stem-clasping, the lower ones somewhat lyrate; the superior, ovate-lanceolate, entire, all smooth, as are also the stem and branches, Beng. Shanchi, shurshi, or Sada Rayee.

Hind. Soorsun.

A native of Bengal, where it is cultivated by the natives, during the cold season for its seed, from which they express an oil, used by them for various purposes, chiefly to anoint their bodies with.

Roof almost simple, annual. Stem dichotomous, round, and smooth, height of the whole plant in a good soil from two to four feet; its duration about three months, being generally sown in November, and the ripe seed gathered in February. Leaves stem-clasping; the lower ones lyrate with margins more or less scolloped; the superior ones entire, of an obtuse, trian-

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Page gular shape, with broad-cordate, stem-clasping base, all are smooth on both sides, and somewhat fleshy, from two to eight inches long. Racenes terminal. Flowers numerous, pretty large, bright yellow. Petals round. Stamens twice the length of the claws of the petals. Siliques spreading, almost horizontal, sub-cylindric, smooth, two-celled, from two to three inches long, with a tapering acute beak of from half an inch to an inch in length. Seeds small, smooth, of a light brown colour.

2. S. glauca, R. X

Annual. Siliques long-pedicelled, erect, sub-cylindric, smooth, with a long, somewhat clavate beak. Stem and branches straight, smooth, glaucous. Leaves stem-clasping, smooth in every part; the lower ones lyrate, the superior ones sub-lanceolate.

Beng, Shwet Rai, white mustard.

Cultivated as a field crop in all the northern parts of India during the cold season.

Root very ramous, of three or four months duration. The seed time being November, and harvest in February.

Stem straight, with many straight scattered branches, all are round, smooth and glancous, height of the whole plant from three to five feet. Leaves stem-clasping, the lower and cauline ones lyrate, with lobes sub-opposite, obtuse, and nearly triangular, the terminal one nearly round and more or less scollop-toothed; the superior or floral leaves sub-lanecolate, contracted at the middle, with enlarged, cordate, stem-clasping base, all are perfectly smooth on both sides, and glaucous, varying in size from one inch to a foot. Racemes terminal. Pedicels sub-crect, round, smooth, siender, nearly as long as the full grown siliques. Flowers numerous, of a bright yellow. Petals obovate, bright yellow. Stamens, the four nearly twice as long as the claws of the petals. Siliques long-pedicelled, flattened transversely, smooth, expanding. Beak smooth, almost as long as the silique and flattened with a roundish, thick apex. Seed numerous, smooth and white, like those of Sinapis alba.

The entire seed is used for various economical purposes, an oil is also expressed from it,

which is much used in the diet of the Hindogs Blance Jules

3. S. ramosa. R. X M Marie Blance Jules

Annual, erect, ramous. Siliques expanding linear, vertically compressed, smooth. Leaves petioled, the lower ones lyrate; the superior ones sub-lanceolate.

Beng. Rayce

A native of Bengal, where it is cultivated during the cold season. The seed-time being in October, and the harvest in February. The seed and the oil yielded by expression, are useful

Root annual. Stem erect, very ramous; branches expanding a little, all perfectly smooth,

ingredients in the diet of the Hindoos.

except now and then near the base of the plants, a few soft, white bristles are present; height of the whole plant in a good soil from four to five feet. Leaves petioled, the lower ones lyrate, in some plants somewhat scabrons, with margins variously serrate-dentate, and often somewhat lobate, towards the top of the plants they are less compound, till at last they are simply lanceolate and smooth, varying in size from an inch to a foot in length. Petioles of the lower, or large leaves, round, slightly channelled, and sometimes armed like the bottom of the stem, and large branches, with soft white bristles. Racemes terminal; pedicels expanding. Calyx linear, expanding. Petals obovate, bright yellow. Stamens longer than the claws of the petals. Siliques linear, straight, expanding, from one to two inches long, turgid at the seeds, otherwise smooth, somewhat vertically compressed; beak very short, one-sixth the length of the silique, tapering to a point. Seed in each cell, one row, and rather remote, round, dark brown, beautifully rugose.

4. S. brassicata, Willd. iii. 555.

Annual. Radical leaves long-petioled, obovate, almost entire; the superior ones stemclasping. Calyx longer than the claws of the petals; the two shorter stamens nearly hid.

Chin. Pak-tsoi.

Is a native of China, from thence the seeds were procured, sent to the Botanic garden by

Mr. John Miller.

Root in Bengal annual. Stem scarcely any, till in blossom, and then the whole plant is uncommonly ramous, and from four to six feet high in our rich soil of Bengal. Leaves, the radical ones obovate and oval, generally entire, recurved, pretty long, erect, somewhat incurved, smooth, shining, with white petioles, margins waved, sometimes a little lobate, or even lyrate toward the base, smooth on both sides; nerve and veins white like the petioles; stem and floral leaves stem-clasping, linguiform or lanceolate, obtuse, generally entire. Inflorescence as in the common cabbage. Flowers numerous, large, of a bright yellow. Calyx; leaflets linear, obtuse, concave, rather longer than the claws of the petals. Stamens the shorter pair nearly hid within the tube formed by the claws of the petals, with the apices of their anthers recurved, while the apices of the superior four are incurved over the stigma. Style rather shorter than the four long stamens. Siliques expanding, on pedicels half their length, sub-cylindric, smooth; beak one-third their length, tapering. Seed round, dark brown, somewhat rugose.

III. 121 5. S. trilocularis. R.

Annual, erect, ramous, smooth. Leaves stem-clasping, the lower ones deeply pinnatifid; the superior ones linear, and almost entire. Siliques smooth, pendulous, three-celled, long taper beaked; seeds white.

From Nepal, where the plant is cultivated, Dr. Buchanan sent seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1802, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and blossom and ripen their seeds during the cold season.

Stem annual, erect, smooth, with smooth, erect branches; whole height about three or

four feet. Leaves, all stem-clasping, the lower and cauline ones more or less pinnatifid; the Page superior ones linear, and nearly entire, all are somewhat bristle-dentate on the margins, otherwise smooth in every part, and somewhat glaucous. Racemes terminal, and axillary. Flowers large, erect, yellow. Siliques long-pedicelled; immediately after the decay of the flowers, the pedicels become perfectly recurved, and the siliques pendulous; they are all smooth, three-celled, and on that account much larger and broader than those of many other species. Beak long, half the length of the pods, taper. Seeds numerous, large, round, smooth, white.

6. S. cuneifolia. R.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves petioled, obovate, cuneate, serrate-dentate, with sessile, linear, entire, floral leaves. Siliques expanding, smooth, short, subulate, beaked. Seeds roundish, chesnut coloured.

The seeds of this species Dr. Buchanan, while in Nepal, received from Thibet, and sent to this garden, where the plants thrive well during the cold season. They blossom in March, and ripen their seed in April.

Root annual, large, white and tapering, subfuciform with numerous spreading lateral fibres. Stem erect and smooth, with numerous sub-erect, smooth, somewhat glaucous branches; height of the plants in the Botanie garden from four to six feet. Leaves radical and cauline, petioled, erect, obovate, cuncate, serrate-dentate, slightly rugose, and destitute of pubescence, those about the top of the plant are sessile, linear-lanceolate, recurved, and entire. Petioles generally coloured, smooth, nearly round, and deeply channelled. Racemes terminal, erect. Flowers numerous, small, of a bright yellow. Calyx expanding, longer than the claws of the petals. Petals with broad claws, and obovate, spreading lamina. Stamens, the four larger considerably longer than the claws of the petals. Siliques short-peduncled, expanding, linear, obscurely four-sided; beak short and subulate. Seeds from ten to twenty in each cell, round oval, obscurely pitted, dark brown.

7. S. rugosa. R.

Annual. Radical and cauline leaves obovate, and rugose, with the posterior margin laciniate, and the auterior one dentate; nerve very broad, and dividing above the middle like the ribs of a fan; floral leaves linear and entire. Siliques expanding, torose, short, subulate, beaked. Seeds round, chesnut-coloured.

The seeds of this very stately species were sent from Nepal by Dr. Buchanan to this garden, where the plants grow luxuriantly during the cold season, and ripen their seed in March. Dr. Buchanan remarks that he received the seeds from Thibet.

Stom scarcely any till the plants begin to blossom, when it shoots up quickly, to four, five, or six feet in height, with an expanding, ramous branch from the axill of each leaf, all round and smooth. Leaves, the radical ones are petioled, very rugose, and disposed somewhat spirally, which disposition is particularly conspicuous while young; the couling leaves are shorter petioled, or even sessile; the posterior margins of both the radical and cauline leaves variously and deeply jagged; the auterior margin dentate; the serve is remarkably compressed, ribbed, and broad, armed with a few inoffensive bristles underneath, and beyond the middle divides like the radii of a fau, which alone readily distinguishes this species while young from all the other sorts I have yet met with Florai leaves linear, and mostly entire. Racemes terminal, &c. as in the other species. Flowers numerous, bright yellow. Siliques short-peduncled, expanding, linear, obscurely four-sided, torose; beak short and subulate. Seeds from ten to twenty in both cells, small, round, dark brown, pitted.

It approaches nearer to S. brassicata than to any other species I am acquainted with. The young plant possesses a warm agreeable taste, and makes excellent sallad.

8. S. erysimoides, Roxb.

Annual, erect, with divaricating branches and branchlets. All the leaves petioled, serrate and smooth, from lyrate to pinnatifid, and lastly, linear-lanceolate. Siliques short, four-sided. smooth, short-beaked, adpressed to the raceme.

The seeds were sent from Wynaad, a province of Malabar, by Captain Dickinson, to the Botanic garden, where the plants thrive luxuriantly during the cold season; it blossoms in February and March, and the seed ripens soon after

Stem annual, erect, or nearly so; branches and branchlets numerous, diverging, smooth, often deeply tinged with red, or purple; general height of the whole plant from three to four feet. Leaves petioled, serrate, and smooth, the larger or inferior are lyrate, with the large terminal lobe thereof deeply and variously divided, advancing upwards they become less and less cut, till at last they are simply lanceolate. Racemes terminal, &c. as in the other species. Petioles obovate, winged, length of the calyx. Siliques short-peduncled, linear, four-sided, torose, smooth, adpressed to the racemes, as in Sanapis nigra; beak short, subulate, headed. Seeds about eight or twelve in each cell.

9. S. divaricata. R.

Annual, erect, angular, with branches divariente. Leaves pinnatifid, with winged petioles. embracing the stem. Pedicols diverging. Calyx as long as the corol. Siliques cylindric, smooth, incurved; seeds very numerous. Stigma sessile.

Reng. Bil, or junglee rayee.

A wild species, a native of Bengal, where it appears during the hot and cold seasons, in

Root annual. Stem erect, furrowed. Branches several, nearly as large as the stem itself, issuing from its base, and in luxuriant plants, again furnished with several smaller ones. Leaves pinnatifid, with the lobes unequal, and variously dentate, and not very smooth, free from every kind of pubescence, from one to six inches long. Petioles winged, and at the base the

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Page wings are enlarged into rounded, stem-clasping lobes. Racemes shorter than in most other species. Pedicels expanding, about a quarter of an inch long, round, smooth. Flowers small, yellow. Petals cuncate, as long as the calvx only. Stamens longer than the corol. Style none. Stigma sessile on the germ. Siliques spreading much, almost diverging, cylindric, smooth, incurved, without beak. Seeds very small, and very numerous, brown, rough.

I do not find any use made of this plant or its seed.

10. S. patens, R.

Annual. Siliques linear, spreading, transversely compressed; beak short and tapering. Leaves from obovate-cuneate to lanceolate, serrate, smooth. Stem and branches smooth.

Beng. Keel-rayee.

The species is a common weed amongst other small, wild annual plants in gardens, cultivated fields, &c. in the vicinity of Calcutta, where it appears during the rains and blossoms in the cold season.

Root annual. Stem erect, short, smooth, dividing into numerous, alternate, smooth, expanding branches and branchlets; height of the whole plant from six to eighteen inches. Leaves short-petioled, the lower ones from obovate to oblong; margins irregular and grossly servate; the superior or narrower leaves lanceolate and more acutely servate, all smooth on both sides, from one to six or more inches long. Racemer terminal, many-flowered. Flowers small, yellow. Siliques expanding, linear, transversely compressed, swelled at the seed, but in other respects smooth, crowned with a short tapering, smooth beak. Seeds minute, round, smooth, brown.

I cannot learn that the Hindoos make any use of this plant.

11. S. pusilla. Roxb.

Annual, erect, ramous. Siliques expanding, filiform, smooth; stigma sessile. Leaves recurvate, with lobes almost entire.

Of what part of India this is a native is to me uncertain, I can only say, that it made its first appearance in the Botanic garden, where earth from the Coromandel coast had been spread;

of course, I conclude it is from thence.

Root of about three months' duration. Stem erect, with a few sub-erect branches of nearly the same length, all round and slightly villous; height of the whole plant about a foot and a half in our rich soil of Bengal. Leaves scattered, petioled, between pinnatifid and lobate, with the lobes nearly entire, smooth on both sides, from two to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Racemes lengthening. Flowers minute, yellow. Petals cuneate, scarcely larger, or longer, than the leaflets of the calyx. Style scarcely any, but the germ immediately crowned with the large stigma. Siliques expanding, filiform, round, slightly protuberant at the seeds, somewhat villous, no beak, but crowned with the remains of the large scabrous stigma. Seeds oblong, compressed.

RAPHANUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1098.

Calyx closed. Silique torose, sub-articulate, cylindric. Glands one or two between each shorter stamen and pistil, and two between the longer and the calyx.

R. sativus. Willd. iii. 560.

Siliques cylindric, torose, two-celled.

Sans. Mooluka.

Beng. Moola, or Moolee.

Arab. Fujl.

The sort cultivated in Bengal is a pale red variety, the root of which grows to the size of a man's leg, or more, and is only half immersed in the soil. It thrives best during the dry season.

CLEOME. Schreb. gen. N. 1099.

Calyx spreading. Petals ascending or regular. Siliques dehiscent, one-celled, two-valved. It is impossible to fix upon any one essential character, that will include the plants of India only, hitherto assigned to this family, some are gynandrous, some polyandrous, some hexandrous, &c. with their corols as much diversified as the stamina.

C. pentaphylla, Willd. iii, 564.

Annual, erect. Flowers gynandrous, hexandrous. Leaves quinate and petioled; floral leaves ternate and sessile.

Cara-veela. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 24.

Cara-vella. Asiat. Res. iv. 294. Beng. Kanalla. Teling. Wominta,

An annual plant of from one to three feet high, delighting in gardens and rich cultivated lauds.

Root ramous. Stem erect, except when old, then bent much to one side, round, hairy, winding. Branches numerous, two-forked, sometimes coloured on the side most exposed. Young shoots more hairy, and glutinous. Leaves alternate, petioled, digitate. Leaflets sessile, unequal, obovate, or broad wedge-formed, somewhat pointed, having both sides clothed with short glutinous hairs, with the margins a little waved, and the size very various. Petioles channelled, from three to four inches long, frequently armed with small, inoffensive prickles. Racemes terminal, long, corymbiform, particularly while young. Braces short-petioled, ternate,

numerous, surrounding at regular distances every part of the raceme, those on the lower part sterile, above one-flowered; leaflets of the bractes bairy, like those of the leaves, but much smaller. Flowers small, white, long-pedicelled, spreading. Calga; leaflets lanceolate, hairy and glutinous. Petals erect, affixed between the leaflets of the calga by five long claws. Nectary no other than a swelling at the insertions of the petals. Stamens six, ascending, inserved into the pedicel a little above the middle. Pistil, pedicel long, ascending, tiliform. Germ linear. Stigma sessile, large, glandular, navelled, perforated. Silique long, slender, a little scabrous, diverging. Seeds numerous, kidney-formed, black, scabrous.

The taste of the plant is simply herbaceous; its leaves are caten as an esculent vegeta-

ble by the natives in their curries

2. C. chelidonii. Willd. iii. 567. Annual. Leaves digitate. Calyx and corol regular, polyandrous, with the top of the filaments, clavate. Siliques sessile. Teling. Kax, bitter, Woominta,

One of the most common, annual plants all over the Circars, it delights in rice lands, and appears in the greatest plenty immediately after the first rains, during which time the fields

are entirely covered with this gaudy elegant plant.

Stem annual, straight, ramous, round; from one to three feet high. Leaves alternate, petioled, digitate. Leaflets from five to nine, wedged, lanccolate, waved, scabrous. Petioles longer than the leaflets. Racemes terminal. Flowers long-pedicelled, large, rose-coloured, remote. Bractes single, those of the lower flowers, leaf-like, as the raceme lengthens, becoming more simple. Calgar four-leaved; corol four-petioled, nearly orbicular, concave, spreading. Filaments numerous (about one hundred) with enlarged apices. Authors linear, recurved. Germ sessile, cylindric. Style, scarcely any. Stigma umbilicated. Silique long, slender. Seeds scab-

The seeds dried and powdered, are used in curries by the natives.

3. C. viscosa, Willd. iii. 566.

Annual, erect, hairy, glutinous. Leaves digitate; the floral ones ternate and sessile; flowers polyandrous. Petals unilateral.

Aris veeln. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 23.

Sinapistrim Zeylanicam, Burm. Zeyl. p. 2. 15. t. 22, although a bad figure, appears to be intended for this plant.

Beng. Hoor hooria. Teling. Kuka-wominta.

Annual, a native of cultivated lands. It is more upright, and less ramous than the pre-

ceding species, and from one to three feet-high.

Root descending, almost simple. Stem in old plants, smooth; the young stems, and tender branches of old ones are bairy and glutinous. Leaves alternate, petioled, digitate. Leaflets as in C. pentaphylla, only a little more waved round the margin. Flowers, leaves, or bractes ternate, and much smaller than the others, one-flowered. Racemes, if I call all those parts that are covered with the floral leaves, little else remains. Flowers solitary, peduncled, erect, yellow, appearing in succession, always at the extremity of the raceme only. Calyar spreading. Corol as in the family. Nectory no other than a large receptacle which receives the calvx. petals, stamens, and pistil. Filaments about twenty, ascending, shorter than the petals. Anthers after bursting their apices are revolute. Germ sessile. Style short. Stigma oblong, navelled, perforated. Silique erect, round, striated, hairy. Seeds brown, rough, round, reniform,

This species has a considerable degree of pungency in the taste, but it is not durable on

the tongue.

The seeds are much used by the natives, chiefly the Brahmins, in their curries; they are sold in all our bazars, at a very trifling price.

4. C. diffusa. Roxb.

Diffuse, annual, hispid. Leaves ternate. Flowers axillary, solitary, regular, hexandrous. Siliques sessile.

A small, spreading, annual species, common on rich cultivated lands, and such as have

been lately in culture; it appears and flowers during the rainy and cold seasons.

Stem annual, diffuse, ramous, about a foot long, armed with many small inoffensive prickles. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, terminate. Leaflets wedge-formed, or oblong, grandular, having the middle nerve and margins scabrous, about one half or three quarters of an inch long, and one quarter broad. Flowers axillary, solitary, peduneled, small, pale yellow. Stamens six. Germ sessile. Style short, cylindric. Stigma umbilicated. Silique tapering towards both ends. Seeds scabrous.

5. C. monophylla. Willd. iii. p. 571.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves simple, lanceolate, cordate, villous. Flowers hexandrous. Tsjeru vela. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 34.

Sinapistrum Zeylanicum, &c. Burm. Zeyl. t. 10. f. 2.

A native of the Coromandel coast, &c. Is in flower during the rainy and cool seasons.

Root annual. Stem erect, ramous. Branches alternate, expanding, round and villous. Leaves alternate, entire, soft, with short pellucid hairs; the inferior ones petioled, lanceolatecordate; the superior ones floral, sub-sessile, and of a parabolic form. Stipules none. Flowers pedicelled, small, of a pale pink, solitary on the exterior axills, and on simple terminal racemes. Bracles no other than the floral leaf above-mentioned. Calyx of four equal, ensiform, erect, bairy, cadacous leaflets. Petals four, arranged on the upper side, linear-oblong, obtuse, elevated on claws, nearly as long as the lamina. Filameats six, ascending, about as long as

CLASS XVI.

MONADELPHIA PENTANDRIA.

AEGICERAS. Schreb. gen. N. 398.

Calyx beneath five-leaved. Corol one-petalled, contorted. Style single. Capsule curved, without perisperm.

A. majus. Gart. Sem. i. t. 46. l. Linn. sp. pl. ed. Willd. i. 1082.

Leaves obovate-oblong, smooth. Flowers umbelled.

Rhizophora corniculata. Linn. sp. pl. 635.

Pon Candel. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 36. good. Rumphins's figure, if of this, is too bad to

A small tree, a native of the Delta of the Ganges, and such other places as are overflowed

at spring-tides. Flowering time, the hot season.

Leaves from alternate to nearly verticelled, short-petioled, obovate, and wedge-shaped, often emarginate, smooth, entire, firm and fleshy; two or three inches long, and from one to two broad. Peduncles terminal and axillary, solitary, very short, collecting round their apices in an umbel of numerous, straight, one-flowered pedicels. Calyx five-leaved, much contorted, permanent. Corol one-petalled. Tube short, gibbous; mouth woolly. Border five-parted; divisions contorted, tapering from cordate bases to short points; soon after expansion they become reflected. Filaments five, coalesced into a tube round the germ, inserted into the bottom of the tube of the corol, very woolly. Anthers long, incumbent. Germ ovate. Style longer than the stamens, tapering. Stigma acute. Capsule horn-shaped, much pointed, smooth, one-celled, one-valved. Seed solitary, filling the capsule.

PISTIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1112.

Calyx inferior, irregular, one-leaved, spathaceous; tube obliquely campanulate; border crowded, bearing the stamina on its centre. Corol none. Germ semi-supera, one-celled, manyseeded; attachment unilateral. Style single. Capsules one-celled, many-seeded. Embryo in the apex of the ample perisperm. P. stratiotes. Willd. iii. 690.

Tala indica Lourier. Cochin Ch. 492.

Sans. Koombhika.

Kodda-pail. Rheed. Mal. xi. t. 32. Plantago aquatica. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 74.

Teling. Neeroo boodookee. Hind, and Beng. Taka panna.

Found swimming on pools of stagnant water in most parts of India, having much the appearance of half-grown Lettuce plants. Flowering time the hot season, seed ripens after

Root consists of numerous, long, tapering, hairy fibres. Leaves radical, sessile, between obcordate and triangular; having the exterior margin scolloped, with many elevated ridges running lengthways underneath; downy on both sides. Gemmation or stoles from the base of the united leaves. Flowers short-peduncled from the centre of the leaves, few and in succession, small, pale-yellow, the structure uncommon and beautiful in the extreme. Calyx inferior, one-leaved, tubular, irregular. Tube obliquely bell-shaped, woolly on the outside; a erescent-shaped, fleshy, yellow gland, or lower nectary, on the centre of the inside, opposite to the stigma. Border cordate, woolly on the outside; margins a little waved; on its middle there is a green, fleshy, crenulate, saucer-shaped body, or upper nectory, from the centre of which rises the antheriferous column. Stamina; filaments single, from the centre of the upper nectary of the border of the calyx. Anthers five, adjoined to the enlarged apex of the short filament.

Note. This part of the fructification is in no respect situated as in the class Gynandria, for which reason I have removed it to Monadelphia. Germ superior, ovate, one-celled, containing many ovula attached to the interior side of the cell, which is there thick. Style short, slightly curved, ovate toward the stamina. Stigma somewhat peltate. Capsule beaked, one-celled. Seeds a few, oval, rugose, affixed to a longitudinal receptacle on the inside of the base of the capsules, which from its oblique situation appears to be its back part. Embryo obovate, lodged in the apex of an ample perisperm.

MODECCA. R.

Calyx tubular, coloured, five-parted. Petals five; inserted on the calyx. Nectary various. Germ pedicelled, one-celled; ocula many; attachment parietal. Capsule one-celled, threevalved. Seeds many. Embryo inferior, centrifugal, and furnished with a perisperm.

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I have adopted Van Rheed's name for a generic one to this family, which though nearly allied to Passiflora, seems sufficiently distinct on account of its capsular seed-vessel and mo-

1. M. trilobata. R.

Leaves three-lobed, with a gland under each sinus and two at the base. Capsules oblong. Akund-Phul, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where the plant is found in the moist forests growing to an extent of many fathoms; ramous, and climbing up and over trees of a large size

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In the Botanic garden it grows slowly, though healthy; flowers during the rains, and the

fruit ripens in October.

Bark on the old ligneous parts ash-coloured; on the young shoots smooth, polished, green.

Leaves remote, alternate, petioled, smooth on both sides, three-lobed, with the lobes entire, tapering and acute. Glands a large yellow one under each sinus and two at the base. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, columnar, smooth, base permanent, though not enlarged, as in M. tuberosa, and becoming a recurved, blunt, short thorn. Tendrils, axillary floriferous; when not floriferous, simple. Flowers numerous, male and female, mixed on the same tendril, middling-sized, forming a little dichotomous corymb toward the apex of the tendrils. Calyx tubular, somewhat gibbous towards the base; colour pale yellow; mouth five-parted. Petals five, linear-lanceolate, ciliate, inserted on the tube of the calyx, near the base. Nectorial scales, on the male none, on the female ten; five are alternate with the petals, entire, and truncated, and five under the petals smaller and ciliate. Filaments in the male, five united into a tube. Anthere linear, erect. Germ in the male a small three-cleft gland, in the female short-pedicelled, oblong, one-celled; orula many, attached to three ventrical parietal receptacles. Style none. Stigma three-lobed. Capsule pedicelled, berried, oblong, of the size of a pullet's egg, fleshy, smooth, polished, of a searlet colour, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds many, attached by very thick, soft, fleshy cords, to a thickened ridge, down the middle of each valve, obcordate, inversed in a completely soft lucid avil. Integaments two; the exterior one nuciform, dark-coloured, scrobiculate; the interior one membranaceous. Perisperan conform to the seed, somewhat glaucous. Embryo nearly as large as the perisperm, with round, three-nerved cotyledons, and the radicle lodged at the umbilious of the seed.

2. M. tuberosa. R.

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Leaves three, rarely five-lobed; lobes sub-lanceolar, apex of the petioles with two glands and one (or an eye) under each sinus. Capsules globular.

Modecen. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 20.

A most extensive, perennial, climbing plant, with large, fusiform root, a considerable portion of which is above ground, tapering from the surface of the earth, into the stem, which in a few years becomes ligneous; younger shoots cylindric and smooth. From Cochin it was introduced by Mr. M. Brown into the Botanie garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms during

the rainy season.

Leaves alternate, petioled, when the plants are very young simply cordate, often from three to five-lobed (palmate,) but three is by far the most common; lobes entire, sub-lanceolate, smooth, rather acuminate; general size from six to eight inches each way. Glands, a large yellow one under each sinus and two on the base where it joins the petiole. Petioles considerably shorter than the leaves; base enlarged into a horn-shaped process on each side, this portion is permanent. Stipules none. Tendrils springing from the inside of the large permanent base of the petioles, when not floriferous, simple. Flowers pretty large, short-pedicelled, and generally from a small dichotomous corymbon the middle of the tendril. Calva one-leaved, coloured, greenish yellow, of a short, sub-campanulate form, with a short five-parted border. Petals five, linear; the upper half ciliate, inserted on the tube of the calyx, near its botder. tom, the whole hid within it. Nectorial scales five, alternate with the petals, vaulted, and serving to confine the five anthers. Filaments five, their base united into a ring round the base of the pedicel of the germ, and about as long as its pedicels, recurved. Anthers small, roundish. I suspect there are male flowers which I have not yet seen, with more perfect anthers. Germ superior, short-pedicelled, oval, one-celled; ovala numerous, attached to three vertical, parietal receptucles. Styles three, recurved. Stigmas large, globular. Capsule pedicelled, globular, fleshy even when ripe, of a bright glossy yellow, and the size of a crab-apple, one-celled, three-valved, open from the apex. Seeds many, attached as in the germ, by short cords, obliquely cordate. Aril a laciniate, white membrane, round the base only.

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3. M. dubia. R.

Leaves ovate-oblong, entire, or slightly sub-lobate; two glands at the base.

A native of Sumatra, from thence introduced by Dr. C. Campbell, into the Botanic gar-

den at Calcutta, where one male plant blossomed in February 1808.

Stem and branches shrubby, climbing to an extent of some fathours. Bark of the ligneous plants ash-coloured; that of the young shoots smooth and green. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, obtuse-pointed; some of them slightly three-lobed toward the apex, smooth on both sides, having at the base a large yellow gland on each side, from three to four inches long, and from one and a half to two inches broad. Petioles axillary, about an inch long. channelled. Tendrils axillary, simple, with two lateral lobes; at the season of flowering, these lobes lengthen into stout, one-flowered peduncles. Flowers axillary, pedicelled, small, of a pale greenish yellow, three together on a very short common peduncle, or in pairs from the just mentioned lobes of the tendrils. Calyx one-leaved. Tabe gibbous: mouth five-cleft. Segments oblang, revolute. Petals five, inserted into the calyx, a little below the sinuses of its border, lanceolate, and with the segments of the cally becoming revolute. Filaments five,

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very short, inserted on a small receptacle in the bottom of the calyx. Anthers sagittate. Germ none, a slender, sub-rotate body, with a two or three-cleft apex in the centre of the stamina is all that presents itself.

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MONADELPHIA HEXANDRIA.

CANARIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1516.

Calyx inferior, three-toothed. Petals three. Germ superior, three-celled, with two ovula in each; attachment sub-superior. Drupe, with as far as three one-seeded cells. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. C. bengalense. R.

Leaflets ovate, lanceolate, from six to ten pairs. Stipules subulate. Panicles sub-axillary,

linear. Drupe ovate.

An immense forest tree, a native of Silhet and the adjoining mountainous countries north and east of that district; flowers in May and June, and the seed ripens about the beginning of the year. From fissures, or wounds in the bark, a large quantity of a very pure, clear, amber-coloured resin exudes, which soon becomes hard and brittle, and is not unlike copal, yet the natives set little or no value on it. It has hitherto, so far as I can learn, been unnoticed by any one else. In the Calcutta bazar, it is only valued at from two to three Rupées, for

seven maunds of eighty pounds weight each.

Trunk erect, straight, many feet in circumference, the whole tree tall, and uncommonly well furnished. Young shoots void of pubescence, except the thin, tender, shooting points, and they are covered with a little rust-coloured, pubescence. Leaves alternate, round the ends of the branchlets, unequally pinnate, from twelve to twenty-four inches long. Leaflets sub-opposite, from six to ten pairs, from ovate-oblong to lanceolate, firm, entire and smooth, acuminate, from three to six inches long, by from one to two broad; common petioles round, and smooth. Stipules subulate, clothed with long soft ferrugineous down. Racemes solitary, insertion above the axills, sub-panieled, shorter, in flower and fruit all the year round. Flowers rather small, but numerous, many of them abortive, male hermaphrodites. Calyx inferior, cup-shaped, three-toothed. Petals three, obovate-oblong, smooth, while in the bud imbricated. Nectary, a three-lobed, hairy cup round the lower part of the germ, and within the tube, formed by the filaments. Filaments six, united into a tube for half their length. Anthers oblong, erect. Germ superior, ovate, small, three-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the top of the axis. Style short. Stigma three-cleft. Drupe oblong, size of a large olive, smooth, one-celled. Pulp in considerable quantity, firm and yellowish; surface dark purple, covered with bloom like the common plum. Nat-conform to the drupe, pointed, obscurely threecornered, with an aril from the apex to the base, runs down each of the three sides or faces, thick and very hard, three-celled, &c. almost exactly as in Gærtner's Canarium sylvestre, ii. p. 98. t. 102. except in the ribs on the three sides, not represented in his figure. Seed one, rarely two, in each cell, oblong. Integument single, rather spongy and brown. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons intricately folded up as represented by Gærtner. Radicle superior, oblong.

2. C. commune. Willd. iv. 759. Annals of Botany, i. 360. t. 7. f. 2.

Leaflets from seven to nine, long-petioled, ovate-oblong, smooth, entire. Stipules oval, permanent. Panicles terminal.

Canarium vulgare. Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 47.

A native of the Moluccas, from thence brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, but does not thrive, the winters being too cold for it, for in fourteen years the plants are not more than ten feet high, with but five branches, and have not yet blossomed.

3. C. sylvestre, Willd. iv. 760.

Leaflets from seven to nine, short-petioled, from ovate-oblong to ovate-lanceolate, smooth, entire, acuminate. Stipules petiolary, sub-orbicular; petioles beyond the stipules columnar, below them channelled.

Pimela nigra. Lour. Cochin Ch. 495. See Rumph. Amb. 155. t. 49.

Canarium Pimela, Annals of Botany, i. p. 361.

In its native soil, the Molucca Islands, it grows to be a large handsome tree. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it has been for fourteen years, it is not more than ten or twelve feet high, with a distinct, straight trunk, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark, the crown or corona regular, ample and very leafy. The stipules clearly mark this species. They are opposite and inserted on the common petiole, nearly an inch above its base; when they fall, they leave two permanent, glandular marks behind.

4. C. nigrum. R.

Leaflets generally oblong, pointed, somewhat hairy. Stipules scarcely any. Male flowers on axillary, compound racemes.

Dulcamara nigra. Rumph. Amb. ii. 162. t. 52. and 53.

Small trees in the Botanic garden brought from Amboyna, began in the month of May to produce male flowers, when they were ten years old.

C. strictum.

Leaves hairy, leaflets from nine to fifteen, petioled, sub-opposite, from ovate to ovatelanceolate, acuminate, afterwards serrulate-ciliate. Stipules subulate.

A native of Tinevelly, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the young trees from the seeds are twenty or twenty-five feet high, straight, and without a

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single branch. The trunk tapers like a fishing-rod but is stout, and covered with ash-coloured bark, while the tender parts are densely clothed with ferruginous, short pubescence. The leaves from three to four feet long, and the leaflets about a foot by six inches broad. They are also hairy, particularly while young.

MONADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

MELOCHIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1110.

Calyx somewhat double. Petals five, spreading. Filaments subulate. Styles five. Capsules five-celled, with a single seed in each.

1. M. carekorifolia. Willd. iii, 604.

M. corchorifolia. Dill. Elth. t. 176. f. 217.

Beng. Tiki-okea.

Tsjern uren. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 73. bad.

Perennial, ramous. Leaves sub-cordate, plaited, crenulate. Flowers crowded into subsessile, terminal heads, intermixed with subulate bractes.

Common every where all over India. Flowers and ripens its seed during the rainy and

cold seasons.

CONNARUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1116.

Calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Style single. Germ one-celled, from one to twoseeded; attachment sub-inferior. Capsule superior, one-celled, two-valved, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. C. paniculatus. R.

Arboreous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets five or seven, ovate, oblong, obtusely acuminate, glossy. Panicles terminal and axillary; flowers decandrous; petals linear (without bristles

A large timber tree, a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in June.

Young shoots clothed with a little forruginous down. Leaves alternate, unequally-pinnate, about twelve inches long. Leaflets five or seven, rarely three, the pairs sub-opposite, evateoblong, entire, obtuse pointed; smooth and glossy, from three to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles round and smooth. Pasicles terminal, and generally a smaller one in many of the exterior axills, large, diffuse, and clothed with rust-coloured pubescence. Bractes small, caducous, villous, like the rest of the paniele. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets oblong, concave. Petals five, alternate with the leaflets of the calyx, and larger, linearly-lanceolar, yellow, entire, nothing like a bristle or hair from any part, hence I conclude it cannot be Wildenow's C. pinsatus. Filaments ten, united at the base, alternately as long as the style. Anthers cordate. Germ superior, conical, hairy, one-celled, containing two ovula, attached a little to one side of the bottom of the cell. Style hairy, of the length of the five longest filaments. Stigma somewhat headed.

Leaves pinnate; leaflets from three to seven, oblong, obtusely acuminate, polished. Pani-

cle terminal. Flowers pentandrous. Capsules polished, obliquely oblong, obtuse,

Hind. Moolseree; Toog, about Silhet, where the tree is indigenous; blossoms during the hot season, and the seeds ripen in September.

MONADELPHIA DODECANDRIA.

KLEINHOVEA Schreb. gen. N. 827.

Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, irregular. Column of the fructification, clavate. Staminiferons tube five-cleft, each division supporting about three authors. Germ superior, five-celled; cells few-seeded; attachment interior, Capsule superior, inflated, five-celled. Seed solitary. Embryo sub-creet, with a scanty perisperm.

K. kospita. Wittd. ii. 871.

Batti-marus. Rumph. Amb. iii, p. 177. f. 113.

This tree was introduced into the Botanic garden from the Moluccas, in 1798. In ten years,

they have grown to be trees of a large size, and blossom in September.

Touck very straight. Back smooth, ash-coloured. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. The wood is white and soft. Leaves alternate, patioled, broad-cordate, from three to five-nerved, entire, accurrinate, of a very thin texture and smooth on both sides, from six to twelve inches long. Petiales nearly as long as the leaves, round, smooth. Stipules ensiform. Panieles terminal, roundish, ovate, large, and very ramous. Bracles ensiform, numerous, involuere-like, at the divisions of the panieles. Flowers very numerous, pretty large, of a pale, but lively rose-colour. Calga five-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, villous, nearly equal, almost twice the length of the corol. Petals five, unequal. The upper one incumbent, sub-cylindric, perforated lengthways. The next pair oblong, concave, pressing on the column of fructification laterally. Lower pair also oblong, but expanding more; all are inserted into the base of the column. Nectory, a five-lobed ring round the base of the receptacle just within the insertion of the petals. Fitaments five, broad, fleshy, inserted on the apex of the column round the germ, each slightly three-parted; a slender, short, sterile filament, between each of the large three-

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Steroulia. eleft ones. Anthers fifteen pairs, one on each division of the five filaments. Germ superior, ovate, hairy, inserted on the apex of the declined, clavate column, which is rather longer than the petals. Style longer than the stamens. Stigma of five acute points. Capsule inflated, membranaceous, turbinate, five-lobed, five-celled, five-valved. Seed a single, small, round, tubercled one in each cell, attached to the middle of the inner margin of the partitions, obovate, somewhat tubercled. Integuments two. Perisperm thin, of a firm, tough, fleshy texture and pearl gray colour. Embryo conform to the seed, curved, pale yellow. Cotyledons chrysoloide, 142 contorted, triplicate. Radicle inferior, curved, with its apex immediately to the umbilicus. In fact it is a Malvaceæ, but with a real perisperm.

HERITIERA. Hort. Kew. iii. 546,

Hermaphrodite and male flowers on the same individual. Hermaphrodite. Calyx companulate, five-toothed. Corol none. Stamens five pairs. Germs five, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment interior. Drupes from one to five, keel-winged, one-seeded. Embryo centripetal, no

. H. minor. R.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, cinereous underneath. Drupes obovate, flattened, inside furrowed, outside keel-winged.

Balanopteris minor. Gart. Sem. ii. t. 98. f. 2. Heritiera fomes. Buch. in Symes' Ava. Willd. v. 372. Atunus littoria. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 63.

Hind, and Beng. Shoondree, or Sundra. Samandara, Linn. Flor. Zeyl. 433.

A native of the lower parts of the Delta of the Ganges, where it grows to be a large tree.

Flowering time the hot season.

Trunk straight, often deeply suicated. Bark slightly cracked. Leaves alternate, shortpetioled, oblong-lanceolar, entire, smooth, of a deep green above, cinereous underneath, from four to six inches long. Panicles axillary, shorter than the leaves, crowded, rust-coloured. Flowers numerous, small, of a dull orange colour.

2. H. littoralis. Willd. vi. 972.

Leaves oblong. Drupes oval, inside keeled, outside winged.

Balanopteris Tothila. Gært. Sem. ii. t. 99.

Nagam. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 21. A native of Malabar, Mauritius, &c.

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HELICTERES. Schreb. gen. N. 734.

Calyx tubular, five-toothed. Corol of five unequal petals. Column of fructification clavate. Capsules five, leguminous, often twisted, one-celled, one-valved. Seeds many.

1. H. Isora. Willd. iii. 721.

Arboreous. Leaves bifarious, cuneate, obovate, sub-lobate, serrate, tomentose. Capsules twisted, fine-pointed.

Isora (rather *Iswara*) Murri. *Rheed. Mal.* iv. t. 30. Ki-walla-nara of the Malabars of Wynaad.

This small thinly branched tree is very common in most forests over India, where it

blossoms during the rains and cold season.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, cuneate-obovate, acuminate, from three to fivenerved, serrate; towards the apex generally somewhat lobate, very downy. Stipules subulate, hairy. Flowers axillary, several, viz. from four to eight together, generally two or three on a common peduncle, with proper pedicels, rather longer than the peduncles. Bractes small, hairy, subulate. Calyx one-leaved, hairy; tube somewhat gibbous, laterally compressed; mouth bilabiate; the upper lip emarginate, the under one three-toothed. Corol five-petalled, all have long, taper claws, which at the mouth of the calyx enlarge into wings, and there embrace the pedicel or receptacle of the nectary, stamina and pistillum. Lamina linguiform, with their apices retuse. The upper three are only about one third the breadth of the lower two. When, they first expand, the colour is a pretty bright red, but gradually becomes paler, and are nearly lead-coloured by the second day. Nectary, or abortive filaments, five emarginate scales within the staminiferous tube, and inserted into its base. Filaments ten, short, half-way up united into a tube round the germ. Anthers ovate. Pistil; receptacles at the base, filiform; above the calyx and cord clavate; at the apex enlarged and curved up, at nearly right angles. Germ conical, five-lobed. Style single, twice the length of the stamina, at the base five-grooved, curved. Stigma simple, acute. Capsules five, much twisted, fine-pointed, villous, one-celled,

144 one-valved. Seeds numerous, in one row, angular.

STERCULIA. Schreb. gen. N. 828.

Monocopus or polygamous. Calyx inferior, five-parted. Corol none. Column of fructification and staminiferous tube, various. Germs five, one-celled, many-seeded; attachment interior. Capsules leguminous, from one to five, distinct. Seeds few. Embryo various, with or without perisperm.

1. S. Balanghas. Willd. ii. 872.

Leaves oblong, entire, smooth. Panicles pendulous. Follieles oval, villous.

Chin. Pim-pho.

Cavalum. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 49.

Found in gardens about Calcutta, where it grows to be a pretty large tree, with a very

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ramous head.

Bark brown, pretty smooth. Flowering time April; seed ripens in July. Leaves alternate, about the extremities of the branchlets petioled, oblong, smooth on both sides, entire, from two to twelve inches long. Petioles round, thick at each end, about one inch long. Stipules none. Panieles axillary, generally solitary, pendulous. Peduncles and pedicels coloured, slender, a little downy. Flowers numerous, small, pendulous, flesh-coloured, faintly fragrant.

Male. Calyx or corol, for there is but one, one-leaved, a little hairy, campanulate, five-parted; divisions long, slender; margins revolute, converging at the points, gaping wide at the sides. Filaments (column) single, from the bottom of the bell of the corol, towards the apex recurved, crowded with anthers, too crowded and minute to be distinctly counted. Hermaphrodite flowers few, and on the same plant. Calyx or corol as in the male. Filaments many, but very short. Anthers perfect, surrounding the base of the germ. Germs five, very hairy, elevated on a receptacle, surrounding a column, which ends in a style, so much recurved as to bring the five-lobed stigma in contact with the stamens that surround the base of the germ. Capsules, from one to five come to maturity, oval. one-celled, one-valved, opening longitudinally on the inside. Seeds few, affixed to the gaping sutures. Integaments two. The exterior one of a dark-chesnut colour, and clammy on the outside, on the inside buff-colour. The interior one coriaceous, dull black on the outside, and lined with a light brown tunic within. Perisperm none, except a fleshy darker coloured exterior coat of the cotyledons can be so called. Embryo the size and shape of the seed. Cotyledons thick, of different sizes and shapes. Radicle opposite to the umbilicus.

Note. The seeds are deemed wholesome, and nearly as palatable as chesnuts when

roasted.

2. S. urens. Willd. ii. 873. Roxb. Corom. pl. N. 24.

Leaves round-cordate, five-lobed; lobes entire, long, fine-pointed. Panicles erect; calyx campanulate. Capsules armed with sharp bristles.

Hind. Bulee. Teling. Kavalee.

A large tree, a native of the mountainous countries on the coast of Coromandel, Hin-

Leaves deciduous about the end of the wet season. It flowers during the cold, and the leaves appear with the fruit about the beginning of the hot season. Trunk erect, very straight, top large and shady. Bark light ash-coloured, very smooth; its outer cost is thin, transparent, covered with a farinaceous substance, and peels off like the exterior pellicle of the birch bark; inwardly it is fibrous, and netted. Leaves about the extremities of the branches, alternate, petioled, five-lobed, five-nerved; lobes acute, very downy, from nine to twelve inches each way. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, round, downy. Panicles terminal, pretty large, every part covered with a glutinous, farinaceous, yellow down. Bractes lanceolate. Flowers small, numerous, yellow, unde and hermaphrodite mixed; there is but a small proportion of the latter. Hermaphrodite calgar below, campanulate, five-toothed, leathery; divisions acute; on the inside of each division near the base, there is an obcordate hairy gland. Corol none. Filaments ten, alternately longer, united below into a thin sheath, which girds the receptacle of the germs. Anthers large, two-lobed, alternately larger. Germs five, placed on a thick, short pedicel, as in Grewia. Style single, short, thick. Stigma five-lobed. Capsules five, united in the form of a star, one-celled, one-valved, opening lengthways on the inside, covered with yellow down, and many stiff burning hairs. Seeds from three to six, oblong, chesnut-coloured, inserted alternately into the margins of the capsules.

MALE. Calyx; stamens and columnar receptacle as in the hermaphrodite. Pistillum, the

rudiments of the genus only, without any appearance of a style.

The wood of this tree is soft and spongy, except towards the centre of large trees, where it is reddish. I do not know of any use it is put to, except to make fuel.

I observed, that the water in which I kept the green branches for examination, became thick, like a clean glutinous jelly. Bark exceeding astringent, tinges the spittle reddish.

Note. This agrees nearly with Sterculia plantanifolia of the supplement. The chief difference is, that here the leaves are downy, there very smooth. It yields a gum not unlike Tragacanth, and has been sent to London as such, but the artists, who use that gum, did not find it answer. The seeds are roasted and used by the natives as an article of diet, and also as a dainty.

S. colorata, Willd. ii. 873. R. Corom. pl. i. N. 25.

Leaves five-lobed; lobes acute. Calyces club-funnel-shaped, mouth five-toothed. Follicles smooth, two-seeded, opening long before the seeds are ripe.

Teling. Karaka.

A large tree, a native of the mountainous parts of Rajamundree Circar.

Leaves deciduous during the cold season. It flowers in April, soon after the leaves make their appearance, and the seed ripens about the beginning of the rains. Trunk erect, growing to a very great size. Bark ash-coloured, and a little scabrous. Branches numerous, spreading, their bark smoother than on the trunk. Leaves alternate, about the extremities of the branchlets, petioled, considerably broader than long, villous, five-lobed, five-nerved; lobes acute, soft; the leaves are generally, when full-grown, from nine to twelve inches broad and from six to nine long. Petioles round, a little downy, about nine inches long. Stipules creet, lanceolate, inserted into the petiole near its base. Pavieles terminal, small, numerous, red like corol, be-

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Page ing covered with much red, stellate pubescence, when in flower the whole tree appears as if Ed. covered with numerous ramifications of red corol. Flowers numerous, about an inch long. covered with numerous ramifications of red corol. Flowers numerous, about an inch long-Calyx one-leaved. Tube clavate, leathery; month five-toothed, outside covered with red stellate hairs, withering. Corol none. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers about thirty, kidney-formed, sessile round the border of the extremity of the receptacle, cylindric, a little curved, of the length of the calyx, round and smooth, bearing five oval germs on the top, surrounded by the stamina. Styles five, short, recurved. Stigmas acute. Capsules, from one to five come to maturity, pedicelled, pendulous, leathery, smooth, opening on the inside, long before the seeds are ripe. Seeds, generally two, adhering one to each margin of the gaping follicle, alternate, about the size and shape of a small field bean.

4. S. parviflora, R. III.

Leaves cordate-oblong, acuminate. Panieles lateral, diverging. Tube of the ealyx gibbous, with the apices of its segments united, and the sides gaping.

Hind. Ram-julparee.

A middling sized tree, a native of the hills east of Tippera. In flower in March.

5. S. angustifolia. R.

Leaves lanceolate. Panicles lateral, pendulous. Flowers globular; segments of the calyx

united at the top, gaping at the side.

A middling sized tree, a native of Nepal. It flowers in the Botanic garden in March, when the new foliage begins to appear, the former year's having fallen during the cool season, indeed all the Sterculius are deciduous in Bengal.

6. S. populnifolia. R. Leaves long-petioled, round, reniform, cordate, acuminate, entire, smooth, from five to seven-nerved.

A tree, a native of Coromandel. The bark is particularly smooth in our young trees.

7. S. guttata, R.

Leaves oblong, entire, villous underneath. Racemes terminal, and from the fork of the branches, simple.

Ramena-pou-maram. Rheed. Mal. iv. t. 61.

A native of Malabar, from Wynaad Captain Dickenson sent the seeds to the Botanic garden in 1802, and the young trees reared therefrom, blossomed for the first time in December 1809. They were then about twenty feet high, and the trunk twenty-one inches in circumfer-

ence, four feet above the ground. Trunk straight to the top of the trees. Bark considerably cracked, and no doubt in old

trees much so; that of the young parts smooth, ash-coloured; young shoots clothed with stellate down, inwardly it abounds with very strong, white, flaxen fibres, of which the inhabitants of Wynaad manufacture a kind of coarse cloth.* Petioles round, downy, from two to three inches long. Stipules ensiform, caducous at an early period. Racemes terminal, and from the divisions of the branchlets, diverging, simple, clothed with ferruginous stellate pubescence. Flowers tern, short-pedicelled, middling sized, inodorous, by far the greater part hermaphrodite. Bractes lanceolar, a larger one below the middle flower of the three, and a minute one under each of the other two. Calyx nearly rotate, with its five segments revolute, both sides very pubescent; the outer side pale yellow; the inner one beautifully marked with numerous, minute, purple glands on a yellow ground. Anthers about a dozen, inserted on the border of the thin nectarial belt which embraces the base of the germ. Germs long-pedicelled, globose, from three to five-lobed; three most frequent, downy, from three to five-celled; each cell contains two vertical rows of ovula, attached to the inner angle of the cell. Many of the flowers are abortive, or male-hermaphrodite. Style, in the fertile hermaphrodite, retrofracted, nearly as long as the germs; in the male-hermaphrodite scarcely any. Stigma from three to five-lobed. Capsules from one to five, nearly round, of the size of a small apple, one-celled, one-valved, with the surface furrowed, orange-coloured, lined on the inside with a firm, smooth, fibrous, pink-coloured parchment-like membrane; the margins of the opening, and pedicels of the seed very hairy. Seeds few, oblong, of the size of a field bean. Integuments three; the exterior one thin, black and brittle; the second thin, light brown and tough; between these two is a soft, white, sebaccous substance; the inner integument is membranaceous. Perisperm on each side of the embryo amygdaline. Embryo straight. Cotyledons elliptic, extending completely through the perisperm. Radicle small, lodged in the apex of the seed opposite to the umbilieus.

8. S. lanceafolia. R.

Leaves lanceolate, entire, smooth. Racemes axillary, simple, much shorter than the leaves; flowers red, long-pedicelled. Capsules oblong, villous, from four to eight-seeded.

Ushlea the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, growing to be a middling

sized tree. Flowering in March and April, and the seed ripening in May and June

Bark of the trunk and larger branches ash-coloured; young shoots slightly villous, I may say smooth, as the little pubescence they have, when very tender, soon rubs off; thus it is

[&]quot;"The bark of this tree, the Malabars convert into a flaxy substance, of which the natives of the lower coasts of Wymaid contrive to make a sort of clothing. It derives its name from the first process of its manufacture, ris, the chopping the bark into small pieces, auraycomo, to cut. It is not customary to manufacture the bark until the tenth year, when its size will be equal to that of most forest trees. The mode of obtaining this flaxy substance is as follows. The tree is felled, the branches lopped off, and the trunk cut into pieces of six feet long, a perpendicular incision made in each piece; the bark epened, and taken off whole, chopped, washed, and dried in sun. By these means, and without any further process, it is fit for the purpose of clothing."

For the above account we are obliged to Captain Dickenson, of the Bombay Military establishment.

also with the leaves. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolate, rather obtusely acuminate, entire, smooth, from four to eight inches long, by from one to three broad. Petioles about an inch long, thick at both ends. Stipules thick, subulate, a little hairy, caducous. Racemes axillary, or under the leaves, and much shorter than them, simple, erect. Flowers few, small, red, longpedicelled, by far the greater part are male. Calyx, stamina and pistillum as in the genus. Capsules follocular; from one to five come to maturity, they are oblong, rather obtuse; the surface rather harsh with very minute, short bairs; length about three inches. Seeds from four to eight, oval. Integuments three; the exterior one thin, brittle, polished, black; the second thin, brown; between it and the exterior one a firm, dull-coloured, soft, sebaccous lamina; the interior integument membranaceous, light brown. Perispera in rather small quantity. Embryo straight, of a pale yellow. Cotylodous oval, nearly the size of the perisperm, thick and fleshy. Radicle ovate, pointing to the apex of the seed, directly opposite to the umbilicus.

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Leaves lanceolar, entire, smooth. Panicles axillary, drooping; segments of the calyx expanded, fillform and woolly. Capsules oblong, beaked, from four to eight-seeded.

A small tree, a native of Silhet where it blossoms during the hot season, and the seed ripens in May and June. It is conspicuous on account of the spreading, slender, woolly sugments of the border of the calyx, and the crimson capsules.

Foung shoots a little hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar, with a rather abrupt base, entire, obtusely acuminate, with a few depressed, stellate, harsh hairs underneath, from four to eight inches long, and from one to three broad. Petioles about an inch long, and hairy. Stipules subulate, hairy. Panieles axillary, and under the leaves, solitary, the length of the leaves, but pendulous; while scarcely expanded, a little bairy. Plowers rather long pedicelled, pretty large, by far the greatest port male, of a greenish yellow colour, tinged with pink. Bracles subulate. Calgar rather flat; segments of the border five, long, slender, and woolly, spreading out in various directions, not converging, with their lips united, as in Balanghan parriflora, and augustifulia, which also have long slender segments. Stamisa and pistillam as in the other species already described. Capuales follicular, from one to five come to maturity, linear-oblong, ending in a sub-cylindric, obtuse, curved beak, villous, both the inner and exterior surfaces of a bright crimson; general length from three to four inches. Seeds from four to eight, oval, smooth, of a bright chesnut colour. Perisperss in small quantity, and quite divided by the cotyledons. Embryo straight. Radicle in the apex of the seed directly opposite to the umbilicus.

10. S. alata. Roxb

Leaves cordate, entire, from three to five-nerved. Raceness crowded about the ends of the

branchlets, length of the petioles. Follicles sub-rotund. Seeds numerous, winged.

A native of the countries immediately cast of Bengal, where it grows to be a large, handsome, very ramous tree. Flowering time, in the Botanic garden, February and March, and the seed ripens about the close of the year. In the province of Chittagong, the tree is called Buddha Navikella, which may be translated, Boodh's Coco-set, Navikella being one of the Sanscrit names of the Coco-nut. In Silhet it is called Toola, and there the seeds are said to

be eaten by the natives as a cheap substitute for opium. Trunk, in trees twenty-five years old, now growing in the Botanic garden, straight, tall, four feet above the ground, three and a half feet in circumference. Bark quite smooth, and ashcoloured. Branches numerous, towards the top of the tree ascending, below divariente. In its native soil, they arrive at a much greater size; viz. ten feet in circumference, and above one hundred high. Leaves alternate about the ends of the branchlets, petioled, cordate, entire, smooth, from three to five-nerved, from four to twelve inches long, and from three to eight broad. Deciduous about the time the blossoms appear in February and March. Petioles round, smooth, from one to four inches long. Stipules minute, subulate, caducous at a very early period. Racemes axillary, sometimes terminal, thin, sub-panieled, but the most common mode is racemes in pairs from the axilla of the former years toward the ends of the branchlets, and about as long as the petioles, or more densely clothed with ferruginous stellate pubescence. Flowers pretty large, short-pedicelled, reflex; male and female on the same racemes. Bractes ensiform, three under each flower, and caducous at a very early period. Calya campanulate, divided nearly to the base, into five thick, fleshy, recurved, lanceolar segments; outside clothed with ferraginous, stellate pubescence; inside elegantly striated with crimson and yellow. Corol

MADE FLOWERS. Column of the abortive stamina cylindric, much shorter than the calyx, straight. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers imbricated in five fascicles of about five each, which

unite below the middle and form a cup round the five imperfect germs.

FEMALE HERMAPHRODITE FLOWERS. Column none. Stamina, five sessile bundles of imperfect anthers embracing the five grooves of the base of the germs. Germs five, singly semiovate, one-celled, with two rows of ovula in each, vertically attached to the inner angle of the cell. Styles short, recurved, villous. Stigmas rather broad and emarginate. Follieles or rather leguminous capsules from one to five, from the size of a man's fist, to that of an infant's head, nearly round, long-peduncled, one-celled, one-valved; raire thick, tough, and very fibrous; surface densely clothed with a brownish olive, mealy pubescence. Souls many, attached to the margins of the valve, oblong, considerably compressed, each terminated by a long, broad, spongy wing, (hence the specific name,) which becomes thin and sub-membranaceous at the Integaments three; the exterior one, a brown, friable, spongy body with a few fibres from the wing ; the middle or second one forms an oval nuciform envelope for the embryo only,

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Page and seems composed of three parts; the exterior and interior thin, brown and friable, and the middle part thicker, tough and hard; the interior integument a thin membrane. Perisperm none. Embryo; cotyledons equal, conform to the seed, three-nerved. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle patelliform, lodged immediately within the umbilicus, relative, centripetal.

11. S. villosa. R.

Leaves from five to seven-lobed; lobes repand, or lobate, firmly acuminate. Panicles pendulous. Follicles oblong, villous, many-seeded.

A native of the mountainous countries to the eastward of Bengal. Flowering time, the

beginning of the hot season.

Trunk straight. Bark smooth. Branches few, spreading. Leaves alternate, petioled, roundish, or cordate-lobate, five-nerved; there are generally from five to seven acute, longpointed, lobate lobes; when young very downy, particularly underneath, from twelve to eighteen inches each way. Petioles round, as long as the leaves, or longer, downy. Stipules lanceolatecordate, downy, caducous. Panicles terminal, the longer pendulous, the shorter drooping, or diverging; every part covered with rust-coloured down. Flowers numerous, male and hermaphrodite mixed; the former by far the most numerous; all are pretty large; border of a pale yellow, or straw-colour, and the bottom of the bell pink. Bractes filiform, caducous. Calga campanulate, outside downy.

Hermaphrodite Flowers. Anthers ten, two-lobed, inserted on the toothed edge of a membranaceous ring, which surrounds the base of the germs. Germs globular, elevated above the base of the corol by a curved cylindric column. Style single, the length of the germs, and recurved so much as to bring the five-lobed stigms into contact with the anthers. Capsules

five, or fewer, &c. as in the germs, and covered with soft, rust-coloured down.

MALE FLOWERS. Calyx as in the hermaphrodite. Stamens; column, as long as the hermaphrodite, style and column taken together, hooked, apex a little enlarged for the reception of ten small twin anthers round its margin, in their centre, consisting of five glands, the representation of a pistil.

12. S. fortida. Willd. ii. 874.

Leaves digitate.

Clompanus major. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 107. but Karil, Rheed. Mal. iv. t. 36. is a Vitex and I presume, leucoxylon.

S. foetida. Sonnerat. Chin. ii. p. 234. t. 132.

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Jungli-badam, (wild almond) is the name it is known by amongst the Musselmans on the Peninsula.

A tall stout tree, a native of the interior parts of the Peninsula of India. In the Bo-

tanic garden it blossoms in March, and the seed ripeus about six months afterwards.

Trunk tall and straight. Branches verticelled, and horizontal. Bark ash-coloured, and pretty smooth. Leaves crowded about the ends of the branchlets, long-petioled, digitate. Leaflets from six to twelve, lanceolar, entire, smooth. They are perfectly deciduous during the cool season in Bengal. Stipules ensiform, caducous at an early period. Racemes immediately under the young leaves of the present year, horizontal, compound, about as long as the petioles, smooth. Flowers large, of a dull crimson and orange, variously blended, most of them male-hermaphrodite. Bracles very small. Calyx hypocrateriform, deeply five-cleft, deciduous. Segments lanceolate, villous on the inside. Column of the fructification long, and much curved. In the male-hermaphrodite its apex is more enlarged, and forms a campanulate receptacle for the germ, on the margin of which twelve or fifteen anthers sit, and in its bottom the five-lobed abortive germ without style or stigmas. In the fertile hermaphrodite it is more robust, with an acctabuliform apex, round its margin are about the same number of anthers. Germs round, very villous, five-lobed, five-celled, in each about from twelve to twenty seeds, attached in two vertical rows to the inner angle of the cell. Style curved. Stigmas five-lobed. Capsules, from one to five come to maturity, singly about the size of a man's fist, broad-reniform, pretty smooth, ligneous and fibrous, lined on the inside with a thick parchment-like web of waved transverse fibres; one-celled, one-valved. Seeds several, from ten to fifteen, of the size of filberts, oblong, attached alternately to the ligneous margins of the follicle, hard and smooth. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed, five-nerved, thick and fleshy. Plumula two-lobed; lobes digitate, hairy. Radicle ovate, pointing to the end of the seed most remote from the umbilieus.

On the Peninsula, where the tree is indigenous, the seeds are roasted, and caten like chesnuts, though not much esteemed.

ABROMA. Schreb. gen. N. 1217.

Calyx five-leaved. Petals five, with cucullate base. Staminiferous tube five-cleft, the bottom of each fissure bearing three anthers. Styles five. Capsules five-winged, five-celled, gaping at top. Seeds many.

A. augusta. Willd. iii. 1424. Abroma fastuosa. Gært. 307. t. 64.

Beng. Ullat kumul.

Theobroma augusta. Mill. Illustr. iii. p. 583. Abroma Wheeleri. Retz. v. 27. Willd. iii. 1425. is no doubt the same.

Gossipium demonum. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 14.

A native of various parts of India, growing to be a small tree. Flowers most profusely

Dombeya, Pentapetes, Monadelphia Dodecandria.

Pterospermum. during the rains, and the seeds ripen in the cold season. The bark abounds with strong, white fibres, which make a very good substitute for hemp, and as the plant grows so quickly, as to yield two, three, or even four crops of cuttings annually fit for peeling, it may be advantageously cultivated for its fibres, which though not so strong as hemp, make good common cordage, &c.

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DOMBEYA. (Cavan.)

Calyx five-parted, exterior bractiform. Petals five. Stamina twenty, of which five are barren. Style five-cleft. Capsules five, coloured, one-celled, one or more seeded.

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1. D. ovula. Cavan. Diss. iii. p. 127. t. 41. f. 2. Leaves cordate-oblong, obtusely gland-serrate, from three to five-nerved, downy, particularly underneath. Corymbs terminal, dichotomous, with the extreme ramifications umbelliferous, Found indigenous on the Mauritius by Colonel Hardwicke, in flower in June and July.

All the young parts densely clothed with minute, stellate, ferruginous pubescence.

2. D. tiliafolia. Willd. iii. 725.

Shrubby. Leaves from five-angled, and sub-rotund, to cordate, all are serrate. Stipules

subulate. Corymbs axillary, solitary, bifid.

A very handsome, uncommonly scabrous shrub, a native of the Mauritius, from thence sent to the Botanic garden where it throws out most copiously its numerous corymbs of pretty, large, pale, rosy flowers, about the beginning of the cool season. While the plants are young, until the floriferous branchlets appear, the leaves are five-angled; afterwards they become simply cordate.

PENTAPETES. Schreb. gen. N. 1122.

Calyx double; the exterior one three-leaved, caducous; the interior one five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Stamens twenty, of which five are longer and sterile. Capsule five-celled, manyseeded; partition contrary.

P. phoenicea. Willd. iii. 727.

Leaves hastate-lanceolate, crenate-serrate.

Raktaka, Bhandhaka, Sanscrit names.

Beng. Kat-Lala, Doopahuria.

Naga-pu, Rheed. Mal. x. t. 56, is evidently this plant, while Sjasmin, vol. x. t. 1, is Hibiscus phoenicous.

This elegant plant is annual, a native of wet rice-fields. Flowering time, the rainy season. Stem erect, with many simple, erect branches; when growing on a good soil from two to five feet high, smooth, except for a few small, depressed, stellate hairs. Leaves petioled, alternate, hastate, linear-lanceolate; margins waved, and deeply serrate-crenate, pretty smooth on both sides. Petioles from one to two inches long, round. Stipules subulate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, short, two-flowered; pedicels three times longer than the peduncles, joined near the apex. Bractes about the base of the peduncles and pedicels, subulate. Flowers nod-ding, large, bright red, expanding at noon and dropping by day-light next morning. Calyx double; the exterior one three-leaved, caducous; the interior one deeply five-parted; divisions lanceolate, bristly. Petals five, triangular, inserted by evident sutures into the base of the staminiferous tube. Stamons fertile; filaments fifteen, short. Anthers sub-sagittate. Sterile filaments (or nectaries.) five, linear-lanceolate, nearly the length of the corol, one between every three fertile filaments, and with them united at the base into a short conical tube. Germ half hid in the tube formed by the base of the filaments. Style the length of the sterile filaments, Stigma clavate, and spirally twisted. Capsule sub-globular, bristly, five-celled, five-valved. Seeds from eight to twelve in each cell, disposed in two vertical rows.

PTEROSPERMUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1124.

Calyx five-cleft. Corol five-petalled. Five of the twenty stamens, sterile. Germ pedicelled, five-celled; cells few or many-seeded; attachment interior. Capsule woody, five-celled. Seeds winged. Embryo erect, plaited, and furnished with a perisperm.

 P. acerifolium. Willd. iii. 729, &c.

Leaves peltate, ovate, repand. Pentapetes acerifolia. Linn. Cavan. &c.

Karnikara, the Sanscrit name.

Beng. Kunuk-champa.

I cannot say where the tree is indigenous; in Bengal, it is found in the gardens only, and is yet but twenty-five or thirty feet high; but seems to be naturally a very large tree. Flowering time, the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk short, tolerably straight. Branches spreading, but not near so numerous as in P. suberifolium. Bark smooth, light ash-coloured. Leaves petioled, alternate, bifarious, peltate, oval, repand, when young covered with much stellate down, as is every tender part of the tree, the same as in P. suberifolism; when full-grown, upper side is smooth, and the under side remarkably hoary; length from eight to twelve inches. Petioles round. Stipules many-cleft, caducous. Peduncles axillary, very short, one or two-flowered. Bractes many-cleft, like the stipules. Flowers very large, pure white and fragrant. Calyx as in P. suberifolium. Petals obliquely wedge-shaped. Stem, pistil, &c. as in the genus. Germ as in the ripe fruit, only each of the five cells is nearly divided into two, by a membrane, which is not visible when ripe.

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Capsule ligneous, five seeded, oblong, fully six inches long and about three in diameter, covered with a coarse dark brown, mealy substance, five-celled, five-valved. Seeds about twenty in each cell, attached in two rows to the inner edge of the triangular valves, obliquely oval, compressed; from the upper end, a large brown, membrauaceous, thin wing rises. Integament single, smooth, brown. Perisperm rather gelatinous, in small quantity, entering into the various foldings of the cotyledons. Embryo conform to the seed, nearly erect, pure white. Catyledons two, large, very thin, variously folded or wrinkled. Radicle cylindric, inferior, its apex immediately opposite to the umbilious of the seed.

The flowers, like those of P. suberifolium, render water gelatinous.

P. suberifolium. Willd. iii. 728.

Leaves cuncate-oblong, towards the apex repend-dentate. Pentapetes subcrifolia. Linn. Cavan. &c.

Moochukoonda. Asiat. Res. ii. 349.

Tam. Taddo-marum.

Beng. Moochukoonda, Muskunda.

A native of mountainous tracts all over India. Flowering time the beginning of the hot

Trunk erect, growing to be a timber tree of middling size. Branches numerous in all directions; young shoots, leaves, petioles, bractes, and calyx, covered with stellate, rust-coloured bairs. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, cuneate-oblong, repand-dentate round the apex, in some plants deeply lobate, sometimes even peltate and pinnatifid. Flowers axillary, short-peduncled, large, pure white, fragrant, something like the best cloves. Bracies, from four to six surrounding the base of the calyx, like an inferior perianth, wedge-formed; the exterior half variously and deeply divided. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets linear, very long, revolute, hairy on the inside. Petals obliquely wedge-formed. Filaments inserted into a columnar receptacle round the apex of the base of the oblong hairy germ, as in Grewia. Anthers a polliniferous groove on each side of the upper third, or fourth part of the filaments. Germ elevated on a strong, columnar receptacle, common to it and the stamens. Capsule and seed as in the germs. The wood is white, and too soft to be of much use.

3. P. semi-sagittatum. Buch.

Leaves sub-lanceolate, entire, base of the inferior half protruded. Flowers terminal, and

solitary. Capsule oblong-elliptic, densely clothed with stellate pubescence.

Found by Dr. Buchanan at Chittagong, and from thence seeds were sent by him to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1797, where the trees grow luxuriantly, and flower about the close of the hot season, ripening their seeds ten months afterwards. In twelve years the trees

are thirty or forty feet high; thick in proportion, and promise to be larger.

Trunk straight. Young shoots very downy. Bark of the trunk and large branches ashcoloured. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, spreading, lanceolate, entire, the base of the inferior half of each leaf protruded into a lobe of considerable size, and generally longer than the petiole, smooth above, heary underneath, about six inches long, and nearly two broad. Stipules finely pinnatifid. Flowers terminal, and axillary, generally solitary, on short, downy, rust-coloured peduncles, drooping, large, pure white. Bractes, or involuere, generally threeleaved, and very downy, from three to five-parted, with divisions variously laciniate. Calyx five-cleft; divisions recurvate, linear, longer than the corol; on the inside white, and villous; on the outside clothed with brownish, stellate, short hairs. Corol sub-campanulate. Petals five, obliquely obovate-cuneate. Filaments fifteen, with anthers which are shorter than the style, and five abortive ones as long as the style; they are not united at the base, but inserted on the apex of the long sub-cylindrical receptacle, round the base of the germ. Germ a little elevated above the stamina, on a short, proper, fleshy receptacle, ovate, downy. Style single, filliform, as long as the abortive stamina. Stigma clavate. Capsule without angles, oblongelliptic, from two to three inches long, and one and a half in diameter, ligneous, clothed with an immense quantity of brown, stellate pubescence, five-celled, five-valved. Seeds about ten in each cell, attached from the lower and inner angle in two rows to the inner edge of the triangular valves, obliquely oval, compressed; from the upper end rises a large, straight, thin, brown, membranaceous wing. Integument single, spongy, of a light brown. Perisperm amygdaline, entering into the various folds of the cotyledous. Embryo nearly as extensive as the perisperm, erect, pure white. Cotyledous two, foliaceous, nearly round, variously folded. Plumula minute, conical. Radicle cylindric, inferior, its point immediately opposite to the umbilieus of the seed.

I am not at present possessed of any information respecting the uses the natives make of any part of this tree, nor of the quality of its timber. It grows fast to be of considerable magnitude, and it is at all times ornamental, being clothed to the ground with numerous branches, abounding in a beautiful foliage.

4. P. canescens. R.

Leaves cuneste obovate, anterior margin often slightly lobed, hoary underneath. Cells

of the capsule with as far as four seeds each.

A native of Ceylon, from thence introduced by General Hay Macdowall, into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it flowers in May, and the seeds do not ripen till the April following.

Trunk of trees eight years old, straight, and about as thick as a man's thigh. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches nearly erect, forming a tall, slender head; young shoots round, and hairy; general height of our young trees about twenty-five feet. Leaves alternate, shortpetioled, cuncate-obovate, with an obtuse point, and often tending to be lobate towards the apex; smooth, lucid green above; hoary underneath; about two inches long. Stipules linear,

generally entire, caducous. Peduncles axillary, generally in pairs, one-flowered, round, hoary.

Bractes few, small, conical. Flowers smaller than in any of the other three species described by meaning the first and the second by me, white. Calyx divided to the base into five, linear, revolute segments, which are fer-ruginously hoary on the outside, and hairy within. Petals falcate, obtuse, longer than the callyx. Filaments fifteen, with anthers; and five larger, abortive, all united near the base, and inserted on the elevated receptacle, round the base of the germ. Germ ovate, hairy, five-seeded, five-celled, with four seeds in each, attached to the axis. Style longer than the stamina Stigma clavate, five-grooved. Capsule woolly, clavate-oblong, without angles, slightly marked with five longitudinal lines, where the valves separate, from two to three inches long, and about one in diameter, generally obtuse, densely clothed with heavy, stellate pubescence, five-celled, five-valved. Seeds as far as four in each cell, two generally ripening, obliquely oval, compressed; on the upper end is a thin, bread, brown, membranaceous wing. Integuments two; the exterior one thick, with a rough, brown, spungy surface; the inner one tough, and lightly coloured. Perisperm conform to the seed, thin. Embryo erect. Cotyledons foliaceous, intricately folded. Radiele cylindric, inferior.

Velaga xylocarpa, Gart. Sem. ii. 245. t. 133. f. 2, agrees uncommonly well with the car-

pology of this, except in the number of seeds in each cell of the capsule; here there cannot

be more than four, that being the number of their radiments in the germ.

5. P. lauceafolium. R.

Leaves lanceolate, acuminate, entire. Flowers axillary, long-peduncled. Capsule lanceolate; cells from two to four seeds.

Beng. Bun Kella.

A tree, a native of the forests in the neighbourhood of Silhet, where it blossoms about the beginning of the rains in May and June; and the seed ripens at the beginning of the

Young shoots slender, heavy, and uncommonly straight. Leaves alternate, short-petiole l, lanceolate, with a round base, entire, acuminate, heavy underneath, from three to six inches long by one and a half broad. Stipules generally bifid, or trifid, ferruginous. Peduacles axillary, half the length of the leaves, round, slender, clavate at top, supporting a single, pretty large, white fragrant flower. Brackes two, or three, rather above the middle of the peduncle, like the stipule, but more divided. Calar five-cleft ; segments linear, revolute, hoary, Petals five, rather longer than the calyx, obliquely cunciform. Stamina as in the genus, viz. fifteen fertile filaments, with five longer, sterile ones; all are united at the base, and inserted on the cylindric receptacle, which elevates them and the germ. Anthers fifteen, linear, creet. Germ oblong, five-celled, with about four seeds in each, attached to the axis. Style, the length of the sterile filaments. Stigma clavate. Capsuler lanceolate, heavy, with very light gray, soft, short pubescence, very obscurely five-cornered, five-celled, five-valved. Seeds, from two to four in each cell, attached as in the germ, oval winged; the wing nearly as broad as the seed, and about three or four times its length.

MONADELPHIA POLYANDRIA.

ADANSONIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1126.

Calyx simple, five-cleft. Style long. Stigma with ten rays. Capsule woody, ten-celled. Seeds many in a pulp.

A. digitata. Willd. iii. 730.

This tree is scarce in India, and probably not a native of Asia, for hitherto only a few have been found of any great size at Allahabad, Masulipatam, on the coast of Coromandel, or in Ceylon. In the Botanic garden they blossom in May and June, and the seed ripens during

General Hay Macdowell in a letter to Dr. R. dated Mantolle, (on the Island of Ceylon,)

2nd July, 1802, says :-

"In my walk last night on the ruins of this once rich and extensive city, called by the natives Mande or Maddoo-ooltum, I chanced to observe a tree whose prodigious magnitude induced me to measure it, and I found it to be nearly fifty feet in circumference, above six feet from the ground, the natives call it *Peerig*, and from what I have been able to collect, it is not indigenous here. There are a great many of them scattered about at this place, and it seems to me to be the Adansonia.

In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, are many trees, the largest is about twenty-five years old, with an irregular, short, sub-conical trunk, which is eighteen feet in circumference, from four to five feet above ground; the branches diverge far all round: the leaves are decidnous

during the cold season, and appear with flowers in May and June.

BOMBAN. Schreb. gen. N. 1127.

Calyx simple, from three to five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Stamina five, or many. Capsule five-celled, five-valved. Seeds woolly.

1. B. pentandrum. Willd. iii. 731.

Trank while young, armed. Flowers drooping, pentandrous. Styles declined. Stigma entire. Leaves digitate. Teling. Cadami.

Ceiba pentandra. Gært, Sem. ii. 244. t. 133.

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Panja. Rheed. Mul. iii. p. 49, 50, and 51. The first of these gives a good idea of the general habit of the tree. Rumphius's fig. (vol. i. t. 10) is too bad to be quoted.

Beng. Shwet simool.

This elegant, straight, sub-verticelled tree, seems to differ from the West India species, probably specifically; it is found in every part of India. On the Coromandel coast, the Tamuls plant them about their temples. In Bengal, where the winters are colder, the leaves

drop off during the cold season. In February, when destitute of foliage, the blossoms appear, and soon afterwards the leaves; and the seed ripens in May.

Trank perfectly straight, in large trees five or six feet in circumference, tapering regularly like the must of a snip. Bark smooth, and thinly armed with conic-based prickles, while young, green, then ash-coloured; branches sub-verticelled, and spreading horizontally like the stages of the compound table called a dumb waiter; they are generally in threes, and at all times destitute of prickles, and like the trunk, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Leaves alternate, petiolate, digitate. Leaflets short-petioled, generally seven in number, though sometimes varying from four to ten, lanceolate, entire, and smooth on both sides, the interior by far the smallest, being from one to two inches long, while the exterior are two or three times longer. Petioles round, about the length of the longest leaflets. Stipules small, cadneous. Flowers numerous, in fascicles, about the end of the branchlets, pretty large, of a dull white colour, peduncled, drooping. Peduncles clavate, three, four, five, or more from the axillary germ of the fallen leaf; one-flowered, round and smooth. Calyx one-leaved, four or five-toothed; on the outside a little rugose, on the inside somewhat villous. Petals five, oblong, spreading, villous on the outside, smooth within. Filaments five, curved, smooth, rather shorter than the corol, united at the base into a thick desky envelope for the germ. Anthers large, consisting of two or three variously convoluted lobes, with a double line of bright yellow pollen on the exterior margin. Germ conical. Style as long as the stamens, much contracted near the base by the fleshy envelope, formed by the united bases of the filaments, immediately above it is much swelled, and considerably bent to one side. Stigma headed, obscurely five-lobed. Capsule (in our Indian plant) oblong, in size and shape like a smooth skinned cucumber, when ripe somewhat ligneous, and not readily opening spontaneously, fivecelled, five-valved, partitions membranaceous. Seeds numerous, somewhat pear-shaped, smooth, black, each involved in its own proper portion of very fine, soft, silky wool, which in this species adheres slightly to the seed. species adheres slightly to the seed.

2. B. heptaphyllar Willd. iii. 782.

Trunk and branches armed. Leaves digitate; leaflets cuspidate. Stamina numerous, in

two series of fascicles. Stigma five-cleft.

Moul elavou. Rheed. Mal. iii. p. 61. t. 52.

Salmuli, the Sanscrit name; see Asiat. Res. iv. 296.

Beng. Simul. Teling. Boorgha.

This is one of the largest of our Indian trees and is found almost every where; over the northern Circars, near the mountains, they grow to a greater size than I have seen them any where else, often about one hundred feet high, the trunk thick and ramous in proportion. Flowering time, the end of winter, when the tree is totally destitute of leaves. The great numbers of very large, bright red flowers with which it is then covered, makes it remarkably conspi-

cuons at a very great distance.

Trunk straight, covered with innumerable, crowded, short, sharp, conic aculei, the bark is also very scabrous, and deeply cracked, outwardly ash-coloured, inwardly red. Branches subverticelled, variously bent, but generally in a horizontal direction, and armed like the trunk. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, digitate. Leaflets five, six, or seven, petiolated, broad-lanceolate, long, fine-pointed, entire, smooth on both sides, from six to twelve inches long. Petioles longer than the leaflets, round, smooth. Petiolets short, channelled on the upper side. Stipules small, caducous. Flowers numerous, collected in fascicles at and near the extremities of the otherwise naked branchlets, very large, of a bright, lively red colour; they contain a large portion of sweet liquid, which birds are fond of. Bractes small, caducous. Calyx cup-shaped, circumcised, of a thick leathery texture; covered on the inside with white, silky down; on the outside pretty smooth. Border in general obscurely three or four-parted; as the corol expands, these are often so much split, as to appear four, five, or more cleft, separating to near the permanent base, which, with the corol and stamina, drop off in one body. Corol of five, very distinct, oblong, first spreading, then recurved, contorted, smooth, deep red, fleshy, oblong petals, of about twice the length of the stamens. Filaments in two series; the interior ones pressing on the style, and consisting of five longer and thicker, and ten shorter; the exterior series contains from fifty to sixty, united into five, distinct phalanges, all these are united at the base, into one fleshy envelope for the germ. Anthers incumbent, involute, reniform, those of the larger filaments of the interior series are double, on all the rest single poilen, the colour of Scotch snuff. Germ conical. Style longer than the stamina. Stigmax five, subulate, recurved. Capsule oblong, tapering equally toward each end, five-celled, five-valved, downy on the outside. Seeds numerous, obovate, smooth, except a sharp, cross-shaped ridge on one side, immersed in a very large quantity of very fine silky wool; this wool does not adhere to the seeds, but rather seems to grow from the inside of the valves of the capsule.

Jacquin says of the West India tree, "Truncus est erectus, figura valde inequali, rarissime regularis sepius circa medium ventricosus, aut crassior superne quam in ipsa basi, &c." which makes me doubt their being the same. Gærtner's figure of the pericarpium of the same plant, which he calls Criba pentundrus is also much too thick at the apex for our Indian tree.

In my description of this tree, I have been particularly full, because I am inclined to think it differs essentially from the West Indian species, which Linnaus called Ceiba. Jacquin's full, and I presume, accurate description of that tree is now before me, and leaves in my mind little doubt of their being very different. This and the former pentandrum, are the only species of this genus I have hitherto met with in India, except B. gossypiAstm, which is polyandrous. If this be not what Linnaus calls B. heptaphyllum, and Jacquin. Septenatum, I cannot say what it is. He quotes Moul elavou of the Hortus Malabaricus for it; and at the same time points it out to be an American tree. Be that as it may, there can be no doubt of Rheed's plant being the one I have now described and figured.

The wood is white, light and spongy, fit for very few purposes. In Iudia the wool is used

to stuff beds and pillows, and to put between the folds of quilted cloth.

3. B. gossypi um Willd. iii. 732.

Arboreous, unarmed Leaves fixe-lobed; flowers panicled, polyandrous Capsule sub-globular, five-lobed.

Teling. Kong.

A large beautiful tree, a native of the Circar mountains, it is also cultivated in gardens

on many parts of the coast.

Leaves decidnous during the cold season. The flowers appear about the beginning of the hot season, at which time the tree is destitute of leaves, but they soon succeed the flowers. Trunk erect, from eight to eighteen feet high, often much thicker than a man's body; the head is large in proportion to the trunk, and very branchy. Back smooth, ash-coloured. Leaves scattered about the ends of the branchiets, from three to five-lobed, above pretty smooth, below covered with whitish down, with the lobes entire, acute. I never could observe any thing like a gland on any part of the under nor upper side. Petioles as long as the leaves, that is from two to eight inches, downy. Stipules linear, acute, caducous. Flowers terminal, numerous, sub-panieled, very large, of a bright yellow. Bractes stipule-like, and caducous. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets oblong, concave. Petals five, obliquely obovate, obliquely and deeply emarginate, or rather cloft, spreading, embracing one another, as in the contorted plants. Filameats numerous, short, distinct as in many of the polyandrous plants. Anthers linear, nearly as long as the filaments. Germ above globular. Style rather longer than the stamens, but considerably bent to one side. Stigma simple. Capsule broad turbinate, as large as a goose-egg, five-lobed, five-celled, five-valved. Seeds numerous, kidney-shaped, woolly.

The cotton is of a soft, silky nature, not employed for any use by the natives; the

wood is also very soft, and of little or no use.

SIDA. Schreb. gen. N. 1129.

Calyx simple, five-toothed. Style many parted. Capsule (or arils) conjoined round a common receptacle, from one to three-seeded.

k. S. microphytta, Willd, iii, 739.

Suffrutionse, ramous. Leaves from round-cuneate, to lanceolate, servate, hoary underneath. Flowers solitary, decandrous. Capsules five, with two sub-ovate seed horns, and a double, scabrous, hairy ridge on the back.

A native of Bengal, where it is in blossom the whole year round.

Flowers expand at nine in the morning. Trank trifling. Branches numerous, slender, straight. Back of the ligneous parts ash-coloured, height of the whole plant from one to three feet. Leaves short-petioled, from round-cuneate to lanceolate, and rhomb-lanceolate, serrate, slightly three-nerved, heavy with white down underneath, from one to two inches long. Petioles villous, scarcely one-sixth part the length of the leaves. Stipules slender, fillform, a little flattened. Peduncles solitary, azillary, one-flowered, when in blossom about the length of the petioles, but lengthening much by the time the seed is ripe. Flowers small, yellow. Petals distinct, obliquely triangular. Stamens about ten. Style five-cieft. Capsules five, about the length of the calyx, horned, with a scabrous, hairy, double ridge running down from the horns; when ripe the upper half falls off like that of the capsula circumcissa. Seed solitary.

2. S. cuneifolia. Roxb.

Suffrutex. Leaves wedge-shaped, retuse, not serrate. Flowers solitary; petioles, flower and stipule-bearing, decandrous; arils five.

Teling. Multo-opullakum.

A small, irregular, shrubby species, found on pasture lands, about hedges, under the shade

of trees, &c. It flowers through the wet and cold seasons.

Stem woody, short; bark gray, somewhat scabrous. Branches many, irregular, the whole plant is about two or three feet high. Leaves scattered, very short-petioled, wedge-formed, retuse, with a small toothlet in the hollow, not servate, downy underneath, about half an inch long, and one-fourth broad. Stipules subulate, inserted into the petioles near their base. Flowers petiolary, solitary, peduncled, inserted on the petioles between the stipules, pretty large, yellow, opening in the afternoon. Filaments ten, five spreading, and five creet. Style five-cleft. Arils five, about as high as the calyx, pretty smooth, most-slightly two-knobbed.

3. S. aceta. Willd. iii. 735.
Suffrations: branches the cose, with spreading bifarious branchlets. Leaves lanceolate, serrate, smooth. Pedinneles solitary, one-flowered. Flowers polyandrous. Capsules five, twohorned.

Beng. Kiretta.

Tsjern-parua. Rheed. Mal. x. 53.

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A native of Coromandel. Flowers in the rainy and cool seasons.

4. S. humilis. Willd, iii. 744.

Perennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves round-cordate, serrate, hairy. Flowers solitary, longpeduncled. Capsules five, hornless.

Sida pilosa. Retz. Obs. i. p. 23.

Teling. Nalla benda.

111. Beng. Junka. 172

Sida unilocularis, L'Herit. nov. p. 117. f. 66, is said to be an erect plant, ours is always diffuse, indeed spreading flat on the ground. I should therefore doubt their being the same.

A native of various parts of India, and in flower most part of the year. 5. S. periplocifolia. Willd. iii. 741.

Shrubby; leaves cordate-sagittate, entire, hoary underneath. Stipules filiform. Peduncles solitary, length of the leaves, one-flowered. Capsules five, two and three-seeded, sharp-horned. A native of the Malay Islands. Flowers and ripens its seed in the Botanic garden at Calcutta great part of the year. The bark of this abounds in serviceable flaxen fibres, and as it shoots quickly into long, simple twigs, particularly if cut near the earth, it answers well for procuring the fibre of a good length for most purposes.

6. S. glutinosa, R.

Herbaceons, erect, very hairy, and glutinous. Leaves cordate, pointed, serrate. Flowers numerous, fascicled. Arils five, shorter than the calvx, with two short conic hornlets. Seems herbaceous, but I cannot say with any degree of certainty; it is a rare, pretty large, erect

species, growing chiefly on sandy ground.

Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, serrate, acute, hairy, glutinous, in consequence, they as well as the whole of the plant, for every part exudes a tenaceous gluten, is covered with sand, or dust; from one to five inches long, and of a proportional breadth. Petioles round. hairy, from one to two inches long. Stipules bristle-shaped. Peduncles axillary, and terminal, generally more than one, with small leaves mixed, round, hairy, one-flowered. Flowers small, vellow. Arils tive, rather shorter than the calyx, obtusely two-horned, pretty smooth.

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7. S. polyandra, Roxb.

Annual, or biennial, erect, ramous, pubescent. Leaves cordate, repand-dentate, cuspidate. Stipules bristle-shaped. Flowers solitary, drooping, sub-polyandrous; petals reflex. Capsules five, two-valved, from three to four-seeded.

A native of Coromandel, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden by Dr. Berry, where it blossoms during the cool season. It is in general annual, though sometimes the root, and lower part of the stem remains alive, and throws our new branches the second year,

Root often biennial, or more. Stem erect, with numerous, somewhat expanding, nearly straight, round branches, from the base to the top; all the tender parts clothed with much very soft pubescence; height of the whole plant, in a good soil, about six or seven feet; the whole decays annually down to the root, or nearly so. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, cordate; margins repand-dentate; apex long, and slender, with a rather obtuse point; from two to eight inches long, and from one to seven broad. Stipules subulate, and generally coloured. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, near the apex jointed, and then so much recurved, as to make the flowers droop while expanded, general length two or three inches. Flowers large, yellow, remaining expanded through the day. Petals reflex. Filaments about fifty, very straight, united at the very base only, and there the short tube is hairy on the outside. Anthers reniform. Germ five-sided, hairy. Styles five, rather longer than the stamina. Stigmas headed, but small and smooth. Capsules five, much longer than the calyx, each terminating in a sharp, single, conic horn, until ripe, when it splits in two on both sides, from the apex to the base, in fact, completely two-valved, and one-celled. Seeds three or four in each capsule, obliquelyreniform, attached to the common axis above the middle. 8. S. alba. Willd. iii. 757.

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Suffruticose. Leaves cordate-ovate, serrate, downy; insertions of the petioles embraced by three large glands. Flowers axillary, fascicled; arils from five to six, two-horned.

Teling. China-mootam,

This is a small shrubby, perenuial plant. A native of lands that have lately been in cul-

tivation. It flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Stem erect, winding from branch to branch, often coloured. Branches many, arising; young shoots covered with mealy, soft, stellate down. Leaves alternate, petioled, three-nerved, cordate, obtuse, sometimes nearly retuse, and the base often topped as if cut across, serrate, downy; from half an inch to two inches long. Petioles half or three quarters the length of the leaves, their insertions surrounded with three large, hard glands, one on each side, and one below. Stipules subulate, inserted into the lateral glands. Peduncles axillary, several, short, one-flowered. Flowers small, white. Petals obliquely triangular. Arils from five to six, hid in the calyx, two-horned; horns divaricate. The stipulary glands are a good specific mark.

9. S. alnifolia. Willd. iii. 741.

Suffrutionse. Leaves from oval to round, serrate, downy. Peduncles axillary, solitary. Stamina from twelve to fifteen; fascicles from three to six. Capsules from five to seven, shorter than the calvx, two-horned.

Teling. Ter-nalla-benda.

A native of the Circars, and like the rest, flowers during the rains and cold season.

10. S. chinensis. Retz. Obs. iv. N. 94.

Suffruticose. Leaves oval, serrate, hoary underneath; peduncles solitary, one-flowered; stamens thirty; arils from six to seven. Small, ramous; bark of the woody part whitish;

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young parts purple-coloured, slightly scabrous, covered with soft stellate down, which without a lens seems to be farina. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, very various in form on the same plant, viz. orbicular, oval, wedge-formed, narrow lance-rhombiform, all obtuse, and in general serrate, three-nerved; above pretty smooth, below hoary, from half an inch to an inch and a half long, breadth various; margins often coloured. Stipsles linear, inserted into glands. Peduncles axillary, solitary, erect, as long or longer than the leaves, jointed above the middle, one-flowered. Flowers yellow. Filaments about thirty, issuing single from the mouth of the tube, irritation sets them in motion. Arils from six to seven, turnip-formed, shorter than the calyx, without horns, pretty smooth.

Note. I have seen a variety with white flowers. They have a heavy, disagreeable smell. 11. S. Napaca. Willd. iii. 766.

Shrubby. Leaves acutely-lobed, serrate-dentate. Peduncles from four to six-flowered. Capsules about seven or eight, acuminate.

Napaca hermaphrodita. Ed. sp. pl. 965.

Sida Napaca, Cavan. Diss. v. p. 277. t. 132. f. 1. Native place very doubtful. Flowers during the cold season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

12. S. lanceolata, Willd. iii. 736. Retz. Obs. iv. p. 28.

Perennial, erect. Leaves ovate-lanceolate, servate, villous. Stipules lanceolate, sometimes ciliate. Peduncles solitary, the length of the stipules. Capsules from eight to ten, two-horned, shorter than the calyx.

A native of Bengal. Flowers in the cold season. 13. S. relusa. Willd. iii. 740.

Shrubby. Leaves short-petioled, caucate, serrate, retuse, hoary underneath. Stipules filiform. Palancles axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, one-flowered. Capsules from eight to ten, one-horned.

Kurundeti. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 18. Silagurium vulgare. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 19.

A native of Bengal and the Moluccus. Flowers in the cool season, in the Botanic garden at Colcutta.

14. S. rhomboidea. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect, ramous. Leaves short-petioled, narrow-rhomboidal, serrate, three-nerved, villous. Stipules setaceous. Peduncles axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, one-flowered. Capsules ten, without beak.

Hind, and Beng. Sufet or Shwet Bariala, or Berela.

A native of Bengal, where it blossoms during the cold season. The flowers expand at

Stem erect, ligneous. Branches ascending; young shoots a little mealy, height of the whole plant from three to six feet. Leaves alternate, short-petioled; the inferior in young plants rhomboidal; the superior amongst the flowers lanceolate, all are serrate, more or less threenerved and villous, particularly underneath, and there heavy also; size very various. Stipules longer than the petioles, bristle-shaped. Peduneles axillary, solitary, slender, creet, shorter than the leaves, one-flowered; the smaller branchiets in the axills of the leaves, with their flowers aften give the appearance of two or more flowers from the same sxill. Corol sub-rotate, small, pale yellow. Petals very obliquely and deeply retuse. Sta sens numerous from the apex of their tabe. State about ten-cleft. Capsules (or arils) generally ten, forming, before ripe, a depressed, somewhat umbilicated orb, and nearly covered by the incurved divisions of the ealyx singly; when ripe, gaping at the top, and having then the appearance of being twohorned. Seed solitary. It differs from chombifolia (Linu.) in the arils having no horns.

 S. rhombifolia, Willd. iii, 740.
 Shrubby, coloured. Leaves short-petioled, rhomb-lanceolate, serrate, soft underneath. Peduncles solitary, nearly as long as the leaves, one-flowered. Stipules filiform. Capsules ten, with one straight sharp horn.

Malvinda unicornis. Dill. Elth. 216. t. 172. f. 212. Sida foliis lanceolato-rhomboidibus, Flor. Zeyl, N. 252.

Hind, and Beng. Lal-barials, or berela.

A native of Bengal; flowers during the rainy season.

The bark of this and the last, (rhomboidea) yield abundance of very delicate flaxy fibres, and I think might be advantageously employed for many purposes. When the seed is sown thick on a good soil, the plants grow tall and slender, without branches, and every way fit for

such purposes.
16. S. cordifolia. Willd. iii. 758. Fleming in Axiat. Res. xi. 178. Herbaceous, downy, and hairy. Leaves cordate. Peduncles solitary, one-flowered. Capsules ten, with two long straight, backwardly hispid horns.

Katu-uren. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 54.

Batyelaka, its Sauscrit name.

Hind, and Beng, Bariala, or barela.

A native of Coromandel, Bengal, &c. and with the rest blossoms during the rains, and cool season.

With more than ten, from two to three-seeded Capsules.

17. S. erispa. Willd. iii. 747.

Stem sub-creet, with long. diffuse branches. Leaves petioled and sessile, round-cordate, crenate, acuminate, downy. Stipules filiform. Peduactes solitary, filiform, one-flowered.

Page Carey Pericarp perfectly globular, and pendulous. Capsules twelve, oval, inflated, from two to three-

III. 178 A native of the coast of Coromandel. In blossoms during the greater part of the year, 18. S. abutilon, Willd. iii. 750.

Annual, erect, coloured, villous. Leaves cordate, acuminate, dentate-serrate. Peduncles axillary, solitary. Capsules fourteen or fifteen, from two to three-seeded, hairy, much longer than the calyx, reniform, with a long, spreading, sharp, two-partible horn.

Abutilon lave. Rumph. Amb. iv. p. 31. t. 11.

A native of various parts of India, though not common. The seed has been received from Pekin into the Botanic garden under the name King-ma and is said to be cultivated in that Province as a substitute for bemp and flax.

19. S. tomentosa. Roxb.

Annual, erect, very downy. Leaves round-reniform, grossly serrate. Peduncles axillary, one-flowered; arils twenty, reniform, very downy.

A native of rubbish, road sides, hedges, &c. where the soil is good, but a very rare species.

Flowers during the cold season.

Stem annual, sub-erect, from three to four feet high, branchy, round, very downy, as is every part of the plant. Branches ascending, stem-like. Leaves alternate, petioled, rather round kidney-formed, some few are pointed, but in general rounded at the apex, irregularly toothed, very downy, about as long as the petioles, size very various, the larger are about five or six inches long, and from four to five broad. Stipules lanceolate, reflected. Peduacles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, shorter than the petioles where the leaves are large. Flowers large, of a bright deep orange colour. Potats obliquely triangular; the interior margin deeply divided into two unequal lobes. Capsules about twenty, nearly as high as the calyx, in a depressed verticel, very downy, reniform, equally rounded at each end, this mark distinguishes it immediately from S. indica, and asiatica. Seeds generally three, a little scabrous, white, bearded.

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20. S. asiatica. Willd. iii. 750.

Biennial, downy, and glutinous. Leaves round-cordate, subulate, grossly servate. Peduncles solitary, one-flowered. Petals obliquely triangular, embracing each other. Capsules about twenty, equalling the calyx, truncate, with a conic hornlet. Eye of the seed bearded.

Teling. Tootea-benda.

Hind, and Beng. Petaree, also Jhampi.

A native of various parts of India, and in blossom and seed most part of the year,

21. S. populifolia, Willd, iii. 751.

Sub-herbaceous, villous, not glutinous. Leaves round-cordate, sub-lobate, grossly serrate. Petals obliquely triangular, and remote. Capsules twenty, truncate, longer than the calyx.

Teling. Noogoo-benda.

Beloere. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 45.

A native of various parts of India, and like asiatica in flower and seed all the year.

22. S. indica. Willd. iii. 752.

Sub-herbaceous. Leaves round-cordate, sub-lobate, grossly serrate. Petals evenly obcor-

date, embracing each other. Capsules twenty, truncate, longer than the calyx.

I have not been able to learn that the natives have any other name for this than that by which populifolia is known, and with it, and asiatica it is found common over most parts of India; on the coast of Coromandel, these species are most generally used as a substitute for the officinal Althæ and Malvæ.

23. S. graveolens. R.

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Herbaceous, erect, ramous, every part clothed with clammy pubescence. Leaves roundcordate, crenulate, rarely lobate. Slipules falcate. Flowers axillary, solitary. Corol rotate, fruit sub-globular, compound, of about twenty, obliquely reniform, three-seeded capsules.

Hind. Bura-banghi about Cawnpore, where indigenous. From that place Colonel Hardwicke sent the seeds to the Botanic garden where the plants thrive most luxuriantly, and blossom chiefly about the close of the rains, and beginning of the cold season. In a favourable soil they grow with an erect stem to the height of six, eight, or even more feet; with numerous, spreading branches, forming a beautiful, large, ovate bush; all the young parts are covered

with much clammy down, intermixed with some larger, very soft hairs.

Leaves alternate, petioled, round-cordate, crenulate, five or seven nerved; the larger ones on the stems of the young luxuriant plants are sometimes slightly lobate; both sides covered with the same clammy pubescence, from two to twelve inches each way. Petioles almost as long as the leaves. Stipules reflexed, narrow-falcate, acute. Peduncles axillary, solitary, suberect, generally shorter than the petioles, one-flowered. Flowers large, of a deep orange colour, with a dark ferruginous spot in the centre. Corol rotate; lancinia obcordate. Pericarpium, fruit almost round, nearly the length of the calyx, composed of about twenty, three-seeded, villous, obtuse-pointed capsules. The fresh plant possesses a strong, peculiarly unpleasant smell.

ALTHAEA. Schreb. gen. N. 1132.

Calyx double; the exterior one from six to nine-cleft. Capsules many, one-seeded.

A. rosea. Willd. iii. 773. Herbaceous, erect, ramous. Leaves from five to seven-lobed, angular. Alcen rosen. Linn. Miller's Illustrations.

Holly-hock.

Hind. Gool-khyru.

Pers. Kuli-humesha, Babor.

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As in Europe, the varieties of this plant are numerous over India; but always in a cultivated state only; at least I have never met with it in any other. Our most beautiful sorts come from China.

MALVA, Schreb. gen. N. 1143.

Calux double; the exterior one three-leaved. Capsules many, one-seeded.

1. M. Mauritiana, Willd. iii. 787.

Annual, erect. Leaves five-lobett. Peduacies and petioles smooth.

M. sinensis, Cavan. Diss. li. t. 25. f. 4.

The Hindoos of these parts have no name for this plant, it is only found in gardens; the seeds are generally brought from Hydrabad. It is annual; flowering time the cold season.

Stem erect, smooth, shining, from three to five feet high. Leaves alternate, petioled, of a roundish kidney-form, slightly five or seven-lobed, five or seven-nerved, crenulate, soft, but smooth, from two to six inches each way. Petioles as long as the leaves, round, smooth. Stipules oval, acute. Peduscles axillary, several, round, smooth, about two-thirds shorter than the perioles, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, large, of a beautiful pale, rose-colour. striated with deep red. Exterior calgar, the leaflets narrow-cordate, inserted upon the inner calyx, smooth. Petals remote, broad wedge-formed. Arils from ten to fifteen, depressed, um-

2. M. rolundifolia. Willd. iii. 786.

Annual, prostrate. Leaves cordate, obsoletely five-lobed.

A native of Persia, as well as of Europe

URENA. Schreb. gen. N. 1137.

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Colyx double; the exterior one five-cleft. Capsule five-celled, five-partible; divisions one-seeded.

U. lobata, Willd, iii. 800.

Perennial, bushy. Leaves round-cordate, angled. Capsules glochidate.

Beng, and Hind, Bun ochra-

Lappago Amboynica. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 25. f. 2.

Common over most parts of India. Flowers during the rains and cool season in Bengal.

2. U. sinuata, Willd. iii. 802.

Perennial, bushy. Leaves sinuous, palmate, hairy, sinuses obtuse; lobes gashed; margins serrate-cuneate. Capsules glochidate.

Uren. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 2. Beng. and Hind. Kungooya. Teling. Palia mankena.

Malvinda foliis inferioribus multifidis. Burm. Zeyl. t. 69. f. 2.

This is also common over most parts of India. The bark of these two yields a strong and tolerably fine substitute for flax.

8. U. palmata.

Erect, ramous; tender parts clothed with stellate pubescence. Leaves long-petioled, roundish, many-lobed, serrate-dentate. Capsules smooth-

Found in Robileund by Col. Hardwicke, in flower and seed in September,

4. U. repanda.

Shrubby, erect, ramous, pubescent. Leaves ovate-cordate, repand, serrate-dentate. Capsules smooth

A low, stout, very ramous species, a native of Coromandel; flowers in October.

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GOSSYPHUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1138.

Calyx double; the exterior one three-parted. Capsules from three to five-celled. Seeds clothed with cotton wool.

G. obtusifolium, R.

Shrubby, very ramous. Leaves small, with three, rarely five, obtuse, ovate, entire lobes. Slipules falcate. The exterior calgx with entire divisions. Capsules ovate: cells three-seeded. Seeds free and clothed with firmly adhering, short, greenish-gray down, under a small portion of ash-coloured wool.

A native of Ceylon, but not cultivated. Flowers during the rains and cold season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

G. arboreum. Cavan. Diss. vi. 311. t. 193. Willd. iii. 804.
 Shrubby, thin of branches. Leaves from three to five-lobed, hairy. Stipules ensiform.
 Leaflets roundish pointed. Seeds free, but downy under the white wool.

G. herbaceum. S. Xylon Madraspatense rubicundo pentaphyllum. Pluck. Am. p. 172. f. 3. seems to me to be this plant, but I cannot bring myself to think Cudu pariti of the Hortus Malabaricus, i. l. 31. to be the same. It may probably be Gartner's Gossypium religiosum. In both, the capsules are nearly round, and I know of no other species with any thing like a round pericarpium.

It is found in the gardens of the curious over most parts of India, where it is in flower great part of the year.

III. 184 From my enquiries and observations, it does not appear ever to be cultivated for its wool. G. herbaceum. Willd, iii. 803.

Bi-triennial; young parts hairy. Leaves hoary, palmate, with sub-lanceolate, rather acute lobes. Stipules falcate-lanceolate. Leaves of the exterior calyx dentate. Capsules ovate, pointed. Seeds free, clothed with firmly adhering, white down, under the long white wool.

Gossypium. Capas. Rumph. Amb. iv. p. 33. t. 12.

Sans. Karpassee. Hind. Rewee. Beng. Kapass.

G. herbaceum, Cavan. Diss. vi. p. 310. t. 164. f. 2.

Arab. Kootn.

Teling. Pati-chittoo the plant, and Pati the cotton itself.

This and its varieties are by far the most universally cultivated by the natives of India. The most conspicuous of these varieties are the Dacca, Berar, and China cottons.

DACCA COTTON may be reckoued the first variety, or deviation, from the last mentioned common sort.

G. herbaceum is in general cultivation all over Bengal and Coromandel. It is reared about Dacca, and furnishes that exceedingly fine cotton wool employed in manufacturing the very delicate, beautiful muslins of that place. The Dacca variety differs from the common G. herbaceum in the following respects.

1st. In the plant being more erect, with fewer brauches, and the lobes of the leaves more

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2nd. In the whole plant being tinged of a reddish colour, even the petioles, and nerves of the leaves, and being less pubescent.

3rd. In having the pedancles which support the flowers longer, and the exterior margins of the petals tinged with red.

4th. In the staple of the cotton being longer, much finer, and softer.

These are the most obvious disagreements, but whether they will prove permaneut I can-III. not say at present. The most intelligent people of that country (Dacca) think the great 185 difference lies in the spinning, and allow little for the influence of soil.

BERAR COTTON, I call the second variety. It is in cultivation over the Berar country; and is from thence imported into the Circars, or Northern Provinces, by Sada, Balawansa, &c. to Yourma-goodum, in the Musulipatam district. With this cotton the fine Madras, more properly, Northern Circar long cloth is made.

It differs from the above-mentioned two sorts in the following respects.

1st. In growing to a greater size; in being more permanent, or living longer; and in having smooth and straight branches.

2nd. In having the leaflets of the exterior calyx more deeply divided, and the wool of a

finer quality, than in the first variety

China Cotton, I call the third variety. It has lately been introduced into Bengal, from China; where it is cultivated, and its wool reckoned 25 per cent. better than that of Surat. It differs from the former sorts.

1st. In being much smaller, with but very few, short, weak branches.

2nd. In being, so far as my experience yet goes, annual.

3rd. In having the leaflets of the exterior calyx entire, or nearly so.

Lamarck's G. Indicum, (Encyl. ii. p. 134,) is no doubt one of these varieties, and from him Willdenow has given it a place in his Ed. of the Sp. Pl. vol. iii. p. 803.

4. G. religiosum. Willd. iii. 805.

Perennial, diffuse. Leaves hairy, with five acute, triangular lobes. Stipules cordate, acuminate. Leaflets of the exterior calyx deeply laciniate, colour of the corol uniform yellow. Capsules from four to five-celled, oblong, much pointed. Seed free, clothed with firmly adher-

ing, short, tawny down, and long wool of the same colour. Nankeen, or brown cotton, allied to G. hirsutum. This species has been introduced into Bengal under the name Nankeen cotton, but does not thrive so well as to make it profitable; the colour of the wool tawny, and very different from the colour of the cotton cloth commonly called Nankeen, which is no doubt dyed. This can scarcely be more than a variety of hirsutum.

Note. Since writing the foregoing, a small variety of this tawny cotton has been introduced into this garden from the province of Nankeen itself, but unfortunately it promises still less than the first, and the colour and quality of the wool is much the same.

5. G. vitifolium. Willd. iii. 804.

Sub-arboreous, dark purple, and hairy. Leaves three, sometimes five-lobed; lobes triangular, and acuminate. Capsules oblong; sides clothed with firmly adhering short, greenish gray down, under the long, fine, white wool.

Native place uncertain, but in the Botanic garden at Calcutta it grows to be a small, ramous tree, with all the tender parts highly coloured, and very hairy. This sort is in flower and seed the whole year, and though the wool or cotton is fine and large in the fibre, it does not promise advantage to the cultivator, on account of the scantiness of the crop.

6. G. acuminatum. R.

Sub-arhoreous. Leaves from three to five-lobed; lobes oblong, tapering much, and very acute. Calyx deeply laciniate. Stipules linear-lanceolate. Capsules long-ovate, much pointed.

Seeds many, adhering firmly to each other, black, and free of every pubescence, except the long, white wool which is easily removed; said to be a native of the mountains to the north and westward of Bengal.

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I do not find that this species is ever cultivated. It is readily distinguished by its superior size, and large black seeds, which adhere firmly to each other.

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7. G. Barbadense. Willd. iii. 806.

Shrubby. Leaves smooth, with five acute, short, broad lobes. Leaflets of the exterior cally deeply laciniate, and the colour of the corol uniform, yellow. Capsules oblong, pointed. Seeds

free, black, and without any other pubescence than the long, fine, white wool.

BOURDON COTTON is the name this species is known by amongst the English in the East Indies. It does not appear to be a native of India, but introduced from the Island of Bourbon, some twenty years ago; at what period it was introduced from the West Indies into that Island, is uncertain. It succeeds better in the more elevated, dryer, and less fertile soil of Coromandel, than in Bengal, where the plant grows to a great size, yields less cotton, and the cultivation is very generally relinquished, though there must be many situations near the mountains of our northern frontier where it would thrive.

8. G. hirantum. Willd. iii. 805.

Shrubby, tender parts hairy. Leaves hairy, with from three to five, triangular, acute lobes. Exterior cally laciniate. Corol uniform pale yellow. Capsule ovate, acute. Seeds free, clothed with firmly adhering green, or gray down, under the fine, long, white wool.

Xylon Americanum prestantissimum, semine virescente. Thuab. 101.

This green-seeded variety has only been of late introduced into India, where the cotton is much admired by the natives. Another variety very lately introduced into the Botanic garden by Mr. Hamilton of Philadelphia, has the wool of a coarser nature, and the down which covers the seeds under it of a dirty white, or ash-colour. This promises little or no benefit to India.

After a search of above thirty years, I have not been able to find more well defined species of this genus, than the first mentioned four and the sixth species, with their varieties, that can be called the natives of Asia. G. Barbadeuse and hirsulum being, as above-mentioned, natives of America, do not properly belong to this Flora.

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KYDIA. R.

Calyx double, exterior from four to six-leaved, spreading. Anthers fascicled. Stipules three-celled, three-valved. Seeds solitary.

1. K. calycina. R. Ind. pl. N. 215.

Exterior calgx four-leaved, larger than the corol. Hind, Choupulten.

Hind, Choupulten. Teling, Pandikee.

I have every reason to imagine this will form a new genus; its essential character being, I think, very distinct from any of those hitherto described; nor do I believe it was known to Dr. König, for I have never met with it but amongst the Circar mountains, where he never was.

It delights in such soil as is generally found on the banks of rivulets, water courses, &c.

where it grows to be a tree of a middling size. Flowering time the cold season.

Trunk straight; bark ash-coloured. Head large, spreading, very ranous; young shoots covered with a brown mealy dust; Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate more or less from three to five-angled, irregularly-dentate, from three to five-nerved; both sides downy; there are also small tufts of stellate hairs dispersed over both sides, together with a farinaceous dust; from three to six inches each way; on the middle nerve a little below the middle, and sometimes also on the two next to it is an obloug, hollow, yellow gland. Petioles round, from two to three inches long, covered with brown farina. Panicles terminal, large, globular, crowded, many-flowered. Flowers numerous, middle-sized, pure white, collected in small umbellets, many of which make a panicle. Bractes small, rost-coloured, downy. Pedicels filiform, round, about three quarters of an inch long, covered with brown farinaceous powder. Calyx double; the exterior one constantly four-leaved, spreading. Leaflets oblong, obtuse, downy, striated; three times longer and larger than the inner calyx, permanent. The interior calyx one-leaved, campanulate, half five-cleft; mealy on the outside, and clothed with white short hairs on the inside. Corol; petals five, obliquely-obcordate, much longer than the interior calyx, but shorter than the exterior one, woolly at the base. Filaments five, exceedingly short, thick, coalesced below into a tube. Anthers twenty, four of them sessile, round the apex of each of the short filaments, oval, lobed, one-celled. Germ superior, conical. Style, length of the tube formed by the filaments, three-cleft; divisions recurved. Stigmas very large. Capsule small, somewhat three-lobed, hid in the inner calyx, covered with brown farina, and stellate rugosities, three-celled, three-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds, one in each cell, obtusely three-sided, brown, affixed to the bottom of the cell.

Note. I have found many of the flowers male. As yet I am unacquainted with the uses of this tree.

2. K. fraterna. Roxb.

Exterior calyx six-leaved, shorter than the corol.

Teling. Potree.

This is evidently a second species of the last described; it is also a native of the Circar mountains, where it grows to be a larger tree than the former. Flowering time the rainy season.

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Trunk straight; bark rust-coloured. Leaves as in calycina, even to the glands, and all the parts covered with farina in that species, are the same in this. Panicles terminal, composed of small umbellets as in the former species, but by no means so much crowded. Flowers and bractes the same. Pedicels shorter and thicker. Calyx double. The exterior one from five to six-leaved, or cleft to very near the base; leaflets oval, no longer than the interior perianth. The inner calyx as in the last species. Filaments, they are as long as the staminiferous tube itself, and spreading. Anthers as in the former species. Style the length of the staminiferous tube. Stigmas three-lobed, even with the mouth of the tube, three-cleft, and spreading as in the last.

I have not seen the ripe seed-vessel, but the structure and contents of the germ promise the same parts as that of the former species.

Note. The chief marks of specific distinction are in the exterior calyx, filaments, and

pistillum.

Upon the supposition of this forming a new genus, I have ventured to give it to the above name, in memory of the late Colonel Robert Kyd, of Bengal, whose attachment to botany and horticulture induced him to retire from the high rank he held in the army, to have more leisure to attend to his favourite study, to the advancement of every object which had the good of his fellow-creatures in view, and to the establishment of the Hononrable East India Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta, where he was particularly attentive to the introduction of useful plants, and to their being dispersed over every part of the world, for the good of mankind in general.

HIBISCUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1139.

Calyx double; the exterior one many-leaved. Capsule five-celled, five-valved. Seeds a few in each cell.

SECT. I. Leaves entire, or slightly lobed, or angular.

1 H. populneus, Willd. iii. 809.

Arboreous, Leaves broad-cordate, entire, smooth. Exterior calyx scarcely any; the interior one almost entire. Capsules oblate-spheroidal, and bristly. Seeds downy.

Teling. Gangaraya.

III. Tam. Poris.191 Beng. Poresh.

Bupariti. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 29.

Novella littorea. Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 74.

A native of India, and its Islands, chiefly near the sea, in flower and seed all the year.

2. H. populneoides. R.

Arboreous. Leaves cordate, long-pointed, waved, smooth, glands in the divisions of the nerves. Capsules with two tough integuments; seeds from one to three in each cell, mealy.

Gorda-chanda, the Sanscrit name. Hind. and Beng. Poris-pippal. Teling. Moonee-Gangaraya.

This species is much like the former, I have found it in a few of the gardens of the natives

near Samulcota; it flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Trunk straight, from lifteen to twenty-five feet to the branches, thicker than a man's body. Branches numerous, forming a large, oblong head. Young shoots covered with bronze-coloured scales. Leaves about the extremities of the branches, alternate, petioled, cordate, waved, leathery, entire, from five to seven-nerved, long-pointed, as in Ficus religiosa; both sides, but particularly the under one, covered with small, round, ash-coloured scales, with a dark spot in the middle of each; at the base, in the axill of each of the principal nerves, there is a gland, which is smooth, convex above, and a deep pit below. Petioles as in populaeus. Stipules subulate. Peduncles, bractes, flowers, calyx, corol, stamens, style, and stigmas as in populaeus. Capsule, external form as in populaeus, but large, five-celled; integument double; the exterior one, which is fragile and composed of five valves, opens from the apex spontaneously when ripe, exposing the inner lamina, which are remarkably strong, tough, reticulated with fibres, and not opening without considerable force. Seeds from one to three in each cell, kidney-formed, covered with brown farina.

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This species is immediately to be distinguished from populneus by the glands in the axills of the nerves of the leaves, their waved border and long points, and by the double integument of the capsule; the innermost of which requires force and a sharp knife to open it; whereas in populneus it is single, and can be easily broken by the pressure of the thumb and finger.

This tree will answer better for avenues, parks, &c. than populaeus, because it is much

higher to the branches, consequently gives a free circulation to the air.

When wounded there discharges the some yellow juice as in populneus.

As both these trees want the most essential character, the double calyx of Hibiscus, I should imagine they would, with more propriety, form a new genus.

3. H. tiliaceus. Willd. iii. 810.

Arboreous. Leaves round-cordate. Flowers terminal. Exterior calyx ten-toothed. Capsules shorter than the calyx, five-valved, each divisible, though not spontaneously, ten-celled. Seed

Novella, Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 73, is too bad a figure to be quoted; yet I doubt not but it was intended for this tree, and although our plants are uncommonly luxuriant, I never saw any of the leaves with the least tendency to a lateral lobe,

A native of the Moluccas. Flowers in the hot season in the Botanic garden, though more or less the whole year round.
4. H. tortuosus. R.

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Arboreous, with a crooked trunk, and variously bent, diffuse branches. Leaves round-cordate, crenulate, hoary underneath. Stipules and bractes ovate-lanceolate. Flowers terminal; exterior calyx eight or nine-cleft. Capsules ten-celled, five-valved; the length of the inner calyx.

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Bala, the Sanscrit name.

Beng. Bola.

Pariti. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 30. Novella repens. Rumph. Amb. ii. p. 222. Hibiscus tiliaceus. Lour. Cochin Ch. p. 509.

A native of most parts of India; found chiefly near the sea, and on the banks of large rivers, at no great distance from it; growing to be a tree of considerable size, with a stout, crooked trunk, or rather, like an immense bush, with numerous, very crooked branches, spreading wide, close to the ground. Flowering time in Bengal the hot season, viz. March, April, and May; the seed ripens three or four months afterwards. Leaves alternate, petioled, round-cordate, pointed, minutely crenulate, smooth above, heavy underneath; about four inches each way. Petioles an inch, or an inch and a half long, round, downy. Stipules opposite, obliquely oblong. Peduncles terminal, and from the exterior axills, two or three-flowered. Pedicels clavate, downy. Flowers large, campanulate, drooping, of a bright yellow, with the inside of the bottom of the bell, dark crimson. Bractes opposite, obliquely oblong, very downy, caducous. Ca-Lyx; the exterior one deeply divided into seven, or ten lauccolate-conic segments; the inner one twin, the length of the exterior one; five-cleft, each division has a glandular protuberance. In the Molucca plant, which has been blended with this, as one species, the exterior calvx is tentoothed, and about one third or one fourth the length of the inner calyx, both are downy, and permanent. Germ ovate, villous; ten-celled, each cell containing from five to eight ovula, attached to the inner angle of the cell. Stigma five-lobed, clothed with clammy, dark crimson filaments, with glandular heads. Capsule the length of the inner calyx, ovate, acute, densely clothed with stellate pubescence, of the size of a nutmeg, ten-celled, five-valved; that is, they open spontaneously into five, but may be split into ten, the partitions are all double; five of them stronger, and rising from the middle of the five valves. Seeds, generally two, three, or four ripen, obovate-reniform, attached as in the germ. Integuments two in the fresh seed. Perisperm thin, of a dull white. Embryo curved, green. Cotyledons folded. Radicle curved. pointing directly to the umbilicus. The fibres of the bark may be employed as a very tolerable substitute for hemp.
5. H. setosus. R.

Leaves deeply cordate, crenulate, sente, downy underneath. Tender parts thickly clothed with very long, stellate bristles. Flowers axillary. Exterior calyx ten-cleft. Capsule ovate, acute. Seeds very hairy.

A native of Prince of Wules' Island, Chittagong, &c.
6. H. Rosa-sinensis, Willd. iii, 812.

Shrubby. Leaves ovate-cordate, grossly-serrate, lucid. Stipules ensiform. Flowers axillary. Exterior calyx of from six to eight linear leadets.

Java, the Sanscrit name. Beng. Joba, Juva, Oroo.

Shoe-flower of the English, because the flowers are frequently used for blacking shoes.

Schem pariti. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 17. Flos festalis. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 8.

Of this beautiful shrub there are several varieties, viz. single and double red, single and double yellow, and white. I have only found it in a cultivated state, however the single sort is found wild in the interior parts of Hindoostan.

It continues in flower the greatest part of the year in our gardens.

 H. phæniceus, Willd. iii p. 318.
 Shrubby, Leaves cordate-serrate, acute, villous, Stipules subulate, Pedancles axillary. solitary, one-flowered. Exterior calyx from five to six-leaved. Anthers in verticels. Capsules globular. Seeds woolly. There is a variety with pure white flowers.

Beng. Lall Sooryumani, the red-flowered variety. Shwet Sooryuma, the white-flowered one.

Teling. Yerra-salla-burta, the red variety; and Tella the white.

Sjasmin. Rheed. Mal. x. p. 1. t. 1.

Found in most parts of India. Flowers chiefly during the rainy season, though more or less the whole year.

8. H. fragrans. R.

Arboreous, tender parts hairy. Leaves cordate, servate. Flowers axillary and terminal.

Calyers equal, and both equally five-cleft.

Kanurlar the vernacular name in the Silhet district, where it is indigenous, growing to be a small tree, producing, during the cool months of December and January, a profusion of large, white, fragrant flowers; the seeds ripen in two or three months after.

9. H. syriacus. Willd. iii. 818.

Shrubby, straight. Leaves rhombiform, with the anterior margins grossly crenate, often sub-lobate, tolerably smooth. Stipules filiform. Flowers axillary, short-peduncled. Exterior calyx of from six to eight subulate leaflets.

H. rhombifolius. Cavan. and Willd. iii. 818.

Like H. Rosa-sinensis, there are many varieties of the plant cultivated in India. I have not yet found it in its wild state. The leaves vary from rhomboidal to three-lobed. I have therefore little doubt of H. rhombifolius of Willdenow and Cavanilles being the same.

10. rigidus. Willd. iii. 815.

III. Shrubby, rigid, straight, scabrous, thin of branches. Leaves from round to ovate-lanceo-196 late, serrate, scabrons. Stipules minute, subulate. Peduncles axillary, diverging, longer than the leaves. Petals totally reflexed. Anthers verticelled. Capsules round. Seeds woolly. Teling. Salla-Burta.

A native of Coromandel. Flowers during the rainy season.

I am strongly inclined to think H. hirtus and micranthus, are nothing more than accidental varieties of this plant; soil and situation make it vary exceedingly.

11. H. tubulosus, Willd, iii. 828.

Annual, very bairy. Leaves cordate, serrate, the lower ones five-angled, hairy. Flowers short-peduncled, axillary, erect. Capsules ovate. Stipules often triple.

A large annual, a native of the Circar mountains. Flowers during the rainy and cold seasons.

Stem erect, ramous, round, from two to three feet high, clothed with many, stiff, straight, furcate hairs. Leaves petioled, cordate; the large or inferior ones are often five-angled, all are somewhat pointed, grossly dentate-serrate, downy and glutinous on both sides; from two to five inches each way. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, round, and armed with hairs like the stem and branches. Stipules single, double, or triple, filiform, hairy, falling. Peduncles axillary, solitary, short, erect, rigid, one-flowered. Exterior calyx from seven to ten-leaved, erect, spatulate. Filaments few. Capsule oval, nearly hid by the inner calyx. Seeds numerous, brown, downy.

12. H. pruriens. R

Perennial, hairy. Leaves cordate, acute, from three to five-angled, serrate. Flowers shortpeduncled, axillary, and in terminal racemes. Capsules pointed, hairy. It is a very large, seemingly perennial species, a native of the mountainous parts of the country. Flowers during the cold season.

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Stem erect, short, as thick as the wrist, woody. Branches numerous, ascending; young parts covered with very rigid hairs; the height of the plants raised in my garden, were from six to twelve feet. Leaves alternate, horizontal, petioled, cordate, from three to five-angled, from three to five-nerved, serrate, from three to six inches long, and from two to five broad. Petioles the length of the leaves. Stipules subulate. Flowers single from the exterior axills, and on long terminal racemes, short-pedicelled, in the flowering time beautifully bowing, very large, yellow, with a dark purple bottom. Braces to the flowers on the racemes three-fold, awled. Calyx, exterior from five to seven-leaved; leaves linear, hairy, permanent. Corol campanulate, &c. as in populaeus. Capsule obiong, erect, sharp-pointed, covered with strong hairs, which stick in the skin, and produce much itching. Seeds many, kidney-formed.

13. H. Solandra. L' Herit. Stirp. i. t. 49.

Annual, erect, ramous, clothed with hamose pubescence. Leaves cordate, rarely cordatelobate, grossly serrate. Stipules and bractes clavate. Racemes terminal, elongated. Pedicels very long. Exterior calyx minute, or wanting.

Laganaea lobata. Willd. iii. p. 733. Triquera acerifolia. Cavan. Diss. i. t. 11.

A native of Mysore. Flowers during the rainy season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

14. H. Lampas. Willd. iii. 811.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves from cordate and entire to three-lobed. Stipules subulate. Flowers sub-terminal, forming large, leafy panicles. Exterior calyx of from four to eight small, subulate, caducous leaflets. Capsule ovate.

A native of the Rajemahl hills and Chittagong. It was also found by Dr. Buchanan in

Nepal. Flowering time the close of the rains; seed ripens in January.

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Stems in general several from the same root, with several, sub-erect branches, particularly near the top; young parts clothed with much stellate down. Leaves alternate, petioled, from sub-rotund, with the anterior margin, three-lobed on the young plants, to cordate and entire on the old; above pretty smooth, but hairy with stellate down underneath; from three to sevennerved, with a gland on the base of the middle one only; length and breadth from two to six inches each way. Petioles round, ferruginous. Stipules subulate, caducous. Flowers campanulate, very large, of a bright yellow, with a very deep crimson bottom, short-pedicelled, and disposed two, three, or four alternately, on small entire, leaf-bearing branchlets, which issue from the exterior axills of the larger branches, forming a large leafy panicle. Bracles caducous, small, and rarely to be seen. Calyx; exterior of an uncertain number of small subulate, caducous leaflets; inner five-parted; divisions with subulate points. Capsule ovate, villous, of the size of a nutmeg. Seeds numerous. The young trees are now plentiful in the Botanic garden at Calcutta and very ornamental; the flowers being large, and the colour (yellow and crimson) particularly bright.

15. H. tetralocularis. R.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves cordate, three-lohed on the anterior margin, mealy. Peduncles axillary, bearing from one to four or more alternate flowers. Exterior calyx of three or four minute, caducous leaflets; the inner one truncated, with five remote, subulate segments. Capsules four-celled.

Teling. Condapatti.

Found on the hills of Coromandel, and is allied to H. Lampas, which grows on the hills Page of Rajemahl and on the banks of the Ganges; but differs from it in having a four-celled capsule. Flowering time, the rainy and cold seasons.

16. H. collinus. R.

Arboreous. Leaves cordate, three-lobed, repand, smooth. Exterior calyx of from eight to ten innecolate, waved, permanent leaflets. Capsules oblate, very hairy, and lined with pungent

Teling. Kanda-gang.

A native of the mountainous parts of the Circars, where the natives use the bark as a

substitute for hemp. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stem arborescent. Branches ascending. Leaves alternate, petioled, slightly three-lobed. from three to five-nerved, scollopped, waved, sometimes toothed, smooth. Petioles round, rather shorter than the leaves. Stipules bristle-like, fulling. Peduncles solitary from the axills of the exterior leaves and terminal, as long as the petioles, round, one-flowered, articulated near the apex. Flowers large, rose-coloured, with a dark purple centre. Calyx; exterior from eight to ten-leaved; leaflets erect, lanceolate, pointed; margins waved and reflexed. Corol flat. Filaments collected in verticels round their tube. Capsule roundish, a little oblate, five-ribbed, covered with much strong, gray, burning hair; the sutures on the inside are also thickly lined with stiff hairs.

The mountaineers use the bark of this species for cordage. I have often observed that the bark of most of the Indian plants of this class, particularly of this family, might be employed for the same purposes as hemp. It almost always peels off in very long slips, and is very

tough, that of Abroma augusta is particularly so, and is of the same natural order.

In India I have also often observed with admiration, that those flowers with pistils longer than the stamens, and that are not naturally pendulous, stand in an oblique, or nearly perpendicular direction; this obliquity is further assisted by the curvature of their pistils, which together with the oblique direction of the flower, generally bring their stigmas immediately below the anthers. This structure is most conspicuous in the flowers of those plants belonging to the natural order Columnifera, and is certainly a strong argument in favour of the Sexual System.

17. H. vitifolius, Willd. iii. 829.

Annual, or biennial, bushy and villous. Leaves five angled, lobed, grossly serrate, villous. Flowers axillary, solitary, drooping. Exterior calgae of about eight subulate leaves. Capsules five-winged, truncate.

Bharadwaja, the Sanscrit name.

Katu belogren, Rheed, Mal, vi. t. 46.

Beng. Bun Kapash.

A native of rubbish, gardens, &c. all over India; in flower during the rainy and cold

18. H. truncatus, R.

Annual, erect. Leaves from three to five-angled, lobed, grossly serrate. Stipules minute. Flowers axillary, solitary; drooping. Pedaneles jointed at the base. Exterior calys of from six to seven, subulate leaves, half the length of the inner calyx. Corol sub-rotate, with petals standing distinct. Capsule truncated with five thin ciliate wings.

A native of Ceylon. Flowers in the rainy season in Bengal.

This plant, growing in the same place with H. citifolius, which it most resembles, does not arrive to one tenth the size. The flowers are also much smaller. Both must be handled with care, as the small, sharp bristles readily enter the skin, and cause considerable uneasiness,

19. H. soandens. R.

Shrubby, scandent, villous. Leaves round-cordate, serrate-dentate, from three to fiveangled. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, ramifications thereof remote, and diverging; both calyces five-parted.

A stout, permanent plant, a native of the forests of Chittagong, where it runs over trees It blossoms in April and May. The flowers are numerous, large, campanulate, yellow, with crimson bottom.

20. H. mutabilis, Willd. iii. 817.

Arboreous. Leaves cordate, somewhat crenate, five-angled, downy. Flowers axillary, longpeduneled. Exterior calyx eight-leaved, half the length of the inner. Capsules globular, very

Padmacharinee, the Sauscrit name.

Hina paretti. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 38-42.

Bong. Thul-pudma.

A native of China; both double and single are now common in gardens all over India. When the flowers first open in the morning they are nearly white; by night, a pretty deep red. 21. H. cancellatus, R.*

Annual, erect, every part hairy and bristly; leaves cordate, more or less angled, crenate. Stipules subulate. Racemes terminate. Exterior calyx of about fifteen long incurved filiform leaflets; inner spathiform; capsule ovate.

From Nepal Dr Buchanan sent the seed to the Botanic garden, where the plants blos-

som during the rainy season.

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H. cucultafus, Suppl. 311 Cavanilles and Willdenow consider this a species of Paronia viz. P. cara-sellata. See Willd. ed. st. 583.

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Root annual. Stem straight, with but few sub-erect, round branches, clothed with much long hair intermixed with stiff sharp bristles; height of our plants about three feet. Leaves petioled, cordate, generally more or less angular, crenate, very hairy; from four to six inches long, and from three to five broad. Petioles horizontal, nearly as long as the leaves, round, and like every other part of the plant, very hairy. Stipules subulate, very long and very hairy. Flowers numerous, peduncled, drooping, solitary in the superior axills, and on a pretty long straight, terminal raceme, large, campanulate, of a lively yellow, with the bottom of the bell crimson. Bractes like the stipules. Calyx: the exterior one as it were inflated, and composed of from ten to eighteen or twenty long, filiform, incurved, hairy permanent leaflets; the innerone spathiform. Capsule ovate, length of the exterior calyx, five furlowed, very hairy, fivecelled, five-valved. Seeds numerous, reniform, black.

22. H. Abelmoschus. Willd. iii. 826.
Annual, erect. hairy. Leaves serrate, hairy; the inferior ones from five to seven-angled, lobed; the superior ones sub-palmate. The inner calva spathiform; the exterior one about ten-leaved.

Hind. Kustooree, or Kalla-kustooree. Cutta-gasturi. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 38.

A native of various parts of India. Flowering time the rainy and cold seasons, 23. H. tricuspis. Willd. iii. 830.

Arboreous, long-petioled, three-lobed, entire or crenate-dentate, pubescent, about fivenerved, with a long gland on the middle one, near the base. Stipules and branches large, semi-cordate. Racemes terminal, few-flowered, both calyces ten-parted. Capsule with five double cells.

From Otaheite the seeds were sent by the Missionaries to the Botanic garden at Calcuttta. where in two or three years, the plants they produced were ten or twelve feet high, with a perfectly straight trunk to the very top, amply decorated with long, spreading branches down to the ground. All the tender parts rather sparingly clothed with whitish stellate bairs, on the base of the middle nerve is a long gland underneath; the leaves next the flowers are generally entire, and lanceolar, all are obtuse pointed, even the lobes. The inner calvx in this species is strongly marked by having ten segments, they are alternately smaller, and the capsule is ten-celled, or rather has five double cells, as in Gærtner's H. tiliaceus, the flowers are large, bright yellow, with a deep purple coloured bottom; they appear during the cold season and are very ornamental; the seed ripens early in the hot season.

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Annual, erect, very hairy. Leaves from cordate-lobate to hastate-palmate, and finally simple and linear. Racemes terminal. Exterior calyx ten-leaved; the inner one spathiform. Capsule ovate, hairy.

Alcea moschata villosissima. Pluk. Alm. t. 127. f. 1.

A native of Mysore, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic

garden where it blossoms about the close of the raius.

Root annual, ramous. Stem erect, with several spreading branches near the ground, all are round and very hairy, height of the whole plant about two feet. Leaves alternate, petioled; shape very various; the lower ones being from simple to from five to seven-lobed, about the middle of the plant hastate, or deeply three-lobed, while those near the top amongst the flowers are small, linear, and nearly entire; all but those among the flowers deeply serrate, and very hairy. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves. Stipules subulate, incurved, and like the rest of the plant hairy. Racemes terminal, solitary. Flowers large, yellow, with a red bottom. Bractes like stipules. Calyx; the exterior one about ten-leaved, permanent; the inner one spathiform, dropping with the corol. Capsule ovate, five-angled, very hairy. Seeds numerous.

This species comes nearer H. Abelmoschus, particularly in the pubescence, flower and pericarp, than any other I know.

25. H. pumilus. Roxb.

Annual, erect, downy. Leaves serrate; the inferior ones cordate, the middle ones threelobed; the superior ones lanceolate. Exterior calyx minute. Stigmas hairy. Capsule shorter than the inner calyx.

Solandra lobata. Nu. Syst. Veget. 623.

This is rather a rare plant on the Coromandel coast, a native of the borders of cultivated land; appearing and flowering in the wet and cold seasons.

Root ramous, annual. Stem erect, a little flexuose, round, downy, from two to four feet high. Branches few, near the ground ascending, stem-like. Leaves alternate, petioled, the lower ones, both on the stem and branches, cordate; the upper ones generally three-lobed, in

luxuriant plants the lobes are separated to the base, and sometimes the lateral lobes are two-cleft; again those toward the summit of the plant are simply linear, the whole are acute, serrate and downy, with sometimes a few hairs; size very various. Petioles from one to two inches long, round, hairy. Stipules linear-lanceolate, in very luxuriant plants they are sometimes double or two-cleft. Peduncles axillary, single, erect, the length of the petioles, round, articulated above the middle, a little hairy, one-flowered. Flowers white, about the size of a shilling, open all day. Calux minute, from six to nine-parted; the interior one five-cleft. Corol; petals obliquely-obcordate. Filaments numerous, short, the tube bending to one side, so as to make the stigmas below the anthers. Style five-cleft. Stigmas covered with hair, or globular leaflets. Capsule five-celled, five-valved, not in any respect wreathed, but just as in the genus. Seeds many, two rows in each cell,

26. H. furcatus. R. Shrubby, very ramous, armed with sharp thorny bristles arising from coloured, glandular tuberculi. Leaces from entire to three-parted, grossly serrate, and hairy. Stipules falcate, lanceolate. Pedancles solitary, axillary, one-flowered; exterior calgx of ten forked leaflets. Capsule hairy, ovate, acute.

Discovered by the Rev. Dr. Carey, indigenous in the interior parts of Bengal. The seed sent by him to the Botanic garden in one year produced plants that were six or eight feet

high, and blossomed during the rainy season.

Stems erect, somewhat ligueous. Beanches numerous, expanding, armed with numerous stiff, acute, spinous, recurved bristles, issuing from small, coloured, glandular papilli ; amongst the bristles, soft hairs are intermixed. Leaves from cordate below, to three and even five-lobed about the middle of the plant; and again near the top narrow-cordate; all are serrate and hairy; the size very various. Petioles almost as long as the leaves, and armed like the branches. Stipules falcate, lanceolate; margius ciliate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered, shorter than the petioles, and like them armed with the same sharp bristles. Flowers large, yellow, with a dark crimson bottom. Calux the exterior one about two-leaved, each leaflet enlarged beyond the middle; from the base of the enlargement on the upper side, issues a clavate, erect, or incurved segments; these form a cancellated dome over the inner, five-parted, rigid, glandular, bristly, hairy calyx; while the exterior broader, but shorter segments spread out horizontally. Capsule very hairy on the outside. Seeds few, from two to four in each cell.

I consider this to be bifurcatus. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. Willd. iii. 819. antil I reared that very

plant, from seed received from the Island of Trinidad ; the shrubs are nearly of the same size. but in that species every part is less hairy, the coloured glandular base of the bristles are not to be found; the stipuler simply setaceous, and the flowers rose-coloured; consequently I must consider this a well marked distinct species, though nearly allied in the shape of the leaves and exterior calyx. Like many of the other plants of the natural order, Columnifera of Linnaus, or Malvacea of Jussieu, the bark of this species of Hibiscus, yields abundance of strong, white, flaxen fibres; but the prickliness of the plant renders it very troublesome to

handle

27. H. Surattenais, Willd. iii. 824.

Somewhat shrubby, weak and straggling, prickly. Leaves from entire to palmate, serrate. Stipules ear-shaped. Exterior calyx of from ten to twelve appendicled, permanent leaflets. Flowers axillary. Capsules acute, hairy on the outside. H. Suratteusis. Lour. Cochin Ch. 512.

Herba crinalium. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 16. appears to me to be this plant.

Narinam-poulli. Rheed. Mal. vi. p. 75. t. 4. agrees better with a very distinct species, (viz. gculeata) formerly described by me under the idea of its being Surattensis. At that time I had not seen the real Linnaan species, which is now before me, otherwise the mistake would not have happened. The stipules are the best marks to know them by

A native of various parts of India. Flowers during the rainy and cold seasons in the

Botanie garden.

28. H. aculeatus. Roxb.

Annual, erect, very prickly. Leaves palmate, three-lobed. Lobes remotely serrate. Stipules lanceolate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flowered. Exterior calgar ten-leaved, appendaged.

I have only observed this in my garden, where it must have been brought from some other place amongst other seeds. It has proved annual with me

Stem erect, very prickly, from two to five feet high, round, flexuose. Leaves remote, alternate, petioled, from entire to five-lobed, serrate, a little hairy; lobes lanceolate, pointed, principal nerves prickly on the under side. Petioles longer than the leaves, round, prickly. Stipules lanceolate, ciliate. Peduncles axillary, single, shorter than the petioles, prickly, one-flowered. Flowers large, campanulate, yellow, with a dark, purple bottom. Calyx; exterior articulated below the middle, and there enlarged on the outside with an oval leafy appendage below the articulation, horizontal from it, erect and incurved, covered with strong, straight, sharp bristles.

Annual, straight, polished. Leaves palmate, lobate; lobes sub-rotund, acutely serrate, dentate. Flowers racemed, pure white throughout. Exterior calga caducous; inner spathi-

form. Capsule linear-oblong.

Of what country this plant is a native, I have not yet been able to ascertain. It made its appearance in the Botanic garden in 1798, when many chests of plants were brought into it from the Moluccas; and I think it is more than probable, the seed came accidently amongst the earth of those plants. Be this is may, the plant thrives inxuriantly with little or no care; seed-time, the beginning of the rains; it is in blossom about their termination, and the seed ripens in December and January, soon after which the plants perish. Since writing the above, Dr. J. Glass found it wild on the Rajmahl hills.

Root annual, ramous. Stem perfectly straight, with a few straight branches, when the plants stand single, or at a distance, otherwise simple. Bark pale green, and uncommonly smooth. Height of the whole plant from six to fourteen feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, reflexed, serrate, three, five, or seven-lobed; lobes of a roundish-obovate shape, smooth on both sides; size very various. Petioles as long as the leaves, sometimes most slightly armed with minute prickles, otherwise they are very smooth. Stipules filiform, caducous. Flowers short-peduncled, solitary in the exterior axills, and on long, curved, terminal racemes, they are pretty

large, and white in every part. Calyx; outer perianth of five or six, small, subulate, villous, caducous leaflets, dropping long before the corol expands; the inner one spathiform, villous; mouth five-toothed, deciduous. Corol as in the genus. Capsule oblong, five-angled, villous, and hairy, both without and within; while green, covered with minute, pellucid, clammy drops, Seeds numerous, round, hairy, and of a dark blackish brown colour.

On the coast of Coromandel I have often seen a species, which I think agrees better with all the descriptions and figures of H. ficulneus that I have met with, than the above described,

otherwise I might have taken it for that plant. ПІ. 208

Like many other of the malvaceous tribe, the bark of this species abounds in flaxen fibres; but in none have I found so large a quantity, equally beautiful, long, glossy, white, fine and strong, as in this. To these promising qualities may be added the luxuriant growth, and habit of the plant, rendering it an object deserving of every care and attention, at least until the real worth of the material is fairly ascertained.

From several years experience, I find the best season for sowing the seed in Bengal, is just when the first rains begin; which is generally in May, in beds; and when the plants are about six inches high, transplant them out in rows, about nine inches asunder, and about as much from each other in the rows. In 1801, I had forty square yards planted in this manner, which yielded thirty-three pounds weight of the naturally very clean fibres,

H. prostratus, R.

Annual, with little or no stem, but many, very long, procumbent, scarcely armed branches.

Leaves from three to five-lobed; lobes obovate, serrate. Stipules subulate. Racemes terminal. Flowers white, with a rose-coloured bottom. Exterior calgar from five to six-leaved, caducous; the inner one spathiform. Capsule oval, villous.

A native of the Circars, where it blossoms during the cold season. Compare with La-

marck's H. ficulneus. 31. H. diversifolius. Willd. iii. 820.

Perennial, bushy, prickly. Leaves from sub-lobate to palmate, serrate. Exterior calyx from eight to nine-leaved, both are very bristly.

A native of the eastern coast of Africa, and Madagascar. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it blossoms and ripens its seed during the cold season.

32. H. cannabinus. Willd. iii. R. Corom. Pl. ii. N. 190.

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Annual, straight, nearly simple, slightly armed. Leaves serrate; the inferior cordate; towards the middle of the plant palmate, with lanceolate, acute lobes; at the top simply linear-lanceolate. Stipules subulate. Flowers axillary, short-peduncled. Exterior calgx of seven subulate leaves; the inner one bristly and glandular.

Beng. Mesta pat.

Hind. Puloo. Teling. Gung-kura.

Native place uncertain. Cultivated during the rainy season. The leaves are used as a pot herb, and the bark for hemp.

33. H. radiatus. Willd. iii. 824.

Perennial, prickly. Leaves palmate; lobes lanceolate, serrate. Stipules ensiform. Flowers axillary. Calyx bristly, the exterior one of eight or ten, linear, sub-bifurcated divisions.

Native place uncertain, but it is common in gardens about Calcutta, where it blossoms

during the cold season.

Stem short, scarcely ligneous, though existing two or three years. Branches numerous, spreading, and ascending, armed with small prickles; generally the length of the plant, from five to six feet. Leaves alternate, palmate, rarely simple; lobes generally five in young plants, in old ones fewer, and broader lanceolate, deeply and acutely serrate; smooth on both sides, from four to five inches long, by one broad. Petioles armed, and nearly as long as the leaves. Stipules ensiform. Flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled, very large; the exterior two thirds of the petals yellow, and spreading horizontally; the inner third deep crimson, and formed into a bell. Calyx; the exterior one of from eight to ten narrow-linear, bristly segments, which like H. furcatus and bifurcatus, have each a small additional segment, growing from the disk a little within the apex; the inner calyx five-cleft, longer than the exterior bristly segments, three-ribbed, and rather without the large gland in the middle of each, as in H. cannabinus, and this is one of the best marks to distinguish them by.

It is an elegant plant when in blossom, the flowers being amongst the largest of the

genus and the colours bright.

34. H. longifolius. Willd, iii. 857. Annual, bristly. Leaves palmate, serrate; lobes lanceolate. Flowers axillary, solitary. Exterior calyx of from eight to ten linear leaflets; the interior one spathiform. Capsules subcylindric. Seeds numerous.

Beng. Dharoos. Teling, Bendee. Hind. Ram toorai.

I have not found this plant wild. It is much cultivated throughout India, in the gar-

dens of both natives and Europeans.

Root ramous, annual. Stem erect, ramous, from three to six feet high, round, towards the base somewhat ligneous, and in a good soil as thick as a man's wrist, tender parts covered with sharp bristles and often spotted with purplish specks. Leaves alternate, petioles the inferior ones only angular, about the middle of the plant palmate, while the superior ones are sub-digitate, with the divisions hunceolate-oblong, all are serrate, and somewhat bristly; the

general size of the whole leaf is from eight to twelve inches each way. Petioles round, Pag bristly, as long as the leaves, generally more coloured then the stem, or branches. Stipules often paired. Flowers axillary, solitary, short-pedancled, very large, pale yellow, with a dark erimson bottom. Calyx; the exterior one from six to twelve-leaved; leaflets linear, bristly, caducous; the interior one spathiform, bursting on one side, of a remarkably soft texture. Corol, stamens, and germ as in the genus. Stigmas as many as the cells in the capsule. Capsule from six to twelve inches long, and about one in diameter, somewhat bristly, particularly the ridges, their number corresponding with that of the cell, and valves, viz. from five to eight, with a single row of round, smooth seeds in each cell.

This is one of the best, if not the best of the esculent berbs of India; the plant is easily raised from seed, and produces abundance of fruit, the only part which is eaten. The whole plant, particularly the capsules, is replete with much mild mucilage, which I consider as highly nourishing as well as mucilaginous, and might no doubt be employed to advantage in all diseases requiring emollients and demulcents. Some tender branches placed in water for examination soon rendered it gelatinous, almost as much so as if the branches of Pedalium murex had been standing in it. Dr. Cullen observes that coughing is often caused by acrid vapour, rising from the lungs irritating the glottis, and its neighbourhood; that by besmearing these parts with demulcent matter, we often lessen the irritation and frequency of coughing. A mild, palatable, culinary preparation of the very young capsules of this plant, would, I think, stand as fair a chance to answer this intention as any thing I know, and at the same time prove a nourishing part of the diet.

The stigmas are replete with a very beautiful deep purple juice, which they communi-

cate to paper, and which is tolerably durable.

H. esculentus, the West India Okra possesses virtues nearly similar, though I believe inferior; this I have also cultivated for many years in the Botanic garden, and it differs from this very conspicuously, both in the shape of the leaves and capsules.

35. H. tetraphyllus. R.

Annual, erect, ramous, hairy. Leaves palmate; divisions variously lobate, and acutely dentate. Stipules and bractes lanceolate. Flowers racemed. Exterior calyx four-leaved. Capsules linear-oblong, hairy.

A large, racemous, annual species, of from four to five feet high, found about Calcutta.

Flowering time, the wet and cold season.

Stem erect, armed with very stiff short bairs, as well as the branches. Leaves palmate, hairy, and scabrous; lobes variously lobed, and dentate. Petioles round, longer than the leaves. Stipules lanceolate. Flowers large, yellow, campanulate, nodding on long terminal racemes, and from the exterior axills. Calyx, the exterior one four-leaved. Capsule ovate-oblong, five-sided, armed with much very stiff hair.

36. H. chinennis. R.

Annual, erect, hairy. Leaves palmate; segments from three to seven, sub-lanceolar, obtusely serrate, and obtusely acuminate. Flowers axillary and terminal; the exterior calyx from six to eight-leaved; the interior one spathiform. Capsules oblong, five-angled, hairy.

From China it has been introduced into the Botanic garden where it flowers and ripens its seed during the rainy and cold season. It has the habit of Abelmoschus; but the leaves are much more divided, and though the capsules are exceedingly like those of that species, yet the seeds are smaller, and void of the musky scent.

37. H. pentaphyllus. R.

Annual, erect, nearly smooth. Leaves deeply palmate, sometimes hastate; divisions linear, near the apices dentate. Stipules ensiform. Exterior calyx five-leaved, permanent; the inner one spathiform and deciduous. Capsule linear-oblong, hairy.

Reared in the Botanic garden from seeds received from Mr. Kerr at Canton in China;

here it blossoms during the latter part of the rains.

Root annual. Trunk straight and almost destitute of branches, pretty smooth, the thickness of a man's finger, and about six feet high. Learer alternate, petioled, deeply palmate; in old plants young shoots are produced with the leaves less divided, even three-lobel; divisions linear, near their apices dentate, pretty smooth on both sides; length and breadth of the whole leaves, from six to eight inches. Petioles shorter than the leaves. Stipules ensiform. Flowers terminal, and solitary from the terminal axills, peduncled, large, drooping, yellow. Calyx, the interior one constantly of five, large, ovate, permanent leaflets; the inner one spathiform, a little hairy, deciduous. Capsule linear-obloug, when ripe five-seeded, hairy.

38. H. pungens. R.

Perennial, erect, ramous, every part armed with acute bristles. Leaves palmate; division linear-lanceolate, somewhat lobate, and deeply dentate-serrate. Stipules ensiform. Racemes terminal. Exterior calyx four-leaved, permanent. Capsule slender, acuminate, hairy, longer than the calyx.

From Nepal Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden, where the plants blos-

som about the close of the rains and in the cold season.

Slem erect, as thick as a walking cane, and often continuing for two or more years. Branches ascending, all are round, green, and densely clothed, as is every other part of the plant, with innumerable, diverging, strong, acute bristles; which enter the skin like spines. Leaves long-petioled, alternate, palmate; lobes linear-lanceolate, often lobate, and always deeply serratedentate; length and breadth of the whole leaf, from six to eight inches. Stipules broad-ensiform, or sub-lanceolate. Racemes terminal. Flowers drooping, rather short-pedicelled, large, deep yellow. Bractes like the stipules. Calyx; the exterior one of four, large, broad-ovate,

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permanent leaflets; the inner one five-toothed. Capsule of a long, thin, tapering, conical form, and much longer than the calyces.

 H. heterophgllus. Vent. Mah. p. 103. t. 103.
 Arboreous. Trunk straight, armed. Leaves from palmate on young plants, to simple on the old; all are linear-lanceolate, and serrate. Flowers axillary, solitary. Exterior calga of about ten subulate, permanent leaflets; the inner one five-cleft. Capsules oval, hairy.

A native of New South Wales. Flowers during the hot season in the Botanic garden.

PAVONIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1140.

Calyx double; the exterior one many-leaved. Stigmas ten. Capsules five, two-valved, one-seeded.

1. P. Zeylanica, Willd. iii. 838.

Erect, ramous, clothed with clammy pubescence. Leaves deeply three-lobed; lobes lanceolate, and notched. Stipules subulate. Peduacles axillary. Exterior calyx of from eight to twelve subulate, hairy leaflets. Stamina fifteen.

Hibiscus Zeylanicus. Linn. Flor. Zeyl. 226. Burm. Flor. Ind. 153. t. 48. f. 3.

Alcea pentacoccos. Pluk. Alm. 13 t. 125. f. 3. good.

A native of Coromandel. Flowers during the rainy and cool seasons.

2. P. odorata. Willd. iii. 837.

Erect, ramous, covered with clammy pubescence. Leaves round-cordate, angle-lobed, deutate. Peduncles axillary. Exterior calyx from ten to twelve-leaved. Stamina fifteen.

Teling. Chittle-bunda.

A native of Coromandel. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, it is in flower all the year.

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DIADELPHIA TRIANDRIA.

TAMARINDUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1100.

Calyx four-leaved. Corol three-petalled, unilateral. Legume pulpy.

T. indica. Willd, iii. 577.

Balam-pulli. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 23.

Amlica. Asiat. Res iv. 247.

Tintri, or Tintiree, are also Sanscrit names.

Beng. Tintiree, or Tintil, or Tentool.

Hind. Umli, Amli.

Chinta-chittoo of the Telingas.

This most magnificent tree is so common and so generally known, as to require little or no description. I however suspect our East India tree differs, probably specifically, from that of the West Indies; besides I have in view, the reducing of it to its proper place in the Sexual System, which I conceive to be in the Class Diadelphia, and not Monadelphia, as arranged by Schreber, Willdenow, &c. It possesses the natural classic character of the former in an eminent degree, and scarcely any part of the latter; should the single circumstance of the filaments being united in one body towards the bottom, constitute the essential mark, it would undoubtedly be a monadelphous plant, but we know that almost one half of the genera of this, (the 17th Class) have the stamens connected into one body towards their base; yet I do not know of any one who has attempted to remove such, or even to consider them as monadelphous.

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Flowering time the hottest part of the year, which is generally in May. Fruit ripens

during the cold season, or from December till February.

The tree is one of the largest in India, with a most extensive, large, shady head, or coma, the bark dark-coloured, and scabrous, the wood hard, very durable, and most beautifully veined.

Leaves pinnate. Leaflets from ten to fifteen pair, opposite, sub-sessile, tapering a little, entire, obtuse, smooth on both sides, the inferior pair larger. Petioles channelled, from four to six inches long. Stipules small, caducous. Racemes terminal, and lateral. Bractes obovate, coloured, one-flowered, caducous. Calyx four-leaved, cruciate, expanding, deciduous. Corol sub-papilionaceous, erect, unilateral, the length of the calyx. Banner, or middle petal oblong, margins involute and curled. Wings oval, margins curled, all three are beautifully variegated with red and vellow; keel, two short subulate petals, or filaments under the stamens; these were considered nectarial, and formed a part of the essential generic character. Filaments three, conjoined, inserted under the germ, ascending. Anthers incumbent. There are the rudiments of four more filaments in the fissures and outsides of the three fertileones. Germ pedicelled, linear, with the style much incurved. Legume pendulous, nearly linear, generally curved, somewhat compressed, replete with firm, acid pulp, covered with a hard, scabrous back, which never separates into valves; nor could I ever observe any suture indicating such a division; under the bark run three nervous fibres, one down the upper concave margin, and the other two at equal distances from the inferior, or convex edge. Seeds from six to twelve, somewhat trapeziform, compressed, covered with a smooth, hard, brown bark, and inserted into the inferior, or convex side of the pericarp.

Extract of a letter from Captain (now Colonel) Pringle at Lucknow.

"Inclosed I beg leave to send you a specimen of the red Tamarind, which I believe is unknown in Bengal; at least I never saw it until I came to this part of the country.

"This Tamarind makes a very fine preserve, and yields a beautiful deep red colour, ap-

proaching to a purple."

The leaves are eaten in the curries of the natives, the pulp of the fruit is universally known. The seeds ground into a flour, are boiled into thick conjec, and used as an article of diet by the poor in times of scarcity or famine; of the same flour a tenacious paste is made, which serves for various economical uses.

The kernels of the Mango are large, and seem to contain much nourishment; however they are made no use of, except like those of the Tamarind, in times of scarcity and famine;

they then are boiled in steam, and used as an article of diet.

DIADELPHIA HEXANDRIA.

FUMARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1154.

Calyx two-leaved. Corol ringent. Filaments two, each bearing three anthers.

F. parciflora, Willd, iii. p. 868.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves super-decompound, with smooth, filiform divisions. Flowers racemed. Stigma bifid; pericarp round, with one round hard seed.

Beng. Bun Sulpa.

A native of Bengal, where it appears very common on cultivated lands in the vicinity of Calcutta, during the cold season. It has the habit of F. officinalis but in the Indian plant, the ultimate segments of the leaves are filiform and the stigma bifid.

DIADELPHIA OCTANDRIA.

POLYGALA. Schreb gen. N. 1154.

Calyx of five leaves, two of them large and coloured. Legume obcordate, two-celled.

1. P. arcensis, Willd, iii. 376.

Procumbent; root perennial. Leaves linear-lanceolate, hairy. Racemes axillary, solitary; flowers crested. Seeds hairy.

Hind. Meradoo.

A small, procumbent, triennial, or perennial plant, a native of pasture lands. Flowers

during the rainy season.

Stem several, diffuse, with their extremities ascending, round, a little hairy, about a foot long. Leaves alternate, very short-petioled, linear-lanceolate, recurved, margins revolute, a little hairy, from one to twelve inches long, the inferior leaves are broader and shorter. Racemes solitary, axillary, or a little above, as long as the leaves. Bracles three-fold, one-flowers. Flowers small, orange-coloured. Calgar five-leaved, the three exterior ones small, the two interior, or lateral ones, formerly called the wings of the corol, large, all are oval and pointed. Banner two-petalled, or they may be called wings, and then there will be no banner, sub-creet, obovate. Keel bearded. Stamens in one body, dividing into eight filaments. Germ obcordate. Style long, projecting, thickening. Stigma large, clubbed, incurved. Seeds hairy.

2. P. telephioides, Willd. iii. 376.

Procumbent; leaves oval, smooth. Racemes scattered between the leaves; flowers crested.

Seed very hairy.

This species differs from the last in the following points, for the plants are in size and appearance the same, but in this the leaves are smooth, and oval, or at most oblong, the racemes are scattered over the branchlets between the leaves, and not axillary, and the seeds are very hairy.

3. B. undulata. R.

Annual, ramous. Leaves alternate, ovate-cordate, much waved, from three to five-nerved. Spikes terminal; flowers crested. Capsule reniform, margins prickly.

A native of Prince of Wales' Island.

SECURIDACA. Schreb. gen. N. 1156.

Calyx three-leaved. Corol papilionaceous, with the banner two-leaved, without the wings. Legume (capsule) ovate, one-celled, one-seeded, cuding in a ligulate wing.

S. paniculata. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves oblong. Panicle terminal and axillary. Flowers crested, as in many of the Polygulas.

Ferinjer, the veruscular name in Silhet, where, as well as Chittagong, it is indigenous, growing to be a large, very ramous, bushy shrub. Flowering in August, and the seed ripen-

Stem stout and woody, covered with smooth, olive-coloured bark. Branches numerous, extremities dropping, round and smooth, even polished. Leaves alternate, bifarious, shortpetioled, oblong, entire, acute, smooth on both sides, coloured, from three to four inches long, 218

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Page and from one to two broad. Petioles very short, and inserted on a brown, glandular recepta-cle, which has a pit on each side, and no other stipula. Panicles terminal with smaller ones from the exterior axills, large, ramous, open. Flowers numerous, but standing single, longpedicelled, small, red. Calyx three-leaved. Leaflets ovate-obloug, one incumbent, and two under the flower laterally. Corol sub-papilionaceous, five-petalled, the two largest inserted on the sides, and from the banner, exterior; they are oval, and taper at the base, spreading out, and ascending; the interior three, two of them the wings, spatulate, and inverted on the posterior sides of the boat-shaped, one-leaved, crested carina, all are curled on the margins and beautifully veined. Filaments eight in one body. Anthers oblong. Germ sessile, oval, protruded under the style, one-celled, and containing a single ovulum, attached to the apex of the cell. Style the length of the stamina, ascending. Stigma glandular. Capsule superior, from turbinate to oval, entire, one-celled, evalvular, ending in a very large substantial wing in the erect shape of a chopping-kuife. Seeds solitary, oval, or somewhat obovate, attached to the top of the cell, and round the insertion partially arilled. Integument single, thin, and firmly attached to the embryo. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, inverse. Cotyledons of a softish, yellow, waxy consistence, and yellow colour. Plumula of two obtuse lobes. Radiçle minute, superior.

DIADELPHIA DECANDRIA.

DALBERGIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1158.

Legume pedicelled, membranaceous, not opening spontaneously, but crumbling to pieces

by age. Seeds one or more.

Note. The stamina disagree so much in the different species of this very natural family as to render their forming any part of the essential generic character inconvenient. The fruit alone appears to be sufficient, to which may be added the alternately pinuate leaves.

1. D. Oojeinensis. Roxb.

Leaves ternate; leaflets sub-rotund. Racemes terminal, and axillary. Flowers three-

fold; stamens one and nine. Legume linear.

From seeds received in 1795 into the Botanic garden at Calcutta from Dr. William Hunter, the surgeon to the Resident at Oojein, two young trees have been reared. In March and April they blossom, when nearly destitute of leaves. The seed ripens in September and October.

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Trunk tolerably straight, crowned with numerous spreading branches and branchlets, the height of the trees in fourteen years, thirty-five feet. Bark of the trunk dark brown, and deeply cracked, of the younger parts smoother. Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate, the whole length often extends to twelve inches. Leaflets, the exterior one nearly round, with an obtuse point, length about seven inches, and about six broad; lower pair obliquely ovate-cordate, obtuse-pointed; about four inches long, and three broad; margins of all scolloped, and much waved, of a firm texture, smooth above, and a little villous underneath. Racemes axillary, and terminal, rarely compound. Pedicels three-fold, slender, coloured, villous, one-flowered. Braetes : common of the pedicels, solitary, sub-reniform, small, villous, caducous; proper of the pedicels, solitary on the outside of the base of each; of the calyx, still smaller but oblong, and pressing upon it laterally. Flowers numerous, rather small, of a very pale rose-colour, indeed almost white, somewhat fragrant. Calgae sub-bilabiate; the upper division oblong, bidentate; the under one three-parted. Corol papilionaceous. Banner sub-rotund. Stamina a single one above, and below nine united. Anthers sub-rotund. Germ linear, with the rudiments of eight or nine seeds. Style short. Stigma headed. Legume linear-oblong, obtuse, veined, and villous on the outside. Seeds one, two or three, reniform, compressed.

The wood of this very large tree, Dr. Hunter informs me, is highly valued for various

The pillars of Madajee Scindia's palace, at Oojein, are made of it.

 D. latifolia, Willd. iii. 902. R. Corom. pl. ii. No. 113.
 Leaflets from three to seven, sub-alternate, roundish, emarginate. Panicle axillary. Filaments ten, coalesced into one body. Legume one-seeded.

Teling. Viroogoodu-charva.

Eng. Blackwood tree. Beng. Sit-sal. III.

This is one of our largest mountain trees. Flowers during the wet season. The seeds

ripen in February and March.

Trunk erect, though rarely straight, often very thick and rising to a very great height. Branches spreading, very numerous, forming a large, shady head. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with an odd one, from six to nine inches long; leaflets from three to seven, generally five, alternate, the exterior ones largest, roundish, emarginate, a little waved, above smooth, covered with a little whitish down underneath, generally about two inches each way. Petioles round, smooth. Stipules none. Panicles axillary, small, erect. Flowers small, white. Calyx heavy, five-toothed. Filaments ten, united into one, open above. Anthers twin, singly globular. Germ pedicelled, smooth. Stigma simple. Legume pedicelled, lanceolate, thin, brittle, when ripe crumbling away, not opening spontaneously, about an inch broad, and two and a half or more long. Seed generally but one in the centre of the legume, reniform, smooth, compressed, brown, of the size of a very small French bean.

The wood of the centre of the trunk and large branches of this tree, is what is commonly called black wood, and is almost universally used for making furniture; its colour is a Car greenish or greenish black, with lighter coloured veius running in various directions, which gives it that beautiful appearance, so much admired; it is rather heavy, sinking in water, close-grained, and admitting of the finest polish. On the Malabar coast this tree must grow to an immense size, as I have seen planks from thence, full three feet and a half broad, and if we allow nine inches of white wood to have been on the outside of these trees, the circumference must have been fifteen feet exclusive of the bark.

In Bengal, where the tree is common, the wood is known by the name Sit-sal, and is certainly not so heavy as that on the coast of Coromandel and Malabar, though fully as beau-

tiful, and very much used for furniture.

3. D. Sissoo. Roxb.

Leaflets about five, alternate, round, acute. Panicles axillary. Filaments nine, equally coalesced into one. Legume lanceolate.

Sans. Shingshupa.

Hind. and Beng. Sissoo.

A native of Bengal, and of the adjoining provinces to the northward. Flowering time

the beginning of the hot season; the seed ripens about the close of the year.

Trunk generally more or less crooked, high and of great thickness, often from three to four feet in diameter. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction; branchlets bifarious. Young shoots downy and always drooping, even the leading one. Bark on young trees ashcoloured and pretty smooth, when old uncommonly thick, and very deeply cracked in every direction. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate. Leaflets alternate, generally from three to five, sub-orbicular or obcordate, pointed, waved, when young downy, when old smooth and shining; from one to twelve inches each way, the inferior ones smallest. Petioles round, waved, very downy when young, smooth when old. Stipules lanceolate, cadneous. Paniele axillary, downy, composed of numerous, short, sub-secund spikes. Flowers small, of a yellowish white. Bractes small, caducous. Calyx campanulate, hairy; the upper two divisions rounded, the under three acute. Corol as in the genus. Filaments nine, equally coalesced for two-thirds their length, thin, alternate, shorter with roundish anthers. Germ pedicelled. Style very short. Stigma large, glandular. Legume linear-lanceolate, membranaceous, threeseeded. Seeds compressed; reniform.

This tree yields the Bengal ship-builders their crooked timbers and knees. It is tolerably light, remarkably strong, but unfortunately not so durable as could be wished. It answers well for various other economical purposes; the colour, a light grayish brown, with darker coloured veins. Upon the whole I scarcely know any other tree that deserves more attention, for when its rapid growth in almost every soil, its beauty, and uses are taken into the ac-

count, few trees can be compared with it.

4. D. emarginata. R.

Leaflets from five to seven, alternate, round, obcordate, emarginate. Panicle axillary, and terminal. Filaments nine, coalesced in one. Legume linear-lanceolate, from two to four-

A native of the Andaman Islands, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden in 1760, by Colonel Alex. Kyd. In 1809, the largest of the trees was from forty to lifty feet high, and thick in proportion, viz. from forty to forty-live inches in circumference, four feet above the ground. They blossom in September; and the seed ripens in March, at which time

the trees are destitute of leaves in Bengal.

Trunk nearly straight. Back tolerably smooth and of a dirty gray colour. Branches numerous, spreading and dividing in every direction, so as to form one of our most shady trees. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, from six to eight inches long. Leaflets generally five or seven, sub-alternate, short-petioled, round-obcordate, emarginate, very smooth, and highly polished on both sides, but much paler underneath, general size about an inch each way for the lower ones, and an inch and a half for the most exterior ones. Petioles and petiolet's round, slender and smooth. Stipules minute, caducous. Panicles axillary, and terminal, shorter than the leaves, ramifications alternate, bifarious, smooth. Flowers numerous, small, alternate, pedicelled, pure white, fragrant. Calyx smooth; upper two divisions broader, shorter and more united. Filaments nine, united into one body with a fissure down the back. Authers twin. Germ linear-oblong, pedicelled. Style short. Legume lanceolate, with generally from one to three seeds.

In habit it much resembles Dalbergia Sissoo; the most conspicuous specific difference is in the leaves; in this they are emarginate, in that pointed; I may also add that the bark in this is smooth, in that deeply cracked. Colonel Alexander Kyd, who brought the young tree from the Andaman Islands, in a letter dated October 1801, says, "I remember the trees perfectly well, I brought them from the Andamans. We there looked upon it as a kind of Sissoo, and it was by far the most valuable kind of wood we had on the Island, as it grew to a very large size, and was well suited for ship building. It has very much the appearance of Sissoo when cut, but is of a more uniform colour and rather darker; in fact, like very dark coloured oak. It grows in common on the high grounds, with wood oil, and red wood trees, and all the other varieties of trees that are at the Andamans, but seems by no means a very common tree. Captain Blair built a vessel at the Andamans called the Union, and employed as much of this timber on her as he could procure, but as this vessel is unfortunately gone to the bottom, there is no finding out whether it is a durable timber or not.

The timber of the young trees in the Botanic garden is considerably harder and closer in

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the grain, than that of Sissoo of the same size, and its growth much slower.

5. D. alata. R.

Arboreous. Leaflels about three pair, opposite, linear-oblong, polished. Paniele terminal. Filaments single and nine-cleft. Legume linear, with a short polished wing all round.

Found by Mr. William Roxburgh in the state of a small tree in the forests of Pulo Pinang.

6. D. parviflora. R.

Leaflets from three to four pair, alternate, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth. Panicles terminal, corymbiform. Bractes round, ciliate. Stamina in one body. Legume falcate, one or

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A native of the Moluccas, and by far the smallest flowered species I have yet found.

D. reniformis, R.

Tender parts ferruginous. Leaflets from five to eleven, alternate, lanceolate. Panicles axillary and lateral. Stamina in two five-eleft bodies; legumes reniform with thick, rounded

Kures, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; grows to be a large, crooked, bushy tree, the wood yields a greenish flame, and is reckoned the best for burning the lime

stone of that district. Flowering time March; and the seed ripens in December.

Young shoots, &c. tender parts densely clothed with a thick coat of ferruginous down.

Leaves alternate, pinnate, about six or eight inches long. Leaflets generally from five to seven. or nine; rarely eleven, sub-alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, while young villous underneath, at all other times perfectly smooth, and of a firm texture; two inches long, and one broad. Stipules subulate, villous, caducous. Panieles axillary, and below the leaves, and generally shorter than them, very downy, composed of a few, many-flowered, simple branches. Calyx sub-campanulate, and like the panicle, clothed with ferruginous down. Corol as in the genus. Stamina in two, equal, five-cleft bodies. Anthers nearly round, two-lobed. Germ pedicelled, generally two or three-seeded. Style incurved. Stigma simple. Legumes generally of one reniform joint; and one-celled, compressed, but with thick rounded margins; about an inch long, and three quarters of an inch broad. When the legume has a second joint, it is like the anther. Seed solitary, reniform, &c. as in the order.

8. D. frondosa. Roxb.

Bark smooth. Leaflets about five pair, alternate, oval, emarginate. Stipules falcate. Panicles axillary. Stigma in two equal bodies. Legume from two to three-seeded.

A native of Ceylon, and the Peninsula of India. In the Botanic garden the trees blossom

in May and June, and the seed ripens in September and October.

Trunk erect, and in a tree only seven years old, three feet in circumference; the bark is particularly smooth, and light ash-coloured. Branches spreading, nearly horizontal, with numerous, alternate, bifarious branchlets, forming a large, dense crown; general height of the tree thirty feet to the top. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets alternate, short-petiolated, about five on each side, oval, emarginate, smooth, about an inch or an inch and a half long, and one broad, decidnous during the cold season, and appearing with the flowers in May and June. Stipules Inceolate-falcate, caducous. Panicle axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, composed of a few alternate, bifarious, ascending, simple, secund, villous branches. Flowers pale blue, small, disposed in two approximate, unilateral rows on the convex or outside of the branches of the panicle. Bractes small, lanceolate, villous, caducous at a very early period, the largest one below each pedicel, and two pressing the calvx laterally. Calvx bilabiate; the upper lip bidentate; the under one tridentate, the middle one longer. Filaments in two, equal, five-cleft bodies. Germ pedicelled, one-celled, fourseeded. Style shorter than the germ, rising at a right angle from it, smooth. Stigma minute, smooth. Legume pedicelled, not opening, lauceolate, from one to four-celled, one or two most frequent. Seeds obliquely-reniform, compressed, smooth. Perisperm none, &c. as in other Leguminosa.

It is a quick growing, large, beautiful tree, and the timber useful for many purposes.

9. D. paniculata, Willd. iii. 903, Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. No. 114.

Leaflets from five to six pair, alternate, obovate-oblong, emarginate. Panicles terminal, one or two-seeded.

Patsuroo is the Telinga name.

This is also a large tree, and a native of the same mountains as the preceding species.

Flowers about the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk erect. Bark pretty smooth, of a light ash-colour. Branches numerous, spreading, forming a very fine, close, shady head. Branchlets ascending. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, with an odd one; from four to five inches long. Leaflets generally from three to five pair, alternate, oblong, smooth, often emarginate, nearly equal, about one inch and a half long, and about one broad. Stipules lanceolate, falcate. Panicles terminal, leafy, large, generally bifarious; ramifications alternate, round, downy. Flowers numerous, small, white, with a faint ting of blue. Calyx of a deep blackish purple, and hairy. Wings as long as the banner. Keel half the length of the wings, two-petalled, only slightly united for a little way at the middle. Filaments two, lateral, equal, ascending, each divided into five. Anthers twin, singly globular. Legume lanceolar. Seed generally single.

Note. The wood of this tree is white, and firm to appearance, but less useful than some

of the other species.

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10. D. zeylanica. R. Bark cracked. Leaflets six-paired, alternate, cuneate-oblong; emarginate. Stipules oblong. Panicles axillary. Legume lanceolar, from one to three-seeded.

Cing. Beloo-labba.

A large, elegant timber tree, a native of Ceylon; from thence sent to the Botanic garden by General Hay Macdowall in 1801; where in six years, they began to blossom in May and

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June, and the seed ripened in September and October.

11. D. ferruginea. Roxb.

Leaflets from six to eight pair, alternate, oblong, emarginate. Stipules and bracles from broad obovate, to linearly cuneate. Panicles axillary. Filaments in two equal bodies. Legume

lanceolate, from two to four-seeded.

A native of the Islands east of the Bay of Bengal. Tender branchlets clothed with ferruginous down. Leaves alternate, pinnate, from four to six inches long. Leaflets six or eight pair, alternate, sub-sessile, linear-oblong, emarginate, a little hairy, nearly one inch long, and scarcely half so much broad. Stipules broad obovate; apex almost premorse, downy. Panicles axillary, shorter than the leaves; racemes simple, secund, and ferruginous. Bractes, the larger one under each division of the panicle like the stipules; those of the flowers also solitary, one-flowered, and narrower; those of the calyx, one on each side, narrow-cuncate. Flowers numerous, small. Calyx hairy; upper lip of two rounded lobes; lower of three long, acute segments. Filaments ten, in two equal bodies. Anthers broadly two-lobed. Germ pedicelled, margins hairy. Legume lanceolate, from two to four-seeded.

12. D. Krowee.

Arboreous. Leaflets from ten to eighteen pair, sub-opposite, oblong. Racemes axillary, solitary. Filaments one and nine. Legomes linear, black, sharp, from four to eight-seeded.

Krowee, is the vernacular name in Silhet, where the tree is indigenous, and grows quickly to a large size, yielding timber of a dark brown colour, and rather too porous for furniture, but seems very fit for various other purposes. Flowering time April, seed ripeus in December.

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Trunk of considerable size, but generally crooked. Bark embossed with transverse protuberances on a smooth bright ash-coloured ground; inwardly very fibrous, but rather friable.

Wood very firm and of a brownish gray colour. Leaves unequally pinnate, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets from five to twenty pairs; from opposite to alternate, those which first expand may be called the floral leaves, and have scarcely half the number of leaflets, which those have that unfold afterwards, oblong, or elliptic, obtuse, pretty smooth, from one to two inches long, and three-fourths of an inch broad. Slipules ensiform, clothed with ferruginous down. Racemes axillary, longer than the floral leaves. Flowers numerous, small, white, pretty long-pedicelled, from three to six, inserted on very short, alternate, common peduncles. Braces small, ensiform, always two of them under the calyx. Calyx cup-shaped, villous, smooth, five-toothed. Corol as in the order. Filaments one and nine. Germ a short-pedicelled, semilunar body within the base of the nine conjoined filaments, linear, hairy, and containing from ten to fourteen ovula. Style ascending. Stigma smooth. Legume linear, from two to three inches long, and less than half an inch in breadth; upper margin sharp and distinctly defined by a strong rib, or nerve, to the inside of which the seeds are attached, thin and brittle, not opening. Seeds generally from four to eight, small, smooth, light brown, lenticular.

13. D. marginata. Roxb.

Scandent, scabrous. Leaflets five or seven, lanceolate, glossy, obtusely acuminate. Panicle axillary. Stamian one and nine. Legumes sub-linear, membrane-margined, one-seeded.

Makree gilla, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; it blossoms in the

rains, and the seed ripens during the hot season.

Stem woody, and with its numerous scabrous branches climbing and twining up and over trees, &c. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to ten inches long. Leaflets two or three pair, and a terminal one, petiolate, lanceolate, entire, points long, narrow, and obtuse, of a firm texture and polished, from four to tive inches long, and from one to two broad. Panicles axillary, length of the leaves, and its few remote branches spreading as much. Flowers remote, long, and sleuder-pedicelled, white. Calyx bowl-shaped, of a deep black purple; mouth obscurely five-toothed. Banner long-clawed, obcordate. Wings and keel long and sleuder-pedicelled, white. Filaments one and nine. Germ linear, smooth, three-seeded. Stigma rather larger, but smooth. Legumes obliquely-lanceolate, sessile, thin, smooth, hard and veined on the surface, without any kind of crack or fissure, one-celled, one-seeded, about four inches long, and one and a half broad. Seed solitary, reniform, thin, one inch long by three-fourths of an inch broad.

14. D. rubiginosa, Willd. iii. 902. Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. No. 115.

Climbing. Leaflets from five to seven, nearly opposite, lanceolate-oblong, smooth. Spikes axillary, sessile.

Teling. Tella-tiga.

A large, woody, climbing species, a native of the Circar mountains. Flowering in the hot season.

Trank large, woody, running over the highest trees. Bark rust-coloured, pretty smooth. Branches alternate, bifarious, flexuose, short, rigid, erect. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, with an odd one, from four to six inches long. Leaflets generally three pairs, alternate, sessile, oblong, the exterior ones several times larger than the inferior ones, smooth on both sides, entire, firm, with many very fine, parellel veins, the exterior one about two and a half or three inches long, and three-fourths of an inch broad. Petioles round, downy. Stipules oval, small, covered with goose-dung green down. Spikes axillary, compound, small. Peduncles downy. Flowers as in the former species. Filaments ten, conjoined in one body, which is open on the upper side.

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D. volubilis, Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. No. 191.

Twining. Leaflets five pairs, sub-alternate, oval, smooth. Panicles terminal. Filaments in two equal, five-cleft bodies. Legumes linear-oblong.

Teling. Bandee-gurjun. 232

A very large, woody, twining species, a native of the mountainous countries on the coast,

where it runs up and over the highest trees.

Branches, their extremities often twine round whatever they meet with in the form of tendrils. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, with an odd one, four or five inches long. Leaflets about five pair, not opposite, nor alternate, but between the two; oval, small, pointed, entire, smooth, the exterior largest, about an inch long, by three quarters of an inch broad. Stipules scarcely any. Panicles terminal, large, bifarious; ramifications generally two-forked, and diverging. Flowers small, very numerous, blue. Bractes a small one below each, pedicelled, and two still smaller pressing on the calyx, oblong, nut-coloured. Banner orbicular, emarginate; keel below two-parted. Filaments two, placed laterally, each five-cleft, &c. as in the last. Legume pedicelled, linearly oblong, obtuse, membranaceous, waved, smooth, from two to three inches long, by one broad; not opening, from one to two-seeded.

16. D. scandens, R. Corom, pl. ii. N. 192.

Climbing. Leaflets opposite, oblong-lanceolate. Racemes axillary, as long as the leaves. Legumes linear-lanceolate, two or three-seeded.

Beng. Noa-luta.

Noël valli, Rheed, Mal. vi. t. 22. In Willd, Sp. Pl. Vahl's Symbol, and Martin's Edition of Miller's Dictionary, this figure is quoted for D. lanceolaria, which I think it cannot be for very obvious reasons.

Cheratalee badoo of the Telingas.

A common, very large, woody, climbing, or twining species. Flowers during the wet season. Branches pendulous, remarkably long, and slender. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with an odd one, about six inches long. Leaflets from three to five pairs, opposite, oblong, or broad lanceolate, obtuse, smooth, shining, entire; from two to three inches long and about one broad. Petioles channelled. Racemes axillary, single, long, bowing. Flowers fascicled, small, resectioned. Filaments one and nine, alternately shorter. Legume linear-lanceolate, membranaceous, &c. Seeds two, or three, kidney-form.

17. D. tamarindifolia. R.

Leaflets from twelve to sixteen pairs, linear-oblong. Racemes lateral, short, ovate, dense. Filaments nine in one hody; anthers two-lobed. Legumes swelled, scabrous, where the single seed is lodged.

Ketee, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; growing to so great a size, as to run up and over trees. Flowering time March and April; seed ripe the January following,

18. D. rimosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaflets about seven, sub-alternate, oblong, finely parellel-veined. Flowers minute, panicled. Filaments ten, in one body. Legumes one, rarely two-seeded, rimose at the

Kaogroom, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous in the forests; flowering in March and April, and the seed ripens in November and December.

D. stipulacea. R.

Shrubby. Leaflets from eight to twelve pair, alternate, linear-oblong. Stipules and bractes oblong-falcate. Panicle axillary, and terminal. Filaments ten, in two equal bodies.

An elegant bushy shrub, with small blue flowers, a native of Silhet, where it blossoms in April, and the seed ripens in November.

20. D. spinosa. R.

Shrubby, erect, lateral branchlets ending in a spine. Leaflets from six to ten, sub-alternate, cuncate-oblong. Racemes axillary, few-flowered. Filaments in two equal bodies. Legume oval, one-seeded.

A native of Chittagong.

PTEROCARPUS. Schreb gen. N. 1159.

Calyx campanulate, five-toothed. Legume* nearly round, leafy margined, varicose, one or more-celled; cells one-seeded.

1. P. santalinus. Willd, iii. 906.

Leaves ternate, with sub-rotund, retuse, smooth leaflets. Racemes axillary.

Sans. Chandana.

Beng. Chundana, or Rukta-chundun.

A native of Coromandel. Flowering time the hot season.

For a full description, see Supplementum plantarum, Linn. p. 318. Willd. iii. 906, &c.

2. P. marsupium, Willd. iii. 905. R. Corom. pl. ii. No. 116.

Leaves pinnate; leaflets from five to seven, alternate, elliptic, emarginate. Panicles terminal. Stamens ten in two bodies, coalesced near the base.

Teling. Yeanga-sha.

Beng. Peet-Sal.

This species, which grows to be a very large tree, seems not to have been taken notice of by any writer that I have met with. It is a native of the Circar mountains. Flowering time, the beginning of the rains, and the seed ripens about the close of the year.

^{*} It rather deserves the name of a compressed, ligneous, varicose, one or more-celled, winged nut.

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Trunk erect, very high, though scarcely ever found straight. Bark, outer coat brown, spongy, falling off in flakes; inwardly red, fibrous, and astringent. Brasches spreading, horizontal, numerous, extending far. Leaves sub-bifarious, alternate, pinnate with an odd one, eight or nine inches long. Leaflets five, six or seven, alternate, elliptic, emarginate, firm, above shining, and deep green; below less so, from three to five inches long and two or three broad. Petioles round, smooth, waved from leaflet to leaflet, five or six inches long. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, very large, ramifications bifarious, like the leaves. Peduncles and pedicels round, a little downy. Bracles, a small caducous one below each division and subdivision of the panicle. Flowers papilionaceous, very numerous, white, with a small tinge of yellow. Banner with a long slender claw, very broad; sides reflexed, waved, curled, veined. Wings with claws as above, oval, waved, curled, veined. Keel two-petalled, adhering slightly for a little way near their middle, waved, &c. as the banner. Filaments ten, united into one body near the base, but soon splitting into two bodies of five each. Anthers globose, twolobed. Germ oblong, pedicelled, hairy, generally two-celled; cells transverse, and to the anterior margin the single ovulum of each cell is attached. Style ascending. Legume, the under three-fourths orbicular, the upper side, which extends from the pedicel to the remains of the style, straight, the whole surrounded with a waved, veined, downy, membranaceous wing, swelled, rugose, and woody in the centre, where the seed is lodged, not opening; generally one, though sometimes two-celled. Seed solitary, kidney-shaped.

From wounds in the bark, there issues a red juice, which hardens in the open air into a dark red, very brittle, gummy resin, on being powdered it changes to a light brown, not unlike powdered peruvian bark. In the flame of a candle it burns with difficulty, and without cracking, swelling, noise, or any peculiar smell, into fine white ashes. In the mouth it melts away like the simple gums. Its taste is strongly, but simply astringent; as much so, I think, as that of the gum of the Butea, which it resembles much. It tinges the spittle but little;

heat does not soften it.

It is readily, and almost totally soluble in either water or spirit; the solutions are a pretty deep, but dull red, the spirituous one was rather more transparent, yet with a martial solution it shows considerably less astringency than the watery solution, here it differs from Butea gam; for the spirituous solution of that, although seemingly less perfect than this, shows rather more astringency with the chalybeate proof than the watery solution. The solutions bear being mixed without decomposition. Vinegar added to them makes no immediate change; mineral acids debase their colour; alkalies heighten them. In short, this substance is so exceedingly like the gum of the Buteas, that one analysis may serve for both. The solutions after being kept ten days showed no signs of change, and the same experiments were then repeated, with the same success.

Note. It is highly necessary to observe that the above analysis was made with the gum resin fresh from the tree, (how long it had adhered thereto I cannot say;) because I find, that when the gum of Butea frondosa is kept one year or two, it is less soluble in water than in spirit, and the watery solution grows sooner turbid; but at the same time this turbid solution continues as when recent, to show with a martial solution, more astringency than the

spirituous.

The specimen of the Gum-Kino tree in the Banksian kerbarium, is perfectly like this. It is probable these are the same, or very nearly ullied.

3. P. dalbergioides. R.

Leaves pinnate; leaflets about nine, alternate, ovate-lanceolate, smooth. Paniele terminal, Stamens ten in two equal portions.

Andaman red wood.

A native of the Audaman Islands, from thence, in 1794, young trees were sent to the Botanic garden by Colonel Alexander Kyd. These are now, 1809, from forty to eighty feet high, blossoming during the rains in June and July chiefly, and ripening their seeds eight

months after.

Trunk straight. Bark pretty smooth for so large a tree, ash-coloured. Branches numerous, spreading. Branchlets alternate, bifarious; young shoots somewhat scabrous, with small gray dots. Leaves bifarious, alternate, pinnate, spreading, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets about four or five pair, with a single terminal one, alternate, short petioletted; the inferior ones ovate-obloug; the superior ones longer, and narrower in proportion, all are entire, and smooth on both sides, from two to three inches long. Petioles round, smooth, about six inches long. Stipules none. Panicles terminal, ramifications alternate, bifarious, expanding with their extremities, while young of a beautiful dark greenish violet-colour. Bractes one-flowered, ovate, villous, small, cadueous. Flowers papilionaceous, alternate, solitary, short-pedicelled, pure yellow, delightfully fragrant. Calgx somewhat gibbons; mouth of five, unequal divisions, the upper two being by far the largest. Corol; vexillum oval; margins reflexed back and beautifully curied. Wings projecting, long-chawed, pressing on the calyx, with margins curied, as in the vexillum. Keel of two small petals. Filaments two, most distinct, as in Dalbergis, hence the specific name; above the ideal they divide into five, alternately with somewhat shorter filaments each. Anthers oval. Germ swelled, villous, dark greenish, violet. Stiple subultes. Stigma acute. Legame two-celled, pedicelled, sub-rotund, a small part of the upper margin only being more straight, the whole surrounded with a broad, membranaceous margin; the centre where one or two seeds are lodged, so of a firm, ligneous, fibrous, tough texture, not opening spontaneously. Seeds reniform, a single one in each cell.

not opening spontaneously. Seeds reniform, a single one in each cell.

On the Andaman Islands, where the tree is indigenous, it grows to an immense size. I have seen planks of it brought from thence, which were four feet in diameter, of coloured wood;

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III. 239 and if six or eight inches be allowed for the white wood on the outside, which is not overrating it, the tree will have been above tifteen feet in circumference. The wood is not unlike Mahogany, but rather redder, heavier, and coarser in the grain. That of the root is most beautifully variegated, I may say marbled, closer grained, and darker coloured.

4. P. indicus. Willd. ed. sp. iii. 904.

Leaflets from six to fifteen, alternate, ovate, firm and polished on both sides. Stipules ensiform. Racemes axillary. Filaments ten, in two equal portions. Fruit nearly orbicular, from one to three-seeded.

Lingoum saxatile. Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 70.

A tree of considerable size; a native of China, the Moluccas, and eastern parts of Asia. From the former it has been brought to Calcutta, and now, April 1808, a young tree is in flower in Sir John Royds' garden. Its trunk is straight, with smooth, olive-coloured bark, and few, long, waving branches, with their extremities generally drooping much. In its scanty ramification, it differs widely from my Pterocarpus dalbergioides which it most resembles in other respects. In that tree the branches are more numerous with many alternate bifarious,

spreading, never drooping branchlets, forming a large spreading head.

Leaves alternate, pinnate, twelve or fifteen inches long. Leaflets from six to fifteen, alternate, petioletted, ovate, entire, with an emarginate point, firm and polished on both sides; from three to four inches long, and from two to two and a half broad. Petioles flexuous, slightly channelled, smooth. Stipules lanceolate, caducous. Racemes axillary, often compound, and a much larger panicle of simple racemes terminates the branchlets. Flowers numerous, deep orange yellow, and very fragrant. Bractes of the pedicel solitary, lanceolate; of the calyx two, and smaller, all caducous at a very early period. Calyx short, sub-cylindric, five-toothed; the upper two, larger. Banner with a long claw, nearly round, erect, and rugose. Wings also curled, and exactly of the same colour. Keel of two small, paler coloured, less curled petals. Filaments ten, united into two equal, distinct bodies of five each. Anthers small, two-lobed, deep yellow. Germs oblong, pedicelled, villous, generally three or four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the middle of the anterior margin of its cell; style rather shorter than the stamina. Stigma acute. Legume nearly orbicular, wrinkled, of a very tough, ligneous texture, never opening spontaneously, broad-winged, three or four-celled; it frequently happens that two, or even three of the cells are abortive. Seed solitary, of a long, narrow, oblique kidney shape, smooth, lucid, and of a brown colour.

GALEDUPA. Lamarck and Juss.

Calux cyathiform. Stamina one and nine. Legume elliptically-falcate, plain, one or

1. G. indica. Lamarck. Encycl. ii. 594.

Arboreous. Leaflets three-paired, ovate, pointed. Racemes axillary, with many flowers in pairs. Legumes elliptic, one-seeded.
Dalbergia arborea. Willd. iii. 901.

Pongam. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 3.

Sans, Karunjuka.

Hind. and Beng. Kurunja, or Kenja.

Robinia mitis. Linn. sp. 1044. Pungamia, Lamarck, and Pongamia glabra, of Ventenat seems to be this very tree.

Robinia mitis, Loureir. Cochin Ch. must. I think, be a different species; and I also suspect Caju-galedupa, Rumph. Amb. ii. 13. to be another, which I have not yet met with. Teling. Ganuga.

A pretty large timber tree, from forty to fifty feet high, common over all the coast, Bengal, &c. Leaves deciduous at the end of the cold season, and in about a month are succeeded by the new foliage. Flowers during the hot season; and the seed ripens toward the

close of the year.

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Trunk rarely straight, height very various, say from ten to twenty feet. Bark smooth, olive-coloured. Branches spreading irregularly in every direction. Branchlets twiggy, very long, often pendulous. Leaves unequally pinnate, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaflets opposite, generally three pair, oval, pointed, entire, smooth, shining, deep green; about four or five inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles round, smooth. Stipules oval, reflexed. Racemes axillary, peduncled, about half the length of the leaves, erect, many-flowered. Bractes broad-lanceolate, two-flowered, caducous. Flowers pretty large, of a beautiful mixture of blue, white, and purple. Calyx obliquely cup-shaped, slightly four-toothed, of a dark purple colour. Banner very broad, emarginate; callous processes large as in Dolichos, pointed, and projecting almost directly down. Filaments of equal length. Stigma smooth. Legume ovate, compressed, smooth, with the aper thick and bent down, about two inches long, and one broad, one-celled. Seed generally single, compressed, almost round, smooth, light gray.

The wood of this tree is light, white, and firm; it serves for a variety of economical purposes. Branches stuck in the ground to fence round some Cinnamon trees, grew readily; grass and almost every thing else grows well under its shade. The seeds yield an useful oil, and cattle are fond of the leaves.

2. G. piscidia. R. Arboreous, smooth. Leaflets three or five, the pairs opposite, lanceolate. Racemes axil-

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lary and terminal, simple, or ramous. Filaments single and nine-cleft.

A small tree, a native of the mountains on the border of Silhet, where it is called Chund-Ace by the natives, who powder the bark and flowers, which they throw into any small body of water, where there are fish they wish to take, by which they are said to be intoxicated, and easily caught, and are not reckoned the less wholesome by the effects of the powder.

Flowering time July; seed ripens in the cool season.

Twigs slender, and clothed with remarkably white, smooth bark. Leaves alternate, quinate-pinnate, and ternate, from six to eight inches long. Leaflets three or five, the pairs opposite, or nearly so, petiolate, lanceolate, entire, obtusely accuminate, from two to four inches long, and one or one and a half broad. Petioles and petiolets round and smooth. Stipules. Rucenes axillary and terminal, frequently ramous near the base, shorter than the leaves, smooth. Flowers pretty large, white, long-pedicelled, and always in pairs, rather remote from each other. Calga campanulate; the upper lip of two rounded segments; the under one of three, and more protruded. Coral papilionaceous; the wings and keel remarkably slender. Filaments one and nine. Germ pedicelled, three or four-seeded. Style incurved. Stigma single. Legune long-pedicelled, differing in shape according to the number of seeds, the most common form is broad-spatulate, or battle-door-shaped with a sharp beak, and then one-seeded; surface pretty smooth, and reticulate with veins. Seeds as large as common garden beans, and much like them. Embryo as in the order. Cotyledons green.

3 G. marginata, R.

Twining. Leaflets petiolate, five, seven, or nine, oblong, and cuneate-oblong, entire, smooth. Stipules adnate, ovate, hairy. Racemes lateral. Legume sub-orbicular, smooth; upper margin winged, one, rarely two-seeded.

Ooknee, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; flowering in April and

Stem ligneous, Branches and branchiets twining and scandent to a great extent. Bark brown, and marked with little gray scabrous specks. Leaves alternate, from six to ten inches long, unequally pinnate. Leaflets five, seven or nine, distinctly petiolate, the pairs opposite, and oblong, the terminal one cuneate-oblong, all are entire, and smooth on both sides; from two to four inches long. Petiolets and petioles smooth. Stipules ovate, peltate, hairy. Racemes Interal, distinct, but numerous, and approximate, generally compound, scarcely villous. Bractes small, ovate, obtuse. Flowers numerous, pretty large, with a rosy keel, white banner and wings. Calga wide, bowl-shaped, obscurely five-toothed. Stamina one and nine. Germ linear, very hairy, its base embraced by a small notched cup open on the upper edge, one-celled, containing two ovula, attached to the upper margin. Stigma acute, and simple. Legumes orbicular, marginated, finely acuminate, one, rarely two-seeded.

4. G. elliptica. Roxb.

Twining. Leaflets opposite, from four to five pair, cuneate-oblong. Racemes panicled, axillary. Partial peduseles from two to five-flowered. Calyx bowl-shaped, almost entire. Banner with two scales at the base. Legume elliptic

A native of Amboyna and the Malay Islands. In the Botanic garden it blossoms in

March, and ripens its seed in August.

Stems scandent and twining to a great extent. Bark dark brown, and scabrous. Young parts covered with ferruginous pubescence. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to eighteen inches long. Leaflets opposite, from four to five-paired, short-petiolate, oblong, entire, smooth, taper, obtuse-pointed, from two to six inches long, the inferior ones being the smallest. Petioles channelled, villous. Stipules broad-triangular, obtuse, permanent, ferruginous. Racemes panieled, axillary, one, two, or three together, composed of alternate, short, diverging, partial, villous peduncles, bearing from two to five, large, pink-coloured, villous, pedicelled flowers on their apices. Bractes ovate, ferruginous. Calux ample, of an oblique, gibbons cup shape, with its margin slightly five-toothed. Banner erect, oval, emarginate, with two remarkably large, callous, margined scales on the inside, near the base. Stamens one and nine. Style ending in a tapering, incurved, smooth, pointed stigma. Legume compressed, elliptic, rather acute, smooth, about two inches long, and one broad. Seed one, rarely two, reniform.

5. G. uliginosa. Roxb.

Twining. Leaflets three or five, ovate-oblong, smooth, pointed. Racemes axillary, compound. Legume sub-orbicular, compressed, one-seeded. Dalbergia heterophylla, Willd. iii. 901.

Robinia uliginosa of the same volume, page 1133.

Beng. Pan-luta.

A native of the lower parts of Bengal, where it is found on the wet banks of rivers, nul-

las, &c. Flowering time the hot season.

Stems woody, twining. Bark scabrous, dark brown; young parts smooth. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate. Leaflets two pairs, besides the terminal one, opposite, short-petiolate, ovate, pointed, entire, smooth, and shining on both sides; the exterior one largest. Rucemes compound, axillary, or from the old axills over the naked branchlets, erect, about as long as the leaves. Bractes minute. Flowers numerous, pretty large, of a beautiful rose-colour. Calyx campanulate, obscurely four or five-toothed. Filaments one and nine. Legume orbicular, with a small curved apex, compressed, smooth, rather more than an inch each way. Seed solitary, large, filling the whole legume.

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Calyx campanulate, bilabiate. Stamina simple, and nine-cieft. Legume pedicelled, mem-

111 branaceous, with one seed at the apex. 244

B. frondosa. Corom. pl. i. No. 21. Willd. iii. p. 917.

Arboreous. Sans. Pulasa.

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Erythrina monosperma, Lamarck, Encycl. ii. p. 388.

Teling. Maduga.

Plasa. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 16 and 17.

A middle-sized, or rather a large tree, not very common on the low land of the coast, but much more so among the mountains, and still more in Bengal. Leaves deciduous, during the cold season; they come out again, with the flowers, about the months of March and April;

seed ripe in June and July.

Trunk generally crooked, covered with ash-coloured, spongy, thick, scabrous bark; the middle stratum of which contains a red juice, hereafter to be mentioned. Branches very irregularly bent in various directions. Young shoots downy. Leaves alternate, spreading, ternate, from eight to sixteen inches long. Leaflets emarginate, or rounded at the apex, leathery, above shining, and pretty smooth; below slightly hoary, entire, the pair are obliquely oval, from four to six inches long, and from three to four and a half broad, the exterior one obovate, and considerably larger than the lateral ones. Common petioles round, when young downy, as long as the leaflets. Stipules of the petioles small, recurved, downy, those of the leaflets subulate. Racemes terminal, axillary, and from tuberosities over the naked woody branchlets, rigid, covered with a soft, greenish-purple down. Flowers papilionaceous, pendulous, numerous, pedicelled, fascicled, very large, their ground colour a beautiful deep red, shaded with orange and silver-coloured down, which gives them a most elegant appearance. Pedicels round, about an inch long, articulated near the apex, and covered with the same greenish, velvet-like down. Bractes lanceolate, caducous, one below the insertion of each pedicel, and two smaller, pressing on the calyx. Calyx campanulate, leathery, two-lipped; the upper lip large, scarcely emarginate; the under one three-toothed, covered with the same dark green down that the racemes and pedicels are covered with. Corol; banner reflected, ovate, pointed, very little longer than the wings. Wings ascending, lanceolate, the length of the keel. Keel two-parted, ascending, large, semilunate, the length of the wings and banner. Filaments one and nine, ascending in a regular semi-circle, about as long as the corol. Anthers equal, linear, erect. Germ short, thick, pedicelled, lanceolate, downy. Style ascending, a little longer than the filaments. Stigma small, glandular. Legume pedicelled, pendulous, linear, thin, downy, about six inches long. Seed one, lodged near the point of the legume, oval, much compressed, smooth, brown, about an inch and a half long, and about one broad.

From natural fissures, and wounds made in the bark of this tree, during the hot season. there issues a most beautiful red juice, which soon hardens into a ruby-coloured, brittle, astringent gum; but it soon loses its beautiful colour, if exposed to the air. To preserve the colour, it must be gathered as soon as it becomes hard, and kept closely corked up in a bottle.

This gum held in the flame of a candle swells, and burns away slowly without smell or the least flame into a coal, and then into fine light white ashes. Held in the mouth it soon dissolves; its taste is strongly, but simply astringent. Heat does not soften it, but rather renders it more brittle. Pure water dissolves it perfectly; the solution is of a deep, clear red colour. It is in a great measure soluble in spirits, but this solution is paler, and a little turbid; the watery solution also becomes turbid when spirit is added, and the spirituous more clear by the addition of water; diluted vitriolic acid renders both solutions turbid, and caustic; vegetable alkali changes the colour of the watery solution to a clean, deep, fiery blood red.* The spirituous, it also deepens, but in a less degree. Sal martis changes the watery solution into a good durable ink.

These are, I think, proofs that a very small proportion of resin is present in this substance. In this it differs essentially from the gum-resin called Kino or Gummi rubrum astringens Gambiense, which the Edinburgh College has taken into their Materia Medica,+ but as this can be most perfectly dissolved in watery menstruum it may prove of use, where a spirituous solution of the former, being the most complete, cannot be so properly administered; consequently it may prove a valuable acquisition also. I have used the recent gum in making my experiments, which may make some difference.

Infusions of the flowers, either fresh or dried, dyed cotton cloth, previously impregnated with a solution of alum, or alum and tartar, of a most beautiful bright yellow, which was more or less deep, according to the strength of the infusion. A little alkali added to the infusion, changes it to a deep reddish orange. It then dyed unprepared cotton cloth of the same colour, which the least acid changes to a yellow, or lemon. These beautiful colours I have not been able to render perfectly permanent.

Amongst numberless experiments, I expressed a quantity of the juice of the fresh flowers, which was diluted with alum water, and rendered perfectly clear by depuration. It was then evaporated by the heat of the sun, into a soft extract; this proves a brighter water colour than any gamboge I have met with. It is now one year since I first used it, and it re-

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With an alkalized decection of this gum, I tried to dye cotton cloth prepared with alum, with sulead, and with a solution of tin in aqua-regia; but the reds produced thereby were bad; that where alum was employed, was the best.

[†] A specimen of the tree which produces this African substance in the Banksian kerbarium, convinces me that it is a species of Elescargus.

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mains bright. Infusions of the dried flowers yielded me an extract very little, if any thing, inferior to this last mentioned. They yield also a very fine durable yellow lake, and all these in a very

large proportion.

The Lac insects are frequently found on the small branches and the petioles of the leaves of this tree. Whether the natural juice of its bark contributes to improve the colour of their red nidus, or colouring matter, I cannot say. It would require a set of experiments accurately made on specimens of lac gathered from the various trees it is found on, at the same time, and as nearly as possible from the same place, to determine this point.

I do not find that the natives make any use of the gum, or flowers, although they promise to be valuable. The former as a medicine; and the latter as a pigment, and

dying drug.

2. B. superba. Willd. iii. p. 917. R. Corom. pl. 1. No. 22.

Shrubby, twining. Teling. Tiga-muduga.

This is a very large, twining shrub, a native of the Circar mountains. Flowering time

the beginning of the hot season, and the seed ripens in June and July.

Root spindle-form, very large, Stem twining, as thick or thicker than a man's leg, woody, very long, running over large trees. Bark ash-coloured, pretty smooth. Branches like the stem, but with a smoother bark. Leaves alternate, terminal, remote, very large. Leaflels downy, in other respects as in B. frondora, but much larger; the exterior one is often about twenty inches long, and broad in proportion, the lateral ones somewhat less. Racemes as in the former, but much larger. Flowers also the same, only much larger, and more numerous. Calyx divided as the other, but the divisions longer and much more pointed. Corol the same. Legumes and seed as in the former, but rather larger. When this species is in full flower, I do not think the vegetable world offers a more gaudy show. The flowers are incomparably beautiful, very large, and very numerous. The colours are so exceedingly vivid that my best painter has not been able, with his utmost skill, to imitate their brightness.

From fissures, &c. in the bark the same sort of ruby coloured astringent gum

exudes as was noticed in the last species. The flowers also yield the same beautiful yellow dye

and pigment.

3. B. parviflora. Roxb.

Shrubby, twining. Panicles axillary, and terminal; flowers small, and white. Banner

emarginate.

A native of the mountainous parts of the Rajamundree Circar, from thence Captain Alexander Denton sent the seeds to the Botanic Garden in 1797, where, when about ten years old, they began to blossom in December, and the seed ripened in April and May.

When in flower, it is immediately known by its copious panicles of small, white flowers. In other respects it is so much like Butea superba, that I took it for that species until

it blossomed.

Stem in plants twelve years old, as thick as a man's leg, ligneous, twining. Bark light brown, and somewhat spongy. Branches numerous, twining over trees, &c. to an extent

of many fathoms.

Leaves alternate, ternate, about a foot long. Leaflets the pair obliquely oblong, the terminal one nearly round-obovate; all are entire, obtuse, or emarginate, both sides somewhat villous, particularly underneath; of a pale dull green, about six inches long, and nearly as broad. Petioles round, slightly channelled, when young, villous, from three to six inches long. Stipules of the petioles triangular, scute. Panieles terminal, with the smaller or single branches thereof in the axills of the exterior leaves, branches alternate, bifarious, diverging. Flowers numerous, short-pedicelled, small, white, in proximate fascicles of three. Bractes numerous, ovate-oblong, small, downy, a common one under each fascicle, one on the base of each pedicel, and two pressing each calyx laterally. Calyx bilabiate, the downy upper lip bidentate; the under one three-cleft. Corol papilionaccous. Stamina one and nine. Anthers round. Germ sessile, two-seeded. Stigma large, smooth, pellucid. Legume pedicelled, linear, thin, clothed with a soft, brown, velvet-like down, apex one-seeded. Seed round-reniform, compressed, its greatest diameter nearly an inch. Integument single, smooth, brown. Perisperm none. Embryo as in the other Leguminosa.

ERYTHRINA. Schreb gen. N. 1163.

Calyx bilabiate. Corol with the standard much larger than the small wings and keel. Legume pedicelled, torose

E. indica, Willd, iii, 913.

Arboreous, armed with black prickles. Leaves ternate, unarmed. Racemes terminal, horizontal. Keel two-petalled, equalling the wings.

Mouricon. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 7

Sans. Mundar. Beng. Palita-mandar. Teling. Badsta-chittoo.

Dudap, or Dudap of the Malays; and when employed to support the black pepper vine, for which it is very generally used, they call it chinkereen

A pretty large tree, and common over India and the Islands. Flowering time the begin-

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ning of the hot season, in March and April. Seed ripens in June and July.

Trunk pretty straight, short but thick; branches many, forming a large, shady head. Bark of the trunk and large branches smooth, of a greenish ash-colour, in the younger branches, armed with small, black, sharp prickles, which generally fall off about the third or fourth year, leaving the trunk and large branches unarmed. Leaves ternate. Leaflets smooth, and entire, the terminal one broad-cordate; the pair obliquely so, from three to six inches long, and about the same breadth. They are deciduous in the cool season, which corresponds with winter in Europe. Petioles round, smooth, unarmed. Stipules of the petioles falcate, those of the leaflets round, and concave underneath. Racemes terminal, and projecting horizontally at a right angle from the branchlet, sub-secund. Peduacles round, while young and tender at a right angle from the branchet, sub-secund. Feduncies round, while young and tender somewhat mealy; when selvanced, smooth, ferruginous purple; pedicels ascending in a curved direction, term, but often so crowded as to appear verticelled. Bractes minute, one under each pedicel, and two on the calyx. Flowers numerous, large, of a bright dazzling searlet. Calyx spathaceous, opening longitudinally on the upper side; apex contracted, five-toothed. Banner oblong, erect. Wings scarcely one-fourth the length of the banner, semilunar. Keel two-petalled, and much like the wings. Filaments one and nine. Anthers sagittate. Germ long-pedicelled, mealy, from ten to fifteen-seeded. Style so long as to elevate the erect gluthous stigms a little above the anthers. Leavance from six to twolve inches long appoints years. stigma a little above the anthers. Legume from six to twelve inches long, cuspidate, very protuberant at the seeds, and equally so on each margin, when ripe blackish, and wrinkled. Seeds from six to eight, oblong, smooth, blackish-purple.

This tree is employed, in many parts of India, to support the black pepper vine. See Marsden's History of Sumatra, page 107. The best method for raising them is by planting cuttings of about eighteen inches, or two feet long, and about as thick as a man's arm, half under ground, if planted of a greater length, the wind is apt to shake them, which prevents their striking root. From ten or more feet asunder, according to the quality of the soil, and

in quincunx order, is from my experience, the best way.

What seems to render these trees very proper for this purpose, is their quick growth, their firm, permanent, though smooth bark, which never peels off, and gives firm hold to the roots of the vine, which come out abundantly at the joints. And lastly, they are full of leaves, and very shady during the bottest months of the year, which shelters the vines from the intense heat of the sun, and keeps the ground moist. As soon as the bottest weather is over, the leaves drop and expose the vines to the sun and weather during the cool season, which I conceive renders them more healthy, and of course more productive. They must be kept in a dwarf state, by topping, and cutting off the lateral branches, for if allowed to grow without interruption, they would soon arrive at very great height, which would be very unfavourable for collecting the pepper.

The immense quantity of large leaves that fall annually from these trees, manures the ground below them, which becomes more and more fertile, the longer it remains in this state; so that when the vines have done bearing, the land must be in a much better condition than

when first planted. Daily experience proves the truth of this.

2. E. stricta.

Arboreous, armed with innumerable, white prickles. Leaves unarmed. Racemes terminal, horizontal. Calyx minute, spathaceous, entire. Wings sub-triangular, minute. Legumes lanceolar, from two to three-seeded.

En-mouricou, the vernacular name at Anjenga, and Pen-mouricou that of E. indica,

which this resembles much.

A native of Malabar; from Anjenga the seeds were received into the Botanic garden, under the Canara name En-mouricou, at the same time, seeds of E. indica were received under the name Pen-mouricou. Both grew rapidly, for in two years the latter flowered in April, and in three, the former began to blossom early in March, and ripened its seed by the middle

Trunk perfectly straight, in our young trees eighteen inches in circumference, four feet from the ground; branches few, and covered with smooth olive-coloured bark, all are well armed with numerous, short, sharp, light green prickles, height about twenty feet. On the Malabar coast it grows to be a tree of very considerable magnitude. Leaves ternate. Leaflets the pair unequally broad-cordate; the terminal one reniform-cordate, all are smooth, entire, and pointed, from three to five inches each way. Petioles round, smooth, very rarely prickly, about six inches long. Stipules narrow-falcate, more permanent than the leaves. Racemes terminal, projecting horizontally at right angles from the apex of the new leafless branchlets. Bractes minute, caducous; one under each pedicel, and two near their apices. Flowers tern, numerous and crowded, large, as in E. indica, and the colour the same bright dazzling scarlet. Calyx minute, not above one-tenth part of the length of the banner, spathiform, entire, acute, opening on the upper side, withering. Banner oblong, erect. Wings minute, even shorter than the calyx, semi-obovate. Keel half the length of the banner, and four or five times longer than the wings, two-petalled, but firmly united, and in that state, when expanded ovate; colour pale greenish yellow, which is also the colour of the wings; with the addition of a slight tinge of pink. Filaments seem one and nine, but the ten are united into one, a little above the base, alternately short. Germ pedicelled, villous, containing from four to six ovula attached to the upper margins. Style tapering. Stigma acute. Legume pedicelled, lauceolar, subulate, pointed, from three to five inches long, smooth, light brown. Seeds one, two or three, rarely more come to maturity, lodged equally distinct from the ends, oval, smooth, light brown, of the size of a French bean.

Note. Notwithstanding the great similarity of this tree, to E. indica, Mouricou of Van

Rheede, there can be no doubt of its being specifically distinct; the small, entire, spathiform, cally and minute triangular wings, are sufficient marks by which to distinguish it from all our other Indian Erythrinas, exclusive of the colour of the prickles, which is, no doubt, the most obvious criterion. The contents of the germ furnish another proof; in that containing from ten to fifteen ovula, in this only from four to eight, generally about six.

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3. E. suberosa. Roxb.

Arboreous, with corky, deeply cracked bark. Leaves white, with down, ternate, prickles three-fold, and stipulary. Petiotes armed. Racemes axillary, spreading. Wings most minute. Keel one-petalled.

Teling. Moonee, Maduga.

This species I have found in the Circar only; there it is much less common than the E. indica, but grows in every soil, and situation. Leaves deciduous during the cold season. Flowers in February and March, soon after the leaves appear.

In the Ganjam district, a variety is found, with the exterior leaflets reniform, and the

apex perfectly rounded.

Trank erect, generally from eight to twelve feet to the branches, covered with light gray, corky, deeply cracked bark; branches numerous, very crooked, spreading in every direction. Prickles stipulary, three-fold at the insertion of the leaves, and no where else, recurved, sharp, falling off about the third or fourth year. Leaves alternate, ternate. Leaglets the pair obliquely broad-cordate, the exterior one rhombiform, entire, above bairy; below covered with much soft, white down, three or four inches each way. Petioles pretty long, round, downy, armed with a few small prickles. Glands a pair at the insertion of the lateral leaflets, and another pair where the common petiole ends in the exterior leaflets. Stipules lanceolate. Racemes axillary, sometimes terminal, horizontal, &c. as in indica, but much smaller. Flowers as in indica but smaller. Calyx tubular, with a two-lipped mouth. Corol; banner as in indica. Wings minute, colourless, hid within the calyx. Keel one-petalled, cordate, many times longer than the wings. Filaments ten, all connected, alternately shorter. Leavene pedicelled, containing generally two, though sometimes three remote seeds, the interstices filled with a gray, light spongy substance.

4. E. oralifolia. Roxb.

Arboreous, armed. Leaves ternate; leaflets oval. Petioles armed. Racemes terminal, horizontal. Banner obcordate.

Beng. Hari-kekra.

Is rather a scarce tree about Calcutta, which is the only place in which I have yet seen.

Elowering time the end of the cold season; the seed ripens before the rains begin.

Trunk straight. Bark very thick, and deeply cracked. Branches numerous, armed with innumerable, small, sharp, black pointed prickles. Leaves scattered, petioled, ternate. Leaflets oval, entire; upper side very pale green, and covered with a few, slender depressed hairs; under side very heary, without any distinct kind of pubescence; from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles smooth, except for now and then a few prickles; two umbilicate glands at the insertion of the pair of leadets, and two similar ones at its apex. Stipules small, hard. Recemes simple, terminal, horizontal, from one to six. Flowers numerous, dark red, collected in threes round the raceme, on downy, erect pedicels. Bracles of the pedicels four-fold; viz. one below the insertion of each lateral pedicel, and two to the central one; small, downy; those of the calyx two, small, opposite. Calyx bursting open irregularly, on the outside downy, no meliferous gland could be seen. Banner, twice the length of the keel, erect, broad-obcordate, emarginate; claw long and tapering. Wings a third shorter than the keel, with the extremities coloured. Stamens ascending, one and nine, with as many corresponding glands on their inside round the base of the pedicel of the germ. Authers incumbent, on alternately longer filaments. Germ pedicelled, downy. Style awled. Stigma small. Legume as in the genus.

5. E. sublobata. Roxb.

Arboreous, armed. Leaves ternate; leaflets sub-triangular, repand, downy underneath Petioles unarmed. Racemes terminal.

Teling. Badadum.

An immensely large tree, a native of the inland mountains in the Circars. Leaves deci-

duous. Flowering time, &c. as in the former.

Trank erect, frequently of very great size. Branches spreading, very numerous, the larger as well as the trunk without prickles and covered with thick bark, the inner stratum of which is fibrous, the middle yellow, and farinaceous, the exterior a smooth, hard, yellow, firm crust, of vegetable gluten. Prickles strong, conical, very sharp, exceedingly numerous on the younger branches, covering them almost entirely; three of them, and generally they are the largest, stand round the marks left by the insertions of the leaves; these were the only stipules. Leaves alternate, ternate, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaflets the pair obliquely cordate; the odd one rhombic, all variously lobate-sinuate, or notched; above smooth, covered with soft, white down underneath, from five to six inches each way; while young covered with much rust-coloured down. Petioles long, round, downy, without prickles. Glands as in E. suberosa. Stipules three-fold, strong, conical, sharp, permanent, becoming prickles. Racemes terminal, erect, slender, a little downy. Flowers three-fold, spreading, otherwise in every respect very much like those of E. suberosa.

The wood of all these species is remarkably light, soft, and spongy. It is generally employed, but chiefly that of E. indica, being the most common, by the people who make trunks, paint, varnish, &c. to make trunks, toys, and other things that are to be varnished; its numer-

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ous, large pores admit, and retain their priming, or under coating better than almost any other wood; besides it is not liable to warp, contract, or split, and is, as before observed, exceedingly light. At the village of Kundupilla, near Masulipatam, they are particularly clever at varnishing upon these sorts of wood.

6. E. arborescens. Roxb.

Sub-arboreous. Trunk and longer branches prickly. Leaves terminal, unarmed; leaflets remiform-deltoid, entire. Racemes straight. Bracles three-flowered. Calyces truncate, entire. Legame pedicelled, five-pointed, villous, from six to eight-seeded.

From Nepal, Dr. Buchanau sent the seeds to the Botanic garden where in one year the plants blossomed for the first time in October. In Nepal Dr. B. observed it to be a small branchy tree ten or twelve feet high; here in seven years they are only five or six feet high,

and with but very few branches.

Trank straight, with not more than two or three, simple, ascending branches, armed with a few, scattered small, sharp prickles, otherwise smooth in every part. Leaves ternate. Leaflets entire, smooth above, whitish underneath, the exterior one nearly reniform, the pair obliquely broad-cordate. Petioles longer than the leaflets, round, smooth, perfectly destitute of prickles, a pair of glands at the insertion of the pair of leaflets, and another pair at the apex of the long portion which supports the terminal one. Stipules oval, small. Racemes from the terminal axills, solitary, perfectly straight, longer than the leaves. Bractes solitary, three-flowered, ovate, within this common bracte, there is a minute proper one at the base of each pedicel. Flowers numerous, large, of a vivid scarlet, three-fold, pedicelled, drooping over each other in an elegant imbricated form. Calyx entire, but campanulate, smooth, coloured. Corol; banner sub-ovate, boat-shaped, incumbent over the rest of the flower. Wings shorter than the keel, obliquely-obovate, greenish. Keel also greenish, two-parted at the base, and apex, scarcely half the length of the staments rather shorter than the banner, united into one body near the base, alternately longer. Germ long-pedicelled. Style the length of the stamens. Stigma acute, ascending. Legumes pendulous, pedicelled, villous, cuspidate, torose at the seeds. Seeds from five to ten.

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Y E. resupinata. Roxb.

Herbaceous. Leaves ternate, appearing after the flowers decay. Racemes radical, leafless; corol resuprante. Filaments one and nine.

A native of Hindoostan. In the Botanic garden they blossom in March, at which time

no part of the plant is visible but the raceme.

Root perennial. Stem nothing more than a single, from four to five inches high, scarce prickly, slightly villous shoot, which with the leaves, decays about the close of the rains. Leaves ternate, rather long petioled. Leaflets nearly round, entire, smooth, from two to three inches each way. Petioles and nerves of the leaflets somewhat prickly. Stipules ovate. Racemes radical, short-peduncled, appearing long before the herbaceous stem, roundish-ovate, not six inches in height, but uncommonly interesting and beautiful. Flowers numerous, three-fold, pretty large, bright scarlet. Calyx bilabiate. Corol resupinate. Banner oval-shaped, much longer and larger than the keel, bright scarlet. Wings obovate, minute, and nearly colourless. Keel much longer than the wings, tinged with red. Filaments one and nine, alternately shorter than the banner, but double the length of the keel.

ABRUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1162.

Calyx obscurely four-lobed; the upper lobe broadest. Filaments nine, united into a sheath at bottom, gaping at the back. Stigma blunt. Seeds sub-globose.

A. precatorius. Willd.

Sans. Gunja, Krishnala, its red seed Ruttika.

Hind. Rutti.

Beng. Koonch or Goontch, Konni. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 39. Abrus. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 32.

Phaseolus arborescens, &c. Pluck. Alm. 294, t. 214. f. 5.

III. Phaseolus arborescens, &c. Frack. Ab 258 Gunja. Asiat. Res. ii. 154. and 499.

This is one of the most common plants in every part of India. Flowering time the close

Root ramous. Stem ligneous, twining; bark smooth; young shoots with a few, white, depressed hairs. Leaves alternate, abruptly pinnate, from two to six inches long. Leaflets opposite, sub-sessile, from eight to fifteen pair, linear-oblong, smooth, entire, both ends obtuse, the lower pairs smaller. Petioles, the common channelled on the upper side, and a little hairy. Stipules of the leaves lanceolate, of the leaflets minute. Racemes axillary, solitary, long-pedancled. The pedancle itself horizontal, thick, and strong, often leaf-bearing. The raceme, or flower-bearing part, erect, secund, with the apex projecting in a curve. Flowers numerous, short-pedicelled, inserted on two rows of large, alternate, round, glandular tuberosities, growing on the exterior side of the raceme, pretty large, and of a pale pink colour. Calyx campanulate, month obscurely five-toothed. Corol; banner ovate, sides deflected, apex ascending, the length of the wings. Wings falcate, projecting borizontally. Keel cymbiform, the length of the other petals. Filaments nine, conjoined into a cylinder, with a fissure on the upper side, the distinct portions erect, and alternately shorter. Anthers ovate, small. Pistil minute, hid in the base of the tube of the stamens. Germ hairy. Style very short. Stigma headed. Legume of a long-rhomboidal shape, protuberant at the seeds, divided by

transverse membranes, into as many cells as there are seeds. Seeds generally four or five. C spherical, smooth, of a bright, shining red, or white, with a black mark at the eye, or more rarely black with a white eye.

The seeds are often used as weights by jewellers.

The root is employed as a substitute for liquorice, (Glycyrrhiza glabra,) being like it, sweet and unucilaginous.

Of this pretty plant, I have met with three varieties in India, viz.

1st. With rose-coloured flowers, red seed, and black eye. 2nd. With dark-coloured flowers, black seed, and white eye.

3rd. With white flowers, white seed, and black eye.

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CROTALARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1172.

Calyx five-parted. Keel beaked. Filaments connate, with a fissure on the back, which has a circular gape at the base. Anthers alternately sagittate, and sub-rotund. Legume turgid.

SECT. I. Leaves simple.

C. juncea. Willd. iii. p. 974. Corom. pl. 2, N. 193.

Annual, straight. Leaves sub-sessile, linear-lanceolate, hairy, rather obtuse. Racemes terminal. Legumes sessile, club-shaped, many-seeded.

Sans. Sana. See Asiat, Res. iv. p. 296.

Beng. Sun.

Teling. Chanamoo. Cing. Henna, or Hane.

Katou-tandale-cotti. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 26.

See Philosophical Transactions of London, vol. lxiv. p. 99.

An annual plant, very generally cultivated all over the southern parts of Asia for the fibres of its bark, which may be called the Hemp of India. The time of flowering and ripening its seed depend on the season it is sown; for in some parts it is raised during the rainy

season, in others during the dry.

Stem annual, straight, from four to eight feet high, or even more, striated from the insertion of the leaves, a little downy, towards the top branchy, and, when the plant stands single, more so. Leaves scattered, short-petioled, lanceolate, obtuse, with a small bristle-like point; both sides covered with soft, silver-coloured hairs, from two to six inches long, and from half an inch, to one and a balf broad. Stipules subulate, small. Racemes terminal, single. Bractes oval, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, papilionaceous, large, of a beautiful bright yellow. Calyx bilabiate; the upper lip two-cleft; the under one three-parted in the middle, and there gaping; at the apex the segments are united. Banner obtuse, erect. Wings oblong, obtuse. Keel much pointed, slightly twisted at the apex and closely shut. Filaments, their lower half united into one body, with a fissure down the upper side, which has a circular gape at the base; extremities free, and alternately shorter. Authors on the shorter filaments linear, on the longer ovate, and two-lobed.* Legumes sessile, club-shaped, downy, from one to two inches long. Seeds numerous, kidney-formed.

This plant yields the natives their best hemp, for they have no idea of the quality of the bark of the common hemp plant; Cannabis, which is indigenous in every part of India; the leaves and flowers thereof being the only parts used by them. These they employ as an in-

toxicating, narcotic drug, and a most powerful one it is.

This very useful species of Crotalaria is extensively cultivated by the natives in most parts of India. In the Northern Circars the seed is sown towards the close of the rains, in October or November; a strong clayey soil suits it best, the farmers say; about 120 lbs. of seed to the acre, is the usual allowance. It requires no further care than being covered with the soil, which is done with the common Hindoo harrow, viz. a bush or two, which two bullocks, or buffaloes drag over the field. In February or March, soon after the flowers drop, and before the seed is ripe, it is pulled up by the roots, like hemp in Europe; half dried in the sun; then tied up in bundles, and committed to the water, where it is steeped, &c. The rest of the process being exactly similar to that of common hemp. Those plants that are left standing for seed, yield bark of an inferior, though stronger quality, so that the time of pulling must be attended to. Of this the natives make their cordage, twine, fishing nets, gunny, viz. a strong coarse kind of sack-cloth, &c.

This plant, and it is the only one, is also cultivated by the natives of some parts of the Northern Circars to feed their milch-cows with, during the dry season. I have found that it

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^{*} There is something very interesting in those two sorts of stamens. If a flower is opened sometime before the natural time of its expanding, which must be just before any of the authors burst, the filaments of the submittee set will then be found considerably longer than those of the round set and the stigma will then be about the same beight; these long anthers come to maturity long before the round ones, and about the time the stigma is among them; but the style continues to grow longer, by which means the bearded stigma pushes on with it much of the pollen from the long anthers whose filaments do not now lengthen any more; but those of the round ones now begin to lengthen, pushing toeir authors considerably beyond the aptecs of the linear set, and even with the stigma, by this economy they come in contact with it before or about the time of their naturity. These changes I have found most conspicuous in Crotaloria passes and pestaphylla, whose flowers are very large, every part being easily sees with the maked eye. easily seen with the maked eye.

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Page is very nourishing, and causes them to give more milk than most other food: it only bears two or three cuttings, after that the plants perish.

The following is an account of the cultivation of the Sun plant (Crotalaria juncea of Linnaeus) and preparation of the fibres of its bark, called Sun by the people of Bengal,

It is a tall annual, and very generally cultivated all over the southern parts of Asia for the fibres of its bark, which may be called the hemp of those countries where it is cultivated. A very full and particular account of the various methods of cultivation, &c. will be found in Wissett's Book on the Cultivation and Preparation of Hemp and Sun, published in London in 1804; and some remarks by myself in the 22nd and 24th volumes of the Transactions of the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, &c. I will however give a brief statement of the usual modes in Bengal, and add such remarks as I think may be of use to improve the quality of the fibre, which is naturally excellent, probably not inferior to the hemp of Europe.

When cultivated during the rains, which is very generally the case in Bengal, an elevated, rich, friable soil is required, which ought to be well ploughed, or otherwise dressed to free it of weeds, and bring it into good tilth. The seed, about from eighty to one bundred pounds weight to the acre, is sown when the first showers fall, about the beginning of the periodical rains in May or June, and covered in by the barrow, or any other mode. Little more is required, as the plant grows so rapidly, as to keep down the weeds itself. By August the plant will be in flower, and from five to eight, or more feet high. When the fibre is required of a fine quality, it is pulled in this stage of its growth; if strength is the object, it must stand till in seed, or even till the seed is ripe. When thought fit for the purposes intended, it is cut, or pulled up by the root.

Some recommend steeping it immediately when it is pulled, in standing fresh water, as with hemp in Europe; others, and I believe with good reason, recommend its being dried for some time previous to being steeped, upon this head much will be found in Mr. Wissett's Book

The length of time required for steeping depends on the season of the year, the heat of the weather, and water. In August and September, from two to three days is generally sufficient. When that is accomplished, which will be known by the bark separating freely from the stalk, but not too much so as over-steeping weakens the fibre much, the people employed in the work stand in the water, in which the plant has been speeped; each takes a handful thereof which he breaks in one, or more places, after having washed off any mud, or filth; then grasps it by one end between both hands, and beats it against the surface of the water, which quickly removes the reed from the fibres; when the parcel is turned, and the other end treated in the same manner.

This simple mode is very generally followed by the natives of Bengal, and not only removes the reed quickly, but washes the fibres at the same time; hence the sun of Bengal is always whiter than that of Bombay or Salsette, though they are the produce of the same plant; and it is probably the most expeditious mode that can be devised; but unfortunately the fibres are always so materially entangled, that they give but little support to each other, until by the heckle, they are in some measure restored to their natural situation, with the loss of nearly one half of the original quantity, which renders the heckled sun of Bengal high priced.

About Bombay, the Salsette sun, or hemp, as it is generally called, is reckoned particularly good, not inferior to the best Russian hemp, and that is all peeled by the hand. Numerous experiments made by me, induce a belief that its superiority depends on

In that country, and in many other parts of India, the seed is sown toward the close of the rains, when a stronger soil is said to be required. In other respects the management is the same.

2. C. tenuifolia. R.

Perennial, ramous, straight-furrowed, hoary. Leaves linear, sericeous underneath. Stipules minute, subulate. Racemes terminal. Legumes sessile, clavate, many-seeded.

A native of Coromandel. In the Botanic garden it is percunial, growing to the height of nine feet, with numerous, slender, furrowed, straight branches, which are again more ramous at top; during the cool season each twig ends in a long raceme of large yellow flowers; and the seed ripens in two months,

3. C. tetragona, Roxb.

Shrubby, erect; young shoots four-cornered, villous. Leaves linear, lanecolate, acute. Stipules minute, filiform. Racemes terminal, drooping. Legume sessile, clavate, hairy. From Nepal Dr. Buchanan sent the seed to this garden in 1802, where the plants grow well, and generally blossom during the hot season; and ripen their seed two months

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Stem erect, shrubby, with many expanding, drooping, alternate branches; young shoots villous, and four-cornered, whole height of the plants four or five feet, and lasting from two to four years. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile. linear-lanceolate, acute, slightly villous, entire, from two to six inches long, and less than an inch broad. Stipules filiform, minute, villous. Racemes terminal, solitary, drooping, few-flowered. Flowers remote, drooping, large, yellow. Bracles of the pedicel ovate, acute, solitary, one-flowered, those of the calyx, on the opposite sides of its base, and smaller than those of the pedicel. Calyx bilabiate; the upper lip bipartile, the under one three cleft, but the margins of the segments are united, requiring force to separate them, otherwise it remains entire. Legume sessile, clavate, hairy, many-seeded.

4. C. stipulacea. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect, ramous, hairy. Leaves sessile, lanceolar, hairy. Stipules lanceolar, and conspicuously large. Racemes terminal, Bractes of both pedicel and calyx lanceolar. Legumes sub-sessile, oblong.

A native of Mysore, from thence the seeds were sent by Mr. Heyne to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive well, blossom and ripen their seed during the cold season.

Stem erect, ligneous. Branches erect; young parts very hairy; height of the whole plant three or four feet. Leaves simple, scattered, sessile, lanceolate, entire, very hairy; from one to two inches long, and from a quarter to half an inch broad. Stipules lanceolate, almost half us long as the leaves, and equally hairy. Flowers solitary, scattered, pretty large, yellow. Bractes lanceolate, hairy, one-flowered, three-fold under the insertion of the pedicels of the lower flowers of the raceme; under those of the upper part solitary; besides these there are two at the apex of each pedicel, close to the calyx; all are permanent. Legume sub-sessile, smooth, thickest near the apex, more than twice the length of the permaneut calyx. Seeds numerous, small, deep shining black.

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5. C. stricta, Roxb.

Annual, straight, hairy. Leaver lanceolate. Flowers solitary, axillary and on terminal racemes. Calgoes hairy, larger than the corols. Legames sessile, clavate, smooth, manyseeded, shorter than the permanent calyx.

Teling. Moonga.

This species I have only found in the valleys up amongst the Circar mountains, and in

my own garden, where I raised it from seeds brought from those valleys.

Root annual. Stem straight, from one to three feet high, striated, hairy, with few or no branches. Leaves scattered, very short-petioled, expanding, lanceolate, hairy underneath, entire, from three to four inches long, and less than one broad. Stipules minute, setaceous, Flowers opening in the evening, situation various, they are in general solitary, a little above the axills, and on short, terminal racemes, pretty large, of a sulphur colour. Bracles lanceolate, one below each peduncle, and two to the calyx. Calyx remarkably large, particularly the two upper divisions, very hairy. Legume sessile, clubbed, smooth, a little shorter than the ealyx, from thirty to forty-seeded.

6. C. montana. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves cuneate, lanceolate, obtuse, smooth. Stipules and bractes minute. Racemes terminal. Legume sessile, smooth, few-seeded.

Toling. Kunda-galti-geetsa.

This species I have never found, but upon the Circar mountains; it is a pretty large

twiggy shrub.

Branches sleuder, erect. a little hairy when young. Leaves scattered, short-petioled, linear-lanceolate, obtuse, with a bristle, entire, both sides covered with a few silver-coloured hairs, about two luches long, and little more than half an inch broad. Stipules most minute, subulate. Racemes terminal, long, many-flowered. Bracles very minute, subulate. middle-sized, yellow. Legumes sessile, linear-oblong, smooth, from six to ten-seeded.

Note. It differs from C. serices in having very minute, awled stipules and bractes.

7. C. linifolia. Willd. iii. 975.

Perennial, erect, sericeous. Leaves sessile, narrow cuneiform, obtuse, hoary. Stipules none. Racemes terminal. Bractes small, one-flowered. Legame sessile, length of the calyx. from two to three-seeded.

A native of Hindoostan, as well as other parts of India.

8. C. fulea. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves lanceolar, seriecous when young. Stipules none. Racemes terminal, and from the exterior axills. Bractes ovate, recurved, those of the pedicel solitary, those of the calyx paired. Legame sessile, oval, hid in the seriecous, permanent calyx, twoseeded.

A native of Mysore, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seed to the Botanic garden where in two years the plants blossomed in October and November, and ripened their seed in January. They were then stout, erect shrubs with a single, ligneous trunk, and many

ascending branches.

Bark of the young shoots clothed with much soft, short, white hair. Leaves simple, subsessile, lanceolate, entire, while young sericeous on both sides, from two to four inches long. Stipules none. Racemes terminal, and from the exterior axills; the whole forming large, elegant, sub-erect, sericeous panicles, bearing numerous, large, yellow flowers. Bractes of the petioles solitary, one-flowered, ovate, recurved; those of the calyx rather narrower, and recurved; all are permanent. Calyx large, yellowish, and sericeous on the outside. Legume sessile, hid in the calyx, oval, villous, with the villous, dry, permanent style bent downwards. Seeds two, reniform, smooth, light brown.

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The sericeous extremities, and numerous large yellow flowers, give to this stately species,

a very charming appearance while in blossom.

It differs from König's sericea, (see Retz. Obs. v. p. 29.) in the want of stipules, and disposition of the bractes. C. linifolia, (Suppl. 322.) is no doubt juncea, a plant totally different in every respect.

9. C. pulcherrima. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves obovate-cuneate, villous. Stipules none. Racemes terminal; bracles of the pedicels solitary, cordate, acuminate, refracted; those of the calyx lanceolate. Legume sessile, oblong, hid in the permanent calyx; seeds few.

A native of Mysore, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1801, and in January 1803 the plants blossomed for the first time, and ripened their seed in March. Trunk erect, as thick as a walking cane, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark; young shoots round, and downy. Leaves simple, sessile, obovate-cuncate, villous; length from one to three inches. Stipules none. Racemes terminal, sometimes compound. Bractes of the pedicel solitary, one-flowered, sessile, cordate, acuminate, refracted, villous, and yellow. Flowers very large, of a lively bright yellow, and of several days duration. Bractes of the calvx opposite, lanceolate, expanding, villous, and not of so deep a yellow as the larger cordate bractes. Calyx deeply divided into five unequal segments, and clothed with fine yellow pubescence, permanent. Legume sessile, hid in the permanent calyx, oblong, smooth. Seeds a few, frequently not more than one comes to perfect maturity.

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HI. 270 10. C. ramosissima. Roxb.

Suffruticose, very ramous, hairy. Leaves sessile, lanceolar. Stipules none. Racemes terminal, few-flowered. Bractes callous-margined, and revolute. Legume sessile, one-seeded.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, and in blossom most part of the year.

Root ramous, perennial. Stem searcely any, but numerous sub-ligueous, small, variously bent, alternate, very hairy branches and branchlets, spread in every direction; general height of the whole plant about two feet and in diameter fully as much. Leaves alternate, sessile, simple, approximate, cuneate-lanceolar, entire; very hairy underneath, size of the largest, about an inch long, and scarcely one-fourth of an inch in breadth.

Stipules none. Racemes terminal, solitary, few-flowered. Flowers pretty large, yellow, tinged with deep purple. Bractes of the pedicel solitary; of the calvx paired; all are cordate, with callous, recurved, coloured, smoothish margins and apices. Calyx; divisions unequal; the upper two being much larger than the lower three; the margins of all callous, coloured,

and recurved. Legume oval, hairy, sessile, one-seeded.

C. chinensis. Willd. iii. 974.

Perennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves bifarious, from oval to linear-obtuse, hairy. Stipules at the forks of the branches. Racemes terminal. Bracles lanceolate. Legumes sessile, oval, smooth, many-seeded.

A native of pasture ground, borders of cultivated fields, &c.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any. but many, diffuse, round, bairy, two-forked, slender branches, from one to two feet long. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, linear-lanceolate, obtuse with a bristle, very hairy, entire, generally more than an inch long, and less than half an inch broad. Stipules subulate, and only at the divisions of the branches, and even there frequently wanting. Racemes terminal, twice as long as the pedicels. Flowers pretty large, yellow. Calyx hairy, nearly as long as the flower. Legume sessile, oval, smooth, shining, from fifteen to twenty-five-seeded.

C. rubiginosa, Willd. iii. 973.

Perennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves oval, and lanceolate, hairy. Stipules lanceolate. Racemes leaf-opposed. Bractes cordate. Legumes oval, hairy, few-seeded.

Like the last described, it is a native of pasture lands; it has also a perennial root,

with many slender diffuse, round, bairy, two-forked branches.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, below round or ovate, above lanceolate, hairy, entire, very various in size. Stipules lanceolate, often reflexed. Racemes lateral or leaf-opposed, twice as long as the leaves, round, hairy, from four to eight-flowered. Bracles solitary, cordate, reflexed, shorter than the pedicels, one-flowered. Legumes sessile, oblong, hairy, eight-

C. cespitosa. Roxb.

Perennial, diffuse, cespitose, smooth. Leaves somewhat wedge-shaped. Stipules none. Racemes terminal. Braces subulate. Legumes sessile, rhombic. Seeds from ten to twelve.

Teling, Nalla-geri-galli-geetsa.

Is one of the most common all over the coast, grows on pasture ground; is in flower all the year round.

Root perennial. Stem none. Branches numerous, spreading close to the earth in every direction, with their extremities ascending; from one to two feet long, pretty smooth. Leaves alternate, inclining to be bifarious, very short-petioled, linear-oblong or wedge-form, seriesous underneath; about three quarters of an inch long, and a quarter broad. Stipules none. Racemes terminal, very long, ascending. Bractes of the pedicel single, awled, one-flowered; those of the cally two, similar, but smaller. Flowers small, of a bright yellow, opening in the evening. Calyx, upper segment emarginate. Legume rhombic, black, smooth, from eight to twelve-seeded. Cattle eat it.

14. C. prostrata. Roxb.
Perennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves bifarious, oblong, hairy. Stipules none. Racemes leafopposed. Legumes sessile, clubbed, smooth, many-seeded.

Teling. Seri-galli-geetsa.

This is an uncommon species on the coast; like the former, it grows on pasture ground, has a perennial woody root, with many slender, hairy, diffuse, two-forked, round branches, from one to two feet long, their lower part often becomes woody, and perennial.

Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, obliquely-oblong, hairy, about an inch long, and half an inch broad. Stipules wanting. Racemes leaf-opposed, axillary, or terminal, three or four times longer than the leaves, from six to twelve-flowered. Braces minute. Flowers small, yellow. Legume sessile, clubbed, smooth, from sixteen to twenty-four seeded.

15. C. hirsuta. Willd. iii. 978.

Sub-herbaceous, flaccid, hairy. Leares oval, hairy. Stipules semi-lanceolate. Racemes Page Carey leaf-opposed, long, from three to four-flowered. Bracles cordate, recurvate. Legumes sessile, Ed. hairy, clubbed, few-seeded.

Teling. Nalla-galli-geetsa.

This species is scarce, it generally grows among low brushwood, on dry ground. Flowers

during the wet season.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any, but many two-forked, small, slender, bifarious branches, spreading on the ground, or climbing up amongst shrubs; from one to several feet long, round, hairy. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, from broad-oval to oblong, hairy, from one to two inches long, and one, or one and a half broad. Stipules half-lanceolate, reflexed. Racemes lateral, or leaf-opposed, three or four times longer than the leaves, from three to six-flowered. Bractes cordate, reflexed, shorter than the pedicels. Flowers opening in the evening only, very large, yellow; the back of the banner and sometimes the wings beautifully spotted with purple. Calga large; segments slender, hairy. Legumes sessile, clubbed, very hairy, from eight to ten-seeded.

16. C. uniflora. Kon. Mss.

Sub-herbaceous, procumbent, hairy. Leaves bifarious, obliquely cordate, hairy; no stipules. Flowers solitary, axillary. Legumes sessile, reniform, one or two-seeded.

Hallia kirta, Willd. iii. 1169.

Teling. Nalla benda.

A small, procumbent species, with perennial roots, and annual branches, a native of pasture ground. Flowers in the cold season.

Stems none. Branches many, spreading every way, and pressing also on the ground, about a foot long, and as thick as a packthread, two-forked, round, hairy. Leaves alternate, bifarious, subsessile, obliquely-cordate, of a dirty brownish green, particularly round the edges, hairy, about five-eighths of an inch long, and three-eighths broad. Stipules wanting. Pedancles uxillary, short, one-flowered, about the middle articulated, with a small bracte. Flowers small, yellow. Calyr hairy. Banner obcordate, having the processes of Dolichos. Legame sessile, compressed, diaphanous, one or two-seeded.

17 C. Nummularia, Willd. iii. 979.

Sub-herbaceous, diffuse, hairy. Leaves cordate, hairy. Peduacles leaf-opposed, long, twoflowered. Legumes sessile, globular, hairy, many-seeded.

C. nana, Burm, Ind. t. 48. f. 2.

This is no doubt the species called by Dr. König, biflora, though it agrees better with Willdenow's Nummularia than his biflora, they are probably the same.

Teling, Pillee-watta-tiga.

A native of shady pasture ground, about hedges, &c. Flowers during the wet and cold sea-

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any. Branches many, spreading amongst the grass, round, hairy, two-forked, from one to two feet long. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, bifarious, obliquely cordate-ovate, or oblong, hairy, about three quarters of an inch long and half an inch broad. Stipules wanting. Peduncles leaf-opposed, longer than the leaves, round, hairy, near the apex two-forked, two-flowered. Bractes awled, hairy. Legume sessile, oval, or globular, size of a field bean, hairy, seed crowded, from twelve to twenty, kidney-form.

18. C. retusa, Willd. iii. 976.

Annual, and biennial. Leaces oblong-cuneate, slightly retuse. Stipules small. Racemes terminal. Bracles ensiform, recurved. Legume sessile, clavate, smooth, many-seeded.

Tandale cotti. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 25.

Teling. Potu-galli-geetsa. Bong, Beel-jhunjhun.

C. major, Rumph. Amb. v. t. 96. f. 1.

A common, but elegant plant, found in most parts of India. Flowering time the cool sea-

Root often biennial, or more. Stem straight, but very short, with several, ascending branches rising from it a little above the ground, they are all slightly furrowed, otherwise round, and nearly smooth, general height of the whole plant about two feet. Leaves scattered, shortpetioled, oblong-cuneate, with the apex oftener rounded than retuse, smooth on both sides, from one to three inches long. Stipules minute, acute, spreading. Racemes terminal, erect, manyflowered. Flowers drooping, large, of lively yellow, with the back of the banner tinged with red. Bractes solitary, ensiform, one-flowered, recurved. Legume turgid, sub-sessile, clavate, smooth, many-seeded.

19. C. sericea. Willd. III. 975.

Annual, erect, ramous, furrowed. Leaves simple, sub-sessile, from obovate-cuneate, to lanceolate. Stipules semi-cordate. Rucemes terminal. Bractes cordate. Legume sessile, oblong, smooth, many-seeded.

C. sericea, Retz. Obs. v. p. 26.

Sans, Ghuntaruva.

Reng. Pecyooli, Jhunihun.

A native of Bengal. Flowering and seed time the cold season.

Roof ramous, generally annual. Stem erect, with a few sub-erect, furrowed, slightly pubescent branches; height of the whole plant from four to eight feet. Leaves simple, sub-sessile, obovate, the superior ones narrower, entire, with a minute brisile from the obtuse apex, from three to six inches long, and from one to three broad. Stipules semi-cordate, acute,

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Page about as long as the short vermicular petioles, permanent. Racemes terminal, from one to two feet long, round, smooth. Bractes cordate, reflexed, one-flowered, embracing the base of the pedicels; two minute sub-opposite ones near the base of the pedicels. Flowers very large, of a lively yellow. Banner with the callosities of Dolichos near the base. Legume sub-sessile, linear-oblong, smooth, inflated, many-seeded.

If the above plant is König's, or rather Retz's sericea, which can searcely be doubted, the specific name is ill applied, for there is nothing sericeous about it, a few depressed hairs

is all the pubescence I have been able to discover.

20. C. verrucosa. Willd. iii. 977.

Annual, erect, angular. Leaces sub-ovate, rugose. Stipules semi-cordate, reflexed. Racemes leaf-opposed. Bractes subulate. Legume sessile, many-seeded. Pee-tandale-cotti. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 29.

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Herbaccous; branches two-winged. Leaves simple, sessile, obliquely round-ovate, downy. Racemes terminal, becoming lateral. Legame short-pedicelled, linear-oblong, smooth.

Found in Hindoostan by Captain Hardwicke in flower in July and August.

 C. semperflorens. Willd. iii. 978.
 Shrubby, creet, ramous, smooth. Leaves ovate; stipules falcate, reflexed. Racemes terminal, becoming lateral. Bractes subulate, one-flowered. Legume sessile, clavate.

A native of Sumatra. Flowering in the cold season, in the Botanic garden at Calcutta. The flowers are of a middling size, and bright yellow. Is not far removed from verrucosa.

23. C. bialata. R.

Perennial, spreading; branches two-winged. Leaves sub-sessile, from lanceolar to oblong.

Peduncles lateral, long, and smooth.

A native of Silhet. In the Botanic garden it grows to be a pretty large bushy spreading shrub, with little or no stem, but many sub-ligneous, naked, spreading branches, which divide into ascending, broad-winged, villous branchlets. Flowers and ripens its seed during the rainy and cool seasons.

24. C. angulosa. Lamarck's Encycl. ii. 196.

Annual. Stem and branches from three to five-sided. Leaves sub-sessile, base sub-ovate, much attenuated, and curled. Stipules semi-cordate, transverse. Racemes lateral.

A native of the Mauritius.

25. C. paniculata. Willd. iii. 980.

Shrubby, very ramous and hairy. Leaves simple, cuneate, sub-sessile. Stipules subulate, recurved. Panicles terminal, large. Bracles numerous, subulate, recurved, clammy. Legumes sessile, villous, one-seeded.

From plants two years old, reared in the Botanic garden from seed received from Dr. John at Tranquebar, the accompanying drawing and this description are taken. Flowering time, in Bengal, the cold season; seed ripens in March.

Trunk short. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, round, clothed with much soft hair. Branchlets, immediately under the panicle generally destitute of leaves, but garnished with many fasciculi of the clammy, stipulary leaflets; whole height of the plant from two to four feet, spreading to a considerably greater extent. Leaves simple, sub-sessile, cuneate, hairy like the young shoots. Stipules in axillary fasicles, subulate, recurved; margin revolute; upper surface clammy. Panicles terminal, large, from one to two feet long, composed of simple, expanding racemes. Bractes like the stipules. Flowers large, yellow, smelling rather offensively. Banner, two callosities at the base, as in Dolichos, downy on the back. Germ one or two-seeded. Legumes sessile, oval, downy, about as long as the long, slender acute divisions of the calyx, generally one-seeded.

SECT. II. Leaves compound.

26. C. laburnifolia. Willd. iii. 982.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves ternate; leaflets obovate, smooth. Stipules none. Racemes terminal. Legumes pedicelled, clubbed, many-seeded.

Nella-tandale-cotti. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 27.

Beng. Munna.

Teling. Munna or Pedda-galli-geetsa. C. arborescens. Burm Zeyl. t. 25.

An elegant, large shrubby, broom-like species; common on the southern parts of the

coast. Flowers most part of the year. III.

Stem erect, woody. Branches several, ascending; the whole plant from four to six feet high. Leaves terminal, long-petioled. Leaflets nearly equal, obovate, with a point, entire, smooth; about an inch long, and three quarters of an inch broad. Stipules wanting. Racemes terminal, large, many-flowered. Pedicels pointed, and bracted near the apex. Bracles of the pedicels small, one-flowered. Flowers large, of a bright showy yellow. Wings half the length of the banner, and keel. Legume, pedicels clubbed, smooth. Seeds numerous, kidney-shaped. Cattle eat it.

27. C. orixensis. Roxb.

Perennial, procumbent. Leaves ternate. Leaflets obovate, pretty smooth. Racemes lateral, long. Bractes cordate. Legumes pedicelled, cylindric, smooth, few-seeded.

Teling. Koona-galli-geetsa.

Like most of the rest, this is a native of pasture ground, borders of cultivated fields, &c.

Root perennial, white, woody. Stems several, procumbent; racemes round, hairy, from two to three feet long. Leaves ternate. Leaflets oblong, or obovate, entire, smooth on the upper side, a little hairy underneath; about an inch long and rather more than half an inch broad. Petioles as long as the leaflets. Stipules lanceolate, lmiry. Racemes lateral, or leaf-opposed, erect, very long. Flowers small, remote. Braces cordate, reflexed, one-flowered. Pedicels long, slender. Legumes pedicelled, pendulous, cylindric, smooth, from eight to twelve-seeded.

28. C. cytisoides. Roxb.

Shrubby. Leaves ternate; leaflets alike, oblong, acute, glaucous underneath. Stipules minute, permanent. Racemes terminal. Legume sessile, linear-oblong, downy, few-seeded.

From Nepal Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to this garden, where the plants blossom during

the dry season chiefly.

Trunk tolerably creet, with many spreading branches, forming a large ramous shrub, of about six or seven feet in height; young shoots round, and clothed with fine, minute pubescence. Leaves ternate; leaflets nearly equal, oblong, or broad-lanceolar, deep green on the upper side, paler underneath; from one and a half to two inches long, and less than one in breadth. Petioles slender, channelled, villous. Stipules small, with a broad base, and subulate apex, permanent. Racemes at first terminal, becoming lateral as the branches extend in length. Flowers numerous, pretty large, pale yellow. Bractes of the pedicels solitary, one-flowered, small, lanceolate; those of the calyx larger and inserted obliquely on its base. Calyx of five equal divisions. Legume sessile, oblong, compressed, villous, about an inch long, and less than half that in breadth. Seeds few, obliquely-reniform.

29. C. trifoliastrum. Willd, iii. 983.

Shrubby, crect. Leaves ternate; leaflets cuneate, emarginate. Stipules filiform. Racemes terminal. Legumes sessile, smooth, four-seeded.

C. Bengalensis, &c. Pluck. Alm. t. 169. f. 5.

Teling. Naga-galli-geetsa.

A pretty large, erect, shrubby species; growing about hedges, borders of cultivated land, &c.

Root woody, yellow. Stems several, erect, woody, branchy. Branches twiggy, a little downy, the whole plant from one to four feet high. Leaves ternate. Leaflets broad-wedge-formed, or obcordate, emarginate with a bristle, above smooth, below with a few hairs, about an inch long, and half an inch broad. Petioles as long as the leaflets, channelled. Stipules subulate. Racemes terminal, or branchiet-opposed, long, straight, many-flowered. Bractes of the pedicel subulate, one-flowered; of the calyx two, opposite, minute. Flowers yellow. Legume sessile, almost globular, size of a pea, smooth, two-seeded.

30. C. procumbens. Roxb.

Perennial, procumbent. Leaves ternate; leaflets long-obovate. Racemes terminal and axillary, few-flowered. Legumes roundish, sessile, two-seeded.

A native of such places as the last, perennial.

Root yellow. Stom scarcely any, but several, weak, procumbent, ramous, round, smooth branches of from one to three feet long, supporting themselves on the ground, grass, or whatever is in their way. Leaves as in the last species, but smaller. Stipules as in the last. Racemes terminal, axillary, or lateral, generally lateral, or leaf-opposed, longer than the leaves, three-flowered. Braces as in the last species. Legume as in the last, but smaller.

31. C. bracteata. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect, with many spreading branches, slightly sericeous. Leaves ternate; leaflets broad-lanceolar, acute, smooth. Stipules minute. Racemes axillary, or leaf-opposed; a pair of large ovate bractes over the calyx. Legume sessile, woolly, many-seeded.

A native of Chittagong. Flowering time the close of the rains, seed ripe in January and

February.

Root perennial. Trunk short, ligneous. Branches numerous, dichotomous, spreading; young shoots round, lightly sericeous. Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate. Leaflets broad-lanceolar, acute, entire, while young slightly sericeous underneath; from three to six inches long, and from one to three broad. Petioles about two inches long, slightly channelled. Stipules minute, acute. Racemes solitary, erect, axillary, or opposite, shorter than the leaves. Flowers numerous, pretty large, yellow. Bractes, of the peticel solitary, small, one-flowered; those of the calyx, paired, ovate, and projecting over the calyx like a hood, before the flowers expand; their structure and situation make the racemes appear imbricated. Legumes sessile, broad bout-shaped, very woolly, about three quarters of an inch long. Seed several, reniform, smooth, pale-coloured.

32. C. elliptica, Roxb.

Shrubby, spreading. Leaves ternate; leaflets elliptic. Stipules and bractes conic-ovate, acute. Legune sessile, oval, villous, two-seeded.

A native of China, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden where it flowers in

August and September. The seed ripens in two or three months afterwards.

Stem scarcely any, but several, slender ligneous branches spreading out on each side, a little above the surface of the earth; these and the young shoots are round, and hairy, and their length from one to two feet. Leanes ternate. Leaflets elliptic, obtuse, entire, a little hairy underneath, from an inch, to an inch and a half long, and rather more than half of that in breadth. Stipules acute, recurvate, rigid, smooth above, hairy underneath. Racemes terminal, becoming lateral; about two inches long, many-flowered, hairy. Flowers small, yellow, solitary. Bractes small, ovate, acuminate, hairy, recurvate; those of the pedicels solitary,

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Page those of the calyx two. Calyx hairy, five-toothed. Filaments united into one body, with the fissure ending in a circular opening at the base. Anthers alternately linear and round as in the genus. Legume sessile, oval, villous, two-seeded. Seeds reniform, smooth,

33. C. quinquefolia. Willd. iii. 988.

Annual, erect. Leaves quinate.

Wellia-tandale-cotti. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 28.

Teling. Neroo-galli-geetsa.

A most elegant, large, annual species, growing chiefly in the wet rice fields. Flowers during the rainy season.

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Stem annual, erect, ramons, striated, piped, from three to four feet high. Branches stemlike. Leaves alternate, petioled, digitate. Leaflets sessile, lanceolate, emarginate with a bristle in the cleft; above smooth, below a little hairy, from one to four inches long, and from half an inch to an inch broad; the inferior ones smaller. Petioles as long as the largest leaflets, three-sided, with a groove on the upper side. Stipules reflexed. Racemes terminal, long, erect, many-flowered. Bractes single, one-flowered, lanceolate. Flowers large, yellow. Stamens and anthers as in the genus; the round anthers are here nearly twin, so much are their lobes divided.

ARACHIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1177.

Perianth with a long filiform tube, supporting the corol, and stamina, or its months. Corol papilionaceous. Filaments connected in one tube (a groove,) but no fissure on the back. 1. A. hypogea, Willd. iii, 1346.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves twice paired. Legumes growing under the surface of the ground.

Chamæbalanus japonica. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 156. f. 2.

Hind. Moong-phullee.

This very useful and common plant is to be found in all the warmer parts of Asia, Though in Bengal it appears to be rather searce, nor have the natives any name for it, though those of other provinces have. It is also universally known in Europe, yet a full and accurate description with figures seems still to be wanting. Its parts of fructification appear to me to have been overlooked by every Botanical writer I have yet met with, on that account I have been obliged to give it a new essential generic character and its natural character at full length, from which it will be seen that this plant is in fact a Stylosanthes. However as its present generic name, Arachis, is so universally known, I think it will be better to continue it, and to place the only species of Stylosanther known to me with it; for they clearly make but one genus. I have at this instant both the living plants before me in high perfection, and after repeated examination, can safely say that the essential generic character of two such widely distinct species, seldom agrees so well as in these two, (viz. Arachis hypogea, Linn. and Stylosanthes mucronata. Willd.)

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Root annual. Stems, or rather branches many, diffuse, hairy, from two to four feet long. Leaves alternate, pinnate. Leaflets two pair, oval and obovate, slightly hairy underneath. Petioles longer than the leaflets, with the base enlarged into a stem-clasping sheath, with two ensiform processes. Flowers axillary, two or three together, blossoming in succession. Bracles a common exterior pair to the fascicle, and small proper ones to the several flowers; all are membranaceous, tapering to a fine point, and ciliate. Calyx with a very long, filiform, slender tube; mouths two-parted; the upper lip three-cleft, with the middle division emarginate; the lower lip lauceolate, and rather longer. Corol papilionaceous, resupinate, of a bright yellow colour. Banner round, emarginate, large in proportion to the other petals, inserted with the wings and carina partly on the base of the staminiferous tube, and partly on the mouths of the tube of the calyx. Wings free, obliquely-ovate, concave, longer than the carina, which is at the base two-parted; the upper half incurved and subulate. Filaments ten, united into one fleshy tube, with a groove, but no opening on the upper side. Anthers alternately sagittate and ovate. Germ ovate, lodged on the very base of the sessile tube of the calyx. Style long and slender. Stigma even with the anthers, and bearded on the inside. Legume oblong, leathery, swelled at each seed, reticulated with prominent nerves, one-celled, not opening spontaneously, nor are the sutures very conspicuous; length various, but in general about as thick as the little finger. Seeds from one to four, ovate, smooth, of the size of a French bean. The manner in which the young minute germ of the plant acquire pedicels, sufficiently long to allow them to thrust themselves into the ground to the depth of one, two, or even three inches, where they grow and ripen their seed, is truly wonderful. To understand this admirable economy, it must be observed that the flowers are most perfectly sessile, two, three, or four in the axills of the leaves, and that the germ is lodged in the very base of the tube of the calyx. Soon after the flower decays the germ acquires pedicels, after which it lengthens fast, it then enters the earth, and when the legume is perfectly formed, it will generally be found as deep in the earth as when full grown, I therefore conceive that it buries itself to its greatest depth before the seeds begin to enlarge, and while the germ is only an obtuse

The uses of the seed of this plant, are too universally known to render any account of them necessary in this place.

A. fruticosa, Retz. Obs. iv. N. 67.
 Trifolium procumbens, Burm. Zeyl. p. 206. t. 106. f. 2. bad.

Stylosanthes mucronata. Willd. iii. 1166.

Teling. Saillee-kumpa.

This small, spreading, ramous, under shrub, is now common in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, first reared from seed scut by the Rev. Dr. John at Tranquebar. The plant is indicately genous in Ceylon. Leaves alternate, ternate. Leaflets ovate, acuminate, slightly ciliate; scarcely half an inch long. Petioles at the base enlarged into a sagittate, stem-clasping sheath, which ends in two lateral acute points, one on each side. Flowers axillary, sessile, solitary, or in small terminal strobiliform heads. Bractes one-flowered. Calyx; tube long, slender, villous; border five-parted, the inferior division lengthened. Corols papilionaceous. The petals inserted partly on the base of thick fleshy staminiferous tubes, and partly on the mouth of the tube of the calyx. Filaments ten united into one tube at the base, with only the appearance of a fissure on the upper side. Anthers alternately linear, and ovate. Germ oblong, lodged in the base of the tube of the perianth. Style long, slender, passing through the whole tube of the calyx, elevating the acute stigma rather above the authers. Legume of one or two joints, with n single seed in each.

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Calyx irregularly from four to five-parted. Banner cordate, incumbent on, and shorter than the unexpanding wings, and keel. Staming one and nine. Authors alternately round, and sagittate. Stigma boarded.
1. C. peuriens. Roxb.

Annual, twining. Racemes pendulous. Legumes armed with stinging hairs.

Dolichos peurieux, Linn, Supp. 657, &c. Nai-corana, Rheed, Mal. viii, t. 35.

Teling. Dools gonds.

Sans. Murkuti. Atma goopta or Kupikuchoo.

Beng. Alkooshee.

Common in hedges, in most parts of India. Flowering time the cold season.

I have never been able to learn that the natives of these parts of India, make any use of any part of this plant, except the hairs of the legumes which they do not use as a medicine, (vermifuge) but as an ingredient to help to poison wells. However its having been of late taken inwardly to destroy worms, proves that it is not that poison they take it for; and it is more than likely that the other plants employed for the same base end, are fortunately much less dangerous than those who employ them imagine. Indeed it is only the most ignorant, superstitious Poligar mountaineers who are known to attempt to poison water. Nor can it be done to any other than such as is confined in wells, or small tanks.

2. C. monospermum. Roxb.

Perennial, twining; umbels axillary, pendulous. Legume one-seeded, and armed with very stiff ferruginous burning hairs.

Teling. Pedda, or Enooga doola-gunda, which means the larger or Elephant's scratch

This species is perenuial, and as large as any of the twining Dolichoses I know. It is a native of hedges, and thickets, on the banks of rivers, and water courses. Flowers during

the cold season. Seeds ripen in April.

Stem woody, perennial, twining, branchy; young shoots covered with brown down.

Leaves ternate. Leaflets ovate, acute, downy on the under side; when young they are covered with much rust-coloured down; about three inches and a half long and two broad. Stipules of the petioles lanceolate, hairy, falling, those of the leaflets sublate. Umbels axillary, short-peduncled, drooping from the weight of the flowers. Bractes and flowers as in C. praviens. Calyx covered with burning hairs, unequally five-toothed, the, undermost long and pointed, the rest scarcely appear above the margins of the cup. Corol, stamens and pistil as in C. pruriens. Leguine semi-oval, deeply grooved on the back, as in Lathyrus satirus, very much wrinkled, pointed, about three inches long and two broad, covered with much, exceedingly stiff, brown hair, which produces a greater degree of pain and itching than that of C. pruriens. Seed solitary, kidney-formed, of the size of the first joint of the thumb, the convex side is entirely surrounded with the hilum.

I know of no use any part of this plant is put to. Cattle do not eat it.

3. C. capitatum. R.

Annual, twining. Heads axillary, sub-sessile. Legumes armed with soft, velvet-like down.

Teling. Soorootoo.

This I have only found in a cultivated state, and that during the cold season, in the

gardens of the natives. It is an annual.

Stem herbaceous, twining, branchy, running to an extent of ten or twelve feet, if supported; young shoots slightly downy. Leaves ternate. Leaflets equal in size, the exterior ones ovate, about three inches long, and two broad, the lateral ones obliquely cordate, all are entire and obtuse, above smooth, a little downy underneath. Stipules of the petioles broad-lanceo-late, of the leaflets subulate. Pedancles axillary, short, many-flowered. Bractes, flowers, stamens, and pistil as in C. praviens. Legumes cylindric, depending, a little curved, about as thick as the fore finger, or thumb, and about six inches long, covered with soft, velvet-like down, when ripe wrinkled longitudinally. Seeds five or six, of the size of a small garden bean, smooth, shining, black.

The young pods like those of Dolichos lignosus and lablab are used by the natives in

their curries, after rubbing off the down that covers them.

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4. C. niveum. Roxb.

Annual, twining. Racemes pendulous. Legumes from six to eight-seeded, while young downy; when old destitute of down, and wrinkled.

Beng. Khamach.

Like Carpopogon capitatum, I have only found this in a cultivated state and even then very uncommon, having seen it but in one or two gardens near Calcutta; however, if it is not indigenous in Bengal, it must have been long known to the natives, not only on account of their having a vernacular name for it, but because it is eaten by them, as a Hindoo requires a long and intimate acquaintance with any article before he makes it a part of his diet. Potatoes they must have known fifty years or more, before they began to admit them at their tables.

Be that as it may, the plant is cultivated during the cold season, when it blossoms and

III. produces fruit in great abundance.

Root ramous, generally annual, though in some soils it lasts longer. Stem twining to an extent of some fathoms, very ramons and thick, but of a spongy, succulent nature; young shoots a little villous. Leaves ternate. Leaflets entire, the pair nearly semi-cordate, the terminal one rhomboidal; all have short acute points, and are nearly equal in size, of a soft delicate texture, and slightly villous on both sides; from four to ten inches long. Petioles round, slightly villous, from six to twelve inches long. Stipules lanceolate. Racemes axillary, solitary, pendulous, often as long, or even longer than the leaves, bearing numerous, three-fold, pendulous, very large, white flowers. Bractes four-fold, a common one to each tubercle of the racemes, on which the three flowers are inserted, and one to each of the proper pedicels, all are caducous, nearly lanceolate, and villous. Calyx four-parted. The upper division broad, and emarginate; the lower one narrowest, and more lengthened than the lateral pair. Corol papilionaceous. Banner cordate, incumbent on the wings and keel, and about half their length. Wings oblong, with a remarkable callons gland near the base of each. Keel one-petalled, linear, length of the wings, with a sharp, rigid, incurved point. Nectory a crenulate gland round the insertion of the germ. Filaments one and nine, alternately clavate and filiform, with long linear, sub-sagittate, anthers on the slender filaments, and short-ovate ones on the clavate ones. Germ hairy. Style slender and villons. Stigma small. Legume linear, about six inches long, curved a little like an Italic S. when ripe black, destitute of down, and longitudinally wrinkled. Seeds generally from six to eight, oval, smooth, ash-coloured, and separated by thin partitions.

By removing the exterior velvet-like skin of the large, fleshy, tender legumes, they are when dressed, like French beans (*Phaseolus culgaris*,) a most excellent vegetable for our tables, and the full grown beans are scarcely inferior to the large garden beans of Europe.

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5. C. atropurpureum. R.

Perennial, twining. Racemes pendulous, often compound. Legume elliptic, one or two-seeded, deeply furrowed, and armed with much brown burning hair.

Tam. Tilla-kodi.

An extensive twining permanent species, a native of Travancore, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it flowers in February and March, and the seed ripens in April and May.

6. C. giganteum. R.

Percunial, twining. Umbels pendulous. Legumes from three to six-seeded; surface even and armed with stiff, ferruginous burning brown hairs.

Dolichos giganteus. Willd, iii. 1041. Kaku valli. Rheed. Mal. viii. t, 36.

A very extensive, twining, perennial species, with large simple pendulous, globular corymbs of large beautiful sulphur coloured flowers, which appear during the rains and cool season, and the seed ripens in March, April, and May.

PHASEOLUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1180.

Keel with the stamina and style spirally twisted.

SECT. I. Twining.

P. vulgaris. Willd. iii. 1030.

Twining. Flowers racemed in pairs. Bractes smaller than the calyx. Legumes pendulous.

Common in gardens all over India, where indigenous uncertain.

2. P. lunatus. Willd. iii. 1031.

Biennial. Flowers racemed in threes. Legumes scimitar-shaped, smooth.
R. maximus. Sloan. Jam. t. 111. f. 1.

There are several varieties (six I know,) of this; all are cultivated for our tables. The natives rarely use any part of the plant, nor have they any vernacular name for it, hence I doubt its being a native of India. Seed sent me from North America under the name Lima bean, grew and produced another (a white seeded) variety of the same species.

4. P. alatus, Willd, iii. 1034.

Percanial, smooth. Flowers racemed, in pairs with a gland between. Nectary within the stamina, five-toothed.

Legumes pedulous,

Teling. Kar-alsanda.

Beng. Bun burbutee Katu paeru. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 42.

The legumes in Dillenius's figure are straighter and more pointed, than in our East India plant.

A native of Bengal. Flowers in the cold season. This is by far the largest flowered Pha-

seolus I know.

5. P. sublobatus. R.

Annual, very hairy. Leaflets slightly lobed. Peduacles long, twining, and proliferous. Legumes cylindric, hairy, fourteen or fifteen-seeded.

Beng. Gora moog.

This plant I have only found in Bengal where it is indigenous. Flowering time the end

of the cold and hot seasous.

Stems twining, very hairy, from three to five feet long, including the proliferous, twining peduncles. Leaves ternate. Leaflets, the lateral ones gibbous on the outside, the middle one somewhat three-lobed, all are hairy, but much less so than the stems, branches, and petioles; from two to three inches long, and about one and a half or two broad. Petioles the length of the leaflets, channelled, very hairy. Stipules adjoined, lanceolate-oblong, ciliate. Peduncles axillary, and terminal, the latter very long, proliferous, twining, and pretty smooth, when compared to the rest of the plant. Flowers collected on oblong, terminal, glandular heads, pretty large, of a dirty greenish-yellow colour. Legumes cylindric, hairy, from ten to fifteen-seeded. Seeds dark gray, sub-cylindric, and separated by membranaceous partitions.

Children cat the seed, the plant is too much clothed with stiff long hairs, to be liked by

6. P. calcaratus. Roxb.

Biennial, villous. Leaflets somewhat three-lobed. Stipules lanceolar, aduate. Racenes clongated. Bractes two-flowered, with a gland between. Carina with a remarkable long horn. La-

gumes cylindric, pendulous, smooth, many-seeded.

Found in a cultivated state in Mysore by Mr. Benjamin Heyne, and by him the seed was sent to the Botanic garden, where the plant thrives remarkably well, and is in blossom, and

ripens its seed the greatest part of the year.

Root at least biennial. Stem and branches twining, somewhat hairy, the whole plant from three to four, or more feet long. Leaves ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, the pair obliquely ovatecordate, and generally more or less three-lobed; the terminal one sub-ovate, all are slightly villous, from four to five inches long, and from two to three broad when full grown. Stipules of the petiole aduate, lanceolar, these of the leaflets subulate. Racemes axillary, generally solitary or in pairs, sub-creet, longer than the leaves, the flower-bearing portion elongated, a rare circumstance amongst the Indian Phassoti. Bractes of the pedicels three-fold, two-flowered, lanceolate, caducous; those of the calyx narrower, and more permanent. Pedicels short, with a large glandulous knob between their insertions. Flowers yellow, large and ornamental. Keel paler-coloured than either the banner or wing, and the horn on the right side (that is when looking on the back of the keel) is in this species remarkably large, thence the specific name. Legumes pendulous, slender, nearly straight, cylindric, smooth; in general two or two and a half inches long. Seeds six or seven, dark brownish black, smooth, sub-cylindric.

P. dolichoides, Roxb.

Perennial, hairy. Leaflets entire, broad-rhomboidal. Stipules ovate-lanceolate. Racemes axillary, longer than the petioles. Flowers in pairs, from numerous approximated glands. Keel hornless. Legame straight, cylindric, very hairy; seed from six to eight, in very distinct cells.

A native of Chittagong, where it blossoms during the rains, and ripens its seeds in the cool

Root ramous, perennial. Stem and branches twining to an extent of some fathoms, round, and hairy. Leaflets entire, hairy; the pair obliquely rhombiform, the single one much larger, and broad-rhombiform, being nearly as broad as long. Petioles slightly channelled, hairy. Stipules from oblong to ovate-lanceolate, hairy. Racemes axillary, solitary, creet, longer than the petioles, supporting numerous, large, short-pedicelled, dark purple flowers, inserted by pairs, on large approximated, smooth glands. Bracter oval, a single, caducous, common one at the base of each gland of the raceme; another more permanent one at the base of each pedicel, and lastly two pressing on the calyx laterally. Keet without a horn, and less twisted than usual. Legame straight, cylindric, as thick as a child's finger, and about three inches long, densely covered with soft light brown hairs, like plush, inwardly separated into as many very distinct perfectly round cells as there are seeds. Seeds six or seven, oval, of the size of a pea, speckled, with short, very dark-coloured hairs on a lighter coloured integument

I do not find that any part of the plant is usefully employed, but its dark purple flowers render it ornamental.

8. P. minimus. Roxb.

Annual, twining. Leaflets ovate. Flowers few, capitate, long-peduncled, the horn of the keel long and sharp. Legumes cylindric, smooth, from six to seven-seeded. Chin. Chamloe-to.

A native of China, reared in the Botanic garden from seed received from Canton, and like most of the other leguminous plants, succeeds best during the dry season.

Root annual. Stems twining, filiform, of very humble growth, and almost smooth.

Leaves ternate. Leaflets, the pair obliquely evale cordate, the terminal one two inches long.

Stipules lanceolar, adnate, both acute. Pedracles axillary, solitary, about as long as the leaves,

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angular and rather harsh, each supporting a small head of a few pairs of small greenish yellow flowers, each pair inserted in a small green gland. Stipules lanceolate, caducous. Calyx campanulate, unequally five-toothed. Banner of an inverse reniform shape. Keel twisted; on the right side a long, sharp horn, which I find common to two thirds of the genus. Legumes cylindric, smooth, slightly incurved, scarcely two inches long. Seeds from

four to eight, sub-cylindric, smooth, dark gray.

I do not know any of the uses of this small species, nor do I think, from its size and

appearance in Bengal, that it can be applied to any useful purpose.

SECT. II. Not twining.

9. P. nanus, Willd. iii. 1036.

Annual, with weak spreading branches. Bracles larger than the calyx. Legumes pendulous, compressed, one of the smallest of the annual cultivated sorts of Phaseoli.

P. glaber. Roxb.

Annual; stipules obliquely ovate, adnate. Leaflets sub-cordate, entire. Heads longpeduncled. Spur of the keel remarkably large. Legume straight, cylindric, smooth, many-

The seeds of the species were received into the Botanic garden, from the Mauritius,

where I am informed the plant is cultivated under the name Lentille De Creole.

Stem scarcely any, but numerous, short, ramous, ascending, round, smooth branches; height of the whole plant, in our rich soil of Bengal, about two feet, and spreading fully as much. Leares ternate. Leaflets of the pair obliquely cordate, the terminal one trapeziform, all are entire, and tolerably smooth on both sides. Heads solitary, short, on long, round, smooth, peduncles. Flowers in pairs, short-pedicelled; one on each side of a large, roundish gland, large, of a bright yellow. Bractes of the pedicel solitary, lanceolate; of the calyx in pairs, lanceolate. Banner very broad, reniform. Horn of the keel remarkably long and pointed. Legume cylindric, horizontal, straight, pointed, from three to four inches long, and about as thick as a goose-quill. Seeds ten or twelve, cylindric, truncated at both ends, dark brown, with lighter coloured spikes. 11. P. Mungo. Willd. iii. 1036.

Annual, sub-erect, ramous, the whole plant hairy. Leaflets cordate. Stipules ovate-oblong, Legumes horizontal, cylindrical, hairy. Seeds from eight to twelve, green.

P. hirtus. Retz. Obs. f. iii. N. 76.

Sans. Moodga. Engl. Green gram. Hind. Walli mung.

Beng. Moog.

Teling. Patcha-pessara the name of the plant; and Patcha-pessaloo of the grain.

This is one of the sorts of dry grain of the leguminous kind, which is much cultivated all over India during the cold season. I never saw it wild.

Stem annual, erect, ramous, generally about two feet high, angular, very hairy, as is every part of the plant. Leaves terminal. Leaflets slightly acute, the lateral ones obliquely cordate, the terminal one rhomb-cordate. Petioles often as long as the leaflets, channelled. Stipules of the petioles adjoining, ovate-cordate, pointed at both ends, ciliate; those of the leaflets narrow-lanced, ending in a bristle. Peduncles axillary or terminal, when terminal they are often, in luxuriant plants compound, erect, round, shorter than the petioles, ending in an enlarged, cylindric, glandular, flower-bearing head. Bractes one to each pedicel, and two pressing on the calyx, they are all lanceolate, concave and falling. Flowers numerous, sub-sessile, pretty large, of a dirty greenish yellow. Calyx pretty smooth; upper segment broad, emarginate, the under one twice as large, and pointed. Banner broad, emarginate. Wings, the right one, when the flower is held from the person looking at it, and the calvx towards him, is with the keel twisted to the left. Keel on the left side, when the flower is held as above; there is a horn near the base, as in Indigofera, but here it is on one side only. Legumes cylindric, spreading, about two inches and a half long, very hairy, pointed. Seeds small, from ten to fifteen, subcylindric, separated by thin membranaceous partitions.

There are a great variety of plants; culmiferous and leguminous, cultivated over India, under the general name of dry, or small grain, because they require very little water, at least much less than rice, which is called the great crop. Why we also call them small grain, I cannot say, unless it is because the quantity cultivated is small, in proportion to that of rice. When the usual rains fail, which is too often the case, famine is generally the consequence; for, as rice is a water plant, it requires to be constantly flooded to make it productive. In the Northern Circars, the present year is the second, a most uncommon event, in which the periodical rains have almost entirely failed; not more than one fourth the usual quantity having fallen, viz. about fifteen inches each year instead of sixty. It is during such times that these different sorts of dry or small grains become the most serious objects of their farmer's atten-

tion, for on them depend the lives of thousands.

This plant is a considerable subject of the Indian farmer's culture. It requires a strong, rich, dry soil. During the rains it is sometimes cultivated on high lands, that do not retain water long; but the greatest quantity is raised during the cold season, on rice lands. Immediately after the rice is cut, the ground is watered, if there is no rain, from a river or some adjacent tank, then slightly ploughed, and while moist the grain is sown, and harrowed in by drag-ging some bushes over it. The natives have no other harrow, although I have made one and

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often caused it to be used before them to harrow in Indigo seeds, yet though fully satisfied of its superior value to any thing they had any idea of, not one will follow the example. But to return to P. Mungo; it requires no further care; the dews which are copious at this season, furnish all the moisture it requires. In from seventy-five to ninety days, it is ready to cut. In a good soil, and with a favourable season, it yields about thirty fold. The ripe grain is well tasted, is esteemed wholesome, and affords much alimentary matter, of course it is high priced, being nearly as dear as rice, and is much used in food by the natives.

Cattle do not like the straw ; beside it is reckoned very unwholesome for them, on account

of the great quantity of stiff hairs, which cover every part of the plant.

In India we have many plants of this class, that cattle will not eat; whereas in Europe they are all greedily sought after, and esteemed the richest food for them. Many of them are there extensively cultivated for that purpose; here I know of none, nor indeed any vegetable whatever, that the natives cultivate for their cattle, except the straw of the plants cultivated for the food of man, they trust entirely to bountiful Nature. In consequence of so much neglect, the poor animals suffer exceedingly during the hot season, when vegetation, except in large trees, is almost entirely at a stand, and the surface of the earth truly clad in russet gray. The plants of this class, like the papilionacea in Europe, improve the land on which they are raised; whereas the culmiferous, rice excepted, weaken it. The native farmers are perfectly sensible of this important fact; from them it is more than likely that the western parts of the old world first learned the art of changing their crops.

12. P. Max. Willd. iii. 1036.

Annual, sub-creet, every part very hairy. Leastets cordate. Stipules lanceolar. Legumes ascending, hairy. Seeds from six to twelve, black.

Katu ulinu. Rheed. Mat. viii. t. 50.

Beng. Krishna moog.

I doubt if this be any thing more than a variety of P. Mungo, or Mungo of this. Nellapessara is the Telinga name of the plant, and Nella-pessaloo of the grain.

Beng. Kala-moog. Hind. Kali-mung. Engl. Black Gram.

This, like the former, I have only found in a cultivated state. It differs from it only in being more ramous, and if possible more hairy, in having the stem and branches darker coloured, and often clouded with still darker coloured spots. The colour of the seeds is the only specific mark, if so trifling a distinction can be so called. It is constant, and so far as I have

learned no change of soil, situation &c. alters it.

This is less cultivated than Moog, the grain being somewhat less esteemed, and of less value, the same soil suits it, and it is frequently mixed and sown with other sorts of grain, viz. Holeus saccharatus, and Holeus sorgum, Linn. These culmiferous plants rise high and shade the black pessaloo while-it occupies the surface of the ground, keeping it cooler and moister than it would be without it. It is sown earlier than the green pessaloo, generally just before the close of the rains, because it likes moisture more than the other, requires about the same

length of time to ripen, and yields nearly the same produce.

13. P. radiatus, Willd. iii, 1036.

Annual, diffuse, hairy. Leaflets elliptic. Stipules lanceolate. Horn of the keel very long. Legumes cylindric, straight, hairy. Seeds from four to six, black, with grey spots.

Beng. Mash-Kulwy; in some provinces of Hindoosthan it is called Dord.

Tekeree, is a small black-seeded variety.

Teling. Minoomoo the name of the plant, and mimoomooloo the grain.

This like the former two I have found only in a cultivated state; it is also annual

Stem scarcely any. Branches many, from one to three feet long, procumbent, winding, somewhat angular and a little twisted; it is less hairy than the former two species, and the hairs less harsh. Leaves alternate, ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, oblong, pointed, slightly scolloped, both sides hairy, three or four inches long and one and a half, or two broad. Petioles longer than the leadets, channelled, hairy. Stipules of the petioles adjoined, oblong, pointed at both ends; those of the leaflets narrow-hanceolate, ending in a bristle. Peduncles axillary, creet, shorter than the petioles, hairy; the apex surrounded with many flower-bearing glandular tu-berosities. Bractes as in the former. Flowers from four to eight in each peduncle, middle-sized, yellow. Calgar pretty smooth. Banner, opposite to the horn of the keel is a pit, which receives the horn till the flower opens. Keel, the horn mentioned in the former two is here remarkably large. Legumes nearly erect, straight, cylindric, acute, two inches long, very hairy. Seeds small, from four to six, black, with gray spots.

This sort is the most esteemed of all the Legumina, and bears the highest price. Of the meal they make bread for many of their religious ceremonies. It requires a similar soil to green and black pessaloo, and is generally sown about the latter part of the rains in November, either alone or mixed with the seeds of the same culmiferous plants. Like black pessaloo, it thrives the better by having a few showers after it is sown. Its produce is also about thirty-

Cattle cat the straw of this, and it is reckoned very nourishing for them. 13. P. aureus. Roxb.

Annual, diffuse, round, hairy. Leaflets semi-cordate, exterior rhomboidal. Hors of the keel large, obtuse. Legumes cylindric, straight, pendulous, hairy, torulose, with eight or ten oval yellow seeds.

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Beng. Sona Moog.

I have only found this plant in its cultivated state in Bengal. I believe it is unknown to the Coromandel coast. Seed-time the close of the rains, in October or November. The harvest is in February, when the plants perish.

Root nearly simple, perpendicular. Stem very short, but several spreading branches rest close on the ground, they are from one to two feet long, round and hairy. Leaves long-petioled, ternate. Leaflets, the pair semicordate, or nearly so, the exterior one rhomboidal, all are entire, and a little hairy on both sides, from two to three inches long, and from one and a half to two broad. Petioles as long as the leaflets, channelled, hairy. Stipules of the petiole adjoined, oblong, those of the leaflets narrow lanceolate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, in a rich soil often proliferous, by the time the seeds are ripe they are about as long as the petioles. Flowers many, short-pedicelled, of a greenish yellow, livid on the outside, brighter within. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered, one under the pedicel, and two pressing the ealyx laterally, they are all boat-shaped, acute and hairy. Calyx four-cleft, the upper division broad, and emarginate. Corol as in the other species with the horn of the carina large, and obtuse. Legumes reflexed, straight, acute, cylindric, torulose, as thick as a quill, about two and a half inches long, black and hairy. Seeds from six to twelve, small, smooth and yellow.

The seeds form an article of the diet of the natives; and are to be found in every bazar. The general price in Calcutta, is about two rupees and a half for a maund of eighty-four pounds

weight.

14. P. torosus. Roxb.

Annual, rigid, erect, almost branchless, villous. Leaflets oval. Racemes axillary, one, two or more together; sub-sessile, much shorter than the petioles. Legames cylindric, drooping, torose, smooth, longer than the raceme, from six to ten-seeded. Seed oval, white,

Seeta Maas of the Newars.

One of the cultivated legumes of Nepal; from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden in 1802, where they produced a luxuriant crop during the cold season of

Root annual. Stem erect, often simple, or with an erect, downy branch or two, height of the whole plant, when reared during the cold season, from one to two feet. Leaves oblong, perioled, ternate. Leaflets ovate-cordate, entire, a little downy. Stipules adjoined, rather smaller than most of the other species of this genus; those of the leaflets, lanceolate. Racemes axillary, numerous, often several from the same axill, much shorter than the peduncle, lengthening a little as the seeds advance to maturity. Flowers numerous, though rarely more than one on the same raceme, expanding at the same time, of a pale sulphur colour; they expand late in the day, and soon shut and remain concealed amongst numerous scariose bractes. Callyx, divisions five and nearly equal. Horn of the carina small. Legumes reflexed, eylindric, torose, smooth, from six to ten-seeded, and longer than the whole of the raceme. Seeds short, sub-cylindric, smooth, of a pale cream colour.

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Herbaccous, procumbent. Leaflets three-lobed. Lobes oval. Stipules ovate-lanceolate. Peduncles longer than the leaves, few-flowered. Legumes cylindrie, smooth, six-seeded.

Dolichos trilobus. Burm. Ind. t. 50. f. 1.

Glycine triloba, Willd. iii, 1056.

Trifolium madraspatense. Pluck. Alm. t. 120. f. 7. good.

Hind. Rakhal-kuluy, Teling. Pelli pessara.

This species I have never found but in its wild state. It grows on the banks of water courses, borders of rice fields, and in moist cultivated spots. Flowering time most part of the

Root sometimes perennial. Stems annual, many, diffuse, sometimes rooting at the joints, never twining, round, sometimes hairy, sometimes smooth, from one to four feet long. Leaves ternate. Leaflets equal, varying much in form, but generally three-lobed, sometimes smooth, sometimes hairy, according to the soil, about an inch each way. Petioles longer than the leaflets, erect, channelled. Stipules of the petioles ovate, adjoined; of the leaflets small, oval. Peduncles axillary, very long, often two feet, ascending, hairy, headed as in the other species.

Flowers small, yellow, from four to eight composing the head. Legumes as in the last, but smooth. Seeds gray.

The seeds are gathered and eaten by the poor, being reckoned equally wholesome as the cultivated sorts and are as palatable, but the plant produces so little, that it is not worth the farmer's while to cultivate it. It is no doubt what Dr. König considered P. aconitifolius.

Cattle eat it greedily.

16. P. aconitifolius, Willd. iii. 1034.

Annual, diffuse. Leaflets from three to five-lobed; lobes linear lanceolate. Head long, peduncled, many-flowered. Legumes horizontal, cylindric, smooth.

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Hind. Moot. This plant I have reared from seed sent me by Dr. Hunter from the province of Oude where it is much cultivated, as it also is over the adjoining provinces to the westward, and used for feeding cattle; seed-time there, June and July; harvest in November.

Root annual, perpendicular, with few fibres. Stems numerous, spreading close in the ground, and extending from two to twelve feet every way; succulent, angular and a little hairy. Leaves ternate. Leaflets deeply divided into three, or five, linear-lanceolate, somewhat hairy, entire lobes. Petioles longer than the leaflets, deeply channelled above, with ridges underneath. Stipules of the petioles adjoined, ovate-lanceolate; those of the leaflets subulate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, nearly as long as the petiole, but much more slender, angular and Car somewhat hairy, each ending in an oblong glandular head, of many small, yellow, short-pedicelled flowers. Bractes lanceolate, ciliate. Calyx; corol, &c. as the genus. Legume horizontal, cylindric, pretty smooth.

The nucommon luxuriance of this plant gives reason to think it will yield a much larger

crop of fodder than any other I am acquainted with.

DOLICHOS. Schreb. gen. N. 1181.

Two callosities at the base of the banner, parallel, oblong, compressing the wings underneath.

1. D. gladiatus. Willd. iii. 1039.

Perennial, twining, smooth. Leaflets ovate-cordate, rather acute. Legumes gladiate, threekeeled, or two-grooved on the back, the middle one three-ribbed. Seeds arilled, red, white, or

Beng. Mukhun-shim.

D. ensiformis, Syst. Veg. 547. Kæmp. tab. 39.
Bara mareca. Rheed. Mat. viii. t. 44.
Lobus machieroides. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 135. f. 1.
Phaseoius maximus, Sloan. Jam. p. 177. t. 114. f. 1. 2. 3. good.

There are two varieties of this cultivated in Bengal, one with white, the other with red flowers; both have red beans. The young, tender, half-grown pods of both are good substitutes for those of the common Phaseolus, commonly called French beans. From Pegu a third variety has been received into the Botanic garden, which differs from the former two in the following respects, viz.

In the legume being rather straighter, and the seeds light gray, instead of red, but the flowers are red. The same variety has also been found in the Silbet district, together with a fourth which is every way larger; the flowers white, the legumes truly gladiate, about two feet long, and often containing as many as twenty large, white, arilled seeds. This variety is reckoned the most wholesome of them all, and is very extensively used at the tables of Europeans, as well as by the natives in that district.
2. D. Virosus. Roxb.

Biennial, twining, smooth. Leaglets oval. Stipules short, subulate. Racemes sub-secund. Legumes three-keeled on the back; seeds from four to eight, arilled.

Katu-Barameraca. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 45.
D. ensiformis. Low. Cochin Ch. 531. His long-legumed variety is most likely one of the varieties of D. gladiatus.

Beng. Kath-shim, or Kala-shim.

Teling. Adavi-shamba.

A native of hedges, &c. in most parts of India, and in flower and fruit a great part of the

Stems may be reckoned biennial, twining to the extent of several fathoms, round, and smooth in every part. Leaves ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, oval, scarcely pointed, entire and smooth, from two to three inches long. Petioles about as long as the leaflets, channelled. Stipules short, like short inoffensive thorns; those of the leaflets subulate. Racemes axillary, solitary, as long, or longer than the leaves, sub-secund. Flowers in pairs, on round glands, scattered over the exterior half-of the rachis, large, of a beautiful rosy purple. Calyx bilabiate; apper lip of two broad, circular lobes; the under one three-toothed and small. Banner erect, roundish, emarginate. Wings and keel falcate. Style and stigma smooth. Legumes linear, scimitar-shaped, smooth, from four to six inches long. Hard, tough, with the upper margin three-keeled, or two-groved, as in D, gladiatus and rotundifolius. Seeds from four to eight, oblong, considerably larger than a field beau, smooth, light gray; each enveloped in a white, tough, membranecous aril.

I do not find that any part of this species is in any shape useful to the natives, or others; indeed the natives of Coromandel, where the plant is common, reckon it poisonous, which is

corroborated by Van Rheed.

3. D. rotundifolius. Vahl. Symb. ii. p. 81. Willd. iii. 1040.

Biennial, twining, smooth; leaflets obovate, rotund. Legumes semi-elliptic, from three to four inches long. Back three-keeled. Seeds from three to five, obovate, gray, in a common membranaceous aril.

Katu-Tsjandi. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 43, which is also quoted by Lamarck for his D. obtusifolius. Encycl. ii. 295.

A native of the Islands about the mouth of the river Godaveri, &c. on the coast of Coro-

mandel. Flowering time the rainy season.
4. D. sinensis. Wilid. iii. 1038.
Annual, twining, smooth. Peduncles longer than the leaves, many-flowered. Legumes long, pendulous, cylindrie, torose.

Hind. Lobia. Teling. Alsanda. New. Haco-bhati.

D. sinensis. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 134. D. sesquipedalis. Willd. iii. 1040.

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Of this we have two varieties, one with white, and the other with brown seed. The first is most esteemed for the table. Seeds of the second were sent to me by Dr. Klien, and Dr. Rottler of Tranquebar, two good Botanists, under the name of Dolichos Tranquebariensis. Willd. iii. 1039.

5. D. obcordatus, R.

Perennial, twining, smooth. Leaflets obcordate, emarginate, Racemes erect. Legumes linearoblong, straight, three-keeled, or two-grooved in the upper margin, dagger-pointed, from five to six-seeded. Seeds dark brown.

From Canton in China the seeds of this very beautiful odoriferous species, for so its red violet flowers are during the forenoon, were received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plant blossoms during the rains and the seed ripens in the cold season. It is most evidently allied to gladiatus, virosus, and rotundifolius, but differs most conspicuously from all in the shape of the leaves.

6. D. Catjung, Willd. iii. 1051.

Annual, twining. Leaflets sub-deltoid, angular behind. Peduncles few-flowered. Legumes sub-cylindric, erect,

Paeru. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 41. is broader-leaved than any I have met with.

Teling. Bobra, the name of the plant. Boberloo the seed or pulse.

Beng. Burbuti.

Phaseolus erectus, &c. Sloan. Jam. t. 117. is very like our plant. Kurson pyro, the Canara name of the black-seeded variety.

Three or more varieties of this useful species are found cultivated in the fields in many

parts of India, during the dry season, viz. from October until February

Stem always twining, except in a very poor soil, round, but rather harsh to the feel; extent various according to the soil, and season. Leaves ternate. Leaflets between deltoid, parabolic, and hastate, angular behind, rather obtuse; smooth on both sides, from two to three inches long. Petioles nearly as long as the leaflets, deeply channelled. Stipules of the petioles aduate, ovate, acute at both ends; those of the leaflets roundish. Peduacles axillary, solitary, from two to eight or twelve inches long, bearing a few, large, bluish flowers on a short, glandular head. Calyx campanulate. Segments subulate. Banner large, nearly round, of a pale blue on the inside, and greenish yellow on the back. Callorities keeled, and yellowish. Wings blue, semilunar. Keel nearly white. Filaments beyond their tube long, fine and inclined to twist. Anthers minute. Style, the exterior half much bearded on the inside. Legumes nearly straight, erect, cylindric, smooth, as thick as a large quill; apex more or less recurved and concave behind. Seeds from six to twelve, sub-cylindric, ends truncated, smooth, colour and

size varying in the different varieties. With Dr. König, I was long inclined to consider this a variety of D. Sinensis and as such transmitted to the Honourable the Court of Directors a short description of the plant, without any drawing; but more experience induces me to consider them distinct on account of the shape of the leaves, independent of the great difference in their size. This is the description of the variety most generally cultivated on the Coromandel coast.

A rich friable soil suits these plants best. On the Peninsula the seed is sown in October, immediately after the rains, and the crop gathered in February; it produces in a good soil, about forty fold. The grains, or pulse is low priced, generally eaten by the poorer classes, and the straw is given to the cattle.

The variety with smaller black seeds which is more slender, and the leaves narrower, is considered by Dr. Klien of Tranquebar a distinct species, the seed of which he sent me under

III. the name Dolichos capitatus.

D. tetragonolobus. Willd. iii. 1040.
 Annual, twining, smooth. Legumes pendulous, with four membranaceous lacerated angles.

Lobus quadrangularis. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 133.

Reared in gardens for the table. Where indigenous I cannot say; like by far the greater part of the genus they thrive best during the cool time of the year, viz. from October to March. We have an herbaceous variety from Pegu, with tuberous esculent roots.

8. D. lablab. Willd. iii. 1037.

Perennial, or annual, twining, generally smooth. Racemes erect with alternate fascicles of short pedicelled flowers on glandular knobs. Legumes horizontal, compressed, semilunar, with a straight scabrous back, ending in a straight daggered point. Seeds from three to five, with a larger edge on the exterior margin.

Of this species there are known to me five varieties in a cultivated state, and two wild. A short description of what I reckon the first variety, viz. Annapa of the Telingas, will serve

for the other six.

1st. Teling. Annapa.

Stem for about a foot erect, thin, with its branches twining, and running to a considerable extent if supported; round, smooth. Leaves, stipules, and racemes as in D. lignosus. Legumes horizontal, semilunar, compressed, with the margins rugose, and the apex straight, subulate. Seeds from three to four.

The whole of this plant has a heavy disagreeable smell, something like the green bug, (Cimex viridulus.) It is much cultivated in the fields during the cold season, and delights in a rich, black soil, which cannot be flooded by rains. Like Bobra, it requires three months from the sowing, till ripe; yields in a good soil, about forty fold. These seeds bear a low price, compared to most other sorts of grain. They are much eaten by the poorer classes, particularly when rice is dear. They are not palatable, but reckoned wholesome substantial food.

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Cattle are also fed with the seeds, and they are remarkably fond of the straw. It is said Page Carey to make cows yield much milk. The other six varieties are :-

2d. Teling. Annapa chikurkai.

Cacara alba, Rumph, Amb. v. t. 137. Dolichos albus, Lour, Cachin Ch. 534. D. Bengalensis, Lina, Syst 657.

Cultivated in gardens and supported by poles or pendals, often forming arbours about the doors of the poor natives. Differs from the first variety, (Annapa) in being a little downy, with the legumes a little inclined to a curved, wedge shape, and is void of the disagreeable smell of Annapa. The tender legumes of this, and the three following varieties are much used by the natives in curries; the ripe seed is never eaten.

3d. Beng. Geen-shim.

Cacara, sive Phaseoius perennus. Rumph. Amb. t. 136.
This is larger than any of the former, is tinged with red. Peduncles short, with red flowers. Is also cultivated like the last, and much esteemed by the Hindoos.

4th. Beng. Goordal-shim.

Is a still larger variety with purple flowers in nearly sessile heads. Legumes broader, with the seeds more remote than in any of the other varieties. Is also cultivated here in the same manner as the two last.

5th. Dolichos purpureus. Lour. Cochin Ch. 534. Willd. iii. p. 1084.

D. lablab. Bot. Mag. 896.

I cannot consider this as any thing more than a variety of lablab, differing in colour only; the whole plant being deeply tinged with red, the flower is deep red, and the legumes of a bright reddish purple. It is rare in Bengul. The seeds of all the cultivated varieties are sown about the close of the rains, and produce their crop during the cold season.

6th. Beng. Bun-shim.

Teling. Adavi chikurkai Dolichos spicatus. Kon. Mss.

Cacara litorea. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 141. f. 1

Smooth in every part, and frequently biennial if not perennial. It is never cultivated,

nor any part of it used.

7th. For the seventh variety I have no Asiatic name. It is found with the former wild in the hedges, &c. near Samulkota, and differs from it in being very downy; both have red Howers and dark gray, mottled seeds. No part of these two varieties is made any use of. 9. D. lignouns. Willd. iii. 1049. Perennial, twining, smooth. Racemes erect, long with alternate fascicles of short pedi-

celled flowers, on glandular knobs. Legumer linear, oblong, slightly incurved, torulose, both

margins turned and rugose, with a subulate, recurved apex. Seeds about four.

I include under the above definition many varieties, some of them hitherto deemed dis-tinct species. All are cultivated during the cold season in the gardens and about the doors of the natives; forming not only cook shady arbours, but furnishing them with an excellent pulse for their curries, &c. in the tender legumes. In short these, and the four last mentioned, cultivated varieties of lablab, may be called the Kidney beans of the Asiatics.

Vac. 1st. Beng. Panch-shim.

Teling. Tella chikurkai,

The flowers are white, the legume straighter than in some of the other varieties, and the seed reddish. I take it to be Loureiro's D. unguiculatus, but not that of Rumphius. The

following full description of this variety will serve for the other five.

Stem biennial or triennial, although seldom allowed to remain more than one year, twining, the lower parts becoming woody, and as thick as the thumb, round, smooth, running to an extent of many feet, or even fathoms, when supported. Leaves ternate. Leaflets broad cordate, smooth, entire, nearly equal, from three or four inches long, and nearly the same breadth. Stipules of the petioles cordate, pointed, reflexed, those of the leaflets semi-lanceolate. Racemes axillary, rigidly erect, longer than the leaves, sometimes leaf-bearing. Flowers large, pure white, collected on remote, glandular globular tuberosities. Bracles one to the insertion of each pedicel, and two pressing the calyx laterally. Banner, its callosities are remarkably large. Nectorial cup as in D. gladiatus. Legumes horizontal, somewhat seimitarshaped, protuberant, somewhat inflated, while green both margins very rugose, with a subulate apex, recurved, about as thick and long as the little finger. Seeds about four, oval; hilum large, bending round the upper extremity.

Var. 2d. Bagha-nakhoon (Tiger's claw) shim. Peduncles short. Flowers white. Legumes

falcate, size of the little finger.

Var. 3d. Sada-Jamai-kooli-shim. Peduncles short. Flowers white. Legume of a pretty straight gladiate-clavate shape, and about the length of the little finger.

D. cultrains. Willd. iii. p. 1039. and B. H. Banks' Icon. t 25.

Var. 4th. Pituli-jamai-pooli-shim of the Bengalees. Peduncles short. Flowers reddish

purple, differing in this respect only from last, for the legumes are the same.

Var. 5th. Doodha-pituli-shim. Large peduacles pretty long. Flowers purple. Legumes falcate, and much longer than in Bagha-nakhooa.

Var. 6th. Gauchi-shim of the Bengalees

Nella chikurkui of the Telingas. The largest of all. Peduncles long. Flowers red. Legumes from six to hight inches long, much curved. Seeds black, with a white eye.

10. D. bulbosus. Willd. iii. 1046.

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Root tuberous. Stem twining. Leaflets villous, with their exterior margins sinuate dentate.

Cacara bulbosa, Rumph Amb, v. t. 132 f. 2. bad.

On the continent of India this plant is an exotic, and has been introduced from the Malay Islands. Probably first from South America to the Philippine Islands, a route by which several plants have found their way from the new world, to the eastern parts of Asia, and from thence the useful kinds soon find their way to the westward. See Rumphius's account of the plant, at page 373 of the 5th volume of his Herbarium Amboinense.

Root tuberous, not in bundles but single, varying much in shape, and with high culture, growing to a very great size; outside white, inside much like that of a turnip. Stem rumous, sometimes perennial, twining to a great extent. Young parts tolerably well clothed with reflexed soft hairs. Leaves ternate. Leaflets, the pair nearly triangular, the interior one of a rhomb-reniform shape; in all, the interior margins are serrate-dentate, and somewhat villons on both sides; size various, the largest often six inches each way. Petioles channelled. Stipules of the petioles cusiform, " those of the leaflets filiform. Racemes axillary, from one to two feet long, sub-erect, bearing numerous fascicles, of large, short, pedicelled, beautiful, violet blue flowers inserted on large glandular knobs. Bractes of both pedicelandealyx small, and caducous. Calyx four-parted, the upper lip, or division, broad, emarginate. Verillum sub-rotund; wings semilunate, with a long filiform projection at the base. Filaments alternately shorter. Germ with a erenulate nectarial ring round the base; apex of the style spirally incurved, almost as in the Phaseoli. Stigma large. Legume linear, straight, compressed, laterally contracted between the seeds, of a dark blackish brown colour; clothed with a few, short, white, compressed hairs. Seeds from eight to twelve, nearly circular, but much flattened, brown, and smooth.

It is cultivated throughout the Malay Islands for its roots, which resemble a turnip in taste,

and consistence, and form part of their diet, no other part of the plant is eaten.

11. D. gangeticus. Roxb.

Biennial or perennial, twining, smooth. Leaflets lanceolate. Peduncles longer than the leaves, many-flowered. Legumes cylindric, reflexed, from six to eight-seeded.

Beng. Bun burbutee.

Found on the moist banks of the Ganges, where it flourishes during the cold season, and

lasts at least two years.

Stems twining to a considerable extent, smooth. Leaflets ovate-lanceolate, sub-equal, entire, and pretty smooth, three inches long, by about one broad. Petioles channelled. Stipules small, adjoined, cordate. Peduncles axillary, solitary, erect, round, smooth, much longer than the leaves, each supporting a head of from four to eight large, yellow, short-pedicelled flowers. Wings, a remarkable long born projects forward from near the base into the concavity formed by the calluses of the base of the banner. Legumes reflexed, cylindric, with a recurved conical point, a little curved, and with a few short, stiff hairs, which are readily removed by friction. Seeds six or eight, sub-cylindric, dark brown, size of a small pea. Cattle are fond of it, otherwise it is of no use that I can learn.

12. D. prostratus. B. H. and Kön. Mss.

Root tuberous. Stems twining, downy, herbaceous. Leaflets oval, silky underneath. Racemes shorter than the leaves. Legumes scimitar-shaped, three or four-seeded.

D. ciliatus. Willd. iii. 1049.

Teling. Canchi chikurkai.

An herbaceous species, common in hedges near the sea. Flowers during the cold season. Root perennial, tuberous. Stems annual, twining, round, downy, branchy, from six to twelve feet long. Leaces ternate. Leaflets equal, oval, entire, margin and under side covered with much, silver-coloured hair, about two inches long, and one and a half broad. Petioles hairy, channelled. Stipules of the petioles cordate pointed; those of the leaflets lanceolate. Racemes axillary, generally shorter than the leaves, few-flowered. Flowers pretty large, sulphur coloured. Stigma cordate, smooth. Legumes horizontal, scimitar-formed, smooth, from three to four-seeded.

D. falcatus, Willd. iii. 1047.

Root tuberous. Stems twining, smooth. Leaflets somewhat three-lobed, smooth. Racemes short, few-flowered; Legumes linear.

Phaseolus Madraspatensis, Pluk. t. 214. f. 3. Glycine triloba, B. H. (i. e. Sir J. Banks' herbarium.)

D. trilobus. Lour. Cochin Ch. 535.

Teling. Itoo mungee tiga.

It is common in hedges, thickets, &c. where the soil is rich and moist. Flowers during

the cold season. Root perennial, tuberous, as thick as the thumb, or more. Stems herbaceous, from four to five feet long, twining, slender. Leaves ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, the lateral ones gibbous outwardly, the terminal one smooth on both sides, of a paler green or whitish in the ceutre, about an inch and a half each way. Stipules of the petioles oblong, pointed, reflexed; those of the leaflets subulate. Peduncles axillary, slender, from four to eight-flowered, umbellike, bowing from the weight of the flowers. Flowers large, of a beautiful bluish purple. Legumes linear, compressed, smooth, from four to eight-seeded.

The tuberous roots are cut by the natives into the form of beads, and strung and worn

^{*} Can Loureiro's plant be the same? he says his is without stipules, and here they are pretty large and conspicuous.

round the neck to cure purging in children.

14. D glutinosus. Roxb.

Annual, twining, the whole plant glutinous. Racemes longer than the leaves, with single, alternate yellow flowers. Legumes lanceolate, cuspidate, two-seeded.

Beng. Shim-bhatraji.

Teling, Kar-Kandi,

A native of hedges and unfrequented places; it is by no means a common species. Flow-

ers during the cold season.

Stem biennial, or perennial, from four to five feet long, twining, downy; the young shoots are particularly so, and glutinous. Leaves ternate. Leaflets, the lateral pair have their outside remarkably large, and the inside lunceolate, the terminal one broad-rhombed, all are acute and covered with glutinous down. Stipules of the petioles cordate, spreading; those of the leaflets subulate. Racemes axillary, peduneled, longer than the leaves, erect, many-flowered. Bractes of the pedicel single, oval, concave, one-flowered, caducous. Flowers pretty large, yellow, Banner obcordate; the callosities are remarkably large. Legumes reflexed, a little lanceolate, protuberant, five-pointed, covered with much glutinous hair, two-seeded. Seeds kidney-form, shining, smooth, gray.

I know of no use to which this is put. Cattle do not cat it.

15. D. pilosus. Willd. iii, 1043.

Perennial, twining, very hairy. Flowers on short axillary racemes. Wings two horned. Legumes cylindric, pointed, very hairy, from eight to twelve-seeded.

Beng. Malkonia.

A rare annual species, found in hedges where the soil is good. Flowers during the cold

Stem perennial, twining, from three to six feet long, covered with much soft, white hair. Leaves ternate. Leaflets of the same general form of the rest of the family, but narrower, very downy; about four inches long and one and a half broad. Petioles slightly channelled. Sti-pules small, lanceolate. Peduncies axillary, short-headed, many-flowered. Bractes as in the other species. Flowers large, of a beautiful blue colour. Wings about half the length of the banner and keel, broad, irregularly angle-lobed, keeled on the under side, and on the upper and inner angle. Legumes pendulous, very hairy, from four to five inches long, as thick as a goose-quill, straight, cylindric, intercepted between the seeds. Seeds from eight to twelve, reniform, shining black. Cattle eat the straw of this plant.

16. D. biflorus, Willd. iii. 1051.

Annual. Stem erect; branches twining, hairy. Leaflets oblong, pointed. Flowers axillary. Legumes scimitar-shaped, reflexed, hairy, from five to six-seeded

Saus, Koolsttha. Beng. Koolthee.

Teling. Woolawa the name of the plant, and woolawaloo the grain. Horse-gram plant on the Coromandel coast.

This species I have never found but in a cultivated state. It is annual.

Stem very short, erect; branches twining; tender parts hairy, the whole plant is from two to three feet high. Leaves ternate. Leaflets broad-lanceolate, or oblong, equal, entire, downy, about an inch long, and half inch broad. Stipules of the petioles oblong; of the lea-flets subulate. Flowers axillary, small, subplur coloured, generally each has its proper pedunele, though sometimes it is common to more flowers than one. Bractes lanceolate, one at the origin of each peduncle or pedicel, and two pressing the ealyx laterally. Calyx, the upper lip slightly emarginate. Banker obcordate, emarginate. Wants the callous bodies. Wings linear. Legames, direction various, scimitar-formed, compressed, about two inches long, and a quarter of an inch broad, hairy, with the point subulate, recurved. Seeds about six, compressed, kidney-formed, gray.

This species is much cultivated all over the coast. It requires a dry, light, rich soil. In October and November, it is sown, either by itself, or mixed with Holens succharatus. The general harvest time is in February. The produce about sixty-fold in good soil, and favour-

able season

Nella Woolawooloo is a most distinct variety of the above with jet black seeds. It is also cultivated.

The grain of both varieties is employed indifferently to feed cattle; however in times of scarcity the poor are glad to live upon it. In these parts it is the lowest priced of all the legumine, which enables them to procure it, when they cannot well procure any thing else. Cattle are fond of the straw of both sorts.

17. D. Soja. Willd. iii. 1051.

Annual, erect, flexuous, every part hairy. Flowers axillary, sub-racemous. Corol scarcely longer than the calyx. Legume reflexed, scimitar-shaped, from two to three-seeded.

Daidsee. Kampf. aman. p. 837. f. 838. good.

Reared in the Honourable Company's Botanic garden, from seeds received from the Moluceas in 1798. It may be cultivated at all times of the year, consequently flowers at all times; but, like all the other leguminous tribe, succeeds best during the cold season

Root ramous, annual. Stem erect, flexuous, very ramous near the base, hairy in every part; from one to four feet in height, but when high it requires support. Leaves long petioled, ternate, hairy. Leaflets entire, ovate, the lateral ones broadest, and considerably oblique. the inferior side being much broader than the superior. Flowers axillary, sometimes on a common short peduncio, sometimes without it, and smaller than in any other species of Dolichos

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I have yet met with; colour a reddish purple. Bractes small, hairy. Corol scarcely longer than the segments of the calyx. Banner vaulted, emarginate and closing the wings. Carina, stamina, and pistillum as in the genus.
18. D. medicagineus. Willd. iii. 1044.

Biennial, twining, downy. Leaflets roundish. Peduncles from two to three-flowered. Legumes always seeded.

Phaseolus exiguus. Burm. Zeyl. t. 84. f. 2.

Teling. Gadee chikurkai.

This is a small biennial species, a native of the greater part of the coast, growing in

hedges, thickets, &c. It flowers during the cold season.

Stem woody, slender, branchy, extending only a few feet at most, tender parts downy. Leaves ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, oval, covered with much very soft, whitish down, veined, about three quarters of an inch long, and half an inch broad. Stipules of the petioles cordate, pointed; of the leaflets very minute. Peduncles axillary, short, generally two-flowered. Flowers small, yellow. Calyx, the upper part entire. Banner, the callosities are very sharp, and point directly downwards. Filaments alternately larger. Legume linear, compressed, downy, protuberant at the seeds, contracted and intercepted between them. Seeds from four to six; hilum remarkably large. Cattle eat it.

19. D. scarabaoides. Willd. iii. 1046.

Biennial, twining, downy. Leaflets oval. Peduncles two-flowered. Legume falcate, from four to five seeded.

Phaseolus minimus. Pluk. Alm. t. 52. f. 3. good.

Beng. Banur-kuluy.

This like the last species, is biennial, a native of the same parts, and has much the same

appearance, but is considerably smaller.

Leaves ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, orbicular, bullate, downy; about three eighths, or half an inch each way. Stipules of the petioles half-banccolate, those of the leaflets minute. Racemes axillary, longer than the leaves, few-flowered. Bractes solitary, lanceolate, concave. Flowers yellow, small. Legume compressed, falcate, two-seeded. Cattle eat this sort, I know of no other use it is put to.

20. D. Phaseoloides, Roxb.

Perennial, twining, clothed with diverging hairs. Leaflets semi-cordate, and deltoid, or three-lobed. Racemes the length of the leaves. Legumes cylindric, toward the apex incurved, from ten to twenty-seeded.

From Mr. Kerr at Cauton in China, the seeds were received into the Botanic garden in 1804; where the plants thrive well, and blossom chiefly about the close of the rains, and the

seeds ripen about the beginning of the cool season.

Stem and branches perennial, twining, when they do not meet with support, they run on the ground, and strike root, round, and clothed with distinct, brown, diverging hairs. Leaflets the pair sub-semi-cordate, sometimes the posterior margin projects into a large rounded lobe, the terminal one deltoid, or three-lobed, all are hairy like the branches, generally from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles very hairy, hairs harsh, and brown. Stipules of the petioles triangular, of the leaflets subulate. Racemes axillary, solitary, about as long as the leaves. Flowers numerous, pretty large, violet-coloured, and collected in bundles on alternate glands. Bracles of the gland three-fold, those of the flowers two-fold, all are very hairy, and ovate-lanceolate, the former caducous, the latter more permanent. Calyx somewhat bilabiate, the flower three-toothed, the middle tooth ends in a long filiform point, the upper bidentate. Legumes diverging, cylindric, towards the apex incurved, about as thick as a common quill, and from three to four inches long, black when ripe, and a little hairy. Seeds from twelve to twenty, smooth, small, brownish gray.

21. D. fabæformis. Willd. iii. 1052.

Annual, erect. Leaflets ovate, dentate. Stipules subulate. Racemes axillary. Legumes straight, acute, three-keeled on the back, from ten to twelve-seeded.

D. psoratoides. Lamarck. Encycl. ii. 297.

Teling. Goor-chikurkai.

Psoralia tetragonoloba, Mant. 104. Rich. iii. 544.

Is an annual esculent plant, much cultivated in the gardens of the natives on the coast

of Coromandel. I never saw it wild.

Stem annual, erect, branchy, irregularly angular from the insertion of the leaves, a little hairy, piped, about as thick as the little finger and about three feet high. Leaves alternate, ternate. Leaflets oval, acute, grossly serrate, on both sides are a few procumbent white hairs, with the under side slightly scabrous, from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles three-sided, channelled. Stipules subulate. Racemes axillary, single, about as long as the petioles, many-flowered. Flowers rose-coloured, small, very short-pedicelled. Bractes single, each pedicel subulate. Calyx, under divisions largest. Corol, when it first opens, soon after sunrise, it has the general form of other papilionaceous flowers, but about ten o'clock they expand and appear angular, and four-petalled; the least touch hastens the change, and the petals fly open with a very smart elastic jerk, which produces a great discharge of dust from the authors. Legumes erect, linear, pointed, compressed between the seeds, margin three-keeled. Seeds from eight to twelve.

The young tender legumes are much used by the natives in their curries, stews, &c. Cat-

tle are also fond of the plant,

GLYCINE. Schreb. gen. N. 1182.

Calyx two-lipped. Keel of the corol, reflecting the banner at top.

1. G. debitis, Willd, iii, 1060.

Half diffuse, half twining, bairy. Leaves ternate; leaflets round-obovate. Racemes axillary, intercepted. Legumes nearly straight, with an erect beak.

Sans. Masha purnee. Beng. Mashanee.

Is a native of Bengal and other parts of India, but scarce. Flowering time the rains; the

seed ripens during the cold season.

Root, (I believe) perennial. Stem none, but many slender, diffuse, hairy branches spreading on the ground, with twining extremities, when they meet with support. Leaves ternate. Leadets roundish, obovate, hoary, and hairy underneath; veins parallel. Petioles channelled, hairy. Stipules of the petioles and leaflets ensiform. Racemes axillary, solitary, hairy, about as long as the leaves. Flowers in small, remote fasciculi, minute, of a deep reddish violet. Legumes nearly straight, hairy, beak erect. Seeds about six or seven.

2. G. labialis. Roxb.

Perennial, twining. Leaves ternate; leaflets ovate-oblong. Filaments alternately sterile. Corol nearly two-lipped.

A pretty extensive, shrubby species, common on banks of water courses, in forests, &c.

Flowers during the rains.

Stem woody, twining, slender, a little hairy. Leaves ternate. Leaflets ovate, entire, a little hairy on the under side, of a deep green above about an inch and a half long. Petioles channelled. Stipules acute, hairy; those of the leaflets subulate. Racenes axillary, longer than the leaves, interrupted. Flowers numerous, small, rose-coloured, collected on the alternate glandular tuberosities of the raceme. Calyx hairy. Banner emarginate, with the sides reflected. Wings projecting, horizontal, hiding the keel, which makes the flowers appear two-lipped rather than papilionaccous; keel short, as if truncated. Filaments one and nine, alternately shorter and sterile. Anthers five, oval, incumbent on the five longer filaments. Legumes straight, short, round, erect, obtuse, strong pointed, from six to twelve-seeded.

3. G. tenniflora. Willd. iii. 1059.

Perennial, twining, fliform. Leaves ternate; leaflets ovate-oblong, smooth. Racemes axillary, longer than the leaves. Flawers fascicled.

A rare plant, a native of low, rich pasture ground, among bushes, near Samulkota. Flow-

ering time the rainy season.

Roof woody, perennial. Stem or branches many, twining, filiform, round, slightly woolly when examined with a lens, from two to three feet long. Leaves ternate. Leaflets broad-lan-ceolate, obtuse with a small point, smooth, from one to two inches long. Petioles round, a little hairy. Stipules of the petioles acute, withering; those of the leaflets small, bristle-like. Racemes axillary, generally solitary, and larger than the leaves, interrupted. Bractes small, pointed, two pressing on the calyx. Flowers rose-coloured, collected in little heads of from two to four on the glandular tuberosities of the raceme. Calyx four-parted; upper divisions largest, pointed, resting on the banner. Style and stigma smooth. Legumes erect, compressed, from four to eight-seeded.

CYLISTA. Schreb. gen. N. 1759.

Calga very large, four-parted; upper division cleft at the end. Corol permanent, legume two-seeded.

1. C. tomentosa, Roxb. Ind. pl. N 221.

Perennial, twining. Divisions of the calyx cuneate. Legume of one or two round lobes, with one round, blue-violet, highly polished seed in each.

Is a native of Mysore, where it was discovered by Dr. Buchanan, and the seeds sent by him to the Botanic garden, where the plants thrive well, and blossom about the close of the

rains, and during the cold season; the seed ripens in March and April.

Stem perennial, short, with but few stunted branches in its native, sterile soil, but in the Botanic garden the second year the branches lengthened much, and twined to a considerable extent, the young parts are round, and downy. Leaves ternate. Leaflets cordate, entire, downy, from two to three inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles channelled, downy. Stipules of the petioles lanceolate; of the leaflets subulate. Racemes axillary, shorter than the leaves. Flowers yellow. Calux to the base four-cleft, downy, permanent ; divisions cuneate; the upper one broad, two-parted. Corol papilionaceous, shorter than the calvx, withering, but not dropping. Legume of one, or two, nearly spherical, villous lobes; when two, about as long as the calyx. Seed a single, round, highly polished, deep violet-blue one, of the size of a pea, in each lobe of the legume.

C. scariosa, Willd. iii. 1068. Corom. pl. 1. N. 92.

Perennial, twining. Calyx reticulate, seariose. Seed reniform, compressed.

This plant is perennial with a woody twining stem, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars.

Leaves ternate. Leaflets entire, downy, pointed, the exterior one long rhombiform; the pairs obliquely ovate. Stipules short, cordate. Racemes axillary, erect, as long as the leaves. Flowers many, yellow, hid in the calyx, except just when expanded, and then only appearing in front. Calga, one-leaved, four-parted, chaffy, slightly downy, beautifully reticulate with

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Page coloured veins; upper division shortest, broad, retuse; under division long, retuse; lateral carey parts smallest, cordate, all are permanent. Corol, stamens, and pistillum as in Dolichos. Legumes obliquely oval, downy, hid in the calyx. Seed one, flat, reniform.

CLITORIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1183.

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 C. Ternatea, Willd, iii, 1068.

Shrubby, twining. Leaces pinnate. Peduncles axillary, one-flowered.

Teling. Nella dintana, the blue flowered variety; and tella dintana the white.

Sans. Asphota, Uparajita. Beng. Uparajita.

Flos cœruleus. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 31. Schanga cuspi. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 38.

Common in every hedge all over India, and in flower the greater part of the year. Its root probably is not interior to jalap as a cathartic; the powdered seed is also purgative.

2. C. heterophylla. Lamarck.

Perennial, twining. Leaves pinnate. Leaflets three, five, seven, or nine, from round to linear.

It is in flower and seed the whole year. Its delicate twining habit, variously shaped leaves, and beautiful azure flowers render it very ornamental.

PISUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1184.

Style triangular, above keeled, pubescent. Calyx with the two upper segments shorter. P. sativum. Willd. iii. 1070.

Petioles round. Stipules rounded at bottom and crenate. Peduncles many-flowered.

Hind, and Beng. Mutur, the Patna or common white field pea, and Choota Mutur a small, round greenish variety of the common gray field pea. The former is cultivated extensively in the fields about Patna; and to the westward; the other variety is cultivated in every part of Bengal during the cold season.

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LATHYRUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1186.

Style flat, villous above, broader upwards. Two superior divisions of the calyx shorter. L. Aphaca, Willd. iii. 1077

Peduncles one-flowered. Tendrils leafless. Stipules sessile, sagittate-cordate, and obtuse.

Beng. Musoor chuna.

Although the stipules do not agree perfectly with Miller's figure, which represents them acute and with short petioles; yet I think they can be nothing more than varieties of the same species.

The flowers of the Indian sort are yellow, the legumes flat, and with four or five seeds. Curtis's figure in his Flora Londinensis is more like our Indian variety in the stipulæ, bat his legume has seven or eight seeds. 2. L. sativus. Willd, iii. 1079.

Stem climbing, smooth, four-seeded, with two of its angles winged. Peduncles oneflowered. Tendrils four-leaved.* Stipules adjoined, ovate-lanceolate. Legumes ovate-oblong, with a double keel on the back.

Beng. Kesari.

Is sown on a strong, rich soil, about the close of the rains, in October; the harvest is three or four months after. Like other leguminous plants, it affords much wholesome, green födder for cattle; and the seeds, when the plant is suffered to remain till they are ripe, are used in diet by the natives.

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VICIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1187.

Stigma transversely bearded on the lower side.

V. sativa. Willd. iii. 1104.

Procumbent, angular. Tendrils with from four to six pair of sub-opposite, retuse, from linear to obcordate leaflets. Stipules adjoined, marked underneath. Flowers always solitary, sessile. Legume horizontal, cylindric, from six to eighteen seeded.

Beng. Ankari.

A native of Bengal and the provinces to the northward. When young the mark on the under side of the stipules is a glandular concavity, filled with a pellucid liquid, which dries up as the stipules get old, leaving a brown mark only.

It is seldom or never cultivated in Bengal, but is common in its wild state. When it meets with a suitable soil, it spreads over a full yard of surface, with numerous succulent branches and leaves, which cattle are fond of.

2. V. Faba. Willd. iii. 1111.

Stem upright; petioles without tendrils.

^{*} I have seen a whole field with two pair of leaflets to the tendril; and near it snother, in which there were only one pair; the former by far the most luxuriant of the two, though in soil there appeared to be no difference whatever.

A small, smooth, brown-seeded variety of the Faba minor or Horse bean, is found in a Page cultivated state in Nepal, and from thence it has been introduced into the gentlemen's gar- Ed. dens at Purnea, and from thence into the Botanic garden, where it thrives luxuriantly during the dry season.

ERVUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1188.

Calyx five parted, the length of the corol. Stigma capitate, hairy.

E. hirsutum. Willd. iii. 1113.

Peduncles many-flowered. Legumes hairy, with two round seeds. Leaflets linear, smooth.

Reng. Musoor chuna. Hind. Jhunjhuni-ankari.

Stems numerous, slender, four-sided, smooth. Pedancles shorter than the leaves, from three to six-flowered. Tendril three-cleft, from ten to twelve-leaved. Leaflets sub-alternate, linear, smooth. Stipules subulate, often pinnatifid. Legumes hairy, two-seeded. Seeds glo-

This is a small, delicate annual, a native of Bengal. It appears during the cold season on

cultivated lands. In the interior provinces it is cultivated for fodder.

CICER. Schreb. gen. N. 1189.

Calgor five-parted, the length of the corol; the four segments incumbent on the banner. Legume rhombed, turgid, two-seeded.

1. C. arietimum. Willd. iii. 1113.

Leaflets serrate.

Chick pea.

Sunaga, the Telinga name of the plant, and Sunagalloo the grain.

Beng. Boot, Boot kuluy, or Chola.

Very universally cultivated throughout India during the cold season.

2. C. Lens. Willd. iii. 1114.

Erect, ramous, pubescent. Stipules lanceolate, entire. Peduncles two-flowered, with an abortive pedicel. Calyx rather longer than the corol. Legume two-seeded.

Beng. and Hind. Mussoor.

This plant is cultivated to considerable extent by the natives of Bengal, and other ad-

joining provinces, during the cold season.

Stem short, erect, very ramous. Branches sub-erect, angular, downy; whole plant from one to two feet high. Leaces alternate. Leaflets from four to six pair, sub-opposite, lanceolate, pubescent. Petioles ending in a short, simple tendril, which does not take hold of any thing to support the plant. Peduacles axillary, the length of the leaves, each supporting two small white flowers, and then ending in a short filament beyond them. Calgar rather longer than the corol. Stigma somewhat villous before. Legume rhomboidal, smooth, containing two, round, compressed, gray, minutely spotted seeds. The seeds form an article in the diet of the natives.

CYTISUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1191.

Calyx two-lipped; upper division two-parted; the under one three-toothed. Legume attenuated at the bas

C. Cajan, Willd, iii. 1121.

Racemes axillary, erect. Leaflets sub-lanceolate. Legume pointed, and obliquely grooved between the seeds.

Thora-poru. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 13. Burm. Zeyl. t. 57.

Beng. Urhur.

Teling. Pedda Candi is the name of the large sort, and Pedda Kandiloo the grain.

It is much cultivated; and it is only in that state that I have ever found it. To appearance it is a large shrub, of some years' duration, however with the greatest care it seldom lives longer than two or three. The natives call it annual, because they do not find it bear well the second year; of course, after collecting the first crop, they pull it up for firewood, &c.

Stem short but straight, woody, often as thick as a man's leg, very ramous. Branches ascending, striated from the insertion of the leaves; height of the whole plant from five to ten feet. Leaves ternate. Leaflets oblong, equal, entire, acute, soft, downy, below whitish, about two inches long, and one and three quarters broad. Petioles channelled, striated. Stipules cordate, pointed, withering. Racemes axillary, as long as the leaves, erect, a little downy. Bractes oblong, concave, pointed, downy, two-flowered. Flowers pretty large, yellow. Filaments alternately longer; anthers equal. Legume globularly protuberant at the seed, the contractions between them oblique; downy, spotted with dark purple; about an inch long. Seeds three or four, of the size of a small pea, round, smooth, light brown. Beside the above described, there is a smaller variety; they differ however only in appearance and size, the first growing to be from six to eight feet high, with a circumference of twenty feet round the extremities of the branches. The second seldom or never more than half the size; but they differ more in respect to the length of time they take to ripen their seeds, the first requiring about nine months from the time it was sown, and yielding a produce of about six hundred-fold. The other, only three months, and yielding generally less than one hundred-fold.

They both require a high, dry, light, rich soil. The first sort is commonly sown, with the

first rains, in June; the second about September.

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This grain is in high esteem by all classes of the natives; it holds the third rank amongst

the leguminous seeds, and is next in value after the Chick Pea.

Cattle are fond of the tender parts of the plant, whether green or dry. The dry wood is excellent fuel, beside it is one of the best for producing fire by friction. The natives say there is a third sort cultivated on the high hills which form the north boundary of the Circars, but I have never been able to meet with it.

ROBINIA. Schreb. gen. N 1194.

Calyx campanulate, division of its mouth unequal and generally four. Legume gibbous at the seeds, clongated.

1. R. candida, Roxb.

Shrubby, erect, unarmed. Leaves unequally pinnate; Leaflets ten-paired, lanceolate. Racemes terminal or axillary, pedicels one-flowered. Legumes linear, many-seeded.

This elegant, large shrub, was first reared in the Company's Botanic garden, from seed

collected in the north of Bengal by Dr. Carey. Flowering time the cold season.

Stem erect, ligneous; branches expanding; the young parts villous, and clouded with dark and brighter green ; the woody parts smoother and ash-coloured ; the whole height when full grown from five to eight feet. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to eight inches long. Leaflets opposite, short-petiolated, generally from ten to twelve, linear-lanceolate, entire, dagger-pointed, villous underneath, and on the margins, about two inches long. Petioles villous, channelled. Stipules tapering to a fine long point. Racemes terminal, and axillary, short, few-flowered. Pedicels one-flowered, nodding. Braces small, caducous, flowers large, pure white, inodorous. Banner covered with gray down on the back, pure white and smooth within Legume linear, many-seeded.

R. suberosa, Roxb.

Arboreous; bark subcrous, deeply cracked. Racemes terminal; pedicels one-flowered.

Leaflets from five to seven paired, with an odd one. Legume linear, many-seeded

For this beautiful plant we are also indebted to Dr. Carey, who sent the seeds from the district of Dinajpoor, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it grows well and is in blos-

som during the rains chiefly.

Trunk erect, soon branching out into a large ramous head, whole height of the plant when full grown eight or nine feet. Bark ash-coloured, that of the trunk deeply split and of a corky nature. Leares alternate, abruptly pinnate. Leaflets from five to six pairs, opposite oblong, entire, above smooth, underneath hoary, the largest exterior ones about an inch long. Stipules minute, caducous. Flowers large, of a deep rose-colour, collected on terminal racemes, each furnished with a long pedicel. Calyx four-parted, the upper division more removed and two pointed. Legume about four inches long, linear, compressed, with six or eight flattened reniform seeds.

It is a very ornamental plant, particularly while young.

3. R. Sennoides. Roxb.

Shrubby, unarmed. Leaflets from eight to ten pair, lanceolate. Racemes terminal. Flowers large, blue, three-fold. Calyx four-toothed.

Cytisus sericeus. Willd. iii 1121.

A native of the Circars ; flowering in the hot season.

4. R. fruticosa. Roxb.

Shrubby, ultimately twining. Leaflets from three to four pair with a terminal one, linear oblong. Racemes axillary. Banner with two callosities at the base. Legume flat, from four to six-seeded.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. From Chupra Mr. Charles Boddam sent seeds to the Botanic garden in 1803, where the plants blossom during the rains, and ripen their seed

in January.

Trunk short. Branches erect, the longest shoots began to twine in plants of four and five years of age, when they were not more than from three to six feet high. Bark of the older ligneous parts somewhat scabrous, that of the tender shoots villous. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets from three to five pair, opposite, linear oblong, those nearest the apex and particularly the terminal one, cuneate, all are entire, obtuse, and nearly smooth on both sides, from two to six inches long, and about one and a half broad. Petioles common, villous and slightly channelled, much swollen at the base. Stipules of the petioles triangular, those of the leadlets subulate. Rucemes or rather spikes axillary, generally single, and simple, much shorter than the leaves. Flowers sub-sessile, middlesized, rose-coloured, always in pairs, from round, elevated glands. Bractes tern, a small and cordate one below each gland which is persistent; and two lateral on the gland, which are caducous; besides there are two to each calyx, which press on its base laterally. Calyx somewhat gibbous, four-toothed, the upper one broader, shorter and emarginate. Banner with two remarkable callosities rising from the base in the inside. Filaments one and nine. Anthers equal, roundish. Germ inserted into a cup-shaped nectary with the filaments. Stigma naked. Legume linear-lanceolate, thin, from four to six-seeded.

5. R. macrophylla. R. Shrubby, scandent, unarmed. Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets from three to four, subobovate, oblong. Racemes axillary; pedicels one-flowered. Banner sub-rotund, deeply emarginate, with two short callosities at the base. Legume linear, flat, downy.

A native of the exterior parts of Lengal, where it grows to be large, woody, and scan-

dent. Flowering time in the Botanic garden, June and July; the seeds ripen in April.

6. R. ferruginea.

Shrubby, the tender parts clothed with ferruginous down. Leaves unequally pinnate; leaflets seven or nine, linear-oblong. Panicles terminal and axillary; flowers sub-fascicled. A very ramous scandent shrub, a native of Silhet, where it flowers in April,

7. R. racemosa. R.

Shrubby, climbing. Leaflets six-paired, with a terminal one; stipules subulate. Racemes nearly as long as the leaves, many-flowered. Legume pendulous. Seed from five to six, remote.

Teling. Galuga.

A large climbing shrub; a native of the extensive forests among the Circar mountains.

Stem woody, climbing over trees, &c. Bark scabrous with a gray roughness. Leaves erect, alternate, pinnate with an odd one, about nine inches long. Leaflets opposite, six pair, oval, acute, entire, smooth; two inches long, and one broad. Petioles round, smooth. Stipules of the petioles and leaflets awled, shorter than the leaves. Racemes axillary, erect; manyflowered. Bractes awled, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, large, rose-coloured. Calyx slightly five-toothed. Banner emarginate. Wings falcate. Nectury, a cremulated cup surrounding the base of the germ, as in some species of Dolichos. Legames straight, pendulous, from six to nine inches long, and as thick as the forefinger, very protuberant at the seeds, and perfectly compressed between them. Seeds remote, from five to six, oblong.

I do not know of any use to which any part of this plant is put.

AESCHYNOMENE. Schreb. gen. N. 1202.

Calga bilabiate. Filaments simple, nine-cleft. Legume long, straight, slender and acute,

with a partition between the seeds.

Note. So far do I agree with Gærtner in the division of this genus, as to consider the only two species I have yet found in India, with articulated legumes, Hedysarsms. But the other species with long, slender, torulose pods, intercepted between the rather remote seeds (and void of every appearance of a joint, or articulation between them) I shall consider to belong to the familian which they have hitherto been placed, but under an essential generic character considerably altered.

1. A. grandiflora.) + also chynomene

Unarmed, arboreous. Leaflets ten-paired. Peduncles from two to three-flowered, pendulous. Calyx of two entire lips. Legumes pendulous, very long, linear; the upper margin broad

and channelled, many-seeded. Coronilla grandiflora, Willd. iii. 1145.

Agati. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 51.

Sans. Buka.

Beng. Buka, also Augasta.

Hind. Basna the red-flowered variety, and Sada basna the white.

Tam. Agati.

Teling. Yerra avesi the name of the red-flowered variety, Tella avesi the white-flowered.

A small, delicate, but high, viz. from twenty to thirty feet, tree of only a few years' duration. It is generally found in the vicinity of villages, where the natives encourage its growth for the sake of the leaves and tender pods which they use in their curries. It is in flower and

fruit most part of the year,

Trunk straight, from ten to twelve feet high. Bark pretty smooth. Branches thinly scattered. Leaves alternate-abruptly pinnate, from six to nine inches long. Leaflets opposite, from eight to twelve pairs, linear-oblong, obtuse, entire, smooth, of a whitish-green, about an inch long, and three-eighths broad. Stipules of the petioles half lanced, caducous; those of the leaflets minute. Peduncles axillary, short, somewhat downy, from two to four-flowered; pedicels peduncle-like. Bractes minute, falling. Flowers very large, red or white. Calyx two-lipped; lips entire. Banner erect, aval. Anthers linear. Legumes pedicelled, from twelve to eighteen inches long, and about as thick as a common quill, pointed, a little compressed; the upper suture channelled, protuberant at, and intercepted between the seeds, but not in the least jointed. Seeds numerous, kidney-formed.

The tender leaves and young legumes are much used in food, by all classes of the natives. The tree is employed for training the Belle plant (Piper belel), it admits of the sun's beams, and the wind, better than any other of its height, being thin of branches and leaves, particularly after it is more than one year old. It is of a very quick growth, which is another reason for employing it. The wood is only fit for fuel. Cattle eat the leaves and tender

2. A. sesban.

Unarmed, arboreous. Leaflets about fifteen pair. Racemes pendulous. Legumes filiform, pendulous.

Kedangu. Rhoed. Mal. vi. t. 27.

Emerus. Burm. Zeyl. t. 41.

Sans. Juyunti. See Asiat. Res. iv. p. 297.

Beng. Juyunti.

Coronilla sesban. Willd. iii. 1147

If the true Sesban has an articulate legume, as stated by the accurate Vahl, (Symb. i. p. 54.) this cannot be it.

Toling. Suiminta.

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This small beautiful tree is in general found in the vicinity of villages, and is likewise of few years' duration. Flowers chiefly during the wet and cold seasons.

Trunk erect, about eight feet high. Bark cracked. Branches numerous, extremities twiggy, and often bowing. Leaves abruptly pinnate, from four to six inches long. Leaflets opposite, from ten to twenty pair, linear-obtuse, smooth, entire, about an inch long, and onethird of an inch broad. Stipules very acute, reflexed. Racemes axillary, pendulous, from eight to twelve-flowered. Flowers large; of a beautiful dark purple with yellow spots.

There is a variety of this tree with yellow flowers which is not so elegant as the above

described. I have also seen another with red flowers.

The wood is said to make the very best charcoal for gunpowder.

3. A. spinulosa, Roxb.

Annual, sub-ligneous, erect; armed with inoffensive prickles. Leaflets from twenty to forty pair; petioles armed on the under side. Legumes erect, filiform,

Coronilla aculeata. Willd. iii. 1147.

Teling. Yerra-Jelooga.

A large shrubby-like annual, growing to be four or five feet high. It appears in rice fields during the rainy season. Flowers in December and January.

Stem erect, woody, annual. Branches remote, slender; bark reddish, covered with many small, inoffensive prickles. Leaves abruptly pinnate, from three to twelve inches long. Leaflets opposite, numerous, i. e. forty pair, linear, obtuse with a minute bristle, smooth, half or three quarters of an inch long, and one-eighth broad. Petioles armed on the under side with inoffensive prickles, like those of the stem and branches. Stipules linear, very sharp, falling. Racemes axillary, many times shorter than the leaves, spreading. Flowers few, yellow, middle sized. Legumes erect, sharp-pointed, about as thick as a pack thread, and eight or nine inches long, protuberant at the seed, but not jointed. Seeds kidney-form.

A. paludosa, Roxb.

Annual, sub-ligneous, erect. Leaflets from ten to twenty pair. Racemes longer than the leaves, drooping, many-flowered. Legumes linear, pendulous.

Beng. Kathsola.

This is a very large annual species; it has the appearance of an elegant tree, often twelve feet high, is a native of wet marshy places about Calcutta; it appears during the rains.

Root annual, spindle-formed, with some few lateral branches. Stem erect, ramous; all the parts under water are much swelled and are there of an exceeding light spongy texture, but not piped; these parts emit numerous, ramous, filiform roots, from every part, and except for the insertions of those radicles the bark is continuous, smooth, and green in most parts, the parts above the water contract to about a third the thickness of those that are immersed, and are covered with smooth, shining, green bark; height of the whole plant from six to twelve feet, the relative proportion of the immersed and exposed parts depends on the height of the inundation. Leaves sessile, abruptly pinnate, linear, from six to twelve inches long, horizontal, courting the solar light through the day, and drooping in its absence. Leaflets generally opposite, sessile, from ten to thirty pair, tapering a little from the base, where they are broadest, to the apex, rounded at both ends, with a bristle-like point, smooth above, and having a few hairs below, from an inch, to an inch and a half long, and three-eighths of an inch broad at the base. Petioles swelled at the glandular base, channelled; channel lairy. Stipules half lauceolate, falling; those of the leaflets subulate, permanent, minute. Racemes axillary, peduncled, solitary, drooping beautifully, from eight to twelve-flowered, longer than the leaves which they accompany. Flowers drooping, as large as those of Spanish broom, of a bright yellow, with the back of the banner spotted with distinct, round, purple dots. Bractes, those of the pedicel solitary, those of the calyx two, pressing on it laterally, all are boat-shaped and deciduous. Calyx; corol, &c. as in A. Cannabina.

5. C. Uliginosa. Roxb.

Annual, diffuse ; leaflets forty pair. Racemes sub-sessile, erect, from six to eight-flowered. Legume erect, cuspidate.

It is a native of marshy places near Calcutta, appearing and flowering in the rains.

Stems annual, ramous, spreading. Branches sometimes slightly and remotely murexed, as in A. procumbens, which it resembles much; leaflets from thirty to fifty pair, linear, with a point, and bright red margins, smooth on both sides. Stipules as in the other species. Racemes axillary, sub-sessile, from six to eight-flowered. Flowers short-pedicelled, approximate. Banner and wings yellow; keel purple.

Note. The parts under water are swelled, like those of the last described species. It differs from O. procumbens, in having twice the number of leaflets to the leaf, and more than

twice the number of flowers on the raceme.

Cannabina of König. See Retz. Obs v. 26. Annual, straight. Leaflets from twenty to forty pair. Racemes axillary, few-flowered. Legumes long, slender, somewhat four-sided.

Coronilla Cannabina, Willd. iii. 1148.

Beng. Dhunchi.

An annual species which I have not found wild. It is cultivated in various parts of Bengal for the fibres of its bark, which form a coarse substitute for hemp. The general seed time is in April; it is in flower four or five months after.

Root ramous, annual in a cultivated state. Stem simple, from six to twelve feet high, and about as thick as the little finger, smooth, towards the base somewhat woody, ramous near the top only, the most tender shoots are slightly striated, and a little hairy. Leaves sub-sessile,

alternate, spreading in the day, pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets from twenty to forty pair, opposite, rarely alternate, short-petioled, exactly linear, rounded at both ends. with a bristle-like point, having the upper side smooth, and the under one pale, with a few white hairs, from an inch to an inch and a half long, and about a quarter of an inch broad. Petioles slightly channelled, and a little hairy, with a swelled base. Stipules of the leaf halflanced, falling; those of the leaflets awled, permanent. Racemes axillary, peduncled, solitary, shorter than the leaves they accompany, bearing from two to six pedicelled, nodding flowers. Flowers about the size of a pen blossom, yellow, with many dark purple spots. Bracles of the pedicels solitary, boat-shaped, hairy, caducous; those of the flower two, linear, pressing on the calyx, caducous. Calgx gibbons, five-toothed, sub-equal. Corol papilionaceous. Banner obcordate, bright yellow on the inside, and beautifully marked with purple dots on the outside. Wings obovate, oblong, obtuse, yellow. Keel obtuse, daggered behind. Filaments alternately shorter, simple, and nine-cleft. Anthers round, incumbent. Germ cylindric, smooth. Stigma emarginate. Legume tending to be pendulous, from six to nine inches long, linear, somewhat angular, about as thick as a very slender quill, many-seeded. Seeds sub-cylindric, smooth, of a light brownish colour.

Cultivation of the Dhunchi plant, Aeschynomene Cannabina, Kön, in Retz. Obs. v. 26.

Coronilla Cannabina. Willd. iii. 1148.

The soil generally employed for this plant about Calcutta, is wet and considerably lower than what is necessary for Corchorus olitorius and capsularis, and Crotalaria juncea.* The preparation of the ground need not be so much attended to, as the plant is hardy, and the growth so rapid, as to destroy or keep down weeds of all kinds very completely. This, together with the crop being considered a meliorating one, renders it advantageous, notwithstanding the cheapness of the unterial. The time of sowing is when the soil has been moistened with the showers which fall during the storms called north-westers in May, which correspond with the tornados on the west coast of Africa. About fifteen seers, or thirty pounds, of seed to the acre is generally allowed, and less attention is paid to the weeding than is necessary for Corchorus. In September and October the crop is ready to cut, though the fibre does not suffer if left standing till the seed is ripe in November. The process of steeping and cleaning the fibre, is exactly similar to that already described for Crotalaria juncea.

The general produce of an acre is from one hundred, to one thousand pounds of ill clean-

ed fibre; the current price somewhat less than Paat, viz. Corchorus. Expense of cultivation,

including land-rent, about nine Rupees.

This is deemed the coarsest, though not the least durable of our Bengal substitutes for hemp. It is reckoned to be more durable in the water, or for purposes where it is often wet, than either sua, or paat; and is therefore universally employed for the drag ropes, and other cordage about fishing nets. The nets themselves are made of sun twine, well tanned with the

bark of a species of Rizophora.

7. Procumbens. R.

Annual, diffuse, somewhat armed with inoffensive prickles. Leaflets minute, about twenty pairs. Peduncles axillary, short, from two to three-flowered. Legumes linear, erect, cuspidate. Teling, Manchi Jelooga.

A native of Coromandel; appearing on wet pasture land, borders of rice fields, &c. in the rainy season.

FLEMINGIA. R.

Calyx five-cleft. Staming one, and nine. Legumes sessile, oval, turgid, two-valved, onecelled, containing two spherical seeds.

This genus assigned to the name of Dr. John Fleming, Physician General in Bengal, consists of shrubby Hedysarum-like plants, natives of various parts of India. They are all

perennial, the young shoots generally three-sided. Leaves ternate; leaflets three-nerved. Petioles more or less winged, opposite, scariose. Stipules as in the Hedysarums. Flowers on axillary, or terminal, simple or compound racemes or panicles. In all the corol is pink, striped with yellowish purple lines. The essential mark is in the sessile, turgid, oval legumes, with regularly two round seeds in each.

1. F. procumbeus. Roxb.

Perennial, procumbent, three-sided, particularly when dry. Racemes axillary, the length of the leaves. Legumes and calyx besprinkled with garnet-coloured grains.

A native of the mountains north of Onde, and Rohileund. In the Botanic garden it blossoms throughout the dry season.

Root perennial. Stem none, but many ramous, three-sided, villous, somewhat ligneous branches, springing from the crown of the root, and spreading flat on the ground, their length, in two years old plants, from one to two feet. Leaves ternate. Leaflets entire, villous underneath, somewhat three-nerved, and marked throughout with veins, the pair obliquely oval, the terminal one obovate. Stipules paired, stem-clasping, villous, cadacqus. Racemes axillary, generally solitary, about the length of the leaves, their upper half thickly set with shortpedicelled, small flowers, strongly marked with deeper coloured purplish lines. Bractes of the pedicel about as long as the pedicel, oblong, one-flowered, caducous; those of the calyx subulate, very small and also caducous. Calyx deeply five-eleft, hairy and marked with garnetcoloured glands on the outside. Banner roundish, strongly marked with deeper and lighter

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^{*} See the method of cultivating those plants in the Fourth Report of the African Institution and in the Transactions of the Society of Arts, vol. axii. and axiv.

Page coloured lines; wings purple; keel pale rose. Stamens one, and nine. Anthers ovate. Stigma large, capitate. Legume sessile, oval, besprinkled with garnet-coloured glands, one-celled. Seeds two, spherical, gray, speckled with blackish brown.

2. F. prostrata. Roxb. Jun.

Somewhat shrubby, prostrate; young parts three-sided, and downy. Leaflets lanceolate, acute. Racemes axillary, solitary, length of the petioles. Legume villous.

This species was raised from seed sent by Mr. Kerr from China to the Botanic garden in 1805, where they blossom about the close of the rains, in November, and ripen their seed during the cool season.

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Root perennial. Stem scarcely any. Branches procumbent; the older woody parts thereof round, the tender ones somewhat three-sided, and clothed with villous pubescence, their general length about two feet and a half. Leaves ternate as in the other species. Leaflets lanceolate, the pair obliquely so, acute, entire, three-nerved, slightly villous underneath; three or four inches long, and less than one broad. Petioles three-sided; angles sharp and ciliate. Stipules opposite, lanceolate, cuspidate, half the length of the petioles, villous, caducous. Racemes axillary, solitary, villous, becoming rather longer than the petioles by the time the flowers have expanded. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, lanceolate, clothed with silky hairs, caducous. Flower small, a mixture of pale yellow and purple. Calyx hairy, five-parted, clothed with long fine white hairs; segments acute, the lower one twice the length of the other four. Legume oval, two-seeded. Seeds round, dark brown, spotted with gray.

3. F. nana. Roxb.

Suffruticose, with a very short, ligneous stem, and few short branches. Leaves termate. Leaflets sub-obovate; petiole winged. Racemes axillary, crowded. Legume covered with red

Hind. Supta Cusunt.

This beautiful, small, sub-herbaceous species was found by Col. Hardwicke in various parts in the vicinity of the Gauges toward Hurdwar, and by him introduced into this garden.

where it blossoms about the beginning of the hot season.

Stem scarcely any, a short, perennial, ligneous stump, of scarcely an inch in length, is all that appears above ground, from which issue a few short, sub-herbaceous branches, the whole height, leaves included, not above six or eight inches. Leaves ternate, long-petioled. Leaflets, the pair obliquely oblong; the terminal one obovate; all are three-nerved and a little downy, from one to three inches long. Petioles as long, or longer that the leaflets, winged. Stipules ensiform. Racemes axillary, sub-sessile, from one to several together. Bractes solitary, lanceolate, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, small, pale greenish pink, with deeper stripes. Calyx unequally five-cleft, besprinkled on the outside with numerous, minute, clammy, ferruginous glands. Legume oval, densely clothed with clammy reddish glands, as are, in some measure, the pedicels and racemes also.

4. F. conjesta. Roxb.

Shrubby, sub-erect. Leaflets broad lanceolate. Racemes axillary, sub-sessile, heaped.

Beng. and Hind. Bura salpan.

This species is a native of the Delta of the Ganges. Flowering time the cold season; the

seed ripens in two or three months afterwards.

Stems several, oblique, woody; young parts villous. Branches few, general height of the whole plant from three to six feet. Leaves ternate. Leaflets short-petioled, three-nerved, entire, pretty smooth above, villous underneath, the terminal one broad-lanceolate; the lateral ones of nearly the same size, and shape, but breader at the base and less distinctly marked with the three nerves, about six or eight inches long. Petioles nearly round, and villous. Stipules rather short, tapering from a broad base to a fine point. Racemes axillary, generally crowded, about as long as the petioles. Bractes shorter than the calyx, one-flowered, caducous. Flowers very numerous, and beautifully striated with orange and purple. Legume the

length of the lower division of the calyx, sub-reniform, one-jointed, two-seeded.

This species has much the habit of my F. stricta, but differs widely in its specific character. In this the racemes are crowded, in that single; in this the bractes are shorter than the

flowers, in that several times longer.
5. F. semialata. Roxb. III.

Shrubby, ramous. Leaves ternate. Leaflets oblong, acute, three-nerved; petioles winged.

Racemes terminal, and axillary, panicled.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seed to this garden, where in little more than one year, the plants were tall, elegant, ramous, stout, erect shrubs, with the bark of the ligneous parts dark brown, and smooth, of the tender parts villous. Leaves ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, broad-lanceolate, entire, fine-pointed, smooth on both sides, from four to six inches long, and from one and a half to two broad. Petioles shorter than the leaves, with broad membranaceous villous margins. Racemes axillary, and terminal, generally compound, particularly the terminal ones, and they are often panicled. Braces chaffy, lanceolate, one-flowered, caducous. Flowers numerous, large, rose-coloured, striated with greenish yellow, and purple. Calyx villous; segments five, nearly equal, ensiform, about as long as the corol. Filaments one and nine. The single one greatly enlarged near the base. Legume sessile, oval, slightly villous, turgid, the size of a field bean. Seeds small, perfectly round, smooth, shining black.

6. F. lineata. R.

Shrubby, erect, ramous. Leaflets obovate-cuneate, three-nerved, and strongly marked with veins. Stipuler stem clasping, scarious. Racemes axillary, long-peduncled, sub-secund,

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often compound. Legumes villous, and mealy.

Heydysarum lineatum. Linn. Burm. Fl. Ind. 167. t. 53. f. 1.

A native of the Peninsula of India. Flowers during the rainy and cold seasons.

Shrubby, straight. Leaflets lanceolate, villous underneath. Racemes, or heads, terminal, and from the exterior axills, solitary, sessile, scarcely the length of the petioles. Legumes villous

This species was discovered by Colonel Hardwicke growing in the vicinity of Hurdwar.

8. F. stricta. Roxb.

Slems many, shrubby, straight. Leaves ternate; leaflets broad-lanceolate, smooth. Racemes axillary, erect. Stipules and bractes lanceolate, caducous. Legume smooth.

A large shrubby species, a native of the mountainous parts of the coast. Flowers during

Stems numerous, erect, with very few branches, which are also erect. Bark smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, broad-lanceolate, entire, fine pointed, a little wrinkled, about nine inches long and three broad. Petioles three-sided; upper side even, the lateral faces striated. Stipules of the petioles sheathing, remarkably large, surrounding the extremities of the branches, and overlapping each other, falling ; those of the leaflets wanting. Racemes axillary, solitary, erect, the length of the petioles, short-peduncled, the pedancle is hid in large sheath-like bractes, and every part above is imbricated with the flowers. Bractes of the flowers solitary, lanceolate, one-flowered, falling. Flowers very numerous, beautifully striated with red, yellow, and violet. Legumes not jointed, oval, pointed, twoseeded ; seeds spherical.

This plant has flowered in my garden for several years, it is pretty only when in flower.

SMITHIA, Schreb. gen. N. 1760.

Calyx bilabiate. Filaments ten, united into two equal bodies. Legumes composed of oneseeded joints.

S. sensitiva, Ait. Kew. iii. p. 499. &c. 512. t. 13. Willd, iii. 1161.

Biennial or triennial, diffuse. Leaflets from three to six paired, with the margins, the under side of the nerve, and the petioles ciliate. Legumes six-jointed, and folded within the calyx.

Hind. Oda-Breeni. Reng. Nulla Kashina.

Pentagnana sensitiva. Gmel. ed. syst. ii. 1119.

A native of Bengal, where it is common on moist pasture land. Blossoms and ripens its seed during the cold season; cattle are foud of it. It is common in the Botanic garden, and makes excellent hay.

2. S. aspera. Roxb.

Annual, erect; leaflets from thirty to forty pair. Legume exsert, pedicelled. Joints from six to eight, rugged in the middle.

Beng. Kath Sola.

A native of Bengal, where it is found with the former species on low wet pasture land, borders of rice fields, &c. appearing with the rains in May and June, and perishing when they

are over in October, and November.

Stem erect, from two to six-feet high, fistulous. Branches short, spreading. Bark somewhat scabrons, with small coloured glands, &c. bristles scattered over all the tender parts of the plant. Leaves alternate, pinnate, from two to six inches long. Leaflets from twenty to fifty pair, linear, oblong, smooth, with reddish margins. Stipules adjoined, ovate, lanceolate, ciliate. Recemes axillary and terminal, flexuous, from two to six-flowered. Flowers rather remote, middle sized, yellowish. Bractes ovate, and ovate cordate, two pressing on the calyx laterally like a calycle, and one at the origin of each pedicel, their margins are serrate, coloured and ciliate. Calyx bilabiate. Segments oval, equal, and emarginate. Corol, banner roundoval, twice the length of the calyx. Wings oblong, long-clawed. Keel boat-shaped, two parted at the base. Filaments ten, united into two equal bodies. Germ pedicelled. Style ascending. Stigma simple, even with the anthers. Legumes pedicelled, linear, nearly straight, slightly crenate on the under margin, from six to ten jointed; joints nearly square, swelled, and scabrous at the middle. Seed reniform, pale brown.

Note. Until I observed this plant I was inclined to consider Smithia sensitiva, a species

of Hedysarum, but on finding this agree as well in its natural and essential characters with Aiton's species, I have been induced to consider them as constituting a well marked genus,

differing essentially in both calyx and stamens from Aeschynomene, and Hedysarum.

HEDYSARUM. Schreb. gen N. 1204.

Corol with keel transversely obtuse. Loment articulated with one seed in each.

Note. Those with a folded legume or rather loment of two or more roundish joints have peculiarities sufficient to authorize their being separated from this inconveniently over-grown genus. I have already six species which would form a pretty good foundation for the new family, viz. a new one with simple leaves, lagopodioides, &c. also, alopecuroides with ternate leaves, and with pinuate leaves pictum, and Crinitum.

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SECT. I. Leaves simple.

H. alhagi, Willd. iii. 1171.
 Shrubby, armed. Leaves oblong, mucronate. Stipules ensiform.

Sans. Yasa, or yayasa.

Hind. Juwasa.

Pers. Shooturk'has from its being the common food of the camel.

A native of Hindoostan, and generally found in a dry, rather barren, sandy soil. Its branches are used for the screens, called Tattees, employed during the hot dry winds, com-III. mon in many parts of Southern Asia. In the neighbourhood of Candahar and Mirat and the bank of the Chilchuk, manna is said to be procured from it. This substance exudes from the 345 plant after spring rains and is gathered by merely shaking it off. See Fothergill, p. 257. In the Dooab, where it is common, it is for the most parts herbaceous and eaten down to the ground by cattle.

2. H. moniliferum. Willd. 1173.

Perennial, cespitose. Leaves round, cordate. Heads terminal. Bractes three-flowered. Legume necklace-shaped with round joints.

Hedysarum moniliferum. Burm. Ind. t. 52. f. 3. pretty good.

Teling. Amera.

Common on pasture land over most parts of India. Flowers in the rains and cold season.

3. H. vaginale. Willd. iii. 1176.

Perennial, cespitose. Leaves from oval to linear, oblong with cordate base, rather obtuse, smooth. Racemes leaf-opposed. Bractes three-fold, two-flowered. Legume sub-cylindric, from four to six-jointed.

Genista articulata, &c. Burm. Zeyl. t. 49. f. 1. pretty good.

Common on pasture land in most parts of India. Flowers in the rainy and cold seasons.

4. H. procumbens. Roxb.

Perennial, diffuse, hairy in every part. Leaves simple, roundish. Racemes leaf-opposed, flowers in pairs, remote. Legumes from two to four-jointed, both margins notched.

A small perennial; a native of dry, sandy pasture lands, though by no means common.

Stem there is nothing that can be so called. Bractes many, diffuse, long, round, slender, dichotomous, very hairy. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval, or orbicular with a small point, hairy. Stipules of the petioles embracing the branch, chaffy, half-lanccolate. Racemes leaf-opposed, lateral, all axillary, many times longer than the leaves, few-flowered. Bractes three-fold, chaffy, ciliate, two-flowered. Flowers remote, small, of a bluish purple. Legumes compressed, from two to four-jointed, hairy.

H. gramineum. Willd. iii. 1172.

Biennial, erect. Leaves simple, linear, smooth. Racemes terminal, long. H. gramineum. Retz. Obs. v. N. 70.

Beng. Pan Nutta.

A small perennial woody species, growing generally amongst long grass on dry ground.

It flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Stem scarcely any. Branches many, sometimes nearly erect, sometimes diffuse, very slender, woody, from one to three feet long. Leaves alternate-petioled, linear-lanceolate, smooth, one and a half, or two inches long, and half an inch broad. Stipules of the petioles chaffy, semi-lanceolate. Racemes terminal, pretty long. Bractes three-fold, lanceolate, three-flowered. Flowers small, beautifully variegated with red and yellow. Calyx four-cleft; upper division emarginate; apex bearded. Legumes erect, sub-cylindric, composed of from three to five, almost round, pretty smooth articulations.

6. H. bupleurifolium. Willd. iii. 1171. Corom. pl. ii. N. 194.

Perennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves linear-lanceolate. Stipules chaffy. Spikes imbricated with two-flowered bractes. Calyces four-leaved; the upper one bidentate. Legumes erect,

beaked, obliquely jointed.

Difference of soil and situation produces such great changes in this plant as to make a transient examiner imagine he had met with two or more distinct species. In a good soil, and shaded by large trees, it grows with an erect, woody stem, to be three or four feet high, with many long straggling branches, resting on the ground; in an exposed poor soil, it is a small diffuse, seemingly annual. In all, the succulent parts are hairy. The flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Leaves remote, alternate, horizontal, petioled, lanceolate, hairy, size various. Petioles three-sided. Stipules of the petioles chaffy, embracing much of the branch of the leaf, small and subulate. Spikes terminal, and leaf-opposed, many-flowered, imbricated with chaffy, hairy, ciliate, ovate, pointed, two-flowered bractes. Flowers of a bright red. Calyx four-leaved; upper leaf emarginate, hairy, the length of the corol. Legumes erect, sharp pointed, of from three to five obliquely oval rugose joints.
7. H. styracifolium, Willd. iii. 1174.

Shrubby, erect, ramous, every part except the upper surface of the leaves hairy. Leaves oblong, emarginate. Racemes terminal. Bractes solitary, cordate, two-flowered. Calyx fourleaved, all entire. Legumes straight, thin, of five rugose joints, notehed on both sides.

A native of Coromandel; flowering time the close of the rains. Seed ripe in January.

S. H. glumaceum. Willd. iii. 1172.

Biennial, diffuse, hairy. Leaves lanceolate, clouded. Racemes terminal, becoming leafopposed. Bracles two-flowered. Calux four-leaved, ciliate, the upper one bidentate. Legume

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of from three to four oblique, rugose joints.

A native of the coast of Coromandel; in the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms in Carey the rains, and cold season.

 H. triquetrum. Willd. iii. 1176.
 Perennial, diffuse. Leaces simple, oblong-cordate; petioles winged. Racemes terminal. Legumes smooth, many-jointed.

The figures of this plant, if intended for it, in the Herbarium Amboinense, Burman's Flora Zeylanica, and Flora Indica, are all bad. It is a native of many parts of India, though not common, so far as I have been able to observe, in any; flowering time the cold season.

Stems perennial, many, diffuse, with many bifarious, spreading, coloured, somewhat threesided, smooth, branches. Leaves alternate, petioled, bifarious, ovate-oblong, smooth on both sides and entire. Petioles winged. Stipules as in the genus. Racemes terminal. Flowers numerous, three-fold, rose-coloured. Legumes of from four to eight joints, and notehed on the under side.

10. H. alatum. Roxb. 1896.

Shrubby, erect, with many erect, from three to four-sided branches. Leaves simple, long, linear-cordate. Petioles winged. Racemes terminal. Legumes hairy, thin, from four to sixjointed; lower margin crenulate.

H. triquetrum. Burm. Ind. t. 25. f. 2.

A native of Hindoostan. Flowering time the close of the rains. Is allied to H. triquetrum on account of the winged petioles only; that is always procumbent, this straight and perfect-

ly erect, and a much more beautiful plant.

Trunk short and straight. Branches many, erect, the tender shoots, three, or four-angled, from the insertion of the leaves downwards these angles are more villous than the other parts. Leaves simple. linear-cordate, entire, smooth on both sides, about four inches long. Petioles much shorter than the leaves, winged, which at the upper wing terminate in two reenryed points. Racemes terminal, and from the exterior axills, erect, from six to twelve inches long. Flowers numerous, small, of a violet-colour. Bractes three-fold, two-flowered, but between these two flowers there is according to my observations a succession of abortive flowers. Calyx four-cleft; the apper division broad, acute and entire. Legume broad, thin, hairy, from four to six-jointed, and crenulate on the lower edge.

11. H. gangeticum, Willd, iii. 1175.

Shrubby, oblique. Leaves ovate, scute, scabrous above, and villous underneath. Racemes terminal, very long and slender. Flowers paired. Carina and wings reflexed. Legume from five to six-jointed, straight on the upper margin.

Saus, Salpurnee. Beng. Sal pan.

Of this we have two varieties; one with purple, the other with white flowers. They are natives of Coromandel, Bengal, and other parts of India, and in flower most part of the year. Seed ripens in the cold season.

12. H. collinum Roxb. 393.

Shrubby, oblique. Leaves ovate-cordate, downy underneath. Racemes axillary, very long. Legume notched on the under side.

A shrubby species found chiefly amongst the Circar mountains, growing under the shade

of trees.

Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, or nearly round, entire, below downy, the longer ones are from five to six inches long, and from four to five broad. Petioles about an inch long, half round, downy. Stipules of the petioles cordate, acute; those of the leaves subulate. Rocemes axillary, and terminal, two, three, or four times longer than the leaves, filiform, erect, hairy, bearing many small, bright violet-coloured flowers. Legumes erect, compressed, from four to six-jointed, pretty smooth.

Allied to H. gongeticum, and latifolium; from the former it differs in bearing axillary raceines and ovate cordate leaves. And from the latter in the leaves being pointed, not near so broad in proportion to their length, and not repand as in that species.

H. latifolium, Roxb.

Shrubby, oblique. Leaf simple, round reniform-cordate, somewhat repand. Stipules semicordate, cuspidate. Racemes axillary, clothed with hooked bristles; legumes from three to fivejointed, notched on the under margin.

A native of the northern parts of Hindoosthan. Colonel Hardwicke brought the seeds to

the Botanic garden, where the plants blossom during the rains.

Stem short, ligneous, and pretty smooth. Branches oblique, almost horizontal, or reclinate, the slender parts villous. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, roundish cordate, downy underneath, scabrous above, about three or four inches long, and nearly of the same breadth. Stipules of the petioles semi-cordate, and cuspidate; those of the leaves subulate. Racemes axillary, and terminal, horizontal, many times longer than the leaves, clothed with small hooked bristles. Flowers three-fold, the middle one last and they are small and of a bright purple colour. Braces three-fold, triangular, acute. Legumes flat, clothed with hooked bristies, four or five-jointed, and more deeply notched on the under margin.

 H. strobiliferum. Willd. iii. 1176.
 Shrubby. Leaves simple, ovate. Racemes terminal, imbricated laterally with reniform folded inflated bractes inclosing the fasciculi of flowers.

An elegant pretty large shrub, a native of various parts of India. Flowering time the cold season.

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Root ramous. Trunk short, woody, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. Branches numerous, with their extremities waving, and when in blossom drooping. Leaves simple, alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, ovate, acute, acuminate, entire, with numerous, large, and parallel veins, smooth on both sides, various in size, the larger ones from three to six inches long, and about half as much in breadth. Stipules small, caducous. Racemes terminal, drooping, imbricated on the two sides with alternate, bifarious, reniform, when forcibly expanded, for in their natural folded state the shape is semi-reniform, folded, inflated, nervous, scarious, large bractes; each concealing in its duplicature a small fascicle, or more, of peduncled, pure white, middle-sized flowers. Legume of one joint with one or two small reniform maculated

15. H. bracteatum. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect; leaves narrow-cordate. Racemes terminal, compound, bifariously imbricated with alternate, reniform, inflated, downy bractes. Legume of one oval joint, two-seeded.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal; from Dinajpoor Dr. W. Carey sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and begin to blos-

som during the cold season.

Stems several, shrubby, erect, a few branches from their upper parts. Tender parts somewhat angular and soft, with very fine down, height of the four-year-old plants about three or four feet. Leaves bifarious, alternate, very short petioled, narrow-cordate, entire, smooth above, about three inches long, by one, and one and a half broad. Stipules chaffy, ensiform, permanent. Racemes terminal, or from the exterior axills, drooping, compound, or even decompound. Ramifications thereof bifarious, alternate, very downy. Bractes folded, &c. as in H. strobiliferum, but in this species they are soft with much down. Exterior bractes ensiform, ciliate, and placed like stipulæ one on each side of the insertion of the large folded bractes. Flowers minute; racemes within and hid by the folded bractes except for a few hours when in vigorous blossom the bractes open a little, they are small, rose-coloured. Legumes small, hid within the scariose bractes, of one oval joint, villous, one or two-seeded, two is most com-

III. 352 H. gyrans. Willd. iii. 1186.

Suffruticose, erect, twiggy. Leaflets lanceolate, the lateral minute, one or both often wanting. Racemes terminal and axillary. Legume hispid, six-jointed.

Beng. Gora-chand.

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the cold season.

Root ramous. Stem erect, with a few twiggy, smooth branches; the whole height from three to four feet. Leaves alternate, simple and ternate. Leaflets lanceolate, obtuse at both ends, smooth and entire, the exterior one much larger; the lateral ones are sometimes wanting. Petioles half-round, with a few hairs over them. Stipules tapering to a fine point. Racemes terminal and axillary, hispid. Bractes cordate, concave, two-flowered. Flowers pretty large, of a pale yellow, with a little blue in the wings. Calyx membranaceous five-toothed. Filaments alternately short and broad, longer and filiform. Anthers roundish. Stigma two-parted. Legume crenulate on the upper margin, very hispid, from six to eight-jointed.

The wonderful rotatory motion of the small lateral leaflets of this plant, has already

been taken notice of in various publications: it is unnecessary to repeat, what is now well

known.

17. H. vispertilionis. Willd. iii. 1177.

Annual and biennial, straight. Leaves ternate, and simple, highly coloured; lateral leaflets sub-triangular, exterior, large and transversely crescent-shaped, terminal. Legumes from four to six-jointed; folded up in the inflated calyx.

Beng. Chamchicka.

An uncommon looking, pretty plant, a native of various parts of India, in flower and seed the whole year.

18. H. sororium. Willd. iii. 1170.

Herbaceous, procumbent, smooth, three-sided. Leaves sub-simple, orbicular, emarginate smooth. Racemes axillary.

Legumes semi-oval, one-seeded.

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Teling. Nalla-sora-cada.

A native of naked sandy pasture ground. Flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Root simple, long, slender, biennial or triennial. Stem none. Branches numerous, simple, spreading close over the ground to a great extent, somewhat from eight to ten feet each way, slender, smooth, three-sided. Leaves remote, alternate, petioled, orbicular, emarginate, smooth, often clouded, those near the root simple, further they have often a minute, lanceolate leaflet or two, (called bractes in the Mantissa,) as in H. gyrans. Stipules of the petioles semi-lanceolate, chaffy; those of the leaves, or leaflets minute. Racemes axillary, longer than the leaves, fewflowered. Bractes concave, few-flowered. Legumes boat-shaped, pointed, smooth, always onejointed and one-seeded.

SECT. II. Leaves conjugate.

H. diphyllum. Willd. iii. 1178.

Herbaceous, cespitose. Leaves binate; leaflets lanceolate. Stipules lanceolar.

Nelam mari. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 82.

The leaflets in Burman's figure are much too broad and short for the sort on the conti-

nent of India, and I think Willdenow must be right in considering it a distinct species. Our Pag plant is common on poor sandy pasture land, in many parts of India.

SECT. III. Leaves ternate.

20. H. triflorum. Willd. iii. 1202.

Perennial, creeping. Leaves ternate. Leaflels obcordate. Flowers peduneled, from three to six, opposite to the leaves. Legames falcate, from four to five-jointed, notched on the under

Beng. Kodalia.

H. trifoliatum repens, &c. Burm. Zeyl. vi. 54. f. 2.

Teling. Moonoodda-Moudoo.

Very common on pasture ground and helps to form the most beautiful turf we have in

Roof woody, perennial. Stem and branches erecping, alternate, bifarious, slender, a little hairy, in some soils very much so. Leaves ternate. Leaflets obcordate, small. Stipules cordate, and partly attached to the petiole. Flowers leaf-opposed, from three to six pedancled, of a beautiful bright blue. Style swelled at the angle. Legumes from three to six-jointed, curved a little, the seed-hearing margin straight, the other notched. Cattle are very fond of it.

It is probable that Buruan's plant, also his H. Stipulaceum. Buran. Flor. Ind. p. 168. t. 54. f. 2. and this plant are the same, for in this species there are besides these stipules of the petioles, others within at the base of the branchlets, but the peduncies being numerous, and

opposite to the leaves, is a strong specific difference.

The natives apply the fresh plant bruised to wounds that do not heal well, 21. H. reptass. Roxb.

Perennial, cespitose, hairy. Leaflets oval. Pedancles leat-opposed, three or four-flowered. Legume from four to six-jointed.

Hedysarum trifoliatum. Burm. Zeyl. 118. t. 54 f. 1.

This figure has already been quoted by various authors for a variety of Hedysarum triflorum, while the shape of the leaves, and the solitary, often more than one-flowered, pedameles in this plant clearly evince their being distinct species, besides this is a much more robust plant than triflorum. My plant is a native of the interior parts of Bengal, and from thence was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Dr. W. Carey; flowering time the rainy season.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any thing that can be so called but many perennial branches creeping, even to their very apices, perfectly flat on the earth and striking root at the joints. Branchlets alternate, all slender, and very hairy, the largest from one to two feet long. Leaves petioled, ternate. Leaflets oval, entire, pretty smooth, and of a paler green in the centre. Fednacle solitary, opposite to the leaves and about their length, each supporting three, four, or five small white flowers on long slender pedicels. Legame of from three to six joints.

22. H. quinquangulatum. Roxb.

Herbaceous, diffuse, five-sided, hispid. Leaves ternate; leaflets oval, downy. Stipules cordate. Racemes numerous. Flowers paired. Legumes hispid, six-jointed, notched on both margins.

Compare with H. diffusum, Willd, iii. 1180.

This is a large, luxuriant, diffuse, perennial species, a native of strong rich moist pasture lands, such as the borders of rice fields. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Root woody, ramous. Stem no other than many ramous, hispid, five-sided, diffuse branches, two, three, or four feet long. Leaves ternate, petioled, nearly bifarious. Leaflets oval, emarginate or obtuse, downy, about one inch and a fialf long and one broad. Petioles as long as the leaflets, channelled. Stipules of the petioles cordate, acute; those of the leaflets lanceolate, large. Racemes terminal, and axillary, frequently compound. Braces three-fold, two-flowered. Flowers numerous, small, blue. Legames compressed, from five to seven-jointed, covered on both margins with hispid, hooked hairs, which make them adhere to every thing that touches them.

Cattle eat this species greedily and as it grows quickly, and with luxuriance, it might be cultivated to advantage

23. H. articulatum. Roxb.

Annual, creeping ; branches five-sided. Leaves ternate ; leaflets orate. Stipules ear-shaped, stem-clasping. Racemes terminal and axillary, harsh with hooked hairs, often compound. Legume from four to five-jointed.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. The flowering time the close of the rains ; the

seeds ripen during the cold season, soon after which the whole plant perishes.

Stem none, but several, stout, sub-ligneous branches from three to six feet long spreading close on the ground, and striking root. Branchlets alternate, bifarious, five-sided, villous, scabrous with small booked hairs. Leaves alternate, bifarious, ternate. Leaflets ovate, obtuse, villous, and somewhat scabrous on both sides; from one to three inches long, and broad in proportion. Slipules of the petioles ear-shaped, stem-clasping; those of the leaflets lanecolate. Racemes axillary and terminal, very often so compound as to form large, bifarious panicles. Peduncles and pedicels angular, and armed with harsh hooked hairs. Bractes of the ramifications like the stipules of the flowers, or extreme divisions, ovate, ciliate, two or three-flowered. Flowers minute, very numerous, slender, pedicelled, pink coloured. Legumes

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Page linear, a little curved, from four to six-jointed, notched on the under side, armed with a few booked hairs, which makes them adhere readily to anything that touches them.

Cattle are fond of the green plant, and as it is one of the most luxuriant of the genus,

I have met with, it might be advantageously cultivated for fodder in India.

It comes very near my Hedysarum quinquangulatum, No. 398; but differs specifically in the stipules and shape of the leaflets, independent of their duration.

H. vescidum, Burm, Ind. 167, &c. B. H.

Perennial, creeping, hairy. Leaflets roundish, downy. Stipules subulate. Racemes terminal. Flowers three-fold. Legumes from four to five-jointed, notched on the underside, and covered with hooked hairs.

A creeping, perennial species, growing under the cover of bushes, in a dry, gravelly soil.

III. It flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Root woody. Stems or rather branches several, prostrate, rooting at the joints, slender, two feet long; young parts covered with short hairs. Leaves alternate; exterior leaflets, rhombiform, from one to two inches each way, the pair smaller, obliquely obovate, all are entire and downy, particularly on the under side. Stipules awled, withering. Racemes terminal, with generally a smaller one from the exterior axill, long, erect, hairy. Bractes three-fold, three-flowered. Flowers small, of a deep purple, the middle one of the three is generally abortive. Calyx four-parted. Legumes compressed, obliquely truncate with a bristle, from three to four-jointed, notched on the under side, closely covered with many stiff, hooked hairs, which makes them adhere to every thing that touches them.

B. diffusum. Roxb.

Shrubby, diffuse. Leaflets oblong, ventricose. Racemes terminal, long, and slender, with rather remote fascicles of flowers. Legumes linear, from five to six jointed, armed with hooked bristles.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, and from thence introduced into the Company's

Botanic garden by Dr. W. Carey. Flowering time the latter part of the rainy season.

Stems and branches diffuse, ligneous, but slender and variously bent. Bark smooth, of dark brownish green; young shoots covered with a few depressed harsh hairs; the length of the longer branches many feet. Leaves alternate, generally ternate, though sometimes simple; when so, they are cordate; when turned the leaflets are elliptic, or ovate-oblong, all are entire and pretty smooth on both sides. Stipules of the petioles taper, triangular; those of the leaflets ensiform. Racemes terminal towards the base, ramous, long, slender and villous. Flowers numerous, small, of a bright blue colour, collected in rather remote fasciculi, and blossoming in succession. Bractes ensiform, one at the base of each pedicel. Legumes linear, from five to six-jointed, covered with many short, hooked bristles by which they adhere readily and firmly to every thing that touches them.

26. H. recurvatum. Roxb.

Shrubby with recurved branches. Leaves bifarious. Leaflets ovate. Racemes axillary and terminal, drooping long before the flowers expand. Bractes many-flowered. Legumes linear, compressed, ramous, bristly, from six to seven-jointed.

A native of the interior parts of India, and introduced into the Botanic garden by Cap-

tain Hardwicke from Cawupore. It flowers during the rains, and ripens its seed in the cool

Trunk (in our young plant) short but ligneous, with the branches bending to one side and their extremities recurved, the under parts clothed with short depressed hairs. Leaves bifarious, ternate. Leaflets ovate and oval, entire, rather acute, somewhat pubescent. Petioles channelled. Stipules of the petioles chaffy, taper-pointed, large; those of the leaflets subulate. Racemes axillary and terminal, before the flowers expand they point directly to the earth, afterwards they become very long, from one to two feet. Bractes, the exterior one single, broad-lanceolate, embracing several smaller with a succession of small violet-coloured flowers. Calyx four-cleft; the upper division broader but entire. Banner nearly white. Wings and apex of the keel blue. Legumes long, slender, compressed, clothed with hamous bristles by which they readily adhere to any thing they touch, both margins nearly even. Joints long, six or eight.

27. H. purpureum. Roxb.

Perennial, diffuse; leaflets oval, clouded. Racemes terminal, before expansion strobiliform. Legumes six-seeded, notched on the under side.

Reared from seeds received from Dr. Carey, who gathered them on the northern frontier

of Bengal. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stem short, nearly straight, with numerous longer branches from its base, spreading close on the ground and striking root at the joints; all are round and while young coveredwith short depressed white hairs. Leaves ternate. Leaflets exactly oval, entire, pretty smooth, of a darker colour on the upper surface, and often stained. Petioles channelled. Stipules of the petioles, from broad bases, tapering to a long daggered point; those of the leaflets awled. Racemes terminal, solitary, hairy, before the flowers expand, imbricated with numerous, twoflowered, broad based, dagger-pointed, ciliate bractes. Flowers large, very numerous, of a beautiful deep bright blue purple. Calyx smooth, four-parted; the upper division two-tooth-ed. Corol, keel with two horns, not unlike those of Indigofera. However the general habit of the plant, besides the articulated legume, clearly points it out as a hedysarum. Legume of five or six orbicular joints, straight on the upper edge, and notched on the lower, hairy, particularly the margins. 28. H. biarticulatum. Willd. iii. 1183.

Shrubby, slender. Leaves ternate; leaflets oblong, smooth; racemes terminal. Legumes Page with one or two joints.

H. triphyllum. Burm. Zeyl. t. 5. f. 2.

Teling. Nilla Kavani.

A small diffuse perennial or shrubby species, a native of dry sandy ground. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Root woody, simple, descending to a great depth. Stem very trifling, and soon dividing into many ramous, diffuse, slender, smooth, purple branches. Leaves alternate, ternate. Leaflets nearly equal, oblong, smooth, about half an inch long and a quarter broad. Stipules of the petioles chaffy, embracing the branchlets, apices torn. Racemes terminal, many-flowered. Braces three-fold, many-flowered. Flowers small, of a beautiful bright red. Legumes from one to two-jointed. Joints compressed, orbicular.

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29. H. umbellatum. Willd. iii. 1182.

Sub-arboreous. Leaflets oblong, smooth, umbelled. Legumes from four to six-jointed, notched on one side.

H. trifolium arboreum. Burm. Zeyl. t. 51.

Teling. Chetenta.

A native of moist rocky valleys, where it grows to be a small tree, with smooth, green

bark. It flowers during the hot season.

Branchlets twiggy, flexuose, somewhat three-sided. Young shoots a little downy. Leaves alternate, petioled, spreading, ternate. Leaflets oblong, pointed, smooth, entire, from two to three inches long, and one or one and a half broad. Slipules of the petioles short, cordate, chaffy; those of the leaflets subulate. Umbels simple, axillary, peduncled, globular, erect. Pedancies one-third the length of the petioles. Legumes from three to six-jointed, compressed, pretty smooth, a little recurved, notched on the upper margin. 30. H. Cephalotes. R.

Sub-arboreous, all the tender parts woolly. Leaflets oblong, ventricose, marked with many woolly, simple, parallel veins underneath. Flowers crowded on short-peduncled, axillary heads. Legumes flat, villous, incurved, from two to three-jointed.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, and from thence introduced by Dr. W. Carey into the Botanic garden where it is in blossom most part of the year; the seed ripens during

the cold season.

Stem ligneous, erect, often as thick as a man's leg. Branches spreading, with numerous, alternate, bifarious, three-sided, downy branchlets. Leaves alternate, bifarious, ternate. Leaflets elliptic, while young clothed with much, very soft, woolly hair, with numerous, parallel, woolly veins underneath, and the margins entire and woolly, from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles deeply channelled and woolly, from one to two inches long. Stipules of the petioles ensiform, woolly on the outside, caducous, those of the leaflets filiform and also woolly. Peduncles axillary, generally solitary, woolly, scarcely one-third or one-fourth the length of the petioles, crowned with a simple, small head of small short-pedicelled white flowers. Bractes of the peduncles two at the base of the pedicels, solitary, one flowered, those of the flowers opposite, pressing on the cally laterally, all are clothed with soft woolly hairs and are like the stipules, though much smaller. Calyx woolly on the outside, four-cleft; the upper segment broad. Legumes flat, incurved, villous, two or three-jointed.

31. H. arboreum. R.

Arboreous. Leaflets nearly round and smooth, with simple and parallel veins. Stipules solitary, spathiform, bidentate. Heads axillary, short-peduncled. Legume of one or two long, curved, fleshy joints.

A native of the Moluceas,

32. H. pulchellum. Willd. iii. 1179.

Shrubby, erect. Leaflets ovate-oblong. Racemes axillary and terminal, much longer than the leaves. Bractes paired, sub-orbicular, many-flowered. Legumes two-jointed.

H. triplicatum frutescens, &c. Burm. Zeyl. t. 52. good.

Beng. Juta Salpani.

A most elegant shrubby species, common in many parts of India, particularly the moun-

tains; flowering time the rainy season.

Stem erect; branches spreading to one side with bifarious alternate branchlets, the bark of a dark rust colour. Leaces alternate, bifarious, alternate-ternate, expanding, short-petioled. Leaflets ovate-oblong, lineate; smooth above, a little hairy underneath. Stipules daggered, with long bristly points. Racemes axillary and terminal, of various lengths, the largest from two to three times longer than the leaves, with extremities drooping. Bracles alternate, bifarious, approximate, short-petioled, paired, sub-orbicular, with petioles ending in a long terminal bristle between them. Flowers crowded, expanding in succession, small, of a pale cream colour, and yellowish with age. Calgx, upper lip entire, the under one of an equal division. Legumes two-jointed, and completely hidden by the bractes.

33. H. patens. Roxb.

Perennial, diffuse. Leaflets oblong. Racemes terminal. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered. Legume from five to six-jointed, notehed underneath, hamose, bristled.

A native of the Moluccas. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it blossoms most part of

the year,

Stem none, but several branches springing from the crown of a ligneous root, spreading over the ground to the distance of some feet, round, ligneous, villous, and coloured. Leaves alternate, bifarious, ternate, rarely single, and then near the root only. Leaflets, the pair

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Pago smaller, ovate, and ovate-oblong, the terminal one nearly elliptic, or oval, all are obtuse, and pretty smooth, from one to two inches long. Petioles villous, shorter than the leaves, and channelled. Stipules of the petioles stem-clasping, chaffy, acute; those of the leaflets subulate. Racemes terminal, solitary, simple, few-flowered. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered : the lateral pair very small. Flowers small, purple. Calyw four-cleft; upper division broader, and bidentate. Legumes five or six-jointed, clothed with numerous hooked bristles; the under margin deeply notched.

34. H. Junceum, Willd, iii, p. 1194.

Herbaceous; twigs long, and straight; leaflets cuneate. Flowers axillary. Legume one

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A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden, under the name Anthyllis cuneata, where the plants grow freely, and blossom during the rains and cold season.

Root perennial. Stem erect, short, as they soon divide into long, simple, straight, or drooping, slender, villous twigs; they are all herbaceous. Leaves ternate while the plants are young, tending to be torn and often perfectly so; leaflets cuneate, villous, scarcely half an inch long, and less than a quarter of an inch in breadth. Petioles three-sided, villous. Stipules chaffy, ensiform, petiolar. Peduncles axillary, very short, few-flowered. Flowers small, of a pale yellow. Bractes minute, some embracing the insertions of the pedicels, and two large ones the calyx. Calgx four-cleft; division slender and acute, the upper one broader and two-toothed. Banner roundish, with a two-lobed, purple spot in the middle. Stamina one and nine. Legums scarce the length of the calyx, oval, one or two-seeded.

35. H. tuberosum. Willd. iii. 1197.

Shrubby, twining; leaflets downy. Racemes long; flowers three-fold. Legume hairy, pendulous, four-jointed; contracted at the joints. Kadsumi. Banks' Icon. Kampf. tab. 25.

Teling. Daree, Goomodee.

A rare species, a native of the valleys far up amongst the mountains. It flowers during the hot season, at which time it is perfectly maked of leaves, being deciduous about the be-

ginning of the cold season.

Root tuberous, very large. I think one of the largest I ever saw. Stems twining, woody, running over high trees, &c. Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate. Leaflets roundish, pointed, entire, downy, from six to twelve inches each way. Petioles channelled, from six to twelve inches long. Stipules of the petioles cordate, those of the leaflets subulate. Racemes simple or branchy, as long as the leaves, from tuberosities caused by the cicatrices of the old leaves, erect, round, smooth. Flowers numerous, three-fold, pretty large, blue. Legumes from two to six-jointed, pendulous, compressed, pointed, much contracted at the joints, very hairy.

The root peeled and bruised into a cataplasm is employed by the natives of the moun-

tains where it grows to reduce swellings of the joints.

SECT. IV. Leaves pinnate.

36. H. sennoides. Willd. iii. 1207.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate; leaflets alternate, from four to six-paired, obovate. Peduncles axillary, nodding, few-flowered. Legumes pendulous. Joints from three to four, echimate.

Teling. Nall Kashina.

Russelia of König.

A pretty large ramous shrub, a native of forests, hedges, uncultivated lands, &c. It flowers

during the rains.

Stem woody, short, irregular. Bark dark-coloured. Branches numerous, irregular; young shoots, petioles, peduncles, pedicels and calyx, covered with a soft kind of glutinous hair, the gluten is of a bright gold colour, and is frequently seen in small, beautiful, distinct, globules at the extremities of the hairs. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with an odd one, about two inches long. Leaflets alternate, from four to six pair, obovate, a little pointed, smooth, entire. Stipules of the petioles chaffy. Racenes axillary, short, bowing, from three to six-flowered. Flowers pretty large, yellow, bowing. Legumes pendulous, compressed, from two to five-jointed, much contracted at the joints, muricate, glutinous.

Dr. König made a new genus of this and called it after Dr. Patrick Russell, without

knowing that another genus has been named after his brother the late Dr. A. Russell.

37. H. lagenarium, R.

Perennial, floating, spongy, leaflets numerous. Stipules lanceolar, adjoined. Peduncles about two-flowered, joints of the legume from four to six, scabrons in the middle.

Aeschynomene lagenaria. Lour. Cochin Ch. 446.

Aeschynomene aspera. Willd. iii. 1163. Hind, and Beng. Shola and Phool shola.

Teling. Neerjeelooza.

Common on the borders of the lakes of sweet water in most parts of India. Flowering time the rainy and cool seasons. The larger plants are particularly light, white and spongy; they are gathered during the dry months of April and May, and converted by the natives of Bengal into a great variety of toys, floats for fishing nets, gentlemen's hats, &c.

38. H. Neli-tali. R.

Herisaceous, diffuse and scabrons, Leaflets numerous, minute. Stipules lanceolar, adjoined. Legumes from six to ten-jointed, smooth on both sides.

Neli-tali. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 18.

Teling. Tiga jeelooga.

Aeschynomene Indica. Willd. iii. p. 1164.

Found on moist pasture ground, during the rainy season.

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Calyx bilabiate; upper lip bifid; under tripartite, in the mature state resupine, by the incurvation of the upper end of the pedicel. Lament moniliform, composed of from two to six sub-globular, one-seeded joints, slenderly connected and compactly folded up within the subulate hairy segments of the calyx.

The plants which fall under the above character have the general habit of Hedysarum, viz. perennial, for the most part shrubby, their tender parts armed with diverging harsh

hooked bristles.

Leaves simple, ternate or equally pinnate and stipulate. Racemes terminal, before expansion imbricated with two-flowered dagger-pointed bractes. Flowers of a middling size, and rosy, pedicels pretty long, and what is a strong characteristic mark of the genus they become rigidly incurved soon after the flowers decay, pressing the folded loments forcibly in against the rachis. Corol as in the generality of papilionaccous plants. Filaments single and nine-cleft. Anthers equal, oval. Germ sub-moniliform. Style clavate. Stigma capitate. Loments composed of from two to six roundish, one-seeded joints, united by slender isthmuses which admit of their being very perfectly folded up within the segments of the calyx. Embryo curved, furnished with a thin perisperm.

1. D. simplicifolia. R. Shrubby. Leaces simple, ovate, oblong, lineate, villous underneath, scabrous above. Racemes terminal, panieled. Loments of several joints.

A native of Chittagong where it flowers in October and November.

2. D. lagopodioides. R.

Perennial, prostrate. Leaves ternate, and single. Racemes oblong, dense. Legumes twojointed.

Beng. Goluk-chakuli.

A native of the coast of Coromandel as well as of Bengal; flowering in the rainy season. Stems several, slender, percunial, prostrate, and rooting at the joints, round, covered with short scabrous bairs. Leaves alternate, ternate, and simple. leaflets roundish, emarginate, both sides covered with short scabrous hairs; the largest about two inches each way. Stipules subulate, those of the petiole having a broad base. Racemes solitary, terminal, peduncled; at first conical, afterwards cylindric, very hairy. Bractes oblong, acute, concave, hairy. Pedicels uniting at the base, and one very hairy, after flowering time incurved. Flowers numerous, rose-coloured. Calga very hairy, the lower three divisions very long, and still more hairy. The legemes generally consist of two, oval, smooth joints folded together, connected by a slender lethance and hout in account the making the connected by a slender isthmus, and beut in against the rachis, by the incurvature of the pedicel, after the flowers decay.

Shrubby, diffuse. Leaves simple, and ternate, sub-rotund, villous. Racemes axillary and terminal, before expansion strobiliform. Legumes from two to four-jointed.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal. Flowering time, the end of the rains.

Stem scarcely any, but numerous, diffuse, variously bent, straggling, or creeping, woody branches; young shoots and racemes armed with shorter hooked bristles, intermixed with longer straight hairs. Leaves from simple to ternate. Leaflets from round to obcordate, emarginate, downy underneath, from one to two inches long. Stipules of the petioles taper, long, and subulate from a broad, semi-cordate base; those of the leaflets filiform, all are hairy. Racemes axillary and terminal, before the flowers appear strobiliform, but stretching out a great length by the time the seed is ripe. Bractes alternate, two-flowered, ovate, concave, with a long subulate point, eiliate, and hairy, one-flowered, after the flowers decay they become rigidly incurved, pressing the legume against the rachis of the racemes, making what was the under division of the calyx the upper. Flowers numerous, pretty large, of a pale rose-colour, in the morning changing to lilac. Calyx very hairy. Legume of two, three, or four round joints, united by slender pedicels.

Excepting the racemes and size of the plant, this species is very much like lagopodioides and if I had not both growing before me at the same time, it might be difficult to find out wherein they differ specifically. The lengthening raceme is one of the most conspicuous marks.

4. D. alopecuroides. Roxb.

Perennial, diffuse, the tender parts clothed with small hooked bristles. Leaves ternate; leaflets oval, obtuse. Racemes imbricated, and resembling a fox's tail from the hairiness of the calyx, bractes, and incurved pedicels, which bend the two-jointed legumes in against the rachis; the upper lip of the calyx minute, and two-toothed.

A native of the northern parts of India, from thence Colonel Hardwicke sent the plant to

the Botanic garden where it grows freely, and blossoms during the rains.

Stem none, but several, spreading, perennial, branches with ascending extremities, clothed with short, hooked bristles. Leaves scattered, petioled, ternate; leaflets ovate, obtuse, entire, clouded, both sides clothed with the same short hooked bristles; from two to four inches long,

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^{*} In memory of Mr. Samuel Doody, an eminent Botanist, the friend and cotemporary of Ray, Plukenet, and Stoane.

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and rather more than half of that in breadth. Petioles channelled, harsh, with hooked bristles. Stipules ending in a long, subulate hairy point from a broader, ciliate base. Racemes terminal, imbricated before the flowers expand, strobiliform, ever after cylindric and more like a fox's tail than those of any other species I have yet seen. Bractes approximate, round-cordate, cuspidate, ciliate, two-flowered. Pedicels one-flowered, hairy, after the flowers droop, in-curved. Flowers numerous, rose-coloured. Calgar bilabiate. The lower three divisions long, filiform, and very hairy; the upper two very short. Legume two-jointed, folded together in the bottom of the calyx.

5. D. picta, R. III. 369

Shrubby, erect. Leaves simple and pinnate; leaflets linear. Racemes terminal, lengthening, flowers paired. Loments from three to five-jointed.

Hedysarum pictum. Willd. iii. 1204.

Hind. Dabra. Beng. Sunkur-juta.

A native of the shady banks of water courses, &c. Flowers during the rains.

Stem erect, shrubby, branchy, from three to four feet high. Leaves alternate, petioled, from simple to pinuate. Leaflets the lower or single are generally oblong-ovate, two to three inches long, and one and a half broad, the leaflets of the compound leaves are linear-lanceolate, all are obtuse, entire, and beautifully clouded on the upper surface with dark brownish purple, below a little reticulated and downy. Racemes terminal, erect, rigid, cylindric, hairy. Bractes of the peduncles chaffy, permanent; those of the flowers lanceolate, two-flowered, falling. Flowers numerous, small, red. Pedicels incurved after the flowering time. Calyx, apices of the divisions incurved and bearded. Legame consisting of from three to six oval joints, connected by a slender isthmus, the incurved form of the pedicels presses them so much against the rachis, that the form is with difficulty observed, till forcibly extended.

6. D. crinita, R.

Shrubby, diffuse, densely clothed with short hamose bristles. Leaves pinnate; leaflets five, linear-oblong. Racemes terminal. Bractes lanceolate, ciliate, two-flowered. Pedicels and calyces most hairy. Legume three or four-jointed, and pressed together against the rachis.

Hedysarum crinitum. Willd. iii. 1218. Lour. Cochin Ch. 451. Fl. Ind. t. 56.

A native of Chittagong, differing from pieta in being a lower, and more diffuse plant, with broader leaves, never variegated, and the bractes and calyx much more hairy.

Stem trifling, but several, spreading, or leaning branches, the lower resting on the ground; tender shoots round and armed with innumerable hamose bristles. Leaves unequally pinnate, horizontal. Leaflets two pair with a terminal one, linear-oblong, entire, of a firm texture, rather lucid above, and reticulated underneath; about three inches long. Petioles round, and armed like the other tender parts. Stipules scariose, broad-based, long taper-pointed, caducous; those of the leaflets similar, but smaller. Rucemes terminal, sessile, often several together, their base imbricated with many, broad-based, tapering, ciliate, permanent bractes, Bractes of the raceme solitary, lanceolate, two-flowered, caducous. Pedicels longer than the flowers, very hairy, becoming incurved when the corol drops. Flowers numerous, rose-coloured, pretty large. Calyx five-cleft; division subulate, the upper two when in blossom, for in seed they become the undermost, rather small, all are very hairy.

INDIGOFERA. Schreb. gen. N. 1205.

Corol with an awl-shaped spreading spur on each side of the keel.

I. linifolia, Willd. iii. 1220. Corom. pl. ii. N. 196.

Perennial, cespitose. Leaves simple. Legumes globular, seeded.

Hedysarum linifolium, Linn, Suppl. 331.

Beng. Bhangra.

Common amongst grass all over India; it is probably the smallest of the genus. In Bengal there are two varieties; one with red, the other white flowers.

I. echinata, Willd. ii, 1222.

Stems prostrate. Leaves simple, obovate, dotted. Racemes axillary. Legumes crescentshaped, with hooked bristles on the convex side, one-seeded.

Hedysarum rotundifolium. Vahl. Symb. ii. p. 81.

Teling. Nalla-paleroo. 371

Onobrychis minor monophyllus madraspatana. Pluk. Alm. 160. t. 433. Fig. 1.

Hedysarum numularifolium. B. H.

A native of moist borders of rice fields. It flowers during the wet season.

Root perennial, ramous. Stem no other than many ramous, prostrate, angular, smooth, coloured, from one to three feet long branches, sometimes striking root. Leaves simple, alternate, bifarious, sub-sessile, orbicular, or broad-oval, a very little hairy, marked with many, small, glandular pits. Stipules subulate. Racemes axillary, short-peduncled, about as long as the leaves, from six to eight-flowered. Flowers small, red. Keel pointed, daggers obtuse. Legumes horizontal, moon-formed, beaked, covered with inoffensive, hooked prickles, one-seeded.

3. I. aspalathifolia. Roxb. Shrubby. Leaves fascicled, wedge-shaped, smooth. Peduncles axillary, solitary, one-flow-

ered. Legumes straight.

Manneli. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 37.

Aspalathus Indica. Linn.

A small, branchy shrub, common on dry sandy lands near the sea. Flowers during the

rainy and cold seasons.

Stem short, small Branches numerous, spreading in every direction, small but very hard; bark dark purple. Leaves simple, fascicled, wedge-formed, small, smooth. Peduncles axillary, the length of the leaves, one or two-flowered. Flowers small, red. Keel, daggers slender, but long and sharp. Legumes horizontal, cylindric, smooth, pointed from six to ten-

4. I. trita. Willd. iii. 1228.

Annual and biennial, erect, rigid. Leaces ternate; leaflets obovate. Racemes axillary, sessile, many-flowered. Legames reflexed, straight, rigid, four-sided, spinous, pointed, smooth, A native of various parts of India. In flower all the year. It grows rather tall in a good

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soil, but is thin of branches, and rather a hostile looking plant, when growing in a bad soil.

Note. This is the only species 1 can compare to 1. trifoliata, and as 1 have reared it from seeds received from Dr. Klein of Tranquebar, under that name, am inclined to think they are the same.

5. 1. cinerea. Willd. iii. 1225.

Shrubby, hoary. Leaces ternate; leaflets oblong, acute, hoary. Racemes axillary, subsessile. Legumes horizontal, four-sided, with sharp thorny points.

Teling. Veri neelli.

A thin, poor looking, shrubby species, grows on dry uncultivated ground often on road

sides. Flowers during the wet and cold sensons.

Stem short, woody. Branches numerous, bent in every direction, very rigid, covered with hoary bark; the plant in general about two or three feet high. Leaves scattered, ternate, petioled. Leaflets oblong, or broad lanceolate, acute, entire, a very little hairy, and hoary, smaller than in any other of this family that I know, I. aspalathifolia excepted. Petioles channelled. Stipules subulate. Racemes axillary, sub-sessile, the length of the leaves. Flowers small, red. Legumes horizontal, four-sided, very sharp pointed, from six to seven-seeded; seeds remote.

Note. It seems to agree better with the description of I. trita, in the Supplement of Linnaus, than trita itself. Can there be any mistake? This species is immediately distinguished from that, by being much more branchy, very white or hoary, and by the form of the leaflets, which in that are observed, and emarginate; in this broad-lanceolar, and acute.

6. I. glandulosa. Willd. iii. 1227.

Suffrurex, diffuse. Leaves ternate; leaflets somewhat wedge-shaped. Heads axillary. Legumes oval, with four elevated, prickly angles, two-seeded.

Teling. Baragadam.

A small shrubby species; a native of moist rich lands amongst the mountains. Flowers,

and ripens its seeds during the wet and cold seasons.

Root woody, white. Stem erect, woody, branchy. Branches numerous, the lower ones are longer than the stem, resting on the ground, and often striking root, round, coloured. Leases numerous, approximate, ternate, petioled. Leases oblong, or wedge-formed, entire, with downy points, and the underside covered with innumerable glands, probably vesicles filled with an essential oil; about an inch long, and half an inch broad. Stipules broad. Racemes axillary, sessile, oval, dense, many-flowered. Flowers small, red. Bractes solitary, oneflowered. Keel hairy, discoloured; daggers very large, long, and sharp. Legumes reflexed, oval, four-sided; angles armed with lacerated prickle-like wings, two-seeded. Seeds separated by a partition.

Of the seeds the natives of the hilly countries make meal, which they bake into bread, and use as an article of diet; when more agreeable food is scarce. Cattle are fond of the plant.
7. I. prostrata. Willd. In. 1226.

Percunial. Leaves ternate; leaflets wedge-shaped, with glandular dots. Racemes axillary,

sessile, the length of the petioles. Legame reflexed, smooth, acute, from six to eight-seeded.

This species is a small shrubby perennial; a native of the borders of cultivated lands, with a trifling, erect stem, and many longer, prostrate, round, woody, somewhat hairy branches, with ascending extremities. Leaves exactly as in the last, (I. glandulosa.) Stipules scarcely any. Racemes axillary, sessile, shorter than the leaves, many-flowered. Flowers small, red. Bractes single, subulate, one-flowered. Legumes reflexed, rigid, a little compressed, from six to eight-seeded.

8. I. argentea, B. H.

Shrubby. Leaves from single to quinate-pinnate; leaflets lanceolate, acute. Racemes longer than the leaves. Legames reflexed, curved, contracted between the seeds, hoary,

A rare shrubby species; growing about the borders of cultivated lands, near hedges,

trees, &c. where it meets with a rich sweet soil. Flowering time the wet season.

Stem scarcely any. Branches numerous, woody, spreading, pretty smooth. Branchlets alternate, nearly bifarious, heary. Leaves alternate, approximate, nearly bifarious, from simple to piumate, the lowermost on the branchlets are single, the next above paired, then ternate, &c. up to pinnate. Leaflets alternate, lanceolate, acute, entire, hoary, chiefly on the under side; size various, from half an inch, to an inch and a half long; all are about three-eighths broad. Petioles hoary, channelled, when bearing leaflets, winding. Stipules awled, with a callous projecting horn at the base. Racemes axillary, much longer than the leaves, many-flowered. Flowers small, red, single. Bractes oval, one-flowered, falling. Legumes reflexed, falcate, contracted between the seeds. Seeds from four to eight.

9. I. uniflora of Dr. Buchanan.

Perennial. Branches diffuse, long, slender, and coloured. Leaves sub-sessile, digitate;

leaflets cuneate. Flower solitary. Legume three-seeded.

Mannella. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 37. Aspalathus Indica. Willd. iii. 963.

Lotus tenuifolius. Pluck. Alm. t. 201. f. 2.

A native of Mysore, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic garden, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and continue in blossom great part of the

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Root perennial. Stem scarcely any, but numerous, pretty long, very slender, red, bifariously ramous branches, spreading close on the surface of the earth, but I never found them strike root, covering, in the rich soil of Bengal, a space of three or more feet in diameter. Leaves generally in fives, three on the apex of a very short common petiole, the other two on opposite sides of its base, stipulaceous, all cuneate, pretty smooth, and entire; scarcely a quarter of on inch long, and about a line broad. Stipules only some soft hairs about the insertion of the leaves. Peduncles axillary, solitary, longer than the leaves, very slender, one-flowered. Flowers small, red. Legumes linear-oblong, round, sprinkled with a few short hairs, containing from two to four seeds.

I. fragrans. Willd. iii. 1231. Retz. Obs. iv. 29.

Suffruticose. Leaves from ternate, to pinnate; leaflets oval. Stipules lanceolate, hairy. Peduncles axillary, as long as the leaves, few-flowered. Legumes straight, from ten to twelve-

Colutea siliquosa. Pluk. Alm. t. 166. f. 1. good. I. glabra. Willd. iii. 1231.

I have not found any other species which can be compared to the above quoted one, and suspect it to be the same. My plant is almost destitute of pubescence as it is only on the stipules, petioles, and under side of the leaves, where a little is to be found, particularly while young.

A native of Coromandel; where, like the rest of the genus, it flowers in the rains and cool

season.

11. I. flaccida. Kön. Mss.

Perennial, flaccid. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from two to three-paired, oval, smooth. Racemes twice the length of the leaves. Legumes reflexed, curved, sub-cylindric, many-flowered.

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This slender perennial species grows chiefly amongst bushes, on dry barren ground.

Stem woody, weak, supporting itself on bushes. Branches more so, smooth; the young parts of a bright green; from one to four or five feet long. Leaves scattered, pinnate, about two inches long. Leaflets from two to three pair with an odd one, equal, oval, smooth, triflingly acute; about three quarters of an inch long, and half an inch broad. Stipules subulate, frequently coloured. Racomes axillary, peduncled, twice as long as the leaves, round, smooth, many-flowered. Flowers pretty large, red. Bractes single, subulate, one-flowered. Legumes reflexed, slender, round, falcate, from six to twelve-seeded.

I. enneaphylla. Willd. iii. 1229.

Perennial, procumbent. Leaves pinnate, sub-sessile; leaflets minute, four-paired, obovate, smooth. Spikelets oval, sessile. Legumes oval, two-seeded.

Teling. Chera-gaddam.

This helps to form our very best, and most beautiful pasture lands, where it is always found in plenty. It is perennial. Flowers all the year round.

Stem none, but it has many, ramous, prostrate, bifarious branches spreading in every direction, close upon the ground, round, a little downy, and in general from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets minute, opposite, from three to five pair, obovate, smooth, entire. Stipules semilanceolate. Spikes axillary, oval, sessile, many-flowered. Flowers small, of a bright red. Legumes oval, smooth, two-seeded, interrupted between them. Cattle eat it greedily. 13. I. hirsuta, Willd, iii, 1233.

Annual, and biennial, erect, ramous, hairy. Leaves pinnate; leaflets three or four pair, obovate, hairy. Stipules linear. Racemes longer than the leaves. Legumes reflexed, hairy, four or five-seeded.

Teling. Penni vempali.

Astragalus spicatus. Burm. Zeyl. t. 14. Kattu-tagera. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 30.

A native of Coromandel. It flowers during the rainy and cold seasons.

I. viscosa. Willd. iii. 1236.

Somewhat shrubby, hairy and glutinous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from four to five-paired, long-obovate. Racemes longer than the leaves. Legumes straight, hairy, from six to eight-seeded.

Galega colutea. Burm. Ind. 172. Willd. iii. 1246.

Colutes siliquosa. Pluk. t. 166. f. 3.

This species grows on a very sandy soil. It flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Root simple. Stem somewhat shrubby, erect, very ramous, from one to three feet high; the young parts covered with white, depressed hairs, and other stiffer hairs with glutinous, enlarged, glandular extremities. Leaves alternate, pinnate, two or two and a half inches long. Leaflets from four to five pairs, opposite; obovate, entire; above pretty smooth; below hairy and glandular like the tender branches. Stipules filiform. Racemes axillary, peduncled, longger than the leaves, round, like the young branches. Bractes awled, one-flowered. Flowers rather remote, small, red. Legumes horizontal, straight, round.

15. I. carulea. Roxb.

Shrubby, hoary. Leaves pinnate; leaflets four-paired, obovate, emarginate. Racemes rather shorter than the leaves. Legumez reflexed, curved, contracted between the seeds, hoary, from three to four-seeded.

Teling. Karneeli.

This is an erect, shrubby species; growing on dry, barren, uncultivated ground to the height of three feet, and higher in good, garden soil. It flowers during the wet and cold

Stem erect, woody, as thick as a man's thumb or more, biennial or triennial, the length very various, but the whole plant, in its wild state, is generally about three feet high; where cultivated in a good soil it is often five or six fest high. Branches many, nearly erect, scattered, stristed from the insertion of the leaves, three small ridges running down from each; entirely covered with great numbers of short, depressed, white hairs, which make the plants quite hoary; these may be easily rubbed off, leaving the branches, &c. smooth, clear and green. Leases alternate, somewhat bifurious, numerous, approximated, pinnate with an odd one; about four inches long. Leaflets short-petioled, opposite, from three to five pairs, pale green, fleshy, the lower smallest, all obcordate, slightly emarginate with a minute bristle, above pretty smooth, but pale coloured; many short depressed white hairs cover the under side, which make it still of a fainter green than the upper side, but nothing like down on any parts of the plant, from one to two inches long, and about three quarters broad. Petioles covered with the same small, depressed, white hairs, channelled. Stipules awled, small. Racemer axillary, sessile, erect, shorter than the leaves, many flowered. Flowers numerous, small, yellow and red. Calyx ; divisions short, acute, equal. Banner and keel hairy ; of a greenishyellow, margins of the former involute. Wings of a pale rose colour, linear-oblong, processes of the keel remarkably large. Legumes numerous, redexed, falcate, round, short, covered with the same hairs as the branches, and contracted a little between the seeds. Seeds generally three, smooth, like those of 1. tinetorea.

This species comes near to Indigofera argentea, Linn, the chief differences are, that in this plant there is a total want of down; the leaves are never ternate, but always composed of from three to five pair of leadlets, with a larger single terminal one; and the legumes are

very numerous on the same racemes

From the leaves of this plant I have often extracted a most beautiful, light Indigo; more so than I ever could from the common Indigo plant, or even from Norium tinctorium, and in a large proportion. After an enquiry of nearly two years, I have not been able to discover that the natives of any parts of India make use of it. The process by which I obtained the colour from the leaves, was exactly similar to that practised for obtaining the Indigo from the leaves of Norium finctorium, viz. by committing them while fresh, to cold water, and sealding them over a moderate fire, to about one hundred and sixty degrees of Fabrenheit's thermometer, the liquor will then have attained a beautiful deep greenish yellow colour; it is then strained off clear, and while hot, gently agitated in a broad, shallow, open vessel for a few, (twenty to thirty) minutes; during which time it changes its colour, gradually becoming darker and darker and more turbid when sufficiently agitated, if a little of it be viewed in a clean silver spoon, or any other vessel that reflects the light, a muddiness, or minute grain may be easily seen, which is rendered large, and copions by the addition of a little lime-water; this forcula readily fulls to the bottom, the superincumbent liquor is then poured off, and will be more or less of a clear brandy colour, according as the operation has been successfully conducted; for the more this liquor is tinged with green, the less perfectly has the colour been separated; and the produce, of course the more deficient and less beautiful. How to effect the most perfect separation, and precipitation of the colour, is the grand desideratum with our Indigo manufacturers, and well deserves the chemist's most serious attention.

I. tinetoria, Willd. iii, 1237.

Shrubby, Leaves pinnate; leaflets about five-paired, long-obovate, smooth. Racemes shorter than the leaves. Legumes reflexed nearly straight, smooth, about ten-seeded.

Pers. Dernkht-neel, the plant; and Neelep the Indigo.

Arab. Izlum, or Lee-lunj the plant; and Neelep the Indigo.

Sans. Nili.

Heng. Nil, or Neel.

Teling, Neel. Ameri, Rheed, Mal. i. t. 54.

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Native place uncertain, for though now common in a wild state over most parts of India, yet is in general not remote from places where it is or has been cultivated. 17. 1. violacea, R.

Shrabby. Leaflets six pair, oblong. Racemes axillary, half the length of the leaves. Le-

gumes straight, sub-cylindric, smooth, from six to ten-seeded.

A native of the mountains about Hurdwar, where the seeds were collected by Mr. George Roxburgh, and sent to the Botanic garden, where the plants thrive well, and blossom in February and March, at which time the shrub is uncommonly ornamental, especially when the flowers begin to fade, the rosy tinge then changing to a lively violet.

18. I. elliptica. Roxb.

Shrubby. Leaflets six pair, exactly elliptic; smooth. Racemes axillary, and from the naked branches, the length of the leaves. Legumes divarieste, straight, smooth, eight-seeded. A stout, shrubby, ramous, tolerably erect species; a native of the eastern parts of Ben-

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gal. Flowering time the cool and beginning of the hot season, when the plant is nearly destitute of leaves.

Leaves pinnate, from three to six inches long. Leaflets from four to eight pair, very exactly elliptic, being equally rounded at each end, and all nearly equal; smooth on both sides; about an inch long, by half of an inch broad, and generally deciduous during the cool season. Stipules minute, hairy. Racemes axillary, but more generally from the leafless branchlets of the former year, scarcely so long as the leaves, a little hairy. Bractes oval, concave, ciliate, one-flowered, calucous. Flowers pretty large, of a bright, lively pink. Legumes straight, somewhat four-sided, divaricate, smooth, acute, from six to ten-seeded.

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Arboreous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from six to nine pair, oval, emarginate. Racemes the length of the leaves. Wings expanded. Legume fluted, straight, smooth.

This stately species was reared in the Botanic garden from seed sent from the Shreenagur mountains by Captain Hardwicke in 1796. Time of flowering, at Calcutta, the month of

Trunk erect, in twelve years as thick as a man's leg. Bark dark brown. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction; young shoots somewhat scabrous, height of the whole plant, when twelve years old, about twelve feet. Leaves alternate, pinnate, about four inches long. Leaflets from six to nine pair, oval, emarginate, somewhat scabrous with very short hairs. Stipules subulate. Racemes axillary, solitary, nearly the length of the leaves. Flowers solitary, short-pedicelled, large, and of a very beautiful, bright, reddish-violet colour. Legumes linear, smooth, reflexed, sharp pointed, containing from six to twelve seeds.

20. I. atropurpurea, Buch.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from six to eight pairs, oval, smooth. Racemes when in flower, as long as the leaves in seed twice their length. Legumes cylindric, straight, reflexed, from eight to nine-seeded.

A native of Nepal, from thence introduced by Dr. Buchanan, into the garden in 1802, and in about eight months the plants they produced were from three to five feet high, with a simple, shrubby, straight stem and few branches, with young tender parts somewhat villons.

Leaves pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets opposite, from six to eight pair, short-petioled, oval, entire, smooth on both sides, an inch and a half long, by one inch broad. Stipules subulate; those of the petioles caducous; those of the leaflets, for each pair has a pair or more, permanent. Racemes axillary, by the time all the flowers have fallen, considerably longer than the leaves, even twice their length. Flowers numerous, scattered, before expansion imbricated, large, of a dark purple. Bractes one-flowered. Legumes cylindric, smooth, reflexed, from six to twelve-seeded.

The same plant has been reared from American seeds sent without a name from Philadel-

phia by William Hamilton, Esq.

21. I. pulchella. Roxb.
Shrubby, erect. Leaces pinnate; leaflets from eight to ten-paired, obovate. Racemes longer than the leaves. Legumes reflexed, straight, smooth, from ten to twelve-seeded.

An erect. ramous shrub.

Stem and branches round, smooth; bark dark rust coloured. Leaves scattered, pinnate, with an odd one, from four to six inches long. Leaflets from eight to ten-paired, obovate, somewhat emarginate with a little bristle, a little hairy, three-fourths of an inch long, by one half broad. Stipules awled, falling off long before the leaves are fully expanded. Racemes axillary, longer than the leaves, short-peduncled. Flowers numerous, large, rose-coloured. Bractes lanceolate, concave, one-flowered, falling. Legumes cylindric, smooth, reflexed, an inch or an inch and a quarter long, from ten to twelve-seeded.

22. I. uncinata, R.

Shrubby, with far extended branches. Leaflets from eight to ten pair, elliptic. Spikes sessile, much shorter than the leaves, dense. Daggers of the keel hooked, and obtuse. Legumes erect, subulate, many-seeded.

A native of Pegu, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it becomes a very stout shrub, with far extended branches; the young shoots and leaves slightly clothed with minute white hairs. Stipules small, subulate. Flowers very much crowded, reflexed, banner and keel of a pale greenish yellow, wings small and red. Legames long, cylindric, perfeetly erect, five-pointed. It flowers in the rains, and the seed ripens in the cool season.

23. I. purpurescens. R.

Sub-arboreous. Bark a little scabrous. Leaves pinnate. Leaflets ten pair, from oval to broad-elliptic, sub-emarginate, a little hairy. Racemes axillary and from the leafless I ranches, length of the leaves.

A native of the interior of the peninsula of India. In the Botanic garden it has in two years grown to be a stout small tree, with a distinct trunk, and numerous spreading branches. It flowers in February and March, at which time few plants surpass it in beauty, the flowers being large, very numerous, and of a bright rose-colour changing to lively purple. Seed ripens in May.

24. I. virgata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate; leaflets as far as twelve pair, sub-alternate, or opposite, linearoblong. Racemes the length of the leaves.

A native of Nepal. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta it flowers during the hot season, March, April and May.

GALEGA. Schreb. gen. N. 1206.

Calyx with subulate teeth, nearly equal. Legume with oblique streaks between the seeds.

1. G. spinosa, Willd. iii. 1250.

Suffruticose, hoary. Leaflets minute, about nine, wedge-shaped. Stipules spinescent. Flowers axillary. Legumes scimitar-shaped, horizontal, smooth, about six-seeded.

Teling. Mullo-yampalli,

A small ramous species, a native of dry barren lands on the coast of Coromandel.

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G. pentaphylla. Roxb.

Shrubby, ramous, erect, hoary. Leaflets five, cuneate, emarginate, sericeous underneath. Stipules subulate. Flowers axillary, one or two. Legumes linear, incurved, villous.

Seeds sent by Mr. B. Heyne from Mysore in 1801, to the Botanic garden, produced many very ramous thriving shrubs by plants, which blossomed when about one year old, and

were then from one to three feet in height.

Trunk scarcely any, but numerous, cincreous, ligneous branches spreading in every direction. Leaves alternate, pinnate. Leaflets two pair, with a terminal single one, which is by far the largest, all are cuneate, emarginate, above pretty smooth, underneath clothed with appressed, soft white hairs, from one to two inches long. Petioles short, hairy, channelled. Stipules subulate. Flowers axillary, one or two together, short-peduncled, middle-sized, of a dull pale red colour. Legumes spreading, linear, incurved, villous, from six to eight-seeded.

3. G. Hoyneana, Roxb.

Shrubby, ramons. Leaves bifarious; leaflets from five to seven, oval, and oblong, tomentose underneath. Racemes axillary, the length of the leaves. Stipules conical. Legumes straight, pendulous, villous.

Reared in the Botanic garden from seed sent by Mr. B. Heyne, from Mysore, where the

plant is indigenous. Flowering time in Bengal, the cold season.

Stem straight; branches ascending, flexuose, tomentose; the height of the plants in the Botanic garden when about eighteen months old, three feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate. Leaflets from three to seven, the lower pair much smaller, inserted on the very base of the petioles, close to the stipules; the rest gradually larger, and more lengthened in proportion to their breadth; all are clothed with much soft, close, light coloured down on the under side, and almost smooth above. Petioles downy, channelled. Stipules triangular, tapering to an acute point. Peduacles axillary, solitary, downy, about as long as the leaves, bearing a few, dull reddish, pretty large flowers, at and about the apex only. Bractes the exterior two threefold, three-flowered; the inner series uncertain. Calyx downy. Banner of a dark brownish red, villous on the back. Legumes drooping, straight, slightly villous, from eight to twelveseeded.

4. G. incana. Roxb.

Shrubby, diffuse, flexuose, hoary with white down. Leaflets six pairs, obovate, emarginate, hoary. Stipules taper-triangular. Racemes terminal. Legumes reflexed, falcate, very hairy.

A native of Mysore.

Stem scarcely any, but numerous, flexuose branches, and branchlets, spreading to a considerable extent; young parts clothed with erect, soft, white down. Leaves alternate, pinnate, from three to four inches long. Leaflets from five to eight pair, obovate, deeply emarginate, heavy, particularly the margins, and the lower side. Stipules reflexed by age, triangular, acute. Recemes terminal, long, and downy. Bractes three-fold, three-flowered. Flowers shortpedicelled, the middle one of the three expanding long after the other two. Calyx clothed with much fulvous pubescence. Legumes bending back close to the rachis of the racemes, much curved, very hairy, from six to eight-seeded. 5. G. villosa. Willd. iii. 1245.

Shrubby, diffuse, flexuose, somewhat hoary. Leaflets from six to eight pair, cuneate, subretuse. Stipules ensiform, recurved. Racemes terminal. Bractes three-fold, two-flowered. Le-

gumes reflexed, sickle-shaped, bairy, from five to six-seeded.

Coronilla zeylanica. Burm. Zeyl. 78. t. 33.

A native of various parts of India, in blossom and seed greater part of the year. These plants delight most in the sandy lands at no great distance from the sea.

6. G. purpurea. Willd. iii. 1247

Shrubby, sub-erect, smooth. Leaflets about seven pair, cuneate, smooth. Stipules filiform. Racemes terminal. Bractes three-fold, subulate, three-flowered. Legumes ascending, sickle-shaped; smooth, from six to seven-seeded.

Coronilla zeylanica herbacea. Burm. Zeyl. 77. t. 32.

A native of the sandy lands of the coast of Coromandel, and in blossom most part of the

7. G. lanceafolia. Roxb.

Shrubby, dichotomons. Leaflets from thirteen to nineteen, lanceolar. Stipules subulate. Racemes terminal, and lateral; rachis angular. Bractes ensiform, many-flowered. Legiones falcate, smooth, from three to five-seeded.

A native of the sandy lands near the shores of Coromandel. Flowering time the close of the rains, and cool season.

Shrubby, with numerous, dichotomous, round, pretty smooth, coloured, ascending branches; the general height of full grown plants in the Botanic garden is about two feet. Leaves pinnate; leaflets from five to eight or nine pairs, and a terminal one, opposite, short petiolate, III.

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lanceolar, smooth above, a little villous and paler underneath; the largest about an inch long, and less than half an inch broad. Petioles channelled, a little villons. Stipules subulate, permanent. Racemes lateral, axillary, or terminal, about as long as the leaves. Braces three-fold, ensiform, from three to six-flowered. Flowers of a deep bright purple, short-pedicelled. Legumes diverging, becoming rectilinear, smooth, incurve-falcate, three, four, or five-seeded, and contracted on the side between them.

G. tinetoria, Willd. iii. 1248.

Shrubby, ramous, villous. Leaflets from thirteen to nineteen, obovate-cuneate, emarginate, villous underneath. Stipules subulate. Racemes longer than the leaves. Bracles tern, more than two-flowered, in succession. Legumes spreading, slightly falcate, somewhat villous, from four to five-seeded.

A native of various parts of India, delighting in a warm sandy soil. Flowering time the rains, and cool season.

9. G. diffusa, R.

Shrubby, diffuse, scarcely villous. Leaflets from eleven to twenty-one, sub-cuneate, emarginate. Stipules subulate. Racemes terminal. Legumes diverging from the rachis, straight, nearly smooth, from six to seven-seeded.

A native of the Circars, in flower and ripe seed most part of the year, but more frequently from the close of the rains to the end of the cool season.

ASTRAGALUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1208.

Legume two-celled, gibbons. A. hamosus, Willd. iii. 1279.

Caulescent, procumbent. Legumes subulate, recurved, smooth. Leaflets obcordate, villous underneath.

A native of Persia flowering in the cold season in the Botanic garden.

PSORALEA. Schreb, gen. N. 1210.

Calyx sprinkled with callons points, the length of the one-seeded legume.

 P. corylifolia. Willd. iii. 1351. Burm. Ind. 172. t. 49. f. 2.

III. Annual, erect, from three to four feet high. Leaves simple, rarely ternate; ovate-cordate, 388 scallop-toothed. Stipules recurvate. Racemes long-peduncled. Bractes three-flowered.

Teling. Kor-Gestum. Beng. Hakooch.

A native of vacious parts of India, and commonly found in the vicinity of villages during the rainy and coid sessons.

2. P. obovata. Roxb.

Shrubby. Leaves ternate; leaflets obovate, villous underneath. Flowers lateral, long-pedicelled, several on a short common peduncle. Legumes tapering to a very long mucronate point,

A native of the country about Hurdwar, where Captain Hardwicke found it in flower and seed in April.

TRIFOLIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1211.

Flowers sub-capitate. Legume scarcely longer than the calyx, gaping, deciduous.

 T. Indicum, Willd, iii. 1353.
 Annual, erect. Leaflets cuneate, serrulate. Stipules subulate. Racemes elongated. Legumes rugose, oval, or two-seeded.

Beng. Bun-methee.

Suendadi-pullu. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 40.

Melilotus humilis erecta, &c. Pluck. Alm. t. 45. f. 5.

A native of various parts of India, appearing during the dry season from October till March, when the seeds are ripe, and then it perishes. 2. T. officinale, Willd. iii. 1355.

Annual, erect. Leaflets obovate, serrate. Stipules subulate. Racemes elongated. Legumes naked, globular, one-seeded.

Melilotus lutea, &c. Pluk. Alm. t. 45. f. 4.

Beng. Bun-piring. m

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A native of Bengal, and, with the last, appears during the dry season only.

TRIGONELLA. Schreb. gen. N. 1218.

Banner and wings sub-equal, expanding in form of a three-petalled corol.

T. Indica, Willd. iii. 1403.

Herbaceous, procumbent. Leaflets lanceolar, entire. Peduneles axillary, from two to fourflowered. Legumes straight, cuspidate.

Lotus madraspatensis, &c. Pluk, Alm. t. 200, f. 7, good.

A native of Coromandel. In flower all the year.

2. T. Foenum gracum. Willd, iii. 1402.

Annual, erect. Legumes sessile, long, straight, with filiform point.

Arab. Hulbeh.

Beng. Methee.

Teling. Mentee. Is much cultivated in many parts of India, particularly in the higher, inland provinces.

3. T. corniculata, Willd. iii. 1400.

Annual, diffuse. Leaflets obovate, serrate. Stipules lanceolate-dentate. Peduncles longer than the leaves. Heads many-flowered. Legumes sickle-shaped, smooth, many-seeded,

Sans. Lunkaika. Beng. Piring. The plant is cultivated as a pot-herb during the cold season.

MEDICAGO. Schreb. gen. N. 1214

Legume compressed, bent in. Keel bent down from the banner.

M. polymorpha.

Legumes spiral. Stipules toothed. Stem diffused.

Two varieties of this are found wild, on loose sandy soil, on the banks of the Ganges, towards Hurdwar; one is M. hispida of Gærtner, the other I am less certain of,

CLASS XVIII.

POLYADELPHIA ICOSANDRIA.

CITRUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1218.

Calux five-cleft. Petals five. Stamina twenty or more, united into several distinct bodies. Berry many-celled.

1. C. avida. R.

Sub-arboreous, armed. Petioles more or less winged; leaves from oval to oblong, and ovate-oblong, crenate, obtuse. Corol generally four-petalled.

Malus limonia acida. Banh. Pin. 436.

Sans. Jumbira, or Jumbeera. This name applies equally to all the varieties,

Beng. Leboo, Neboo.

Under the above definition I mean to comprehend the various varieties, if not species, of the sour lemons or limes found in India, and as the petioles are very generally winged I think it necessary to separate them from the lemons and citrons which have not that mark, or have

it in a very triffing degree.

In Beugal the following sorts have come under my inspection, the whole being cultivated under my own eye, in the Botanie garden, and are arranged according to the estimation in

which they are held by both natives and Europeans.

1st. Pati-Leboo, or Neboo. Fruit eval, about two inches long by one and a half or one and three quarters in diameter; apex rather pointed; skin thin and smooth, when ripe yellow,

from eight to ten-celled, abounding in pale coloured very acid juice.

2nd. Kaguji-Neboo. Like the last a small, very ramous, well armed tree. Petioles winged. Fruit oblong, smooth, thin-skinned, when ripe yellow, vertical diameter from two to two and a half inches, and from four to six in circumference; it ripens in July and yields a large

proportion of sharp acid, pale juice.

3rd. Gora-Neboo. The tree is one of the smallest, but very ramous, and equally armed. Petioles less winged than in the other varieties. Fruit oval, with a protuberant base. Skin rather thick, rougher than in the first two varieties; the vertical diameter about three inches, and the circumference from six to eight; it ripens in September, and is then yellow, with juice as in the former varieties.

4th, China-Gora-Neboo, This variety was twenty years ago introduced from China. The tree is rather small but equally ramous and armed with the others. Fruit round, the vertical and transverse diameter being the same, and generally about two inches; it ripens in August,

and contains abundance of rich looking, pale yellow, acid juice.

5th. Camaral-Noboo. A rather large, but thinly branched tree. Fruit long-oval; skin thin, and smooth; the vertical diameter four or five inches, and from eight to twelve in circumference; it ripens in November, is then remarkably full of pale juice.

A small one which weighed eighteen ounces, yielded just half that weight of juice.

6th. Rungpore Lime; the vernacular name not ascertained. A very small tree, or shrub, with but few small thorns. Fruit perfectly spherical, the size of a small orange, being six or seven inches in circumference; small, with a thin skin, of a light lively yellow colour; juice pale, and acid.

7th. Taba-Neboo. A small, ramous, very thorny tree, with the petioles winged. Fruit nearly round; skin thick, spongy like the citron, pretty smooth, from twelve to eighteen inch-

es in circumference; it ripens in November, and contains several ounces of very acid juice.

Sth. Arabian Lime from Muscat. The trees are young, and have not attained their full growth. Fruit nearly spherical, about the size of a small shaddock; skin thick, and spongy, like the citron, and externally very uneven.

9th. Meetha Lemoo, i. e. sweet lime. A small, very ramous, well armed tree. Fruit

round, very smooth and thin-skinned, in general about the size of a small orange; juice in-

sipidly sweet.

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2. C. medica. Willd. iii. 1426.

Petioles linear; leaves ovate, acuminate.

Beng. Lemoo or Nemoo.

Lemon tree.

On the continent of India, it is found in gardens, where it blossoms most plentifully

during the hot season, and the fruit ripens about the close of the rains.

The citron (Sans. Beeja-poora, Arab. Utrej, Pers. Turere, Hind. Bejoura) is likewise found common in gardens, where it blossoms, and bears fruit abundantly the whole year. There are now, besides the large rough-skinned common citrons, three varieties or species in the Botanic garden reared above twelve months ago, from seed from the Garrow hills where they are found indigenous in the forests.

3. C. Aurantium. Willd. iii. 1427.

Petioles winged. Leaves acuminate.

Sans, Nagarunga. Arab. Narunj.

III. Beng. Kumla-neboo.

Hind. Narenj, Narangee; of the orange like the lime, we have many varieties to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, (See Rumph. Herb. Amb. vol. ii.) but as they do not thrive in any part where I have yet been stationed, I cannot well enter into any satisfactory account of them.

V 4. C. decumana. Willd. iii. 1428.

Petioles winged. Leaves obtuse, emarginate.

Beng. and Hind. Batavi-Neboo.

Limo Decumanus. Rumph. Amb. ii. 96. t. 24. f. 2. Of this elegant useful tree, the shaddock, we have two varieties, one with white, and the other with red pulp, differing in size and quality, according to the soil, climate, and situation. On the continent of India so far as I know, we have the tree in our gardens only; the Bengalee name, viz. Batavia lime, denotes its being an exotic here.

5. C. inermis. Roxb.

Shrubby, unarmed. Petioles naked; leaves lanceolar, scarcely crenulate, obtuse. .

Chin. Kum-quat.

Limonellus Madurensis. Rumph. Amb. ii. 110. t. 31.

A small, shrubby species; from China it has been introduced into the Botanic garden,

where it blossoms in April.

Stem scarcely any, but numerous, unarmed, very ramous, smooth branches spreading and rising in every direction. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolar, some of them slightly cremulate, obtuse, smooth on both sides; from two to three inches long, and about one broad-Petioles about a quarter of an inch long, toward the apex margined. Peduacles axillary, generally solitary, the length of the petioles, one-flowered. Calyx small, flat, five-toothed. Petals five, lanceolate, recurved. Filaments variously united. Anthers from ten to fifteen. Germ superior, with the base surrounded with a fleshy ring, from four to five-celled, with

from one to three ovula in each, attached to the axis. Style the length of the stamina. Stigma

large and clammy.

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POLYADELPHIA POLYANDRIA.

MELALEUCA. Linn. Gært. Smith, &c.

Calyx five-parted, semi-superior. Corol five-petalled. Stamina about forty-five, very long, conjoined in five bodies. Style single. Capsules three-celled. Seeds numerous.

1. M. Cajuputi, Pharm. Lond. 1809.*

Branchlets pendulous. Leaves alternate, sub-vertical, narrow-lanceolar, three, rarely fivenerved. Spikes terminal and axillary, comose, villous. Bractes lanceolate, three-flowered.

Arbor alba minor, Cajuputi, Daun kitsjil, and Caju-Kilan. Rumph. Amb. ii. p. 76. t. 17

This elegant, useful, small tree, is a native of the Molucca Islands; and as it is from its leaves that the valuable medicine called Cajuputi oil is obtained, it became an object of importance to try if it would grow in Bengal, where the medicine is frequently used with the best success. During my absence at the Cape of Good Hope, on account of bad health in 1798, Dr. John Fleming had charge of the Botanic garden; at the same time Mr. Smith, the nurseryman, was employed on the Molucca Islands, collecting plants for the garden, consequently it was an excellent time for obtaining growing plants of the tree; Dr. Fleming therefore gave Mr. Smith strict orders to be very careful to get the proper sort, two or three being mentioned by Rumphius, from which the best oil was obtained. This commission Mr. S. executed to our satisfaction, many thriving plants having been sent to the garden by the close of the year, where they continue to grow freely, and in six and seven years they began to blossom

^{*} With the compilers of the Pharmacopaia of the Royal College of Physicians of London for 1809, I agree in supposing the essential oil called Cajupati is prepared from the leaves of the small Melaleaca called by Rhumphius Arbor alba minor; and also that this tree is specifically different from his Arbor alba major, Herb. Amb. ii. p. 72. t. 16. (Melaleaca Leacadendron.) but I think the trivial name Cajupati. which they have given to this species, may lead to a wrong conclusion, because that Malay appellation is more directly that of Arbor alba major.

at various times of the year, which they have hitherto continued to do, and to ripen their seeds perfectly. From them numerous plants have been reared, and not only distributed over many parts of the continent of India, but sent to various other quarters of the world. It is from the original young trees, now (1811,) thirteen years old, that the following description

and the accompanying figures are taken.

Trunk tolerably erect, but crocked; and slender for the age of the trees. Bark of a very light or whitish ash-colour, soft, thick, and spongy, pretty smooth on the surface, the exterior lamina peels off from time to time in thin flakes, like that of the birch tree; and the interior part may be separated into numerous lamina, like the leaves of a book. Branches scattered, with the slender twigs often drooping as completely as in the weeping willow, they are round and smooth; young shoots sericeous; height of the young trees (thirteen years,) above-mentioned about twelve feet, and the thickest part of the trunk not more than a man's leg, including the bark, which is three quarters of an inch thick. Leaves alternate, projecting in every direction, but most frequently vertical, short-petioled, narrow-lauceolar, while young sericeous, sometimes slightly falcate, entire; from three to five inches long, and from half to three quarters of an inch broad; on being bruised they smell strong of the balsam they yield, yet the cells which contain this aromatic fluid, are scarcely visible in the fresh leaves. Spikes terminal, and from the extreme axills, downy, while in flower there is only a scaly conic bud at the apex, which soon advances into a leafy branchlet. Bractes solitary, lanceolate, sericeous, three-flowered, caducous. Flowers teru, sessile, small, white, inodorous. Calyx urceolate, semi-supera, sericeous; margins of five semilunar deciduous segments. Petioles five, orbicular, short-clawed, white, much longer than the segments of the calyx. Filaments from thirty to forty, united into five portions at the base, three or four times longer than the petals, and with them inserted into the large, villous, five-lobed rim of the calyx, alternate with its segments. Anthers ovate-cordate, with a yellow gland on the apex. Germ ovate, with the lower half united to the calyx, three-celled, with numerous ovula in each attached to an elevated receptacle in the inner and lower angle of each cell. Style rather longer than the stamina. Stigma obscurely three-lobed. Capsules completely enveloped in the thick, fleshy, gibbons, permanent calyx, three-lobed, three-celled, three-valved; vaices thin, hard, and elastic, opening from the apex. Partitions contrary. Receptuales triangular, thin, flat, lodged in the inner and lower angle of the cell. Seeds numerous, angularly wedge-shaped.

It is readily cultivated both by the root and seed; when by the root, slender pieces thereof cut into little bits, and laid horizontally in the earth, during the rainy season, soon produce

From the leaves is distilled the beautiful, green, aromatic, camphorate, essential oil called by the Malays at Amboyna, where it is chiefly made, Cajuputi, from Cajuputi one of the

Malay names of the tree.

When this tree was received into the Botanic garden, and for the first five or six years afterwards, I was inclined to think it Arbor alba major. Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 16. on account of its very rapid growth during that period; as well as because it was then very generally understood, that the essential oil Cujuputi was obtained from that tree. But for these last six or seven years, the growth (of several trees) has been so slow, though in perfect health, flowering and ripening abundance of fertile seed, at all seasons of the year, as to induce me to waver in my former opinion, and become rather inclined to consider it Arbor alba minor of the same author. This idea was encouraged by finding our trees agree, in most respects, better with Rumph's description of the latter, than with the former, and particularly because he expressly says that an essential oil is obtained by distillation from the leaves of the small sort; but makes no mention of any such oil being procured from the large species. These conjectures have received additional support, I may say confirmation, from the Pharmacopaia above quoted. The following

is a copy of Dr. Powell, the translator's note, on this subject.

"This oil was supposed to be the produce of the Melaleuca Leucadendron, but it appears from the specimens of the tree yielding the true Cajuputi, sent home by Mr. Christopher Smith, that the species is different, and referable to tab. 17 of Rumphius's Herbarium Ambainense, (vol. xi.) and not to that author's Arbor alba, tab. 16. After a careful examination of specimens in Sir Joseph Banks', and other collections, by Dr. Maton, and of those in the Linnaun Herbarium by Dr. Smith, we are authorized to consider the tree which yields the above oil, as a new species, and from the names of its medicinal product, those gentlemen have agreed

to give it the appellation of Melaleuca Cajuputi."

As there are two figures in the 17th table of Rumphius, Dr. Powell should have specified which of the two is meant, but I take it for granted that it is the 1st.

2. M. Leucadendron. Willd. iii. 1428. Smith in Trans. of Linn. Soc. iii. 274.

Leaves alternate, vertical, lanceolate-falcate, five-nerved, tender parts smooth.

Arbor alba. Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 16.

This species was only introduced into the Botanic garden in 1811, whereas M. Cajuputi has been there since 1797-8. The plants of the former are still small, nor can they be expected to blossom for some few years to come, their growth is scarcely so rapid as that of Cajuputi; in habit, plants of the same age are very much alike, but the leaves of this species are larger, more falcate, and possess little or no fragrance when bruised, nor can I discover that they are ever employed in the distillation of the Cajuputi oil; to those obvious marks of distinction in the young tree I may add that all the most tender shoots, leaves, &c. are here perfectly smooth while in Cajuputi they are sericeous.

3. M. viridijlora. Gært. Sem. i. 173. Smith. in Trans. of Linn. Soc. iii. p. 275. Willd.

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Branchlets erect. Leaves alternate, lanceolar, five-nerved. Spikes terminal, downy. Flowers tern.

4. M. Loucadendron. B. Linn. Suppl. 342.

A large tree, a native of Pulo Pinang, and the peninsula of Molucca. The leaves of the trees which grow in those places are when preserved in the specimens sent to me, void of

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, five-nerved, with many delicate, anostomosing veins between them, of a firm rigid texture, and smooth on both sides, from two to four inches long, and less than one broad. Stipules none. Spikes terminal and axillary, often compound, tufted, before the flowers expand imbricated with bractes, a little downy. Bracles oblong, sessile, three-flowered; the extreme ones barren, and from their centre the branchlets continue to shoot. Flowers numerous, small. Calyx above, five-parted; divisions of the border rounded, and deciduous. Petals sessile, round, concave scarcely larger than the division of the calyx. Filaments from thirty to fifty, united near the base into five erect bodies. Anthers small, incombent, oval, two-lobed. Germ round, hid in the calyx. Style as long as the stamens. Stigma simple. Capsules hid in the globular calyx, which it adheres to, three-celled, three-valved, somewhat downy. Seeds numerous, minute, clavate, angular, somewhat winged.

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5. M. rigida. Roxb.

Leaves alternate, approximate, sessile, linear-lanceolate, rigid, pungent-mucronate, nerveless, but slightly striated, spikes panieled. Flowers tern.

A native of the Molucca Islands. To what size it grows I cannot say.

Leaves approximate, scattered, sessile, straight, linear-lanceolate, rigid, very smooth nevertheless, but slightly striated lengthways, sharp pungent-pointed, about three fourths of an inch long, by one line in breadth. Spikes terminal, cylindric, five or six of them forming the panicle, ending in a small bud, which in due time protrudes a branchlet beyond them, and by the time the seeds are ripe, the capsules are lateral. They are tasteless. Calyx smooth, border of five large, rounded segments. Petals five, sub-sessile, round. Filaments about twenty-five, much longer than the corol, united at the base into five bodies. Germ smooth. Style rather shorter than the stamens. Stigma simple.

DURIO. Schreb. gen. N. 1221.

Calyx gibbons, five-toothed. Corol five or six-petalled. Stamina in five bodies. Style single. Pome superior, five-celled.

D. Zibethinus. Willd. iii. 1434. König in Trans. of Linn. Soc. vii. p. 266.

Durio. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 29.

A native of the Malay Islands. The fleshy aril which envelopes the seed of this large fruit, like that of the Jack, is the part eaten; but not so universally admired, for its strong, by some thought very offensive, smell.

HYPERICUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1224.

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Calyx five-leaved. Petals five. Filaments many, conjoined into five sets.

1. H. cernuum. Roxb.

Shrubby, branchlets drooping. Leaves sessile, broad-lanceolate. Flowers terminal, subsolitary. Styles five.

Asiat. Res. vi. p. 369.

A native of the mountains between Hurdwar and Shreenagur, from thence the seeds were sent by Captain Hardwicke, to the Botanic garden in 1797, where it blossoms during the cold season. It resembles, in many respects, the species described under the name H. monogynum.

Stems, or rather branches numerous from the same root, rising in every direction, soon dividing into numerous long, slender, round, smooth, coloured, drooping twigs. Bark brown, and smooth, height of the whole plant about three feet, and still more in diameter. Leaves opposite, sessile, decussate, broad-lanceolate, obtuse, somewhat nervous, entire, margins not revolute, smooth, of a lively green on both sides, from one to two inches long. Flowers terminal, at the ends of the long, pendulous branchlets, generally solitary, though sometimes two or even three-fold, large, of a pure yellow. Peduncles short, with two small, brown, caducous bractes near the middle. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, acute. Petals obliquely-oblong, four times longer than the calyx. Filaments numerous, from one to two hundred, coalesced into five bodies, just at the base only, and about half the length of the petals. Germ ovate. Styles five, the length of the stamens.

This is so nearly allied to the plant I have taken for H. monogynum, No. 977, that I could scarcely deem them distinct species, were it not for the difference in the number of stamina and styles. In monogynum there are about fifty of the former only, and uniformly a single style with a five-cleft apex.

2. H. monogynum. Willd. iii. 1442.

Shrubby. Leaves sessile, linear-oblong. Corymbs terminal. Stamina the length of the petals. Style single. Stigma five-eleft.

H. aureum. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 578.

Chin. Keemsee-jau-taing.

H. monogynum, Miller's Figures, t. 151. f. 2. Curt. Bot. Mag. N. 334.

A low, but ramous shrub, growing in the Company's Botanic garden, originally from China. In flower and seed great part of the year.

Stem none, but branches innumerable. Back pretty smooth, brown. Leaves approximate, Page opposite, decussate, sessile, and nearly stem-clasping, horizontal, linear-oblong, obtuse, entire, smooth on both sides; from one to two inches long. Stipules none. Flowers terminal, from one to so many as form a small umbel, short-peduneled, large, of a bright yellow. Calga five-leaved; leaflets smooth, oblong, green. Petals five, obliquely wedge-formed as in the monodelphous flowers. Filaments from thirty to fifty, in five phalanges, nearly as long as the petals, Anthers oval, incumbent. Style single, as if composed of five, being five-grooved, as long as the stamens. Stigma five-cieft. Capsules five-partible, five-celled, opening from the apex. Seeds many.

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SYNGENESIA AEQUALIS.

SONCHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1233.

Receptacle naked. Calax imbricated, gibbons. Pappus hairy, sessile.

1. S. orixensis. Roxb.

Annual. Flowers sub-umbelled; peduncles hairy, calyces woolly. Leaves lanceolate, and sagittate, stem-clasping, lobes rounded, margins scolloped, finely-toothed, smooth.

Beng. Bun-palung. Teling. Nalla-tapata.

A rare plant, a native of rubbish, &c. near Samulkota. It flowers during the latter part

of the cold season.

Stem annual, erect, from three to six feet high, as thick as the fore finger, somewhat branchy, piped, round, smooth, except near the top, where there are a few hairs with glandu-lar extremities. Leaves approximate, stem-clasping; the lower ones linear, or lanceolate, scot-loped, the upper ones sagittate, all are finally prickle-toothletted, both sides smooth; size very various. Flowers numerous, large, yellow, terminal, umbelliforum, calyces involved in a little soft woolly substance. Cattle are fond of every part of the plant, on being wounded there is much milky juice discharged, which thickens into a substance like fresh soft opinm.

2. S. oleracens. Willd. iii. 1514.

Annual. Flowers sub-umbelled; peduscles and calyces smooth. Leaves pinnatifid, and sagittate, stem-clasping, finely-toothed

Compare with Prenauther sonchifolia, Willd. iii. 1541.

This species is much more common than the last described, it delights in the same soil,

It flowers during the same season, is also annual, branchy, and about the same size.

Leaves approximate, stem-clasping, much enlarged at the base, the lower ones pinnatifid, the upper ones sagittate; all are prickle-toothed, both sides smooth; size various. Flowers as in the last described species. Cattle are fond of it and it yields a milky juice on being wounded.

LACTUCA. Schreb. gen. N. 1284.

Calyx imbricated, cylindric, with a membranaceous margin. Receptacle naked. Seeds even, with a simple stipitate pappus.

L. satica, Willd. iii. 1523.

Leaves rounded, cauline leaves cordate. Stem corymbed.

Pers. Kahoo. Arab. Khuss.

Native place uncertain, but it is common in gardens in India, Persia, and the neighbouring countries, and like most of the plants of this class, succeeds best during the dry season.

PRENANTHES. Schreb. gen. N. 1236.

Calyx calveled. Florets in a single row. Pappus simple, sub-sessile. Receptacle naked.

P. acaulis, Roxb.

Herbaccous, stemless. Leaves radicle, sessile, linear-lanceolar, smooth and entire. Scape four or five-flowered, much shorter than the leaves. Florets eight.

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, from the district of Dinagepore Dr. Carey sent

the plant to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it flowers in March and April.

Root perennial. Sless none, the top of the root, under the surface of the soil divides into several shoots, each of which produces a single small tuft of leaves from its apex. Leaves radical, sessile, linear-lanceolate, entire, very smooth, of a deep green on both sides; from four to six inches long, and less than half an inch broad. Scapes short, in general about an inch long, smooth, bearing from one to six alternate, yellow, pedicelled flowers. Calyx from six to eight-leaved, with a calycle of three or four ovate scales.

2. P. procumbens. Roxb.

Procumbent. Leaves mostly radical, linear, runcinate. Racemes terminal, flowers in rather remote fascicles. Calyces many-flowered.

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Root simple or somewhat branched, when broken discharging an orange-coloured sap, of a heavy, soporific smell; from their size, it may be supposed they are biennial or more. Stem none, but many, procumbent, dichotomous, smooth branches springing immediately from the root, from one to two feet long. Leaves chiefly radical, spreading flat on the earth, linear-runcinate, segments short, and rather obtuse; margins a little scabrous, with minute, spinous points, those of the branches less divided and even entire. Racemes ascending, terminal, as long as the rest of the plant below them. Flowers in rather remote fascicles, yellow. Pedicels nearly as long as the flowers, scaly, with small bractes. Calyx sub-cylindric, scales linear, with white membranaceous margins, and quickly decreasing into a calycle. Florets from twenty to thirty. Pappus simple, and sessile.

3. P. asplenifolia. Willd. iii. 1540.

Ascending, ramous, many-flowered. Leaves sessile, linear, pinnatifid, or runcinate, smooth. Beng. Teek-chana.

Common on the higher, cultivated, and uncultivated lands of Bengal. Flowering time the cold season. The same plant is also common on the sand hills near the sea along the Coromandel coast.

Root simple, biennial, if not perennial. Stems at the base stoloniferous, short, variously bent, dichotomous, smooth, many-flowered. Leaves mostly radical, and spreading flat on the ground, sub-sessile, pinnatifid, smooth; from two to three inches long. Flowers pretty large, of a bright yellow. Calyx the exterior leaflets small as if a calycle.

4. P. racemosa. Roxb.

Annual, ramous. Leaves runcinate, stem-clasping, finely-toothed. Flowers racemed, and in fascicles. Peduncles, and pedicels smooth.

A native of the coast of Coromandel, where it is found during the dry season, on road

sides, and among rubbish.

Leaves approximate, stem-clasping, the lower ones runcinate, the superior ones cordate-sagittate, all are smooth, and finely prickle-toothed, size various. Racemes terminal, long, slender, jointed; joints remote, bracted, flower-bearing. Flowers small, yellow, placed at the joints of the racemes only. Calyx calveled, cylindric, scales of the tube about eight, those round its base many, small, and extending half way down the pedicels. Cattle are fond of it and it is replete with the same kind of milky juice, common to these plants.

SERRATULA. Schreb. gen. N. 1264.

Receptacle naked. Calyx sub-cylindric, imbricated; scales pointed, but not hooked nor spinous. Pappus hairy.

S. anthelmintica. R.

Annual. Leaves broad-lanceolar, serrate. Flowers terminal, calyx squarrose. Pappus of hairy bristles.

Vernonia anthelmintica. Willd. iii. 1634.

Cottu-shiragom. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 24.

Sans. Somraj. Beng. Somraj.

Conyza anthelmintica. Linn. Teling. Shendoo-gella-kura.

Is a pretty large, erect, annual species, common on high dry uncultivated ground, and

rubbish. It flowers during the cold season.

Stem erect, branchy, round, clouded with elevated purple spots, slightly downy, from two to three feet high. Leaves scattered, petioled, broad-lanceolate, grossly serrate, slightly downy, running down to the insertion of the petioles, size very various. Flowers terminal, peduncled. Calyx; leaflets unequal, the exterior ones small, subulate, diverging; the interior ones wedgeformed. Florets twenty or thirty, equal, all hermaphrodite, Tube curved; segments of the border five, incurved. Style long, two-cleft. Seeds cylindric, crowned with hairs, or rather hairy soft bristles. Receptacle naked.

2. S. cinerea. Roxb.

Erect, annual. Leaves alternate, ovate-cordate, crenate, rugose. Flowers terminal, somewhat fastigiate; pappus hairy.

Conyza cinerea. Willd. iii. 1925.

Beng. Kookseem.

This plant is one of the most common in every part of India; every soil and situation

suits it, and it is in flower at all times of the year.

Root ramous, annual. Stem creet, ramous, round, a little downy and finely furrowed. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate, and ovate-cordate, crenate, rugose, often waved, somewhat pubescent, decurrent to the base of the petioles, from one to three inches long. Flowers terminal, numerous, sub-fastigiate, small, purple coloured. Florets equal, all hermaphrodite. Calyx imbricate, with narrow-lanceolate acute downy scales. Seeds cylindric, white, hairy; pappus hairy.

The florets being constantly uniform, and all hermaphrodite, induce me to consider it a Serratula rather than a Conyza.

Note. A variety from China, has the flowers much larger and nearly round. The seeds are smooth, and only about half the number of rays in the pappus.

3. S. carthamoides. Buch.

Annual, erect, simple. Leaves sub-sessile, (not decurrent,) pinnatifid, serrate, hoary un-

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derneath. Flowers terminal, sub-panicled. Calyx ovate, with the lower scales carinated.

A native of Nepal; from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seed to the Botanic garden at

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Calcutta in 1802, where the plants blossom, and ripen their seed from November till March. Siem annual, erect, simple, slightly striated, and somewhat scabrous, height of the plants in the Botanic garden, from two to three feet. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, not decurrent, pinnatifid, servate, with the exterior segment ovate-lanceolate, and acute, the lateral ones linear-oblong and obtuse, pretty smooth above and hoary underneath; from two to four inches long. Flowers terminal, pedicelled, sub-panieled, small, of a rose-colour. Calyx ovate; scales numerous, imbricated, acute, the exterior ones have a sharp keel on the back. Florets all hermaphrodite; pappus plumose, sessile, many times longer than the seeds.

CARDUUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1254.

Calyx ovate, imbricated with thorny scales. Receptacle bairy.

1. C. ramosus. Roxb.

Annual, dichotomous. Leaves sessile, lanceolate, thorny, toothed, downy underneath. Flowers solitary, terminal. Stigmas hid within the anthers, and bearded at the base.

This is rather a rare plant, growing on dry, cultivated lands after the crop is cut, during

the cold season.

Root annual, simple, perpendicular. Stem short, flexuose, striated, ramous. Branches two-forked, like the stem; the whole plant from one to two feet high. Leaves scattered, sessile, not decurrent, lance-lyrate, thorny. Flowers terminal, peduncled, of a pale purple. Florets, from twenty to thirty. Style shorter than the stamens. Stigmas two, hid within the anthers, erect, bearded at their base. 2. C. radicans. Roxb.

Annual, diffuse, rooting; the branches with rather sharp angles. Leaves sessile, cuneate, remotely but deeply serrate, smooth. Flowers terminal, solitary, spines of the calyx long, slender, inoffensive; receptacle chaffy.

A native of Mysore, where it grows on dry fields, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic garden, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, blossom during the

rains, and ripen their seed in two and three months afterwards.

Stem scarcely any, but in this rich moist soil, numerous stout branches spreading all round to a considerable extent, emitting numerous roots from every part, which strike deep into the soil when the branch rests on it; young shoots angular from a continuation of the nerves of the leaves. Leaves alternate, approximate, sessile, almost stem-clasping, cuneate, glossy, serrate-dentate, having the margins and nerves somewhat scabrous, and the apices of the serratures ending in short soft spines, with numerous darker coloured minute cells visible on viewing them between the eye and the light, from one to four inches long. Flowers terminal, solitary, short-peduncled, of a midelling size and lively lilac colour.

3. C. lanatus.

Erect. Leaves petioled, lance-lyre-shaped, thorny-toothed, woolly underneath. Flowers numerous, peduncled. Stigmas high above the anthers. Pappus hairy. Cnicus lanatus. Willd. iii. 1617.

A common annual, on cultivated spots in Bengal, during the cold senson.

Root simple, crooked, annual. Stem creet, simple, or with a few spreading branches near the root, striated, round, clothed with a little wool, about two feet high. Leaves scattered, petioled, lyrate, or lanceolate-sinuate, with the margins much waved, toothed, the teeth armed with long sharp thorns, pale green on the upper side, covered with white wool on the under side, from three to six inches long. Flowers terminal, peduneled, large, pale, purple. Florets one hundred or more. Anthers half hid in the mouth of the tube. Stigma long, above the anthers; sides grooved; apex emarginate.

CYNARA. Schreb. gen. N. 1257.

Calyx dilated, imbricated with fleshy, emarginate scales with an acumen. C. Scolymus, Willd, iii. 1691.

Perennial. Leaves somewhat spiny, pinnatifid. Calycine scales ovate.

Arab. Hirshuf.

Hind. Kungin.

Native place uncertain. Flowering time the cold season in the gardens of Hindoostan.

CARTHAMUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1261.

Calgar ovate, imbricated; scales thereof with foliaceous, sub-ovate apices.

C. tinctorius, Willd. iii. 1706.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves sessile, broad-lanceolate, serrate-aculeate.

Cnicus Indieus. Rumph, Amb. v. t. 79.

Sans, Koosumbha.

Beng. Koosum.

Cultivated in many parts of India, during the cold season, not only for the use of the dvers, but for the oil obtained for the seed.

SPILANTHUS, Schreb. gen. N. 1266.

Common calgar erect, with leaflets numerous, sub-equal, oblong, the two exterior longer.

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Pappus of two bristles.

S. Amella, Willd, iii, 1713.

Annual. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, serrate. Peduncles long, one-flowered, florets

A B C daria. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 65.

Teling. Marata-tiga.

Verbisina Amella, Linn, Sp. ii. 1271.

Annual, a mative of shady places. It flowers during the cold season.

Stem in young plants conspicuous, and erect, in those more advanced there is not any. but several branches with their lower ends resting on the ground and rooting at the joints, with about a foot of their extremities erect, ramifications opposite, or two-forked, with very long peduncled flowers in the cleft. Leaves opposite, petioled, the most general form is ovate, with the anterior margins very remotely, and grossly serrate, smooth, from one to four inches long, and from three-fourths of an inch, to three inches broad. Peduncles solitary in the divisions of the branches. Flowers yellow, conical. Calyx, the leaflets ciliate. Corol, the tube of the lower florets has a bend outwards to fit the next within; border from four to five-cleft. Seeds of the margins three-cornered, of the centre compressed, and two-horned. Chaff boatformed.

2. S. oleracea. Willd. iii. 1715.

III. Annual, ramous. Leaves oval, grossly serrate.

A native of Silhet. In the Botanic garden it is in flower and seed the whole year. The 411 leaves are used as a pot-herb by the natives of that district.

BIDENS. Schreb. gen. N. 1267.

Calyx imbricated. Corol with sometimes a ligulate floret or two in the circumference. Seed crowned with straight, hispid, barbed awns. Receptacle chaffy.

1. B. trifida, Buch.

Annual, erect, smooth. Leaves opposite, three-parted, grossly serrate, smooth. Flowers solitary, peduncled; the exterior calyx twice the length of the flowers, its leaflets wedgeshaped. Seeds flat, cuneate, smooth, two-horned.

Found in Nepal by Dr. Buchanan, who sent the seeds to the Botanic garden, where the

plants blossom during the dry season, but perish when the rains begin in June.

Stem erect, round, smooth, jointed. Branches opposite, and like the stem, but much shorter, height of the whole plant in the Botanic garden about one foot. Leaves opposite, on concave, winged petioles, simple, and three-parted, grossly serrate, smooth, the simple leaves or segments of the divided ones, nearly lanceolate, and obtase. Flowers peduncled, solitary, terminal, erect. Calyx double, the exterior leaflets five, wedge-shaped, and nearly twice the length of the flower, the inner ones oblong, and rather shorter then the corollets. Seeds flat, wedge-shaped, smooth, without angles; horns two, rarely three, backwardly hispid, diverging.

Note. In Nepal Dr. Buchanan says the leaves were often bipinnate. 2. B. bipinnata. Willd, iii. p. 1725.

Annual. Leaves bipinnate, gashed and dentate-serrate. Flowers terminal. Calyx of from seven to nine simple, clavate, ciliate leaflets, from two to four neuter ligulate florets in the ray. Seeds numerous, diverging. The exterior chaff with ciliate apices.

A native of Bengal. It flowers during the rainy and cold seasons.

CACALIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1269.

Receptacle naked. Pappus hairy. Calyx cylindric, oblong, at the base only sub-calveled.

1. C. bicolor. R.

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Perennial, spreading. The inferior leaves short-petioled, remotely serrate; the superior ones hastate-laciniate, purple underneath.

This elegant species was received into the Botanic garden from the Moluccas in 1798,

and blossoms during the cold season.

Stem scarcely any; branches many, spreading in every direction, smooth and coloured when in an exposed situation. Leaves alternate, not succulent, the inferior ones short-petioled, lanceolate, remotely serrate; the superior ones stem-clasping, hastate-laciniate, smooth on both sides, underneath of a deep purple colour, particularly when the plant grows in a situation exposed to much sun-shine. Flowers terminal, large, of a deep orange colour. Peduncles long, one-flowered, with many sub-lanceolate scales. Calyx calycled.

This plant is highly ornamental when well exposed to the sun, the leaves are then of a deep purple colour on the under side. It grows readily from cuttings.

2. C. reclinata. Roxb.

Shrubby, smooth. Branches reclined. Leaves petioled, ovate-cordate, dentate-serrate. Flowers terminal. Calyx and calycle of about eight leaflets each, and with about twenty flerets.

A native of the Islands in the Straits of Malacca.

Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate-oblong, pointed, with the margins dentate-serrate, smooth on both sides and of a slender texture, from one to three inches long, and about one broad. Petioles short, channelled. Flowers terminal, somewhat umbelled, pretty large. Calyx about eight-leaved, nearly the length of the florets. Calycle about eight-leaved, many times shorter than the ealyx. Corol; florets about twenty.

3. C. sonchifolia. Willd. iii. 1730.

Erect, annual, fistnious. Leaves lyrate, and sagittate, stem-clasping. Flowers umbelled. Muel-schevi. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 68.

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Beng. Sadi-modi.

An erect, branchy annual, a native of hedges, rubbish, &c. it flowers during the cold

Stem erect, flexuose, branchy, from two to three feet high, piped, smooth. Leaves stem-clasping, lyred, most slightly dentate, pretty smooth. Umbellets terminal, compound, many-flowered. Flowers small, of a bright purple colour. Calga simple, from eight to twelve-toothed, from eight to twelve striated. Send five seeded.

ETHULIA Schreb. gen. N. 1271.

Receptuele naked. Pappus a membranaceous margin. Calyx equal.

E. ramasa. Roxb.

Ramous, creet. Leaves alternate, elliptic, serrate, smooth. Flowers peduncled, sub-corymbi-

Introduced into the Botanic garden by seeds sent from the interior of Bengal, by Dr.

William Carey. Flowering time the cold season.

Root annual, fibrous. Stem and branches nearly creet; general height of the whole plant, which is considerably ramous, about two feet, smooth in every part, and somewhat succulent. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, elliptic, pretty smooth on both sides, serrate, from one to three or four inches long, and not quite half so broad. Peduncles opposite to the leaves, axillary, or terminal, each supporting many small, purple flowers, forming a very irregular corymb.

Caiga imbricated; leaflets short. Florets numerous, of a light purple colour. Seeds sub-clavate, from four to five, or six-sided. Pappus none.

EUPATORIUM. Schreb. gon. N. 1272

Receptacle naked. Pappus plumose. Calyx imbricated. Style semibifid, erect.

1. E. divergens. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect. Branches diverging. Levres alternate, ventricose-oblong, recurved, serratedentate, rugose. Cocymbs terminal. Calyx from five to eight-flowered.

A native of Mysore, from whence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden in

1801, where the plants blossom during the cold season.

Stem erect, straight, from six to eight feet high, shrubby, round, covered with pretty smooth, dark brown bark. Brunches numerous from the middle of the stem upwards, round, downy, and diverging. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, elliptic, recurved, serrate-dentate, rugose, while young downy, when old scabrous, from one to six inches long. Corymbs terminal, compound, or the whole upper half of the plants may be called one large panicle. Flowers very numerous, several together and sub-sessile, on short villous peduncles. Calyx sub-cylindric, imbricated, downy. Florets five or six, twice as long as the calvx, curved near the middle of the tube ; at first purple, gradually becoming white, month of the tube campanulate ; segments of the border narrow, sub-ensiform. Stamens and style creet. Pappus almost simple, twice as long as the calvx. Receptacle concave.

Note. In 1810 found a plant with ten or twelve florets in the calyx.

2. E. flernorum. Willd. iii. 1761.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves-alternate, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, remotely and grossly serrate, triple-nerved. Corysda terminal.

A native of Flat Island near the Mauritius, where it was found by Colonel Hardwicke, in flower in May, who observes that the leaves are covered with a viscid juice and are used for green wounds as we use court plaster. The fresh flowers are highly aromatic, and the honey of Bourbon is strongly imprognated with the same flavour.

3. E. asperum. R.

Percunial, erect, harsh with short stiff hairs. Leaves alternate, sessile, cuneate-oblong, serrate. Flowers terminal, few but large. Calyx somewhat woolly, from twenty to thirtyflowered.

A native of Bengal, and like most of the order, flowers and ripens its seed during the dry season.

AGERATUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1273.

Receptacle naked. Pappus five-awned. Calyx oblong, sub-equal. Florets four or fivecleft

A. cordifolium. Roxb.

Leaves opposite, cordate, serrate, hairy. Flowers sub-umbelled. Florets five-cleft.

Beng. Oochunti

An annual found in the vicinity of Calcutta during the rainy and cold seasons; flowering time the cold season.

Stems erect, round, a little hairy. Branches opposite; height of the whole plant about two feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, serrate, hairy; size very various, the larger four or five inches long. Flowers very numerous, rather small, of a pale purple, terminating the plant in numerous, sub-globular umbellets, the whole forming a large, irregular, compound corymb. Calgar, scales lanceolate, pointed. Seeds black, with hispid angles. Pappus of five

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Page scales, with broader, cordate, serrate bases, ending in long subulate points, resembling the partial calyx of the orders Polygamia Segregata, Receptacle naked, hemispheric,

2. A. aquaticum. Roxb.

Annual. Leaves opposite, lanceolate, serrate. Flowers sub-umbelled. Stigma clubbed, twice the length of the florets.

Beng. Bura kesutee.

A native of the borders of rivulets among the Circar mountains. Flowering time the cold season.

Stem annual, somewhat succulent, below resting on the ground, above erect, round, very slightly hairy, from two to four feet long. Leaves opposite, decussated, petioled, horizontal, broad-lanceolate, serrate, smooth, somewhat succulent; from four to six inches long. Flowers terminal, forming an irregular, thin umbel, white. Calyx from twenty to thirty-leaved, equal. Corol, outside of the mouth woolly. Stamens within the tube. Stigmas twice as long as the corollets, erect, clubbed, white, they are a good and conspicuous mark. Seeds crowned with a glandular margin, from which issue three, four or five headed, pedicelled glands. Receptacle

Note. By the structure of the stigmas, they being when full grown, far above the anthers, and the flowers all erect, it might be concluded the pollen could not reach them, but I could observe clearly that the anthers are ripe, and burst while the stigmas are of an equal length with and closely embraced by them, the stigmas continue to grow and carry with them a large portion of the dust; this wonderful economy I have frequently observed in a number of plants which at least helps to invalidate one of the old anti-sexualists' arguments.

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ATHANASIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1279.

Calyx imbricated. Pappus chaffy, very short. Receptacle chaffy.

1. A. Indica. Roxb.

Annual, straight, angular. Leaves alternate, sessile, lanceolar, serrate, smooth. Corymbs compound, terminal. Stigmas hid within the stamens.

Teling. Begati-Kunda.

Delights in high lands that have been lately in cultivation; in such situation it is not uncommon to see whole fields of it as thick as if they were sown by a careful farmer.

Stem annual, erect, angled from the insertion of the leaves, piped, smooth, from two to four feet high. Leaves sessile, lanceolar, serrate, smooth. Corymbs very large, decompound. Flowers pretty large, very numerous, of a purplish rose colour. Florets equal, generally five. Style shorter than the stamens. Chaff of the seeds, or pappus lanceolate; that of the receptacle linear lanceolate.

SYNGENESIA SUPERFLUA.

ARTIMISIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1281.

Receptacle sub-villous, or nearly naked. Pappus none. Calyx imbricated with rounded, converging scales. Florets of the ray none.

1. A. Moluccana. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves multifid, smooth; segments filiform. Flowers globular, pedicelled, drooping. Female florets from six to eight in the circumference, two or three-toothed, with about as many five-toothed hermaphrodites in the centre.

A native of the Molucca Islands; the branches and branchlets very numerous, smooth and drooping elegantly, with numerous minute flowers, pointing directly to the earth. Scales of the calyx roundish, membranaceous and smooth; the receptacle of the florets convex and naked.

2. A. paniculata. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves from bipinnate to simple; leaflets linear, and often gashed. Panicle terminal, loose. Flowers long-pedicelled, erect; florets twenty, all tubular and five-toothed, about half of them are hermaphrodite; receptacle conical, naked.

The native place of this plant I cannot well ascertain. It was introduced into the Botanic garden from the interior parts of Bengal, and in three years it has only attained to the height of one or two feet, and is a very slender, sub-erect, flaccid, thinly branched, under shrub.

Flowering time February Leaves alternate, petioled, from simple to pinnate, and bipinnatifid, being less divided towards the top, till they become simple amongst the flowers. Leaflets linear, often pinnatifid, or toothed, somewhat heary, as are also the young shoots. Panicle terminal, composed of slender, alternate, sub-erect, leafy racemes. Flowers numerous, erect, small, sub-globular, yellow, generally one, rarely two or three, on slender, filiform, axillary pedicels. Calya; leaflets unequal, oblong, concave, villous. Corollets twenty or more; about half hermaphrodite in the centre, the other half female in the circumference; all are tubular with a five-cleft border. In the hermaphrodite ones the segments are recurved; in the female ones incurved. Stigmas very large, somewhat laciniate, and truncated. Receptacle conical, naked.

The smell of the plant is somewhat like that of southern-wood, but less powerful.

III. A. Indica. Willd. iii. 1846. 419

Herbaceous, erect. Leaves pinnatifid, villous underneath. Panicles terminal, flowers drooping, female florets ten, obliquely truncated, the hermaphrodite ones ten, with gibbous tubes; receptacle naked.

Sans. Dona, or Dana.

Hind. Gund-mar.

Beng. Doua.

Pers. Arlemasaya.

Is common in the gardens of the Hindoos throughout India. Flowering time the cold

Root ramous, perennial. Stems several, erect, sub-ligneous, sometimes biennial; base ramous, striated; tender parts villous; from four to eight feet high. Leaves alternate, pinnatifid, pretty smooth above, a little downy underneath, but not woolly and white as in A. vulgaris; lobes lanceolate, somewhat gashed, though generally entire. Floral leaves entire, and linear-lanceolate. Panicles terminal, with the ramifications and flowers all drooping. Flowers small, globular, numerous. Hermaphrodite florets about ten in the centre, five-cleft, with stamens hid in the gibbous tube. Female ones about the same number in the circumference, obliquely truncated, and so small as to be with difficulty distinguished from the style. Receptacle naked, convex.

The leaves possess a slightly aromatic smell and bitterish taste, similar to those of the common Mugwort which it resembles in liabit, though not in the white woolly covering of the under side of the leaves nor in the inflorescence. The Hindoos employ it medicinally, and also

in their religious ceremonies.

A. valgaris is also a native of India, and common in gardens about Calcutta, where it is known to the Hindoos by the name Nagadana, which is also its Sanscrit appellation. It must also, I imagine, be a native of Japan, and China, as the one I have now described, (A. indica,) has not any of that soft white down on the under side of its leaves, of which the mora is made in those countries.

4. A. vulgaris, Willd. iii. 1845.

Herbaccous, erect. Leares pinnatifid, flat, gashed, tomentose underneath. Racemes simple,

recurved. Flowers erect; ray five-flowered.

Naga or Naga dona, or Dona, its Sanscrit names, which are also its vulgar Hindoostanee, and Bengalee names. Found common in gardens in Bengal, where it flowers and ripens its seed during the dry season.

5. A. parciflora, Buch.

Herbaceous, with horizontal, slender branches. Tender parts hoary. Leaves simple, inferior, cuneate, with a dentate apex and some linear stipuliform segments at the base. Flowers ovate, drooping. Hermaphrodite florets about eight in the centre. Female ones three-toothed, and more numerous in the ray. Receptacle naked.

A native of Nepal, from thence the seeds were sent to this garden by Dr. Buchanan, where

the plants blossom in May.

Root perennial. Stem ascending in an oblique direction. Branches many, spreading or drooping, very slender and slightly pubescent. Branchlets numerous, short, diverging, flower-bearing. Leaves sessile, wedge-shaped, with linear, stipuliform segments from the base, the inferior ones with a rounded, lobate-dentate apex; the superior ones with a three or five-cleft spex; those of the floral branchlets most minute and entire. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, very minute, ovate, drooping, green. Calyx of a few, large, (for the size of the flowers) oval leaflets. Florets from six to ten; hermaphrodits ones five-cleft in the centre, and more minute, obscurely three-toothed. Female ones in the ray. Receptacle convex, naked. The whole plant inodorous.

6. A. elegans. Roxb.

Annual, erect, very ramous, smooth. Leaves of the young plants many-parted, of the old ones nearly simple, and fasicled, all are filiform, and smooth. Racemes panicled. Flowers globular, pedicelled, nodding. Female florets twelve in the ray, five-cleft.

This elegant plant was sometime ago received from General Martin at Lucknow, under the name Abbuttsa, and is now, October, in full blossom in the Botanic garden; many have

also been reared from seed sent by the same gentleman.

Stem while young straight, becoming less so by age and then woody. Branches numerous, expanding, with their extremities often nodding; whole height from three to six feet. Leaves on the stem of young plants multified with the divisions filiform, and smooth; on old plants and flower-bearing branchlets fascicled, filiform, undivided, perfectly smooth, and very small, being only about a quarter or half an inch long, and as fine as a horse hair. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, small, yellow, round; the whole extremities of the branches forming elegant, nodding panicles, with the flowers pointing to the earth. Calyx of several roundish, smooth, concave scales. Florets, about twelve hermaphrodite ones in the disk, and nearly as many, small, five-cleft females in the circumference. Style in the hermaphrodite ones shorter than the florets, with a two-lobed, funnel-shaped stigma in the females longer than the florets, with the stigma two-cleft, and revolute.

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The leaves, when bruised, emit a faint pleasant odour. The plant, particularly when young, is uncommonly elegant when in blossom, being then straight, with numerous spreading branches, the extremities thereof forming large, very ramous, nodding panicles, loaded

with numerous, beautiful, most minute, drooping flowers.

7. A. carnifolia. Buch.

Annual, erect, with simple, floriferous branches. Leaves decompound, smooth on both sides; leaflets ensiform. Flowers globose, drooping, both hermaphredite and female florets numerous, the latter with gibbous, three-toothed corollets. Receptacle hemispheric, smooth.

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A native of Nepal, from thence introduced by Dr. Buchanan into this garden, where the

plants thrive well and blossom in March and April.

Stems erect, striated, smooth. Branches axillary, simple, reclined, floriferons; height of the whole plant rather under one foot. Leaves, the canline decompound, or more, smooth on both sides, ultimate divisions ensiform, those of the branches from pinnatifid or pinnate to simple. Flowers solitary in the axill of the leaves of the branches, slender, peduncled, drooping, hemispheric, of a pale greenish yellow, the size of a grain of black pepper. Calyx, leaflets from oval to oblong, with broad, white, membranous margins. Florets; hermaphrodite numerous in the centre; female numerous in the circumference, with gibbons three-toothed margin. Receptacle hemispheric, smooth.

8. A. madraspatana. Willd.

Annual, procumbent. Leaves sessile, pinnatifid, downy; peduncles one-flowered. Female florets three-toothed.

Nelam-pata. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 49.

A native of dry lands that have been lately in cultivation. It flowers during the cold

Richard's description of this plant is so good, that I have only to add, that the seeds have a small, ciliate, campaniform crown.

A. hemispherica, R.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves pinnate; leaflets some sub-linear and others pinnatifid. Flowers solitary, peduncled, hemispheric. Hermaphrodite florets four-toothed; the female ones

A small, erect, ramous annual, of short duration, appearing in dried up rice fields about

Calcutta during the months of February and March.

Root of many, small, simple fibres. Stem erect, towards the apex ramous, round, smooth, except for a few, soft, woolly fibres; the whole height from six to eight inches. Leaves alternate, pinnate, nearly as long as the stem of the plant. Leaflets alternate, linear, toothed, gashed or pinnatifid. Floral leaves small and nearly simple. Flowers terminal, hemispheric, solitary, peduncled, with generally a small leaf about the middle of the peduncle, in the flowering time creet, afterwards bent to one side, drooping. Calyx, exterior leaflets largest. Hermaphrodite florets four-toothed, numerous in the centre; the female ones naked and more numerous in the circumference. Receptacle, the seeds from the hermaphrodite florets leave hollow pits thereon, whereas those of the female, leave sub-columnar elevations.

A. sternutatoria. R.

Annual, procumbent, woolly. Leaves sessile, wedge-shaped, dentate, downy underneath.

Flowers axillary, sessile; hermaphrodite florets from ten to twelve, four-cleft; the female ones numerous, three-toothed. Receptacle naked.

Beng. Mechitta, also Nukh chiknee.

Appears with other syngeneseous plants during the latter part of the cold season, on cultivated land. The whole plant does not cover more than about six or eight inches in diameter,

and is the smallest of the genus I have yet met with in India.

Root simple. Stems several, branchy, pressing on the earth; all are somewhat woolly, Leaves numerous, sessile, wedge-shaped, deeply dentate, villous. Flowers axillary or in the divisions of the branches, solitary, sessile, sub-globular. Hermaphrodite florets from ten to twelve in the centre, with their border four-toothed, coloured, and expanding; the female ones very numerous in the circumference, most minute, with the border seemingly three-toothed, and the toothlets incurved. Receptacle naked.

It differs from A. minima in having sessile, downy leaves, and numerous flosculi in each flower. The minute seeds are used as a sternutatory by the Hindoos. I have often used them

successfully myself.

GNAPHALIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1282.

Receptacle naked. Pappus feathery (or simple.) Calyx imbricated, marginal scales rounded, scariose, coloured.

1. G. strictum. Roxb.

Stem straight, annual. Leaves alternate, sessile, linear, wedge-shaped, downy. Spikes compound, sub-panicled. Florets yellow, with white woolly calyx.

A small, annual species, growing in dry shady places during the cold season, where water

has stood during the rains.

Stem straight, in a favourable soil, branchy, round, covered with soft, whitish down, about a foot long. Leaves sessile, linear, wedge-formed, or lanceolate, downy; size very various. Spikes glomerate, terminal, and from the superior axills. Flowers very small, the florets yellow, surrounded with the white, woolly, linear, acute scales of the calyx. Receptacle concave.

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2. G. orixensis. Roxb.
Annual, erect, simple. Leaves sessile, linear, wedge-shaped, downy. Flowers in sessile and peduncled heads. Florets yellow, with woolly calyx.
3. C. multicaule. Willd. Sp. Pl. iii. 1888.

Is a native of similar places with the former, also annual, and flowers during the same

Stem and leaves like those of G. strictum. Flowers also similar, but collected in several, small, terminal umbellets, or heads, which is the only specific difference.

4. G. depressum. Roxb.

Annual, procumbent. Radical leaves wedge-shaped; cauline ones sub-opposite. Head terminal, involved in white wool, and involucred. Florets yellow.

A very minute, prostrate annual; a native of the bottom of dried up ponds, in exposed

situations.

Stem none. Branches many, prostrate, filiform, three or four inches long. Leaves few, sub-sessile, wedge-formed or lanceolate, woolly. Flowers exceedingly minute, collected in many, glomerate, terminal heads, surrounded with white, very woolly, leafy involucres. Florets yellow. Female numerous in the circumference; kermaphrodite from four to five in the centre.

5. G. albo-luteum. R.

Annual, ramous, sub-erect, woolly. Leaves half stem-clasping, woolly on both sides; the inferior ones sword-shaped. Flowers conglomerated

A native of Boutan, and the banks of rivers issuing from that country. Flowering time

the beginning of the hot season.

Stem ascending in a winding direction, with few or no branches, round and clothed with white, soft wool; whole height about one foot. Leaves half stem-clasping, the inferior ones wedge-shaped, and obtuse, above they are linear, or tapering to a point; all are covered with white down, particularly underneath, from one to two inches long. Flowers numerous, minute, yellow, collected on terminal fascicles, closely impacted together, the whole forming a tolerably regular corymb. Calyx woodly, chiefly the inferior parts. Hermaphrodite florets about four in the centre, with numerous three-toothed females in the circumference. Pappus from five to eight, simple hairs. Receptucles flat, naked.

CONYZA, Schreb. gen. N. 1286.

Receptacle naked. Pappus simple. Calyx imbricated, oblong. Florets of the ray female, and three-cleft

1. C. corymbosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaves sub-sessile, obovate, serrulate. Corymbs compound. Hermaphrodite florets three; the female ones numerous in the ray.

A native of the Delta of the Ganges. Flowering time the end of the cold season.

Stem short, woody, erect, with numerous, ligneous, permanent, spreading branches; bark pretty smooth. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, obovate, remotely and acutely serrulate, pretty smooth on both sides; from one to two inches long. Corymbs terminal, compound, dense, a little hairy. Flowers sub-cylindric, individually sessile. Bractes ovate, inserted round the apices of the common sub-divisions of the corymbs, and pressing on the calyx like a calvele. Calgx hairy. Hermaphrodite florets generally three in the centre, with numerous, three-toothed females in the circumference.

C. pubigera. Willd. iii. 1921.

Shrubby, sub-scandent. Tender parts downy. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, somewhat repand-dentate. Flowers terminal, on short, axillary, diverging branchlets.

Sonehus volubilis. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 103. f. 2. bad if intended for this plant, which is

a native of the Moluccas

3. C. balsamifera. Willd. iii. 1924.

Shrubby, erect, Leaves lanceolate, unequally serrate, tomentose, at the base pinnatifid. Corymbs terminal ; flowers sub-cylindric-

C. odorata, Rumph, Amb, vi. t, 24. f. 1. pretty good.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, by Dr. Buchanan, where it grows to be a large shrub, with an erect, ligneous trunk, and branches covered with ash-coloured bark. Flowering time March and April.

Leaves alternate, short-petfoled, lanceolate, irregularly serrate and generally more or less plunatifid at the base, downy, particularly underneath, where they are sericcous and beautifully reticulated with numerous veins; from six to twelve inches long. Petioles short, often ornamented with one, two, three, or four, small leaflets. Corymbs terminal, numerous, bearing numerous, sub-cylindric, bright yellow flowers. Hermaphrodite florets numerous in the centre, the female ones numerous in the circumference.

The whole plant when bruised smells strongly of camphire.

4. C. laciniata Roxb.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves downy, variously laciniated, with the margins curled, and acutely gash-toothletted. Panieles terminal; flowers conical.

A native of Bengal, where it appears and ripens its seeds during the cold season.

Root annual. Stem erect, ramous, particularly near the top, striated, villous. Branches expanding, height of the whole plant from two to five feet. Leaves alternate, sessile, downy on both sides, variously laciniate or pinnatifid, with the margins curled, acutely gash-toothletted and often ciliate, the floral ones, from two inches long, the lower or radical ones, six or eight inches long. Panicles terminal, erect. Flowers pedicelled, very numerous, yellow, conical. Receptacle convex.

It differs from lacera, in having all the leaves laciniate and from terebinthinacea in the inflorescence and flowers. In this the panicle is expanded, and oval, and the flowers conical,

in that corymbiform, and the flowers ovate. C. lacera, Burm. Ind. 180, t. 59, f. 1.

Annual, erect. Leaves oval, sharp-toothed, downy. Flowers sub-umbelled.

Beng. Bura kooksoong

Is a large ramous annual species, a native of dry pasture ground near hedges. Flower-

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Page Carey Ed ing during the cold season.

Stem erect, branchy, particularly near the ground. Leaves the lower, or rather the principal leaves of the stem are petioled, lyred; the superior ones simply oval, and many times smaller; all are sharp-toothed, pale green, downy, various in size. Umbellets terminal, and from the exterior axills peduncled. Flowers a dull yellow.

The whole plant has a pretty strong smell of turpentine.

C. aurita. Willd. iii. 1929.

Annual, erect, ramous, covered with glutinous down. Leaves oblong, somewhat lyred, finely-toothed, downy. Peduncles terminal, bracted, one-flowered.

This species is also annual, a native of the same places with the former, flowering in the

same season.

Stem erect, about two feet high, very ramous, round, covered with glutinous down. Leaves, the inferior ones large, petioled, oval, slightly lyred; the superior ones small, linear, sessile, runcinate; all are finely-toothletted, and covered with very soft, somewhat glutinous down; size very various. Peduncles terminal, bracted, downy, erect, one-flowered, the whole forming something like a large flattened panicle.

This species smells still stronger of turpentine than the last described, at the same time the smell is far from being disagreeable. These two promise to contain active principles, yet I cannot learn that they have ever been employed for any use. Cattle never taste either of

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7. C. diffusa. R.

Annual, erect, lower branches long, spreading, or drooping, downy. Inferior leaves sublyrate; superior, sessile, oblong, serrate-dentate. Flowers terminal.

A native of Bengal, where it appears during the dry season.

8. C. fistulosa. Roxb.

Annual, erect, fistulose, downy. Leaves sub-sessile, lanceolate, sinuous-toothed. Spikes sub-verticelled.

Annual, a native of dry ground near the mountainous parts of the coast. It flowers dur-

ing the cold season.

Stem erect, from two to three feet high, piped, branchy, striated, downy. Leaves subsessile, broad-lanceolate, a little hairy, the lower ones sinuous-toothed; the superior ones irregularly toothed; size various. Spikes terminal, sub-verticelled, long, erect. Flowers numerous, pretty large, purple and yellow. Female florets numerous, minute, three-toothed. Hermaphrodite twenty in the centre.

9. C. angustifolia. Roxb.

Annual, erect. Leaves sessile, linear, entire, downy. Panicles terminal; flowers most numerous.

This plant is annual, and I have only met with it in the Company's Botanic garden; it does not appear to be a native of Bengal. I rather suspect the seed to have been accidentally

brought in boxes of earth, with other plants from the Andamaus.

Stem simple, erect, striated, somewhat scabrous, without branches till within a foot, or eighteen inches of the top, where there are several, forming a large oval panicle, the whole height of the plant from four to eight feet. Leaves alternate, sessile; those of the stem most remotely serrate, and reflected; those of the branches entire; all are linear-lanceolate, or linearly-clavate, and covered with short hairs; size very various. In the axills there are always several small leaves. Flowers most numerous, small, of a very pale yellow. Panicles, the whole top, or ramous part of the plant forms a single, large, diffuse one, of an oval form. Calyx hairy. Hermaphrodite florets about ten, or twelve, in the centre. The female ones numerous, in the circumference they are very minute and have the ligulate border three-toothed.

It is from a plant of this genus, or a *Baccharis*, Dr. Buchanan informed me that the natives of the Andaman Islands make their twine for fishing lines; and as the bark of this is

strong, and peels off in long stripes, it may be the same. 10. C. bifoliata. Willd. iii. 1920.

Herbaceous, ascending, downy. Radical leaves short-petioled, the cauline ones sessile, all are serrated, dentate, and downy. Peduncles long, one-flowered, often with one or more leaf-like bractes near the middle.

An annual, a native of dry land, about hedges and road sides. It flowers during the cold

season.

Stems or branches several, ascending, from nine to twenty-four inches high, round, downy. Leaves, the inferior ones large, short-petioled; the upper ones small, sessile, all are obovate-oblong, downy, serrate, serratures acute. Flowers many, terminal, long-peduncled, yellow. Peduncles filiform, straight, often leaf-bearing near the middle, the number in any plant is uncertain, but generally more than two. Scales of the calyx linear, hairy.

11. C. pinnatifida. Buch.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves from pinnatifid, and bipinnatifid on the stem, to linear, and nearly simple, amongst the flowers, soft and villous. Corymbs terminal, compound. Flowers oval, with about five hermaphrodite florets in the centre, and many female ones in the ray, all fertile.

A native of Nepal. It flowers in the cold season in the Botanie garden.

12. C. alata. R.

Shrubby; ramifications numerous and winged. Leaves linear-lanceolate, entire, decurrent. Peduncles terminal, becoming axillary, often winged, and then with a leaf near the solitary flower. Calycine leaflets subulate, the exterior ones recurved.

Doronicum.]

Found in Nepal by Dr. Buchanan, who sent the seeds to the Botanic garden where the Page Carey Ed. plants blossom during the hot season.

13. C. repanda. R.

Annual, straight, ramous. Leaces stem-clasping, not decurrent, lanceolar, repand-denticulate. Flowers numerous, on the branchlets ovate.

From Pegu introduced into the Botanic garden where it appears about the close of the

rains, flowering and ripening its seed from December till May.

Root annual. Stem straight to the top of the plant, from three to six feet high, slightly striated, and somewhat pubescent. Branches numerous, alternate, nearly erect, with alternate, simple or decompound, floriferous branchlets. Leaves alternate, stem-clasping, but not decurrent; those of the stem large, broad-lanceolate, tapering most toward the base, where they expand into two lobes, one on each side of the stem ; the margins repand, and dentate, from six to ten inches long. Those of the branches and branchlets very small; all are harsh to the feel, and a little hairy. Flowers ovate, small, yellow, in little, rather remote, alternate fascicles, on the branchlets, some sessile, some short-peduncled. Scales of the calgar linear, with scariose, ciliate margins. Corollets from ten to twenty, five-toothed hermaphrodite in the centre, numerous, and most slender, three-toothed females in the circumference. Pappus of simple white hairs. Recontacle flat, dotted.

14. C. salicifolia. Willd. iii. 1939. Shrubby. Leaves linear-lanceolar, entire, downy underneath. Corymbs terminal, densely ramous. Flowers with one hermaphrodite floret in the centre, and many most slender females in the ray.

A native of the Mauritius, where it blossoms in September.

15. C. lanceolaria, R.

Perennial, erect, from four to six feet high. Leaves lanceolar, serrate, smooth; petioles

sub-piunatiiid-winged, but not decurrent. Flowers panieled, sub-ovate

Furmel, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous and an article of the Materia Medica of that district. It flowers during the months of February and March, and the seed ripens in about two months.

ERIGERON. Schreb. gen. N. 1287.

Receptacle naked. Pappus hairy. Florets of the ray female, ligulate, and very narrow. E. asteroides. Roxb.

Annual, hairy, and glutinous. Branches longer than the stem. Leaves oblong, gashed, downy. Flowers a few, terminal, peduacled; florets of the ray numerous, long and slender.

An annual, a native of dry cultivated lands. It flowers during the cold season.

Stem erect, from six to twelve inches high, ramous near the ground, round, hairy, Branches ascending, longer than the stem. Leaves alternate; the inferior ones short-petioled, aval or obovate, grossly-toothed; the superior ones sessile, oblong, sub-lyred; all are covered with soft down, and are somewhat glutinous. Flowers a few, terminal, peduneled, large, flat. Hermaphrodite florets of the disk yellow; the female ones ligulate; those of the border blue, generally entire, and only emarginate.

SENECIO, Schreb. gen. N. 1290.

Calyx cylindrical, calycled, apices dead. Receptacle naked. Pappus simple. Florets of

the disk male, of the ray female. S. Moluccana, R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves sessile, from cunciform to elliptic, very remotely serrate-dentate. Corymbs terminal. Corols naked.

A native of the Molucca Islands.

ASTER. Schreb. gen. N. 1291.

Receptacle naked. Pappus simple. Florets of the ray ligulate and more than ten. Calyx imbricated; lower scales spreading

A. chinenzis, Willd. iii. 2038

Annual, hairy. Leaves sub-oval, deeply serrate, or gashed, and ciliate with winged, stem-clasping petioles. Flowers terminal, solitary.

A. chenopodii folio, &c. Dill. Elth. t. 34. f. 38.

From Nepal, where it is indigenous, Dr. Buchanan sent the seed to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, under the name Gaynatus, which is its vernacular one in that country.

2. A. trinervius. Roxb.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves sessile, entire, and serrate, three-nerved. Panicle terminal,

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden, where the plant blossomed in November and December, when about two years old.

This handsome, shrubby species does not seem to require any further description than the above. The original plant did not produce ripe seed, and perished when three years old.

DORONICUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1297.

Receptacle naked. Calyx imbricated, Seeds of the disk with a simple, hairy pappus; those

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Page of the ray naked.

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D. calcarate

D. calcaratum. R.

Annual, erect, ramous, and slender. Leaves stem-clasping, sagittate, serrate.

Jacobea perfolia. Burm. Zeyl. t. 55, f. 2. Inula Indica. Willd. iii. 2092.

Teling. Paleroopoo.

An annual, growing under the shade of trees, on an uncultivated dry soil. It flowers

during the cold season.

Stem erect, ramous, round, coloured, a little hairy; from one to three feet high. Leaves stem-clasping, sagittate, irregularly serrate, somewhat downy. Flowers many, terminal, peduncled, pretty large, yellow. Florets; female of the ray tongued, linear, three-toothed, in the fissures of the mouth of the tube there stands a filiform recurved spur opposite to the tongue. This is an excellent specific mark. Seeds of the female florets, naked, smooth; those of the hermaphrodites hairy, and crowned with hairy pappus. Receptacle convex, naked.

TAGETES. Schreb. gen. N. 1302.

Receptacle naked. Pappus of five, erect awns. Calyx one-leaved, five-toothed. Florets of the ray four or five, permanent.
1. T. patula. Willd. iii. 2126.

Annual, ramous, spreading. Leaves lanceolate, ciliate-serrate.

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Beng. Genda. T. erecta. Willd. iii. 2127.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves lanceolate, ciliate-serrate. Peduncles naked, one-flowered.

Beng. Genda.

If originally from Mexico, like Tobacco, they have now become denizens of the East, and considered as indigenous, particularly in Persia and China. They blossom during the coolest season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

ZINNIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1304.

Receptacle chaffy. Pappus of two straight awns. Calyx sub-ovate, imbricate. Z. bidens. Retz. Obs. v. 28.

Leaves pinnatifid. Flowers peduncled, hermaphrodite; florets four-cleft.

Is a rare plant on the coast of Coromandel, I have only found it amongst the Circar

mountains during the rainy season, when it flowers.

Root woody, perennial. Stem erect, frequently ramous, and from six to eighteen inches high. Leaves radical, many, petioled, pinnatifid, smooth; divisions linear, those of the stem sub-sessile, otherwise they are like those of the root. Flowers a few, terminal, pedancled, small, yellow. Calyx simple, from eight to ten-leaved. Hermaphrodite florets of the disk from seven to twelve, four-cleft. Female florets of the ray from five to ten. Stamens four. Seeds, those of the ray shortest, all compressed, striated, and two-horned; horns straight, divaricate, acute, armed with short, stiff hairs pointing backwards, by these they adhere readily to whatever touches them.

Note. Willdenow has by some unaccountable mistake quoted Retzius's Z. bidens, which I know to be this plant, as I was with König when he first discovered and described it, for

Verbesina Boswellia, a very ramous, cespitose plant; whereas this is rigidly erect.

CHRYSANTHEMUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1307.

Receptacle naked. Pappus none. Calyx hemispherical, imbricated; the marginal scales membranaceous.

C. Indicum. Willd. iii. 2147.

Diffuse, perennial. Leaves variously divided. All the florets ligulate. Tsjetti pu. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 44.

Matricaria Chinensis. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 91. f. 1. bad.

Teling. Chamunti.

Common in gardens all over India, where one name, Gool-daoodi of the Hindoos, serves for all the varieties. Flowering time the cold season.

2. C. cuneatum. R.

Perennial, diffuse, or creeping. Leaves sessile, wedge-shaped, deeply serrate, or gashed round the anterior margins. Flowers solitary, whitish; scales of the calyx cuneate, and cilliate.

A native of the Moluccas.

PYRETHRUM. Schreb.

Receptacle naked. Pappus emarginate. Calyx hemispheric, imbricate. Scales rather acute, with scariose margins.

P. Indicum. R.

Annual, erect, ramous, glaucous. Leaves stem-clasping, pinnatifid. Branches one-flowered; flowers yellow, sometimes radiate.

[Matricaria, Cotula, Eclipta, SYNGENESIA SUPERFLUA.

Siegesbeckia. A native of Bengal. In the Botanic garden it appears, flowers, ripens its seed, and

perishes during the dry season.

Root annual, ramous. Stem short, furnishing numerous, approximate, erect branches, particularly near the base, which are at first simple, but as the plants advance, they furnish a branchlet from the axill of each leaf; all are round, smooth, and glaucous; general height of the whole plant from one to two feet. Leaves alternate, one under each branch and branchlet, linear, stem-clasping, bipinnatifid, and pinnatifid; segments sometimes obtuse, others triflingly acute, from one to three inches long. Flowers large, of a lively yellow, solitary, on long terminal, round, glaucous, smooth peduncles. Calga; scales oblong, imbricated; margins scariose. Corol, it is in general entirely composed of numerous, hermaphrodite, tubular, five-cleft florets; more rarely radiate with ligulate, three-toothed females. Seeds with a margin round the apex, which often projects inward like a hornlet. Receptacle convex, naked, dotted.

MATRICARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1308.

Calyx hemispherical, imbricated; marginal scales solid. Receptacle naked. Pappus none. M. suarcolens. Willd. iii. 2161.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves super-decompound, filiform; ray white; disk yellow. Re-

ceptacle conical. A native of Hindoostan, and Persia. Flowering time the cold season in the Botanic garden.

COTULA, Schreb. gen. N. 1310.

Receptacle almost naked. Pappus marginate. Florets of the disk four-cleft; of the ray, scarcely any.

C. sinapifolia. Buch.

Annual, sub-erect. Leaves alternate, petioled, pinnstifid, or lyrate, serrate, hairy. Flowers floscular, small, sub-terminal, peduneled.

A native of Nepal, from whence Dr. Buchanan sent the seeds to the Botanic garden at

Calcutta, where the plants blossom in May.

Stem nearly erect, a little hairy, succulent, with few ascending branches; height of our plants at Calcutta, from six to twelve inches. Leaves alternate, petioled, pinnatifid, sevrate, rugose, a little hairy, and harsh to the feel. Flowers pediuncled, terminal, several together. small, globular, in the centre yellow, in the ray silver-coloured. Calgar from twelve to sixteenleaved. Florets of the centre hermaphrodite, yellow, four-cleft; those of the ray female, more numerous, white, smaller, and two or three-toothed. Receptacle hemispheric, naked. Seeds crowned with a callous margin, and often with two small, tender bristles.

ECLIPTA. Schreb. gen. N. 1316.

Receptacle chaffy. Pappus none. Florets of the disk hermaphrodite and four-cleft; those of the ray female, and ligulate.

E. prostrata, Willd, iii, 2218.

Annual, scabrous, from erect, to prostate. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolate, serrate. Peduncles axillary, one, two, or three together, one-flowered. Seeds scabrous.

Ecliptica. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 18. f. 2.

Reng. Kesuti, or Keysuria.
Cajenneam. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 41. tolerable for a young luxuriant plant.

Eupatoriophalaeron, &c. Dill. Elth. t. 113. f. 137, 138.

Verbesina prostrata, and alba. Sp. Pt. 1272. and I suspect E. erecta, punctata, and prostrata, are only one and the same species, or at most but accidental varieties, from age, soil, and situation; at least I have never found any other in India to compare with them.

Very common in India, and in blossom all the year, which is uncommon in this class. In tattooing, the natives after puncturing the skin, rub the juicy green leaves of this plant over the part; which gives the desired indelible colour, viz. a deep bluish black.

SIEGESBECKIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1320.

Receptacle chaffy. Pappus none; exterior calyx five-leaved.

1. S. orientalis. Willd. iii. 2219.

Annual, erect; branches dichotomous or trichotomous. Leaves opposite, from triangularly ovate, to lanceolate, the larger obtusely laciniate. Peduncles from the fork of the branches, one-flowered.

A native of the Moluccas.

This has the inversely pyramidal, tubercled, brown, bald seed of Gærtner's plant, which induces me to thick it is his, though the leaves do not agree.

2. S. brachiata. Roxb.

Annual, erect, brachiate, ultimately dichotomous. Leaves opposite, petioled, triangularly cordate, gressly servate. Calyx longer than the florets.

An annual, a native of the moist vallies among the Circar mountains. Flowering time the

Stem erect, round, piped, branchy, downy. Branches cross-armed, stem-like; the whole height about four feet. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, coarsely serrate, running down the

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Page petiole, very soft, downy; the longer ones are from four to five inches long, and three broad-larcy Flowers terminal, small, yellow. Leaflets of the common exterior calyx, wedge-formed, increasing in length till the seeds are ripe; on the outside they have simple hairs; and on the inside they end in green glutinous bulbs. Hermaphrodite florets ten, shorter than the calyx; five of which stand in the disk; the other five stand alternate with the five female florets in the ray. III.

There is no other interior cally than the obtuse, boat-like chaff of the receptacle; their number is equal to that of the female florets which they embrace, they are covered on the outside with hairs, each ending in a green glutinous bulb.

VERBESINA. Schreb. gen. N. 1317.

Receptacle chaffy. Pappus awned, or none. Calyx simple, or in a double order.

V. calendulacea, Willd. iii. 2226.

Perennial, creeping. Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate, serrate. Peduncles very long, one-flowered. Calyx five-leaved. Female florets eleven.

Beng. Bangra.

Pee-cajoni. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 42. Caltha, &c. Burm. Zeyl. t. 22. f. 1.

Grows amongst bushes or wet lands near Calcutta. Flowering during the rains,

Stems annual, creeping, or climbing; branchlets sub-creet, round, somewhat scabrous, from one to four feet long. Leaves opposite, sessile, broad-lanccolate, sometimes most slightly and remotely serrate, on both sides scattered with short, stiff, white hairs issuing from dark green pits, from two to four inches long. Peduncles axillary, solitary, longer than the leaves, erect, round, a little hairy, one-flowered. Flowers pretty large, of a bright yellow. Calyx five-leaved. Hermaphrodite florets from twenty to thirty. Female ones from ten to fifteen, with their apices three-toothed. Seeds angular, crowned with a variously divided coronet. Receptacles convex, chaffy ; chaff lanceolate.

The plant is void of smell, but has a slight terebinthenaceous taste.

2. V. biflora. Willd. iii. 2226.

Erect, annual. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate-lanceolate, serrate. Flowers terminal, three-fold; the middle one often sessile. Calyx many-leaved.

Vallia-manga-mari. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 40.

A native of various parts of India. It flowers in the cold season.

3. V. scandens, Roxb.

Perennial, scandent. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, serrate, three-nerved. Flowers terminal, tern, and solitary. Calyx double. Female florets eight.

Beng. Bim-raj.

Is perennial, a native of hedges, uncultivated places, &c. about Calcutta. It flowers dur-

ing the rainy and cold seasons.

Stem long, straggling, or climbing, often as thick as the little finger, smooth. Branches opposite, somewhat four-sided. Leaves opposite, petioled, cordate, serrate, pointed, three-nerved, a little hairy, particularly the nerves, from two to four inches long. Petioles channelled, half the length of the leaves. Peduncles terminal, generally three-fold, erect, the lateral ones threeflowered, white, that of the centre has only one. Flowers pretty large, of a bright yellow. Florets, about twenty hermaphrodite ones, and eight or ten female ones with their apices two or three-toothed. Seeds turbinate, angular, scabrous. Receptacle chaffy, a little convex; the chaff wedge-formed, concave, hairy.

This plant, like the last, has no smell; but tastes slightly terebinthaceous.

4. V. sativa. Roxb.

Annual, erect, hispid. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, cordate-lanceolate, serrate. Flowers

terminal, long-peduncled, two or three-fold.

Karamdoo of the inhabitants of the Mysore country, where the plant is cultivated in the fields for its seed, from which an oil is expressed, and used as a substitute for the common sesamum oil. It is also cultivated in the vicinity of Nagpore, and in various other parts of India, for the same purpose. In 1800, the seeds were received into the Botanic garden from H. Colebrooke, Esq. the resident at the Court of the Berar Raja, and from Mr. Heyne at

The usual season for cultivating this plant, is during the cool months, between October

and March.

Stem annual, erect, round, harsh, with white, slender, curved bristles. Branches opposite, expanding; the height of the whole plant, in a good soil, about three feet; the parts exposed to the sun tinged with purple. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, linear-lanceolate, with cordate, almost perfoliate bases, remotely serrate, somewhat barsh but not so much so as the stem and branches; from four to six inches long, and from one to two broad at the base. Peduncles terminal, generally two or three together, though sometimes solitary, one-flowered, round, hairy; from three to six inches long. Flowers large, beautiful, of a bright lively yellow, inodorous. Calyx common, simple, five-leaved; leaflets ovate, villous. Hermaphrodite florets numerous in the centre, five-toothed. Female florets about eight or ten in the circumference, broad tongue-shaped, three-toothed. Seeds of both the hermaphrodite and female florets smooth, dark, of a blackish brown colour, nearly four-sided, with the angles rounded and tapering to the base. Receptacle convex, chaffy. Chaff concave, one to each floret embracing the exterior side of the seed. Those of the female florets larger.

[Helianthus, Centaurea, SYNGENESIA FRUSTRANEA.

Elephantopus. 5. V. Lavenia. Fl. Zeyl. 310.

Annual, erect, hairy. Leaves opposite, and alternate, petioled, from cordate to oblong, three-nerved, serrate, hairy. Seeds of the disk two-horned, those of the ray three.

Lavenia erecta. Willd. iii. 1724.

Pu-tumba. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 63. a bad figure, and that of Burman's Zeyl. t. 42. is still

An annual, a native of dry rubbish, and lands that have lately been in cultivation. It

flowers most part of the year.

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Stem erect, round, hispid, branchy; the whole plant two or three feet high. Branches below opposite, above often alternate, or two-forked. Leaves short-petioled, opposite or alternate with the branches, in young luxuriant plants cordate, in others oblong, or broad-lanceolate, pointed, three-nerved, serrate, scabrons and downy; size very various. Peduncles solitary, leaf-opposed or in the divisions of the branches, round, scabrons, one-flowered. Flowers small, white. Calyx common, simple, five-leaved. Hermaphrodite florets from ten to fifteen in the disk; and five female ones in the ray. Seeds of the ray three-horned, and three-sided; those of the disk compressed and two-horned. Chaff of the receptacle linear; apex from three to four-toothed.

This has a faint, pleasant, aromatic smell. 6. V. Boswellia. Willd. iii. 2225.

Annual, cespitose. Leares alternate, and divided into numerous capillary segments. A native of Coromandel, where it appears on low sandy moist ground during the dry

Willdenow considers Zinnia, bidens (Retz. Obs. vi. 28.) to be this plant. It is very different, and according to my idea, a very perfect Zinnia, with a herbaceous, rigidly erect stem, and pinnatifid leaves; whereas this lies flat on the ground, and leaves bi- and tripinnate.

SYNGENESIA FRUSTRANEA.

HELIANTHUS, Schreb. gen. N. 1322.

Calyx imbricate, somewhat squarrose. Pappus two-leaved. Receptacle chaffy, flat.

H. annuus. Willd. iii. 2237.

All the leaves cordate, three-nerved. Peduncles thickening. Flowers drooping.

Beng. Soorja mookee. Pers. Gooli-aftab.

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Of this we have several varieties from China, and Persia, and although originally from Peru, it may now without much impropriety, be inserted here, as an Indian plant.

CENTAUREA. Schreb. gen. N. 1331.

Calyx imbricate. Florets of the ray funnel-formed, longer and irregular. Receptacle bristly. Pappus simple

1. C. moschata. Willd. iii. 2278.

Calyx with roundish-ovate, smooth scale. Leaves lyrate-toothed.

In gardens all over India, where it flowers during the cold season, and is considered a native of Persia.

2. C. lanata, Roxb.

Annual, ramons, woolly. The interior leaves petioled and sub-pinnatifid; the superior ones, sessile, lanceolar. Scales of the calyx with scariose pectinate margins

Found by Richard Pierard, Esq. on a mountain in the vicinity of Hurdwar. From the specimens collected by that gentleman, seeds were obtained which produced abundance of plants in this garden which blossomed in April and May.

Stem erect, soon dividing into many, alternate, sub-erect, somewhat angular, woolly branches; the whole height from twelve to eighteen inches. Leaves numerous, approximate, the inferior ones petioled and pinnatifid; the superior ones sessile, lanceolar and linear-oblong, about the middle of the plant they are remotely denticulate, while those near the flowers are entire, all are woolly on both surfaces; from two to six inches long. Peduncles terminal, solitary, short, one-flowered; size and colour of the flowers nearly as in C. cyanus. Scales of the calvx oblong, with a broad, scariose, pectinate border round the anterior margins. Neuter florets from eight to ten, with a filiform, long, curved tube. Seeds oblong, smooth. Pappus bristly in the circumference, chaffy in the centre. Receptacle bristly.

SYNGENESIA SEGREGATA.

ELEPHANTOPUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1347.

Partial perianth four-flowered. Florets tubular, hermaphrodite. Receptacle naked. Pappus bristly.

E. scaber. Willd. iii. 2389.

Herbaceous, Leaves chiefly radical, sessile, oblong, very hairy. Heads peduncled and sessile. Involuces three-leaved, many-flowered.

Ana schovadi. Rheed. Mal. x. p. 13. t. 7.

Beng. Samdullum.

A native of the warmer parts of India, delighting in a dry elevated soil; flowering time

Root fibrous, biennial or more. Stem erect, rigid, ramous, round, hairy, about one foot high, and as thick as a stout quill. Leaves chiefly radical, half stem-clasping, spreading flat on the surface of the earth, oblong, wrinkled, crenulate, very hairy. The cauline leaves are few, much smaller, and at the insertion of the branches only. Heads solitary, terminal on long peduncles with a sessile one at the base of each of the long peduncles. Involucre, or common perianth of three sessile, cordate, hairy leaflets, embracing numerous fascicles of corollets. Perianth, partial, many-leaved, four-flowered. Florets tubular; the hermaphrodite ones pale red. Pappus of five hairy bristles.

SPHÆRANTHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1352.

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Partial perianth eight-flowered. Florets tubular, a few hermaphrodite ones are mixed with more obscure females. Receptacle scaly. Pappus none.

1. S. mollis, R.

Annual, winged. Leaves sessile, decurrent, long-obovate, bristle-serrate, downy and glutinous. Peduncles as long as the leaves; scales of the perianth lanceolate, and ciliate. Female florets filiform.

Adaca-manjen. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 43.

An annual, a native of dry land that has been lately in cultivation. It flowers during the cold season.

Stem scarcely any, but many expanding, dichotomous, winged branches; these wings are irregularly toothed and take their rise from the insertions of the leaves; the whole plant is from one to two feet high. Leaves sessile, decurrent, oblong, obtuse, bristle-serrate, covered on both sides with soft, glutinous down. Flowers solitary, leaf-opposed, or terminal, peduncled, globular, rose-coloured, or inclining to purple. Peduncles winged, branch-like. Calyx, perianthium, common scarcely any; partial one many-leaved; leaflets linear-lanceolate, and ciliate.

This plant is remarkably fragrant; it certainly might be applied to valuable purposes in medicine.

2. S. Indicus, Willd. iii. 2394.

Annual, winged. Leaves lanceolate, decurrent, serrate, villous. Peduncles short, winged; scales of the proper perianth cuneate, and smooth. Female florets about fifteen, and gibbous.

A native of Bengal, where it flowers in the cold season. This species is perfectly inodorous, whereas S. mollis is very fragrant.

ECHINOPS. Schreb. gen. N. 1353.

Partial perianth one-flowered. Florets tubular, hermaphrodite. Receptacle bristly. Pappus obscure.

E. echinatus. Roxb.

Annual, ramous, spreading. Heads globular, spinous. Partial perianth double;* the exterior one imbricated, many-leaved; the interior one-leaved, flve-cleft.

A native of Mysore, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent the seed to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants thrive luxuriantly, and blossom about the beginning of the hot

season in February and March.

Root annual. Stem searcely any, but many, dichotomous, round, villous branches spreading in every direction; height of the luxuriant plants in the Botanic garden, not more than two feet, but covering an extent of ground fully twice that in diameter. Leaves stem-clasping, runcinate, spinous-toothed, villous above, and tomentose, or cottony underneath. Heads of flowers terminal, solitary, globular, white. Common perianth of several, totally reflexed, spatulate, laciniate, ciliate, permanent scales. Proper perianth double, one-flowered; the exterior one of several, acute, imbricated scales, surrounded with much long hair, here and there one of the scales ending in a long, straight, simple spine, which projects a little beyond the flowers; the inner or proper perianth, one-leaved. Tube gibbous. Border five-parted; division unequal, and ciliate. Florets, tube cylindric; divisions of the border revolute. Seeds hairy, enclosed in the tube of the inner proper perianth. Receptacle globular, naked.

CESULIA. R.

Calyx common, many-leaved. Partial perianth one-leaved, one-flowered. Florets tubular, hermaphrodite. Receptacle naked. Pappus none.

C. axillaris. Willd. iii. 1796. Corom. pl. 1. N. 93.
Annual, creeping near the base. Leaves alternate, lanceolate, serrate. Flowers axillary,

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Stems annual, towards the base creeping, and branchy, above erect, round, smooth, the

^{*} I may say triple, if the large quantity of long white hair which surrounds the many-leaved, imbricated one, can be so called.

erect parts from nine to fifteen inches high. Leaves alternate, stem-clasping, lanceolate, serrate, smooth, with the base much expanded, so as to form a cup-like receptacle for the flower. Flowers axillary, single, sessile, of a beautiful light purple. Common perianth many-leaves. ed, unequal; the exterior two or three that are placed on the sides, are the largest, and end like a leaf. Partial perianth one-flowered, one-leaved, campanulate, smooth, contracted, margin two-cleft, permanent. Corol compound. Florets numerous, all hermaphrodite, equal; tube longer than the perianth; border five-cleft, spreading. Filaments five, as in the class. Germ ovate. Stigma two-cleft. Pericarp none, the belly of the partial perianth closely enveloping each seed, and forming its exterior covering. Seed one, wedge-formed, somewhat four-sided, crowned with the two divisions of the mouth of the partial perianth.

I believe Dr. König never saw this plant, to me it seems as if it would form a new

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Caiyx, common four-leaved. Partial perianth one-leaved, one-flowered. Florets hermaphrodite, tubular, five-cleft in the disk; the female ones sub-ligulate, from three to fourtoothed in the ray. Receptacle naked. Pappus none.

H. repens. Roxb. Beng. Hingtsha.

A native of Bengal, delighting in a moist rich soil, and often extending itself-consider-

ably over the surface of the adjoining pools of water. Flowering time the cold and hot seasons.

Stems creeping, ramous, round, hairy, jointed; length very various; they appear to be perennial. Leaves opposite, stem-clasping, linear lanceolate, remotely serrate, a few distinct, woolly hairs over the under side of the nerve chiefly, and marked with numerons glands; from one to two inches long. Flowers solitary, sessile, terminal, or in the divisions of the branchlets. Calga, common, four-leaved, leaflets cordate, obtuse, the interior pair smaller, all are entire, smooth, fleshy and permanent. The partial calga one-leaved, spathiform, enveloping the germ, open on the inside, where the margins overlap each other; mouth contracted, ciliate and divided. Corol compound, uniform, convex. Florets bermaphrodite, many in the disk; the female ones margin the circumference; the hermsphrodite ones funnel-shaped, five-eleft; the females sub-ligulate, the inner fissure being much deeper; border very short, from three to four-toothed. Stamess in the hermsphrodite florets five, the authors coalesced. Pistil in all the germs oblong, and the stigma two-cleft. Pericarpium none, the calyx unchanged envelopes the oblong, smooth, black seed, which is destitute of crown or pappus. Receptacle flat, naked.

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GYNANDRIA MONANDRIA.

ORCHIS. Schreb. gen. N .--

Nectory horn-shaped behind the flower.

1. O. platyphyllos. Willd. iv. 11.

Bails undivided; lip of the nectary roundish, three-parted; middle divisions lanccolate, horn twice the length of the germ. Leaces oval, spreading close on the surface of the earth. Racemes erect.

2. O. plantaginea. Corom. pl. 1. N. 37.

A native of moist vallies among the Circar hills. Flowering in the rainy season.

Roof a bulb, perennial, generally single, undivided, ovate, of the size of a pigeon's egg, with a few fungous, villous fibres issuing from the base of the scape near its insertion in the top of the bulb. Leaves from four to eight, radical, pressing on the earth, broad, oval, smooth, of a deep shining green, fleshy, slightly marked with many nerves, about four inches long, and three broad. Scape erect, about a foot, or a foot and a half high, including the flower-hearing part, as thick as a goose-quill, round, smooth; at every inch and a half or two inches, there is a lanceolate, foliaceons sheath. Spike from four to six inches long, every where surrounded with flowers. Flowers numerous, single-bracted, white, fragrant. Bracles single. one-flowered, lanceolate, nerved, as long as the germ. Corol, three exterior petals nearly equal; two interior, small, obliquely oblong, erect, forming a dome over the anthers. Nectary, upper lip short; the under one three-parted, middle division long, narrow-pointed, recurved. Horn nearly twice the length of the germ.

3. O. commelinafotia, R.

Lip three-parted. Segments filiform; horn filiform, twice the length of the long taper-

pointed germ; tubers from two to four, fusiform, thin, leafy; leaves lanceolate, sheathing.

An erect plant, about eighteen inches high; a native of the northern parts of Bengal. from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it blossoms in August, which is the middle of the rainy season.

Root consisting of two, three, or four fusiform, succulent, pale tubers, and fleshy fibres. Stem erect, simple, including the doriferous part, about a foot and a half round, smooth, joint-

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ed, as thick as a slender quill. Leaves alternate, lanceclate, shining, the largest about six inches long, by one broad, decreasing gradually into bractes in the spike, where they end, long, slender, and sharp. Sheaths cylindric, about half the length of the joints of the stem. Flowers many, scattered round the last five or six inches of the plant, pretty large, white, and inodorous. Corol (calyx, Swartz,) exterior and inferior lateral two petals semi-cordate, reflexed, ribbed; the upper one vaulted; the interior two unequally oblong. Lip. at the base a short, linear, undivided part, the rest consisting of three, nearly equal, long, filiform segments, the middle one projecting downwards and backwards, the lateral two diverging. Horn generally more than twice the length of the germ, filiform, with a clavate apex, green and variously curved. Column of the fructification short, protruding two long acute horns forward, into their fine extreme points. The proper filaments are inserted, and until expansion remain hid in a very fine groove along their upper edge. Anthers ovate, before expansion lodged between the thin folds of the column near its apex. Stigma, a clammy pit behind a linguiform process rising from the upper edge of the entrance into the horn. Germ oblong, groove long, taper-pointed.

4. O. uniflora. R.

Lip obcordate; the entire petals spreading; the inner two sub-rotund; horn filiform, three times the length of the germ. Leaves about two, lanceolar, three-nerved. Peduncle terminal,

A native of cool shaded moist spots amongst the Garrow hills, where it blossoms in September. The whole plant scarcely rises to six inches.

PTERYGODIUM. Swartz.

Corol five-petalled, sub-ringent; the upper three petals vanited, the lower two spreading. Lip inserted on the style, between the cells of the anthers. Stigma behind.

Root, ramous, bulbs branchy, sub-cylindric. Stems leafy; the lower leaves ensiform. Helmet of the corol bagged behind; lip with a long claw and uniform lamina.

Beng. Shwet hoolee.

It is said there is a red and blue hoolee, neither of which I have yet seen. This white variety is a native of pasture ground near Calcutta; appearing during the latter part of the

cold season only, about six or eight inches in height.

Roots consisting of several, pretty long, flashy fibres. Stem leafy, erect, round, smooth.

Leaves scattered, sword-shaped, with vaginated bases, entire, smooth, shorter than the stem. Spike oblong, crowded with numerous, small, white flowers. Bractes broad-lanceolate, the length of the germs. Corol, the three upper petals forming an helmet, of which the superior one is incumbent, and formed into a bag behind. Nectory sub-cylindric, near the base are two small, membranaceous, incurved lobes; grooved both above and underneath; the apex or lamina entire, reniform, yellow; before and after the time of blossoming it appears as if of two incurved, fleshy lobes.

EPIPACTIS. Swartz.

Corol five-petalled, spreading. Lip without horn. Anther operculate, persistent. Pollen granulate.

E. Juliana. Roxb.

Root a single, simple, globular, white bulb; leaf radical, solitary, cordate, seven-nerved. Scape one-flowered. Lip with two small falcate lobes at the base. Lamina rhombiform, and entire. Capsules six-winged.

A delicate, small plant, found in the vicinity of Calcutta amongst grass in shady places, where the soil is stiff. The flowers appear about the beginning of June, and the leaves a month

or two afterwards.

Root single, biennial, round, solid clear tubers or bulbs, the size of a filbert, with here and there a short, woolly, thick fibre projecting a little from their surface. Leaves radical, solitary, appearing after the plant has done flowering, short-petioled, cordate, entire, smooth, from five to seven-nerved, purple underneath, about two inches long, and in breadth nearly the same. Scape filiform, smooth, from three to six inches long, one-flowered, partially invested in a few remote smooth sheaths. Bractes a single small ensiform one at the base of the germ. Petals five, equal, sub-unilateral, ensiform, expanding, pale green, like the scape and sheaths. Lip horizontal; base enlarged by a short falcate lobe on each side, which are incurved into a tube round the column; lamina rhombiform, entire, expanding, rather longer than the petals, smooth except at the base in the inside, where there are a few hairs; colour very pale pink mottled with bright red. Germ oblong, six-ribbed. Column (style) as long as the falcate wing of the lip. Lid, pollen and stigma as in the genus.

2. E. carinata. Roxb.

Root, a single simple, sub-globular, white bulb. Leaf radical, solitary, cordate, smooth, seven-nerved. Scape many-flowered. Lip rhombiform, sub-trilobate; middle lobe half the length of the whole, and crenate. Capsules oval, six-winged.

A native of Bengal; in the Botanic garden it is indigenous amongst grass, and flowers in April, the dryest and hottest month of the year, at which period the plants are destitute of

leaves, but they appear in May when the flowers have withered.

Root, a single, white, sub-pellucid tuber, exactly like that of the former, (A. juliana) but

larger. Leaves radical, a single one springing from each bulb, about a month after the flowers P have decayed, they are petioled, cordate, smooth, entire, of an uniform green on both sides, about seven-nerved; length and breadth rather above two inches. Scape erect, invested in a few simple sheaths; about six or eight inches high, and void of pubescence. Flowers several, peduncled, scattered round the upper part of the scape, large, drooping. Bractes ensiform, one under the insertion of each peduncle, and fully as long as it and the germ together, smooth. Petals five, equal, unilateral, linear-lanceolar, expanding, very acute, of a uniform pale green, withering. Lip rhombiform, at the middle on each side a deeper sinus, making the whole appear somewhat three-lobed, before these the margins are deeply and irregularly crenate, on the inside concave, and somewhat woolly, with purple veins, and spots on a pale greenish yellow ground. Column as in the genus. Germ oval.

3. E. plicata. Roxb.

Bulb spherical. Scape from two to three-flowered. Leaves single, radical, round-cordate,

plaited and coloured, many-nerved.

A small, beautiful, herbaceous plant, growing under the thick shade of hamboos, in the vicinity of Calcutta, blossoming in the months of May, and June; immediately after the

flowers decay the leaf from each bulb appears.

Root, a small, solid, probably biennial, pale white, sub-diaphanous, round bulb, marked with two sets of rings, and numerous, short, obtuse papilize, from the centre of one of the sets of the rings issues the scape, and soon afterwards the leaf. Leaves radical, generally single, rust-coloured on the surface, greener underneath, round-cordate, ribbed with many nerves, both sides clothed with short, distinct, white bristles, about four inches each way. Petioles channelled, and cuveloped in sheaths like those of the scape. Scape radical, appearing before the leaf, erect, generally bearing on its apex two large flowers, embraced by two or three vaginated scales. Flowers large; corol of a yellowish green, with a pale rose-coloured neutary. Calyx; spaths a small lanceolate bracte at the insertion of each flower only. Petals five, equal, lanceolate, smooth, three sub-erect, and two below. Lip sub-eviindric, the margins towards the base, where broadest, being incurved into a tube, which conceals the column of fractification; taming two-lobed. Column of fractification elavate, cover cordate. Stigma a large clammy pit in the under side, near the apex of the column.

Is propagated by suckers from the apex of the periole, just below the leaf, and under the surface of the soil, generally two from each, and by the close of the rains, the single bulb

each terminates in, is nearly as large as the parent.

4. E. trinervia, R.

Root creeping. Leaves sub-radical, petioled, ovate-oblong, three-nerved. Scape with about three remote sheaths below the spike. Lamina transversely linear.

A native of the Moluceas.

The lip and apex of the column of the fructification, are both very remarkable in this pretty plant, which is from six to twelve inches high. The latter may be compared to the bill of a sparrow, which opens when the plant is in vigorous blossom, exposing the two pedicelled polliniferous masses, hanging in a recurved direction from the apex of the upper part of the beil. The lower part, or close of the lip, linear and partly attached to the fore part of the column; the lamina linear also, but transverse, like the letter T. It has the beaked anther of Swartz's Neottia, and may belong to that genus.

5. E. graminifolia. R.

Leaves radical, linear-lanceolar, ribbed. Scape few-flowered. Lip three-lobed, with a double crest in the middle.

A small species, from about eight to nine inches in height; a native of Silhet, where it flowers during the rains. The flowers are pretty large and yellow.

MALAXIS, Swartz.

Corol five-petalled. Lip concave, patula ascending. Anthers operculate.

1. M. plicata. R.

Parasitic. Leaves in radical tufts, broad lanceolate, plaited. Spikes central, erect, naked. Flowers numerous.

It has the erect habit of Katou-ponnam-maravara. Rheed. H. Mal. xii. t. 28. which is quoted by Willdenow for his Malaxis odorata.

A native of Sumatra, from thence brought by Mr. Roxburgh to the Botanic garden in

1804, where it blossoms in July.

Loaves from four to five in a tuft, with their short sheathing petioles, formed into a short stalk; broad lanccolate, somewhat obliquely recurved, plaited, smooth; margins a little waved; about six inches long. Spiker from the centre of the leaves, and about their length, naked, striated, the upper half crowded with numerous, very small, greenish yellow, sessile, drooping flowers. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, recurved, linear-lanceolate. Corol; petals five, somewhat ferruginous; the upper two obliquely evate, incumbent over the nectary, lower three subcuneste, and longer than the other two. Labellum greenish, inserted on the base of the column on the upper side, shorter than petals, ovate-cordate; apex enlarged with an obtuse point, concave and incumbent over the column, like the roof of a house. Column of the fructification short, sub-cylindric. Anthers minute, a pair being in each lobe of the lid, or cover. Stigma a clammy chink just below the anthers, on the upper side of the column, the situation of the nectary, and column being inverted, or resupinate.

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CYMBIDIUM. Swartz.

Corol five-petalled, erect, or spreading. Lip with concave base, and no horn; lamina spreading. Anther a deciduous lid. Potten globular.

1. C. amabile. R.

Parasitic, stemless. Leaves radical, few, lanceolate. Scape naked, few-flowered, perennial, by age becoming vamous. Lateral petals sub-orbicular; middle lobe of the nectary sagittate, with two twisted recurved filaments from its apex.

Epidendrum amabile. Willd.

Angræcum album magus. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 43.

A native of the Moinceas, and from thence introduced into the Company's Botanic garden in 1798, where it blossoms in March and April.

The flowers of this charming species are very large, pure white, and fragrant.

The nectary is here distinctly pedicelled, besides it is rendered remarkable by the two III. large lateral lobes like distinct petals; and by the sagittate middle lobe being ornamented with 458 two long tendril-like filaments from its apex.

C. aloifolium. Willd. iv. 401.

Parasitic, stemless. Leaves radical, linear, channelled, obliquely retuse. Scapes radical, nearly as long as the leaves, many-flowered. Petals lanceolate; lamina three-lobed.

Found by Mr. M. R. Smith growing on various sorts of trees on the Garrow hills, in full blossom in April.

3. C. pendulum. Willd. iv. 101.

Parasitic, stemless. Leaves radical, linear, distichous; retuse. Racemes radical, pendulous, lorger than the leaves, many-flowered.

Epidendrum pendulum. Corom. pl. x. N. 44.

A native of the forests which cover the Circar mountains as well as of Bengal. Flowering time the hot season.

Root of many fleshy fibres, which adhere to the bark of the parent tree, stemless. Leaves radical, from three to five, alternate, bifarious, &c. as in the two former species, only here they are from one and a half to three feet long, and about an inch and a half broad. Scape radical, about two feet long, the lowermost three or four inches is involved in chaffy sheaths, the rest is the raceme, or flower-bearing part, which is perfectly pendulous, and many-flowered. Bractes minute, one-flowered. Petals lanceolate, spreading, equal, striated with red and yellow. Lip three-parted.

4. C. iridifolium. R.

Parasitic, stemless. Leaves bifarious, ensiform. Spikes filiform, drooping. Flowers sub-

verticelled. Lip round-reniform, laciniate.

A very elegant species, found growing on trees in the forests of Silhet; it flowers during the cold season. Here the spikes are solitary from the bosom of the exterior leaf, supported in a pretty long, two-edged peduncle. The flower-bearing part drooping and crowded in a somewhat verticelled form, with innumerable, very minute, beautiful yellow flowers; the five petals oval, and nearly equal; the lip two-lobed, roundish-reniform, with the whole of the margin deeply jagged, and the inside tomentose.

5. C. alatum. R.

Parasitic. Stems bulbiform, aggregate. Leaf solitary from the apex of each bulb, lanceolar. Scapes from the base of the bulbs, drooping, many-flowered. Column much incurved; apex winged; lamina two-lobed.

A middling sized species, a native of the forests of Chittagong. Flowers small, tinged

with ferruginous red, and not very conspicuous, they appear in April, and May.

6. C. nitidum. Roxb.

Parasitic. Stems bulbiform, shining, with two-petioled, lanceolar, lucid leaves from the apex of each. Raceme axillary, the length of the leaves. Petals lanceolar; lamina threelobed, deflected.

A native of the Garrow hills, where it is found growing on trees, and like the greatest

part of this order, blossoms during the hottest time of the year, viz. May.

Root of many, hard, pack-thread-like fibres, by which it adheres to the parent trees. Stems none, or rather bulbiform, long ovate, shining, nearly as large as a pullet's egg, biennial. Leaves two, from the apex of each bulb, petioled, lanccolar, shining, about nine inches long, by one and a half broad. Racemes one from the apex of each bulb between the two leaves, and about their length, smooth, the upper flower-bearing, half drooping, withering. Flowers a few, large, nearly white. Petals five, nearly equal, spreading, lanceolate. Lip large; lamina deflected, three-lobed, lower lobes large, rising up, and embracing the exterior lobes, which are ovate and rather small. Column elongated, clavate, recurved, apex cucullate over the four ovate, deep yellow pollen masses.

III. C. imbricatum, Roxb. 460

Parasitic. Stems bulbiform. Leaves lanceolar, nerved, one from the apex of each bulb. Spikes solitary, from the bosom of the leaf, long-peduncled, drooping, bifariously imbricated, with one-flowered bractes.

Wellia Theka-maravara. Rheed. Mal. xii. t. 24.

A native of the forests of Chittagong and Silhet; where it is found on trees, in flower

Root of many, slender, fleshy fibres, which fix to the bark of the parent trees. Stems no other than a number of oblong, fleshy bulbs, annually producing new ones from their base, Cymbidium.

which are at first sub-cylindric, and invested in two or three short sheaths. Leaves lanceolar, three-nerved and somewhat plaited, smooth, of a glossy green, one, never more, from the apex of each young bulb, deciduous about the end of the first year, leaving the new full grown bulb, which perishes in the course of the second and third year, from six to eight inches long, be about two broad. Spikes a single, long, slender, pedicelled, cylindric one rising from the bosom or axill of each leaf, compactly imbricated on opposite sides, with numerous, oblong, smooth, one-flowered bractes, when a little advanced in size drooping. Corol, three exterior petals nearly equal; the interior one linear-falcate, and with the exterior upper one forming a vault over the column. Lip with large erect sides embracing the column, and broad, threelobed apex pointing back to the rachis. Column short, with a broad, thin, concave margin. Anthers terminal, of a deep orange colour, two-celled. Pollen masses two pair, oval, waxy, of a pale yellow. Capsutes oblong, six-ribbed, smooth, rather less than an inch long.

8. C. bambusifolium. R.

Terrestrial, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, linear-lanceolate, much attenuated, fine-pointed. Paniele, or raceme terminal; the exterior three petals linear-lanceolate; the inner two oblongventricose. Lip length of the petals, three-lobed; the middle lobe more or less cloven.

Found indigenous in the forests of Chittagong, growing in well shaded places on the face

of moist rocks, &c. Flowering time the hot season, March and April chiefly.

Stems erect, shrubby, when in flower three, four or even five feet high. Leaves bifarious, sheathing, linear-lanceolate, smooth, tapering from the base, and very acute, faintly from four to eight-nerved, besides the larger middle one; from six to nine inches long, and under one in breadth. Inflorescence terminal, sometimes a single, simple raceme, but in larger robust plants, a large paniele, composed of many, erect, spreading, simple, or compound ramifications or racemes. Bractes sheathing, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, large, rosy, with the lip of a lively red purple and very beautiful. Petols, the exterior three, linear-lanceolate; the inner two, oblong-ventricose. Lip three-lobed, with the sides or lateral lobes incurved into a tube round the column; middle lobe sub-round, and more or less cloven; margins elegantly curled. Capsules linear-oblong, six-ribbed.

9. C. triste. Willd. iv. 99.

Parasitic, caulescent, creeping. Leaves cylindric, filiform, rigid. Flowers forming little, short-peduncled, lateral corymbiform heads. Lip fleshy, with reniform cordate lamina.

Epidendrum triste. Forst. prod. N. 314.

A very delicate, rather small species, found on trees in the forests which cover great part

of the Delta of the Ganges. In flower during the hot season,

Roots long, crocked, and rather fleshy. Stems ramons, creeping, slender as a quill, decaying at the base as they shoot from the apex. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sheathing, cylindric, long, slender, rigid, solid, variously curved, smooth, without any appearance of groove, or angle, as thick as a pack-thread, and about six inches long. Pedancles solitary, bursting the sheaths of the leaves, very short, few-flowered. Flowers small, in a little hemispheric, or corymbiform head. Petals linear, rather shorter than the lip, smooth, of a pale greenish yellow, the three upper ones forming a vault over the column; the lower two projecting into the margins of the lip, which is composed of an inner, oval, concave portion, joined to the lamina, or exterior reniform, cordate part; the whole is of a firm, fleshy texture, and longer than the petals; colour a dark purple, with a few yellow spots. Anthers decidnous; polles in two round yellow waxy balls.

10. C. aphyllum. Swartz. See Willd. iv. 100.

Root fibrous. Stems simple, round, jointed, leafless. Flowers lateral, sub-sessile; lip with a convolute base, and sub-orbicular, undivided, fringed lamins.

Limodorum aphyllum, Coron. pl. i. N. 41.

A rare plant, a native of dry rocky hills. I brought it into my garden, planted it in as

dry and barren a spot as I could find, but with me it lived only till the first rains fell; however, it blossomed at the beginning of the hot season.

Roots fibrous; adhering in a tuft to rocks, &c. Stems perennial, several, simple, diffuse, or pendulous, as the situation admits, naked, round, jointed at every inch, at each joint a small membranaceous scale, without the least vestige of a leaf. Flowers sessile, unless the germ is called a pedunele, generally single, issuing from the joints of the stems. Lip or nectary large, near the base the sides are incurved to form as it were, a tube; the exterior part

six-parted; margins curled, waved, and ciliate, of apale sulphur colour.

11. C. tessallatum, Willd. iv. 1027 Research, praemorse, dentate, Racemes axillary, few-flowered. Flowers bifarious. Lip with the sides incurved into a tube; lamina taper-

ing, entire, acute.

Epidendrum tessellatum. Corom. pl. i. N. 42.

A very beautiful, perennial parasitic, found adhering to the trunks and branches of trees, amongst the Circar mountains. It flowers during the wet season,

Root, several simple, or ramous, thick, smooth, long, contorted fibres issuing from the lower naked part of the stem, as well as where clothed with the lower leaves, and adhering firmly to the bark of the tree. Stem perennial, simple, one or two feet long, as thick as the little finger, crooked; the upper part covered with leaves; the lower naked, withering away at the lower extremity as it extends from the apex. Leaves approximated, imbricate, alternate, bifarious, linear, channelled, fleshy, smooth, very firm, extremities from two to three-toothed, from six to nine inches long, and about one broad. Racemes axillary, solitary, naked, the length of the leaves, flower-bearing part winding, few-flowered. Flowers from five to ten,

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remote, bifarious, large, beautifully waved and striated with various shades of a greenish vellow. Petals oval, spreading, equal, scolloped. Lip the length of the petals, about the middle

its sides approach, forming a tube, apex somewhat pointed.

Note. When in flower, this is a very beautiful plant; suspended in a room or elsewhere, it will continue to grow for several months, though I believe it will not flower. In this manner it, or the following species, has been brought from China to the coast, under the name of the air, or Cameleon plant, and represented as one of the most wonderful productions of nature, because it will only thrive when so suspended.

It differs from from E. Flos acris, in having the stem simple, and the petals oval and

scolloped.

12. C. tessaloides. R. Parasitie, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, equitant, linear, præmorses Racemes lateral, longer than the leaves. Petals equal, Lip with a winged claw and eleshy lamina, which are convex and channelled above, and concave underneath; apex of two outuse lobes. Harm conic.

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Vanda Asiat. Res. iv. 302.

This beautiful plant is very common in most parts of Bengal, and found on various

trees, though chiefly on the mangoe. Flowering time the rainy season.

Stem creeping, sending forth long, thick, round, ramous, fleshy, whitish roots, which fasten firmly to the trunk or branches of the tree they grow on. The plants are seldom more than two or three feet in length, for they decay at the base, as fast as they shoot from the top. Learer sheathing, liffarious, approximate, recurved, linear, keeled, præmorse, five or signetices long. Scape, generally axillary, solitary, maked, supporting from six to twelve large beautiful flowers. Petals five, nearly rangl, expanding, oblong; margins waved, and here and there a little inflected; upper surface of in X. tessallatum, checkered with yellow and dusky ferruginous purple, underneath white. Lip shortest; the netals. Horn contail, protruding towards the germ, between the two lower petals; laminary oblong, turgid; apex two-lobed; sides rather was as to be convey above and decayly concave undergested in tessallatum, intervallatum interval towards the germ, between the two lower petals; lamina of long, turned; apex two-lobed; sides reflex, so as to be convex above, and deeply concave underneath in tessaliatum incurved into a tube, and the apex acute) colour bluish purple or violet towards the apex; the tiper lip or portion which forms the attachment of the lip and horn to the base of the column of the fructification, has two lateral lobes, obliquely broad-lanceolate, with their acute points incurved towards the apex of the column. Column of the fructification thick, short and obtuse, open in the interior margin near the apex. This mouth, or opening tapers down through the column, into a point, which ends in the telly of the germ in the product of the two round polliniferous balls twien the lid of which is removed gently, the two satisfies rise with a jerk in their broad cordate filament; the lid inserted on the interior parts of the top of the column by a large infundibilitorm base. If removed with less care, and before the latthers are ripe, they remain in the cells, and the funnel-shaped base of the filamenty ises erect. Stigma or channel for conveying the subtile male essence to the germ a clammy opening in the fore part of the column near its top. Pericarpium clavate, with six claiming opening in the fore part of the column near its top. Pericarpium clavate, with six sharp ridges running the whole length.

13. C. præmorsum. Willd. iv. 103.

Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, imbricated, linear, præmorse. Spikes lateral, much shorter than the leaves, many-flowered. Petals equal, cuneate-oblong; lip with erect, ovate, glandular, crisped lamina. Capsules cylindric.

Thalia Maravara. Rheed. Mal. xii. t. 4.

Epidendrum præmorsum. Corom. pl. i. N. 43.

Found growing on trees in the forests which cover the Circar mountains, where it blos-

soms during the hot season chiefly.

Root and stem as in the former species. Leaves remote, alternate, bifarious, linear, channelled, smooth, very firm, emarginate, articulated just above their sheath-like base; about six inches long, and one broad. Spikes between or leaf-opposed, solitary, short, straight, thick, many-flowered. Bractes small, triangular, one-flowered. Flowers surrounding every part of the spike, small, variegated with red and yellow.

LIMODORUM. Swartz.

Corol five-petalled, spreading; lip with base protruded into a horn; lamina spreading. Anthers terminal.

1. L. plicatum. Roxb.

Caulescent. Leaves broad, ventricose-lanceolate, cuspidate, plaited, and nerved. Racemes lateral, erect, simple, many-flowered. Petals sub-ensiform. Lip with a short horn, and obovate, cuspidate lamina.

Angræcum terestre primum. Rumph. Amb. vi. 112. t. 52. f. 1.

A native of Sumatra. Flowering time July and August.

Stems erect, simple, short, round, jointed. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-ventricoselanceolate, cuspidate, plaited, and with as many strongly marked waves in the under side, as there are plaits. Petioles sheathing, and marked with a continuation of the nerves of the leaves down to their insertion, withering into bristly, annular stipules. Scape solitary from the joints of the stems below the leaves, and about their length, erect, simple, round, smooth, embraced by two or three remote, short sheaths. Flowers several, pretty large, of a mixture of yellow, green, and purple. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, ovate-lancoolate. Petals five, sub-ensiform, spreading; the inner two rather narrower: greenish on the outside; yellow on the inside and

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dotted with much purple toward the base. Lip obovate, cuspidate. Hors short and conical. Column of fructification as in the genus.

2. L. bracteatum. R.

Terrestrial, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, linear-lanceolate, three-nerved, raceme terminal,

few-flowered. Bractes broad-lanceolate, large and coloured.

Found indigenous in the Garrow hills, growing in the common soil with many simple, undivided, succulent, glaucous stems, of two or three feet in height, completely invested in the sheaths of the long, narrow leaves, which are three-nerved and glaucous underneath; each stem terminating in a short, erect raceme; of three or four large white flowers, each embraced by its very large, pure white, thin, smooth bracte.

3. L. Tankercillia. Willd, iv. 122.

Herbaceous. Leaves radical, lanceolar, many nerved, and plaited. Scape simple, erect, many-flowered. Lip short-horned; lamina with the lateral lobes rolled in; the middle one emarginate.

A native of the hilly countries immediately north of Silhet, where it grows to be six feet high, and blossoms in April, at which period this magnificent plant is particularly beautiful.

L. virens, Willd. iv. 123. Corom, pl. i. N. 38.

Bulbs undivided, conical. Lip of the nectary with a short horn and two lateral inflected lobes. Leaves radical, linear. Scape branchy. Petals lanceolate.

Katou theka Marabara. Rheed. Mal. xii, t. 25.

Hind. Goruma.

A native of dry, uncultivated or pasture ground, both on the coast of Coromandel, and

in Beugal; flowering in the cold season.

Root, bulbs conical, surrounded with the circular marks of the insertions of the old leaves, greenish, apices generally above the ground, many fleshy fibres issuing from the base. Leaves radical, several, linear, slightly nerved; nearly the length of the scape, about an inch broad, smooth. Scape erect, frequently branchy, from one two feet high, round, smooth, coloured with purple spots; here and there a sheathing, acute scale. Flowers remote, striated, of a greenish yellow. Bracles acute, short, one-flowered. Petioles nearly equal, erect or ascending. Lip broader, but shorter than the petals, laterally lobed; lobes involute; middle division or lamina large, cordate, and fringed.

Terrestrial, herbaccous. Leaves radical, linear, three-nerved, and plaited. Scape simple, few-flowered. Petals linear, unilateral. Lip with a short horn and sub-trilobed, ramentaceous

A native of the northern parts of Bengal; in the Botanic garden, it blossoms in March, when destitute of leaves. Soon after the flower decays the foliage appears, and continues un-

til November.

Hoof, a cluster of regular shaped, white, solid, biennial tubers. Leaves radical, rising in pairs within some common sheaths from the top of the recent tubers, linear, acute, threenerved, plaited, smooth; from twelve to eighteen inches long, and about half or three quarters of an inch broad. Scapes from the former year's tubes, from six to twelve inches high, round, smooth, embraced by a few ensiform scales, the upper half supporting from six to twelve pretty large, drooping, alternate, greenish pink flowers. Pedicels larger than the germ, slender, recurved. Bracter like the scales of the lower part of the scape, but small. Petals five, equal, linear, spreading. Lip united to the base of the column, three-lobed, lower half with sides or lateral lobes incurved round the column, and protruded into short conic horns behind. Lamina, or middle lobe sprending, sub-obcordate, margins curled and of a deeper rose colour ; down the centre pale, and marked with three ramentaceous ribs. Filaments simple, from the interior margin of the apex of the style, just over the stigma thin; apex bifid. Anthers two, one on each division of the filament, sub-semiglobular, yellow, and of a soft, granulated, waxy consistence. Lid or helmet vertical, ovate, deciduous. Germ club-shaped, three-cornered, ribbed. Style or column, semi-cylindric, of the length of the lip. Stigma large, claimmy; pit in the inner or flat side under the apex.

6. L. longifolium. R.

Terrestrial. Leaves from a fusiform bulb, linear, channelled, three-nerved. Scape erect, simple, few-flowered; petals equal, lanceolate. Lip calcarate; lamina three-lobed.

Kas, Tellungshor.

A native of the valleys amongst the Kasai hills; the fissures of the root spring from a slender fusiform bulb, the leaves in number about five or six, from two to three feet long, about half an inch broad, smooth and channelled; scapes radical, about one third or one fourth the length of the leaves and base, only four or five large, rosy flowers.

It differs from Thuberg's figures of ensifolium in the greater length and narrowness of the leaves, and three-lobed lamina of the lip. Like most of the Orchideas, it blossoms during

the cold season.

7. L. bicolor. R. Terrestrial; bulbs round. Leaves radical, lanceolar, ribbed, plaited. Scape simple, erect, many-flowered, the three exterior petals, lanceolar, and green; the inner two oblong. Incumbent over the lip and column. Lip with a short horn, and three-lobed lamina, the middle one linear, oblong, pointed, with shaggy disk

A mative of the interior parts of Bengal. In the Botanic garden it flowers in June. The whole height is then about eighteen inches, the raceme and leaves are nearly equal, the

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Page flowers are rather remote, large, and fragrant, with the three exterior petals very long, expanding and quite green, the inner two and the lip pure white.

8. L. recureum. Willd. iv. 124. Corom. pl. I. N. 39.

Bulbs undivided, round. Lip with a short horn, and shovel-shaped, entire, crenulate lamina. Leaves radical, broad-lanceolate, five-nerved. Scapes half the length of the leaves, retrofracted. Spike sub-globular.

A native of the moist valleys among the Circar hills. Flowering time the beginning of the rains.

Root; bulbs undivided, biennial, striated, nearly round, surrounded with one or two rings, with many thick, fleshy fibres from their lower parts. Stem, if it can be so called, from the side or the base of the bulb; but it is no other than the sheath of the three or four leaves united and enveloped in two or three abrupt sheaths, scarcely appearing above the ground.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, five-nerved, plaited, slender, a little waved round the margins, smooth, from six to twelve inches long, and three or four broad. Scape about six inches long, or rather less than half the length of the leaves, with a few sheaths surrounding it here and there. Spikes globular; the apex looks straight to the ground, many-flowered. Bractes sessile, straight, lanceolate, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, crowded, middle sized, white, with a small tinge of yellow. Petals nearly equal; lip broad; apex rounded, undivided, shovelformed, crenulate. Horn scarcely any.

Note. The plant when in flower, looks well. I have raised them in my garden for some

seasons, where the leaves remain most part of the year.

9. L. nutans. Corom. pl. I. N. 40.

Bulbs undivided, roundish, smooth; lip ovate-cordate, acute. Scape longer than the oblong, five-nerved leaves. Raceme nodding.

Bela pola. Rheed. Mal. xi. t. 35.

Malaxis nutans. Willd. iv. 93.

It is a native of the same places with the last. Flowering time the same.

It differs only from the former in the following respects. Here the bulbs are smooth, there striated. Here the leaves are oval, there lanceolate. Here the scape is longer than the leaves, there not half so long. Here the spike is oblong, and pendulous, there globular and retrofracted. Here the flowers stand at some distance from one another, there they are crowded. Here they are of a beautiful rose colour, there white. Here the lip is sharp pointed, there circular and crenulate.

10. L. candidum. R.

Herbaceous. Leaves two, sub-radical, lanceolar, finely nerved and plaited. Scape erect, much shorter than the leaves; raceme drooping. Lip oval, with scarcely any horn.

Mearmee the vernacular name near Silhet, where it is indigenous; and flowers during

the hot season. Is nearly allied to L. recurcum.

Root tuberous, with very thick, soft, white, spongy fibres. Stem short, composed of the tubular petioles of the two leaves, embraced by two or three tubular sheaths. Leaves two, lanceolar, about five-nerved and plaited, pointed, smooth on both sides; from six to twelve inches long, besides the petioles, which are about six inches more, from three to four inches broad. Scape as long as the petioles of the leaves, and embraced by a few flower-bearing sheaths; apex short and drooping as in L. recurvum. Flowers of a middling size, white. Bractes ensiform. Petals five, oblong, spreading, the exterior three rather narrower, of which the lower two are considerably falcate. Lip much larger than the petals, oval, emarginate; centre tinged with pink, with a swelling behind, but no horn. Column short. Pollen masses two, sub-orbicular. Lid deciduous.

AERIDES. Swartz.

Corol five-petalled, spreading. Lip calcarate; lamina saccate. Anther a deciduous lid.

1. A. guttatum. Roxb.

Parasitic. Stem creeping. Leaves bifarious, imbricated, linear, channelled, obliquely premorse. Racemes axillary, pendulous. Flowers pedicelled. Lamina entire, ascending, oblong; sac wide, and obtuse; capsule triangular.

Beng, Perida Mura.

This lovely parasitical species was found growing on trees in the vicinity of Dacca by the Honourable Charles Andrew Bruce, who sent plants to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, Flowering time the hot and rainy seasons, it has a great resemblance to the tables in Rheed's Hortus Malabaricus, quoted by Willdenow, for Aerides retusum and pramorsum, but the capsule differs from both and I believe the horn lip of the nectary also; however they are certainly very nearly allied, and not inferior in beauty, while in flower, to any of the whole order of Orchidea.

Root of several, thick, fleshy, obtuse fibres, which issue from the stem, through the sheaths of the lower leaves, and adhere to the tree which gives support to the plant. Stem perennial, creeping, invested in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves bitarious, imbricated, sheathing, incurvate, linear, channelled, thick, firm, and smooth; apex obliquely præmorse, from six to twelve inches long, by one broad, when laid flat. Racemes axillary, solitary, drooping, longer than the leaves. Flowers numerous, pedicelled, approximate, diverging, pretty large, colour a beautiful mixture of red and white, spotted. Bractes ovate-cordate, one-flowered, embracing the insertion of the pedicel. Corol, or calyx of Swartz, five-petalled, the upper three oblong, the

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middle or inferior one of these broader, the lower two semi-cordate. Nectary, (labellum, Swartz,) longer than the petals, and more deeply coloured, ascending, concave, cuneiform, with the apex slightly three-lobed, behind protruded into a large, open, obtuse bag, or horn. Column of fructification short. Authors or polliniferous balls two, covered with a deciduous lid. Germ inferior, three-sided. Stigma an oblong clammy opening in the middle of the inferior, flat side of the column, Capsule pedicelled, oblong, three-sided; angles sharp, sides with a broad, flat keel, one-celled, three-valved.

2. A. cornutum.

Parasitic, ramose. Leaves bifarious, linear, retuse. Racemes axillary, drooping. Lip with three-cleft lamina and hooked horn, rising forward and upwards.

Found growing in trees in the vicinity of Dacca, and the eastern frontier of Bengal, in

flower in April, and sweetly fragrant.

Root of several, long, thick, fleshy cords, by which they bind themselves firmly to the trees they grow on. Stems perennial, often divided, decaying at the base, as they shoot from the apex, invested in the sheaths of the leaves. Leaves equitant, bifarious, sheathing, linear, smooth, channelled, drooping, obliquely praemose or retuse; from six to nine inches long, by from one to one and a half broad. Racemes sub-axillary, solitary, drooping, longer than the leaves. Flowers large, surrounding more than the exterior half of the stalks, diverging, white, with a tinge of pink, sweet-smelling. Bractes sub-reniform, one-flowered. Petals five, expanding, the upper one oval; the next two rather narrower, but of the same length; the lower two sub-orbicular and much larger than the other three. Nectary or lip very large; its lamina deeply three-parted, but closed like a case for the column of fructification ; lateral lobes obliquely wedge-shaped, and truncate; the middle one sub-lanceolate with an incurved apex. Horn incurved into a very perfect hook; apex green and somewhat obtuse. Column of fructification very short, but protruded downward into a long concave receptacle for the lower two petals and nectary. Lid beaked. Filament single, rising with a bifid apex, from a beaked process, on the interior part of the top of the column. Anthers two, globular, deep yellow. Stigma immediately under the beak. Germ linear, twisted a little.

Note. My Limodorum obtusicorum no doubt belongs to the same genus with this. They

are both most beautiful while in flower; in appearance obtusicornu has rather the advantage, but the sweet fragrance of the flower of this lovely modest looking species must give it a

decided preference.

3. A. suaveolens. Roxb.

Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, linear, bidentate. Racemes lateral, filiform, drooping. Lamina horn-shaped, unguiculate, with two oblong erect lobes at the base

Found on trees in the forests of Chittagong, where it perfumes the air with the delight-

ful fragrance of its flowers, the whole year round.

Stems rooting, short, slender, and simple, somewhat succulent, the whole length being only a few inches, and scarcely thicker than a crow's quill, perishing at the base as they shoot from the apex; from the most succulent parts, the fleshy roots issue, and fix to the tree that supports the plant. Leaves bifarious, sessile, stem-clasping, linear, fleshy, smooth on both sides; apen two-toothed from three to six inches long, and rather more than half an inch broad. Racemes lateral, much longer than the leaves, drooping elegantly. Flowers numerous, scattered round the whole of the raceme in great profusion, small; colour a yellow ground, spotted with purple, delightfully fragrant. Petais five, spreading, nearly equal, narrow, obovate. Lip between the lower two petals, and longer than them, though they are the longest of the five, united to the base of the style, by a perfect, short, linear claw. Lumina fleshy, horn-shaped, obtuse, perforated a little way up from the base and on each side of the perforation a conical lobe projecting up and inward to the apex of the style. Stamina, pistillum and capsule as in the genus.

4. A. rostratum. Roxb.

Parasitie, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, linear, channelled; apex præmorse. Racemes lateral, longer than the leaves. Lip clavate, sac-conical from the apex of the lamina, column

beaked, with another on the posterior part near the base.

A parasitical species; in external habit like pramorsum, retusum, &c. but smaller, and the leaves more remote from each other. It is a native of the forests of Silhet, where it blos-

soms in April and May

Racemes opposite to the leaves, or solitary, ascending, the length of the leaves, manyflowered. Petals five, nearly equal, spreading, rose-coloured, the lower two adhering to the under side of the posterior part of the lip, as in Dendrobium but forming nothing like a spur, or claw. Lip horizontal, of the colour of the petals, and about as long as they, clavate; there is a deep channel on the upper side, which descends into the conical bag or case, which points down from the apex of the lamina, in which before expansion, the recurved part of the beak of the style is lodged. Style or column very short, but continued in a long, ascending, purple beak, with a recurved white apex to this apex; the two, roundish pollen balls are attached by a white, flat filament, which is just as long as the beak, and allows the balls to rest in the posterior part of the apex of the body. Column opposite to the stigma, covered by the usual two-lobed anther.

5. A. pallidum. R.

Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, linear, emarginate. Racemes lateral. Lip or sac slipper-shaped, with two semilunar lobes at the base, column short, beaked from interior margin over the stigma. Capsules cylindric.

Found growing on trees in the forests of Chittagong and the eastern parts of Bengal. It

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flowers in May and June. It is a small species, the flowers also small and of an uniform pale yellow colour.

Root, stem and leaves as in the other species, but rather slender. Racemes lateral or opposite to the leaves, solitary, diverging, with the flower-bearing part much thicker and drooping. Flowers numerous, small, in one variety white, in another pale yellowish with a faint tinge of pink. Petals five, the upper and exterior oblong and concave, the lower two obliquely oval; the inner two obliquely oblong and rather smaller than the exterior three, and all shorter than the lip, which bears a very exact resemblance to a slipper. Column short, with a beak projecting forward over the stigma, and base of the lip; to its apex the proper filament is attached. Pollen masses globular. Capsule cylindric, slender as a crow's quill.

6. A. multiflorum. R.

Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves bifariously imbricated, linear, channelled, obliquely emarginate, with a hooked acumen. Racemes axillary or lateral, longer than the leaves, sometimes compound. The lower two exterior petals sub-rotund. Lip with broad-cordate, entire lamina, and a short obtuse horn projecting under it. Capsules clavate, three-sided.

A large and beautiful species, with copious, very long, sub-erect racemes of numerous, pretty large, pink-coloured flowers: A native of Silhet, where it grows on trees and flowers during the hot season.

7. A. ampullaceum. R.

Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves bifariously imbricated, linear, emarginate. Racemes axillary, short. Petals oval, nearly equal; lip with a long, flagon-shaped bag, and linguiform lamina. Found by Mr. M. R. Smith growing on trees in the forests, in blossom in May.

Stems short and generally simple, from the lower part throwing out the fleshy, strong, radical cords, by which they are bound to the parent tree; they are only a few inches long, decaying at the base, as they shoot from the apex. Leaves sheathing bifariously, imbricated, linear, hard and glossy, obliquely emarginate, about six inches long. Racemes axillary, scarcely one third the length of the leaves, erect; rachis withering and remaining. Flowers numerous, small, rosy. Petals nearly equal, oval, and spreading. Lip with a sac, or bag, pendulous, and twice as long as the petals; lamina short; linguiform. Column short. Pollen masses two and globular. Capsules clavate, six-ribbed.

S. A. radiatum. R.

Parasitic. Stems bulbiform, with a single lanceolar leaf from the apex of each. Scape umbelliferous, the lower two petals very long and falcate. Lip conical, recurved, cellular.

Found by Dr. W. Carey indigenous on trees in the Delta of the Ganges, where it blossoms about the beginning of the rains.

Root of many, hard, slender fibres. Stems no other than the little remote round bulbs, which are connected by a slender shoot of about an inch in length. Leaf a single one from the apex of each bulb, lanceolar, somewhat channelled, fleshy and smooth, from three to four inches long, and less than one broad. Scape from the base of the bulb, longer than the leaves, filiform, invested in a few, small, remote sheaths. Flowers about ten or twelve, a semiradiate umbel in the apex of the scape, rather small; prevailing colour yellow. Petals very unequal; the upper three ovate, striped with purple lines and ciliate margins, that of the apex larger, and filiform, those three are only a little longer than the column, the lower two falcate, five or six times longer than the upper three, united at the base under the lip which they completely embrace and hide, they are of an uniform yellow colour, and on account of their great size, when compared to the rest of the flower, give to the whole that colour. Lip united to the base of the column by an incurved claw, somewhat conical, but much recurved, internally cellular. Column short, interior margins winged. Pollen masses two, globular, covered by a two-lobed decidnous lid.

DENDROBIUM. Swartz.

Corol five-petalled, erecto-patent; the two exterior, lateral ones, united round the base of the lip into a horn-like process. Lip attached to the base of the column. Anther a terminal, deciduous lid.

1. D. aggregatum. Roxb.

Bulbs aggregate, with a solitary, linear oblong, smooth, emarginate leaf from the apex of each. Scapes from the side of the bulbs, drooping, many-flowered. Lip reniform, emarginate.

Received into the Botanic garden, from Mr. Pierard; who found it growing on the trunk of Lagerstroemia regina in the northern border of Arracan, and observes that it is found in the woods always only on that tree.* It blossoms in March, but produces no fruit.

Root, from the contracted base of the bulbs issue many small, fleshy, ramous fibres, matted together, and adhering to the tree on which the plant grow. Bulbs aggregate; they may also be reckoned swelled stems, though I would rather call them bulbs; particularly as there is an articulation which unites the proper petiole to the apex of the bulb, and at that place the leaf drops off, leaving the permanent bulb naked; until the new leaf comes out they are smooth, oblong, tapering equally towards each end, more or less octangular, according as they are plump or lean, from two to three inches long, and marked with two or three annular rings, the cicatrices of the sheath of the petioles of the former leaves, where some of their longitudinal fibres also remain. Leaves a single one, rarely two from the apex of each bulb, short-petioled, oblong, entire, emarginate, veinless, and of a firm leathery texture, with a smooth shining

surface, from four to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Raceme, or scape, from the Page side of the bulb, drooping, many-flowered. Flowers numerous, alternate, large, beautiful, of a bright yellow. Braces solitary, small, pointed, one-flowered. Corol, the exterior three petals sub-triangular, united round the insertion of the flower on the germ and horn of the petals; the inner two oval, and larger. Lip much larger than the petals, sub-reniform, emarginate, of a deep yellow in the centre and paler round the margin. Column of fructification, or style short. Stigma a funnel-shaped opening in the fore-side of the column, which communicates with the belly of the germ. Anthers oblong, two-lobed, and covered with a two-lobed, lid.

2. D. tripetaloides. R. Parasitic. Stems bulbiform, with the scape from the base of the bulb, many-flowered; exterior three petals lanceolately conic; inner two minute. Lip linguiform.

Found on trees in the forests near Rangoon by the Rev. Mr. F. Carey, and by him sent

to the Botanic garden, where it blossoms in the cool season.

Scape from the base of the bulb, simple, naked, slender smooth, from three to five inches long. Racemes, or flower-bearing part longer than the scape, round. Flowers numerous, middling sized, white, scattered over every part of the raceme. Bractes solitary, ensiform, one-flowered. Petals, the exterior three lanceolate-conic, acute, one in each side and one above; the inner two linear, oblong, minute, and ciliate. Lip linear, obtuse, recurved, shorter than the three exterior petals, and attached by a slender isthmus, to the lower edge of the base of the exterior two, colour an uniform brownish orange. Column and other parts, as in the genus.

3. D. pumilum. R.

Parasitic. Leaves two from the apex of each of the turbinate bulbs. Peduncles solitary between the pair of leaves, one-flowered.

This is the smallest species I have yet met with, it grows on trees in the forests of Chit-

tagong, where it blossoms during the rains.

Parasitic, stemless, or rather, the stems bulbiform; leaves from three to four, rising from each bulb, lanceolar, even, smooth and rather fleshy. Scapes from the base of the bulb; raceme villous, bearing many erect flowers : the inner two petals linear. Lip recurved, with somewhat three-lobed lamina.

Found indigenous on trees in the forests of Chittagong, from thence introduced into the

Botanic garden where it blossoms in February.

Root, consisting of many firm, slender, tortuous fibres, which adhere to the parent tree. Stem no other than the ovate obling, smooth, green, somewhat compressed, solid bulbs, which give support to the leaves; they multiply by short suckers from the base of those of the former years, and are generally from half an inch, to an inch asunder. Leaves about four, from and around the apex of each bulb, narrow lanceolar, smooth, and fleshy, from four to eight inches long, and one or one a haif broad. Petioles short, channelled, sheathing. Scapes generally solitary, from the base of the builts, spreading; base embraced by a few sheaths, the rest downy. Racome generally simple, which with the scape is about as long as the leaves and bulb, somewhat flexuose, downy, many-flowered. Flowers remote, pedicelled, erect, of a middling size, yellow, inodorous. Bractes ensiferm, one below each pedicel. Petals, the exterior one, sub-triangularly-lanceolate, the interior two linear-lanceolar. Lip recurved, with a small lobe on each side below the middle; aper retuse with a point in the sinus. Pollen masses composed of twice two pair of minute, oval, compressed, yellow grains. Column half the length of the two inner petals.

4. D. cruminatum. R.

Parasitic. Stems simple, swelled, and angular near the base. Leaves bifarious, stem-clasping, linguiform. Flowers suspended near the apex of the stem. Lip three-lobed; the lateral lobe incurved into a tube; lamina roundish, neuminate.

Angraeum nonum. Rumph. Amb. vi. p. 104. t. 47. f. 2.

A native of Amboyna, and from thence brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta by

Mr. C. Smith. Flowering time, in Bengal, the rainy season.

Root consisting of many, perennial, green, fleshy fibres, spreading over, and adhering firmly, to the parent tree. Stems several, sub-erect, swelled above the base and there octangular, from thence to the apex slender, round, tapering, gently invested in the sheaths of the leaves, or if they have fallen, marked with their annular cicatrices and a few slender bristles; the whole length from two to three feet. Leaves bifarious, sheathing, linguiform, entire, smooth, firm, and flesby, veinless; from two to four inches long, and about one broad. Flowers sessile, except the curved slender germ be considered a peduncle, solitary from the last two, three or four leafless joints of the stem, large, pendulous, suspended on their curved, slender, filiform pedicel, faintly fragrant. Bractes three-fold, one-flowered, short, sheathing the base of the germ. Corol almost pure white, besprinkled with minute, pellucid dots, like the grains of fine loaf-sugar; petals unilateral, sub-lanceolate, the lower two longer, united to, and protruded with the column of fructification of the apex of the horn of the nectary. Lip occupying the under side, opposite to the petals, and like them sprinkled with the same pellucid specks; horn or pouch large, and conical; lamina three-lobed, on the centre a yellow line runs the whole length; lateral lobes incurved; terminal one nearly round, and pointed from the exterior portion of the margins being incurved; all, particularly the last mentioned, are beautifully marked with pink-coloured, curved, ramous veins, and the margins elegantly fringed. Column of the fructification nearly half the length of the lip, on the apex rest two, very parfect, yellow anthers. Germ filiform, recurved, not visibly twisted, the length of the horn of the nectary. Stigma a large opening on the fore part of the column a little below the anthers, and directly opposite to the germ, which it penetrates deeply.

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5. D. claratum. R.

Parasitic. Stems club-shaped; bulbs with three or four broad lanceolar leaves from the apex of each. Racemes lateral; petals nearly equal; lip shovel-shaped, entire.

Found growing on trees in the forests which cover the Garrow hills, where it is called

tiluscou. Flowering time the hot season, chiefly April.

Root consisting of innumerable, firm, fleshy, vermicular cords, by which the plants adhere firmly to the parent tree. Stems numerous, bulbiform, clavate, tapering into a hard, nbrous, slender peduncle, between the bulb and root, giving to the whole the appearance of a club, hence the specific name. Leaves from three to four from the apex of each stem or bulb, broad-lanceolar, lucid, firm, about seven-nerved; five or six inches long, by one or two broad. Racemes from the side of the bulb, about as long as the leaves. Flowers pretty large, of a lively yellow colour. Bractes large, oblong, membranaceous, one-flowered. Petals five, nearly equal, oval, and obovate. Lip the length of the petals, with the side incurved toward the base; lamina shovel-shaped, with crisped margins, and the colour deeper than the rest of the corol. Genitalia as in the genus. Capsule clavate, six-ribbed, smooth and leaved.

6. D. veratrifolium. R.

Parasitic. Leaves lanceolar, from three to seven-nerved, several, from the apex of the long conic bulb, forming a stem with their long tubular, concentric sheaths. Scape manyflowered; petals sub-lanceolar; lamina with a broad, three-lobed apex; the middle one plaited

Hatakeveree, the vernacular name in the Garrow country, where it is indigenous; flower-

ing in April and May.

Root of many, strong, fleshy fibres from the base of each bulb, by which they adhere to the parent tree. Bulbs long, and rather slender for the size of the plant, tapering off into a stem, formed by the long, concentric, tubular sheaths of the leaves, from two to four feet long, giving a total length of from three to five feet, leaves included, to the whole plant. Leaves from four to six from each bulb; sparse, sheathing, lanceolar, from three to sevennerved and somewhat plaited, smooth, acute; from six to eighteen inches long, and from two to four broad. Scape from the base of the bulbs, generally solitary, about twelve inches long; the lower three fourths naked, invested in a few remote sheaths; the upper portion or raceme, about one fourth part of the whole, and bearing from ten to twenty large, beautiful, yellow flowers. Petals five, nearly equal, spreading, sub-lanceolar. Lip large and longer than the petals, projecting behind into a large conical horn; apex of the lamina broad, three-lobed, the middle lobe beautifully curled, and of a much brighter colour.

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7. D. Pieradi. Roxb.

Parasitic, caulescent, pendulous. Leaves bifarious, lanceolate, emarginate. Flowers peduncled, from one to two or three from the joints of the leafless stems. Lip entire, tubular

Sent with some other species, from Chittagong to this garden, by Mr. Pierard. This beautiful parasitic is a native of that place, as well as of various parts of the Delta of the

Ganges, where it is generally found on mango trees.

Root perennial, fibrous, adhering to the parent tree. Stems perennial, numerous, simple, drooping, round, smooth, jointed, while young leaf-bearing, but as they advance in age the leaves drop, and they ever afterwards remain naked, except when decorated with blossoms, generally from two to five feet long. Leaves alternate, sessile on their sheaths, lanceolate, smooth, firm and shining on both sides; from two to four inches long, and about one broad. Flowers one or two, rarely three, on very short peduncles, which issue from the joints of the stems. They are large and of a pale yellow colour. Corol; the exterior three petals narrow, tapering from the base, with the margins recurved; the inner two broader, and oblong. Lip the length of the petals, shovel-shaped, with the margins slightly curled, and somewhat ciliate, towards the base incurved into a tube, which conceals the column of fructification. Its very pedicel is protruded from the base of the style, or column of fructification. Germ inferior, &c. as in the rest of this natural order. Column of fructification, or the term style might still be a better one, short, hid in the involute tubular portion of the lip near the base, semi-circular, with flat, furrowed lamina. Stigma on the interior side of the column, a little below the apex is a hollow, glutinous gland with a very perfect perforation, which ends in the cavity of the germ; this I consider to be the real style and stigma, or in other words, the organ by which the powers of the male are conveyed to the female. Stamina; filaments two, exceedingly short and slender, joining the posterior small end of the two, obovate, oblong anthers to the posterior part of the two-lobed concavity. Receptacle of the anthers on the apex of the style. Lid or veil mitre-shaped, emarginate.

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8. D. purpureum. R. Parasitic. Stems simple, pendulous, in flower leafless; leaves bifarious, lanceolate. Flowers numerous in dense ovate heads. Lip linear, oblong, entire.

Angræcum purpureum. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 50. f. 1.

A native of the Moluccas, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it

blossoms in February and March.

Root of numerous fleshy fibres, adhering in all directions to the trunks and branches of trees, here it thrives best on the mango tree. Stems perennial, several, pendulous or nearly so; for the first year or two flesby, when old naked, marked with the circular cicatrices of the fallen leaves; they are then somewhat rugose, longitudinally furrowed, and thickest toward the middle; the general length three or four feet. Leaves alternate, bifarious, sessile on their smooth, cylindric sheaths, spreading, lanceolate, entire, of a slender texture, and polished

on both sides; from four to six inches long, and about one broad. Bractes cordate, acute, one-flowered. Flowers numerous, in dense, ovate, solitary heads, from the cicatrices of the Car Realless stems, small and of a lively purple. Corol five-petalled, &c. as in the genus, with a large obtuse horn. Lip sub-cylindric, with ovate, rather pointed, entire lamina.

9. D. pendulum. R.

Parasitic. Stems simple, pendulous, contracted at the joints and base, when old leafless. Leaves on the young shoots, bifarious, linear. Flowers in pairs from the joints of the old leafless stem, drooping; petals sub-equal, lanceolate; lip sub-orbicular, short-clawed. Capsules clavate, obscurely six-ribbed.

Found growing on trees in the forests of Chittagong, in flower during the hot season. It seems to approach the nearest to D. moniliforme, and if Kæmpfer's figure were inverted, they

might be taken for the same.

10. D. teres. Roxb. Parasitic. Stem, branches and leaves all columnar. Racemes leaf-opposed, and of their length, few-flowered. Stamina stem-shaped, and bifid.

Found on trees in the forests of Chittagong and Silhet, where it blossoms during the hot

months of April, and May, when nothing can exceed its beauty.

Root of thick, fleshy, crooked, lateral cords, which embrace firmly the parent tree. Stem ramous, and with the branches columnar and smooth. Leaves remote, bifarious, columnar, smooth, from six to eight inches long, and as thick as a common quill. Racemes leaf-opposed, from six to twelve inches long, flexuose, round, smooth. Bractes ovate, one-flowered. Flowers generally from three to six on the raceme, but immensely large as they expand fully four inches, of a lively pink colour, with the large conic horn ferruginous. Corol; the exterior three petals oblong ; the lower two obliquely so ; the interior ones nearly round. Lip, its posterior part united with the insertion of the exterior lower two petals into a large ferruginous conic horn. Lamina deeply three-lobed; lateral lobes incurved round the column; the middle one fan-shaped, and bifid. Germ, column, anther, and stigma as in the genus. Capsule clavate, three-sided, down the middle of each side is a three-sided rib.

11. D. formosum. R.

Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, sessile, lanceolate; peduacles terminal, few-flowered. Lip sub-panduriform, retuse.

Found on trees in the forests of Silhet and the Garrow mountains; in flower in April

and May.

Root of fleshy, crooked, cord-like fibres, which embrace the parent tree, as in other similar parasites. Stems many, cylindric, a little furrowed, and while young well clothed with short black hairs, which in time are rubbed off. Leaves bifurious, rather remote, half stemclasping, lauceolate, obtuse, or emarginate, smooth, firm and rather fleshy, from three to four inches long, by one or one and a half broad. Peduncles terminal, solitary, racemiform, from two to four-flowered. Flowers very large, pendulous, scarcely inferior to those of D. teres, expanding, three inches and a half, of a pure shining white, except the middle of the lip, which is yellow, sweetly though faintly fragrant. Corol; the exterior three petals lanceolate, acute and ribbed; the interior two oval, and more faintly ribbed. Lip, its posterior portion, beyond the insertion of the whole flower on the germ, united its whole length with the base of the two lower exterior petals into a large conic horn. Lamina panduriform, with a retuse apex. Column, &c. as in the genus, and well described by Swartz.

 D. pulchellum. R.
 Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves bifarious, sessile, lanceolate, obtuse, finely ribbed. Raceme lateral on the old leafless stems; lip with a large obtuse horn, and obcordate, ciliate, ramen-

Found indigenous on trees and in rocks in the forests of the Silhet hills, in flower in May and June. A very beautiful species, the flowers are considerably smaller than in D. for-

mosum ; but the colour more lively

Root of numerous, strong, pack-thread-like fibres, which fasten on trees or rocks. Stems many from the same tuft of roots, simple, nearly straight, furrowed, otherwise smooth and rather lucid, marked with the circular scars of the fallen leaves, about three feet long, and thicker than a ratan, while young well decorated with leaves, when old leafless, and then floriferous. Leaves alternate, sessile, rather remote, narrow lanceolar, obtuse, finely ribbed; from four to five inches long, by one broad. Racemes lateral, from the old leafless stems or branches, diverging, flexuose, with one large pale, pink flower at each of the six or eight curvatures. Braces, one at the insertion of each pedicel, long and tapering. Petals five, of the exterior three the upper one is lanceolar, the pair falcate and rather larger; the interior two oval. Lip with a pretty large obtuse horn, and broad, spreading, beautifully coloured, obcordate lamina, which is rather shorter than the petals.

 D. auceps. Willd. iv. 136.
 Parasitic, caulescent. Leaves distichous, equitant, fleshy, broad-ensiform. Peduncles from the sheaths of the leaves, one-flowered.

This interesting rather small species is found on trees in the Delta of the Ganges : in flower during the hot season.

14. D. acinaciforme, R. Parasitic. Stem and branches flat, thin, slender, two-edged. Leaves stem-clasping, bifarious, scimitar-shaped. Flowers suspended from the terminal joints of the then leafless twigs. Lip one-lobed, crenulate.

Herba supplex. Rumph. Amb. vi. p. 110. t. 51. f. 2.

A native of Amboyna, from thence sent to the Botanic garden where it blossoms during the rains.

Root of numerous, firm fibres, adhering firmly to the parent tree. Stems and branches a little drooping, or struggling, jointed, and smooth, at the base round, slender, of a very firm texture; above enlarging considerably and becoming perfectly flat, indeed thin, with two sharp edges. Leaves on the young shoots only, alternate, bifarious, sessile on their permanent sheaths, acinaciform, or they may be called semi-lanceolate, pointed, firm, fleshy, smooth, veinless; from two to three inches long, and about half an inch broad. Sheaths as long as the joints, and like them compressed. Flowers from the joints of the leafless branches suspended on their slender pedicel-like germs, very small, every part yellow, even the centre of the nectary. Bractes several, minute, surrounding the insertion of the germ with the joint of the branchlet. Corol slipper-shaped, split on the under side to the apex of the large horn, the inner two petals small and adjoined as if distinct. Lip obovate cuncate, emarginate; interior margins crenulate, and slightly waved.

15. D. calceolum. Roxb.

Parasitic. Stem and brancher straggling, thin, two-edged. Leaves bifarious, stem-clasping, fleshy, ensiform. Flowers suspended from the joints of the extremities of the leafless slender twigs. Lip three-lobed; middle lobe emarginate. Herba supplex. Rumph. Amb. vi. p. 110. f. 3.

A native of Amboyna, from thence brought to the Botanic garden, where it blossoms dur-

ing the rains.

Root perennial, consisting of numerous, fleshy fibres adhering to the parent tree. Stems and branches perennial, long, slender, jointed, flat, two-edged, straggling or hanging to a length of many feet, frequently striking root from the joints, for the most part invested in the permanent withered sheaths of the leaves. Leaves on the young shoots only, bifarious, sessile on their permanent sheaths, ensiform, firm, fleshy, veinless; from two to three, inches long, and about half an inch broad. Sheaths as long as the joints, smooth, compressed, fleshy, withering. Flowers from the joints of the extreme maked twigs, pretty large, pendulous on the slender peduncle-like germs, of a dull orange colour and slightly veined with dull red. Bractes several, minute. Corol slipper-shaped. Lip with the apex two-lobed; the exterior lobe emarginate, all are slightly crenulate and curled.

GYNANDRIA HEXANDRIA.

ARISTOLOCHIA, Schreb. gen. N. 1383.

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Calyx none. Corol one-petailed, with a tongue-shaped border and gibbous base. Germ six-celled; cells many-seeded, attachment central. Capsule inferior, six-celled, many-seeded.

A. acuminata. Willd. iv. 157.

Perennial, twining, smooth. Leaves cordate, rather acuminate. Racemes axillary, simple or compound; drooping.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal, where it flowers during the hot and rainy sea-

sons, and the seed ripens in December and January.

Stem and branches twining to an extent of some fathoms, perennial, younger shoots angular, and smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, entire, somewhat acuminate, smooth; lobes large, and roundish, from four to six inches long, by from two to four broad. Petals about an inch long, slightly channelled. Racemes axillary, simple or compound, drooping, shorter than the leaves. Flowers large, drooping, of a dark-greenish purple. Corol with a funnel-shaped tube, globular base, and long, linear, somewhat acute lamina, the sides of which, soon after expansion, become revolute. Stamina as in the genus. Germ inferior, sub-eylindric, furrowed, six-celled, in each many ovula in one vertical row attached to the axis; style none; etigma peltate, with a converging, six-lobed apex. 2. A. Indica. Willd. iv. 157.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves cordate, cancate, scolloped. Peduncles many-flowered.

Beng. Eeshwar-mool.

Careloe Vegon. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 25.

Teling. Isaro.

A native of copses, and jungles where the soil is dry and poor. It flowers during the wet

Root much like that of Sarsaparilla, perennial. Stem twining, below woody; young shoots striated, smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, somewhat wedge-formed or obovate, three-nerved, pointed, waved, scollopped, smooth, from two to four inches long and from one to two broad. Racemes axillary, shorter than the leaves; bracted. Flowers erect. Anthers six pair, as in A. bracleata. Capsules oblong, pendulous.

The roots, like those of bracteata, are nauseously bitter, and I think rather more so than

they are.

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3. A. longifolia. Roxb. Twining. Leaves linearly-cordate, sagittate, with the barbs, or lobes rounded, three-nerved, entire and smooth. Racemes axillary. Stigma cup-shaped, with a three-toothed margin.

A native of the Moluccas.

 A. bracteata, Relz. Obs. v. N. 80. Willd. iv. 160. Perennial. Stem and branches weak, trailing. Leaves reniform. Peduncles axillary, one. flowered, bracted.

Teling. Gardi Gavapoo.

A native of cultivated, generally, garden ground, and the banks of rivers, or water-courses, where it can have a rich, moist soil, on the coast of Coromandel. It flowers most part of the

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Root perennial, long, slender, simple, perpendicular, waved, with many small fibres issuing from every part of it. Stems or branches several, weak, resting on the ground, waved, striated, from twelve to eighteen inches long. Leaves alternate, petioled, kidney-formed, beautifully, though slightly, curled round the margin, a little rugose, glaucous underneath; about two inches each way. Petioles channelled. Flowers axillary, single, peduncled. Peduncles drooping, near the base there is a kidney-shaped, curled, sessile bracte. Corol, upper part of the tube and tongue erect; the latter has its margins revolute; the colour a most beautiful dark purple, and covered on the inside with hairs of the same colour. Asthers six pair. Capsules ovate.

Every part of this plant is nauseously bitter, which remains long, chiefly about the

For a purging with gripes, two of the fresh leaves are rubbed up in a little water, and given to an adult for a dose, once in twenty-four hours.

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CLASS XXI.

MONOECIA MONANDRIA.

AMBROSINIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1383.

Spathe one-leaved. Catyx none. Corol none. Stansing inserted round the top of the style. Capsule many-seeded.

1. A. ciliata, Roxb.

Leaves long-petioled, lanceolar. Spathe shorter than the leaves, with a tubular base, and expanding, ciliate apex. Capsule six-celled.

Bong, Kerali.

Found on the wet banks of rivulets, ponds, and wet places in Bengal. Flowering time the

Root percential, perpendicular, tuberous, stoloniferous with long fleshy fibres. Leaves radical, petioled, lanceolate, veinless, somewhat fleshy, from six to thirty-six inches long. Petioles, upper half cylindric, lower half sheathing; some spathaceous bractes surround their lower parts. Scapes axillary, selitary, short, somewhat compressed. Spathe, base tubular, and somewhat gibbous, middle portion cylindric, and convolute; open expanding, sub-lanceolate; margins cilists with a long, flexible purple filament; the lower tubular portion where the fructification is lodged is half separated by a transverse membrane from the upper portion as in A. spirale. Filaments none. Anthers numerous, sessile, surrounding the lower portion of the stigma. Germ conical, crowned, six-celled as in the ripe state. Style cylindric. Stigma oblong, spex turbinate, the lower portion surrounded with authers. Capsule rounded, six-furrowed, and crowned with the six corresponding points of the ridges, six-celled. Seeds from six to eight in each cell, affixed by their bases to a central receptacle, each is augmented by a large spongy substance, or envelope. Embryo creet, furnished with a perisporm, and many subulate cotyledons as in Pinus.

2. A. spirale, R.

Leaves petioled, linear-lanceolate. Spathe sessile, much shorter than the leaves, twisted. Capsule five-celled, at least the germ has five distinct cells.

Arum spirale. Retz. Obs. ii. p. 30-1. Willd. iv. 486.

'A native of the moist shady banks of ponds, or standing sweet water on the coast of Coromandel.

Root perennial, stoloniferous. Stem none. Leaves radical, petioled, narrow-lanceolar, smooth, from six to eight inches long, and about half an inch broad. Petioles sheathing. Scapes scarcely any. Spatke axillary, about as long as the petioles of the leaves, the lower portion, or chamber of fructification hid and shut; the upper portion thereof open at the base; above shut, and twisted, of a dark purple colour, particularly the inside, and there transversely rugose.

3. A. retrospirale. R.

Leaves linear-lanceolar. Spathe first twisted to the right, and there closed; then to the left, and there open. Capsule five-celled, five-valved.

A native of the northern parts of Bengal, it delights in a moist soil.

Root consisting of white brownish, long, fleshy fibres. Stem none. Leaves petioled, linear-banceolar, smooth, entire, from six to twelve inches long. Petioles enlarging at the base into sheaths for those within. Scape scarcely any. Spathe inverted round the base of the germ, and rising amongst the leaves to nearly the same length, below the part where the fructification is ledged a little swelled, and half hid in the earth, the next four or five inches erect, cylindric, completely closed, and twisted to the right; above this there is still about one third of the spathe which is open, and much twisted to the left, the whole of a dull green colour on the outside, and streaked with dark purple within. Corol none. Filaments none. Anthers numerous round the stigms or apex of the style, immediately below them are several, sub-cylin-

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Page dric glands in a verticel round the style. Pistils in the swelled base of the spathe. Germ, Ed superior, conical, five or six-lobed, each lobe crowned with a large gland. Style cylindric. Stigma firmly united to the semi-partition, which crowns the chamber of fructification. Capsule conical, from five to six-celled, from five to six-valved, opening from the apex. Seeds a few in each cell.

It comes exceedingly near A. spirals in appearance, yet differing very widely from it. First, in the lower part of the spathe being closed and twisted to the right, then the upper portion to the left and open; and in the partition thereof being incomplete. Secondly, in having nectarial glands round the style beneath the anthers. Thirdly, in having a capsule of five or six cells, and a few large seeds in each.

4. A. unilocularis, R.

Stemless. Leaves linear-lanceolate. Spathe as long as the leaves, twisted. Capsules onecelled.

Teling. Pechika, boora-gadee.

A native of Coromandel, in marshy places, and borders of lakes, where it is partly in

sweet water. Flowering time the rainy season.

Root fibrous, stoloniferous. Stemless. Leaves radical, erect, ensiform, smooth, below expanding to embrace those underneath; from nine to eighteen inches long, and about one broad. Scape axillary, short, erect, compressed, growing broader towards the apex. Spathe as long as the leaves, erect, below convolute; above the spadix twisted like a screw to a very fine, straight point; there is an horizontal partition which separates in a great measure, the upper twisted part from the gibbous part below; colour of the outside purplish, that of the inside much deeper, and beautifully spotted with darker spots. Corol none. Nectary, four or five oval, auther-like glands, crowning the top of the germ, round the style. Filament scarcely any visible. Anthers very numerous, surrounding in form of a globe the top of the style just below or even touching the partition. Pistil, in the lower convolute belly of the spathe. Germs conical. Style filiform, the length of the belly of the spathe. Its apex is firmly united to the horizontal partition above-mentioned. Pericarp; capsule leathery, conical, one-celled, one-valved. Receptacle conical, affixed at the base and apex, free round the sides. Seeds numerous.

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Spathe one-leaved, cowled. Spadix or receptacle with the female florets round the base, stamineous about the middle and naked above.

SECT. I. With simple Leaves.

A. colocasia. Willd. iv. 481.

Stemless. Leaves peltate, ovate, repand, semi-bifid at the base. Scape shorter than the petioles. Spathe much longer than a spadix, cylindric, erect; club sub-cylindric, length of the antheriferous part of the receptacle. Anthers many-celled.

Sans. Kuchoo.

Beng. Goori-Kuchoo.

A. Ægypticum, Rumph. Amb. v. t. 109, Teling. Chama-Kura.

There are two varieties of the species cultivated in the vicinity of Calcutta, viz. Goori-Kuchoo just mentioned, and Asoo or early Kuchoo : small offsets from the larger tubers are, like potatoes, planted about the beginning of the rains in May or June, in a well laboured, friable, rich soil, not subject to be inundated. The roots of Asoo Kuchoo are taken up about the close of the year; those of Goori-Kuchoo, in February and March. Besides these two, there are three wild varieties of this species, found in most parts of India, viz.

1st. Kalla or dark-coloured Kuchoo, found on the edges of ditches, and other wet places. The leaves and the petioles are more or less tinged with purple, and the roots never swell in the manner the cultivated varieties do, but send out numerous runners. The leaves, and their

foot-stalks, are the parts chiefly eaten by the natives of Bengal.

Caladium aquatile. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 110. f. 1. seems to be this variety. 2d. Char-Kuchoo, grows on dry ground, chiefly by road sides, on dung hills, and among rubbish, it differs from the other varieties in having the disk of the leaves marked with dark purple or bluish black clouds.

3d. Bun-Kuchoo. In situation and form every way like the last, but of an uniform green

colour. The last two are rarely eaten by the natives of Bengal, where better vegetables are plentiful and easily procured.

Caladium vicorum. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 318.

2. A. nymphæifolium. R.

Stemless. Leaves peltate, ovate repand, semi-bifid at the base. Scape shorter than the petioles. Spathe much longer than the spadix, sub-cylindric, erect; club slender, acute, scarcely half the length of the antheriferous part of the receptacle. Anthers many-celled.

Caladium nymphæifolium, Willd, iv. 488.

Beng. Sar-Kuchoo. III. 496

Weli-ila. Rheed. Mal. xi. t. 22.

I doubt if this can be reckoned any thing more than a large aquatic variety of Colocasia. In Bengal it is rarely cultivated, but found wild in abundance on the borders of lakes, and pools of fresh water. Every part of this plant is eaten by the Hindoos. The root or rather subterraneous stem, often grows to the length and thickness of a man's arm. The petioles, scape and leaves, are of a reddish colour, and the plants considerably larger than any of the varieties of Colocasia just mentioned: yet the leaves are narrow in proportion to their breadth. The only good specific mark to know it from Colocasia by, is the shortness of the club of the spadix.

3. A. viviparum. Roxb.

Stemless. Leares peltate, cordate, acuminate. Root flagelliferous and these runners bearing scaly, viviparous bulbs in clusters.

Maravara Tsjembo. Rheed. Mal. xii. t. 9.

A native of Nepal as well as Malabar. From the former place Dr. Buchanan sent the minute bulbs to this garden, where they produced complete plants in a short time and though now eight years old, have never blossomed; nevertheless, in Nepal, Dr. Buchanan observed they bore the common flower of the Arums; hence there can be no doubt of the genus. Here they produce annually in the rainy season abundance of the bulbiferous radical spikes, and

by these the plant is readily propagated.

Root biennial, or more, consisting of a small, roundish tuber, which is abundantly furnished with the usual fibres, while from its apex the foliage rises; and round its sides the flagelliform, bulbiferous spikes issue. Stem none. Leaves petioled, peltate, cordate, entire, acute, smooth on both sides; posterior lobes obtuse; from four to twelve inches long, and from three to eight broad. Spikes or runsers from the body of the tuberous root, some simple, leafless shoots issue, they are about as thick as a quill, run for a few inches, just under the surface of the earth, and there strike root, after which they rise from six to twelve inches nearly erect, and bear numerous, appproximate fascicles of small, sessile, scaly, proliferous bulbs. Bulbs oblong, green, the size of a small berberry, vegetating readily when committed to the earth; when they chance to remain any length of time on the spike, other bulbs are formed in the axills of the scales, the whole forming a little round head of these bulbs. Scales (of the bulbs) imbricated, ovate, each ending in a pretty long, hooked bristle, by which they readily adhere to whatever touches them, and thereby are widely spread.

4. A. rapiforme. R.

Herbaceous, stemless. Roots tuberous, turnip-shaped. Leaves cordate, sub-repand. Spadis.

nearly as long as the concave spathe. Anthers many-celled.

A native of Pegu, introduced by the Rev. Mr. F. Carey, into the Botanic garden, where it blossoms during the rains. It differs from A. montanum, the only species known to me, for which it can be mistaken, most conspicuously in the shape and nature of the root; in other respects their size and habit are much alike.

5. A. montanum. R.

Stemless. Root a sub-cylindric tuber. Leaves cordate, repand, polished. Spadix nearly as long as the cucullate, coloured spathe. Anthers many-celled.

A native of the mountainous forest of the Northern Circars, where its root is said to be

employed to poison tigers.

I long considered this to be A. macrorhizon, but changed my opinion on observing that Forster, who must have seen and examined that species in its recent state, says, the florets are hermaphrodite; there being six sessile, twin anthers surrounding each germ, and that the stigma is orbicular. There are no traces of stamina, anthers or glands round the germs of my plant; and the stigma is regularly three or four-lobed. In short, a very perfect Arum, or Caladium according to Ventenat.

6. A. Indicum. Lour. Cochin Ch. 655.

Caulescent, erect. Leaves cordate, base bifid; lobes approximate and rounded. Spadix cylindric, equalling the linear, boat-shaped, spathe. Clab cylindric, longer than the rest of the spadix.

Beng. Man-Kuchoo.

Man-guri, a variety with the petioles of the leaves darker coloured.

A native of various parts of South Asia. In Bengal it is much cultivated about the huts of the natives, for its esculent stems, and small pendulous bulbs, or tubers, these being very generally eaten by people of all ranks, in their curries, &c. Flowering time the close of the

rains, and beginning of the cool season.

Root fibrous, with numerous suckers intermixed, particularly near the surface of the soil, these end in little solid, edible bulbs, by which the plant is most readily and abundantly multiplied; numerous, thick, flesby, radical fibres also issue from all the lower part of the stems. Stems from one to two feet in circumference, simple, various in length according to age, but are rarely found more than a foot, or eighteen inches to the leaves, as they are seldom suffered to attain to their full size, which from what I have seen, and the information I have been able to obtain, may be from six to eight feet. Leaves on erect, long petioles, cordate, bifid at the base, with the lobes approximated, and rounded; apex also rounded, with a bent down, dagger-shaped point, smooth on both sides; margin waved; from two to three feet long, strongly marked, underneath an elevated whitish rib, and simple veins of the same colour. Petioles the length of, or longer than the leaves, smooth, the lower part sheathing, the upper round and tapering a little, transversely clouded, particularly the variety called Man-guri. Flowers axillary and always in pairs, large, though rarely so much elevated as the petioles of the leaves, almost inodorous, and the little smell they have is rather offensive. Bractes a large, loose sheath embracing each of the sub-cylindric, smooth scapes. Spathes linear, before expansion sub-cylindric, a little gibbons at the base, smooth on both sides, of a pale greenish yellow, obtuse, or almost truncate, with a small subulate acumen; from eight to twelve inches long. Spadix cylindric,

Page the length of the spathe, the cylindric part rather obtuse, pale yellow. Club, or neuter part, longer than all below it. Authors numerous, occupying about two inches of the spadix between the club and germs, sessile with from eight to twelve polliniferous cells round the sides, which open rather under the apex on the outside. Germs numerous round the conic base of the spadix, ovate, one-celled, containing several ovula attached to the bottom of the cell. Styles none, Stigma three or four-lobed, yellow.

There is a variety of this stately useful plant distinguished from the one figured, by being of rather a darker colour, particularly the petioles. These are both propagated by the little pen-

dulous bulbs, or tubers; and rarely produce ripe seed.

7. A. odorum, R.

Caulescent. Leaves cordate; base bifid; lobes rounded. Flowers in axillary pairs. Spadiz equalling the cymbiform spathe, club one third the length of the whole spadix. Berries one-

From Pegu this most stately species of Arum Caladium of Ventenat, was sent by the Rev. Mr. Felix Carey, to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it thrives luxuriantly, and blossoms from the close of the rains till January, ripening its seed in March and April. The flowers possess a considerable degree of fragrance which to most people is agreeable, a rare quality in the flowers of an Indian Arum.

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Root consisting of long, far spreading, fleshy fibres. In this I have not found any of the small bulbs so common in A. Indicum, which this species resembles so much. Stem simple, straight, as thick as a man's arm, height of the stem in two years about two feet, marked with the circular cicatrices of the fallen leaves; height of the whole plant, to the top of the leaves, from six to eight feet. Leaves, cauline petioled, ovate, cordate, cloven at the base; apex obtuse with an incurved point, lobes rounded; margins somewhat waved, polished on both sides; rib and vein large and elevated underneath; from two to four feet long, by two or three broad. Pelioles from two to three feet long, the lower half sheathing; the upper part sub-cylindric, smooth, polished, of an uniform green in every part. Peduncles axillary, intermixed with some spathiform bractes, nearly round, rather shorter than the petioles, one-flowered, regularly two in each axill. Spathe erect, the lower part thick, gibbous, convolute and permanent; the exterior portion boat-shaped with a short acute apex, both sides smooth and of a pale green colour, this portion drops soon after flowering time, while the lower portion remains till the seeds are ripe. Spadix nearly as long as the spathe, sub-cylindric, club about one third part the length of the whole spadix. Nectories, many flat, rhombiform glands on the contracted part of the spadix, between the germ and the spadix. Anthers numerous, rhombiform, with ten or twelve polliniferons ones round the margin cells, these open by a slit on the outside of their apiecs. Germs numerous on the conic base of the spadix, four-celled, with two or three ovula in each attached to the bottom of the cell. Style none. Stigma roundish. Berry numerous, size of a small cherry, shape more or less round according to the number of seeds, smooth, of a shining searlet, onecelled, the growth of the seeds having destroyed every vestige of the partitions which were present in the germ. Seeds generally from one to four, roundish, smooth. Integument single, in the recent state soft and spongy. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous. Embryo simple, obconical, with the obtuse end close to the apex of the seed and there not covered by the perisperm.

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8. A. cucullatum. Lourier. Cochin. Ch. 656.

Caulescent, ramous. Leaves sub-peltate, exactly cordate, acute, with the lobes exquisitely rounded and convex, or concave, from their margins being contracted. Scape half the length of the petioles. Spadix cylindric, nearly as long as the cymbiform spathe.

A native of Bengal, but rare about Calcutta; some plants in a good soil, in the Botanic garden have in seven years acquired numerous divided stems, from one to two feet in length;

those on the outside are in general so much bent outward, as to rest on the ground.

**Leares long-petioled, somewhat peltate, exactly cordate, pointed, entire, and very smooth on both sides; with large prominent nerves underneath; lobes perfectly semi-circular, concave, from the margins being much contracted, the whole leaf from six to twelve inches long. Petioles sheathing for a little way near the base, the rest perfectly round, tapering, and of a uniform green colour; the whole length from one to three feet. Scapes axillary, scarcely half the length of the petioles, round, tapering, like the petioles. Spathe convolute, fleshy, and green at the base, above open, boat-shaped, and yellow. Spadix shorter than the spathe, cylindric, except the short club, which tapers a little to an obtuse point. Filaments none. Anthers as in Caladium, composed of from eight to ten, sub-cylindrie, polliniferous cells, arranged round a spongy centre, each perforated at the apex to let the pollen pass. Germs in this species very indistinct.

9. A. fornicatum. R.

Caulescent. Leaves peltate, narrow-cordate, with the lobes angle-rounded. Spadix clavate; upper half of the spathe vaulted, equalling the spadix. Berries with from one to three seeds.

Kucheree of the inhabitants of Chittagong; it is called Bees Kuchoo about Calcutta-

A native of Bengal and Chittagong, where it blossoms during the rainy season.

Root fibrous. Stem erect or ascending , from one to three feet in length, marked with cicatrices of the fallen leaves, four or five inches in circumference, the height of the whole plant from three to six feet. Leaves from the apex of the stem, petioled, narrow cordate, peltate, acute-pointed; lobes angular, with the angles rounded, margins a little waved, smooth, of a shining green on both sides; from eight to twelve inches long, by six or eight broad. Petioles sheathing at the base, the rest round, smooth, clouded, and tapering, length various.

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Scape axillary, shorter than the petioles, round, smooth, tapering, and clouded like the petioles. Spatke, the lower part permanent, ovate, fleshy, and closely enveloping the germs; the Carey upper portion expands into an oblong, pale greenish vault, crowned with a subulate point, smooth on both sides, this portion is deciduous with that portion of the spadix which is above the germs. Spadinglavate, rather, if any, shorter than the spathe. Anthers numerous, occupying a large portion of the spadix immediately above the nectarial glands, each consisting of eight or twelve small, sub-cylindric cells forming angles on the sides; these contain the pollen and have each a small perforation at the apex for its exit. Germs many, round the base of the spadix only. Nectarial filoments no other than some variously shaped compressed glands round the contracted part of the spadix, between the anthers and germs. Berries numerous, with generally from one to three seeds in each.

I do not find that this species is employed as an article of diet, but it is, I am told, used

medicinally.

10. A. flagelliformis. R.

Stemless. Leaves sagittate; lobes spreading. Spathe and spadix equal, whip-shaped. Necturial scales coloured. Authers two-lobed, two-celled.

A native of Bengal, where it is found on damp, shaded, pasture ground. Flowering time

the rainy season.

11. A. dicaricatum. Willd. iv. 482.

Stemless. Leaves cordate-acuminate. Spathe longer than the subulate spadix, with a slender, drooping, spiral apex. Nectorial filaments simple, subulate and incurved.

Nelen Schena major. Rheed. Mal. xi. t. 20.

From Canton in China Mr. William Kerr sent this plant to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it blossoms freely during the rains, the leaves are not exactly as in Rheed's Ma-

labaricus, yet to me they seem the same, or varieties of one species.

Root a small, booked tuber, with many fibres from its union with the rest of the plant. Stem none. Leaves radical, petioled, oblong sagittate, acuminate; margins waved, smooth on both sides; lobes divariente, but little, and rather obtuse; from four to six inches long, by two or three broad. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves. Scapes solitary, axillary, much shorter than the petioles. Spathe longer than the spadix, recurvate, toward the base campanulate, beyond the middle tapering into a long, slender, drooping, spiral point; of a deep beautiful crimson on the inside; on the outside ferruginous, green. Spadix nearly erect. Clab subulate, acute, the colour of the inside of the spathe. Stamens; fliaments none. Authors a few near the base of the club, and nearly an inch above, a crowded tuft of simple, subulate, incurved, nectarial filaments, two-lobed; lobes grooved on the outside, and open on the apex. Germs few and occupying a short space of the base of the spadix, just under the nectarial filaments, one-celled, and containing a single ovulum, attached to the bottom of the cell. Styles none. Stigma flat.

12 A. orixensis, Roxb.

Stemless, Leaves three-lobed. Flowers sub-sessile. Spathe ample, erect, longer than the spadix. Nectavial filaments long, and often ramous.

Beng. Ghekool.

Arum trilobatum. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 534.

Teling. Surei Kunda.

A native of the shady mango groves, near Samulkota, where the soil is pretty dry, and

fertile. Flowering time the beginning of the rains.

Root perennial, tuberous, nearly round, the size of a pullet's egg, white, with small inequalities, many fibres issue from the apex, round the insertion of the leaves, and flower; stemless. Leaves radical, petioled, deeply three-lobed; tobes ovate, pointed, a little scolloped, smooth, round the under side, parallel with the margins and near it runs a double nerve about eight or ten inches broad, and the same length. Petioles erect, round, tapering, striated, about twelve inches long at the base, vaginated, and embracing one another. Scope axillary, very short, just sufficiently long to elevate the spathe above the ground. Spathe shorter than the petioles, striated, erect; the inside red; the outside herbaccous green. Spadix, the base surrounded with the germs, crowned with many, yellow, ramous filaments; the middle swelled with the anthers, above them there is no second order of filaments. Club scarlet coloured, as long as all the rest of the spadix, erect, tapering, subulate, from a concave broad base, to a point which is neither obtuse nor sharp.

Note. This seems to me to differ from disaricatum and trilobatum. From the former in having deeply three-lobed, pointed leaves, and excessively acrid roots; and from the latter not only on account of the different form of the leaves, but because here the spathe is erect, with a straight point; there drooping, with the long point twisted like a screw; here are also

ramous fibres growing on the germs.

The roots (when fresh) are exceedingly acrid, more so than those of A. Dracunculus, or maculatum. The natives apply them in cataplacams, to discuss or bring forward scirrhous tumours. They also apply them externally to the bite of venomous snakes, at the same time giving inwardly about the size of a field bean.

It is certainly a most powerful stimulant, in proper hands it might no doubt be used to

great advantage in the cure of several disorders.

13. A. trilobatum. Willd. iv. 483.

Stemless. Leaves three-lobed. Flowers sub-sessile. Spathe ample, with its apex spiral, and resting on the earth Nectorial filaments short, simple and recurved.

Arisarum Amboinicum. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 110. f. 2.

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The roots came accidentally from the Moluccas, amongst the earth that some other plants were brought in, for the Botanic garden. Flowering time in the Botanic garden, the beginning of winter.

Root tuberous. Stem none. Leaves radical, the most exterior ones deeply three-lobed, almost ternate, the interior ones triangular, all are smooth on both sides; from four to six inches long, and nearly the same in breadth. Petioles near the leaf sub-triangular, below sheathing, smooth, about as long as the leaves. Scape from the centre of the leaves, very short. Spathe rather longer than the spadix, spreading horizontally with its twisted apex resting on the ground. Nectarial filaments recurved, short, and simple. Germs on a comical receptacle, the base of the spadix being so formed.

In Arum orixensis, which this plant looks like, the receptacle of the germs is cylindrical, with a long ramous filament, crowning its upper edge, this alone is a sufficient distinguishing

mark.

14. A. gracilis. R.

Stemless. Leaves deeply three-parted, or sub-ternate; lobes acute; the middle one oblong, lateral, semi-hastate. spathe flagelliform, the length of the flagelliform spadix. Nectarial filaments simple, and revolute.

Katu-schena. Rheed. Mal. xi. t. 21.

A native of Silhet, where it is known by the name Harpung, and used medicinally. Flowering time the hot and the rainy seasons.

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SECT. II. With compound Leaves.

15. A. cuspidatum. R.

Stemless. Leaves ternate; leaflets equal, lanceolate, cuspidate. Scapes as long as the petioles. Spathe longer than the subulate pointed spadix. Anthers from four to five, in a peltate circular crown on each filament.

A native of Pulo Pinang, where Mr. W. Roxburgh first discovered this uncommonly fine

species, and sent the roots to the Botanic garden where the plant blossoms in April.

Root, a small, tuberous, perennial crown, with long fleshy fibres from its base. Stem no other than the lower sheathing portion of the petioles of the leaves, and about three or four inches long. Leaves few, petioled, ternate. Leaflets, the pair sub-sessile, and semi-lanceolate, the terminal one petiolated, and lanceolate, all ending in long, filiform points, and perfectly smooth on both sides; margins entire, but waved, from four to twelve inches long, and from one to three broad. Scapes solitary, from the centre of the leaves, about as long, and much like the fine, round, tapering, smooth, beautifully crowded portion of the petioles of the leaves. Spathe oblong, the lower half sub-cylindric, faintly clouded, at the base converging; above expanding, pale green and incurved; apex filiform. Spadix shorter, the spathe, lower half cylindric, and surrounded with stamens; upper half subulate and naked. Corol none. Stamens numerous; filaments very short, thick, and fleshy. Anthers generally four, round the apex of each filament. Pistils, none can be found on the only plant now in blossom.

16. A. curvatum. Roxb.

Stemless. Leaves pedate; leaflets from ten to twelve, lanceolar. Spathe vaulted, half the length of the curved spadix; no nectarial filaments. Anthers three-lobed.

Nap. Beer-bauka.

A native of Nepal. In the Company's Botanic garden it blossoms in May.

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III. 508 Roots tuberous. Leaves radical, two or three, pedate; segments from ten to twelve, lanceolar, entire, smooth, veined; about six inches long. Petioles very long, the lower four fifths thereof sheathing; the upper part round, tapering, all are smooth, and of a pale green colour, below the petioles are embraced by a sheath or two, these are clouded with white on the outside. Scape from three to four feet high, which is rather longer than the leaves, round, smooth, and all but a portion of its apex enveloped in the sheaths of the leaves. Spalke half the length of the spadix, its body which embraces the receptacle or flower-bearing part of the spadix, cylindric, above that the remaining part of the spathe projects horizontally over the mouth of the cylindric part, like a large, concave, pointed roof, or lid, striated, otherwise smooth, and of an uniform pale green on both sides. Spadix the receptacle may be about a fourth of the whole, it is erect, above that it bends out downwards, then upwards, ending in a long, erect, naked club, or rather whip. Stamens occupying the upper two thirds of the receptacle. Filaments short, diverging. Anthers large, three-lobed, with two polliniferous pits in each lobe. Germs numerous, &c. as in the genus.

17. A. sesziliflorum. Roxb.

Stemless. Leaves pedate; leaflets about nine, broad-lanceolate, entire. Flowers sessile, appearing when the plant is destitute of foliage. Spathe revolute, twice the length of the long, tapering, erect, acute spadix. Nectarial filaments clavate. Anthers two-lobed. Berries from one to two-seeded.

A native of the country about Cawnpore, from thence introduced by Colonel Hardwicke into the Botanic garden in January 1803, where the plants blossom freely during the dry, hot

Root of the shape and size of a small turnip, with small knobs, or offsets, growing from it, of a light brown. Leaves, which appear many weeks after the flowers decay, pedate and about two feet high. Leaflets generally nine, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth, from three to nine inches long. Petioles round, smooth, tapering, clouded with pale dull purple; from six to eighteen inches long. Scape very short, and entirely hid under the surface of the earth. Spaths

sessile, indeed its gibbous base is rather immersed in the earth, for four or five inches above Page the swelling, erect, cylindric and entire; then reclinate, and open, the edges variously dentate, somewhat curled, more deeply coloured, and soon becoming involute. Spadix scarcely half the length of the spathe, deeply coloured at the base, conical, and there covered with germs. Necturial filaments clavate, crowning the germs; from thence two-lobed, two-celled, sessile. Anthers naked, cylindric, occupying about two inches. Club straight, from six to eight inches long, highly coloured, slender and acute. Germs obovate, one-celled, containing two ovula, attached to the bottom of the cell. Berries turbinate, smooth, polished, crimson, one or twoseeded.

18. A. lyratum. Roxb.

Root turnip-shaped, stemless. Leaves compound; first divisions sub-ternate; leaflets lyrate, smooth.

Teling. Udavee-Kundee.

Grows in moist places amongst the Circar mountains.

Root tuberous, pretty smooth, and something like a large potato. Leaves radical, one, two, or three, petioled, tripinnatifid; divisions very unequal; the exterior ones compound, larger than the others, pointed, and obliquely oblong, sometimes scolloped, smooth; the inferior ones small, and obtuse. Petioles one or two feet long, striated, clouded, swelled at the base; and there sheathing. Berries the size of a small cherry, red, smooth, one-seeded.

The roots are eaten by the natives of the mountains, but require two or three boilings and

some particular care in the dressing to render them inoffensive, and nourishing. 19. A. campanulatum. Ròxb.

Stemless. Leaves decompound. Flowers sessile, with respect to the surface of the ground, and appearing when the plant is destitute of leaves. Spathe the length of the spadix, campanulate, with curled margins, no nectary ; clab broad-ovate, lobate. Anthers two-celled.

Saus. Kunda or Kulla. Teling. Manchi kunda.

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Tacca sativa, Rumph. Amb. v. p. 324. t. 112, the root and leaf, and Tacca phallifera. t. 113. f. 2. the flower, at which period not a leaf is to be found. Schena and Mulen-Schena. Rheed.

Found wild in damp places in the woods near Calcutta; flowering time the beginning

Root perennial, tuberous, roundish, covered with a dark brown skin, frequently, when in a good soil, as large as a child's head; from various parts of the chief root, there issue small tuberosities, which are employed as offsets, to cultivate the plant by. Leaves radical, for the most part only one or two, thrice-bifid; divisions outwardly pinnatifid; segments obliquely oblong, pointed, smooth; size very unequal; the exterior one being always longer than the inferior one, the whole leaf is from one to three feet each way. Petioles round, tapering, with darker coloured green, pretty smooth, clouded as long as the leaves. Spathe very large, leathery, campanulate; the border curled; smooth on both sides; the outside near the base pale green; the middle part deeper green, and towards the margin greenish purple; the bottom deep dotted purple; the spadix about as long as the spathe, the lower third or pistiliferous part cylindric; the middle third or staminiferous portion somewhat turbinated, the club or upper third part very broad, short, conical, or sub-globular, of a dark purple colour, variously lobate, and wrinkled like a dried truffle, in large plants this part is six inches in diameter, and four in perpendicular height. Filaments none. Anthers numerous, closely impacted round the turbinate or middle portion of the spadix, linear, two-celled, with two corresponding openings at the apex, at which to discharge the disk or pollen; the immense quantity thereof that spews out from these openings and drops down in the pistils, is really inconceivable, Nectorial filaments none. Germs numerous, roundish ; styles subulate, thick-coloured ; stigmas large, yellow, downy, two-lobed. Berries numerous, long, obovate, red and covered with a considerable portion of pulp. Seeds one or two in each berry.

This species is much cultivated in the Northern Circars, and highly esteemed for the

wholesomeness, and nourishing quality of the roots. It deserves to be called the Telinga potato. The usual time of cultivation is immediately after the first rains, in June. A very rich loose soil suits it best; where the swelling of the root meets with little obstruction, and where they draw the greatest nourishment, for which reason it requires to be very well, and repeatedly ploughed. The small tuberosities that are found in the larger roots, are what they employ for sets, and are planted in the manner potatoes are in England, and about the same distance from one another. In twelve months they are reckoned fit to be taken up for use. The larger roots will then weigh, if the soil has been good, and the season favourable, from four to eight or more pounds each, they keep well if they are kept dry, and are by the na-

tives employed as food, in the same manner as the common yam.

20. A. bulbiforum. Roxb.

Root tuberous, stemless. Leaves decompound; bulb-bearing. Spathe cauled, rather longer than the cylindric spadix, no nectaries.

Beng. Umla bela.

A native of Bengal, and plentiful in the woods in the vicinity of Calcutta, where it blossoms in May, at which time nothing more of the plant is to be seen than the inflorescence; soon after the decay of the flowers, the leaves make their appearance, and continue during the rainy season.

Root perennial, turnip-shaped, and about the same size with fleshy fibres from every

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part, particularly the crown. Stem none. Leaves radical, generally single, long-petioled, commonly divided into three, petioled, once or twice dichotomous, pinnatifid, though in stunted plants they are frequently trigeminate. Leaflets broad-lanceolar, acute, entire, smooth, the breadth of the whole leaf is often four feet; small, compressed, round bulbs are almost always present on the upper side of the divisions of the leaves. Petioles from one to four feet long, round, smooth, clouded, tapering a little towards the top. Scape erect, from the crown of the root, round, smooth, about six inches long, beautifully clouded with olive, and pale orange tinged with pink. Spaths cauled, ovate when taken off and spread, smooth on both sides; at the base on the outside clouded like the scape; above and on the inside pink. Spaths cylindric, nearly the length of the spadix, club obtuse, and about one third of the whole, buff-coloured. Filament none. Anthers two-celled. Nectaries none, nor any intermediate space between the stanens and pistils. Germs roundish, two-celled, one of which even in the germ is for the most part abortive, the other contains one curved ovulum, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma four-lobed. Berries one-seeded.

21. A. sylvaticum. Roxb.

Leaves super-decompound; leaflets lanceolate. Spadix straight, two or three times longer than the short, gibbous campanulate spathe. Authors two-celled.

Teling. Udavce chaina.

A native of the mountainous parts of the Circars. Flowering time the wet season.

Root perennial, tuberous, nearly smooth like a potato. Stem none. Leaves radical, one or two, petioled, thrice two or mere lobed; lobes pinnatifid; segments lanceolate, smooth. The whole leaf is from eighteen to thirty inches each way. Petioles erect, from one to two feet long, smooth, clouded. Petioles winged. Scape erect, round, the length of the petioles, smooth. Spathe one third the length of the spadix, opening at, and near the apex only. Club thrice the length of the rest of the spathe, tapering to a long subulate point. Stamens numerous, occupying about two inches of the spadix, just within the apex of the spathe, singly sessile, and roundish, with two polliniferous cells, which open on the apex. Nectary, some smooth, irregular, glandular bodies are placed between the stamens and germs. Germs numerous, globular, surrounding an inch of the base of the spadix, they have the rudiments of three ovula. Style very short. Stigma large, three-lobed, glutinous, yellow. Berries one, two or three-seeded.

Note. Roots brought from the mountains grew and flowered in my garden at Samulkota, but it is perfectly unknown to the natives of the low country. I am therefore ignorant of its uses.

22. A. margaritifer. Roxb.

Herbaceous, stemless. Leaves trifid, with entire, narrow-lanceolate, pinnatifid segments. Spathe campanulate, equalling the obtuse spadix; nectaries like large pearls.

A native of Hindoostan, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it flowers

in May, and June, sometimes before the leaves appear.

Root a roundish, solid tuber, which produces roundish offsets in every part; size various; six inches in diameter. Leaves decompound; segments narrow, lanecolate, entire, acuminate. Scape straight, erect. cylindric, as thick as a man's thumb, and about two feet long, variegated, with deeper and lighter green. Base embraced by one, two, or three withering sheaths. Spathes sub-campanulate, obtuse, the length of the spadix, smooth; the prevailing colour a pale greenish yellow, with the bottom of the bell dark purple. Spadix cylindric, obtuse, every part occupied. Anthers obovate, two-celled, with gaping slits at top, occupying nearly the upper half of the spadix, to its very apex. Nectories solid, obovate, smooth, pearl white, occupying about one fourth of the middle of the spadix, between the anthers, and germs, as if studded with large pearls. Germ ovate, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the lower and inner angle of its cell. Style short. Stigmas large, round, with a small division at top; clammy, yellow.

CALLA. Schreb. gen. N. 1388.

Spathe one-leaved. Spadix covered with florets. Calyx none. Corol none. Berries many-seeded.

1. C. aromatica, R.

Caulescent. Leaves sub-sagittate, cordate, acuminate; lobes rounded and divaricate.

Spadix cylindric, obtuse, equalling the spathe; above male, below female, with abortive stamina intermixed; anthers many-celled.

Cuchoo-gundubee, is the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous. In the Botanic garden it is in flower the whole year. When cut it diffuses a pleasant aromatic scent, something like that of the scitamineous tribe; the medicinal virtues of the root are in high

estimation amongst the natives, and they sell from ten to sixteen rupees the maund.

Root, the body or tuber is a continuation of the stem when the plants are old enough to have one, invested in the old withered sheaths of the leaves, with numerous, long, white, fibrous cords issuing from every part. Stem short and of a slow growth. Leaves radical, long petioled, shape between cordate and sagittate, acuminate, lucid; lobes rounded and rather remote from each other, general length about twelve inches, and little more than half of that in breadth. Petioles with a sheathing base, and smooth, as in the order. Flowers many together from the axills and centre of the leaves, their whole length, scape included, scarcely half the length of the petioles, the usual bractes intervene between the round, smooth, uni-

form, green scape. Spathe sub-cylindric, rather obtuse, with an acumen, smooth on both Page sides, of a pale greenish yellow. Spadir sub-cylindric, obtuse, equalling, or rather longer than the spathe; the upper two thirds covered with sessile, many-celled anthers; the lower third with the germs intermixed with about as many abortive stamina as there are germs. Germs ovate, seemingly two, or three-celled, but as the receptacles are parietal and do not unite in the centre, I can call them only one-celled ovula, many attached to the exterior half of the parietal receptacles. Style none. Stigma two or three-lebed. Berries oblong, not unlike a large berberry, and rarely containing more than a single seed.

Is readily multiplied, by offsets from the body of the root.

2. C. calaptrata, Roxb.

Stemless. Leaves oblong, cordate. Spathe circumcised, the upper conical portion falling when early in blossom. Spadix, the upper half clavate and covered with stamina, the lower half eylindric, and female.

Arisarum esculentum. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 111. f. 1.

A native of Amboyna, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden, where it blos-

soms in May.

Root a small, oblique, oblong tuber with ramous fibres. Stem none. Leaves oblong, cordate, smooth on both sides, subulate, pointed, with a single slender vein round the margin; from five to seven inches long, and about three broad. Petioles sub-cylindric, shorter than the leaves. Scape shorter than the sheathing portion of the petioles, which embrace it on opposite sides. Spaths a little longer than the spadix, at the base round the germs convolute and green; the upper portion separating and dropping from the lower, when the anthers begin to discharge their pollen, splitting round the base into various portions, is of a tender somewhat fleshy texture, a pale yellow colour, and smooth on both sides. Spadix with germs only round, the lower half a small portion at the middle contracted, and naked, above clavate and covered with anthers. Filament none. Anthers numerous, cuneate, with two polliniferous pores at top. Germs numerous, from two to four-lobed. Style none. Stigma glandular, searcely elevated above the germs.
3. C. rubescens. R.

Caulescent. Leaves cordate, base bifid. Spathe contracted, acute, equalling the spadix. Lower third of the spadix covered with germs, and chavate corpuscles intermixed; the upper two-thirds covered with anthers only.

Draeunculus amboinicus. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 111. f. 2.

A native of Chittagong, and from thence sent to the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Dr.

Buchanan, in 1797, where it blossoms in August 1801.

Root of numerous, long, fleshy, spreading fibres. Stem, the largest plant in the Botanic garden has in four years got one of about three inches in length only, and half that in diameter, and as yet surrounded with the withered, stem-clasping bases of the old leaves, through these pass the thick fleshy fibres of the root, which descend into the ground. Leaves many, horizontal, petioled, sagittate-cordate; lobes obtuse, margins very entire, and without the inner marginal vein common to most of this order, point acute; from six to twelve inches long, and from three to six broad, in general slightly tinged with red, particularly round the margins. Petioles erect, below deeply channelled and embracing those within, above tapering gently, and there very slightly channelled, smooth, of a deep dull red, from one to five feet long. Scopes in the single plant now before me, four issue from the axill of one leaf, they are more or less erect, round, coloured, smooth, somewhat clavate, from three to four inches long. Spatke coloured, lanceolate on both sides, opening a little above the middle; at all times closely shut except for a short space, and just before the pollen is discharged. Spadix scarcely longer than the spathe, sub-cylindric; the lower third covered with the germs, intermixed with small, white, clavate, stamen-like scales; the upper two thirds closely covered with sessile twin anthers. Germs round, three-celled, with the rudiments of many ovula in each. Style none. Stigma large, convex, obscurely three-lobed.

4. C. oblongifolia. Roxb.

Caulescent, Leaves erect, oblong. Spathe boat-shaped, acuminate, a few female below.

Arum uquaticum. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 108.

A native of the Moluccas, from thence brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where

it blossoms during the rains.

Root fibrous, perennial. Stem straight, in plants of four or five years' growth above a foot high, and an inch in diameter, marked with the cicatrices of the fallen leaves. Leaves terminal, erect. petioled, oblong or narrow cuncate-oblong, entire, smooth on both sides, from six to nine inches long, and about three broad. Petioles shorter than the leaves, the upper third nearly round. Scapes axillary, shorter than the petioles, round, smooth. Spathe oblong, boat-shaped, acute, pointed, smooth, of a deep green on both sides, gaping considerably. Spadir cylindric, rather shorter than the spathe, the lower third, or two fifths, with a few scat-tered pistils, the upper part closely covered with four-celled authers. Berry globular, oneseeded.

5. C. pieta. R.

Caulescent. Leaves short-petioled. ovate-oblong, entire, clouded. Flowers axillary, solitary, pedancled. Spathe gibbons, acuminate, shorter than the obtuse, clavate spadix.

A native of the Island of Sumatra; in the Botanic garden where it has been introduced, it blossoms about the close of the rains. In this the male part of the spadix is three or four times longer than the base or female part; anthers with two two-lobed cells. The germs evate, containing one evulum only, attached to the bottom of the cell.

Caulescent. Leaves peltate, ovate, slightly waved, undivided at the base. Spadix one fourth the length of the subulate spathe, with the female florets at the base. Anthers many-

Hind. Bish Kuchoo, Bish means poison; this species we may therefore conclude is at least reckoned so.

A short, large, waved plant of an uncommon appearance, the leaves being only undulate round the base, and therefore nearly destitute of that division into two large lobes so common to the simple leaved plants of this order. Flowering time toward the close of the rains.

Stem in our young plants in the Botanic garden short, simple, round, and considerably bent to one side. Leaves petioled, peltate, ovate, undivided at the base; the posterior margin undulate, from one to two feet long, and from six to fifteen inches broad. Petioles about the length of the leaves, base sheathing, the rest round and smooth, and the colour nearly an uniform green. Scapes axillary, many together, somewhat angular, half the length of the peti-oles, one-flowered. Spathe subulate, nearly straight, convolute, smooth, of a lively yellow; about four times longer than the spadix. Spadix about three inches long, obtuse; the lower third part covered with the female florets, and the upper two thirds with the male. Anthers peltate, from eight to twelve-celled round the margin. Germs broad-ovate, one-celled, containing many ovula attached to three or four parietal receptacles. Style scarcely any. Stigma large, peltate.

GNETUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1477.

III. MALE. Calyx a cylindric ament with rotate, entire, many-flowered scales. Perianth proper or corol tubular, containing a single filament with a two-lobed anther. Females above the males in the same scale of the ament. Perianth proper or corol urceolate. Germ superior, one-celled, ovula solitary, superior. Style short. Stigma trifid. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, with an ample perisperm.

G. gnemon. Willd. iv. 591.

Leaves opposite, elliptic; aments axillary, compound.

Gnemon domestica. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 71.

A native of Sumatra, and the Molucca Islands. Strong cords are made of the fibres of its bark, at Sumatra, and its leaves are used as spinage. In both male and female, the corol is very distinct, and of a pitcher shape, with a small perforation at top, they are separately surrounded with a number of slender, short filaments, which may be celled perianths.

2. G. scandens, R.

Shrubby, scandent, Leaves opposite, oblong.

Ula. Rheed. Mal. vii. p. 41. t. 22.

Gnemon funicularis. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 12. t. 7, and 8.

Nanu-witi, the vernacular name in the Silhet district. A stout scandent shrub, a native of the hilly parts of Chittagong, and the eastern parts of Bengal, as well of Malabar and the Moluccas. Flowering time in the former, March and April, fruit edible, ripening in September and October.

Young shoots round, smooth, jointed at the insertion of the leaves and there swelled. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, oblong, firm, glossy, entire, rather obtuse, about six inches long, by three broad. Petioles rather short, enlarged at the base on the inside. Slipules none. Peduncles axillary and terminal, generally one or two opposite pairs of peduncled cylindric aments and a terminal one; all are round and smooth. Scales of the aments short, cyathiform, forming a complete ring around the rachis at every eighth part of an inch, embracing a double whorl of male and a single whorl of female florets, over them; the whole intermixed with much brown hair. MALE FLORETS. Perianth proper or corol unequally ovate, with a minute perforation of the apex for the style and stigma to pass through. Filaments single, from the bottom of the tube of the perianth, ovate with a minute perforation at the apex for the style and stigma to pass through. Germ superior, hid in the perianth, lanceolate, one-celled. Style short. Stigma trifid. Drupe oblong, rather larger than the largest olive; when ripe smooth, and of a reddish orange colour, one-celled. Pulp intermixed with many tender spiculæ like those of Cowhage, yet said to be greedily eaten by the natives, where the plants grow. Nut conform to the drupe, rather tough, but thin and ribbed on the inside, and on the outside striated, one-celled, evalvular. Seed conform to the nut. Integuments two; the exterior one thin and fibrous; the inner one less distinct, and adhering to the perisperm very firmly. Perisperm conform to the seed, cartilaginous. Embryo in the apex of the perisperm, straight. Cotyledons two, ensiform, unequal. Radicle superior.

CASUARINA. Schreb. gen. N. 1395.

Male calyx an ament. Corol two-petalled, or two-parted. Female calyx an ament. Corol none. Germ one-celled, one-seeded; attachment inferior. Style two-cleft. Strobile two-valved, one-seeded. Seeds winged. Embryo inverse, with little or no perisperm.

C. muricata. R.

Diœcous, arboreous. Branches and branchlets scattered, horizontal; strobiles oval, murexed with the unarmed, sharp, conical points of the little capsules.

A native of the sand hills, on the sea side, in the province of Chittagong; and from thence was sent by Dr. Buchanan to the Botanic garden, where in the course of ten years

from the seed, they have grown to be trees of from sixty to eighty feet in height; with trunks three feet and a half in circumference four feet above ground, but in their native soil, the large trees are said to be nearly one hundred feet high, and nine or ten feet in circumference.

The wood is not held in estimation, though of a reddish colour, and texture like Cedrela Toona. In the Botanic garden they blossom during the months of February and March.

Trank straight up to the top of the trees, as in the Firs and Pines. Bark smooth, brown, and considerably cracked. Branches scattered, horizontal with apices ascending and the extreme twigs often drooping. Leaves or rather extreme filiform division of the branchlets verticelled, though frequently not more than one or two in the verticel, that is from the same annular stipule, slightly furrowed, simple, or ramous, jointed, with joints ending in a six to eight-cleft cup, in which the next joint sits. Stipules, for so I will call the six to eight-cleft, annular, woolly ring that surrounds the branchlets and embraces the insertion of the leaves, or small slender branchlets and the peduncles. MALE. Aments cylindric, terminating the leaves. Scales from six to eight in a verticel, and united at the base, they are pointed and woolly. Flowers as many as there are divisions in the verticel. Corol, two opposite, boatshaped, ciliate scales opposite to each cleft of the verticel. Filaments single, twice as long as the verticel. Authors two-lobed. Female flowers, on a different tree; at least trees now seventy feet high, that have been annually in flower these ten years have not produced any other, and issue solitarily with the leaves, from the six or eight-cleft, annular stipules. Aments oval, short-peduncled. Scales from six to eight, at the base united into a verticel, with a single flower between each. Corol none. Germs oblong ; style, the entire part very short, soon dividing into two long, recurved, bright, garnet-coloured portions. Stigmas simple. Strobiles oval, about the size and shape of a nutmeg, armed with the sharp conic points of the twovalved capsules. Seeds small, with a large, wedge-shaped, membranaceous wing.

ARTOCARPUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1393.

Male and Female florets on the interior surface of different receptacles. Male proper perianth from two to three-leaved. Corollets none. Females proper perianth one-valved. Corollets none. Gems one-celled, one-seeded; attachment superior. Style single. Fruit compound. Embryo without perisperm.

1. A. hirsuta. Lamarck. Encycl. iii. 201.

Leaves entire, ovate. Stipules hirsute. Male aments cylindric and pendulous. Female globular and erect.

Artocarpus pubescens. Willd. iv. 198. Ansjeli. Rheed. Mal. iii. t. 32.

Angelee is the name it is known by amongst the natives in the vicinity of Tellicherry.

A native of the forests of Malabar, where it is common and grows to be a tree of great magnitude, and its timber is used for various economical purposes. Mr. Dyer, the surgeon at Tellicherry, who sent me specimens in flower gathered in February, says it is chiefly hewn out to make fishing boats as mentioned by Van Rheede.

Young shoots hirsute. Leaves alternate, petioled, oval, entire, obtuse, somewhat hairy underneath, particularly the large parallel veins, from six to seven inches long, and from four to five broad. Petioles short, hirsute. Stipules lanceolate, hairy on the outside. Aments in pairs, axillary or from the axills of the former year's leaves; male long, slender and pendulous; festale round, longer-peduncled and erect. Bracles or chaffy scales linear, obtuse and mixed amongst the male florets. Male perianth one-leaved, sub-cylindric; mouth two-parted. Corol none. Filaments single, the length of the calyx. Anthers two lobed. Female perianth one-valved; the lower third part of the whole length firmly united to each other, the other two thirds daggered; nearly solid, there being only a slender perforation through its centre for the style, armed on the outside with stout stiff bristles. Corol none. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing one ovulum attached to the top of the cell. Style longer than the calyx, filiform. Stigma simple, acute. Fruit compound, oval, of the size of a very large lemon, armed with numerons hispid spines, on the enlarged end are still more indurated points of what I called the perianth, (See above.) Internal parts and arrangement as in the common Jak, Sitodium cauli-florum, Gart. sem. i. 345. t. 71. and 72. Seeds many, ovate or oval, the size of a field beau. Integuments two, the exterior one, firm like parchment; the interior one thicker, dark brown, and spongy. Perisperm none. Embryo with two equal cotyledons, and minute body lodged close to the ambilicus at the smaller end of the seed.

2. A. integrifolia. Willd. iv. 184.

Leaves oblong, entire. Flowers cauline. Sitodium cauliflorum. Gært. Sem. i. 345. t. 71, 72.

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Tsjaca marum. Rheed. Mal. iii. t. 26, 27, 28.

Beng. Kanthal.

Jak tree.

Polyphema Jaca, Lourier, Cochin Ch. 667.

It is much cultivated throughout Southern India, and all the warmer parts of Asia; where it-is wild or originally from, I know not. On the coast of Coromandel, it does not in general attain to any great height, from thirty to forty feet may be reckoned a high tree, but with a very large, ramous, dense, shady head, particularly when it stands detached from other trees, and a short thick trunk, about twelve feet high; flowering time the cold season, fruit ripe in four or five months afterwards.

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Leares alternate, petioled, oval, in young luxuriant plants often lobed, of a firm leathery texture, above of a deep smooth shining green, below less so, about four inches long. Petioles short, slightly channelled. Stipules two broad-lanceolate, pretty smooth, embracing like a spathe the next inner leaf and ament when present, falling as soon as they begin to expand. MALE FLOWERS. Ament single, short-peduncled, the size of a man's thumb, or more; generally on small, recent branchiets which issue from the trunk and larger branches, every where most closely covered with the small sessile corollets. Spathe no other than the above mentioned stipules. Perianth proper, or corol two-leaved; leaflets wedge-formed, equal, a little hairy. Stamens, filament single, thick, club-shaped, rather larger than the perianth. Anthers two-lobed; lobes oval, and grooved in the middle. FEMALE FLOWERS on the same tree, and mixed with the male on the same branchlets. Calyx; spathe, no other than the male has, viz. the stipules. Ament oblong, closely covered with innumerable, small, sessile germs, perforated at the apex for the style to pass. Germs numerous, their exterior coverings uniting near the base; above they are from four to six-angled, and throughout solid, except where the germ proper and style is lodged. Germ proper, ovate, lodged in the bottom of the last described covering. Style single, rather longer than the envelope of the germ. Stigma single, recurved, clubbed, grooved on the outside. Fruit compound, oblong, murexed, from twelve to thirty inches long, from six to twelve in diameter, weighing from ten to sixty pounds. Seeds reniform, one in each germ, were all to come to maturity, which never can happen; they are about the size of a nutmeg, enveloped in a thin, smooth, leathery sheath, lodged within the fleshy

eatable part of the fruit, which formed the exterior coverings of the germ, already noticed.

For a more particular account of the fruit, see Gærtner on Seeds, vol. i. page 344, 346. tab. 71. and 72. all that is intended by this description, is to give a tolerable idea of the

parts of fructification.

The fruit of this tree is so universally known, that it is unnecessary for me to say any thing respecting its excellence, as well as that the seeds, when roasted, are not inferior to the best chesnuts. In Ceylon, where the tree grows most plentifully, and where the fruit attains to its greatest size, the inhabitants make them a very considerable article of their diet.

The wood comes near to mahogany in appearance, and is much used for making furni-

ture, in Ceylon and some other parts of India.

The Indians of those parts prepare their best bird-lime from the tenaceous white juice, which abounds in all the uncatable parts of the fruit, and in the young tender parts of the tree. It flows freely from recent wounds.

3. A. Lakoocha, Roxb.

Leaves entire, oval. Aments axillary, globular. Fruit nearly round, somewhat lobate, and almost smooth.

Sans. Lukoocha.

Beng. Dhea-phul-Burhul.

Found in the gardens in the vicinity of Calcutta, and is common all over Bengal. Leaves deciduous during the cold season, appearing again with the flowers in March about the beginning of the hot season.

It is so far as I have seen, a tree of a middling size, with a short but thick trunk, and

a very large spreading head.

Bark of the trunk very rough; that of the young parts pretty smooth. Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets alternate, short-petioled, somewhat bifarious, oval, entire, generally pointed, smooth above, downy beneath, with many parallel veins, and beautifully reticulated between them, from four to twelve inches long, and from two to six broad. Stipules small, cordate, caducous. Aments axillary, being from the axills, or most exterior germs, of last year's leaves; the male are below, the female on the same branchlets, but from different axills. Male flowers. Calyx; spathe no other than one, or two, small, stipule-like scales, embracing the insertion of the spadix. Aments sub-sessile, irregularly roundish, about the size of a nutmeg, every where covered with innumerable florets, internally of a beautiful rosecolour. Perianth proper, or corol, consisting of small, wedge-shaped, truncated scales. I find it difficult to assign any determined number to each stamen, from two to four is most-common. Filaments rather longer than the scales of the calyx, tapering from the base. Anthers round, minute, elevated a very little above the surface of the spadix. Female flowers. Calyx; spathe as in the male. Ament short-peduncled, globular. Perianth proper, as in A. integrifolia. Germs numerous, of the shape of a Florence flask; style the length of the exterior coat of the germ. Stigmas subulate. Fruit compound, the surface pretty smooth; the internal structure as in the genus, about the size of a man's fist or larger, and generally of an irregular, roundish form, when ripe yellow. Seeds oblong, involved in the same number of integuments as in A. integrifolia.

The natives cat the fruit; to an European the taste will generally be found disagreeable. The male spadix is acid, and astringent; the natives cat them in their curries. The roots dye yellow. The whole tree and unripe fruit, like A. incisus, and integrifolia, contain much tena-

ceous milky juice.
4. A. Chaplasha. Roxb. Leaves in the adult, obovate, entire; in the young pinnatifid. Aments axillary, longpeduncled, sub-rotund. Fruit spherical.

Beng. Chaplash. A native of the eastern frontier of the Province of Bengal, about Tipperah, and Chittagong, where it grows to be a tree of the first magnitude. Flowering time March and April, when the first flowers appear, the tree is destitute of leaves, but they make their appearance

before the fruit is formed.

Trunk straight; branches numerous, ascending. Bark tolerably smooth, of a dark brownish olive colour. Leaves alternate on short, round, pubescent petioles; in young plants frequently, indeed generally, pinnatifid; in grown trees oval or obovate, cuneate, with the margins somewhat remotely dentate-serrate, or scolloped, of a thick, firm, harsh texture; from six to twelve inches long, and from four to eight broad. Stipules two, spathiform, within the leaves, opposite, caducous. Aments, the first that appear are immediately below the germs, which contain the new swelling foliage; afterwards when the leaves begin to expand they are axillary, both male and female are long-peduncled, and nearly round. MALE FLOWERS. Calyx, ament long-peduncled, sub-round, of the size of a nutmeg, covered with immunerable, very minute florets, intermixed with slender, peltate bractes, or scales. Perianth proper; scales two, rarely three, wedge-shaped, with their apices somewhat rugged. Corol none. Filaments one or two, rather longer than the corol. Anthers twin. FEMALE AMENTS amongst the male. Calyx; ament long-peduncled, spherical, entirely covered with innumerable florets, intermixed with small peltate scales, as in the male. Perianth proper, one-leaved, clavate, fleshy, with a small perforation for the style to pass through. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ ovate. Style slender. Stigma curved, and just projecting without the apex of the perianth. Fruit compound, perfectly round, drooping on its long peduncle, about the size of a very large orange, and much like the bread fruit, Artocarpus incisa, only much smaller. Seeds numerous, oblong, white, and about the size of Pistachio auts.

It differs widely in many respects from Artocarpus Lakoocha. First, chiefly in the appearance of the trees; for this is tall and straight, growing to an immense size, of which canoes are made on the Fennee and Gomootee rivers. The wood is also serviceable for various other purposes, and is reckoned superior to almost every other sort, particularly when employed under water; that being short, very ramous, and generally crooked. Secondly, here both male and female aments, and consequently the fruit, are long-peduncled; there very short. Thirdly, here the fruit is spherical; there of an irregular, lobate shape.

5. A. echinata. Roxb.

Leaves oblong, entire. Male and female aments round. Fruit spherical, echinated.

Tampoine of the Malays of Malacca.

A native of Prince of Wales' Island, and other parts cast of the Bay of Bengal, where it grows to be a moderate sized tree, and the fruit is eaten by the natives.

Trunk in a young tree in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, short, stout, and straight. Brasekes numerous in every direction, forming a dense, sub-globular head. Bark of the old woody parts of a dark olive green, that of the young shoots barsh with short stiff appressed brownish hairs. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, obtuse, hard, with the upper surface glossy, and the lower one lighter coloured and harsh, from six to eight inches long, and from three to six broad. Stipules lanceolate, concave, harsh with short, appressed hairs. Male aments axillary, short-peduncled, globular, of the size of a gooseherry, yellow. Bracles, a few. clavate-peltate, intermixed with the corollets. Calgar one-leaved, bifid segments oblong, obtuse. Filaments single, rather longer than the calyx. Authors sub-rotund. Female aments terminal, longer peduneled, globular. Fruit compound, round, of the size of a small shaddock, armed with numerous, long, straight, subulate spines as jin A. Aireuta, (Ansjeli. Rheed. Mal. iii. t. Seeds numerous, and oval, as in the genus.
 A. lanceafolia. R.

Leaves broad-lanceolar, or oblong, acuminate, entire. Fruit terminal, spherical.

A native of Prince of Wales' Island.

7. A. incisa, Willd. iv. 188.

Leaves gashed and pinnathh. Male aments cylindric. Fruit terminal, round.

Bread-Fruit of Dampier, Anson, Cook, and Ellis.

Soccus lanosus, granosus and sylvestris. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 32, 33, and 34.

A native of the Moluccas, and South Sea Islands. It has been long introduced into Bengal, but the winters there are much too cold for it, and during that period it loses nearly as much it gains the rest of the year.

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Male and female corollets on the interior surface of the common receptacle. Proper perianth various in both. Corollet none. Seeds solitary.

Note. I have examined minutely the florets of nearly the whole of the following species, and found only two instances in which they were not androgynous; and by far the greater part monandrous. 4 of the openes were

SECT I. Fruit solitary or paired.

I. F. Carica, Willd. iv. 1131.

Leaves angular, lobate, or palmate, three-nerved, scabrous above, downy underneath. Fruit solitary, turbinate, smooth. Pers. Unjeer.

Arab. Seen.

Beng. Doomar or Doomber.

Found in a cultivated state, in India, Persia, and Arabia. The leaf is much less divided than in the trees from England, or than I ever observed them in Europe.

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2. F. hirsuta. Roxb.

Arboreous. Tender parts hirsute. Leaves round-cordate, from three to five-lobed, serratedentate; lobes acute. Fruit axillary, paired, sessile, oval, shaggy

Dungra, the vernacular name in the Silhet district, where the tree is indigenous, and pro-

duces fruit during the dry season. 529

Young shoots sub-succulent, and very hairy; hairs fulvous. Leaves alternate, petioled round-cordate, from three to five-lobed, serrate-dentate, hairy, particularly the nerves underneath; lobes acuminate; length and breadth from six to ten inches. Stipules lanceolate. Fruit (receptacle,) in pairs, axillary, sessile, round, an inch and a half in diameter, very hairy, of a rich yellow, fleshy; flesh firm and yellow. Umbilieus scaly and scarcely elevated above the surface of the fruit. Calyx of the fruit; leaflets three, obliquely round, cordate, cuspidate, sericeous on the outside. Male corollets a few, just within the umbilicus, sub-sessile. Calyx threeleaved, or deeply three-parted; leaflets oblong, deep red. Filaments generally two, short. Anther linear-oblong. Female corollets numerous, long-pedancled, occupying the whole of the cavity of the receptacle. Calyx as in the male. Germ sub-globular. Style on one side, short. Stigma large, somewhat three-lobed.

The fruit is eaten by the natives of Silhet, where the tree is indigenous.

3. F. palmata. R.

Leaves palmate, woolly underneath; lobes serrulate dentate, and cuspidate. Found by Dr. W. Hunter indigenous at Pulo Pinang.

4. F. caricoides, Roxb.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves cordate, crenate, villous. Fruit axillary, solitary, or paired, peduncled, trigonal-turbinate, wrinkled. Umbilious shut with three cordate scales. Calyx from five to six-leaved.

From General Martin at Lucknow, some plants were received into the Botanic garden

where they grow readily from cuttings, thrive well, and bear fruit abundantly.

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Stem erect. Branches ascending, having much the appearance of those of the common fig. only running more into long slender twigs. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, crenulate, villous; from six to ten inches long. Petioles round, downy, two or three inches long. Fruit axillary, long-peduncled, solitary, erect, of a triangular-turbinate shape, with a round, closed, prominent umbilious; wrinkled on the outside, and somewhat villous; when ripe yellowish, and about the size of a gooseberry. Calyx of the fruit three-leaved, that of the corollets five-

leaved, as in the genus.

Note. The plant has so much the general habit of F. Carica, that I long considered it an accidental variety, but as the tree is less like it when old, and the shape of the leaves continues constant, I am now induced to consider it a distinct species. The fruit is tough, and

very unpalatable, in short not catable.

5. F. virgata. R.

Shrubby. Lsaves broad-cordate, obtuse, serrate-crenate, three-nerved, downy. Fruit axillary and lateral, peduncled, solitary, oval, smooth.

A native of Rohilcund; flowering time the dry season.

Trunk tolerably erect. Branches few, weak, ascending, covered with smooth, brownish, ash-coloured bark; the whole height of plants six years old, from four to eight feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, three-nerved, obtuse, serrate-crenate, very downy underneath; from three to four inches long, by three broad. Petioles round, downy, about two inches long. Stipules semi-lanceolate, caducous. Fruit axillary, solitary, ovate, of the size of a pea, yellow, pretty smooth, supported on round, downy peduncles, rather less than an inch long. Calyx common, three-leaved, and removed a little from the fruit, by a short pedicel. MALE. Corol round the inside of the mouth of the fruit, long-pedicelled. Calyx of from three to five, lanceolate, hairy leaflets. Stamina three. Female corollets numerous, sub-sessile. Calyx generally three-leaved. Germ round. Style hairy, tapering to a fine, hairy, coloured stigma.

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6. F. hirta. R. Arboreous. Tender parts very hairy. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, ciliate, serrate. Fruit axillary, paired, sessile, ovate, shaggy.

Bun or Khura Doomoor, of the natives Silhet, where the tree is indigenous, and grows

to a great size, and is beautiful during the dry season.

Young shoots rather succulent, and very hairy; hair fulvous. Leaves alternate, longpetioled, cordate, acutely serrate, from three to five-nerved, sometimes somewhat angular, or obscurely lobed; the upper surface a little hairy, very downy underneath, particularly the nerves, a foot long, by nine or ten inches broad. Petioles very shaggy, round, from six to eight inches long. Stipules lanceolate, sericeous. Fruit axillary, sessile, ovate, hirsute, of the size of a pigeon's egg, one or two calycine-like cuspidate scales near the base. Calyx three-leaved; leaflets obliquely cordate, acuminate. Male corollets a few round the mouth of the receptacle, diandrous, with a red, five-cleft calyx. Female corollets numerous, over the whole of the inside of the receptacle, long-pedicelled. Calyx three-leaved, or three-parted; parts lanceolate, and coloured as in the male. Germ oval. Style the length of the germ. Stigma bifid.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, turbinate, very scabrous; stipules permanent. Fruit solitary, or in pairs, short-peduncled, turbinate, very scabrous, some large scales about the apex.

Found by Mr. Gott indigenous in Rohileund.

8. F. laminosa. Hardw.

Shrubby, spreading. Leaves opposite, broad-lanceolate, scabrous. Fruit globular, ribbed,

and imbricated with lamina. Chan cheree of the inhabitants of the mountains near Chinnalee, where Colonel Hardwicke found it growing in moist situations, and spreading over the rocks. See Asiat. Res. vi.

9. F. heterophylla. Shrubby, sub-scandent. Leaves variously divided, scabrous. Fruit axillary, paired, peduncled, rough.

Valli teregam. Rheed. Mal. iii. t. 62. Beng. Ghoti-suara.

Teling. Buroui.

A weak, straggling, shrubby species, a native of thickets, &c. on the banks of rivers, and

water courses, where its roots are constantly moist.

Stems long, woody, weak, supporting themselves amongst bushes. Bark scabrous, rustcoloured. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval or oblong, sometimes entire, but more frequently divided into almost every form that can be imagined, very scabrous, with the divisions often toothed. Fruit axillary, paired, peduncled, round-turbinate, of the size of a large goose-berry, when ripe yellow, with whitish, scabrous spots. Calgar of the fruit minute, three-parted. The bark of the root is very bitter, it is given by the Hindoos of these parts to remove

pains in the bowels.

This is truly a polymorphous plant, and I suspect Vahl's Ficus denticulata, truncata, and serrata, as well as Willdenow's aquatica, and probably Louriero's cannabina, are nothing more than varieties of this species; at least I have never met with any other that can be compared with them, and this varies so much, even on the same plant, as to agree with them

10. F. scabrella. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, remotely serrulate-dentate, scabrous. Fruit axillary, solitary, peduncled, turbinate, tubercled, of the size of an olive, scales of the umbilious ciliate.

Ballam Doomoor, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous, and the fruit eaten by the natives in their curries. It is an extensive rambling species, depending on

other plants for support, but does not root on them, as some nearly allied species do.

**Leaves* alternate, short-petioled, oblong, remotely serrate, or a compound of that and

scollop-dentate, very harsh to the feel, from two to five inches long, and from one to two broad. Fruit axillary, peduncled; two is the habit, but rarely more than one grows to half the full size, which is that of a large olive, turbinate, rough with spongy, brownish tubercles, or knobs; when ripe the ground colour is yellow. Umbilious clavate and shut with ciliate scales. Calgar of the fruit rather remote from it, and three-lobed. Male corollets, a few round the mouth of the umbilicus, monandrous, with from three to four-cleft perianths. Female corollets numerous over the whole of the smooth inside of the receptacle, with a perianth like that of the male.

11. F. frueticosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaces petioled, sub-ovate, entire, void of pubescence, but harsh. Fruit in

axillary pairs, rather long peduncled, round.

Parkut Doomoor, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous, and grows to the size of a bushy, spreading shrub of about five or six feet in height, but shows no tendency to climb, or ramble, like some other nearly allied species, natives of the same country

and the adjoining provinces.

Young shoots void of pulescence, but harsh with minute points, scarcely visible to the naked eye. Leaves short-petioled, alternate, evate, rather obtuse, entire, and like the young shoots somewhat harsh to the feel; from three to four inches long, by from one and a half to two and a half broad. Fruit in axillary pairs, rather long peduncled, round, pretty smooth, the size of a small chercy, of a deep orange. Umbilicus flat and shut with a few, smooth scales. Calgx of the fruit rather remote, small and three-lobed. Male corollets many and mixed among the female, diandrous, with a three-parted red perianth. Female corollets with the perianth like the male, the stigma two-toothed.

12. F. Luducca. Roxb.

Shrubby, very ramous. Leaves short-petioled, ovate, acute, entire, firm. Fruit axillary, solitary, short-peduncled, round, hairy.

Luduka, and Debree of the natives of Dosa, where Colonel Hardwicke found it on his journey to Shreenagur.

13. F. Chincha. R.

Shrubby. Leaves petioled, oblong, obtusely cuspidate, entire, scabrous. Fruit axillary, sub-sessile, round, scabrous, with an elevated umbilicus.

Chincha of the natives about Dosa, where it was found by Colonel Hardwicke on his journey to Shreenagur.

14. F. quercifolia. Roxb.

Perennial, creeping. Leaves reflected, oblong, irregularly sinuate, scabrous underneath. Fruit solitary, peduncled, short-oval, of the size of a pea.

A native of the Island of Sumatra, and sent to the Botanic garden by Dr. Charles Camp-

bell, from Bencoolen. It bears fruit all the year.

Stems none. Branches creeping to an extent of about two feet, round and pretty smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, reflected, oblong, deeply, and irregularly sinuate, scabrous, particularly underneath, from one to three inches long, and about half that in breadth. Petioles

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short, somewhat channelled. Stipules tapering, coloured, caducous. Fruit axillary, solitary, peduncled, short-oval, warty, the size of a pea. Umbilious elevated, large, coloured, and nearly shutwith scales. Perianth no other than two, or three, remote small scales on the peduncle and fruit. Corollets many; the female ones below, a few diandrous; the hermaphrodite ones just within the umbilious. Perianth in both five-cleft.

15. F. humile, Roxb.

Perennial, creeping. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, remotely dentate-servate, harsh, ob-

tusely acuminate. Fruit paired, peduncled, oblong with an elevated umbilious.

From Sumatra, where it is indigenous, this small cospitose species has been introduced into the Botanic garden where it produces fruit the whole year. It is like F. quercifolia in habit, and I at first considered it to be only a variety of that species; but a longer and more intimate acquaintance with both, induces me to think them distinct. In this I have found only female florets.

Stems and branches spreading flat on the ground, and striking root, round and pretty smooth, the most tender luxuriant shoots somewhat three-sided. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, shape between oblong-ventricose and rhomboidal; apex alternate, but obtuse, margin remotely serrate-dentate; both surfaces void of pubescence, but harsh, from two to four inches long. Petioles and reins red. Stipules ensiform, coloured, smooth. Fruit axillary, paired, peduncled, of the size of a pea, oblong, with a large elevated umbilicus. Corollets entirely female in all the plants brought to this garden. Calyx five-parted; segments ensiform.

16. F. repens. Willd. iv. 1149.

Somewhat shrubby, creeping. Leaves obliquely cordate, lobate, serrate-dentate. Fruit solitary, peduncled, long-obovate.

Beng. Bhooi-Doomoor.

A native of pasture ground, and borders of tanks about Calcutta.

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Stems creeping or diffuse, close on the ground, ramous, as thick as a quill; young shoots a little hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, unequally cordate, often deeply sinuate, generally acutely and regularly serrate, the upper surface scabrous, underneath downy; size very various. Petioles about half the length of the leaves. Stipules opposite, and not dropping so soon as in the other species I have met with. Fruit axillary, solitary, peduncled, obovate, somewhat scabrous, scarcely the size of the point of the little finger. Peduncle bracted at the middle, or it may be called a three-leaved calyx, and then the fruit is pedicelled.

17. F. radicans. R.

Shrubby, scandent, and rooting. Leaves oblong, entire, long-linear, acuminate. Fruit globular, without a common calyx, long-peduncled. Male corollets monandrons.

Poora rooha the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous; it grows to be of a considerable extent, rooting upon old walls, various kinds of bushes and trees, like the ivy in Europe and the parasites in India, but has its main root generally though not always on

the ground. In fruit the whole year.

Young shoots a little harsh to the feel, and green. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, entire, three-nerved; apex long, and very narrow, or ensiform like that of F. religiosa, hard and rather rough with reticulate veins underneath; lateral nerves small, springing from the base and running close to the margin; from three to six inches long, and from one to three broad. Stipules as in the genus, but small. Evuit paired or single from the base of the little branchlets, all axillary, long-peduncied, round, of the size of a black current, when ripe, yellow or orange. Calyx of the receptacle none. Proper perianth in both male and female five-cleft; segments ensiform. Male corollets monandrous, a few round the inside of the mouth of the receptacle, all the rest female.

18. F. scandens. R.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves short-petioled, ovate, entire, fruit in axillary pairs, round, peduncled; common calyx three-toothed. A native of Silhet, where it grows to be a ramous climbing shrub, running up and over

small trees, shrubs, &c.

Bark of the tender branchlets rather rough, and brown. Leaves very exactly ovate, shortpetioled, entire, three-nerved, void of pubescence, but barsh to the feel, and very hard; from two to four inches long, and from one and a half to two and a half broad. Fruit in axillary pairs, all from the base of the small lateral branchlets, rather long-peduncled, round, rough, of the size of a black current, and olive yellow when ripe. Calyx of the receptacle three-toothed. Proper perianth from three to five-parted in both male and female. Male corollets very few in some of the receptacles, in others none could be seen, monandrous.

19. F. vagans. R.

Shrubby, scandent, rooting to other trees. Leaves long-petioled, exactly cordate, villous underweath. Fruit axillary, peduncles solitary or in pairs, sub-globular, the size of a nutmeg; within hirsute.

A stout, woody, rambling species; a native of Chittagong, rooting on trees for support.

It produces fruit at various periods through the year.

Young shoots smooth, except for a short while when they first appear, then a little hairy. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, exactly cordate, a little hairy underneath, of a hard texture, and rather harsh to the feel, entire, obtusely acuminate; about five inches long, by four broad. Stipules interfoliaceous, as in the genus. Fruit axillary, paired, is the habit, though one of the two is often wanting, long-peduncled, nearly round, about the size of a mediar. Involucre or calyx of the fruit three-lobed, and embracing its base. Female corollets only found, long-pedicelled, and intermixed with the long, stiff, tawny hairs, which line the inside of the

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fruit, or receptacle. Calve from four to five-leaved ; leaflets lanceolate, acuminate. Style cla-Stigma perforated.

20. F. acuminata, R

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, smooth, the apex long and ensiform. Fruit in axillary pairs, sub-sessile.

A native of Chittagong, where it runs over other trees, and emits roots, as it runs.

21. F. hederacea. Roxb.

Shrubby, seaulent, rooting. Leaves ovate, smooth, but hard, fruit axillary, one or two, sub-sessile, round, the size of a cherry, and scarlet coloured.

Luta-Parkut Doomoor, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it is indigenous in the forests, rusning up and over trees; and like the ivy emitting numerous small roots by which

its very extensive ramifications are supported.

Bark of the woody parts dark brown, and rough; that of the young shoots harsh to the feel, but void of pubescence. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, ovate, entire, rather obtuse, smooth above, but rather rough underneath, and of a very hard texture; from three to five inches long, and two or three broad. Fruit in axillary pairs, though one of the two generally drops early, short-peduncled, round, the size of a large black current, somewhat hispid, of a red orange approaching to scarlet. Unbillious rather elevated, and shut with large, smooth scales. Calyx of the fruit appressed, and three-leaved; leaflets reniform. Male corollets sessile, and mixed among the female ones over the whole interior surface of the receptacle. Periauth three-leaved; stamina single. Female corollets pedicelled, with a three-parted perianth, and two-lobed stigma.

22. F. Gaolereea. R.

Leaces opposite, obovate, serrate, downy. Fruit in axillary pairs, long-peduncled, nearly round, downy, with an elevated, scaly margin round the umbilicus.

Hind. Kuth-Goolareea.

23. F. Wassa. R.

Shrubby, straight Leaves broad-lanceolate, often laciniate, sub-serrate, scabrous, Fruit axillary, peduacled, solitary, or paired, sub-rotund.

Wassa of the Malays, and probably Caprificus aspera. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 94.

This small straight species was introduced into this garden, from the Moluccas, by Mr.

Smith. The fruit appears during the hot season.

Stem straight, almost simple, from three to four feet high, covered with dark brown, pretty smooth bark. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-lanceolate, frequently much and varionsly lanceolate and in that case broader than when entire, with the margins often serrulate, rough on both sides, and having two small lateral nerves near the base, with a green gland in the axill of each, from two to six inches long. Petioles about an inch long, slightly channelled. Stipules chaffy, sub-lanceolate, caducous. Fruit axillary, solitary or paired, peduncled, somewhat compressed into the shape of a turnip, smooth, the size of a gooseberry; nublicus small and shut with scales. Calyx of the fruit none; of the pedancle or bractes obscure. Florets, nine tenths are female, the few male ones are round the umbilious and mixed amongst the inner scales thereof.

24. F. Indica. Amoen. Acad. i. p. 27. Martyn's ed. Mill. Dict. N. 9.

Brancher dropping roots, which become as long as the original trunk. Leaves ovate-cordate. Fruit in sessile, axillary pairs.

Saus, Vata. See Asiat. Res. iv. 310.

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Varinga latifolia. Rumph. Amb. iii. 127. t. 84. the figure very bad.

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Banyan tree.

An account of this immense, and most beautiful tree, is to be met with in almost every history of India.

It grows wild about the skirts of the Circar mountains, but in greatest perfection about, and in villages, where it is planted for the sake of its extensively cool, grateful shade; it is there the tree is found in its greatest perfection and beauty. Flowering time the hot season. I know of no other species of Ficus, which sends forth fibres from the branches, that descend

to the ground, and become trunks.

Trunk ; when young it is distinct, and single, at all times its form, thickness, and height very variable; still more so than that of F. religiosa, because generally reared from branches procured naked, and stuck in the ground. Branches spreading to a great extent, dropping capillary roots here and there, these enter the ground, as soon as they reach it, gradually becoming as large as, and similar to the parent trunk, by which means the extent becomes almost incredible, the height of the tree is at the same time slowly increasing, some I have seen fully five hundred yards in circumference round the extremities of the branches, and about one hundred feet high, the principal trunk of which might be more than twenty-five feet to the branches, and eight or nine in diameter, they are largest about the villages situate in fertile valleys amongst the mountains. The bark is smooth and of a light ash-colour. The wood light, white and porous. Leaves alternate, about the extremities of the branchlets, petioled, ovate-cordate, three-nerved, entire; sometimes the border is very slightly waved, when roung very downy on both sides, when old, less so, particularly above; from five to six inches long, and from three to four broad, at the apex of the petiole on the under side, is a broad,

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smooth, greasy looking gland. Petioles a little compressed, from one to two inches long, downy. Stipules within the leaves, sheathing, downy, falling, leaving their annular marks on the branchlets. Fruit paired, axillary, sessile, when ripe the size and colour of a middle sized, red cherry, downy. Calyx of the fruit three-nerved.

Note. Fig. 1. of Plukenet's 178th Table is a much better figure of this tree than Fig.

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The Bramins are partial to the leaves of this tree to make their plates to eat off; they are jointed together by inkles.

Bird-lime is prepared from the tenacious milky juice which every part of the tree yields

in abundance on being wounded.

Birds eat the fruit, and the seeds grow the better for having passed through them ; if they drop in the alse of the leaves of the Palmyra tree, (Borassus flabelliformis) they grow and extend their descending parts so as in time to embrace entirely the parent Palmyra, except its upper parts. In very old ones the top thereof is just seen issuing from the trunk of the Banyan as if it grew from thence, whereas it runs down through its centre and has its roots in the ground, the Palm being the oldest. For such the Hindoos entertain a religious veneration, saying it is a holy marriage instituted by Providence.

25. F. elastica. Roxb.

Leaves from oval to oblong, pointed, thick, firm and glossy. Fruit in axillary pairs, sessile, oval, smooth, the size of an olive. Stipules nearly as long as the leaves, smooth and

Kasmeer, the vernacular name by which this tree is known to the inhabitants of the Pundua, and Juntipoor mountains, which bound the province of Silhet on the north, where it is indigenous, and grows to the size of a full grown mango tree; that is fully as large as the great Maple, or Sycamore that grows in England. The season at which the young fruit appears, or at least when I procured it, was May and June; and they were ripe in August and September. Every part abounds with rich milky juice, which furnishes about one third

III. of its weight of Caoutchouc.

Trunk erect, from five to six or more feet in circumference, and high in proportion. Bark as in most of the genus tolerably smooth, of a light ash-colour. The wood as in far the greatest number of our East Indian Fici, rather soft, porous, of a light brown colour, and appears to be fit for fuel, or charcoal only. Branches numerous, spreading and rising in every direction, forming a very extensive, and shady head; the bark of the largest ones is like that of the trunk, that of the young shoots smooth, polished, of a deep green.

The Jantipoor Raja who procured plants of this tree and branches in young fruit, says the tree from whence the latter were taken is only four years old and is twenty-five feet high,

with a trunk three feet in circumference.

From the larger branches roots descend as in many of the Indian Fici.

Leaves permanent, alternate, petioled, from oval to oblong, perfectly entire, scute, smooth, and highly polished on both sides, with the upper surface deep clear green, and the under one paler, from four to twelve inches long, and from three to five broad, with numerous, fine, diverging veins, as in Callophyllum inophyllum. Rib smooth and deeply tinged with red. Petioles about an inch long, round and perfectly smooth. Stipules solitary, sheathing, before they burst sub-cylindric, and tapering to a fine point, every part smooth, on the outside of a deep rosy colour; within paler, they drop off at an early period, leaving a permanent annular mark behind, and are from four to eight inches long; I have not met with any other species with such a beautiful foliage, and stipule as in this. Fruit or receptacle in axillary pairs, sessile, just when they are relieved from the stipules each of them is inclosed in a double integument or involucre, which by the growth of the fruit soon bursts and disappears, leaving annular marks round the base of the fruit. When ripe oval and about the size of an olive, smooth, and of a greenish yellow colour. Male and female corollets intimately mixed over the whole of the inner surface of the fruit or receptacle. Male calyx three-parted ; segments lanceolate. Filaments single and short. Anthers erect, clavate, obtuse. Female calyx as in the male. Germ unequally-oblong. Style from one side near the apex, curved. Stigma rather large, and

A similar substance to that which the milk of this noble tree furnishes in such abundance, so pliable, so elastic, and so capable of resisting menstrua, has been already described by me in the 5th volume of the Asiatick Researches. I there observed that inferior sorts were furnished by the milky juices of the Jak tree, Artocarpus integrifolia, the Banyan tree, Ficus Indica, and the Pippula tree, Ficus religiosa; since that time some other plants have been discovered in the countries immediately to the eastward of Bengal, such as a new species of Willughbeia, there called Luti Am or the scandent mango, another, a new and beautiful Melodinus or climbing apple, there called Sadal Kowa, which yields a milky fluid of the same nature, and to those I now add the above described Fig tree, which I consider an undescribed species, and to which I have given the specific name elastica, on account of its mil-

ky juice. The manner in which the discovery was made is as follows.

Towards the close of 1810, Mr. Matthew Richard Smith of Silhet, sent me a vessel, there called a Turong, filled with honey in the very state in which it had been brought from the Pundua or Juntipoor mountains north of Silhet. The vessel was a common, or rather coarse basket in the shape of a four-cornered, wide mouthed bottle, made of split ratans, several species of which grow in abundance amongst the above mentioned mountains, and contained about two gallons. Mr. Smith observed that the inside of the vessel, was smeared over with the juice of a tree, which grows on the mountains. I was therefore more anxious to examine the na-

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ture of this lining than the quality of the honey. The Turong was therefore emptied and Carey washed out, when to my gratification I found it very perfectly lined with a thin coat of Caoutchouc.

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The tree as above observed, grows to a large size and chiefly in the chasms of the rocks, on the declivities of the mountains, that time has filled with the decomposed rocks, and vegetables ; I also find the young trees grow with the greatest luxuriance in the common soil of the Botanic garden.

Old trees are said to yield a richer juice than the young ones, at least, they say the juice of the latter remains much longer in its fluid undecomposed state, than that of the former. It is extracted by incisions across the bark down to the wood, at a distance of about a foot from one other, all round the trunk or branch, up to the top of the tree; and the higher the more abundant is the fluid said to be. After one operation, the same tree requires about a fortnight's rest, when it may be again repeated. During the cool season, from October until March, the juice is more scauty than in the warm weather, from March to October, but

When this juice is exposed to the air, like milk when reunet is added to it, it separates spontaneously into the firm elastic substance itself, and a feetid whey-coloured liquid. Fifty ounces of the pure milky jnice taken from the trees in August yielded exactly fifteen ounces and a half of the clean washed Caoutehouc.

With this milk, while in its rescent undecomposed state, the natives of the mountains, a most barbarous race as can be found in any part of the world, pay the inside of their rude utensils that are intended to hold fluids. The Caoutchouc itself being very inflamable, furnishes them with candles and flambeaux. They say they do not know of any mode by which it can be dissolved after it has acquired its firm state.

On reading Mr. Gough's description of a property of Caoutehoue in the 13th volume of Nicholson's Journal, p. 305, I was induced to try if this sort acquired heat by sudden extension and again lost it by contraction. His method was followed by suddenly extending a slip, and when it was applied to the lips I was sensible of an increase of heat, but could not perceive any diminution of that heat when the slip was suffered to return to its original state of contraction. I also applied the middle of two broad slips to the bulb of a thermometer, one on each side, so that the bulb was between them and found the mercury was raised two degrees, viz. from eighty, the temperature of the room where the experiment was made, to eighty-two, by a few quickly repeated extensions and contractions of the two slips; and as the bulb of the thermometer was pinced in the middle of the slips, no friction upon it took place, consequently the increased temperature must be owing to another cause.

A thin slip twenty inches long, and half an inch broad, suspended in the sun-shine when the thermometer in the same place stood at 127, and kept straight by a light weight at its lower end, suffered no perceptible change; however it is likely that a nicer scale to measure any difference that might have taken place, would have detected some little change.

This substance, the produce of various other trees and vines, the most prominent of which are Jatropha elastica, Lian, suppl. 422, or Siphonia Cahucha, Willd. iv. 567; the Ule tree or Castilla elastica of Cervantes the professor of Botany in Mexico, and Urceola elastica. Asiat, Res. v. 157, is already so well known as to render it unnecessary for me to enlarge ou its qualities. I will therefore only add that this species of Caoutchose, like that of Urceola elastica, is perfectly soluble in the essential oil obtained from the leaves of Melaleuca Cajuputi, commonly called Cajuputi oil.

26. F. laccifera. R.

Arboreous. Leaves long-petioled, from cordate to oval, obtuse-pointed, lucid, three-nerved.

Fruit in axillary pairs, sessile, oval, smooth, scaly on the inside.

Kuthal But, the vermecular name of the tree in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to as large a size, as F. religiosa. The fruit appears during the hot season and ripens in the

Young shoots thick and smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, from cordate to oval, obtuse, entire, three-nerved, firm and polished; from four to seven inches long, and from two to six broad. Petioles from one to two inches long, flattened, smooth. Stipules interfoliaceous, smooth, fine-pointed. Fruit axillary, sessile, oval, smooth, the size of a gooseberry. Involucre, or calyx of the fruit three-lobed. Female corollets only found. Calyx of four oblong leaflets scarcely longer than the germs. Style subulate. Stigma acute.

27. F. sclerophylla. R.

Leaves short-petioled, linear-oblong, hard and glossy, as are all the tender parts of the tree. Fruit in axillary pairs, short-pedundeed, round, the size of a gooseberry, and yellow.

A large tree, a native of the forests of Chittagong. 28. F. obtusifolia. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from cunciform, to linear-oblong, thick, hard and glossy. Fruit axillary, paired, or single, sessile, round, smooth, the size of a small gooseberry, and yellow.

A large elegant tree; a native of the forests of Chittagong, where it produces fruit during

the hot and rainy seasons.

Young shoots polished, and marked with annular scars of the smooth, caducous, ash-coloured stipules. Leares alternate, short-petioled, from linear-oblong to cuneiform, entire, obtuse, highly polished, and of a hard texture, about six inches long, and from two to two and a half broad. Fruit in axillary pairs, though one often fails, sessile round, smooth, the size of a small gooseberry, when ripe yellow; umbilious rather sunk, and shut with a few smooth, large

scales. Calyx of the fruit of three reniform glossy leaflets. Male corollets numerous, monandrous, and mixed amongst the sessile female ones through the whole of the inside of the receptacle; the perianth in both is three-leaved, the style in this species is remarkably longwith a tapering, acute stigma.

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29. F. ramentacea. R.

Arboreous, branches dropping roots. Leaves long ovate-cordate, acute, entire, in the bud hirsute, when expanded, smooth, strongly marked with simple parallel veins. Petiolez short and ramentaceous. Fruit in short-peduncled, axillary pairs, smooth, the size of a small cherry.

A small tree, a native of Chittagong, where it produces fruit during the rains. In drying, the leaves become particularly glossy, while in the bud and until pretty well expanded, the large simple parallel veins are very hairy. From the branches roots descend as in F. Indica, and some other species, but never grow to any size as in Indica.

30. F. religiosa. Willd. iv. 1134.

Leaves cordate, scollop-waved, cuspidate. Fruit in axillary, sessile pairs, vertically compressed, smooth, black.

Arcalu. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 27.

Sans, Pippula. See Asiat. Res. iv. 309. also Bodhi-drooma, Chuladula, Koonjurashuna, Aswattha.

Beng. Aswat, or Asood.

Hind. Pippal. Cing. Bogaha. Teling, Rai.

This very large tree is common in every part of India. I have frequently met with it wild upon mountains, but it is most common near houses, where it is planted for the sake of

the extensive, dark, grateful shade it yields. Flowering time the hot season.

Root spreading horizontally to a great extent, and very near the surface of the earth, often on it, from the soil having been washed away by rain. Trunk erect, in small trees round, when large and old it becomes full of inequalities, i. e. large perpendicular ridges and hollows, as if many trunks were united; its thickness is very various, the largest trees that I have seen were about twenty feet in circumference but short in proportion to that thickness, being rarely more than twenty or twenty-five feet to the branches. Bark pretty smooth, ash-coloured. Branches very numerous, spreading, and rising in every direction to a great distance and height, Branchlets often pendulous. Leaves alternate, petioled, pendulous, cordate, long, or slender, ensiform, pointed with the margins scollop-waved, both sides perfectly smooth, the upper one of a deep shining green, about six inches long, of which the narrow point occupies nearly two, deciduous during the cold season. Petioles round, smooth, long, very slender, whence the constant trembling of the leaves arising from the most gentle air of wind, as in the aspen tree (Populus tremula.) Stipules sheathing, caducous. Fruit paired, axillary, sessile, vertically compressed; when ripe of the size and colour of a small black cherry. Calyx of the fruit three-leaved.

Birds eat the fruit greedily. The wood like that of F. Indica is white, light, and soon perishes, of course it is not much used. Next to the mulberry leaves I have found silk worms like the young tender leaves of this tree. Much tenaceous milky juice is discharged from fresh wounds made in the bark.

31. F. cordifolia. R.

Leaves long, slender, petioled, ovate-cordate, waved, acuminate, glossy. Fruit paired, sessile, round, smooth, black.

Beng. Guy-aswut.

Arbor Conciliorum. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 90.

Found in the vicinity of Calcutta, where it grows to be a large, very ramous, spreading tree. I never observed it on the Coromandel coast. Like F. religiosa, which it most resembles, the trunk is short; while young round and straight, but when old deeply furrowed, as if composed of many coalesced trunks.

Bark smooth. Branches spreading, seldom radicating. Leaves petioled, ovate-cordate, waved, most entire, fine pointed, smooth and shining on both sides, somewhat three-nerved, with the veins less numerous and less distinct than in F. religiosa. Petioles long, slender, nodding, giving to their leaves a tremulous motion with the least wind. Stipules as in the genus. Fruit paired, axillary, sessile, round, smooth, when ripe of the size and appearance of a black cherry. Calyx of the fruit three-leaved. Navel closed with three small scales.

Obs. It approaches nearest to F. religiosa, of any species I know, yet is easily to be distinguished from it by the leaves being narrower in proportion to the length, with much shorter points, and instead of the lobes forming a sinus at the base, there is a small degree of projection at the insertion of the petiole. And in the second place by the fruit being perfectly round, and not, as in religiosa, vertically compressed.

32. F. Tsiela.

Leaves long-petioled, ovate-oblong, acute, polished; veins parallel and simple. Fruit paired, axillary, sessile, round-turbinate.

Tsiela, Rheed, Mal. iii. t. 63, seems to be this tree.

Teling. Joovee, or Pedda-Joovee.

This next to F. religiosa, is the largest species I know. Its native station is the mountains, but it is also found every where on the low lands planted with F. Indica and religiora, where it grows to be nearly as large, and is equally shady.

Bark smooth, greenish, no roots from the trunk, nor branches. Leaves alternate, petioled, Page somewhat three-nerved, ovate-oblong, pointed, most entire, firm, smooth on both sides, shining, particularly on the upper side, with numerous, simple and parallel veins, from four to six inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles a little compressed, from one to two inches long. Stipules as in the other species, but in this they leave no durable cicatrice. Fruit paired, axillary, sessile, a little inclining to be turbinate, smooth, the size of a cherry, when ripe purple. Calyx of the fruit small, three-leaved. Umbilicus shut up with scales.

Note. Plukenet's figure, referred to by Linnaus is good.

From wounds in the bark there issues a little, pale, glutinous, milky juice.

33. F. Benjamina. Willd. iv. 1143.

Leaves aval, and obovate, obtuse, polished. Fruit axillary, paired, smooth.

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Teling. Yerra joovee.

This is also a large tree, and a native of the Circar mountains.

Young shoots slender, perfectly smooth, as if polished. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, slightly three-nerved, obovate, entire, obtuse, firm, smooth, shining; reins numerous, alternate, parallel. Petioles many times shorter than the leaves, channelled, smooth. Fruit, axillary, sessile, paired, smooth, the size of a pea, when ripe purple with small yellowish specks; umbilicus even with the apex of the fruit, and shut up with scales. Calyx of the fruit, three-

34. F. tomentosa. Willd, iv. 1136.

Branches dropping small roots. Leaves oblong-cordate, pointed, very downy underneath. Fruit axillary, paired, sessile, woolly,

Teling. Petta mari.

A very large tree, a native of mountainous tracts; and like F. Indica gives out roots

from its branches, though they do not grow large.

Young shoots woolly. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong-cordate, slightly three-nerved, a little pointed, entire, on the upper side pretty smooth, on the lower one very downy, from four to six inches long; on the under side of the base of the middle nerve there is a large smooth, green gland, as in F. Indica. Petioles an inch long, channelled, woolly. Stipules as in the genus, but very woolly. Fruit axillary, paired, sessile, woolly, the size of a large pea, when ripe gray. Calyx very large, three-leaved; leaflets spreading, woolly

Birds eat the fruit; the wood of this tree, as well as of all the preceding five species, is

white, very light, and of little or no use, even for fuel. 35. F. infectoria. Willd. iv. 1137.

Leaves ovate-oblong, acute, waved, smooth. Fruit paired, axillary, sessile, round, smooth,

Placsha (Plucksha.) Asiat. Rev. iv. 310.

Beng. Pakur.

Tsjakela. Rheed, Mal. iii. t. 64. F. Tsjakela. Burm. Fl. Ind. 227.

A large and most beautiful tree with a far extended uncommonly deuse head; a native of Bengal, I never met with it on the Coromandel coast. The trunk is large, and irregular like that of F. religiosa, sometimes dropping roots of considerable magnitude from the trunk and branches.

Back pretty smooth, of a brownish ash-colour, very tough, and peeling off in long slips. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong-cordate, pointed, waved, smooth on both sides, with few veins; from four to six inches long, and from two to four broad. Stipules about two inches long, slender, grooved, with a coloured gland round their spices. Fruit paired, axillary, sessile, the size of a pea, roundlsh, pretty smooth, when ripe white.

36. F. rapiformis. Roxb.

Arboreous, smooth. Leares solitary and in pairs, petioled, oval, pointed, entire, a ring of scabrous specks below the insertion of the stipules. Fruit axillary, solitary, short-peduncled,

Introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, from the Moluceas in 1798. In five years the young trees were from ten to twenty feet high, and produced fruit about the close of the

rains, in September and October.

Trank straight; bark ash-coloured and smooth. Branches many, spreading, the tender parts covered with smooth green bark. Leaves scattered, solitary, and also sometimes in pairs, petioled, of various shapes, but nearly oval and pointed is the most prevailing one, with the margins entire, smooth on both sides, from four to eight inches long, and about half that in hreadth. Petioles about an inch only, that on the upper side; a waxy gland on each side of their insertion. Stipules within the leaves, just below their insertion a ring of permanent scabrous dots surround the branchlet. Fruit axillary, solitary, short peduneled, size of a small mediar, turnip-shaped, concave at both apex and base, dotted with small white scabrous speeks. Calgs of the pedancie none; of the fruit two, or three-leaved; leaflets small, thick and glandulous. Umbilicas shut with numerous scales.

37. F. excelsa. Vahl. en. pl. ii. 195.

Arboreous, smooth. Leaves short-petioled, bifarious, obliquely-oblong, smooth. Fruit solitary or paired, peduneled, sub-turbinate. Calyx of the peduncle tridentate; savel round.
Atti meer alon. Rheed. Mal. iii. t. 58.

Introduced from the Moluceas, into this garden. The fruit appears about the beginning of the rains.

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Trunk and branches straight; as yet the trees are not more than ten or twelve feet high, and spread but little. Bark smooth, of a greenish ash-colour. Leaves alternate, bifarious, unequally oblong, sometimes pointed, entire, smooth above and slightly scabrous underneath, the middle nerve nearer the upper margin than the under one; about six inches long, and about three broad. Fruit axillary, solitary or paired, peduncled, nearly round, the size of a cherry, smooth, when ripe yellow. Calyx of the peduncle three-toothed, of the fruit none. Umbilious small, round, shut on the inside with minute searcely visible scales.

38. F. comosa. Willd. iv. 1148. Corom. pl. ii. N. 125.

Leaves oblong-ventricose, pointed, smooth. Fruit in pairs, generally terminal, turbinate. smooth, red.

Teling. Pootra-joovee.

This is a pretty large tree, a native of the Circar mountains. It has a large spreading, III. very branchy shady top, the bark is pretty smooth, and ash-coloured, the branchlets are very

slender, much sub-divided, and often pendulous.

Leaves alternate, petioled, oval, obliquely-pointed, entire, firm, smooth and shining, from two to four inches long. Petioles very slender, about an inch long, grooved. Fruit terminal, or in the exterior axills, paired, sessile, size of a gooseberry; apex depressed with the umbilicus rising a little in the centre, which is shut up with the scales; contracted at the base, something like the neck of a bottle, smooth, when ripe of a rich deep yellow colour. Calyx of the fruit three-leaved. Proper perianth of the male and female corollets, (there are no hermaphrodite that I could find) three-leaved; leaflets lanceolate. Filaments single. Anthers two-lobed. Style long, slender. Stigma filiform, two-cleft.

Note. I observed a hood over the rudiments of the young fruit, which fell off as soon as

they began to increase in size.

39. F. urticifolia. R. Leaves cordate, three-nerved, serrate, hispid above, downy underneath. Fruit in axillary pairs, long-peduncled, turbinate in a rather remote three-leaved calyx, downy, the size of a

small gooseberry A native of the mountains north of Bengal.

40. F. ampelos. Kön. Mss.

Branches dropping fibrous roots. Leaves obliquely oval, scabrous. Fruit paired, axillary, pedicelled, pisiform, smooth, yellow.

Teling. Tella-barinka.

A large tree, a native of mountainous countries chiefly.

Trunk remarkably short, but very thick, and sometimes so completely ornamented with small, very leafy branchlets, as to hide it entirely; a most beautiful tree, thus embellished is to be seen at Ganjam. Top very large, spreading to a great distance; I have seen small pendulous, filiform roots, issuing from the larger branches. Bark smooth, ash-coloured with a dusky film. Leaves alternate, tending to be bifarious, spreading, short-petioled, obliquely oval, obtusely pointed, a little scolloped, scabrous, and very firm; generally about three or four inches long. Petioles short, curved, channelled. Stipules small, as in the rest of the family. Fruit axillary, paired, peduncled, when ripe the size of a pea, and yellow. Calyx of the fruit none, of the peduncles three-leaved, small. The leaves are used to polish ivory.

41. F. asperrima. Roxb.

Leaves oval, often scolloped, very scabrous. Fruit axillary, paired, peduncled, round,

Teregam. Rheed. Mal. iii. 60.

Teling. Karakar-booda.

A large tree, a native of moist valleys.

Trunk erect. Branches numerous, spreading into a large shady head. Branchlets rustcoloured, scabrous. Leaves alternate, about the extremities of the branchlets petioled, broad, oval, obtusely pointed, sometimes notched, and even lobate, very scabrous, a little wrinkled, three-nerved, from four to six inches long. Petioles about an inch long, scabrous. Stipules as in the family. Fruit axillary, paired, peduncled, downy, size of a gooseberry, when ripe yellow.

42. F. tuberculata. R.

Leaves short-petioled, oblong, entire, acute, rough. Fruit in pairs, peduncled, roundish, the size of a large pea, tubercled, the umbilicus elevated.

Teling. Kouda-joovee.

A native of the mountains of Coromandel, where it grows to be a small very ramous tree.

43. F. angustifolia. R.

Leaves sub-opposite, lanceolate, smooth, acute. Fruit axillary, paired, long-peduncled, turbinate, smooth.

A large tree, a native of the Circar mountains. III.

Branchlets rust-coloured, but smooth. Leaves between alternate and opposite, short-petioled, most slightly three-nerved, broad-lanceolate, or oblong, sharp-pointed, smooth on both sides, entire; from four to eight inches long. Stipules as in the genus. Fruit axillary, paired, long-peduncled, turbinate, the size of a large pea, smooth; umbilicus elevated. Calyx of the fruit none, but there is a small three-scaled one at the base of the peduncle.

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44. F. exasperata. R. Arboreous. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, acuminate, repand-serrate, rough on both sides. Fruit axillary, solitary, or in pairs, peduncled, round, size of a pea.

A native of the eastern parts of India and introduced into this garden in 1798. By the Carey close of 1802, the trees were from twelve to fifteen feet high, with an erect trunk and branches ; covered with rust-coloured, pretty smooth bark.

Young shoots scabrous. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, somewhat three-nerved, repand-serrate, acuminate, scabrous on both sides, so much so that they are fit to polish wood, and ivory with ; from three to six inches long, and from one and a half to three broad. Fruit axillary, solitary or in pairs, peduncled, rough, the size of a small pea; umbilicus small, depressed, and shut with coloured scales.

Folium politorium, Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 63, agrees with the leaves of our oldest trees, and as they were brought from Amboyna, I conclude they are the same. Louriero's F. politoria is certainly different, for there is nothing like a spike to be found on our trees; besides Louriero describes his to be a shrub only. It ought, however, to be compared with F. politoria. Willd. iv. 1144.

45. F. rotundifolia. R.

Leaves round, scollop-serrate, downy underneath. Fruit peduncled, numerous about the base of the annual shoot, round, hairy.

A native of the mountains north of Bengal.

F. polycarpa, R.

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, some of them slightly waved, or serrulate, both sides scabrous. Fruit in fascicles, from the trunk, or woody branches.

Introduced from the Molnecas into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1798, they are

only small trees at present. In fruit about the close of the rains,

Trunk straight; brunches sub-creet. Back of the ligneous parts dark brown, and rather scabrous; of the young shoots a little scabrous, with a few short bristles rising single from the centre of a small umbilicated gland. Leaves alternate, oblong, somewhat three-nerved; margins sometimes entire, sometimes waved, or remotely serrulate, both sides scabrous, from the same sort of bristles and glands as cover the bark of the young parts; a green gland in the axills of the nerves, as in F. lacinista; from four to six inches long. Petioles coloured, from one to two inches long. Stipules as in the genus. Fruit in fascicles of as far twenty, from the large branches, or trunk, peduncled, round, the size of a large pea, scabrous with glands and short bristles. Umbilious small, round, and shut with scales. Calgar of the fruit none, of the peduncles or bractes, obscure, small and crowded.

47. F. macrophylla. R.

Arboreous, Leares round-cordate, three-nerved. Fruit collected in bundles near the root, turnip-shaped, from eight to twelve-ribbed, hairy.

I have only found this species in the Company's Botanic garden, where it is in fruit the whole year. It was originally brought from Nepal. It is however, a native of Silhet and Chit-

Trunk short, for it soon divides into a few, stout branches, generally by threes, which subdivide irregularly, and spread in every direction. Bark brown and considerably scabrous. The tree rarely exceeds twenty feet in height, and spreads as much. Leaves alternate, petioled. round-cordate, entire, between obtuse and pointed, three-nerved, above smooth, deep green, marked with some white dots; below very pale, somewhat downy, and reticulate with many transverse small veins; from twelve to eighteen inches long, and nearly as broad. Petioles round, from three to six inches long. Stipules within the leaves, as in the other species. Fruit peduncled, fully as large or larger than the common fig. collected in branches of from six to twenty, on projecting tuberosities on the trunk, and lower parts of the largest branches, they are turnip-shaped, hairy, glandular, and marked with from eight to twelve ridges running from the base to the apex. Calyx three-leaved, pressing upon the fruit. Umbilious very large and closed with innumerable heart-shaped, acute scales, some few of which often extend to some distance round its mouth. Flowers, only females found, I could not observe any periauth; the stigma single, hairy, of a beautiful rose-colour.

The fruit is eaten by the natives in their curries where the tree is indigenous; every part of it is replete with much, very tenacious, milky juice, which flows abundantly from fresh wounds.

48. F. lanceolata, of Dr. Buchanan.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolate, smooth, entire. Fruit in fascicles near the root, as well as on the trunk and larger branches, pedancled, verrucose, compressed, turbinate, with the unrbilicus in the bottom of a deep concavity.

A native of Chittagong, and from thence sent by Dr. Buchanan to this garden in 1798 where it produces fruit, more or less, the whole year round; but chiefly about the beginning of the rains.

Trunk scarcely any, but many ascending branches issuing from the crown of the root. Bark of the old woody parts ash-coloured, of the young shoots smooth, and grean, height of the whole plant in ten years about ten feet, and spreading to a great extent. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, entire, smooth on both sides, from four to eight inches long, and from one to one and half broad. Stipules as in the genus, smooth and membranaceous. Fruit peduneled and collected in small fascicles, from six to eight together, on the stem and larger woody branches near the base, of a short, broad, turbinate shape, much compressed, with a very deep concavity on the crown; in the bottom of which is the umbilicus, shut up with many, floshy imbricated scales, colour a dark brown, with numerous, verrucose, white specks. Calgar generally three small scales at the apex of the peduncle. Corollets all female, that were

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F. glomerata. Willd. iv. 1148. Corom. pl. ii. N. 123.

Leaves broad-lanceolate, smooth. Fruit in bundles from the trunk and large branches, peduncled, downy, turbinate.

Oodoombur. Asiat. Res. iv. 309.

Hind. Doombur.

Beng. Jugya-doomoor.

Teling. Bruma-mamadee.

A large tree, generally found in and about villages, and on the banks of rivers, and water courses, where the soil is rich and moist.

Trunk seldom straight, but thick and high. Branches thin, and more erect, than in any of the former trees. Bark of a rusty greenish colour, and scabrous. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, or broad-lanceolate, tapering equally towards each end, entire, most slightly three-nerved, smooth on both sides; the under side is paler and covered with most minute green dots, from four to six inches long, and from two to two and a half broad. Petioles channelled, from one to two inches long. Stipules as in the other species. Racemes compound, or panieled, issuing immediately from the trunk or large branches, ramifications spreading and jointed. Braces several surrounding the joints, two-fruited, at least there are always the germs of two, but rarely both come to maturity. Fruit pedicelled, nearly as large as common figs, clothed with much soft down, when ripe of a rich orange colour, umbilicus closed with innumerable scales. Calyx of the fruit small, three-leaved.

The fruit is caten by the natives. I have often tasted them, but to me they are disagreeable. This species yields much milky juice.

50. F. conglomerata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, sub-semi-cordate, cuspidate, rough and hard. Fruit roundish, tubercled, crowded on long, procumbent, or drooping, decompound, cauline, leafless branches.

Borum of the natives of Chittagong, where the tree is indigenous. In the Botanic garden

at Calcutta, it is loaded with fruit the whole year,

Trunk tolerably straight. Bark of a dirty olive colour. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction; bark of the young shoots rough and hairy; height of the trees in the Botanic garden, now eleven years old, about twenty feet, and they seem full grown. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, by far the greater part of them unequally long-cordate, while the plants are young, serrulate; when old, entire, firm, and very schbrous, particularly on the upper surface; from four to ten inches long, and about half that in breadth. Stiputes interfoliaceous, and caducous. Fruit, from the lower part of the trunk of our trees issue numerous procumbent, diverging, or drooping, ramous, leafless branches, crowded with numerous, sessile, roundish, scaly, warted figs, about the size of a large filbert with a large scaly umbilicus. Proper perianth of the female of five, lanceolate leaflets. Male florets few, monandrous, with a three-leaved perianth.

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51. F. congesta. Roxb.

Arboreous, smooth. Leaves petioled, oblong, entire, smooth. Fruit roundish-turbinate, sessile, heaped on radical, and cauline, short, leatless, ramous branchlets, or panicles.

Mussu of the Malays at Amboyna, where it is indigenous, though by no means like that

figured in the 95th Table of Rumph. Herb. Amb. vol. iii. under the same Malay name.

Introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in 1802, and in 1809. They are now from eight to twelve feet high, with a straight trunk, branches few, clothed with dark brown, now while young trees, smooth bark.

Leaves opposite, and alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth, deep green; about six inches long, and about three broad Fruit short-peduncled, sometimes a single one or two are found in the superior axills, but by far the most common on large compound racemes or panicles projecting from the trunk, and far the most near the root. They are about the size of a filbert, turbinate, smooth. Stamina single. Stigma sessile, bright red.

52. F. racemifera. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, cordate, crenulate. Fruit on compound, glomerate racemes, from the woody part of the tree, below the leaves.

Caprificus amboinensis. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 93.

A native of Sumatra, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden by Dr. Charles Campbell. The trees are small, and in fruit most part of the year. Leaves deciduous during the cold season.

Trunk straight, tapering. Bark smooth, dark greenish brown. Branches very numerous, and spreading in every direction; young parts smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, crenate, from three to five-nerved, smooth on both sides, from six to twelve inches long. Petioles round, smooth, scarcely half the length of the leaves. Slipules within the leaves, caducous. Racemes often compound, or decompound, projecting at right angles or drooping from the larger maked branches. Braces stipule-like, caducous, long before the fruit appears. Fruit solitary, short-peduncled, of a short, flattish, turbinate shape. Calyx none.

53. F. cunia. Buch.

Arboreous. Leaves short-petioled, alternate, bifarious, oblong, semi-cordate at the base, acutely serrate. Fruit turbinate, ribbed, pedicelled, and generally in pairs, in compound, prostrate, radical, and cauline, leafless branchlets.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent seeds to the Botanie garden at Calcutta, at the close of 1809; the only tree which was reared, was about twenty feet high; uncommonly well clothed with long spreading branches down to the ground, and constantly

loaded with fruit.

Leaves short-petioled, bifarious, oblong, lanceolate, acute, at the base, the lower half protruding so as to form a large sub-rotund lobe, which is longer than the petiole, margins a little waved, and serrated, scabrous on both sides, from six to twelve inches long, and from two to four broad. Fruit pedicelled, somewhat turbinate, a little ribbed, of the size of a large filbert, hairy, they are generally produced in pairs, or in threes, on long, procumbent, radical, and cauline, compound, leafless branches, in compound racemes often some feet long. Calyx of the fruit three-cleft, presses in to the calyx.

54. F. oppositifolia. Willd. iv. 1151. Corom. pl. ii. N. 124.

Leaves opposite, oblong, servate. Fruit in axillary pairs or on cauline racemes, round, peduncled, hairy.

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A small tree, a native of the banks of rivulets, and other places, where the soil is moist and rich, common about Calcutta.

Trunk erect, seldom as thick as a man's body. Branches opposite, sub-creet. Bark seabrous, ash-coloured. Young shoots scabrous, and covered with much short white hair, piped. and interrupted at the insertion of the leaves, as in the Bamboo. Leaves opposite, short, round, petioled, oblong, slightly serrate, of a firm, scabrous texture, shining above, downy below, and most beautifully reticulate, one of each pair is always considerably smaller than the other; they are from five to nine inches long. Fruit on the young shoots axillary and pedancled, in the naked woody branches racemed, round, about the size of a large nutmeg, covered with much short, white hair, several equi-distant ridges running from the umbilious to the base. Racemes, and bracles as in F. glamerata, only here simple. Calyx of the fruit three-leaved. Flowers, a few round the inside of the mouth of the navel. Filament or peduncles single, with a proper, three-parted perianth surrounding the middle. Female flowers numerous. Peduncles long. Perianth none. Style and stigma placed together on the side of the germ, funnel-formed.

This species is productive of much tensecous milky juice on being wounded. The fruit

is not often eaten, nor is the tree used for any purpose that I know of.

55. F. damona, Kon. Mss. Vahl. En. Pl. ii. 198.

Shrubby. Lecross generally opposite, cuneate, oblong, and oblong-pointed, serrate, above scabrous, downy underneath, with a green gland in the axills of the veins. Fruit in pairs on long radical racemes, above very hairy, of the size of a nutmeg.

A native of the sandy lands near the sea on the coast of the Tanjore Country. From

thence Dr. Rottler sent plants to this garden where they produce fruit, all the year round.

In its native barren soil it grows to be a stout ramous shrub, or small tree.

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Young shoots densely clothed with thick, soft, appressed, white hairs. Leaves in general opposite, petioled, oblong, and oblong cureate, neute, serrate, above smooth, but hard, downy underneath, and elegantly reticulated with numerous, soft, hairy veins, and a deep green, smooth gland in the axills, from two to twelve inches long, one of the pair is always smaller than the other, and when single often oblique as in Begonia. Petioles round, clothed with appressed pubescence, in each side of their insertion is a green gland. Stipules within the leaves, caducous. Fruit for the most part in pairs, in radical withering racemes, and froquently of great length, with their apices penetrating the earth. In their native soil the whole raceme, and fruit are often entirely under ground; also found single or in pairs on the trunk and branches, though less frequently than on the root. They are generally about the size of a large nutmeg, obovate, very hairy; the mouth shut with numerous scales, the exterior ones glandular and more remote; several obscure, equi-distant ridges run from the umbiliens toward the base. Calyx of the fruit of three-minute senies. Male corollets monan-

In habit this plant is very much like F. oppositifolia, but the inflorescence is very different.

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Male calyx none. Corol none, Anthers solitary under the germ. Female calyx four-leaved. Corol none. Stigma from three to five-cleft. Nut spiral, many-seeded.

1. C. verticillata, Roxb.

Joints of the stems and branches somewhat prickly. Leaves verticelled, ten or twelvejointed, with flowers on the two or three lower joints. Calyx of the other joints abortive.

A native of India, where it grows in standing sweet water; it appears and flowers during

both the cold and hot seasons.

Stems and ramifications numerous, several feet long, floating in the water, jointed, striated, fragile, scabrons, piped, but no stony crust covers them. Leaves about twelve in the verticel, tapering, from ten to twelve-jointed, they are about as long as the points of the stem or branches, on the upper side of each joint are four minute bristles, or leaflets of the calyx. Flowers, they occupy the upper side of the first two or three joints of the leaves of the verticel. Male flowers, what I take for them, are the small, naked, orange-coloured, round bodies close to the base of the germ, which gradually decay as the germ acquires size. Female flowers solitary, just above the male, pitcher-shaped, embraced by the four bristle-like leaflets,

Page already mentioned, and crowned with a fine pointed stigma; when this body comes to maturity, it contains one black, spirally grooved seed.

2. C. furcata, R.

Stems filiform, smooth. Leaves verticelled, proliferous, with flowers crowded in the divisions.

Beng. Jhanj, which is the general name for all such acquatic plants.

Found in tanks, and stagnant sweet water near Calcutta.

Stems and branches numerous, jointed, smooth, and of a soft, flaccid texture, often several feet long. Leaves or branchlets verticelled, about six or seven in the verticel, the superior, or flower-bearing ones proliferous, the most distinct of them resembling compound, and even decompound umbels, with the extreme divisions or joints two or three-pointed, they are smooth in every part; the joints are often so soft, and numerous that the whole seem to be little intricate balls enclosing the blossoms, and seeds with their two-forked extremities projecting hedgehog-like. Flowers numerous, in the divisions of the leaves; the male ones yellow, and the female ones green, mixed, in general the latter are most numerous. Calyx of the female no other than the division of the leaves. Seeds globular, spiral, with the stigma from three to five-parted on its apex.

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3. C. involucrata. R.

Stems and branches filiform, smooth. Leaves verticelled, undivided, three or four-jointed, with a male and female flower on each joint.

Beng. Jhanj.

Found in tanks and pools of water near Calcutta during the cold and hot seasons.

Stems and branches numerous, and several feet in length, floating in the water, jointed, filiform, smooth and of a soft texture. Leaves verticelled, smooth, and generally compound, of three or four joints with the leaves two-pointed. Bractes or involucre, a whorl of short, pointed bodies, alternate with the leaves, and placed immediately under them. Flowers on the joints of the leaves. Calyx &c. of both male and female, as in the last described.

MONOECIA DIANDRIA.

LEMNA. Schreb. gen. N. 1430.

Male calyx one-leaved. Corol none. Female calyx one-leaved. Corol none. Style one. Capsule one-celled, two-seeded.

1. L. orbiculata. R.

Leaves sub-sessile, orbicular, flat on both sides, from two or three together. Roots fascicled, simple.

Found most part of the year, floating on stagnant water in Bengal.

L. globosa, R.

Single, globular, rootless, minute, one, or at most two together, singly about the size of a grain of sand.

With L. orbiculata, found in very great abundance on tanks and pools of stagnant water in Bengal forming a compact green scum, over the surface.

III. 3. L. cruciata, R. 566

Leaves petioled, lanceolate, proliferous, flat on both sides. Root solitary or wanting. Found in Bengal, and generally under the surface of the water in tanks, in most extensive interwoven masses.

MONOECIA TRIANDRIA.

TYPHA. Schreb. gen. N. 1401.

Male ament cylindric, compact. Perianth filiform. Corol none. Female ament cylindric, beneath that of the male. Perianth of several fine filaments. Corol none. Seed one.

1. T. elephantina. Roxb.

Leaves ensiform, obtuse, flat on the inside, the length of the stems. Male ament from two to three inches above the female. Filaments solitary, with from one to three authers; neuter corollets mixed with the fertile female ones.

Beng. Hogla.

Teling. Emiga Junum.

Elephant grass.

It grows in standing sweet water, or slow running rivers and brooks, which do not dry

up during the hot season. Flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Root stoloniferous, perennial. Culms straight, round, smooth, glossy, jointed at the insertion of the leaves, and involved, except near the ament, in their sheaths, the naked part near the ament is about the thickness of a common black lead pencil; substance spongy, from six to twelve feet high. Leaves long, ensiform, very smooth in every part, below near the sheath a little convex on the outside and concave within, from four to six feet long above the sheaths, and three quarters of an inch broad; sheath smooth, embracing the culm, and the sheaths of the inner leaves. Male ament from two to three inches above the female one and terminating the culm, cylindric, about a foot long and scarcely as thick as the little

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finger, every part most closely set with stamens and most fine white filaments. Spathes of the male ament, three or more, one, the largest, inserted at its base, a second and smaller a little above the middle, and a third still smaller near the apex, and generally two very small ones at the apex; they all drop off soon after the flowers expand. Calyx perianth proper. The filaments that are intermixed with the stamen are so minute that I cannot assign any number to any number of filaments, their extremities are from two to three-cleft. Corol none. Filaments exceedingly numerous, short, simple, from two to three-cleft, inserted without order. Anthers one to each single filament or sub-division, linear, yellow, with green tops, which makes the ament look green, caducous, leaving a naked withered receptacle. Female ament about as long and as thick as the male. Spathe of the female ament single, leaf-like, its sheath is so long as to involve both aments. Calyx permanent, and consisting of most fine capillary filaments. Pistil as in the family. Seed oblong, they are carried about with the wind like the seeds of the thistle by means of the permanent downy filiform calyx; but there are many clubbed bodies intermixed with the female flowers, these also have a calyx or involucre of the finest filaments like that of the female flowers. Elephants are fond of it; the leaves are used for thatch, by the natives.

2. T. angustifolia, Willd. iv.

Leaves semi-cylindric, acute, the length of the scape. Male and female aments rather remote.

T. minor, Curt. Flor. Lond. t. 169.

Beng. Kam Hogla.

Found in similar places with the former; flowering time also the same, but this is a smaller and much rarer plant.

ZEA. Schreb. gen. N. 1403.

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Male in distinct spikes. Calyx; glume two-flowered, awnless. Corol; glume awnless. Female calyx; glume two-valved. Corol; glume two-valved. Style single, filiform. Seed immersed in an oblong receptacle.

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Z. mays. Willd. iv. 200.

Mays, Maize, or Indian corn.

Teling. Moka, Joona. Beng. Bhoota or Mukka.

Cultivated in various parts of India in gardens, and only as a delicacy; but not any where on the continent of India so far as I can learn, as an extensive crop.

COIX. Schreb. gen. N. 1405.

Male flowers for the most part on a separate spike. Calyx two-valved, two-flowered, awnless. Corol, glume awnless. Female flowers for the most part solitary. Calyx or involucre one-valved, one-flowered, valve becoming an ossified shining covering for the seed. Corol various; glumes awnless.

1. C. laeryma, Willd, iv. 202.

Leaves at the base cordate; pedicels naked, not jointed. Male spikes nodding; flowers paired. Calyces smooth, ovate.

Lithagrostis lacryma Jobi. Gart. Sem. i. 7. t. 1. Cafre or Catri Conda. Rheed. Mal. xii. t. 70.

Lachryma Jobi Indica. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 75. f. 2.

Beng. Gurgur or Kanch.

I have only found this plant in Bengal; what Dr. König and I took for it on the coast, is evidently another species which I now call C. Barbata. It is common on the rice grounds and in ditches, and grows to the height of from four to six feet.

Culms annual, ramous, smooth, emitting roots from the lower joints. Leaves sheathing, from four to eighteen inches long, and from one to two broad; the broadest part near the base, and there cordate. Spikes axillary and terminal, several together, from two to three inches long, sub-creet, pedancled. Male Flowers on the short, nodding, solitary, mealy spikes, from the apices of the female flowers they are in pairs; one sessile, the other pedancled. Calyx; glume two-flowered, two-valved; the exterior valvelet oval, with broad margins. Corol two-valved. Nectary two scales embracing the base of the filaments. Female Flowers solitary. Calyx or involuce one-valved, entire, with a perforation at top for the pedicel of the male spike and stigmas to pass through. Corol; glume four-valved; valvelets flesby, on one side of the corol are lodged two somewhat chavate bodies each supporting the rudiments of the corollet. Germ ovate. Pericarp no other than the calyx or involucre, now white and of a bony hardness.

2. C. barbata. Roxb.

Pedicels short, jointed, with a boat-shaped, cuspidate spathe at the joint. Male spikes erect; flowers paired; calyx hairy. Female corol four-valved. Seeds oval.

Beng. Gurgur.

Teling. Ghella-Gadee.

Is found in rice fields, and on the banks of water courses, in a moist, rich soil in the Northern Circars.

Roots annual. Culms erect and near the top, bowing a little, ramous, jointed, smooth, sulcated, not piped, but replete with a soft spongy substance, from three to six feet high, and

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as thick as a common quill; joints sometimes bearded. Leaves sheathing, from two to three feet long, narrow keeled; margins armed with small prickles, on the upper side sometimes a few, sometimes numerous, stiff, white hairs, mouths of the sheaths slightly bearded. Spikes numerous, pedicelled, terminal, and from the exterior axills, forming altogether a large linear paniele, collected in fascicles of from two to six on a common peduncle, and embraced by a common spathe. Pedicels compressed, jointed near the top and there a partial spathe, their insertions are intermixed with lanceolate, chaffy scales. Male plowers in pairs, one a little above the other in a secund spike above the female. Calyx two-flowered; valvelets obliquely oblong, hairy on the outside. Corol as in the genus. Female Flowers solitary, below the male. Calyx, or involucre, consisting of one oval, very hard, glossy valve, which embraces most completely the corol, its margins are double, not united, and through this duplicature the pedicel of the male spike passes. Corol four-valved, the interior two large and somewhat

fleshy.

The rest as described in the Genera Plantarum. The grass is of a coarse nature. Cattle

3. C. gigantea. Kön. Mss.

Pedicels naked; male spikes drooping with flowers, three-fold, the middle one pedicelled; female corol six-valved, seeds ovate.

Beng. Danga gurgur.

Perennial. It grows chiefly in the valleys amongst the Circar mountains and in Bengal. Culm erect, ramous to the top, round, smooth, jointed, from eight to fifteen feet high, and as thick as a man's thumb at the base. Leaves from two to four feet long, and about one inch broad; the upper side and margins backwardly hispid. Sheaths short, and smooth-Spikes as in the last species. Spathes, common, of the peduncles, as in the last; proper, of the pedicels wanting. Pedicels long, fillform, naked, not jointed as in the last species. MALE FLOWERS above the female, as in the last, but here they are more numerous, and three-fold; the two lateral ones sessile, and the middle one pedicelled, they are closely imbricated round the whole of the spike. Calyx and corol as in the genus. Female flowers single as in the last species. Involucre ovate, entire round the circumference, perforated at the apex for the pedicel of the male spike to pass through; like the others it is smooth, glossy, and becomes exceedingly hard within the involucre; on each side of the male pedicel there is a compressed clubbed pedicel, each elevating the rudiment of a corollet; between them and the involucre is the small valvelet of what I call the calyx. Calyx common to the above-mentioned clubbed pedicels and the proper female flowers, two-valved; the large one ovate, pointed, embracing entirely the proper flower. Corol in general six-valved, four on one side, and two on the other, diminishing in size gradually. Germ ovate. Style two-cleft, as in the genus.

4. C. aquatica, R.

Floating and creeping from fifty to one hundred feet. Leaves linear, most acute, with hispid margins. Male spikes drooping, many-flowered; flowers three-fold, the middle one pedicelled. Female corol from six to seven-valved. Seeds turbinate.

A native of the lower parts of Bengal, where it is generally found floating on lakes, and

along their margins to a very great extent.

Roots, beside the original ones there are many issuing from the joints of the old stems. Stems perennial, jointed, round, smooth, filled with pith, about as thick as a man's forefinger, floating on lakes or creeping along their margins to a great extent; extreme shoots as well as those from the joints arising in an oblique direction to the height of from four to five feet above the surface of the water, and bearing the leaves and flowers. Leaves, the lower ones linearlanceolate, the superior ones ensiform, all have long, tapering, very acute points, with the margins hispid, from one to three feet long, and about the middle, where broadest, from an inch to an inch and a half wide. Spikes terminal, and from the exterior axills, peduncled, solitary or in pairs, drooping. Female flowers generally solitary on the base of the male spikes. Involucre turbinate, perforated; calyx and corol, i. e. glumes, within the involucre, from six to seven-valved, with two abortive corollets and their common valve, as in C. gigantea. Germ oblong, round it are three short, abortive stamina. Style two-cleft. MALE FLOWERS three-fold, the two lateral ones sessile, the middle one pedicelled, all have a two-valved calyx with twovalved flowers in each. Seed turbinate, smooth, of a dull pearl colour, the size of a pea.

5. C. heteroclita, R.

Erect, ramous, hairy. Spikes terminal, single, or paired, when two one is male, the other

androgynous, with a jointed rachis and the five or six female flowers thereof bracted.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal, where it flowers and ripens its seed toward the close of the rains. It is the smallest of the five species, being only about two, or at most three feet high, but very ramous.

6. C. pumila. R.

Leaves bifarious, linear-lanceolar, smooth. Peduncle terminal, naked, and not jointed. Male spikes with from three to four pairs of flowers; female corol five-valved, ovate.

Introduced from the Mauritius into the Botanie garden where it grows to be about eighteen inches high, every part smooth, leaves nearly as long as the culms.

CAREX. Schreb. gen. N. 1407.

Ament imbricated on all sides, with one-flowered scales. Corol none. Male calyx, the superior sca'es of the ament. Corol none. Female calyx, the inferior scales of the ament. Corol flask-shaped, permanent, one-flowered. Stigma from two to three. Seed solitary, threesided, enclosed in the permanent corol.

1. C. Bengalensis. R.

Spikes sessile, androgynous, below female. Panicles axillary, and terminal, long-peduneled, ovate, dense; scales ovate, acute; seed three-cornered, within the ribbed, permanent.

A native of Silhet, and the only species I have ever met with in India. The culms are long, slender, smooth, and three-sided, leaves very long and slender with a sheathing tubular

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SCLERIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1408.

Male spikelets imbricated, many-flowered. Female flowers solitary, or with one or two male ones in the same two to six-valved calyx. Corol three-parted. Seed or nut globular.

1. S. biflora. R.

Culm three-sided, leafly. Leaves ensiform, smooth. Panieles axillary and terminal, contracted. Flowers of both six-pedicelled. Female cally two-flowered, one of them male.

A native of Bengal. Flowers during the rains.

Root of numerous, rust-coloured fibres. Culms from one to two feet long, leafy, smooth, three-sided with the angles sharp. Leaces very numerous, shorter than the culms, sheathing, sword-shaped, much keeled, smooth. Panieles axillary and terminal, small. Male spikelets short-pedicelled, oblong, imbricated with oblong concave scales, the lower two or three abortive, and may be called a common calyx; the rest containing three stamens each; beside these there are some others which embrace the base of each pedicel like the perechetium of Hypnum. Filaments permanent, forming a pencil from the spires of the spikelets. Anthers linear, incumbent, enducous. FEMALE FLOWERS short-pedicelled, with scales at the base of the pedicels as in the male. Calyx three-valved, two-flowered, one of which is a small male corollet with a two-valved corol, and three stamens. Corol of the female flower, small, three-parted; divisions acute. Germ round. Style single. Stigmas three. Pericarp; nut globular, wrinkled, villous. Seed solitary, in the cavity of the nut.

 S. lilhosperma, Willd, iv. 316.
 Culm three-sided, leafy. Leaves with hispid margins. Panicles axillary and terminal, patent. Male and female spikes distinct and sessile. Female flowers with the rudiments of one or two male corollets. Seed round, ovate, dotted.

Carex lithosperma. Linn.

Kaden-pullu. Rheed. Mal. xii. t. 48.

Teling. Konda-shaka-tonga.

A native of the valleys amongst the mountains of Coromandel.

3. S. tenuis. Willd. iv. 316.

Culms slender, acutely three-angled, smooth. Leaves long, slender and smooth. Panicles

slender. Flowers in remote fascicles. Seed obovate, obsoletely three-sided, polished, white.

A native of the Moluccas, from two to three feet high, long and simple, the axillary panicles excepted.

4. S. læcis, Willd. iv. 314.

Culms erect, three-sided, smooth. Leaves slender and smooth. Panicles oblong, divided by various sized involucres. Female flowers sessile. Seed oblately spheroidical, even and polished.

A native of the Malay Archipelago.

5. S corymbosa. R.

Culms erect, from four to five feet high, three-sided, smooth, leafy. Leaves smooth, threenerved. Corymbs axillary, compound. Seeds ovate, somewhat acute, shining, white, obscurely

A native of the moist valleys of Chittagong, where it grows to the height of from four to six feet. Stout in proportion, smooth in every part, and replete with very long linear leaves, the uppermost two feet floriferous.

6. S. setigera. R.

Culms erect, from four to five feet high, three-sided, crowded with long, tapering, smooth, three-nerved leaves. Panicles terminal, and from the exterior axills, oblong, under each ramification a long filiform bristle-like bracte.

A native of Chittagong.

TRAGIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1410.

Male calyx three-parted. Corol none. Female calyx six-leaved. Corol none. Capsules tricoccus.

T. cannabina, Willd. iv. 326.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves hastate, three-lobed, serrate. Female calyx pinnatifid. Croton hastatum. Syst. Veg. But I strongly suspect Burman's figure which he has given for C. hastatum is a mistake.

Teling. Doolya-gunda.

This species is perennial, from three to four feet high, a native of dry barren ground about Samulkota. It flowers all the year round.

Stem scarcely any, what there is, is erect, and woody. Branches numerous; the larger ones woody, smooth; the smaller ones twining and hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, three-

parted, serrate, hairy; from two to four inches long. Stipules half lanceolate. Racemes leafopposed, peduncled, erect, many-flowered. MALE FLOWERS numerous, round the upper part of the raceme, very small, yellow, each three-bracted. Filaments half the length of the calyx. Anthers two-lobed. Female Flowers below the male, generally two on each raceme. Calyx six-leaved; leaflets pinnatifid, hairy.

The hair of this plant stings fully as bad as the common nettle. Cattle do not eat any

part of it. III. 576

2. T. involucrata. Willd. iv. 324.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves oblong, three-nerved, serrate. Female cally pinnatifid. Schorigenam. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 39.

Beng. Bichitee.

Ricinocarpus Zevlanica hirsuta. Burm. Zeyl. t. 92.

A perennial twining plant, a native of shady places, hedges, &c. where the soil is good.

Flowers during most part of the year.

Stem short, woody. Branches twining, the tender parts covered with much hair. Leaves scattered, petioled, oblong, three-nerved, pointed, serrate, hairy. Stipules cordate. Racemes as in cannabina, but smaller, and seldom more than one female flower on each. Bractes and flowers both male and female, as in cannabina.

Note. The hairs of this plant sting equally as much as the former, nor will cattle eat it, I have not observed any other in India, to compare with Willdenow's cordata, and hispida,

they are probably the same, or only varieties of one species.

3. T. Mercurialis. Willd. iv. 324.

Annual, erect, ramous. Leaves ovate cordate, serrate. Racemes drooping. Inner three leaflets of the female calyx filiform.

Pee cupameni. Rheed, Mal. x. t. 82.

A small annual plant, it is much like Acalypha indica, appearing in flower during the hot season.

Stem erect, branchy, smooth, about a foot high. Leaves alternate, petioled, from cordate to oblong-ovate, serrate, smooth, from one to two and a half inches long, and one to two broad. Petioies shorter than the leaves, channelled. Racemes axillary, solitary, as long or longer than the leaves, filiform, bowing, few-flowered. Bractes remote, solitary, each embracing one, longpedicelled, female flower, and several short pedicelled male ones. MALE FLOWERS. Calux threeleaved, oval, pointed. Filaments shorter than the calyx. Anthers two-lobed. Female flowers. Calyx six-leaved; the exterior ones oblong, pointed, concave; the three interior ones linear, obtuse. Germ three-lobed. Style scarcely any. Stigma three-cleft, spreading. Capsule threecelled, six-leaved, the axills without dots at the base.

4. T. Chamælea. Willd. iv. 326.

Erect, slender, smooth. Leaves linear.

Chamaelea foliis linearibus. Burm. Zeyl. t 25.

Codi avanacu. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 34.

A native of Coromandel, and Malabar, on shaded pasture land.

HERNANDIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1411.

Male calyx none. Corol six-petalled. Female calyx cup-shaped, entire. Corol from six to eight-petalled. Germ one-celled, one-seeded; attachment superior. Nut superior, clothed with the inflated calyx. Seed globular. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

H. Ovigera. Gært. Sem. i. 193, t. 40, f. 3.

Arboreous. Leaves peltate, cordate, shining, entire. Panicles axillary.

Arbor ovigera. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 123. In this figure the fruit is something like, but the leaves and general habit very unlike. The same author's Arbor Regis, H. Sonora, vol. ii. p. 257. t. 85. is good for the leaves of that species, but nothing like the fruit.

A native of the Moluccas, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden in 1798. In twelve years the trees were from twenty to thirty feet high, with a straight, smooth trunk,

and incurved branches. The young shoots of a deep lucid green. III.

Leaves alternate, petioled, peltate, cordate, entire, smooth, of a shining, deep green on both sides, from five to six inches long, by four or five broad. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, round, smooth. Stipules none. Panicles axillary, corymbiform, longer than the petioles, all the divisions smooth, lucid green. Flowers numerous, small, white. Bractes, exclusive of the involucres, oblong, one at each division of the panicle. Involucre four-leaved, three-flowered, viz. two male and one female, oblong, expanding. MALE. Perianth none. Corol six-petalled; the exterior one rather longer than the inner one. Nectary, six elevated glands, alternate with the stamens. Filaments three, incurved, sub-clavate, shorter than the petals. Anthers a large groove on each side of the apex of the thickened filament. Female shorter pedicelled than the male. Perianth beneath cup-shaped, with an entire mouth. Corol superior, petals eight, the inner four smaller, all inserted on the apex of the germ. Nectary four yellow glands, alternate with the four inner petals. Germ the perianth, but under the corol, oval, one-celled, containing one ovulum, attached to the top of the cell. Style shorter than the petals. Stigma large, with a spreading lobed margin,

For the fruit see Gærtner's work above quoted, where the description and figures are

both very accurate.

MONOECIA TETRANDRIA.

SERPICULA, Schreb. gen. N. 1413.

Male calyx four-toothed. Corol four-petalled. Female calyx four-parted. Pericarp a downy nut.

verticillata, Willd, iv. 329. Corom. pl. ii. N. 164.

Dioecous, ramous. Flowers triandrous. Leaves verticelled.

Hottonia serrata. Willd. i. 314.

Teling. Poo-natsoo.

It grows in clear, standing, sweet water, and produces its flowers during the cold season. It consists of simple, filiform roots, and a number of fine, filiform, jointed shoots, or stems,

some creeping, some floating below the surface of the water.

Branches solitary, axillary, Leaves sessile, verticelled, (from three to six-fold) oblonglanceolate, or linear-banceolate; from one-eighth to half an inch long. MALE FLOWERS axillary, sessile, from one to four in the verticel, much smaller than the female. Calyx; spaths one-flowered, sub-globular, murexed, bursting irregularly. Perianth three-leaved. Leaflets obovate, reflexed. Corol three-petalled; petals wedge-formed, reflexed. Filaments three, short, ascending. Anthers very large, two-lobed, opening with an elastic jerk; pollen white, very large grained. Female flowers in a distinct plant, axillary, generally solitary, though sometimes there are two from the same verticel. Spathe, perianth, and corol as in the genus. No nectary. Germ sessile, subulate, ending in the long, sub-erect receptacle of the flower, which elevates it above the water while expanded. Stigmas three, lanceolate. The capsule has the appearance of a siliqua, subulate, sometimes murexed, one-celled. Seeds from three to five, oblong, pointed at each end, lodged as in the leguminous plants, their attachments I could not discover.

Note. When the male flowers are ready to expand, the murexed spathe bursts, the flowers are then quickly detached, and swim remote from the parent plant, on the surface of the water, in search of the female flowers; resting on the extremities of the reflexed leaflets of the perianth and petals of the corol. What a wonderful economy!

The Berhampore sugar retiners use this part while moist, to cover the surface of their sugars, as clay is used in the West India Islands, and in two or three days, the operation is

finished exceedingly well.

ALNUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1419.

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Male calyx the scales of the ament, three-flowered. Corol from three to four-parted. Female calyx the scales of the ament, two-flowered. Corol none. Styles two. Nut compressed, two-celled.

 A. glutinosa. Willd. iv. 334.
 Male peduacles branched. Leaves roundish-obovate, serrulate, some obtuse, some pointed; ceins glutinous, and their axills villous underneath. Stipules lanceolate oblong.

Found by Colonel Hardwicke, on his tour to Shreenagur.

See Asiat. Res. vi. p. 373.

2. A. dioeca. R.

Leaves oblong, polished, entire, obtuse pointed, axills of the veins naked. Male aments sessile, cylindric. Stipules falcate, lanceolate.

Kokra the vernacular name at Silbet, where the tree is indigenous, and grows to be of considerable size; its timber very hard, and used for various economical purposes. The tree

flowers in March, and the seed ripens about the beginning of the cool season.

Young branchlets smooth, much divided. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, obtuse pointed, of a firm texture, and very smooth; from three to six inches long, and from two to two and a half broad. Stipules falcate-lanceolate, ciliate. MALE AMENTS axillary, several together, sessile, cylindric, about an inch long. Scales reniform, ciliate, concave, from three to four-flowered. Calyx four-parted. Corol none. Filaments four, arising from the base of the segments of the calyx, and of their length. Anthers two-lobed. Germ a small subcylindric, villons gland in its place. Female aments on a separate tree; axillary and lateral below the leaves, solitary, sessile, sub-globular, few-flowered. Scales of the ament, and calyx as in the male. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ superior, oblong, hairy, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the top of the partition. Style scarcely any. Stigma of four, brown, glandular, recurved lobes. Capsule nearly round, the size of a black current, pretty smooth, olive-coloured, two-celled, four-valved. Valves composed of two coats, the exterior one friable, the inner one thin and tough like parehment, its incurved edges forming the partition. Seeds generally single, though sometimes two, integuments three, the exterior one succulent and orange-coloured, the second thin, firm, and white like parchment, and the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, white. Embryo green, inverse. Cotyledons obovate. Radicle superior.

URTICA. Schreb. gen. N. 1422.

Male calyx four-leaved. Corol none. Female calyx one-leaved, or two-valved. Corol none, Seed solitary.

1. U. scabrella. R.

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Shrubby, spreading. Leaves opposite, cordate, serrate, harsh, three-nerved. Spikes axillary, erect, cylindric; the male ones crowded, short, and in the lower axills; the female ones above and generally solitary.

A native of Chittagong, where it is common, but so far as I know, applied to no useful purpose; nor does it sting, though harsh to the feel. It flowers about the end of the rains,

and the seed ripens in the cool season.

U. parviflora. Roxb.
 Dioecous, herbaceous, erect, armed with numerous strong, harsh, pellucid, stinging bristles. Leaves opposite, ovate, lanceolate, serrate. Stipules undivided. Female spikes quatern, compound, glomerate.

III. A native of Rohileund. In the Botanic garden where it was introduced in 1803, it blossoms in March, and April, but has not ripened its seed, owing, I presume, to our plant, so far as I have been able to observe, bearing only female flowers.

Root ramous, perennial. Stems herbaccous, erect, about three feet high, and with but few branches, four grooved on the sides, with but few angles rounded, and every part armed with numerous, strong, very sharp, clear, stinging bristles. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, and ovate lanceolate, grossly serrate, wrinkled, about three incheslong, by one broad. Petioles scarcely half the length of the leaves, armed. Stipules opposite, entire, oblong, conic. Female flowers. Panicles quatern, that is, two in each axill, as in U. dioeca, which it most resembles. Flowers very minute, green. Calyx of two opposite pairs of oval leaflets. Stamina none. Germ oval. Style none. Stigma a pencil of white hairs.

3. U. trinervia. R.

Shrubby. Leaves opposite, broad-lanccolate, crenate, distinctly three-nerved to the apex, panicles axillary, the length of the petioles.

A native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in April.

4. U. alienata. Syst. Veg. 709.

Annual, crect while young; branches brachiate. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, three-nerved, entire. Flowers axillary, sessile, female calyx urccolate.

Boehmeria alienata. Willd. iv. 341. Parieteria Zeylanica. Linn. Sp. 1492.

Parieteria Cochin-chinensis. Lour. Cochin Ch. 456.

A native of Ceylon, and introduced by General Macdowall into the Botanic garden where

it blossoms during the rains.

Root ramous, annual. Stem erect, nearly round, somewhat scabrous. Branches from two to three pairs, decussate, height of the whole plant from six to twelve inches. Leaves opposite, petioled, ovate, three-nerved, entire, somewhat scabrous underneath, length from one to two inches. Stipules two on each side, acute and slender. Flowers axillary, sessile, several female with one or two male ones, both sorts are very small. Male calgar to the base four-cleft. Female urccolate, from eight to ten-ribbed. Seed ovate, acute. Calgar smooth, shining, of a chesnut colour, with a white base.

5. U. tuberosa, R.

Root tuberous. Leaves alternate, oblong, three-nerved, hairy. Flowers axillary, sessile; seed much pointed.

Herba memoria. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 12. f. 2.

Is exceedingly like old plants of U. alienata; and young plants of this are very like Parieteria officinalis.

Teling. Pilli-dumpa.

A native of the banks of water courses, hedges, &c. where it meets with a good soil, and

shady situation. It flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Root perennial, tuberous, spindle-formed, perpendicular. Stems or branches several, annual, from one to six feet long, flaccid, resting on the ground, or bushes; striated, a little hairy. Leaves spreading, petioled; on the lower part of the primitive stem opposite, larger, and much broader in proportion, than on the branches, where they are alternate, pointed, entire, three-nerved and hairy, from one to three inches long, and broad in proportion. Flowers axillary, sessile, crowded. Male and female mixed, very small. Male. Nectary a pedicelled gland in the centre; the rest as in the genus. Female. Calyx one-leaved, gibbous, mouth contracted, and slightly notched. Style long, hairy. Stigma acute. Seed ovate, acute.

The roots are esculent, and nutritious; the natives eat them raw, boiled, or roasted.

6. U. pentandra. Roxb.

Perennial, diffuse. Leaves opposite, and alternate, sub-sessile, linear, small, three-nerved, Flowers axillary, pentandrous; the male ones peduncled; the female ones sessile, with calyx winged.

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Is found about Calcutta, growing among bushes in wet places; flowers during the rains. Root of capillary fibres. Stem long and slender, resting on the earth, and rooting; above erect, seemingly perennial, round, smooth, the inferior branches opposite, and cross-armed, the superior ones flower-bearing, alternate. Leaves the inferior ones opposite, somewhat petioled, and larger, the upper ones smaller, alternate, and sessile, all linear-lanceolate, three-nerved, somewhat scabrous, serrate; size very various; about four inches long. Flowers axillary, two female ones generally placed on the outsides and sessile, while several peduncled male ones occupy the centre, and expand in succession. The Male Flowers before they expand appear like a most regular, five-sided, half-excavated cup, with a beautiful, fringed, scolloped margin. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Nectary none. Stamens five, flying open with a re-

markably smart jerk. Female flowers. Calyx, I cannot separate it from the germ. Germ Page obcordate, compressed, two-winged, with an elevated ridged appendix on the inside. Style Ed. villous. Seed ovate, lanceolate, acute, smooth, base white, upper part brownish black.

7. U. suffraticosa. R.

Suffruticose. Leaves alternate, lanceolate, broadest at the base, entire, three-nerved, smooth. Flowers axillary, crowded, sub-sessile. Female calyx one-leaved, ribbed, mouth bidentate.

From Sumatra, this percunial, somewhat shrubby plant, was introduced into the Bota-

nic garden at Calcutta in 1803, where it is in constant flower and seed the whole year.

Root fibrous. Stem short, somewhat ligneous, soon dividing into many diffuse, and erect, round branches and branchlets, covered with coloured bark, over which are many short, appressed, white hairs, the whole extent of the longest of our young plants about two feet. Leaves scattered, short-petioled, drooping, from ovate-lanceolate below, to linear-lanceolate above, three-nerved, the upper surface smooth, and somewhat lucid; plain underneath, and somewhat hairy, particularly the nerves; general length about two inches, and half an inch broad. Stipules paired, conic, acute, embracing the little bundles of flowers. Flowers, male and female crowded in the same axill, sub-sessile, small, of a greenish yellow. Female calyx one-leaved, with a contracted, bidentate mouth; and the outside deeply ribbed and hairy, Seed ovate, acute, polished, of a dark brownish black.

8. U. minima. R.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves alternate, ovate, deeply crenate. Flowers in terminal, compound, peduneled fascicles; female flowers numerous, with a two-leaved calyx.

A native of the Island of Honimoa, and far the smallest of the genus I have yet met

with, its greatest extent being only over a space of from four to five inches.

9. U. interrupta. Linn.

Annual, erect, bristly. Leaves cordate, servate. Racemes compound; partial racemes corymbed. Stipules solitary, two-cleft. Seeds compressed, obliquely cordate.

Batti scorigenam. Rheed, Mal. ii. t. 40.

Beng, and Hind. Lall bichiti.

Bochmeria interrupta. Willd. iv. 342.

A large annual found wild near Calcutta; flowering time the rainy season.

Roof ramous, annual. Stem erect, flexuous, farrowed, bristly, from two to four feet high; branches axillary, like the stem. Leaves alternate, petioled, deeply serrate, three-nerved, besprinkled with a few small bristles, particularly the coloured nerves and larger veins; from two to six inches long, and nearly as broad. Petioles as long as the leaves, coloured, round, bristly. Stipules axillary, solitary, half two-cleft; divisions subulate, friuged. Racemes axillary, solitary, erect, from six to twelve inches long, composed of remote, twice two-cleft, recurved corymbs. Male plowers few. Calyx, &c. as in the genus. Female Plowers numerous. Calga one-leaved, of an oblique, cup-form, compressed, mouth four-toothed. Pistillum half immersed in the calyx, obliquely ovate. Seed compressed, cordate, sitting on the mouth of the now totally reflexed calyx, and covered with a yellowish, fleshy, rugose integument, which adheres to, and drops with it.

The hairs of this plant sting like the common nettle.

U. heterophylla, Willd. iv. 362.

Annual. Leaves alternate, cordate, variously lobate, grossly serrate. Male and female flowers on distinct, glomerate, peduncled spikes; every part armed with stiff, acute, burning bristles.

Ana schorigenam. Rheed. Mal. ii. p. 77. t. 41.

A native of the mountains of Mulabar, from thence the seeds were sent by Dr. Buchanan, to the Botanie garden at Calcutta, where the plants blossom and ripen their seed during

the cold season; soon after which they perish.

Root annual, ramous. Stem erect, flexuose, angular, with small white specks, in which are inserted stiff most acute bristles, pointing rigidly in every direction; branches ascending, and like the stem. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, cordate, lobate, towards the top of the plant almost paimate, all are grossly serrate, armed with the same bristles as the stem and branches, and some harsh pubescence beside; from four to eight inches long, breadth nearly the same. Petioles about half the length of the leaves, channelled and armed. Stipules large, axillary, solitary, cordate, with the apex ending in one or two acute points. Peduncles axillary, the lower supporting the male, sub-cylindric, amentaceous flowers; those towards the apex of the plant, the female ones, in large, glomerate, variously divided spikes. Male flowers as in the genus. Female with a cymbiform, tridentate calyx.

This is the most ferocious looking plant I have seen, and it acts up to its appearance; the least touch of any part produces most acute pain, but fortunately of short duration. The

bark abounds in fine, white, glossy, silk-like, strong fibres.

U. vescicaria. Roxb.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves alternate, broad-lanceolate, three-nerved, entire, downy. Flowers axillary, crowded, sessile. Female calyx with an inflated swelling round the base

A shrubby species, a native of the Circar mountains. Flowering and seed time the wet

Stems or branches several, perennial, somewhat shrubby, from four to six feet high, erect, round, somewhat winding. Bark of the woody parts smooth, ash-coloured, that of the young shoots hairy. Leaves alternate, spreading, petioled, broad-lanceolate, entire, downy, threenerved; from two to three inches long, and about one broad. Slipules semi-lanceolate, cadu-

Page cous. Flowers axillary, sessile, crowded; male and female mixed. Male calyx four-parted. Ed. Nectarial glands ovate, small. Female calyx as in U. tuberosa, round its base on the outside are, from five to six or seven small, obovate, inflated, permanent vescicles. Style, stigma and seed, as in tuberosa.

12. U. decumana. Rumph. Amb. vi. t. 20. f. 1.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, cordate, serrate, rugose, bristly. Female spikes composed of alternate, bifarious ramifications.

Mal. Dann Gattal.

Introduced from the Moluccas, into the garden at Calcutta in 1802. In April 1803 one plant blossomed. It had only a short ligneous stem, covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark, and some few short, young, round, bristly branches arising therefrom.

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Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, serrate, very rugose, both sides armed with clear, sharp, stinging bristlets, about six inches long, by three broad. Petioles rather short, somewhat channelled, bristly. Stipules solitary, interfoliaceous. Female spikes axillary, solitary, compound, expanding, larger than the leaves, their branches alternate, bifarious, and composed of minute alternate branchlets, all round, deeply coloured, and bristly. Female flowers numerous, sessile, intermixed among small coloured, bristly bractes. Calyx four-leaved. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ ovate. Style and stigma single, and villous. Seed solitary, compressed.

U. pulcherrima. R.

Dioecous, shrubby. Leaves alternate, lanceolate, serrate, three-nerved, veins reticulate: underneath hoary and pitted. Spikes axillary, paired, compound, glomerate, recurved, male flowers pentandrous.

A most beautiful shrub, a native of Chittagong; flowering during the rains; the seed

ripens in the cool season.

Stem as thick as a man's leg, very short, but straight. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction round the stem. Bark of the old woody parts brown, and pretty smooth; that of the young, coloured shoots angular, and clothed with short appressed hairs. Leaves alternate, rather long-petioled, exactly narrow-lanceolar, beautifully serrate, long, tapering, acute-pointed, three-nerved, with elevations on the upper surface corresponding with the pits below, which render them rough though lucid, about six inches long, by one broad. Veins diverging and reticulate, hoary underneath, and there parted round the margin, and slightly in the middle of the space between the nerves. Petioles from one to two inches long, a little hairy, coloured and channelled. Stipules axillary, small, scariose. Male calgx in axillary pairs, recurved in opposite directions, compound, glomerate. Calyx five-leaved. Stamina five. Female spikes on a different plant and like the male. Calyx of one, two-lobed, bivalvular-like, ciliate leaflet. Germ oval. Style none. Stamina a villous tuft.

14. U. frutescens. Thunb. Juss. 70.

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Shrubby. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, cuspidate, three-nerved, with the interior margins serrulate, hoary underneath, harsh above. Heads axillary, peduncled.

Boehmeria fructescens. Willd. iv. 343.

A native of the mountains north of Bengal, and Oude, as well as of Japan.

15. U. bicolor. R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolate, serrate, three-nerved, seabrous above, hoary underneath. Heads axillary, sessile.

A native of the mountains of Bareilly.

16. U. Sphaerocephala. R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, toward the apex serrulate, strongly marked with three equal nerves, scabrous above, hoary, except the veins and nerves, underneath. Heads axillary, peduncled, spherical, crowded with male and female flowers mixed.

17. U. paniculata. R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, cordate, serrate, acute, three-nerved, reticulated, rough above. and soft with white down underneath. Stipules in opposite pairs, ensiform. Panicles axillary, short and crowded.

A native of the Moluccas; with the foliage of U. decumana, but a very different inflorescence. The calyx of the female flowers in that is three or four-leaved; in this a five-tooth-

18. U. lineata. R.

Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, entire, smooth, marked with parallel simple veins. Stipules solitary, spathiform. Panieles axillary, the length of the petioles, dichotomous. Female calyx unequally four-parted.

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A native of the Moluccas, where it grows to be a large straggling shrub, with leaves from six to twelve or more inches long. Panicles composed of numerous alternate incurved divisions, crowded with innumerable, sessile, female flowers on their opposite margins only.

19. U. tenacissima. R. Shrubby, erect, ramous. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, broad-cordate, grossly serrate, hoary underneath. Panicles axillary. Flowers in round fascicles; the male ones on the lower panicles and the female ones above.

Caloose. Marsden's Sumatra, p. 57.

Rami, the Malay name in the Island of Pulo Pinang.

A native of the Island of Sumatra, where it is cultivated for its bark, which abounds in fibres of very great strength and fineness. In the Botanic garden where it has lately been introduced, with the view of obtaining its valuable fibres, it grows very luxuriantly, and blossoms about the close of the rainy season. We have now had it five years in the garden, the Page roots of the original plants, as well as of their progeny, are becoming daily extended, and Carey Ed. continue healthy and vigorous, throwing up numerous shoots, as often as they are cut down for the fibres of their bark, which may be done about four or even five times every year, if the soil is good and care taken of the plants, viz. if kept clean of weeds, and watered when the weather is so dry as for the soil to require irrigation, and carefully drained when too wet.

The plant is as readily cultivated from cuttings, as the Willow, which is fortunate, as I

have never yet found it produce fertile seed.

Stems, when suffered to remain, they become stout, and ligneous, and then covered with brown, somewhat scabrous bark. Branches many, spreading considerably, the ligneous parts with bark like the stems; the tender parts hairy. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, cordate, hairy, and a little hoary underneath, three-nerved; about six inches long, by four broad. Stipules ensiform, one on each side of the insertion of the petiole. Panicles in axillary pairs, about as long as the petioles, villous. Flowers numerous, small, of a greenish yellow, collected in small, globular heads; male on the inferior panicles, and female on the superior ones. Bractes minute. MALE. Calyx of four ovate, concave leaflets. Corol none. Nectary a globular pedicelled gland in the centre resembling a pistillum. Filaments four. Anthers two-lobed. Female. Calgar one-leaved, urceolate. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ oblong, minute, hairy, no filaments surrounding it, as in Louriero's U. nivea. Stigma single, hairy, and about the length of the germ. Seeds, they have not been found in a ripe state.

To procure the fibres, Marsden says the shoots are cut down, dried, and beaten, after which the rind is stripped off. Sumphius's Ramium majus, Hor. Amb. 215. t. 79. f. 1, which I take to be this plant; yields also fibres of the same nature, and is quoted by Willdenow for Urtica, which from the prevailing definition of that plant, "Foliis sub-orbiculatis utrinque acutis, vel base attenuatis," I must conclude to be a different species, for in all the plants in the Botanie garden, originally from Sumatra, from Prince of Wales' Island, and from Rungpoor, they are uniformly broad-cordate. Both male and female inflorescence glomerate, panieled. Calyx of the latter of one leaf, and the germ destitute of the barren filaments which

Louriero gives to U. nivea, 20. U. crenulata, R.

Shrubby, dioecous, crect. Leaves alternate, oblong, acute, crenate. Spikes axillary, compound, dichotomous.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal, and first found near Luckipore by Dr. Buchanan;

flowering time the latter part of the rains.

Stem erect, shrubby. Bark smooth, ash-coloured, armed with most acute, burning hairs. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, acute, crenulate, or slightly dentate, both sides armed with a few burning white hairs. Stipules cordate, small, caducous. Female. Spikes axillary, solitary, dichotomous, with alternate lateral divisions. Flowers numerous, all female. Calux four-parted. Germ ovate, one-seeded. Style none. Stigma long, villous, fleshy and tapering.

21. U. acuminata. R.

Sub-arboreous, hairy. Leaves petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire, acuminate. Female glomerules axillary, small, globular; in short, once or twice-dichotomous peduncles.

A small, creet, ramous tree, with dusky bark and hairy branchlets, a native of the forests of Chittagong, where it flowers during the cool season.

22. U. involuerata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, broad-cordate, downy, sub-entire. Stipules opposite, subulate. Peduneles axillary, drooping, bearing a few female flowers in an involucred head.

A native of the Malay Islands. In the Botanic garden it is in blossom the whole year,

but no male flowers have been found, nor do the seeds ripen.

23. U. naucliflora. R.

Dioecous, shrubby, twining. Leaves alternate, cordate, entire; glomerules globular, com-

pact, the male ones panicled.

A large, scandent, woody plant, common in the forests of Chittagong, Silhet, and the eastern frontier of Bengal. In the former known by the vernacular name Dolea Sat, and in the latter Luta Kudum, i. e. scandent Nauclea. Flowers beautiful and fragrant, appearing at various times through the year, but ripening best about or before the beginning of the

Stem and large branches stout and woody, covered with dark coloured, seabrous bark, the whole extending to a great length by twining up and over trees, &c. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, entire, smooth; from four to eight inches long, by from three to six broad. Petioles half the length of the leaves, round, coloured. Stipules axillary, solitary, large, ovateoblong, smooth, of a deep dark ferruginous colour. MALE. Panicles from the old axills composed of numerous, small, globular heads of minute, very fragrant corollets. Bractes in fours, at the divisions of the panicle, oval, and oblong, coloured like the stipules. Common perianth none, or very obscure; proper one four-leaved; leaflets, oblong, concave, sub-cucullate over the anthers. Corol none. Filaments four, very broad, and short. Authers cordate. Germ none, but a columnar, headed gland in its place. Female on a different plant. Pedancles from the axills of the former leaves, as in the male, generally solitary, once or twice dichotomous, with a large globular head of small, beautiful, purple, fragrant, pedicelled corollets on each division. Bractes as in the male. Proper perianth one-leaved, four-parted, segments often une-qual. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ superior, oblong, one-celled, containing one ovulum

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III. 595 attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short. Stigma lateral, oblong. Pericarp none, the remaining succulent calvx covering a single, oblong seed, which has, besides an exterior succulent envelope, a middle thin hard one, and an inner membranaceous one. Perisperm while the seeds are recent there is a thin succulent one. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, oblong. Radicle cylindric, superior.

24. U. globulifer. Roxb.

Dioecous, shrubby, scandent. Leaves alternate, long petioled, oblong, entire, villous.

Panieles axillary; glomerules globular, compact, panieled

Lal-Kudum, the vernacular name in Silbet, where the plants are found indigenous, climbing over trees and bushes. Flowering time February and March. The seeds are ripe about the beginning of the rains in June. This species much resembles U. naucliflora, but the leaves differ widely in shape; the female glomerules as well as the male ones are in crowded pauicles, and all being void of fragrance, point them out very distinct species.

 U. inaqualifolia. R.
 Shrubby, erect, hispid. Leaves alternate, sessile, unequally falcate, lanceolate, entire, acuminate. Glomerules axillary.

A native of Chittagong, where it flowers in April.

MORUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1424.

Male perianth four-leaved. Corol none. Female perianth four-leaved. Corol none. Germ one-celled, one-seeded, superior. Styles two. Calyx becoming a berry. Seed one, in each acine. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

M. alba. Willd. iv. 368.

Leares cordate-serrate, without pubescence, some deeply and variously lobate, other

almost palmate. Fruit ovate, oblong, white.

Found in gardens in several parts of India and varying so much by culture as to render it difficult to give a better definition than the above. It does not appear to be cultivated in every part of India for its leaves to feed silk-worms. The fruit rather small, juicy, but insipid.

In Bengal it blossoms about the end of the cold season, and the fruit ripens in about six weeks, or two months afterwards. It appears to be dioecous, for I have only met with female flowers on the plants cultivated in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

2. M. atropurpurea. R.

Leaves cordate, very rarely lobate, serrate, smooth. Ament cylindric. Fruit cylindric, dark purple.

M. rubra. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 679.

From China this large species was introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it thrives luxuriantly, blossoms about the beginning of the hot season, in February, and the fruit ripens in March and April.

Attempts have been made to feed the silk-worm in Bengal with its leaves; but, so far as

I can learn, with little or no success.

Trunk rarely more than a few feet in height, and in our young trees in Bengal from eighteen to twenty-four inches in circumference. Bark ash-coloured, and rather scabrous. Branches and branchlets nearly erect, long, simple, and pretty stout, bark of the old ligneous parts like that of the trunk; that on the younger branches more smooth, and lighter coloured; the general height of our largest trees about twenty feet. Leaves alternate, cordate, serrate, acuminate, smooth, three-nerved, with a gland on the base of the lateral nerves, about six inches long, by five broad, caducous during the cool season; and the new foliage begins to appear with the flowers in February. Petioles nearly round, smooth, an inch and a half long. Stipules ensiform, chaffy, caducous. Aments axillary, and below the first leaves of the tender shoots, peduncled, generally drooping. The male flowers on one tree and the female ones on another, though sometimes they are monoecous, or polygamous. Male. Aments cylindric, drooping. Corollets pedicelled. Calyx four-leaved, or deeply four-parted. Corol none. Filaments four, more than twice the length of the calyx. Anthers oval. Germ none, but a small conic gland in its place. Female. Aments cylindric, drooping. Corollets sessile. Calux four-leaved. Leaflets obovate, appressed to the germ. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ oval, onecelled, containing one ovulum attached to the top of the cell. Styles two, revolute, villous, rather united at the base. Stigmas simple, small. Fruit cylindrical, composed of numerous, ovate, acute, one-celled, nuciform capsules, enveloped in the enlarged, now succulent, dark purple calyx. Seed solitary, with scanty albumen, and embryo exactly as in M. alba. Gart. Sem. ii. 199. t. 126. 3. M. serrata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves evenly cordate, three-nerved, grossly and acutely serrate, cuspidate, rough, but void of pubescence. Female aments cylindric.

Heemoo of the natives about Dosa.

Found by Captain Hardwicke wild in the forests about Dosa, in his tour to Shreenagur. See Asiat. Res. vi. 373. Morus. N. 1.

It differs from all the species I have yet seen in the apices of the leaves being very long and sharp, and in most of the serratures being remarkably large and acute.

4. M. Indica. Willd. iv. 370.

Dioecous, sub-arborcous. Leaves ovate, cordate, long, taper-pointed, serrate, smooth. Aments oval. Styles single, half two-cleft.

Morus Indica, Rumph. Amb. vii. t. 5, is a pretty good figure of this; but Tinda parua

of the Hortus Malabaricus, vol. i. t. 49, quoted for Morus Indica, is no doubt König's Tro- Page Carey phis aspera, and a tolerably good representation it is.

Beng. Toot. Sans. Toola.

I have never found this tree in its wild state, but always in gardens, or plantations, or where it had been plauted. Where it is indigenous I cannot say. Flowering time the beginning of the hot weather, in February, at which time the young leaves also make their appearance, though by culture they may be continued the year round.

Trunk, when the trees are suffered to grow unmolested till they are full grown, rarely more than the thickness of a man's leg. Branches numerous, spreading in all directions. Wood pale, yellowish, hard, close-grained. Bark smooth, ash-coloured; the whole height of the largest trees I have seen about twenty feet. Leaves deciduous, alternate, petioled, ovatecordate, long, tapering, entire, pointed, with the lateral margins serrate, and sometimes lobate and even deeply so, smooth on both sides, very various in size on the larger trees not kept ent, as in the plantations for feeding silk-worms, where they are larger and more divided, from two to four inches long, and from one to two and a half broad. Stipules sub-lanceolate, caducous. Female aments from the axills of the first leaves or from the scales of the envelope of the bud of the young shoots, solitary, short-peduncied, nearly oval, or oval. Cu/yx of four, fleshy, cuneate leaflets. Style single, half two-cleft; divisions tapering and villous. Berry about the size and shape of a small field bean; when ripe black

This is the species cultivated in Bengal to feed silk-worms. It is kept down by frequent cutting that the branches may become more numerous, consequently the foliage more abundant, and more easily gathered. The cultivators of these bushes, do not always rear the worm. When they do not, they sell the leaves upon the tender branches to the ryots who rear the worm, but do not cultivate the mulberry, by the basket, a measure called in some parts a Koopee, weighing on an average, one hundred pounds avoirdupois. The average price is about three Koopees for the Rupes. While the worms are very young they not only strip the leaves from the twigs but cut them small. Afterwards when the worms are larger, the whole leaves upon the twigs are given, and the sticks are removed when the leaves are consumed.

The annual value of the biga which is a third of an English acre, taking the general average of markets, and also the general average of lands in point of quality of soil, may be about eight Rupees; deduct for the rent of the land two Rupees, this leaves a profit of six to

the ryot for his labour.

The plant is usually cut four times in the year, and stripped of its leaves twice. The latter mode is practised during the rains, when cutting the plants would injure them, by the water penetrating the cut parts; besides, by having the branches at this season at their full length, there is less danger of their being overflowed during inundations of the Ganges

A plantation once formed, requires no great labour to keep it in order, as the close luxuriant growth of the plants keeps the weeds pretty well under; however, it is necessary to dress the ground now and then, and to earth up the plants while young, or when the rain washes away the earth. The ground is generally so moist at all times of the year in Bengal, as to render irrigation almost unnecessary; an advantage the coast of Coromandel cannot beast of, and which will ever render it impossible for that country to cultivate silk at as low a rate as is done in Bengal. For this plant a light, rich, elevated soil is made choice of; for the Hindoo cultivators say clayey ground, or such as allows the water to settle about the roots of the plants, will not do. The plantation, they say, requires to be renewed once in three or four years, to insure a succession of the best leaves. Cuttings are employed, and planted about the close of the rains, in rows three feet asunder, and about half that distance in the

5. M. tatarica. Willd. iv. 369.

Dioccous, arborcous. Leaves cordate serrate, rather obtuse, mostly entire, though some-

times sinuate, or even lobate.

This small tree I have only found in a few gardens about Calcutta, and like Morus Indica have never found it in its wild state, nor can I learn from whence it originally came. This sort is never, so far as I can learn, cultivated in any part of India for the silk-worm, nor for any other purpose. The fruit is very small, like that of *Indica*, and of too little estimation to encourage any one to cultivate it. Flowering time in Bengal, February.

6. M. mauritiana. Willd. iv. 371.

Dioecous, Leaves obovate oblong, entire. Aments cylindric. Trophis cylindrica, Roxb. Mss. N. 1703.

Reported to be a native of Madagascar. Dr. Anderson of Madras received the plants from the Mauritius. In his garden they thrive well, and from thence seeds and cuttings were procured for the Botanic garden at Calcutta, in 1799, where they blossom and ripen their

seed at various periods.

Trunk of the young trees in Dr. Anderson's garden, straight, and regularly clothed with spreading branches nearly to the base. Bark ash-coloured. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, obovate-oblong, entire, without pubescence, but a little scabrous, from two to three inches long by one or one and half broad. Stipules small, chaffy. Aments axillary, solitary, sub-cylindric; the male ones on one tree and the female ones on another, the latter generally recurved. Male aments half the length of the leaves. Calyx four-parted, divisions cordate, with villous margins. Stamina as in the genus, with double whole anthers. Pistillum, a four-wing-ed rudiment of one in the centre. Female aments nearly the size of the male. Calyx four-leaved, enlarging with the germ into a fleshy covering for the single seed, which is covered

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Page by a crustaceous envelope. Germ superior, broad ovate, one-leaved, one-celled, ovulum single, Carey attached to one side of the cell a little under its apex. Style or rather stigma two, subulate, villous on the inside, united at the base.

7. M. paniculata. Roxb.

Arboreous, dioecous. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, cordate, serrate, hoary underneath. Panicles axillary. Female calyx urceolate, entire. Berries round, pellucid, white.

Urtica frulicosa. Banks's Herbarium. Perlarius primus. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 56.

111. A native of the Moluccas, from thence the seed came amongst the earth with the spice plants, to the Botanic garden in 1798. Now, July 1802, both male and female trees are in 600

blossom, and about fifteen feet high.

Trunk straight. Bark smooth, olive-coloured. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Young shoots clothed with much short, soft, hairy pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, from ovate to round-cordate, three-nerved, serrate, acute, harsh, deep green above, hoary underneath, from four to eight inches long, and from two to six or seven broad. Petioles rather shorter than the leaves, round, downy. Stipules semi-cordate, lanceolate, caducous. Panicles axillary, solitary, with a few flexuose branches. Male flowers, hitherto they have been only found in a distinct tree, and collected in little, rather remote fascicles over the ramifications of the panicles. Calyx four-toothed. Stamens long and recurved. Female flowers collected in little, round, aggregate heads. Calyx urceolate, entire, becoming succulent. Style or stigma single, long, curved, villous. Berry round, size of a pea, very succulent, pure, pellucid, white when ripe, and containing many very minute seeds.

The taste of the ripe fruit is sweet, but rather insipid.

MONOECIA PENTANDRIA.

XANTHIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1426.

Male calyx; common imbricated. Corol one-petalled, five-cleft, funnel-formed. Receptacle chaffy. Female calyx; involucre two-leaved, two-flowered. Corol none. Drupe dry, murex-

ed, two-cleft. Nut two-celled. Linn. Syst.

To our Indian plant the following essential generic character suits better, viz. Male aggregate. Calyx; common, imbricated; corollets tubular, five-toothed. Nectary cylindric, antheriferous. Female calyx as in the male. Corol none. Germ superior, two-celled; cells oneseeded; attachment inferior. Styles two pair. Drupe dry, muricate, two-celled. Seed solitary. Embryo erect, without perisperm.

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X. Indicum, Kön, Mss.

Annual, unarmed. Leaves reniform cordate, lobate, grossly serrate, dentate.

Sans. Aristha.

Teling. Veri-tel-nep. Tam. Marlumutta.

A strong, robust annual, growing from two to three feet high; it delights in the banks of rivers, and rubbishy places, where it appears and flowers during the dry season only. It ought to be compared with X. orientale, for König thought them different, yet I suspect

they are the same.

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Stem erect, somewhat scabrous, clouded with dark coloured spots, annual. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad cordate, or rather tending to kidney-formed, somewhat lobed, notched, waved, three-nerved, scabrous; about four or five inches each way. Petioles round, scabrous, as long as the leaves. Flowers terminal, and from the superior axills. MALE FLOWERS aggregate, above the female ones, short-peduncled. Corollets from four to five-parted. Nectary tubular; mouth few-toothed, staminiferous. Female flowers below the male, sub-sessile, and solitary. Calyx one-flowered, many-leaved; leaflets lanceolate, hairy. Germ superior, oblong, armed with uncinate bristles, two-celled, each cell containing one ovulum enveloped in an interior tunic, a continuation of which, form the two long slender styles, which end in simple stigmas. Perisperm &c. as described by Gærtner.

AMARANTHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1431.

Male calyx from three to five-leaved. Corol none. Stamens from three to five. Female calyx beneath, from three to five-leaved. Corol none. Styles three. Capsule membranaceous, one-celled, one-sided, opening horizontally. Embryo annular, and furnished with a perisperm.

SECT. 1. Triandrous.

A. tenuifolius. Willd. iv. 4381.

Annual, diffuse. Leaves wedge-shaped, emarginate. Glomerules axillary; male flowers diandrous, with a two-leaved calyx; the female ones irregular.

Beng. Jeel Chumli.

Found during the whole year, on cultivated ground near Calcutta.

Root perpendicular, with small lateral fibres, of a bright pink colour. Stem none, but numerous, smooth, alternately ramous branches, spreading close on the earth; their length from six to twelve inches. Leaves somewhat petioled, long, wedge-shaped, emarginate, with a bristle in the fissure, are smooth, and about an inch long. Glomerules axillary, never termi.

nal. MALE FLOWERS with a two-leaved perianth, and two stamens. Female Flowers more Page numerous than the male ones. Calga, the internal flowers of the fascicle, or glomerule, have Carey rarely any; the exterior ones have it consisting of one or two leaflets. Capsule with six longitudinal furrows coloured and not circumcised.

 Λ. polygonoides. Willd. iv. 389. and B. H.
 Diffuse. Leaves obovate. Glomerules axillary, two-parted. Capsule pullate, equalling the acute lanceolate leaflets of the calyx.

Beng, Cheloo nateepa. Teling. Chira kura.

Is the smallest species I know. It is annual, a native of almost every soil and situation, is a common weed in our gardens, where there is a constant succession of plants flowering all

Root perpendicular. Stems in young luxuriant plants erect, with spreading branches from the base; but more frequently there are only many prostrate branches, with alternate, bifarious, smooth branchlets, from six to twelve inches long, often coloured on the upper side. Leaves alternate, in young plants with a stem, petioled, in others sub-sessile, oval, obovate, or wedge-formed; tapering down the peticles, pretty smooth, emarginate with a minute bristle, with margins tinged red, from a quarter to half an inch long. Glomerules axillary, two-parted, whether by a branchlet or not, never any thing like a spike. Male flowers most numerous. Leasters of the ealyx short, sharp-pointed; stamina three. Capsules longer than the ealyx, bullate, with the apex coloured red. Seed shining black.

This species although wild, for 1 never saw any one that tried to cultivate it, the natives

use as a pot-herb; it is reckoned exceedingly wholesome, for which reason convalescents have

this species recommended to them in preference to any of the others.

3. A. polygamus, Willd. iv. 381.

Diffuse. Leaves rhomb-ovate, emarginate; glomerules axillary, or on terminal spikes. Calyces daggered, longer than the capsules.

Blitum Indicum album. Rumph, Amb. v. t. 82. f. 1.

Hind. Chumli sag.

Beng. Champa nateeya, and Lal-Champa nateeya, a reddish variety. Teling. Dugala-kura, and Yerra-dugala kura, the reddish variety.

Wherein does A. Blitum differ from these?

A native of the same places with the last described, like them annual, and flowering at the same time. Both sorts are extensively cultivated all over the southern parts of Asia.

Stem when the plants are young, and in a good soil, erect, about a foot high, branchy near the base; but when old, or in a bad soil there are only several diffuse, smooth, striated, coloured branches; from nine to eighteen inches long. Leaves petioled, rhombiform, emarginate with a bristle, rugose, generally about an inch long. Glomerules axillary, very rarely on terminal, or other spikes. Male flowers most numerous, triandrous. Calyx twice the length of the capsule, leaflets awl-pointed. Capsules shorter than the calyx, less builtate than in A. prostratus.

4. A. tristis, Willd. iv. 385.

Erect, very ramous near the ground. Leaves rhomb-oval, obtuse, emarginate. Glome-rules axillary, and on terminal spikes. Calyces daggered, longer than the capsules.

Teling. Qui-tota kura.

Blitum Indicum secundum. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 82. f. 2.

A. campestrir, Willd. iv. 382, can be nothing more than one of the varieties of this very useful species, and it is more than likely that his A. polystachyus, p. 385. is another variety, if not the same. Qui-tota kura the Telinga name of A. campestris, (though by mistake I presume Wildenow inserts the word Tamul) is synonymous with Kuppee-kirri, the Tamul name of polystachyus.

Annual, I have never found it wild, it is held in great esteem by all ranks of the natives,

and is much cultivated by them, it grows readily all the year round if watered.

Roof perpendicular, coloured, reddish. Stem erect, below ramous, from one to two feet high, smooth, sometimes tinged red. Branches spreading or near the ground, as long as the stem. Leaves petioled, rhomb-ovate, tapering down the petiole, emarginate with a bristle, a little rugose; size very various, but in general about an inch broad. Glomerules axillary, and in long, terminal, erect, interrupted, green spikes (not two-parted.) Male Flowers triandrous. Leaves of the calyx ending in an awled point, longer than the capsule.

It differs from A. oleraceus in having long, diffuse branches from the base, and from Dugala kura in having always terminal spikes; besides it may be cut down several times without destroying the plants, for they soon shoot out vigorously again; this renders it much more useful to the poorer natives, who are possessed of but a very small spot of ground, and little time to spare for its culture; besides it is in higher esteem than A. oleraceus, which

yields but one crop.

When the plants are particularly red, which I believe is accidental, the Telingas distinguish them by the addition of the adjective Yerra, which means red. The plant figured is of this sort. There are other varieties besides these two.

5. A. viridis. Willd. iv. 388.

Ascending, ramous, from one to two feet high. Leaves elliptic, emarginate; glomerules axillary, and on small axillary branchlets. Leaflets of the calyces three, obtuse, and much shorter than the rugose capsules.

A native of various parts of India, appearing most frequently as a weed in gardens during

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Page Carey Ed. the rainy and cold seasons. The tender tops are eaten by the natives, though not so much esteemed as the cultivated sorts.

6. A. lividus, Willd. iv. 386.

Erect, smooth, simple, from two to three feet. Leaves long-petioled, sub-ovate, retuse. Glomerules axillary, and on a terminal spike. Calyces from three to five-leaved, obtuse, which, with the bractes, are shorter than the round, compressed capsules.

Beng. Gobura nutecya.

It is cultivated as a pot-herb. The stem is generally simple, from two to three feet high, polished, of a bright red colour, as are also the petioles, the leaves of dull greenish purple, with brighter coloured nerves, and veins. The bractes are shorter than the capsule; as are also the leaflets of the calyx; which with the broad, retuse leaves, make this species readily distinguished from all the rest.

7. A. oleraceus. Willd. iv. 386.

III. Erect, with a few branches above the middle. Leaves from broad rhomboidal, to ovate 606 lanceolate. Glomerules axillary, and on a terminal spike. Calyces cuspidate, and rather longer than the rugose capsules.

Teling, Tota-Kura, Beng, Sada-Nuteeya,

The figure which Willdenow, in his *Historia Amaranthorum*, gives for oleraceus, does not by any means agree with what König and myself have always considered to be that plant. His inamoenus is much more like it; if the leaves were emarginate, it would be a very excellent representation of this species. There are several varieties cultivated as pot-herbs over India, particularly on the coast of Coromandel. The most conspicuous, after the common green sort, particularly referred to in the above definition are,

1st. Yerra-tota Kura of the Telingas, a very beautiful variety, with a clear bright red stem, branches, petioles, nerves, and veins, and the leaves themselves rather ferruginous.

2nd. Tella-tota Kura of the Telingas; here all the parts that are red in the last variety

are of a clear, shining, white colour.

3rd. Rosa or Pedda-tota Kura of the Telingas, is a very large variety, which König called A. giganteus. In a rich soil it grows to from five to eight feet high, with a stem as thick as a man's wrist. The tender succulent tops of the stem and branches are sometimes served up on our tables, as a substitute for asparagus.

The other varieties are more changeable, and not so well marked; I will not therefore

take notice of any more of them.

8. A. gangeticus. Willd, iv. 384.

Erect, with sub-erect branches issuing out above the middle of the stem. Leaves rhombovate. Glomerules axillary, as well as on single axillary, and compound, terminal spikes. Calyces three-leaved, which with the bractes are cuspidate and longer than the slightly rugose capsules.

The varieties of this useful species cultivated in Bengal alone are endless; and are in general known by the Hindoo name Lall Sag, or Dengua of the Bengalees. They are in more

general use amongst the natives of Bengal than any other species, or variety.

In the above definition, I have aimed at including the whole, at least all that have fallen under my observation. They, as well as oleraceus and its varieties, differ most conspicuously from the other two extensive tribes of cultivated amaranths, viz. polygamus and tristis, and their varieties, in not admitting of being cut, with the hope of succeeding crops from the same root, but are pulled up by the root, and carried to market in that state.

The varieties are tolerably permanent, and differ in colour chiefly, which varies from green, with the slightest tinge of red, to rufous, liver coloured, and bright red. One variety has particularly broad leaves, with the margins green, and the centre dark purple. It is a

handsome plant.

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9. A. lanceolatus. R.

Straight. Leaves lanceolar, plain green; glomerules triandrous, axillary. Calyx daggered, longer than the swelled, rugose capsules.

Bans-puta nuteeya, i. e. Bamboo-leaved amaranth, of the Bengalees.

A native of Bengal. I do not remember to have seen it on the Coromandel coast. Flower-

ing time the rainy season.

Stem perfectly straight, with nearly erect, smooth branches; height in a good soil as far as from five to six feet. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, lanceolar, tapering much towards each end, rather obtuse at the point, with a bristle, from two to eight inches long. Petioles channelled by the decurrency of these leaves, and nearly of their length. Glomerules axillary, never any thing like a terminal spike, which circumstance alone distinguishes it from oleraceus, and all its varieties. Bractes numerous and like the calyx. Calyx of both male and female flowers three leaved; leaflets lanceolate, daggered, membranaceous, with a green keel. Male flowers with three stamens. Anthers sagittate. Female ones with three tapering styles. Capsule circumcised, wrinkled. The leaves and tender tops are eaten by the natives in their curries.

10. A. atropurpureus. R.

Erect, ramous, from three to six feet high. Leaves lanceolar, of a deep liver colour, above of a shining crimson, underneath purple. Glomerules axillary, as well as on a glomerate, ter minal spike. Calyx three or five-leaved, cuspidate, and longer than the rugose capsules.

Bans-puta lal nuteeya of the Bengalees who cultivate this sortalso as a pot-herb. It appears to me to be a well marked, very distinct species, which I have not found altered by change of soil.

11. A. tricolor. Willd. iv. 383.

Erect, from two to four feet high. Leaves approximate, broad rhomb-lanceolate, variously coloured. Glomerules axillary, large, half stem-clasping. Calyees of the three cuspidate leaflets, which are longer than the capsules. Common in gardens all over India and China. In Bengal it is in flower and seed the whole year.

12. A. melancholicus. Willd, iv. 383.

Erect, ramous, from six to twelve feet. Leaves remote, rhomb-ovate, coloured. Glomerules axillary. Calyces of three, cuspidate leaflets, which are longer than the capsules.

Found in gardens all over India; flowering time the rainy and cold seasons.

The last two species melancholicus and tricolor, differ fully as much in our gardens as any two species of the genus, not only in colour, but in size and habit. The former grows to be from six to twelve feet high during the rains, is ramous, and pyramidal, with the leaves more remote, much broader, and with rarely more than two colours, viz. a dull livid purple, and a most lively light crimson, one half of a few of the latter colour, white the other half, and all the lower leaves are of the former. Whereas A. tricolor, growing in the same soil, &c. rises to only three or four in height, with generally a simple, erect stem, and numerous, variegated, narrower leaves with very long glomerules of flowers in their axills.

I have not hitherto been able to find any Asiatic synonyms for either of these; Sir William Jones supposes the Sanscrit name, Vastuca, may belong to an Amaranthus, but to

what species is uncertain.

13. A. fascicatus. R.

Erect, ramous above the middle. Leaves rhomb-ovate. Panicles terminal, composed of a few simple, cylindric branches. Bractes minute, shorter than the obtuse, three-leaved calyx, which is shorter than the rugose capsules.

Bun or tantani natecya of the Bengalees. Chilaka tota Kura of the Telingas.

A common weed, and green in every part, with the exception of a crescent-shaped cloud or fillet of paler green crossing the centre of the leaves.

SECT. II. Pentandrous.

14. A. hybridus, Willd. iv. 389.

Erect, from two to three feet high, Leaves rhomb-lanceolar. Racemes naked, panicled, erect. Leaflets of the calyces three, rather obtuse, covering the very rugose capsules.

Introduced into Bengal from Persia, where it is indigenous. 15. A. frumentaceus. Buchanan.

Pentandrous, annual. Stem and branches erect. Leaves broad-lanceolar. Panicles erect.

Leaves of the calyx daggered. Capsules wrinkled, seed pellucid, with callous white margins.

First discovered by Dr. Buchanan, on the hills between the Mysore and Coimbetore countries, where the natives call it Kiery, and cultivate it for the seed which they convert into flour, and which forms a great part of their subsistence.

In the Botanic garden forty square yards of ground, sown with this plant in June, yielded twenty-one pounds weight of the clear ripe seed in September. It also grows well during the cold season, viz. from October till February inclusive.

Root annual. Stem erect, often an inch or more in diameter, with numerous, erect branches from every part, more or less striated, otherwise perfectly smooth, colour from green to pretty deep red; height of the whole plant from one to seven feet according to the season. Leaves alternate, pretty long-petioled, from oblong to broad-lanceolar, acute, variously coloured like the stem and branches. Panicles terminal, each branch of the plant ending in a straight subcylindric one, composed of many appressed, crowded spikes. In short, the whole plant is so loaded with the inflorescence, as to appear almost a single, large panicle. Calyx longer than the stamens; leaflets in both male and female with subulate points. MALE FLOWERS with five stamina. The PEMALE ones with from two to three styles, Capsule rugose. Seed solitary, round, a little compressed, pellucid with a white margin.

16. A. cruentus. Willd. iv. 892.

Erect, ramous, from four to six feet high. Leaves long-petioled, broad lanceolar. Panicles terminal, crowded with erect, compound, and decompound branches. Calyx of five rather

obtuse leaflets, which are shorter than the capsules.

A large, stout, ramous, erect, gaudy species; which blossoms earlier in the rains than the ornamental sorts, and does not vary in colour in our gardens in India; being of a pale green tinged, with red, and the panicles which are from one to two feet long, crimson. The leaves are very remarkable for being concave, like a spoon, either on the upper or under side, occasioned by the margin being considerably contracted.

17. A. spinosus, Willd. iv. 393.

Erect, ramous, round, with sharp spines in the axills of the leaves. Spikes terminal, simple, with sessile, axillary glomerules.

Teling. Mulloo tota Kura. Beng. and Hind. Kanta nateeya.

A very troublesome weed, particularly during the rainy and cold seasons.

MONOECIA HEXANDRIA.

PHARUS. Schreb. gen. N. 4. 1434.

Male calyx; glume two-valved, one-flowered. Corol; glume one or two-valved. Female

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Page calyx; glume two-valved one-flowered. Corol; glume one or two-valved. Style single. Stigma Ed. three; seed solitary. three; seed solitary. P. urceolatus, R

Panicles umbelled; both male and female flowers peduncled, and with a one-valved, pitcher-shaped corol.

A native of Pulo Pinang.

Root erecping, perennial. Leaves bifarious, petioled, broad-lanceolate, smooth on both sides, and entire; from four to five inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles, lower portion sheathing; above the sheathing portion, which ends in a bearded mouth, there remains about one inch, which is concave within. Racemes digitate, each bearing from four to six female flowers, all pedicelled; the lower, and upper ones accompanied with a male flower each, so that there are only two males to the spike. MALE PLOWERS. Calyx; glume two-valved, one-flowered. Corol; glume one-valved, opening on one side from the apex. Filaments six, the length of the corol. Anthers linear, there is only the rudiment of a three-pointed germ. Female flowers. Calyx; glume two-leaved, one-flowered. Corol; glume one-valved, pitchershaped, with a small round opening at the apex; hairy on the outside. Nectary two filaments

III. from the base of the corol on the inside, and of about its length. Germ conical. Style length of the corol. Stigmas three, woolly.

LEUCOCEPHALA. R.

Flowers, male and female, aggregated in a globular head, with a common calyx of five, or many leaflets, and a chaffy receptacle. Male perianth proper one-leaved. Corollets, or tube of the filaments, six-cleft; divisions subulate, bearing the anthers on their apices. Female proper perianth from two to three-leaved. Corollets three-petalled. Style three-cleft. Capsule superior, tricoccus.

L. graminifolia. R.

Leaves ensiform. Common calyx five-leaved. Eriocaulon quinquangulare. Willd. i. 485.

Beng. Goori.

The figure referred to in Pluckenet, viz. t. 221. f. 7, agrees well with this species, and I doubt the possibility of distinguishing it from sexangulare by the scape, particularly in the dry specimens, as I could never do it with the living plant, so that I conclude some other specific character must be looked for, such as I have ventured to give

It is a common annual, in wet cultivated places in most parts of India, appearing about

the close of the rains.

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Leaves few, radical, sword-shaped. Scape erect, naked, from three to six inches, striated lengthways. Head of corollets aggregate, globular, white from little filaments on the apices of the scales of the receptacle. Calyx, common of five, oval leaflets. Male florets chiefly in the centre, short-pedicelled. Perianth, proper one-leaved, wedge-shaped, emarginate, placed on the inside, and inserted on the proper pedicel of the corollets, gaping on the outside, and there covered by a large chaffy, dark-coloured, wedge-shaped scale, the apices of both white with small filaments. Florets one-petalled, funnel-shaped; border of six subulate divisions. Filaments no other than the divisions of the border of the florets every alternate one broader, and with a bearded process near the middle on the under side. Anthers six, resting, incumbent on the apices of the divisions of the florets, blue. Pistillum no other than a three-lobed gland in the mouth of the tube. Female florets most numerous, and chiefly in the circumference, short-pedicelled. Perianth proper from two to three-leaved, but the scales of the receptacles as in the male. Florets of three, filiform, white petals. Stamens none. Germ superior, three-lobed. Style three-cleft. Stigmas recurved. Capsules three-lobed, three-celled. The extreme delicacy of the partitions may render their presence doubtful. Seed solitary, oval, affixed by the apex. Receptacle globular, chaffy, with some hairs interspersed; the chaff or scales are numerous, of which one always embraces the under side of each floret, but there are many more of them than florets.

Note. The generic character of Eriocaulon must have been taken from other species,

for this has not the smallest affinity to it.

2. L. spathacea. R.

Leaves spathiform. Common calyx many-leaved.

Eriocaulon sexangulare. Willd. i. 485.

A native of the same places with L. graminifolia, and differing from it in the following points only.

1st. In this the leaves are shorter, broader and embracing from three to four culms, so that they are more like common spathes than leaves. In that they are simple, sword-shaped.

2nd. In this the common calvx is composed of about twenty leaflets. In that five-leaved. Besides, in the specimens of this which I have examined, the scales of the heads of corollets are naked. In that they are clothed with small delicate, white filaments.

COCOS. Schreb. gen. N. 1692.

Male calyx three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Filaments, calyx five leaved. Corol threepetalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment superior. Stigma three-lobed. Drupe coriaceous. Embryo in the base of the perisperm. C. nucifera. Willd. iv. 400. Corom. pl. i. N. 73.

Unarmed. Fronds pinnste; leaflets plaited, nuciform.

Tenga. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 1, 2, 3, 4. Calappa. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 1, 2. Neriula. Asiat. Res. iv. p. 312.

Sans. Narikela, Narikelee. Hind. Naryel, or Nariel. Beng. Narikel. Cocos Nucifera. Linn.

Teling. Nari Kudum, or Kobri-Chulloo. Tam. Tenga.

This tree is too well known to require a description; its generic character, that of the East Indies I mean, (that of the West Indies may be different,) differs a little from the de-

scription of the last edition of the Genera plantarum, viz. Schreber's.

Spathe universal, axillary, cylindric, oblong, tapering equally towards each end, bursting longitudinally its whole length; texture somewhat woody; perfectly smooth on the inside, slightly striated lengthways on the outside, from two to three feet long. Spadix nearly erect, very branchy, flexuous. Branches thereof simple, flexuous, bowing a little. MALE FLOWERS numerous, above the female ones, approximated, sessile. Calyx three-leaved, leaflets small, broad-cordate, firm, fleshy. Petals three, as in the Genera plantarum. Female flowers generally one, though sometimes there is one near the base of each ramification of the spadix, and accompanied by a male flower on each side. Calyx inferior, five-leaved, the exterior two small, and may be called bractes. Corol three-petalled, if five are allowed for the calyx, cordate, smaller than the inner three leaflets of the calyx, of a firm leathery texture, concave, and not organize account in a triffing degree, makes force by made. Verdamental and not expanding, except in a trifling degree, unless force be used. Nectury a thin orangecoloured ring surrounding the base of the germ. Germ somewhat conical. Style none. Stigma small, immersed in the apex of the germ slightly three-lobed.

The nut is well described and delineated by Gærtner. Of this valuable, and very elegant

tree, there are several varieties, if not distinct species, cultivated near the shores of India. They do not thrive at any distance from the sea. Flowering time the hot season; the nuts ripen about the close of the rains, or beginning of the cool season in October or November.

The uses of this tree and its produce are numerous, and well known.

ARECA. Schreb. gen. N. 1696.

Male calyx three-parted. Corol three-petalled. Female calyx three-leaved. Corol three-petalled; nectary six-toothed. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attackment inferior. Drupe corinecous. Seed single, ruminate. Embryo in the base of the perisperm.

1. A. catechu, Willd. iv. 524. Corom, pl. i. N. 74.

Trunk straight, and slender, from forty to fifty feet high. Fronds pinnate; leaflets compound, linear, opposite, præmorse. Spathe erect, ramous. Male flowers hexandrous. Seed of a roundish conic form and obtuse.

Areca faufel. Gart. Fruct. i. 19. t.7. f. 2.

Pinanga. Rumph, Amb. i. 1. 4. Caunga, Rheed, Mal. i. 5. 8.

Sans. Goovaka.

Guyaca. Asiat. Res. iv. p. 312. Pers. and Hind. Scopara.

Arab. Foolful.

Beng. Gooa.

Teling. Poka chelloo.

Where this tree grows wild I cannot say from my own observation, but it is cultivated in all the warmer parts of Asia, and is in flower most part of the year. It is the most beautiful palm we have in India. The trunk grows remarkably straight, often from forty to fifty feet high, and in general about twenty inches in circumference, equally thick in every part, and smooth, but the tree is so well known, and fully described, that I should not have thought of mentioning it, had I not found that its family character was imperfectly known.

Male and female flowers are in the same spadix. Spathe double. Spadix very branchy.

MALE FLOWERS very numerous, about the female ones, sessile, without bractes. Calyx oneleaved, small, three-cornered, three-parted, smooth. Petals three, oblong, rigid, striated,
smooth, many times longer than the perianth. Filaments generally three, very short and broad, two-parted, inserted round the base of the abortive germ. Anthers always six, sagittate. Germ no other than a short culm, which splits into three short, obtuse segments. Female FLOWERS one, two, or three, at or near the base of each ramification of the spadix, sessile without bractes. Caly's three-leaved; leaflets cordate, rigid, fleshy, permanent. Corol threepetalled, like the calyx, and permanent. Nectary membranaceous, generally six-toothed, embracing closely the base of the germ. Germ oval. Style scarcely any. Stigmas three, short, triangular. The drupe is well described, and delineated by Gærtner, vol. i. p. 19. t. 7. f. 2.

On the Malabar coast the common black pepper vine is usually trained up to this tree, which renders it more useful in those parts, than any other.

A. Dicksonii. Roxb.

Fronds pinnate; leaflets ribbed, with præmorse ragged apices. Spadix axillary, ramous, retrofracted, branches thereof with alternate, distichons fascicles of two male, and one female flowers, the former polyandrous, the latter with a six-horned nectary. Fruit oblong.

III. 616 Page Carey Ed. A native of the mountains of Malabar, where it was found by Dr. Dickson, both in flower and ripe fruit in the mouth of August. It grows to the height of about sixteen or eighteen fact, with a year straight simple transfer.

feet, with a very straight, simple trunk, of about two inches in diameter.

Leaves pinnate, about four feet long, with extremities bifurcate, like the tail of a swallow. Leaflets sessile, linear, ribbed, with numerous parallel veins, apices praemorse, dentate; from twelve to twenty-four inches long. Spathe simple. Spadix compound, retrofracted; ramifications from four to eight, alternate, simple, equal, distichous; from six to eight inches long. Flowers numerous, approximate, alternate in two exactly opposite rows, a single female in the centres, with a single male on each side Malk Flowers. Calyx three-cleft, division subulate nearly as long as the corol. Corol, petals three, cordate, with slender tapering apices. Filaments very short. Anthors from twenty to thirty, linear. Female Flowers. Calyx of three reniform leaflets. Corol like the calyx. Nectary, six clavate, hairy headed scales. Germ superior. Style short. Stigma three-lobed. Berry oblong, dry and fibrous, about an inch long, by half an inch in diameter. Seed of the shape of the berry, ruminated. Embryo lodged in the base.

Mr. Dickson, the Surgeon at Bedanore, who first brought the plant under my observation, observes that the nut is used by the poorer people, as a substitute for the common Areca, but no other part of the tree is turned to any useful purpose.

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III. 620 A. triandra. R.
 Arboreous, stoloniferous. Fronds pinnate; leaflets compound, præmorse. Spadix ramons, rect. Male flowers triandrous. Fruit oblong.

Beng. Bun-goon.

A native of Chittagong, where it was first observed by Dr. Buchanau, who sent plants of it to the Botanic garden at Calcutta in 1797. In 1808 the largest plant was in flower from

May till January, and the seeds of the first blossoms were ripe in April 1809.

Trunk perfectly straight, in our eleven or twelve years old plants about seven feet high, A. catechu would have been triple that height in the same time, quite simple, seven inches in circumference, perfectly round, and smooth, except the circular marks of the fallen leaves. Fronds pinnate, from four to five feet long. Leaflets sub-alternate, linear, præmorse, two or more toothed, or ending in one centre, ensiform, smooth, plaited, from two to three feet long. Spathe smooth, convex underneath, length from the top of the sheath to the leaflets, from three to four inches, and there channelled, beyond this portion a sharp high ridge. Spathe cylindric, smooth, about a foot long. Spathe simple, axillary, linear-oblong, smooth; the out-side convex, the inner concave, with a sharp edge all round, and opening by a longitudinal slit on the middle of the inside, cadacous. Spadix erect, short, decompound. Ramifleations both first and second bifarious, alternate, patent. MALE FLOWERS sessile, very minute, one on each side of every female, and numerous over the filiform extremities of the secondary ramifications of the spadix. Calyx very minute, three-leaved. Petals three, tapering obliquely. Filaments three, very short. Authors sagittate. Germ a slender, cylindric column in the centre. Female flowers few, alternate, sessile, below the middle of the same ramifications, much larger than the male ones. Calyx three-leaved; leaflets oval, hard, concave. Petals three, longer than the calyx, oval. Nectary, six very small scales round the base of the germ. Germ oblong, one-celled, containing a single ovulum, and sometimes one or two abortions attached to the bottom of the cell. Style none. Stigma conic, and composed of three, small, unequal, conic lobes. Berry oblong, of the size of an olive, but longer, smooth, when ripe of a lively orange, becoming red. Pulp in small quantity, and mixed with many longitudinal,

and with embryo lodged in its very base.

4. A. gracilis. R.

Leaves pinnate; leaflets few, plaited; lower pairs falcate, alternate, acuminate, the terminal pair præmorse. Spadix axillary, simple, retrofracted, with flowers on all sides; male polyandrous. Seed oblong.

strong, ligneous fibres, one-celled. Seed conform to the berry, much ruminated as in catechu,

Beng. Gooa soopari, and Ramgooa are the vernacular names at Silhet.

An elegant, tall, slender species, a native of the hills of Chittagoug, Silhet, and the east border of Bengal, where it blosssoms during the hot season; and the seed ripens in October.

Trunk erect, straight, marked with the circular scars of the fallen leaves, about as stout as a walking cane, and from six to ten feet high. Leaves alternate, pinnate, smooth, about three feet long. Leaflets from three to four pair, opposite or sub-alternate, plaited, from two to three inches broad, and from twelve to eighteen inches long, lower pairs falcate, with the exterior half tapering to a very long, fine point, exterior pair shorter, linear, and præmorse, with each of the plaits ending in a bifid apex, opening down the interior or concave side. Spadix axillary, generally simple, retrofracted, completely clothed on all sides with male and female flowers, viz. for every female two males, one on each side. Male calyx minute, three-cornered. Petals three, obliquely cordate, acute, many times longer than the calyx. Stamina numerous, shorter than the corol. Female calyx and corol of three equal leaflets, and petals each. Nectary none. Germ oval, one-celled; oxula solitary, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style shorter than the germ. Stigma large, infundibuliform, with ragged edges. Drupe oblong, obtuse pointed, scarcely so long as a field bean; the fibrous pulp covered with a thin, smooth skin. Seed solitary, oblong, with the base a little oblique. Integument single, brown, somewhat spongy, and adhering firmly to the perisperm, into which it enters as in the common Areca. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo simple, ovate, lodged in the base of the perisperm.

5. A. disticha. Roxb.

Fronds furcate. Spadix axillary, simple, retrofracted, distich. Male flowers dodecandrous.

Female without nectary. Fruit ovate.

A native of the shady forests of Pulo Pinang, where it was found by Mr. W. Roxburgh. Stem about as thick as a common rattan, marked with the annual cicatrices of the fallen fronds, from twenty-four to thirty-six inches high. Fronds forked, nerves many, simple and parallel, smooth on both sides; apiers of the two divisions obtuse, and ending in as many siender points, as there are nerves in the upper portion of the divisions; whole length about twelve or fifteen inches. Stipes sheathing. Spathe one-leaved, opening on the inside, caducous. Spadix solitary, on the inside of the sheath of the stipe, and hid by it till it falls off, simple, distich, by the time the flowers expand retrofracted, flexuose, woolly, from two to three inches long. Flowers sessile. The female ones solitary, on the projecting angles of the rachis, with a single male on each side of each female. Male calgar three-leaved, or deeply three-cleft, small. Corol; petals three, unequal, obliquely ovate, peliate, much longer than the calgar. Filaments about fifteen, short. Anthers linear. Female calgs or corol, or both, six-leaved. Leaflets nearly equal, ovate, or nearly round, concave. Nectory none, or no rudiments of filaments. Germ oval. Style none. Stigma a large scabrous gland. Drupe ovate, smooth, when ripe orange red; pm/p in a small quantity, and replete with fibres. Seed ovate, with a clear horny texture, scarcely ruminate, with the embryo lodged in the base.

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Spathe universal, one-valved. Spadix ramous. Male calyx three-toothed. Corol threepetalled. Female calyx and corolla as in the male. Nectary six-leaved, (abortive filaments.) Germ superior, three-celled, one cell fertile, and one seeded; attachment interior. Berry spherical, succulent, one-seeded. Embryo lodged in the base of the perisperm.

B. Condapanna. B. Tam. Conda-pana.

An elegant, very slender palm, of about twenty feet in height with pinnate leaves, as in the coconut tree, and large decompound, lateral spadices below the leaves. Dr. Berry found it on the mountains of Travancore and observed only male, or male hermaphrodite flowers in some, and female ones only on others. Flowers in June, and the seed ripens in about eight or nine months afterwards.

WRIGHTEA. R.

Spathe many leaved. Spadix ramons. Male perianth proper one-leaved, entire. Corol one-petalled, trifid. Female calga double, the exterior one two-leaved, the interior one threeparted. Corni one-petalled, trifid. Germ from two to three-celled; cells one-seeded; attackment inferior. Berry with from one to three seeds. Embryo dorsal.

W. caryotoides. R.

Chilpatta, or Belpatta, it is called at Chittagong, where the plant is found indigenous,

blossoming in July. The seed ripens during the cold season.

Trunk scarcely any, until the plant blossoms, and then it may be called the base of the spadix, rising above the fibrous margined sheaths of the fronds. From the base numerous shoots continue to spring, which renders propagation easy. Leaves or fronds, few, alternate, petioled, from three to eight feet long. Leaflets sessile, variously disposed; on the lower half of the stipe they are generally in opposite fascicles, of two or three, those further in are for the most part single, and alternate; all are wedge-shaped; lateral margins entire, apices præmorse at very various distances from the base, and jagged with the sharp points of the numerous parallel, fine fibres which run up through the substance of the leaflets; upper surface smooth, of a shining deep green, whitish underneath, general length about one foot or fifteen inches. Petioles or stipes at the base, sheathing, the rest sub-cylindric, tapering a little, while young covered a little with a large portion of a brown mealy substance. Spadix terminal, many-leaved. Leaglets of various sizes, and of a soft delicate, leathery texture, striated lengthways, covered on the outside with mealy matter, smooth on the inside, general length about that of the spadix. MALE FLOWERS very numerous over every part of the branches of the spadix, small, pale, of a yellowish white. Perianth cylindric, one-leaved, almost solid, there being only an excavation in the apex for the reception of the corol; margin marked with three small protuberances; smooth on both sides. Corol; petals three, lanceolate, smooth, fleshy. Nothing like a nectary, nor germ to be seen. Filaments six, short, inverted on a small, hollow receptacle in the centre of the corol. Anthers linear. FEMALE FLOWERS few, and amongst the male near the base of the branches of the spadix. Perianth may be called double, in that case the exterior one is of two, reniform leaflets; the interior one one-leaved, cup-shaped, with the border three-parted. Corol as in the male. Stamina nothing like any, nor is there any nectary. Germ superior, ovate, two, rarely three-lobed; two, rarely three-celled with one ovulum in each attached to the lower and inner angles of the cell. Style none. Stigma, a two or three-lobed, conical, brown point. Pericarp, a dry, ovate oblong berry, about the size of a nutmeg, two, rarely three-celled, three seems the natural number, though two is most common. Seeds solitary, ovate-oblong, about the size of a large coffee bean. Integuments single, thin, brown, veined, adhering firmly to the perisperm. Perisperm horny, of one uniform pale colour. Embryo in the back of the seed.

The name which Dr. Roxburgh has given to this genus is in honour of William Wright,

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Page M.D.F.R.S. and President of the College of Physicians of Edinburgh. The plant formerly Carey named after this eminent Physician and Botanist, being found to be a species of Blakea.

SAGUS. Gært.

Spathes many, Spadix (terminal) super-decompound. Male calyx three-toothed. Corol three-parted. Stamina, inserted on the base of the corol. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Stamina abortive. Style three-parted. Berry backwardly imbricated with cartilaginous scales. Seed solitary. Embryo lateral.

1. S. inermis. R.

Arboreous, unarmed. Embryo lodged in or near the apex of the seed. Leaves pinnate.

S. lævis. Rumph. Amb. i. p. 76.

A native of Sumatra and Borneo, and of the Islands between them; growing spontaneously in low swampy lands. From the pith of the tree the granulated Sago which we meet with in Europe is made. The Malays themselves prefer the Sago meal of Sagus spinosus, (Lapia-tuni, or genuine Sago tree of Rumphius.) See Herbar, Amb, i. p. 75.

2. S. Rumphii. Willd. iv. 404.

Arboreous, armed, with strong straight spines. Leaves pinnate.

S. farinifera. Gart. Sem. ii. p. 186. t. 120. f. 3. S. sive Palma farinaria. Rumph. Amb. i. p. 72. t. 17, 18. Sago Palm. Annals of Botany, i. p. 193. t. 4.

A native of the Peninsula of Malacca, and the Malay Islands.

Like the Banana and Plantain it propagates itself by suckers from the roots of the old trees, the seed is therefore in general abortive. This, the Malay Sago Palm, is the tree, the pith of which is the staff of life to the inhabitants of the Moluccas.

MONOECIA POLYANDRIA.

CERATOPHYLLUM. Willd.

Male calyx many-parted. Corol none. Stamina sixteen, or more. Female calyx manyparted. Corol none. Pistillum single. Style subulate. Nut one-seeded.

C. verticillatum. R.

Leaves verticelled, twice dichotomous. Leaflets of the male cally bidentate, of the female one entire. Style twice as long as the germ. Fruit three-horned.

Beng. Jhaunji.

Found in pools of sweet water in the vicinity of Calcutta during the dry season.

CARYOTA. Schreb. gen. N. 1701.

Male calyx three-leaved. Corol petalled. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Stigma sub-peltate. Berry from one to two-seeded. Embryo near the vertex of the perisperm.

C. urens. Willd. iv. 493 Unarmed. Leaves bipinnate; leaflets alternate, wedge-shaped, obliquely præmorse.

Teling. Jeerongoo.

Saguaster Major. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 14. Schunda pana. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 11.

A native of the various mountainous parts of India, where it grows to be one of the largest and most charming of this beautiful tribe, or natural order. Flowering time the hot

and rainy seasons.

Trunk straight, often sixty feet high, thick in proportion, columnar, and marked slightly with the annular cicatrices of the petioles. It grows about as fast as the coconut tree, when in a soil and situation congenial to its nature. Leaves pinnate. Leaflets sub-alternate, sessile, obliquely præmorse; the præmorse part much jagged with sharp points. Spaths many-leaved. Spadix pendulous, from six to sixteen feet long, branchy; branches simple, from four to eight feet long, pretty thickly covered with innumerable sessile flowers, and these most regularly disposed in threes; one male on each side, and a single female between them. Male calyx threeleaved, cup-form; leaflets unequal, concave, of a very firm texture, permanent. Petals three, much larger than the calyx, elliptic, concave, of a firm leathery texture, green on the outside, whitish on the inside. Filaments numerous, very short. Anthers linear. Female flowers on the same spadix. Calyx and corol, as in the male. Stamens and nectarial filaments three, between the corol and base of the germ, each ending in a glandular enlarged apex. Germ superior, three-sided. Style none. Stigma small, two-cleft. Berry roundish, one-celled, of the size of a nutmeg, covered with a thin, yellow, acrid bark, but nothing that deserves the name of pulp. Seed or nut generally solitary

This tree is highly valuable to the natives of the countries where it grows in plenty. It yields them, during the hot season, an immense quantity of toddy or palm wine. I have been informed that the best trees will yield at the rate of one hundred pints in the twenty-four hours. The pith or farinaceous part of the trunk of old trees, is said to be equal to the best Sago; the natives make it into bread, and boil it into thick gruel; these form a great part of the diet of those people; and during the late famine, they suffered little while those trees

lasted. I have reason to believe this substance to be highly nutritions. I have eaten the gruel, Page and think it fully as palatable as that made of the Sago we get from the Malay countries.

SAGUERUS. R.

Male calyx three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Female calyx five-leaved. Corol threepetalled. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded, attached to the base of the axis. Style none. Stigma tridentate. Berry three-celled, with a single seed in each cell. Embryo in the back of the perisperm.

S. Rumphii. Roxb. Palma Indica vinaria secunda, Saguerus, sive Gomutus Gomuto. Rumph. Amb. i. p. 57

Anou. Marsden's History of Sumatra, p. 77. Aringa Saccharifera of Labilliardiere. Borassus Gomutus, Lourier, Cochin Ch. 759.

This beautiful and stately palm appears to be indigenous in all the Islands to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal, several of the plants were introduced into the Company's Botanic garden at Calcutta by Colonel Kyd, about twelve years ago; and now, (December 1799.) two, three or four of the largest of them have been in blossom for these two years past.

Trunk straight, as yet short, and covered entirely with sheaths of the fronds, and the black horse-hair-like fibres, called by the Malaye Ejoo, which issue in great abundance from the margins of those sheaths. As the trees advance in size and age, these drop off, leaving an elegant, columnar, naked trunk, as described by Rumphius. The whole height of the largest of the trees in the Botanic garden, including the leaves, about forty feet; the trunk rises fifteen or twenty fect, and the rest is made up by the fronds or leaves alone. Fronds pinnate, from fifteen to twenty-five feet long. Leaflets sessile, approximated, numerous, opposite, also alternate, sword-shaped, their greatest breadth being near the base; a blunt barbed process on one, or both sides of the base, accounts for their greatest breadth being there; numerous parallel fibres run lengthways on each side of the large, middle, four-sided nerve; these end in acute, spinous points on each side, and as the breadth contracts most towards the apex, these sharp points are there more numerous; the apex is præmorse, or variously ragged, with the same points; the upper surface smooth, of a shining deep green; the under side is clothed with much ash-coloured, mealy matter, which is firmly attached to the substance of the leaflets; the length from three to five feet, the greatest breadth from four to five inches. Stipes with broad, stem-clasping bases, fringed with a very large portion of strong black fibres, like coarse black horse hair, intermixed with firm twigs, not unlike long, slender porcupine's quills; these serve to make their adhesion to the trunk more firm. Above they become three-sided, tapering, pretty smooth, except for a portion of mealy matter with which they are covered, till it is removed by friction. Length below the leaflets from four to six feet, leaflet-bearing portion from twelve to twenty feet. Spathe of many short imbricated leaflets, entirely covering the base or undivided part of the spadix. Spadix pendulous, branchy, from above six to ten feet long. In general they issue singly from the middle of the base of the stipes. Branches numerous, and simple, all perfectly pendulous. MALE FLOWERS numerous, occupying the lower spadices, without any mixture of female ones, and then in pairs, they are large, and the anthers loaded with pollen; sometimes they are mixed with the female flowers, in which case they are small, with less fertile anthers, and placed one on each side of a female flower. Calyx three-leaved; leaflets roundish, fleshy, concave, with their margins thin and imbricated. Corol of the large or proper male flowers, three-petalled. Petals sub-linear, smooth, expanding, of a firm leathery substance, concave and yellow on the inside, and of a deep purple on the outside; margins thick and meeting only. Stamens numerous, the length of the petals. Filaments short, inserted into a fleshy receptacle in the centre of the flower. Anthers linear. FE-MALE PLOWERS sometimes in the same spadix, with the male, and then just half as numerous as the male, but in general they occupy separate spadices above those of the perfect male, or have the less perfect male flowers which accompany them, very small, probably abortive. Calyx five-leaved, leaflets short, unequal, imbricated, scarcely a third of the length of the corol. Corol three-petalled, the petals cordate, and much shorter than in the male. Stamens, rather nectarial filaments, sometimes there are three, very small round the base of the germ, as in Caryota urens, sometimes they are entirely wanting. Germ superior, three-lobed, smooth. Style none. Stigmas three, conical and three-sided. Berry as large as a crab apple, three-lobed, three-celled, smooth, fleshy, when ripe yellow, pulp very acrid. Seeds one in each cell, oblong, somewhat three-sided, affixed by the lower pointed end to a central receptacle, covered with a hard, black, tolerably smooth, thin shell. The embryo of the future plant is lodged about the mindle of the interior convex of the perisperm.

The tree is nearly allied to Caryota. The chief difference is in the pericarpium, which is in this a three-seeded berry, in that one or two-seeded only. With respect to the various and important uses of this most elegant palm. I have nothing to offer myself, but refer to what Rumphins and Marsden have written on the subject. At the same time, I cannot avoid recommending to every one who possesses lands, particularly such as are low, and near the coasts of India, to extend the cultivation thereof as much as possible. The palm wine itself and the sngar it yields, the black fibres for cables and cordage, and the pith for sago, independent of many other uses, are objects of very great importance, particularly to the first maritime power in the world which is in a great measure dependant on foreign states for hemp, the chief material of which cordage is made in Europe.

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From observation made in the Botanic garden, well grown, thriving trees produce about six leaves annually, and each leaf yields from eight to sixteen ounces of the clean fibres.

Note. In the same garden are now (1810) many thousand plants, and young trees, some of them above twenty years growth, with trunks as thick as a stout man's body, and from twenty to thirty feet high, exclusive of the foliage. They are in blossom all the year; one of them was lately cut down, and yielded about 150 pounds of good Sago meal.

ALEURITES, Schreb. gen. N. 1472.

Male calyx one-leaved, two or three-cleft. Corol five-petalled. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Germ single, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, suspended from the top of the partition. Styles two, each two-cleft. Drupe, with two very hard, one-celled nuts. Embryo

converse and furnished with a perisperm.

A. triloba. Forst. gen. N. 56. Willd. iv. 590.
Camirium. Rumph. Amb. ii. p. 180. t. 58.
C. cordifolium. Gært. Sem. ii. t. 125.
Juglans Camirium. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 702.
Croton molvecanum. Willd. iv. 551.

Beng. Akroot, which is also the name of the common Walnut.

A large tree, now pretty common in gardens about Calcutta, originally from the Malay

countries. Flowering time the hot season; seed ripe in August.

Trunk erect. Branches numerous, drooping, spreading and ascending. Bark smooth, olive-coloured; young shoots covered with much brownish stellate pubescence. Leaves about the extremities of the branches, approximate, petioled, cordate; margins frequently scolloptoothed, or even three or five-lobed; when young both sides covered with the same stellate pubescence that is found in the young shoots, but whiter, when full-grown pretty smooth, from four to eight inches long, and from three to six broad. *Petioles* round, as long as the leaves; two hemispheric glands at the apex as in several of the *Crotons*. *Stipules* none. Panicles terminal, erect, oval, clothed, as are all the other young parts with harsh, hairy, stellate pubescence; flowers numerous, small, white; branches caducous. MALE FLOWERS terminal, small, and most numerous. Calyx one-leaved, generally two-cleft; divisions erect, sometimes a little sub-divided, falling. Petals five, oblong, tapering towards the base. Nectary five small yellow glands between the insertion of the petals. Filaments about twenty, inserted into a hemispheric receptacle, short, thick, woolly. Anthers, two pits on the inside of the apex of each filament. Female plowers sessile, in the divisions of the panicle. Calyx, corol and nectary as in the male. Germ superior, single, oval, compressed, covered with stellate hairs, two-celled, each cell containing a single ovulum pendulous from the top of the partition. Styles two, each two-eleft to its base. Stigma incurved, acute, Drupe two-celled, fleshy, roundish, a little compressed, pretty smooth, somewhat pointed, slightly marked ou the sides with four sutures, when ripe olive-coloured; the greatest diameter about two inches and half; cells lined with a firm, smooth, brown integument; it frequently happens that there is only one nut in the drupe, the form and size is theu different. Nuts two, one in each cell, thick, and very hard, dark coloured, irregularly furrowed, particularly on the exterior side covered with a firm, fleshy substance; which is white on the outside and marked with green veins within, next to the nut, of a yellowish colour. Nucleus conform to the cavity of the nut. Perisperm amygdaline. Embryo, &c. as in Gærtner.

The kernels taste very much like fresh Walnuts, and are reckoned wholesome; they yield

by expression a large portion of very pure, palatable oil.

JUGLANS. Schreb. gen. N. 1446.

Male calyx a one-leaved scale. Corol none. Stigmas eighteen. Female calyx four-cleft, superior. Corol none. Styles two. Germ semi-superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment inferior. Nut semi-quadrilocular, two-valved, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, with little or no

1. J. regia. Willd. iv. 455.

Leaflets about nine, ovate-oblong, sub-serrate, nearly equal. Fruit globular.

Beng. Akroot. Arab. Jown, or Shejir Jown. Sans, Ukshadu, also Kundurala.

A native of the mountainous countries immediately to the north and north-east of Hindoostan, on the plains of Bengal, it grows pretty well, but is not fruitful there.

2. J. plerococca. Roxb.

Leaflets from three to thirteen, lanceolate, smooth. Panicles axillary and terminal. Nuts

unequally but amply winged.

Bolus, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous in the vast forests, which cover the hills to the north and east of that province; and grows to be a tree of considerable magnitude. The wood is of a light colour, and used by Turners. The bark thick, dark brown, possessing much tannin, and is reckoned by the natives, the best they are acquainted with for tanning. Flowering time May.

Branchlets scabrous, with little elevated, white specks. Young shoots clothed with minute, gold-coloured scales. Leaves alternate, sub-opposite, and abruptly pinnate, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets from three to four, or from five to thirteen, short-petioled, obliquely

lanceolate, obtusely acuminate, entire, firm and smooth, from three to six inches long, by one or two broad. Petiales round, when they first unfold, scaly like the other tender parts. Panicles axillary and terminal, shorter than the leaves; composed of many, fillform, simple male aments, and a few similar female ones, all are clothed with the minute yellow scales above

mentioned. MALE FLOWERS. Scales of the ament solitary, one-flowered, scarcely to be distinguished from the pedicels, and clothed with the yellow scales just mentioned. Calyx four-leaved; leaflets roundish, concave, and so much separated as to appear in some measure four corollets. Corol none. Filaments twelve, very short, inserted on the base of the leaflets of the calyx. Anthers large, two-lobed. Female flowers. Scales of the ament, and calyx as in the male, only larger and more distinct, both are permanent; the former increasing. Germ inferior, turbinate, covered with little yellow scales, one-celled, containing a single ovulum, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma spread over the top of the germ, somewhat two-lobed, with the lobes rather lacerated. Nut round, very hairy, the size of a large pea, crowned with the permanent calyx, and resting in the enlarged scale of the ament, the three lobes of which are now increased into three long, lanceolate obtuse, scariose wings, the middle one of which, as in the germ, much larger, sometimes the inner margin of the scale is extended in the ripe state, into a two-lobed, short, broad wing, one-celled at top, which cell becomes four-lobed at bottom, (semi-quadrilocular,) two-valved; calves very hard. Seeds solitary, four-lobed. Integument single, thin, of a light brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, scanty, sebaceous. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons two, intricately folded up in the four lobes of the cell of the nut; when vegetation has advanced so far as to raise them above ground, they are deeply divided, nearly to the base, into two bifld segments. Plumula two-lobed. Ra-

QUERCUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1447.

Male calyx generally five-eleft. Corol none. Stamina from five to ten, or more. Female calyx entire, rugged. Corol none. Styles from two to five. Nut more or less embraced by the permanent calyx. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. Q. fenestrata, R.

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Leaves petioled, lanceolar, entire, finely acuminate, firm and polished. Spikes panieled, terminal. Flowers tern; male dedecandrous. Nut hemispherical, all but the obtuse apex hid in the oblately spherical, muricated cup.

A large tree, yielding wood of a good quality, a native of the mountains in the vicinity of Silhet, where it is called Kala chukma by the natives. Flowering time October and No-

vember; the seed takes nearly one year to ripen.

Young shoots, and indeed all the other tender parts particularly smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, narrow-lanceolar, entire, finely acuminate, firm and polished; from six to eight inches long, by one and a half broad. Spiker terminal, becoming lateral by the growth of the branchlets, very numerous, forming many crowded panicles about the ends of the twigs, by far the greatest number male, and more slender than the female ones, all are creet, or nearly so : flowers tern, male dodecandrous. Involvere composed of many small, acute scales. Germ inferior, three-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the top of their cell. Style threecleft. Nats sub-globular, smooth, of a chesnut-colour, all except a small circular portion of the vertex completely covered by the spherical, slightly echinated, thin cup, as if peeping out at a small circular window. Hence the specific name.

2. Q. lanceafolia. Roxb.

Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, obtusely acuminate, firm and lucid. Spikes panicled, terminal. Nats oval; cup-in some completely covering the nut, in others variously split and covering more or less of its lower part only.

Shingra, the vernacular name in the Garrow country, where it grows to be a very large and useful timber tree; the wood light-coloured like the English oak, but harder, and reckoned one of their most durable timbers. Flowering time December; the seeds ripen in October.

Young shoots somewhat angular and perfectly smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanecolar, tapering equally at each end, entire, acuminate, smooth, glossy, and hard; from five to six inches long by one and a half broad. Stipules ensiform, dropping before the leaves are expanded. Buds round, smooth, chesnut-coloured, and early formed in the axills of the leaves. Panieles axillary and terminal, composed of many, long, straight, simple spikes, with the rachis often ending in a scaly bud, which sometimes shorts into a branchlet. Spikes villous, the male ones most numerous, and below the female ones. Male flowers minute, generally solitary, though pretty much crowded. Calyx five or six parted. Segments ovate, and downy. Corol none. Filaments from six to twelve, twice the length of the calyx, inserted round a convex, woolly gland in the centre. Anthers roundish. Female spikes on the same panicle with the male, but fewer and uppermost. Flowers always distinct, and less crowded. Nut of a rather long eval shape, thin, a little hairy, brown, the size of the common acorn, or rather longer. Cup thin, attached to the rachis laterally, rather rough on the outside, somewhat villons, sometimes forming a complete envelope for the nut, suffering the stigma to pass at a small perforation in the apex; in others it splits into two or three portions, and then embraces more or less of the nut. Seed conform to the nut, generally single; when two, they are so closely united as to seem a single seed with a double corculum in the apex. Integument single, brown, adhering to the cotyledons, and entering deeply into them in various directions, in short acuminated, as in the nutmeg, &c. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, inverse, as in the other species.

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3. Q. lucida. Roxb.

Leaves caneate lanceolar, entire, and smooth. Spikes panieled; male flowers dodecandrous. Acorns round, nearly hid in the enlarged cup, which is marked with concentric belts on

A tree, a native of Pulo Pinang.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, somewhat wedge-shaped, obtuse-pointed, entire and smooth in every part; about six inches long, and about two broad. Stipules small, subulate. Spikes terminal, very numerous, filiform, by far the greatest part bear only male flowers. MALE FLOWERS crowded. Calyx about six-cleft. Stamens about twelve, and two or three times longer than the calyx. Pistillum a woolly gland occupies its place. FEMALE FLOWERS more remote, and on separate spikes. Calyx with three, small, scale-like bractes, pressing on the underside. Styles three. Seed roundish, sunk in the much cularged, pitcher-shaped, fleshy calyx, which is now surrounded with several coloured belts.

4. Q. muricata. Roxb.

Tender parts villous. Leaves oblong, entire. Female spikes axillary, and lateral, the length of the leaves. Acorn spherical, two-thirds hid in a turbinate, muricated cup.

A large timber tree, found by Mr. W. Roxburgh indigenous in the forests of Prince of

Young shoots round, and clothed with short, very soft, brown pubescence. Leaves subsessile, narrow, oblong, entire, rather acute, villons; veins simple, and parallel; from four to six inches long, by one and a half broad. Female spikes lateral, about as long as the leaves. Cup turbinate, armed with many concentric rings of small inoffensive, acute points; hence the specific name.

5. Q. turbinata. R.

Leaves lanceolar, entire, obtusely acuminate, hard, glossy. Spikes terminal, generally paired; the lower part occupied by clusters of female flowers, and the upper part crowded with male ones. Nuts turbinate, smooth; cup small, rugose.

Bansooa Batana, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it grows to be large tree, but its wood is used for fuel only. It flowers in May; and the acorns ripen about the close

of the rains.

Young shoots void of pubescence, but somewhat scabrous with small white speeks. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, obtusely acuminate, of a very hard texture, and glossy, from five to six inches long, by one and a half or two broad. Spikes terminal, rigid, simple, crowded with numerous, minute, male flowers on the exterior half; and female hermaphrodite ones in detached clusters over the lower half. Male callyx five-toothed, woolly. Corol none. Filaments from ten to fifteen, much longer than the calyx. Anthers oval. Germ none, but a conical gland in its place. Female hermaphrodite. Involuce large, downy, scaly. Perianth superior, small, downy, about six-toothed. Filaments about as many as in the male, shorter than the styles, intermixed with much white hair. Anthers small, probably quite abortive. Germ three-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the top of the cell. Style short but thick, and giving support to the calyx and stamina. Stigmas three, cylindric, spreading a little. Nut turbinate, smooth, of the size of a chesnut, light brown; cup small, embracing only the narrow base of the nut, rugose. Embryo inverse, as in the genus.

6. Q. acuminata. R.

Leaves oblong and broad-lanceolar, entire, smooth. Spikes axillary, solitary, simple. Nuts ovate, smooth. Cup saucer-shaped, prickly.

Kanta gola Batana, the vernacular name in Chittagong, where it grows to be a large and useful timber tree. It flowers in May, and the acorns ripen about the close of the rains.

Young shoots somewhat villous. Leaves short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire, acuminate, smooth on both sides, from six to twelve inches long, by three or four broad. Female spikes axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, villous, the upper three-fourths occupied with distinct female flowers. Involucre large, hoary, imbricated upward with acuminate scales. Perianth minute, five-toothed. Germ broad-ovate, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the top of the cell. Style short. Stigma three, cylindric. Nut ovate, smooth, brown, rather longer than the common acorn. Cup saucer-shaped, echinate, with short projecting sharp prickles, embracing about one-fourth part of the nut only. Embryo inverse, as in the genus.

7. Q. lappacea. Roxb.

Leaves lanceolar, entire, much acuminated, downy underneath. Spikes axillary, solitary.

Nut ovate, villous, slightly embraced by the inoffensive, echinate, saucer-shaped cup.

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Ooloo chukma, the vernacular name in Silhet. On the hills which bound the north side of the province, it grows to be a large tree, and furnishes the natives with strong wood in colour like that of the common oak, but of a harder texture and close-grained. Flowering time December; the seeds ripen in the September following.

Young shoots densely clothed with very soft down. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, much acuminated, nearly smooth above, tomentose underneath, from six to eight inches long, by about two broad. Stipules very downy, and falling early. Spikes, or aments, axillary, solitary, nearly as long as the leaves, slender, very downy, some entirely and densely covered with small yellowish, downy, male flowers, others equally crowded with male ones, at the apex and a few remote at the base, the rest or middle part, occupied by the female flowers only. Bractes solitary, under each flower, small, downy. MALE FLOWERS. Calyx five-parted, downy. Corol none. Filaments generally ten, inserted round a woolly gland, two or three times longer than the calyx. Anthers two-lobed, FEMALE FLOWERS. Involuere arms

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ed with numerous, incurved, soft, hairy, pretty long, echinate spines, which increase in size with this organ, and give to the cup a fierce appearance, though soft and innocuous; they may be compared to the common bur;—hence my specific name. Calga heary; mouth four, five or six-toothed. Style short. Stigma three, cylindric. Nut ovate, of the size of a large filbert, villous, erowned with the permanent calyx and style. Cup saucer-shaped, echinate, rather soft, hairy. Seed conform to the nut, as in Q. robur, Gart. Sem. i. 183. t. 37.

8. Q. squamata. Roxb.

Leaves broad-lanceolar, entire, somewhat acuminate, coriaceous and glossy. Spikes axillary and terminal, often compound, the terminal ones panicled. Cups growing together, massy, rough and scaly, embracing slightly the base of the hemispherical, hard, glossy nut.

Bara chukma, is the vernacular name in Silbet. A large timber tree, a native of the Garrow mountains, where it blossoms in February and ripens its seed in September and October. The wood is lighter coloured than that of the English oak, but seems equally strong,

and is fully as close in the grain.

Found shoots perfectly smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, from oblong to lanceolar, tapering most toward the base, obtusely acuminate, entire, smooth, having the upper surface glassy, particularly hard and firm, from six to seven inches long, by about three broad. Petioles smooth, flat on the upper side, about half or three-fourths of an inch long. Spikes numerous, both axillary and terminal, the whole forming a large panicle which is often larger than the leaves, and very hoary; in or near the centre, one or more of the spikes more robust, and shorter; such, so far as I have observed, bear female flowers only, they are in more remote fascicles of three each; the small spikes are longer, and have the little bundles of flowers longer, and much nearer to each other. Bracter broad-ensiform, under each of the little bundles of flowers. Male calgs of about six, unequal, very woolly scales. Filaments twelve, three times longer than the calyx, smooth. Anthers oval. Germ, in the centre of the insertion of the filaments is a very woolly gland. Female calgs as in the genus, and like the male one very woolly. Nat in shape not far removed from hemispheric, being nearly truncated at the base, and there rather above an inch in diameter, polished, dark brown, very hard, one-celled. Cap sancer-shaped, hard, having its surface imbricated with small pointed scales. Seed solitary, conform to the nut, as in the genus.

9. Q. ferox. Roxb.

Leaves ovate-lanceolste, and oblong-scute, entire, glossy. Male spikes pointed: flowers with a six-cleft calyx, and twelve stamina. Cup an entire evalvular capsule, armed with many compound thorns, hiding completely the sub-ovate acorn.

A large timber tree, a native of the Chittagong mountains. Flowering time the begin-

ning of the hot sensou; the seed ripens in July and August.

Young shoots void of pubescence, but marked with lighter coloured speeks. Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong and broad-lanceolar, acuminate, entire, firm and glossy; from three to six inches long, by from one to three broad. Spikes terminal, panieled, long and slender; the male ones many, the female ones few. Male flowers minute, collected into small globular, approximate bundles over the long fliform spikes. Calyx six-eleft, villous. Filaments twelve, twice the length of the calyx. Anthers oval. Nat sub-ovate, of the size of a filbert, smeoth, completely covered by the entire, evalvular capsule-like cup, or involucre which is powerfully armed all over the whole of the outside, with strong, sharp, compound spines; and lined with a little sericeous pubescence.

10. Q. armata. R.

Leaves lanceolate, acuminate, entire, smooth. Cup an entire, evalvular capsule, armed with many compound thorns, hiding completely the sub-ovate acorn.

A large timber tree, a native of the mountainous countries immediately east of Bengal. At Chittagong, it is called Kasta-lal batana; at Tippera Singhara; and in the forests near

Gwalparo, Kanta Singar.

Q. castasicarpa. R.
 Leaves oblong, entire, smooth. Nats ovate, a little hairy, completely hid in the evalvular.

capsule-like cup, which is completely armed with numerous, ramous, sharp spines.

Lumba kanta hurina batana is the vernacular name at Chittagong, where it grows to be a large tree, with many far-extended branches. It flowers in July and August, and the acorns, which are small, ripen in the cool season. The leaves in this are very large, generally about a foot long, and from four to five inches broad.

12. Q. glomerata. R.

Leaves elliptic, entire, polished on both sides. Female flowers on long, terminal, glome-rate spikes. Acors ovate, smooth, half hid in the tubercled cup.

A large tree, found in the forests of Pulo Pinang by Mr. W. Roxburgh; male flowers not seen.

13. Q depressa. Roxb.

Acorns depressed, with the remains of the large style in the middle of the concavity.

Cup flat, with a thick, callous margin, and five, concentric, imbricated lamella underneath.

An immense tree, a native of the forests of Pulo Pinang. It differs from Louriero's Q. concentrica, in the depressed shape of the acorn and cup.

14. Q. lamellata. R.

Acoras much flattened, but convex at both ends, and hidden in the round cup, which is imbricated with ten or twelve, concentric lamella.

A native of the forests of Pulo Pinang.

15. Q. semiserrata. II.

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Leaves petioled, lanceolar, firm and lucid, anterior margins serrate; reins simple and parallel. Female flowers in axillary pairs. Nuts oval, acuminate, smooth, of a chesnut colour, base only embraced by the saucer-shaped, thick, belted, villous cup.

A large timber tree, a native of the mountains in the vicinity of Silhet, where it is called Ramkatha; there it flowers about the beginning of the hot season, and the seed ripens in

Bark of the young shoots smooth, lucid green, except when just unfolding, thin, clothed with a soft, ferruginous, woolly substance. Leaves scattered about the ends of the twigs, petioled, lanceolar, with the anterior margin remotely and acutely serrate, the apex acute, the texture hard, and polished, and the veins simple and parallel, from four to eight inches long, by one to three broad. Petioles about an inch long, smooth. Female flowers axillary, paired and sessile. Involuere composed of from five to six, concentric, incurved, villous lamina. Nuts oval, pointed, smooth, of a chesnut colour, the size of a large olive; a small portion of the base only is embraced by the thick, hard, villous, saucer-shaped cup. Embryo inverse, without perisperm, as in the genus.

16. Q. serrata. Willd. iv. 431.

Young shoots densely clothed with ferruginous down. Leaves oblong, lucid, heavy underneath, parallel-veined, most acutely gross-serrate. Spikes terminal, male and female mixed.

Gol-Shingra the vernacular name in the Silhet district between Silhet and the river Brahmunputra, where it grows to be a large, and like the most of the other species, natives of that mountainous tract, a useful timber tree. Flowering time the end of the rains.

In this species the young shoots are very completely clothed with much soft, dark brown down. The leaves very hard, with very numerous, simple, and parallel veins, each terminating in a sharp serrature like those of Dillenia speciosa; some few are now and then sharply laciniate, even lobate.

Spikes terminal, sub-panicled, consisting of only a few distinct male and female, downy aments. Male flowers with a five-leaved calyx, and from ten to twelve stamina; female ones as in the other species. The acorn I have not yet seen.

17. Q. incana. Roxb.

Leaves cordate-oblong, firm, remotely and acutely serrate, smooth above, hoary underneath. Male aments panieled, shorter than the leaves; flowers pentandrous. Acorns ovateoblong, half hid in a sub-rotund, scaly, tubercled cup.

A large timber tree, a native of the mountains of Kamaoon, Almora, and other countries north of the plains of Hindoosthan. A short account of the tree is given by Col. Hardwicke in his Journey to Shreenagur. Asiat. Res. vi. 374.

Young shoots hoary. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, with a cordate base, acute, remotely and acutely serrate, of a rigid texture, smooth above, heavy underneath, from three to six inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules and bractes linear-lanceolate, membranaceous, caducous. Male aments filiform, numerous, forming small, terminal, or axillary panieles. Calyx from four to five-cleft, and ciliate. Stamens from four to eight. Female peduncles axillary, lateral or terminal, very short, from one to many-flowered, three seems the most common number. Stigma three-cleft. Nut ovate-oblong, smooth, with a villous apex, crowned with part of the remaining style. Cup roundish, imbricated with small tubercled scales.

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CASTANEA. Schreb. gen. N. 1448.

Male calyx none. Corol five-petalled. Stamina from ten to twenty. Female calyx from five to six-leaved, muricate. Corol none. Germ inferior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Stigmas penciliform. Nuts from one to three, inclosed in the echinate involucre. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. C. Indica. Roxb.

Leaves oblong, acute, mucronate-serrate, polished above, hoary underneath. Aments sub-terminal, panicled. Flowers polygamous.

Nikari, the vernacular name in Silhet.

A small tree, a native of the hilly frontier districts east of Bengal. It flowers during the months of November and December, and the seed ripens in from eight to ten months afterwards. The kernels are eaten by both natives and Europeans, and may be compared to indifferent filberts.

Trunk tolerably straight, growing to such a size as to admit of the wood, which is of a good quality, being used for various purposes. Branchlets downy. Leaves alternate, shortpetioled, from oblong to broad lanceolate, acute, grossly mucronate-serrate, polished on the upper surface, soft with brownish down underneath; veins simple, parallel, and equal in number with the serratures, each ending in the sharp points thereof, from four to eight inches long, by from two to four broad. Stipules ensiform. Aments or spikes, terminal and axillary, panicled, alternate, filiform, downy, those with male flowers more numerous, those with hermaphrodite few and thicker, of an offensive smell. MALE FLOWERS collected in small bundles over the spikes. Calyx generally six-leaved; leaflets oval, very woolly. Filaments twelve, longer than the calyx. Anthers round-oval. Hermaphrodite flowers generally solitary, and scattered over every part of their spikes, rarely any male flowers with them. Sometimes two or even three come together, and are then surrounded by the same scaly calycle, or involuere to be mentioned under the next article. Calyx superior, its parts as in the male, with the base closely embraced on all sides by numerous hairy scales. The most exterior of which are broad;

the inner ones are subulate points which become the capsule or spinous envelope of the seed. Page Filoments twelve, alternately shorter, the long onessix, about the length of the calyx. Anthers oval, two-lobed. Germ inferior, three-lobed, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the bottom of its cell. Styles three, a little recurved. Stigma simple, obtuse. Fruit from round to obovate, completely armed with ramous spines, as in C. resea, one-celled, not opening by regular valves, but bursting without order when the seed is ripe. When two or more hermaphrodite flowers are found crowded so close as to press on each other, those when come to maturity, have only one common capsule, or envelope. Nuts oval, of a pretty hard, ligneous texture, and light brown colour, somewhat hairy, particularly round the apex. Inside soft and hairy, one-celled, evalvular. Seed generally single, conform to the nut. Integument single, thin, striated, and hairy. Perisperm none. Embryo the size and figure of the seed, inverse. Plumula two-lobed. Radicle oval, superior. 2. C. pumila, Willd. iv. 461.

Leaves oblong, acute, mucronate, serrate, tomentose underneath.

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From Canton in China, it has been introduced into the Botanie garden at Calcutta, where its growth is uncommonly slow, and though it has been there many years, it shows no tendency to blossom.

SAGITTARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1441.

Male calyx three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Stamina from six to twenty-four. Female (Hermaphrodite, R.) calyx and corol as in the male. Germ and seeds numerous. Embryo conduplicate, without perisperm.

1. S. *agittifolia. Willd. iv. 408.

Leaves sagittate, acute; lobes narrow, straight and acute. Scape simple. Flowers tern. A native of the borders of sweet water lakes, ditches, &c. in the vicinity of Calcutta, where

it flowers in February, March, and April.

Root consisting of numerous, spongy fibres, from a crown, formed by the united leaves, the centre one thicker, and ending in the half putrid remains of the small round tuber, or bulb, which gave existence to the plant, while from its sides many suckers run a few inches, each ending in a small, round bulb, which in due time produce other plants. Leaves radical, the first of the young plants linear, uncommonly slender, and very acute, the next one or two simply cordate oblong the rest with angular, spongy petioles of different lengths, and sagittate, acute, smooth, with the barbs or posterior lobes, from two to three-nerved, and rather longer than the single, five-nerved, narrower and much more acute, in fact, ensiform upper portion, about six inches long; petioles from six inches to two feet long. Scapes simple, as long as the leaves, columnar, spongy. Flowers pure white, pedicelled, uniformly tern, the inferior three, and sometimes the second, or a part thereof female, the rest maie. Bractes tern, triangular, one-flowered, shorter than the pedicels. Calyx and Corol as in S. sagittifolia of Europe, only the latter is pure white throughout. Filaments in the male flowers, about twenty-five, shorter than the ovate-oblong, yellow anthers. In the female none, but some few, abortive germs are found in the disk of the former. Germ in the female flowers very numerous, &c. as in S. sogittifolia, Gart. Sem. ii. 21. t. 84, but the embryo in our Indian plant is of a pale greenish yellow colour.

Dr. Smith observes, in his description of S. sagittifolia, that it discharges a white milky juice, a rare circumstance in an aquatic plant. Our Bengal plant yields nothing of the kind; whether this is a sufficient ground-for considering ours to be a distinct species, I will not presume to say, but must observe, that I cannot discover any other difference. I do not find that

any use is made of the bulbs in Bengal.

S. obtusifolia, Willd, iv. 409.

Polygamons. Leaves reniform, sagittate-obtuse, lobes long, taper and acute. Scape ramous, and verticelled; flowers hexandrous.

Culi tamara. Rheed. Mal. xi. t. 45.

A native of standing sweet water, or slow running rivers. It flowers during the cold season. Root fibrous, annual. Leaves radical, erect, long-petioled ovate-saggittate; apex circular, lobes or barbs divariente, tapering to long, narrow, fine points, smooth, many-nerved; from six to twelve inches long, and from four to eight broad. Petioles from two to three feet long, thick, one side flat, the other angular. Scapes including the flower-bearing part from two to four feet high, erect, from five to six-angled, striated, the lower verticel, and sometimes the second, bear branches mixed with one-flowered pedicels. Involuce at each verticel three-fold, sessile, conical, Flowers numerons, small, white. Male flowers for the most part terminal, peduncled; peduncles slender. Calgs three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Filaments six, below they are enlarged, so as to occupy the whole of the centre of the flowers. Anthers two-lobed. Hermaphrodite flowers, for there are no male flwowers, at least I have never found any, more numerous below, robust, peduncled. Calyx and corol as in the male. Filaments six, with their enlarged bases surrounding the germs. Germs about thirty, sessile. Stigma two-lobed, bearded, or downy. Drupes numerous, collected on a globular receptacle, turbinate, dry, wrinkled. Nut one-seeded, but there are also two empty cavities, one in each side of the seed. Seed bent double, with the two extremities pointing to the base, by one of which it is affixed to the bottom of the drupe.

3. S. cordifolia. Roxb.

Polygamous: Leaces cordate; scapes simple. Stamina from six to twelve.

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Grows in standing sweet water, in the vicinity of Calcutta; flowering time the latter

Root fibrous, annual. Leaves radical, long-petioled, round cordate, apex circular; behind deeply divided into two broad, somewhat pointed lobes, margins entire, smooth on both sides, many-nerved, about two inches broad, and less than three long. Petioles sheathing at the base, their length depends much on the depth of the water; tapering, somewhat angular, smooth. Scapes about as long as the petioles, like them ending in an oblong raceme, of from five to eight flowers. Bractes, or incolucres, three-fold, to the lower three there are always two hermaphredite flowers, and three to the rest, one of which is generally male. Herma-PHRODITE PLOWERS. Calyx and corol as in the genus. Filaments generally from nine to twelve inserted round the base of the germs. Anthers cordate. Germs numerous, compressed. Style short. Sligma simple. Capsules from three to four hundred, much compressed on a globular naked receptacle, surrounded with a deeply dentated margin, in each a single seed, bent double, as in S. obtusifolia, MALE FLOWERS. Calya and corol as above. Stamens from six to ten, surrounding a few abortive germs.

BEGONIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1442.

III. Male calyx none. Corol four-petalled, two opposite, larger. Stamina numerous. Female 648 calyx none. Corol four, or many-petalled. Capsules inferior, winged, or lobed, three-celled, many-seeded.

1. B. malabarica, Dryand, in Trans, of Linn. Soc. i. p. 171.

Caulescent, herbaceous. Leaves unequally cordate, while young acutely serrulate-dentate; peduncles axillary, many-flowered; capsule without wings, four-lobed, four-celled.

Tsjeria narenampuli. Rheed. Mal. ix. t. 86.

Ram totee, the vernacular name at Chittagong, where it is indigenous, in moist cool vallies. Plants from thence have been received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they continue in flower the whole year, but chiefly in the rains. The natives of Chittagong, where the plant is plenty, use the leaves as a pot-herb; when fresh the taste is pleasantly acid, not unlike sorrel.

Root perennial, succulent, throughout a pretty deep red. Stems herbaceous, several from the same root, sub-crect, from six to twelve inches high, succulent, round, jointed, and ra-

ther swelled at the joints, marked with numerous, small lanceolar ferruginous, rather elevated specks, while young hairy. Leaves alternate, petioled, unequally or rather sub-semi-cordate, acuminate, barsh, with a few short, stiff hairs, with the margins, particularly while young, acutely and unequally serrulate-dentate, and minutely curled, from six to eight inches long, by four or five broad. Petioles rather shorter than the leaves, round, hairy and marked with ferruginous specks like the stems. Stipules oblong, stem-clasping. Peduncles axillary, short, hifid, many-flowered. Flowers pretty large, particularly the female ones, drooping, of a very pale pink, indeed almost white, sparkling, as if frosted; sweetly fragrant. Bractes round the lase of the pedicels, minute. Male calyx none. Petals four, in opposite pairs, sub-round, the inner pair rather smaller by the size of a thin margin, which in the large pair, forms a sharp, vertical rim round the unexpanded globular flower bud. Filaments from sixty to eighty, very short. Anthers long, clavate, opening with a long slit on opposite sides. Female calyx none. Corol as in the male, but larger. Stamina none. Germ inferior, smooth, and thickly spotted with red, four-lobed, four-celled; each cell containing two reniform receptacles, attached to the middle of the axis, ovula innumerable over every part of the receptacles. Style four, bifid, yellow; segments or stigma spiral like the horns of a ram.

2. B. laciniata. R.

Caulescent, erect, hairy. Leaves unequally cordate, lacininte, serrulate-dentate. Peduncles the length of the petioles, few-flowered. Capsule with one large, oval, obtuse wing. Beng. Hooirjo.

A native of the Garrow hills, and the eastern frontier of Bengal, Flowering time the

rainy season, the seeds ripen in November.

Root fibrous. Stem simple, rather succulent, about biennial, first erect, afterwards more or less procumbent, hairy, jointed; from six to eighteen inches long, and as thick as a ratan. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, unequally cordate, acutely laciniate, margins serrulate-dentate, and ciliate; from three to six inches long and broad. Stipules oblong. Peduncles axillary, solitary, about as long as the leaves, from two to six-flowered, and generally more than half of them male. Bractes like the stipules, but smaller. Corol four-petalled, cruciate-oval within, ferruginous on the back. Male stamina numerous, inserted on a conical receptacle, clavate. Filaments rather short. Female germ inferior, oval, with two narrow and one broader wing, and for the most part only two-celled, each containing numerous ovula, attached to two jugiform receptacles in each cell, rising from the axis, as in Gærtner's Mussaenda frondosa. Style scarcely any. Stigma large, variously convolute. Capsule oblong, three-winged; but two of them so narrow as scarcely to be observed if not carefully looked for, the third broad oval, and obtuse, three-celled, as in the germ.

3. B. aptera. R.

Shrubby, sub-parasitic. Leaves semi-cordate, entire, smooth. Capsules wingless. Found by Colonel Hardwicke on the Island of Mauritius. He says it is a large spread-

Stem rather slender, and mostly growing out of decaying, or rotten trunks of fallen trees, in wet shaded woods. Peduneles axillary, solitary, bilid, each division three-flowered; the middle one larger, sessile, and male; the other two short-pedicelled, and female. Calyx none. Pag Corol, slamina, &c. as in the genus; only the capsules are destitute of wings.

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MONOECIA MONADELPHIA.

NIPA. Schreb. gen. N. 1696.

Male spathe; corol six-petalled. Anthers six pair round the apex of a single filament.

Female spathe; corol none. Fruit compound. Nuts or drupes angular, one-seeded.

N. fruiteans. Willd. iv. 597. Thunb. Act. 1782. p. 231.

Nypa. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 16.

Beng. Goolga Gueina, or Gubna.

Cocos nypa. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 694.

Grows on the lower parts of the Delta of the Ganges, and in salt swamps.

PINUS. Schreb. gon. N. 1456.

Male flowers in clusters. Calyx of several scales, or of four leaves, (Linn.) Corol none. Stamina many. Female calyx, scales of the strobiles two-flowered. Corol none. Pistil one. Seed membrane-winged.

 P. longifolia, Willd. iv. 500.
 Leaves three-fold, filiform, from twelve to eighteen inches long, pendulous, with the margins a little scabrous. Cones ovate, shorter than the leaves, scales with thick recurved apices. Authers erowned.

Hind. Chur the name of the tree, and Surul the wood.

In gardens about Calcutta a few small trees of this species are found, all from Nepal or from the mountains north of the plains of Bengal, and Oude, or reared from seed from thence, where they are found on the stupendous mountains, growing to an immense size. There they

blossom about the beginning of the hot season.

Trunk. I have observed above, that the trees about Calcutta are small, but in Nepal, I am informed they grow straight to upwards of an hundred feet in height; the bark is scabrous. The branches verticelled, and rather few in number than otherwise, so that here the head is thin, of a roundish form, and yields little shade—I mean the trees about Calcutta. Leaves three-fold, disposed in approximated spiral rows round the end of the branchlets, perfectly fill-form; margins somewhat hispid, when the finger is drawn backward, generally pendulous, and from nine to eighteen inches or more in length. Stipules or sheaths, round the base of the leaves, numerous and chaffy. MALE FLOWERS. Anthoral racemes numerous at the extremities of the branchlets, from their centre issue the shoots of the same season. Bractes solitary, one to each raceme. Flowers very numerous. Filaments scarcely any. Anthers clavate, opening on each side, and crowned with a large roundish scale, inflexed over the next above.

2. P. Devdara R.

Branches drooping. Leaves in approximated fascicles of about forty, rigid, acute. Strobilus erect, oval; scales thereof appressed, thin, smooth, even-edged, transversely elliptic. Coty-

Devadaroo, or Devdar, is the name the tree is known by amongst the natives where it

A tree of great size, a native of the mountains north of Rohileund. It differs from P. Larix in many respects, but most conspicuously in being destitute of the bractes which project beyond the scales of the strobile or cone.

Leaves in approximate clusters of about forty, straight, three-sided, rigid and acute. Male oments scattered between the fascicles of leaves, at first oval, but lengthening with age, imbricated with numerous bi-antheriferous scales with dilated incurved apices. Filaments no other than the just mentioned scales of the aments. Anthers, an oblong one-celled one, on each side of the narrow inferior part of the scales. Strobile or cone erect, peduncled, oval, obtuse, of the size of a pullet's egg. Scales thereof transversely elliptic, or broad reniform, concave with a thin, smooth, even edge, they remain from their broad concave structure, so close as in general to prevent the escape of the seeds without help.

The tree is so exceedingly replete with resin, as to yield a very large proportion of tar. A manufactory of that article was lately begun, near the skirts of the Almora mountains by

Mr. Gott.

Extract of a letter from that Gentleman, (Mr. Gott,) dated Kosupoor, 2nd November

1804, describing the Devdar pine.

"The only account I can give you of the Devdar pine, is from a variety of enquiries I have at times made of the natives. It grows a very considerable distance within the hills, none less than six days' journey for a native. It does not appear to delight in a situation on the summit of mountains; on the contrary it grows in valleys, and most abundantly in plains, on the side of large, or tops of small hills that are but little exposed. Its height is described to exceed twenty feet, and its bulk in proportion, from four to five feet in diameter; it grows very straight, and as regularly tapering as a fishing rod, with branches down to the ground.

CUPRESSUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1458.

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Page Female calyx, the scales of the aments one-flowered. Corol none. Styles none. Stigma, concave dots. Strobile with angular nuts.

C. sempervirens. Willd. iv. 511.

Leaves imbricated; twigs quadrangular.

Chin. Yeum Fa. Hind, Sarass.

The upright variety is a native of China, and of the northern mountains of India, and Persia. It does not thrive on the plains of Bengal.

THUJA. Schreb. gen. N. 1457.

Male calyx, the scales of the ament. Corol none. Stamina four. Female calyx the scales of the ament, two-flowered. Corol none. Pistil none. Nut one girt with a membranaceous

T. orientalis. Willd. iv. 509.

Strobiles squarrose, with sharp scales. Branchlets ancipital.

Chin. Piem Fa.

From China it has been introduced into our garden in India, where it rarely grows to more than eight or ten feet in height, is very ramous, and spreads nearly as much as its height.

PHYLLANTHUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1412.

Male calyx from four to six-leaved, or from four to six-parted. Corol none. Nectary III. from four to six scales. Stamina various. Female calyx and nectary as in the male. Germ superior, generally three-celled; cells two-seeded, attached to the upper end of the axis. Cap-654 sule* three-celled; cells two-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

SECT. I. With simple Leaves.

P. madraspatensis. Willd. iv. 575.

Annual, erect. Leaves alternate, narrow-cuneate. Flowers axillary; male monadelphous withers three pair.

Teling. Nala userekee.

Is common, with P. Niruri, in gardens, and cultivated ground. Plants constantly suc-

ceed one another, and flower most part of the year.

Root annual, though sometimes it lives out the second year. Stem straight, in the oldest plants somewhat woody, from one to four feet high, round, smooth, above very ramous. Branches sub-erect, often twiggy in large plants. Leaves on the stem scattered; on the branches alternate, bifarious, spreading, sessile; in a good soil those on the stem are linearly lanceolate, the rest wedge-formed, smooth, entire, somewhat pointed, from half an inch to two inches long, and from one-eighth to half an inch broad. Stipules two, lateral at the cordate base, pointed, withering. Flowers axillary, always one female, and from two to four or five males, all are short-peduncled, but the male shortest, in the flowering time erect, afterwards the male drops, and the female is bent down. Male calyx six-leaved. Nectary six-scaled. Filaments single. Anthers three pair round its apex. Female calyx and nectary as in the male. Capsule three-celled, six-valved, with two seeds in each cell.

Taste herbaceous, with some degree of astringency. Cattle cat it.

III. 2. P. simplex. Willd iv. 573.

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Perennial, diffuse, branches flattened. Leaves bifarious, lanceolate. Female flowers longpeduncled; male sessile. Anthers three pair. Female nectary a twelve-toothed capsule.

Teling. Uchi userekee.

Like the last, it is a native of dry cultivated ground; but by no means so common. It

flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Root frequently perennial. Stem somewhat woody, oblique. Branches numerous, diverging from the base of the little stem, spreading closely to the earth, with their apices ascending, many times longer than the stem, striated from the insertions of the leaves, which gives them a compressed appearance. Leaves simple, alternate, spreading, bifarious, sessile, linearly lanceolate, smooth, entire; about three-fourths of an inch long, and one-fourth broad. Stipules two, obliquely-cordate, withering. Flowers, male and female mixed, axillary, generally from one to three of each. The female ones long-peduncled. The male ones nearly sessile. Calyx as in the last species, except that in this, there are three distinct filaments, united at the base; and the female nectary is twelve-notched.

Note. This plant agrees so well with Retzius's P. simplex, that I dare say, they are the same; he may have changed König's name, or König himself may have changed it from

The natives use the fresh leaves, flowers and fruit, with common seeds, and sugar, of each equal parts, made into an electuary, for the cure of gonorrhoa; a tea-spoonful is given twice a day. The fresh leaves bruised and mixed with buttermilk, make a wash to cure the itch in children.

^{*} In many of the species it is a very perfect berry.

3. P. gracilis. R. Percunial, erect, virgate. Leaves bifarious, oblong and cuncate-lanceolate. Filament single, capsule three-cleft.

Teling. Userekee.

A rare, somewhat shrubby plant, growing under the shelter of other bushes, and trees.

Flowering time the end of the rainy season.

Root perennial. Stem scarcely any, when present erect, woody, smooth. Branches numerous, erect, twiggy. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, wedge-formed, oblong, or even obcordate, pointed, rounded, or emarginate, entire; from half an inch to an inch long, and about a quarter of an inch broad. Stipules cordate, acute, membranaceous. Flowers axillary, as in P. madraspatensis from which it differs only in being shrubby; whether soil and situation can make the change is with me uncertain; if it can, they are only varieties of the same

4. P. obcordatus. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves simple, alternate, sub-sessile, obcordate cuneate. Flowers axillary, peduncled, one female, and two or more male; with a six-leaved calyx. Filament single.

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the close of the rains, and cold season.

Trunk straight, suffrutiesse. Branches ascending. Bark of the woody parts, deep brown, of the tender shoots smooth, green, height of the whole plant about three feet. Leaves simple, alternate, sub-sessile, obcordate, cuneate, smooth on both sides, about half an inch long, and considerably less in breadth. Stipules semi-cordate, membranaceous. Flowers axillary, uniformly one female and several male, all are short-peduncled, and drooping. Calyx six-leaved, or six-cleft to the base, alternately smaller, expanding, green, permanent. Nectory, none in the female. In the male six minute glands in the fissures of the culyx. Stamina, none in the female. In the male, the filament is single, and short. Anthers three pair, round the top of the filament. Pistillum no rudiment of any in the male. In the female it is round. Styles three, short, spreading with stigmas, slightly two-toothed. Capsules round, three-celled, three-valved, of the size of a grain of black pepper, smooth. Seeds, two in each cell.

5. P. retusus R.

Shrubby, dioecous. Leaner obovate, cuneate, sub-retuse. Flowers axillary, crowded; male pentandrous. Calyces five-leaved. Berries pendulous, pure white, six-seeded.

A stout, ramous, shrubby species, a native of Bengal, in flower and fruit, in all stages,

the whole year.

Trunk scarcely any thing distinct, that can be so called; but several woody, very ramous branches, rise from the root, which spread in all directions; young shoots ribbed; and void of pubescence. Leaves simple, alternate, short-petioled, obovate-cuneate, rounded at the apex, truncated, or retuse, smooth on both sides, about an inch long, and not so much broad. Stipules obliquely triangular, withering. Flowers axillary, crowded, minute, pedicelled; the males on one plant, and females on another; when the petals expand the pedicels are considerably lengthened. Male calyx five-leaved; leaflets oval, concave. Filaments five, distinct, of the length of the calyx, alternate with five nectarial scales round the three-cleft, abortive pistil. Female calyx as in the male. Nectary a slender membranaceous ring round the base of the germ. Germ round, three-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the axis from the middle upwards. Style scarcely any. Stigma trifid, segments spreading, cuneate, bidentate. Berries round, very pure white, smooth, of the size of a small pea, succulent, three-celled. Seeds two in each cell, or in all six, separated into pairs by pulpy partitions. Integuments two; the exterior one thin, and white; the inner one nuciform, and beautifully pitted. Embryo inverse, and curved like the back of the seed. Cotyledons two, linear-oblong. Radicle sub-cylindrie, superior.

It is at all times a handsome shrub, but when its numerous pure white, pendulous ber-

ries are ripe, it then becomes particularly conspicuous.

This as well as Phyllanthus virosus might better be referred to Willdenow's Fluggea, see his edition of the Sp. Pl. iv. p. 757. but according to what I have observed in his only species, leucopyrus, formerly Phyllanthus leucopyrus, as well as in this and virosus, his essential character of the genus will require a little alteration, viz. Stylus tripartitus, Bacca sexsperma; all the three are perfectly dioecous; pentandrous, with a five-leaved calyx; no corol, but an acetabuliform nectary; and a round, pure white, succulent, six-seeded berry. The seeds are separated into pairs, by thin pulpy partitions, and are furnished with a perisperm, and a curved inverted embryo.
6. P. leucopyrus. Kön. Mss.

Dioecous, shrubby, armed. Leaves obovate. Flowers axillary, male pentandrous. Berry dry, six-seeded.

Fluggen leucopyrus.

A large, poor-looking, ramous shrub, a native of the dry barren forests of Coromandel. It flowers chiefly during the rainy season.

Trunk erect. Branches numerous, very rigid, spreading in every direction round the trunk. Bark ash-coloured. Thorus scattered, in a bad soil more numerous, horizontal, large, leaf flower-bearing, they may be called spinous-pointed branchlets. Leaves scattered, short-petioled, obcordate, smooth, entire. Stipules minute, oval, obtuse. Flowers on separate bushes, the female on one, the male on another. In both they are axillary, crowded, peduncled, and very small. Male calga five-leaved, leaflets concave. Corol none. Nectorial glands five, alternate with the insertion of the filaments. Filaments five, longer than the calyx. Authors

oval. Pistil nothing but a three-cleft column. Female calyx as in the male. Germ globular. Style scarcely any. Stigmas three, spreading, two-cleft. Berry of the size of a grain of pepper, smooth, dry, three-celled. Seeds two in each cell.

Note. The parts of fructification, and its bearing the male flowers on one tree, and female on another, make it, in these respects, nearly agree with P. virosus, but the thorns, dis-

position of the branches, and leaves declare it a distinct species. 659

7. P. virosus. Willd. iv. 578.

Dioecous, sub-arboreous, unarmed. Leaves elliptic and oval. Male flowers axillary, crowded. pentandrous. Berrier succulent, white, pendulous, six-seeded.

Up among the Circar mountains, where this chiefly grows, it is frequently a middle sized tree. In the forests of the low countries, it is much smaller, or only a large shrub. It flowers

during the hot, and beginning of the wet season.

Trunk erect. Bark rust-coloured. Branches numerous, ascending; branchlets bifarious. Leaves simple, alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, oval, entire, smooth, from one to two inches long, and from half an inch to an inch broad. Stipules minute. Flowers very small. This species is dioecous, the male flowers having always been found on a separate tree from the female. In both they are axillary, crowded, short-peduncled, when in flower erect. Male ralyx, or corol five-leaved; leaflets oblong, concave. Nectary five yellow glands surrounding the base of the style. Filaments five, spreading, inserted between the nectarial glands; anthers simple. Pistil only a style-like column in the centre with a stellate top. Female calyx as in the male. Nectary a five-sided ring surrounding the base of the germ. Germ ovate. Styles three, Stigma two-cleft. Berry the size of a pea, covered with a white, fleshy pulp, three-celled. Seeds two in each cell.

The bark is a strong astringent, and possesses the power of intoxicating fish, when thrown into the water, where they are ; which like the berries of Menispermum cocculus, renders them

easily taken.

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SECT. II. Leaves pinnate.

P. Niruri. Willd. iv. 583.

Annual, erect. Leaflets oval. Flowers axillary, peduncled, one or two male, and one female. Capsules smooth, three-celled.

Kirganeli. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 15. Urinaria Indica. Burm. Zeyl. t. 93. Hind. and Beng. Sada-hazur munee.

Teling. Nella userekee.

A common weed in gardens, and on dry cultivated lands, or such as have been lately cul-

Root annual. Stem erect, from one to two feet high, round, smooth. Branches numerous, in large plants the lower spreading to a considerable extent. Leaves scattered, spreading, pinnate, from one to three inches long, flower-bearing. Leaflets alternate, bifarious, nearly sessile, oval, smooth; about half an inch long, and one-fourth broad. Stipules of the petioles three-fold, forming a three-toothed cup round their insertion, each tapering to a fine point; those of the leaflets similar, but one on each side. Flowers leaflet-axillary, generally one or two male, and one female, short-peduncled, after flowering time the male drops, and the female droops. Male calyx six-leaved. Corol none. Nectary small, saucer-formed, six-toothed. Stamens, one short, columnar filament. Anthers three pair. Female calyx and nectary as in the male. Capsules smooth, umbilicated, opening with an elastic jerk, three-celled, sixvalved; cells two-seeded.

The root tastes bitter, and astringent. The Rev. Dr. John informs me, that he has known the fresh root prove an excellent remedy for the Jaundice. About half an ounce, while fresh, was given, rubbed up in a cup of milk, night and morning, the cure was completed in a few days without any sensible operation of the medicine.

 P. urinaria, Willd, iv. 583.
 Annual, erect. Leaflets linear-oblong. Flowers sessile in the exterior axills; female solitary in the inferior. Capsules scabrons.

Tsjeru Kirganeli. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 16.

Beng. and Hind. Hazar munee.

Teling. Yerra userekee.

This when young is like Niruri, grows under the shade of trees. It flowers during the wet

Root generally annual, though in some soils bi- and even perennial. Stem erect, striated, of a pale reddish colour. Branches several, ascending, striated from the insertions of the stipules. Leaves scattered, spreading, pinnate, from one to two inches long, flower-bearing. Leaflets alternate, linear oblong, entire, smooth, three quarters of an inch long, and one quarter broad. Petioles compressed, somewhat triangular. Stipules of the petioles three-fold, acute, membranaceous; those of the leaflets two, lateral. Male flowers, exterior leaflets axillary, two or three sub-sessile. Calyx, nectary, and stamens as in Niruri. Female flowers, lower leaflet axillary, solitary, sessile. Calyx and nectary as in the male. Germ somewhat murexed, coloured. Capsule scabrous, three-celled, six-valved. Seeds, two in each cell, transversely striated on the outside.

Note. It is immediately distinguished from P. Niruri, by its sessile flowers, and scabrous

capsules. Young plants are deeply tinged with dark, dull red. Cattle eat it. The taste herba- Carey

10. P. bacciformis. Willd. iv. 582.

Biennial, diffuse. Leaflets remote, pointed, fleshy. Male flowers monadelphous. Female terminal. Berries six-seeded.

Teling. Rawa-sala-burta-kuda.

This species is very common in pasture ground near the sea, on the Coromandel coast. It

flowers all the year round.

Root biennial. Stem or branches several, spreading close to the ground, angular, coloured, sometimes woody near the base, from one to two feet long. Leaves alternate, spreading, pinnate, flower-bearing, from two to three inches long. Leaflets from two to six pair, alternate, remote, oval, somewhat fleshy, pointed. Stipules of the petioles three-fold; of the leaflets two-fold. MALE FLOWERS few, in the axills of the inferior leaflets, short-pedicelled. Calyx sixleaved; leaflets round, laciniate. Nectary sancer-shaped, six-parted. Stamens a turbinate body in the centre of the nectary, is surrounded by three pair of anthers. Female flowers single in the axills of the exterior leaflets, short-pedicelled. Calyx six-leaved, the three interior leaf-lets ovate, acute. Germ turbinate, truncate. Styles three, spreading. Stigmas three-cleft. Berry ovate, of the size of a pea, three-celled, six-valved; cells two-seeded.

11. P. pendula, Roxb.

Biennial. Leaves long, pendulous, leaflets from ten to fifty pair. The male flowers round, in the inferior axills; the female ones solitary in the exterior ones.

Teling. Tella userekee

A most beautiful, somewhat shrubby, erect species, when young not unlike Niruri, a native of the same places, but very rare. Flowering time the latter part of the wet season.

Stem biennial, or more, straight, round, smooth. Bark green. Branches alternate, the inferior ones diverging and long; the superior ones ascending and short; all like the stem, and in old plants twiggy. Leaves scattered, nearly pendulous, filiform, plumate; from four to nine or ten inches long, flower-bearing. Leaflels from ten to fifty pair, alternate, short-petiolate, broad-lanccolate, acute, coloured round the edges, smooth, entire; the lower ones are about a quarter of an inch long, and one-eighth broad, the exterior ones much smaller. Petio-les filiform, flexuose, angular. Stipules of the petioles three-fold, those of the petiolets twofold. MALE FLOWERS spiked, in the axilis of the lower leadlets. Spikes, when the leaves are young, they scarcely appear, a single flower with the rudiments of one, two or three more, is all that can then be seen, but in old leaves they are very conspicuous, depending, half as long as the leaflets, imbricated with four rows of acute, permanent membranaceous, one-flowered bractes. Calyx, nectary and stamens, as in Nivari. Female Flowers solitary, from the axills of the exterior leaflets, short-peduncled. Calyx, and nectary, as in Nivuri.

Note. A very large proportion of the female flowers are barren. The taste is herbaceous, with a considerable degree of stypticity.
12. P. rhamnoides. Willd. iv. 580.

Shrubby, Leaflets oval. Male flowers often racemed, and in the inferior axills; female solitary, no nectary.

A small shrub, a native of cultivated land, amongst other shrubs, on the coast of Coromandel.

Stem scarcely any. Branches many, erect, smooth; young shoots angular from the running down of the insertions of the leaves. Leaves scattered, spreading, pinnate, flower-bearing, from three to five inches long. Leaflels from five to ten pair, alternate, short-petioled, spreading, broad-oval, the exterior ones largest, soft, below whitish, entire, from half to threefourths of an inch long, and from one-fourth to half an inch broad. Petioles angular. Stipules of the petioles three-fold, of the leaflets two-fold, Male Flowers racemed. Racemes single, from the lower axills, sessile, bowing, imbricated, as in P. pendula, Flowers very long pedicelled, depending. Nectary, six scales on the middle of the leaflets of the callyx pointing inwards, before the flower expands, these cover the anthers like so many hoods; when the leaves are young there appear only one, two or three flowers, and no raceme, but in old leaves it is as conspicuous as in P. pendula. Female flowers in the upper axills, single, short-peduncled, bowing. Calyx six-leaved; leaflets large. Nectary none. Germ three-horned. Styles from the born of the germ, and not from the centre, each two-cleft. Stigmas revolute. Capsule globular, of the size of a large pea, crowned with the remaining styles and stigmas, as in

P. bacciformis; three-celled, as in the other species.

It is to be distinguished from P. pendula, by the general habit of the shrubs, by the length of the leaves, by the form of the leaflets, and lastly by the male flowers having long pedicels; in that there they are sessile.

13. P. petiolaris. R.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate; leaflets about five pair, sub-rotund, smooth and entire. Female flowers on the common petioles.

A native of the Circar mountains, where it grows to be a stout, ramous shrub.

14. P. multiflorus. Willd.
Shrubby, climbing. Leaflets oval. Flowers of both the sexes with five-leaved calyces, and ave-scaled nectaries.

Berries from ten to twelve-seeded.

Hind, and Beng. Panjooli. Niruri. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 27.

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III. 666 Teling, Nella-pooroogoodoo.

Phyllanthus tinctorius. König's Mss.

A large straggling, or climbing shrub, common in hedges and amongst bushes on the

banks of water courses. It flowers most part of the year.

Trunk scarcely any thing that can be so called, but many, very long, straggling, stout woody branches, running through amongst, and over other shrubs, to a very great extent. Bark rust-coloured. Leaves scattered, spreading, pinnate, flower-bearing; from three to five inches long. Leaflets alternate, oval, entire, covered with a very little down; about three quarters of an inch long, and half an inch broad. Stipules of the petioles three-fold; those of the leaflets two-fold. Flowers leaflet-axillary, small, white, generally one female, and two or more males in the same axill, peduncled, at the flowering time creet, sometimes there is also a small axillary raceme of male flowers, and at others the common petioles end in a raceme. Male calga five-leaved, leaflets oval. Nectury five glands placed on the junctures of the leaflets of the calyx. Filaments three, unequal; that in the centre is erect, large and bears three anthers; the other two lateral ones are filiform, oblique, and bear one anther each. Female calyx and sectory as in the male. Styles one. Stigmas minute, in number corresponding with the cells of the berry Berry depressed, umbilicated, dark purple, succuleut, from eight to twelve-celled. Seed, one or two in each cell, placed one above the other.

P. vitis idaa. Kön. Mss.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves bifarious; leaflets oval. Flowers axillary. Calyx six-toothed, no nectaries, no style. Berries succulent.
Katou Nirouri. Rheed. Mal. v. t. 44.

Beng. Kumkata Joolee.

Yerra pooroogoodoo of the Telingas.

This is one of the most common of the family; it is found wild in every part of India, and seems to thrive well in all soils and situations; but amongst the mountains, it grows to be a tree; whereas in the low lands it is generally a large shrub. It flowers and produces fruit

all the year round.

Trunk when a tree, very straight. Branches spreading horizontally. Branchlets flexuose, bifarious. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinnate, flower-bearing, from five to eight inches long. Leaflets alternate, oval, entire, smooth, about an inch long and three-fourths broad. Petioles round, flexuose, smooth. Stipules of the petioles three-fold, acute, those of the leaflets two-fold. Flowers; the male ones from the exterior axills, from two to three-petioled; the female ones from the lower axills, solitary, petioled, at the flowering time creet. Male cally campanulate, margin six-notched; segments rounded, inflexed. Nectory none. Filaments single, clubbed. Anthers from three to five affixed to the club by their backs. Female cally one leaved, small, closely surrounding the lower half of the germ, slightly six-notched. Nectary none. Germ globular. Styles none. Stigmas three. Berry red.

The wood is white, hard and durable. The hill people employ it for various economical uses. Cattle eat the leaves. In drying for the hortus siccus, they always become very black. It is frequently employed for ornamental hedges in gardens, for which end it is well chosen, as its thick, ever green foliage, and constant succession of beautiful red berries, gives it a pretty appearance.

16. P. turbinatus. Kön. Mss.
Arboreous. Leaves bifarious; leaflets oval. Flowers axillary, peduncled, the male beyond the female. Calyx six-toothed. Berry hid in the enlarged coloured calyx, six-seeded.

Parin Nirouvi. Rheed. Mal. v. t. 43.

Teling. Dawadaree.

This is a most beautiful species, a large tree growing upon and amongst the mountains

of Orissa. It flowers during the hot season.

Trunk erect. Bark rust-coloured. Branches spreading, horizontal, numerous. Branchlets bifarious. Leaves alternate, bifarious, pinuate, flower-bearing, about six inches long. Leaflets alternate, short-petioled, oval, smooth, entire, about an inch long, and three quarters of an inch broad. Petioles round, flexuose. Stipules of the common petiole cup-formed, three-toothed, withering; those of the leaflets two, lateral, acute. Flowers leaflet-axillary, peduncled. MALE PLOWERS below the female ones, occupying the lower axill, erect in the flowering time. Caly. one-leaved, campanulate; mouth six-notched. Corol none. Nectary none. Filament single, clubbed. Anthers generally three, though sometimes more, oblong, affixed by their backs to the club of the columnar filament. Female Flowers above the male, occupying the middle leaflets; in the flowering time erect, afterwards drooping. Calyx as in the male, increasing with the germ, and acquiring a beautiful mixture of red and yellow. Nectory none, except the flat crown of the germ be such. Germ turbinate, truncate, and somewhat six-lobed. Style short, three-parted. Stigmas two-cleft. Berry sitting in the centre of the enlarged coloured calyx, of the size of a large pea, three-celled; cells two-seeded.

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17. P. patens. R. Shrubby. Branches spreading, bifarious. Leaves bifarious, alternate, pinnate with twelve or more alternate, short-petioled, oval leaflets in each side. Flowers leaflet-axillary; the female oues solitary, the male ones fascicled in the lower axills. Berries erect in the rotate, perma-

nent calyx. A native of Chittagong, and from thence introduced by Mr. William Roxburgh, Jun. into the Botanic garden, where it is in flower all the year, and a very ornamental shrub

Trunk erect. Branches spreading, with numerous approximated, alternate, bifarious, hori-

zontally spreading branchlets. Rark of the woody parts dark brown; that of the young parts smooth, deep green. Leaner alternate, bifarious, pinuate, spreading, from four to eight inches long. Leaners on each side from five to fifteen, alternate, short-petioled, oval, entire, smooth on both sides, dark green, a little more than half an inch in general length. Stipules of the petioles forming a three-toothed cup; those of the leaflets two, semicordate, acuminate. MALE PLOWERS in the axills of the lower leaflets, several together, very fine-peduncled, drooping under the leaves. Bracles minute. Calgo turbinate, scarcely half the length of the calyx-Authors six or three pair, linear, affixed longitudinally to the club of the filament. Frmale PLOWERS in the axills of the middle leaflet, the exterior ones being without flowers, solitary, short-pedancled, drooping while in blossom. Caiga flat, with a border of six reniform, permanent segments. Berry erect on the spreading, enlarged, coloured calys, three-lobed, smooth, succellent, of the size of a pea, three-celled. Seeds, two in each cell.

It is much like P. vitis idea, but in addition to the difference which the description points ont, specimens of this species retain their colour when dry, whereas those of citis idea become

remarkably black.

18. tenellus. Rozb.

An erect, delicate, small shrub. Leaces pinnate; leadets from eight to ten pairs, oval. Florery axillary, peduncled; one female and several pentandrous male ones; in both a fiveleaved calva, and five-scaled userary. Captule three-celled, six-valved, with two seeds in each cell. Introduced from the Mauritius in 1802, by Captain Tennant.

Trunk a single, stealght, ligneous twig, of three and a half feet in height, with a few still more delicate, erect branches, from the whole plant, which is now five years old. Leaves pinnate, alternately scattered round the stem and branches, diverging from two to three inches Leaflets from six to ten pair, alternate, oval, smooth, and entire; about balf an inch long. Stipules tap ring, acute, those of the common petiole three fold, those of the leaflets two-fold, Flowers two-fold, in the axills of the leaflets, generally one longer paduncled female one, and several shorter peduncied male ones, opening in succession, pate pink, exceeding minute; particularly the male ones. Male value of five, orbicular leadets. Nectory of five, roundish scales, alternate with the leaflets of the calyx. Filaments five, alternate with the nectorial scales, and shorter than the calvx. Authors weal. Female calvx, leaders five, oblong. Nectary as in the male. Capsule minute, oblate spherical, three-celled, six-valved. Seeds, two in each cell. Perispersa in considerable quantity; pale, fleshy. Embryo inverted, and curved, the two subulate cotyledons point to the lower angle, and the radicle to the apex across the umbilicus.

19. P. Kirganetia, Willd. iv. p. 587.

Shrubby. Leanes pinuate, with from twelve to thirty pair of alternate, oblong leaflets. Flowers axillary, peduncled, several monadelphous male, and one female flower together, in both callyx five-leaved, and nectary of five glands. Berries many-seeded.

A native of the Mauritius, from thence intruduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta by Captain Tennant in 1802; where it blossoms the whole year, but rarely ripens its seed in

Trank distinct, straight, and about as thick as a man's wrist; covered with rough, dark greenish, ash-coloured bark. Brasches numerous, spreading far; the smaller have ther extremities often drooping, and covered with smoother bark than the trunk. Height of the now five-year-old shrubs about eight feet, and expanding much more. Leaves alternate, pinnate, from four to six inches long. Leaflets from ten to thirty pair, alternate, from oblong elliptic, to lanceolate. Stipules thin at the base of the common petioles; and in pairs at the insertion of the leaflets. Flowers axillary, several male, and generally one female, very small, reddish. Calge in both of five oblong, concave leaflets. Nectory in both five separate glands, within and alternate with the leaflets of the calge. Male filament a single column, dividing into three, four or five, each furnished with a two-lobed anther. Female germ ovate, from three to five-celled, with two seeds in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style scarcely any. Stigmax from three to five, deeply two-cleft; segments long, taper, and variously bent, but always spreading back over the germ. Berries small, round, dark red, succulent, from three to fivecelled. Seeds two in each cell, but all seldom come to maturity. Embryo inverse, curved and furnished with a perisperm.

A stont handsome shrub, loaded with abundance of delicately small, ever-green foliage.

The flowers are too small to add to its beauty, except when narrowly inspected.

20. P. reclinatus. Roxb.

Shrubby, scandent, with reclinate branchlets, and leaves. Leaves pinnate, floriferous; leaflets many, alternate, oval-oblong, with a few male flowers in the lower axills, and one female in the exterior. Filament columnar. Capsule depressedly turbinate.

A large, shrubby, somewhat climbing plant; a native of Sumatra, and brought from thence to the Botanic garden by Mr. William Roxburgh, in 1803, where it flowers during the

rains chiefly.

Trunk scarcely any, but many long, straggling or elimbing, woody branches, clothed with dark brown, smooth bark ; branchlets reclinate, round, smooth, and green. Leaves pinnate, and reclinate, from twelve to thirty-six inches long. Leaflets from six to twenty pair, alternate, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, entire, smooth, about an inch and a half long, and less than one inch broad. Stipules of the leaves three-fold; those of the leaflets paired. Flowers leafletaxillary, generally several, small, yellow, the male ones in a few of the lowermost axills, and one smaller, shorter pedancied, green female one in the exterior. Male culex turbinate, one-leaved, with a contracted, six-toothed mouth, teeth alternately smaller, and incurvate. Filament single, columnar, clavate, with six linear, two-lobed anthers round its upper two-thirds. Female calyx

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six-toothed ; teeth rounded. Germ turbinate, three-celled, with two seeds in each. Styles scarcely any. Stigmas three, triangular, incurvate. Capsule compressed, turbinate, of the size of a pea, smooth, red, three-celled, three-valved, each valve separating into two, from the case upwards as in Bradleia. Seeds two in each cell, angular, integuments three; the exterior one a complete, soft, orange-coloured aril; the second, hard, thick and black; the interior one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverse, curved. Cotyledons oblong. Radicle cylindric, superior.

21. P. strictus. R.

Shrubby, straight. Leaves pinnate; leaflets firm, ovate oblong to lanceolate. Racemes axillary; male calyx one-leaved; female deeply six-parted. Capsule berried.

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A native of the Malay Islands, to the eastward of the Bay of Bengal. Stem straight, woody; branches few and erect, particularly while young. Bark of the stem dark brown; the height of the plants in ten years, and they have been full grown for some years, about eight feet. Leaves alternate, pinnate, horizontal, or drooping, from six to twelve inches long. Leaflets numerous, alternate, short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth, about two inches long, and scarcely one broad. Racemes leatlet-axillary, sessile, solitary, short. imbricated with small, cordate, pointed bractes. MALE FLOWERS more numerous than the female ones, peduncled, drooping. Calyx one-leaved, peltate, fleshy; border crenulate; in the centre are six semi-circular, incurved, fleshy scales, from a triangular excavation, in which the stamens are lodged. Filament single, short, three horned. Anthers double, at the extremity of each of the horns of the filaments. Female flowers on the same raceme with the male, and of nearly of the same size. Calyx six-parted to the base; divisions sub-orbicular, coloured on the inside. Nectary none. Germ turbinate, truncated. Styles three, spreading, each two-cleft. Capsule size of a large cherry, smooth, of a beautiful pale rose colour, threecelled, three-valved; valves fleshy. Seeds, two in each cell, black, rounded at the base, pointed at top, covered on the inside with a white fleshy aril, and by it affixed to the central receptacle.

22. P. Emblica. Willd. iv. 587. Arboreous. Leaves bifarious; leaflets numerous. Flowers axillary, and below the leaves.

Calyx six-leaved. Drupe with a three-celled nut.

Emblica officinalis. Gært. Sem. ii. 122. Nilicamaram. Rheed, Mal. i. t. 38.

Sans, Amlaki, See Asiat. Res. iv. 308.

Hind. Amlae.

Beng. Amla. Tam. Nellekai.

Myrobalana Emblica of the Materia Medica.

Teling. Userekee.

A pretty large tree, found cultivated in most parts of India, and also wild in forests. Flowers during the beginning of the hot season; fruit ripe in eight or nine months after.

Trunk generally crooked, when large as thick as a man's body. Branches thinly scattered in every direction; male branches spreading and drooping. Bark ash-coloured, scabrous. Leaves alternate, spreading, bifarious, pinnate, flower-bearing, from one to two feet long, and about one and a half or two inches broad, leaflets very numerous, alternate, linear obtuse, entire, smooth, about three-fourths of an inch long, and one-eighth broad. Petioles striated, round. Stipules small, withering. Flowers minute, greenish yellow. MALE FLOWERS very numerous in the axills of the lower leaflets, and round the common petiole below the leaflets, peduncled. Calyx six-leaved. Filament single. Anthers from three to five surrounding the upper part of the columnar filament. Female flowers few, solitary, sessile, mixed with some males in the most exterior axills that bear flowers. Calyx as in the male. Nectary cup-formed, embracing half the germ, border ragged. Germ superior, ovate. Style scarcely any. Stigmas three, two-cleft, segments a little two-cleft. Drupe fleshy, globular, smooth, six-striated. Nutobovate, obtusely triangular, three-celled. Seeds two in each cell.

The wood of this tree is hard and durable particularly under water. The bark is strongly

astringent; the natives employ it to cure diarrheas, and to tan leather. The fruit is at all times full of exceedingly sharp juice; it is eaten raw by the natives, although to an Europeau, the taste is disagreeably acrid. They are pickled, and made into preserve with sugar, and also baked in tarts; by these means they are more reconcilable to our taste.

23. P. longifolius. Jacq. Hort. Schonb. ii. p. 36. t. 194.

Arboreous. Leaflets ovate. Racemes drooping. Calyces four-leaved. Male flowers tetrandrous. Drupe with a four-celled nut.

Cicca disticha. Willd. iv. 332.

Neli pouli. Rheed. Mal. iii. t. 47, 48. Cheramela. Rumph. Amb. vii. t. 33. f. 2.

Beng. Loda, Nori.

Hind. Hurpurori, also Chelmeri. Averrhoa acida. Linn. sp. pl. 613.

Eur. Cheramella.

Teling. Russa Userekee.

An elegant small tree, common in gardens, where it is reared for the sake of the fruit;

I never saw it wild. It flowers about the beginning of the hot season,

Trunk tolerably straight, but short. Branches numerous, spreading in every direction. Bark ash-coloured, deeply cracked. Leaves approximated, numerous, scattered round the extremities of the branchlets, pinnate, often flower-bearing, from one to two feet long. Leafiste

numerous, alternate, short-petiolate; the largest about the middle of the leaf, the lowermost nearly orbicular, gradually lengthening to oblong; smooth, entire, waved; from one to three inches long, and from one to one and a half broad; sometimes there are male flowers in the axills of the exterior leaflets. Stipules of the petioles three-fold, those of the petiolets two, very minute. Petioles round, smooth, tapering, sometimes ending in a short, glomerate raceme of male flowers. Racemes numerous, terminal; axillary and from the old germs over the maked branchlets. Peduncles flexuose, round, smooth. Flowers exceedingly numerous, small, reddish, collected into globular heads over the raceme; also frequently in the axills of the leaflets, and sometimes round the common petioles below the leaflets; male, female and hermaphrodite mixed. Bractes three-fold, at every bundle of flowers. Male flowers by far the most numerous. Calyx of four orbicular, spreading, concave leaflets. Corol none. Nectary four glands between the insertions of the petals. Filaments four, erect, shorter than the corol, anthers two-lobed. Hermaphrodite and female flowers mixed with the male ones, but fewer. Corol and nectory as in the male. Stamens generally wanting, though there are sometimes one or two, seldom more, and unlike those of the male. Germ superior, ovate. Style scarcely any. Stigmas from three to four, spreading, two-cleft. Drupe fleshy, from three to four-lobed, generally four, from six to eight-grooved, of the size of a gooseberry, which they are not unlike. Nut from three to four-parted, each part one-celled, and one-seeded.

This has much affinity with the Phyllanthi, particularly Emblica; the Telingas, though

no great Botanists, are sensible of it, and call many of them, with this, by the same family

name, Userekee.

The fruit of this species is more esteemed than that of Emblica. The natives therefore call it Russa Userekee. They are universally used as an article of food, either raw or dressed in various fashious, also pickled or made into preserves.

24. P. tetrandrus. R.

Shrubby. Leaves pinnate; leaflets numerous, lanceolar. Flowers leaflet-axillary, crowded,

filiform-pedicelled; male calyx four-leaved, and tetrandrous; female five.

Angrua, the vernacular name in Silhet where it is found, a small ramous shrub, common in the forests of that country; it blossoms in April and May, and the seed ripens in Septemher.

Young shoots clothed with a small portion of ferruginous pubescence. Leaves alternate. and alternately pinnate; lengthening to two feet by the time they are full grown. Leaflets numerous, alternate, expanding in succession, short-petioled, broad-lanceolar, entire, smooth, from two to four inches long. Petioles round, villous. Stipules triangular, two to each petiole and petiolet. Flowers, leaflet-axillary, much crowded, filiform, pedicelled, minute, purple, generally male in the lower axills, and female in the superior, though sometimes reverse or mixed. Bractes numerous at the base of the filaments, collecting them into bundles. Male cally four-leaved; leaflets ovate-lanceolate, laciniate. Corol none. Neclary four small, roundish, reniform scales alternate with the leaflets of the calyx. Filaments columnar, very short. Anthers four, linear-oblong, and placed transversely round the apex of the column. Female calux five-leaved; leaflets broad-lanceolate, fringed. Corol none. Nectory a six-lobed, small, saucer-shaped body round the base of the germ. Germ three-lobed, three-colled, with two ovula in each, attached to the axis from the middle upwards. Styles three, but billd, and spread over the apex of the lobes of the germ. Stigma simple. Capsule small, three-lobed, three-celled, sixvalved. Seeds two in each cell, when all come to maturity. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverse, as in the genus.

ACALYPHA. Schreb. gen. N. 1461.

Male calve from three to four-leaved. Corol none. Stigmas from eight to sixteen. Female calyx three-leaved. Corol none. Styles three, ramous. Capsules tricoccous, 1. A. Indica. Willd. iv. 523.

Annual, erect. Leaves ovate, serrate. Spikes longer than the petioles. Involucre cowled, and notched, containing from two to four female flowers.

Cupameni, and Wellia Cupameni. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 81. and 83.

Beng. Shwet busenta. Teling. Moorkanda.

An annual, very common every where, particularly in gardens, where it is in flower all the year round.

Stem erect, from one to two feet high, branchy, round, smooth. Leaves scattered, petioled, ovate-cordate, three-nerved, serrate, smooth, about two inches long, and one and a half-broad. Petioles as long as the leaves. Stipules small, subulate. Spikes axillary, generally single, peduncled, erect, as long as the leaves, many-flowered, crowned, with a body in the form of a cross, the base of which is surrounded with a three-leaved calyx, the arms of the cross are tubular, with their mouths fringed, from the base of the cross on one side, issues a style-like thread, with a fringed stigma. The body of the cross contains an ovate seed-like substance. MALE PLOWERS numerous, crowded round the upper part of the spike. Calgar four-leaved, leadets cordate. Filaments, their number I could never ascertain, so exceedingly minute are they. Female Flowers below the male, remote. Insolucie cup-formed, with an opening on the inner side, striated, smooth, toothed, from two to four-flowered. Calyx three-leaved.

2. A. ciliata, Willd. iv. 522. Vahl, &c.

Annual. Leaves servate. Spikes axillary, shorter than the petioles. Involucres notched,

one-flowered, ciliate and hairy.

A rare species, but growing in similar soil with Indica. It is also like that, annual, and about the same size.

Leaves as in A. Indica, except that they are a little hairy. Spikes axillary. Female

FLOWERS. Incoluere one-flowered, toothed, eiliated, hairy.

Note. The same terminal cross is to be found at the extremity of the spike in this species.

A. pilosa. Willd. iv. 525.

Annual, erect, hairy. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, serrate, three-nerved. Spikes axillary, as long as the petioles. Involucre cup-shaped, dentate, one-flowered.

A native of the Moluceas.

4. A. amentacea, R.

Dioceous, shrubby. Leaves long-petioled, ovate-cordate, taper-pointed, serrate, threenerved. Stipules ensiform. Spikes axillary, as long as the petioles, the male amentaceous. Involucre small, hairy, dentate, one-flowered. Style multifid. III. 677

A native of the Molnecas. It differs from König's A. betulina (in Retz. Obs. v. N. 85.)

in having but one female flower in the involucre.

5. A. chinensis, R.

Annual, erect, very ramous. Leaces rhomb-ovate, crenate. Involucres cordate-crenate, on long axillary peduncles. Male flowers in a pedicelled head, from the involucre. Capsules muricated.

A native of China. From Canton it was sent to the Botanic garden, where it blossoms and ripens its seed during the rains; and perishes at the approach of the cool weather in De-

Stem erect, annual, very ramous, lower branches horizontal and nearly as long as the stem; the superior ones ascending; cells clothed with short, appressed, white hairs, one or two feet high. Leaves alternate, petioled, rhomb ovate, crenate, obtuse, three-nerved, pretty smooth. Male Flowers in a small, pedicelled head rising from the base of the involuere. PLOWERS from two to three, sessile in the centre of the involucre, immediately about the male pedicel; they expand in remote succession. Calgar as in the genus. Capsules muricate, and hairy. Seed, integuments, perisperm and embryo as in A. virginica, Gart. Sem. ii. 116. t. 107.

6. A. conferta. R.

Annual. Leaves round-cordate, erenate. Flowers axillary, crowded, sessile. Involucres from three to four-parted, with from two to three female flowers, proliferous, the exterior one bears a minute head of male flowers. Capsules ragose.

A native of China, from thence introduced into the Botanie garden, where it grows, flowers

freely, and ripens its seed during the hot season.

Root annual. Stem with many, ascending, round, smooth branches, from twelve to eighteen inches high. Leaves long-petioled, round-cordate, obtuse-pointed, three-nerved, crenate, pretty smooth, from one to two inches long. Involucres axillary, crowded, sessile, proliferous, from two to three-flowered, from three to four-parted, segments narrow, entire, sub-ciliate. MALE FLOWERS most minute, purplish, collected in a minute head, which springs from the exterior involucre only, the whole including its little pedicel, shorter than the involucre. FE-MALE PLOWERS two or three in succession, in each involucre. Calyx none, or too minute to be discovered. Corol none. Germ three-lobed, hairy. Styles two or three-cleft. Capsules rugose.

7. A. cylindrica. Roxb. Annual, hairy. Leaves long-petioled, sub-ovate, obtusely serrate. Spikes axillary, solitary, sessile, lower part cylindrical with a one-flowered, deeply dentate, ribbed involucre, minute

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A native of the Mauritius, from thence brought to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it flowers and ripens its seed more or less the whole year, but chiefly during the rainy season.

CROTON. Schreb. gen. N. 1462.

Male calyx five-leaved, or five-parted. Corol five-petalled. Stamina various. Female calyx generally as in the male, Corol as in the male, or none. Capsule tricoccous.

1. C. variegatum. Willd. iv. 531.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves lanceolate, smooth, entire, generally pointed; male flowers with small, ragged, obversely reniform petals, and twenty or more distinct stamens. Styles three, undivided.

III. Tsjera maram. Rheed. Mal. vi. t. 61.

Codiæum medium chrysostieton. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 25. and 26. f. 2.

Phyllaurea Codiaum, Lour. Cochin Ch. 705.

This elegant, highly ornamental shrub, so far as I have been able to learn, is indigenous only on the Moluccas, and from thence was introduced into the Botanic garden together with the two varieties of the same species, hereafter to be mentioned, where they blossom about

the beginning of the rains in June. Trunk erect and short. Bark ash-coloured. Branches sub-erect; general height of the whole plant from three to six or eight feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, lanceolate, entire, polished on both sides, generally variegated with white or yellow; about six inches long, by one and a half broad. Petioles round, smooth, about an inch long. Racemes axillary, about as long as the leaves, and so far as I have yet seen, male on one raceme, and female on another. Male plowers collected in fascicles in pretty long, slender pedicels. Caly.r five-parted; divisions sub-rotund. Petals five, somewhat triangular, variously notched, or ragged, shorter by half

than the divisions of the calyx. Nectorial glands five, round the stamina, and alternate with the petals. Filaments from twenty to thirty, distinct, clavate. Anthers seven. Female Flowers sub-sessile, solitary. Calyx urceolate, five-toothed. Corol none. Nectory a coloured glandular ring, round the base of the germ. Germ conical. Styles three, undivided, recurved. Besides the plain green-leaved plant, viz. Codiana medium chrysosticton, we have also from the Moluccas Rumphius's Codiaum crispum, t. 26. f. 2. and his fifth variety, Codiaum chrysolicton latifolium, sometimes the variegation partakes of yellow, but red predominates. In this variety the leaves are larger, and tend to be wedge-shaped. The female flowers are short-peduncled, and have the style much shorter than in the first variety. It is a most elegant plant, and delights in the shades of large trees, where the colours are more varied, and brighter.
All the varieties are readily propagated by laying. In the Botanic garden they have not yet perfected their seed.

2. C. bractiferum. R.

Shrubby. Leaves linear-oblong, smooth, entire. Racemes terminal, becoming lateral with an immense orbicular bracte at the base. Codiscum silvestre. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 27.

A native of the Molnecas.

3. C. dioecum. R.

Leaves alternate, long-petioled, oblong, with the base somewhat cordate. Racemes axillary, filiform, much longer than the leaves.

A native of the Malay Archipelago.

4. C. bicolor. H.

Shrubby. Broaches proliferous. Leaves oblong, ventricose, entire, smooth above, sericeous with stellate scales underneath. Racemes terminal, male flowers superior.

A native of Sumatra. Flowering time in the Botanic garden March and April.

Trunk short, soon dividing into many spreading branches, with their divisions proliferous, from three to six-cleft. Back of the old ligneous parts brownish and scabrous, that of the young shoots ferruginous with small, brown, peltate, stellate scales; the whole height of six-years old plants about six feet. Leaves alternate, perioled, oblong ventricose, somewhat cordate at the base, entire, rather obtuse, smooth, green above; gray with numerous, small, seriesous scales underneath; from two to six inches long, Glands, two small flat, green ones at the base. Petioles from one to two inches long, round, brown with rust-coloured scales. Stipules setaceous. Racemes terminal, solitary, longer than the leaves, scaly; the female flowers occupying the lower fourth; and the male ones the upper three fourths. Male calgar five-parted. Segments short-ovate. Petals five, oblong, woolly. Filaments ten, rather longer than the petals. Authors ovate. Pistillum none. Female cally five-eleft. Corol none. Nectary none. Germ round, densely clothed with stellate scales, three-coiled, with one seed in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Styles three, soon dividing into two long, recurved divisions each. Stigmas simple.

5. C. plicatum. Willd. iv. 538.

Annual, straggling. Leaves roundish-cordate, repand, hairy. Stamens monadelphous. An-

C. asperum. Kon. Mes.

C. tinctorium. Burm. Ind. 304. t. 62. f. 1

Beng. Khoodi-okra.

Annual, and appearing in very great abundance on dried up rice, and other cultivated fields about the latter end of the cool season; the whole plant has a heary, reddish appearance, and every part is covered with numberless, small, stellate, white hairs, which gives it a heary lock. Stem and branches several, round, dichotomous, weak, straggling, from one to two feet long. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, scolloped, waved, with two glands, one in each margin, close to the base, from one to two inches long, and nearly the same breadth. Racemes terminal, few-flowered. Flowers pale yellow. Male flowers, about the female. Calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, linear-lanceolate. Nectory none. Filaments coalesced. Anthere fifteen. Female Flowers erect. Calga and corol as in the male. The nectary is wanting. Styles red. Capsules scabrous.

Cloth moistened with the juice of the green capsules, soon becomes blue, after exposure to the open air. They no doubt contain colouring matter, that might be usefully employed,

probably similar to that of Croton tinctorium, 6. C. polyandrum, R.

Shrubby. Leaves oval, often lobate, scollop-toothed, projecting glands at the base. Male flowers in axillary racemes; the female ones sub-solitary, no corol, anthers twin.

Jatropha Montana. Willd. iv. 563.

Hind. Hakoon.

Teling. Konda-amadum.

A perennial species, a native of the borders of rills of sweet water, and moist high places

amongst the Circar mountains. It flowers during the wet and cold seasons.

Stems several from the same root, shrubby, straight. Branches few, young shoots a little downy, and round, from three to six feet high. Leaves alternate, petioled, oval, sometimes lobate, deeply toothed, or grossly and remotely serrate, a little hairy, three-nerved, with two projecting brown glands at the base, from two to six inches long. Petioles round, about an inch long. Stipules none, but two glands in their place. Male flowers recemed, small, of a dull yellow colour. Rucemes axillary, erect, intercepted. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Nectary a membranaceous, yellow ring, surrounding the base of the filaments. Filaments

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shorter than the calyx, numerous, distinct, compressed, clubbed, with the apices bifid, each bearing two oval anthers. Female Flowers peduneled, axillary, one, two, or three, howing. Calyx cylindric, five-toothed. Corol none. Nectary as in the male. Seeds exactly like those of Ricinus communis, but much smaller.

The seeds are esteemed by the natives a good purgative; they administer one seed bruised up with water for every evacuation they wish the patient to have; each seed weighs about a grain and a half. They are said to be the real Jamalgata of the Hindoo Physicians. While others, and with more reason, think the flowering C. Tiglium to be the real drug.

C. Tiglium, Willd. iv. 453.

Arboreous. Leaves ovate, cordate, serrate, pointed, smooth. Male flowers, from fifteen to twenty woolly, unconnected stamens. Female without corol.

Sans. Javapala. Hind, Jamal gata.

Cadal avanacu. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 33.

Granum Moluccum. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 42.
It grows to be a small tree, from fifteen to twenty feet in height, in the Company's

Botanic garden at Calcutta, and in flower most part of the year.

Trunk a little erooked, as thick as a man's thigh. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Wood white and hard. Branches rather thin. Leaves alternate, petioled, ovate-cordate, slightly serrate, pretty smooth, from three to five inches long, and from two to three broad. Racemes terminal, erect. Male flowers above and numerous. Female flowers always single, rather longer, occupying the lower part of the raceme. Male calyx five-parted. Petals five, oblong, very woolly on the inside, and margin. Filaments from fifteen to twenty, distinct, woolly towards the base. Female calyx as the male. Corol none. Nectary, some small glands round the base

The tree has a disagreeable smell, the taste of the leaves is exceedingly nauseous and of long duration. Tamul Physicians say the seed of this tree purges effectually and-easily, removing all obstructions in the bowels; and that it cures all venereal complaints, and bites of ve-

nomous animals.

S. C. Halecum. R.

Arboreous. Leaves approximate, long-petioled, round, re-entering, cordate, entire, downy underneath, male panicles axillary. Calyx three-toothed. Corol none.

Halecus alba. Rumph. Amb. iii. p. 198.

A native of the Moluccas.

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9. C. drupaceum. R. Shrubby, often scandent, every part scabrous with stellate pubescence. Leaves cordateserrate, two pedicelled glands under the base. Racemes terminal, with male flowers on one,

and female ones on another. Nut three-partible, parts two-valved.

A native of the country about Dacca. Flowers in March, seed ripe in September.

Trunk short, and ill defined. Branches many, in a bad soil shorter; in a good soil and protected, long and scandent; young parts rough with an immense quantity of short harsh stellate pubescence. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, cuspidate, unequally and grossly serrate, three-nerved, harsh with stellate hairs, and having two yellow, pedicelled, sub-cyathiform glands immediately under the base, from four to six inches long, and three or four broad. Petioles round, about an inch long, harsh. Stipules ensiform, sometimes pinnatifid. Racemes terminal, simple, generally in pairs, becoming lateral by age, one bearing entirely male flowers, the other female, and sometimes a few male ones at the apex, every part pubescent. Bracles subulate, one flowered. Flowers small, of a dull yellowish green colour. Male calyx deeply five-cleft, rather shorter than the corol. Petals lanceolate, with very woolly margins. Nectary five yellow glands, alternate with the petals. Stamina numerous, as long as the petals, inserted in a convex, woolly receptacle which occupies the whole centre of the flower. Female calvx as the male. Corol none. Nectary as in the male. Germ round, very hairy, three-celled with one seed in each cell, attached to the top of the axis. Styles three, each divided near the base into two long, filiform, hairy, variously contorted segments. Capsules drupaceous, tricoccous, globose, scabrous, clothed with stellate pubescence, of the size of a large gooseberry. Cortex, when dry dividing from the apex into six portions; nut thick and very hard, spontaneously three-partible, each portion one-celled, two-valved. Seed or rather nut solitary, oval. Integuments two, the exterior one thick, of a bony hardness, rugose, of a chesnut colour, with a little stellate pubescence on the outside; the inner one a thin, white membrane. Perisperm conform to the nut, pale yellow. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons nearly as long as the perisperm, three-nerved in the fruit of the large variety; oblong-conic in the small variety, sub-rotund. Radiele oblong, superior.

10. C. oblongifolium. Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, serrate, two glanded at the base, smooth. Racemes terminal. Petals woolly. Stamens twelve. Capsules round.

Beng. Buragach.

A small tree, common in forests about Calcutta. Flowering time the beginning of the

hot season. Trunk straight; bark ash-coloured, and pretty smooth. Leaves petioled, alternate, and thickly set about the ends of the branchlets, spreading or drooping, oblong, serrate, obtuse-pointed, very smooth on both sides, from six to twelve inches long. Petioles round and smooth, with a lateral gland on each side of their apices. Stipules small, caducous. Racemes terminal, generally solitary, erect, shorter than the leaves. Flowers solitary, a few female ones mixed

with many male ones, small, of a pale yellowish green. Bracles three-fold, one-flowered. Glouds, on the inside of each of the small, lateral bractes is a round permanent one, as in Sesamum Indicum. Male calyx deeply five-cleft. Potals six, smaller than the calyx, very woolly. Filaments twelve, distinct, nine in the circumference and three in the centre; woolly toward the base. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Stamens none. Germ globular. Styles three, each divided into two very long, variously bent segments. Capsules globular, fleshy, six-furrowed, tricoccous.

11. C. Jonfra.

Arboreous, tender parts scaly. Leaves broad-ovate-lanceolate, serrate. Racemes sub-terminal, and lateral or axillary, much longer than the leaves. Male flowers above, and dodecandrous; female below, both with five lanceolate, woolly petals.

Joufra, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a large tree. Flowering time

March and April.

Branchiets proliferous; their tender shoots, clothed with minute silver-coloured scales, and no other kind of pubescence. In C. bicolor, which this most resembles, the scales are all ferruginous. Leaves crowded about the divisions of the tender shoots, alternate, petioled, broad-ovate-lanceolate, serrate, smooth, obtuse with an acumen, having two small flat glands on the base of the rib underneath, as in bicolor, but not having the shining silver-like appearance underneath which is in that species, from four to six inches long, and from one to two and a half broad. Petioles about an inch long, and scaly. Stipules small, subulate, scaly. Racomes lateral, axillary and sub-terminal, that is from the forks of the tender twigs, many times longer than the leaves; the lower part of the large sub-terminal ones is occupied by the fe-male flowers, and some male ones mixed; all the rest by the male ones, both sorts have equally long pedicels. Bractes small. Male calyr deeply five-toothed, scaly on the outside. Petals five, lanceolar, woolly on the inside. Filaments twelve, longer than the petals. Anther ovate. Female calga and corol as in the male. Stamens none. Germ oval, three-celled, one ovulum in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Styles three, divided nearly to the base. Stigma simple.

JATROPHA. Schreb. gen. N. 1463.

Male calyx five-parted. Corol from one to five-petalled. Stamina about ten. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Styles three, biffid. Capsules tricoccous.

1. J. Curcas. Willd. iv. 560. Asiat. Res. xi. 160.

Shrubby. Leaves broad-cordate, five-angled, smooth. Both male and female with a fivecleft ealyx and five-petalled corol.

Beng. Baghbarinda.

Teling. Napalam.

This is one of the most common small trees or bushes on the coast of Coromandel, and in flower and fruit all the year.

Trank irregular, from being constantly kept low for hedges. Wood soft and spongy.

Bark smooth, light ash-coloured. Leaves scattered, petioled, broad-cordate, five-angled, smooth, about six inches each way. Petioles round, smooth, from four to six inches long. Stipules none. Panieles terminal, or from the exterior axills, cymose, bearing many small, yellow flowers. The male flowers at the extremities of the ramifications, on short, articulated pedicels, and the female ones in their divisions, with their pedicels not articulated. Bractes a small one below each sub-division of the panicle, and generally one pressing on the calyx. Male calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, campanulate, somewhat hairy. Nectary of five glandular bodies, round the base of the filaments. Filaments six, the central one very thick, columnar; the five exterior ones filiform, towards the base adhering to the central one, all erect, and a little longer than the ealyx. Anthers ten, sagittate, equal; five supported by the large central filament, and one by each of the others. Female calgx, corol and nectary as in the male. Germ oblong, smooth. Styles three, short. Stigma bifid, somewhat hairy. Pericarpium and seed as in the genus.

The wood of this tree, or rather bush, is too soft and spongy to be of any use, it will not

even burn freely.

The leaves warmed, and rubbed with castor oil are by the natives applied to inflammations where suppuration is wished for. An oil is expressed from the seed, which is only used to burn in lamps, by the poorer classes of the natives. The seeds taken inwardly act with great violence both upwards and downwards, and are therefore almost exploded from the Hindoo Materia Medica. They are seldom or never administered by our Medical Gentlemen.

2. I. glandulifera. Roxb.

Calycled, sub-arboreous. Leaves palmate, base cordate, smooth, lobes from three to five, lanceclar, oblong, acutely serrate, each serrature ending in a headed bristle. Petioles naked.

Slipules bristly, many-cleft. Flowers panieled, monadelphous, sub-octandrous.

This stout shrub is to be met with in a few gardens about Calcutta, where, in from six or seven years they have grown to be from four to eight feet high; from whence they came I cannot learn; but as the juice is used medicinally, I suspect the plant to be well known, if not indigenous at no great distance.

The trunk is short, soon dividing into dichotomous branches with smooth, swelled, ashcoloured bark. From fresh wounds there issues much thin, clear, pale yellowish juice.

Leaves about the extremities of the branchlets, alternate, petioled, generally palmate; lobes from three to five, oblong, the two posterior ones are much smaller than the other three,

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ail are serrate, with each serrature ends in a short, green, glandular-headed bristle, from four to six inches each way. Petioles as long as the leaves, round, and smooth. Stipules bristly, many-cleft, each division ending in a glandular head. Panicles terminal, about as long as the leaves. Bracles bristly. Male Flowers most numerous and terminal, small, of a pale greenish yellow colour. Calyx five-cleft to the base, sometimes ciliate. Corol ample, campanulate. Petals cuneate, conjoined toward the base, and there woolly on the inside.* Nectary five green glands round the base of the conjoined filaments. Filaments about eight, conjoined. Anthers twin. Pistillum, no rudiment of one, the staminiferous column occupying its place. FEMALE FLOWERS few, and sub-sessile in the divisions of the paniele. Calyx and corol as in the male. Nectary, five scales round the base of the germ. Styles three, with enlarged, ragged stigmas. Capsule tricoccous, of the size of a filbert, and smooth. Seeds oblong, smooth, light green, crowned with a glandular body by which they are attached to the receptacle. Embryo, as in the other Euphorbia.

I am inclined to think this differs from Vahl's Jatropha glauca, though I cannot finally settle that point as I am not acquainted with that plant, except this be it; however the above description is so full, and I can safely say accurate, as to enable any one who may have an opportunity of comparing them, to determine. This is always a stout shrub, and never in any part pubescent; indeed from the whole of Vahi's description now before me, I am inclined to

think them different species.

The pale or whey-coloured thin juice which exudes from a fresh wound of this plant, is employed by the Hindoos as an escharotic to remove films from the eyes.

RICINUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1464.

Male calyx four or five-leaved, or four or five-parted. Corol none. Stamina numerous. Female calyx three or five-parted. Corol none. Styles three, two-cleft. Capsules tricoccous.

1. R. communis. Willd. iv. 564.

Leaves peltate, sub-palmate, serrate. Fruit prickly.

Sans, Eranda. Teling. Amadum.

Hind, Arend, Arendi, or Arindi.

Beng. Bherenda.

Of this very useful plant, we have several varieties cultivated in India, some of them growing to the size of a pretty large tree, and of many years duration; I have not seen any variety with smooth fruit.

On the leaves the domesticated Arrindy silk-worm (Phalana Cynthia,) are fed. See Trans-

actions of the Linnaan Society, vol. vii. p. 42.

2. R. mappa. Linn. sp. pl. 1430.

Dioecous. Leaves peltate, cordate, entire, acute. Spikes panieled.

Acalypha Mappa, Willd. iv. 526.

Folium Mappa, Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 108.

One plant of this, a handsome small tree, with hitherto male blossoms, sprung up amongst some plants from Amboyna, introduced into the Botanic garden in 1798, where it

flowers in July.

Trunk straight and perfectly erect. Bark and large branches, smooth and ash-coloured. Branches tending to be verticelled, ascending and spreading. Branchets round, smooth, and glaucous. Height of the tree, now eleven years old, thirty-five feet. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, peltate, margins slightly waved, smooth on both sides, but very paler-coloured underneath, from numerous most minute, whitish dots. There are generally two, or three lanceolate smooth glands in as many of the smallest superior nerves; veins numerous, from six to twentyfour inches long, and nearly of the same breadth. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, round, smooth, glaucous. Stipules cordate, reniform, acute, glaucous. Panieles of male flowers, axil-lary, erect, ramification alternate. Bractes alternate, sessile, cordate, concave, dentate, ciliate, many-flowered. Flowers numerous, very small, pale green. Calyx two-leaved, or deeply twoparted, reflexed. Corol none.

3. R. dicoccus. Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves cordate, often lobate, repand-serrate. Racemes terminal, panicled. Capsules smooth, dieoccous.

Folium calcosum. Rumph. Amb. iv. p. 129. t. 64.

Some plants were received into the Botanic garden at Calcutta from Amboyna in 1798. Now, in 1808 they have grown to be small trees, about twenty feet high. Flowering time

from April to June. Trunk tolerably straight, about as thick as a man's thigh. Bark smooth, of a light ashcolour. Branches few, spreading; young shoots ascending, round and covered with minute grains. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, broad-cordate, and while the trees were young generally with three acute lobes, margins scollop-serrate, when they first unfold a little mealy, but by the time they are full-grown, smooth on both sides, with a cluster of small, dark coloured glands at the base of the upper side, about six inches each way. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, round, smooth. Stipules very minute. Racemes terminal, nearly compound, indeed it may often be called a panicle. Flowers pedicelled, from one to three or even more together; male and female mixed, but the former by far the most numerous, small, of a

Without strict examination, the corol may be taken for a petalled one,

greenish yellow colour. Bractes subulate, mealy. Male ealyx four or five-cleft; divisions expanding, broad-lanceolate, mealy on the outside. Corol none. Nectary, none visible. Filameats very numerous, inserted into a hemispheric gland. Anthers linear, twin, with a common obovate gland at the top. Female calyx five-cleft. Corol none. Nectary a small flat receptacle, with a crenulate margin on which the germ rests. Germ two-lobed, clothed with stellate pubescence, two-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the top of the axis. Style two-cleft : divisions recurvate. Stigmas simple. Capsule divoccous, each consisting of two valves, which open from the base. Seeds solitary, round, rugose, of a dark brown, about the size of a grain of pepper, affixed to the apex of a slender central receptacle.

SAPIUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1469.

Male calyx from two to four-parted. Corol none. Stamina from two to four. Female calyx from three to four-parted. Corol none. Germ superior, from two to three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment superior. Style three-celeft. Capsule bi-tricoccous. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. S. Indicum. Willd. iv. 572.

Arborcous, branchlets often ending in a spine. Leaves alternate, broad-lanceolate, ser-

rate, smooth. Male flowers amentaceous, triandrous. Female ones solitary. Capsules drupa-

Beng. Hooroon.

Bengiciri. Rheed. Mal. iv. t. 61.

A small tree, a native of the Delta of the Ganges. It flowers at various seasons, and ripens its seed in from twelve to eighteen months afterwards. The branches are numerous, spreading in every direction, and covered with smooth, ash-coloured bark. The smaller short

ones from the trunks, and longer branches often ending in a strong sharp thorn.

Leaves alternate, petioled, sub-pendulous, broad-lanceolate, serrate, smooth, of a deep shining green, from two to four inches long, and broad in proportion. Stipules small, caducous. Male flowers on terminal, cylindric aments. Scales of the ament glandular, from three to four-flowered. Calga three-parted; divisions sub-cordats, expanding. Corol none. Filaments longer than the calyx. Anthers ovate. Female flowers at the base of the aments, often solitary. Calyx from three to four-parted. Corol none. Germ above, ovate. Styles three-cleft, divisions entire, and recurved. Stigma enlarged. Capsule, or nut globular, of the size of a nutmeg, three-celled, six-valved, thick and exceedingly hard. Seed solitary, affixed by the apex, oval, smooth.

The juice of this tree is reckoned of a very poisonous nature. The taste of the fruit is nauscous beyond description. The seeds are used by the natives for the nefarious purpose of

intoxicating lish.

2. S. sebiferum. R.

Arboreous. Leaves broad-rhomb-ovate, pointed, waved, entire, smooth, male flowers tri-

Croton sebiferum. Linn. sp. pl. 1425. Stillingen sebifera, Willd. iv. 588.

Beng. Mom-China.

Is now very common about Calcutta, where, in the course of a few years it is become one

of the most common trees. It is in flower and fruit most part of the year.

Trunk straight; bark ash-coloured, considerably eracked. Branches numerous, the larger ones nearly erect, the smaller ones spreading, with their extremities often beautifully pendulous. Leaves scattered, petioled, rhombic, pointed, margins waved, smooth on both sides, about two inches each way. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, slender, channelled, smooth, with two glands on the upper side of the apex. Stipules caducous. Rucemes terminal, cylindrie. MALE FLOWERS fascicled, very numerous, small, yellow. Calyx irregularly three-toothed. Corol none. Nectary none. Filaments from two to three, very short, not connected. Anthers double. FEMALE FLOWERS large, three or four below the male. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Nectary none. Germ oblong. Styles three, undivided. Capsule of the size of a cherry, tricoccous, smooth. Seeds enveloped in a white sebaceous substance.

In Bengal it is only considered as an ornamental tree; the sebaceous produce of its seeds is not in sufficient quantity, nor its qualities so valuable as to render it an object worthy of cultivation. Cocoa-nut oil is better for the lamp, and it is only during very cool weather that this substance becomes firm; at all other times it is in a thick, brownish, fluid state, and soon becomes rancid. Such is my opinion of the famous vegetable tallow of China.

3. S. cordifolium. Roxb.

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Arboreous, Leaves cordate-serrate, cuspidate, three-nerved, with glands in the axills of the nerves on the under side, and stipuled at the base. Male flowers octandrous, with a bifid calyx.

Teling. Badeki.

A small tree, a native of moist vallies among the Circar mountains.

Trank straight. Branches and branchiets nearly erect. Bark pretty smooth. Leaves scattered, petioled, cordate, acuminate, serrate, three-nerved, below downy, with yellow glands between the origin of the nerves, above pretty smooth, from four to twelve inches long, and from three to eight broad. Petioles from two to four inches long, round, smooth, coloured. Stipules of the petioles submate, caducous; those of the leaves submate, recurved and permanent. Female racemes terminal, one or two. Male racemes several from the germs over the

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last year's naked branchlets below the leafy shoots, all erect and filiform, from two to six

inches long.

Note. In some specimens I have found the male and female flowers on the same raceme, the male above and the female below. Bractes in both three-fold; the male ones many-flowered the female ones one-flowered. Male calyx with the segments kidney-formed, spreading. Corol none. Filaments eight, short, tapering, spreading, united near the base into a flat, saucerlike body. Anthers oval. Female calyx below, six-parted; segments narrow, acute. Corol none. Germ ovate; style short. Stigmas three, long, thread-formed. Capsules three-celled, threevalved. Seed solitary.

4. S. baccatum. R.

Leaves ovate-oblong, acuminate, entire. Berries two-seeded.

Billa the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to be a large and

useful timber tree. Flowering time March and April; seed ripe in August

Brauchlets crowded, ascending and particularly smooth. Leaves petioled, alternate, broadovate lanceolate, acuminate, entire, glossy; from three to six inches long, by from one and a half to two and a half broad, having no glands at the base, but the margins are a little swelled where they join the petiole. Petioles from one to two inches long, smooth. Stipules; male aments terminal and axillary, slender and simple, the terminal ones sub-panicled, the axillary ones solitary, as long as the leaves. Bractes or scales of the ament cucullate, many-flowered. with an oblong gland on each side as observed by Jussieu in his account of the habit of the genus sapium. Flowers very minute, pedicelled. Calyx four-toothed. Corol none. Filaments two, very short; anthers two-lobed, opening in the sides. Racemes; female flowers on a different tree, terminal and axillary, but fewer and shorter than the male. Flowers solitary, pedicelled. Bractes and calyx as in the male. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ superior, round, compressed, two-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the top of the axis. Style none. Stigmas two, recurved. Berries globular, of the size of a small gooseberry, smooth, purple, two-celled. Seed solitary, of the size of a betel nut, unequally oblong, the inside being straighter. Integuments two, the exterior one fibrous; the inner one somewhat nuciform, brittle, dark brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, very oily. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons oval, nearly as broad and long as the perisperm, three-nerved. Radicle superior, large, oval.

BRADLEIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1474.

Male calyx six-leaved in a double series. Corol none. Anthers a few round the apex of a central column. Female calyx from six to twelve-leaved, in a double series. Style none or short. Germ superior, many-celled; cells from one to three-seeded; attachment internal. Stigma perforated at the top, with a many-lobed ray, corresponding with the cells in the germ. Capsule many-celled, many-valved. Seeds arilled, from one to three in each cell. Embryo erect and furnished with a perisperm.

B. multilocularis. Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves broad-lanceolate, entire, smooth. Flowers axillary, both sorts peduncled. Capsules compressed, umbilicate, from ten to fifteen-celled.

Agyneja multilocularis. Willd. iv. 569.

A small ramous tree, a native of Bengal, and in blossom from April till October. Is near-

ly allied to Dr. Buchanan's Agyneja coccinea. See Col. Symes' Embassy to Ava.

Trunk tolerably erect, covered with pretty smooth, brownish gray bark. Branches numerous, down to the ground, spreading with bifarious, often drooping branchlets. Young shoots smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides; from two to three inches long. Stipules subulate. Peduncles axillary, from one to three or more together, short, one-flowered. Bractes axillary, numerous, round the insertion of the male and female peduncles. Male and female flowers often in the same axill. Male smaller and deeper yellows Male calyx six-parted to the base, three are exterior, and rather longer. Filaments in the centre, forming a single cylindric receptacle with from eight to twelve, linear grooved anthers adhering to it. Female calgar from six to twelve-leaved; the inner series, or alternate divisions rather smaller, all sub-cordate, entire, smooth, and permanent. Stamina none. Germ depressed, from ten to fifteen-lobed, united in a verticel, from ten to fifteen-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the inner angle of the cell. Style none. Stigma fleshy, funnel-formed, with its round fleshy margins marked with as many ribs as there are cells in the germ. Capsule about an inch in diameter, depressed, with the apex and base concave, sides torulose, smooth, from ten to fifteen-celled, composed of two distinct tunics, opening round the base, and up the sides; the exterior one generally divides into as many segments, or valves, as there are cells, the inner one is of the colour and consistence of parchment, and divides into double the number of portions, these drop off together, leaving the seeds in pairs, in a circle round the large convex receptacle to which they are attached, and separated by very thin, white partitions, which were united to the inflected margins of the inner tunic of the capsule. Seeds two in each cell, obovate, flattened, sharp on the inner edge, enveloped in a soft, whitish, pulpy aril, which is covered with an orange-coloured pellicle. Integuments, proper, nuciform, rugose. Umbilious an elevated point on the inner edge. Perisperm soft, of a pale azure colour. Embryo straight, nearly as long and broad as the perisperm. Cotyledons two, round-cordate. Radicle cylindric, pointing directly to the umbilicus, viz. inferior.

2. B. lanceolaria. R. Arboreous, smooth. Leaves short-petioled, lanceolar, obtusely acuminate, glossy. Flowers axillary, the male ones numerous, and long-peduncled, the female ones few and sessile. An-

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there from four to six, in a sessile head; germ about six-celled. Style lengthened.

Angooti, the vernacular name in Sifhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to be a large, useful timber tree; the wood being hard and durable is often employed by the natives in constructing their habitations. It ought to be compared with Cavanilles' Bradleia Philippica

See B. Philippensis, Willd. iv. 592.

Tender shoots glossy, in habit tending to erect and straight. Leaves alternate, shortpetioled, from narrow-lanceolar to oblong, entire, firm and glossy, acuminate, from three to six inches long, by from one to two broad. Stipules triangular, permanent. Make Flowers longpeduncied, and collected in a crowded fascicle in the lower axills, or from those of last year, also mixed amongst the few sessile female flowers in the exterior axills, colour of both sorts pale greenish yellow. Calga in both 3 and 2 six-leaved; the exterior three longer, in the male oblong, in the female tapering from the base. Filaments very short. Anthors from four to six-lobed, linear. Female flowers sessile. Germ ovate, six-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the thick axis. Style short and thick. Stigma six-lobed; lobes pointed and incurved. Capsule much depressed, turnip-shaped, with a concave apex and base, grooved, six-celled, twelve-valved. Valves composed of two distinct coats; the exterior one smooth, rather spongy and olive-coloured; the interior one like hard thin parchment, these open from the base, warp, and soon drop off, leaving the red seed attached to the clavate receptacle or axis. Seeds two in each cell, attached to the clavate axis, a full half of each on the side where two meet is filled with a soft yellow pulp when recent, which on drying disappears, and leaves a vacuum, coloured by the two exterior integuments almost exactly as in Bradleia Sinica, (Gart. Sem. ii. 127. t. 109.) which I might have supposed this to be, had I not now before me König's very excellent description and figure of that species in the first volume of his Annals of Rolany, p. 356 pt. 7. f. 4. Integuments three; the exterior one red, polished and glossy; the second one like parchment; and the interior one thin and brown. Perisperm soft completely covering the embryo. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons obliquely ovate, cordate, thin. Radicle superior, with its apex at the umbilious.

3. B. impuber. R.

Arboreous. Leaves sub-sessile, oblong, entire, smooth. Flowers axillary, pedicelled. Style

none. Stigma perforated with a many-ribbed ray. Capsule turbinate.

A native of the Moluccus, agreeing well with the description of the Aggneja impuber in the Mantissa, except that the peduncles and the little roundish bractes round their insertions are smooth.

4. B. pubero. R.

All the tender parts more or less downy. Leaves short-petioled, oblong, entire, umbellets solitary, sessile above the axills. Germ round, and crowned with a large, roundish, six-lobed stigma. Capsule depressed, both sides umbilicate, six-celled.

Agyneja pubera. Linn. Mant. 296. Willd, iv. 569.

A native of the Moluccas. The male and female flowers are mixed in the same umbellets and supported on pedicells twice or thrice their length.

5. B. hirsuta. R.

Shrubby, all the tender parts very hairy. Leaves obliquely cordate-oblong, obtuse. Peduncle axillary, short, many flowered. Capsule six-seeded.

A native of Prince of Wales' Island.

6. B. uitida, R.

Sub-arboreous. Leaves sessile, ovate-oblong, acute, shining, smooth. Umbellets above the axills. Capsules globular, five-celled. Teiling. Yeati-pulla.

A small tree or large shrub, a native of the moist vallies amongst the Circar mountains,

It flowers during the cold season.

Trunk erect with a large shady head. Bark scabrons, dark coloured, astringent. Branches sub-evect. Branchlets bifarious, smooth. Leaves short-petioled, bifarious, ovate, oblong, acute, entire, smooth, of a shining deep green; from four to eight inches long. Stipules small, acute. Umbellets very short-peduncled, far above the axills, bearing many male and female flowers mixed, but always a very large proportion of female ones. MALE PLOWERS pedicelled. Calux; leaflets six, three of them standing within the other three, and alternate with them. Corol none. Anthers linear, from five to six pair, affixed to the middle of the short, gibbons, five or six toothed column. Female Flowers more numerous, pedicelled. Calyx as in the male. Style none, or most short; apex perforated, with the margins of the perforation from five to six-eleft. Capsules sub-globular, small, apex a little compressed, from five to six-celled, from ten to twelve-striated, and from ten to twelve-valved. Seeds two in each cell.

7. B. Sinieg. Willd, iv. 591.

Shrubby, erect, tender parts hairy. Leaves bifarious, oblong, acute, entire, hairy underneath. Flowers axillary, fascicled. Style rather long; stigma trifid with the lobes bidentate.

Arbuscula Sinica, &c. Pluk. Alma. p. 35. pl. 7. t. 368. f. 1.

Found by Mr. Roxbourgh, in the forests of Pulo Pinang under the shade of large trees: in flower and with ripe seed in July.

8. B. pinnata. Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves scattered, pinnate; leaflets alternate, numerous, oblong. Capsule from eight to twelve-celled; cells one-seeded.

Reared in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, from seed sent from Pulo Pinang by Mr. C. Smith. In twelve years it has grown to be a tree of considerable magnitude, and is in blossom most part of the year.

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Trunk straight. Bark smooth, ash-coloured. Branches numerous in every direction, forming a large, dense, roundish head; height of the tree forty feet. Leaves scattered round the ends of the branches, pinnate, lengthening, as in many of the Phyllanthi, to two or more feet. Leaflets very numerous, alternate, petiolate, obliquely oblong, entire, somewhat villous underneath; from one to two inches long, and less than one broad. Petioles and petiolets round and downy. Stipules of the leaflets small, cordate, pointed. Flowers axillary, drooping, generally several male and one female together, the former small and yellow, upon longer slender peduncles, the latter short-pedicelled. Male calyx six-leaved. Nectary none. Filaments single, swelled above the middle, to which part five anthers are fixed by their backs. Female calyx nearly as in the male. Nectary none. Germ villous, ovate. Style scarcely any. Stigma large, with the margin from eight to twelve-cleft. Pericarp fleshy, of the size of a cherry, dividing spontaneously into as many parts as there were segments in the stigma. Seeds generally one to each division of the pericarp.

It has the habit of a Phyllanthus, but the natural character is that of Bradleia.

MONOECIA SYNGENESIA.

TRICHOSANTHES. Schreb. gen. N. 1476.

Male calyx five-toothed. Corol five-parted, fringed. Filaments three. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Style three-cleft. Pepo oblong.

T. anguina. Willd. iv. 598.

Annual, scandent. Leaves more or less five-lobed. Male flowers racemed; female solitary. Pomes spindle-shaped.

Beng. Chichinga.

Anguina Sinensis. Mil. t. 32. is but a very bad representation of our Indian plant.

Much cultivated in the warmer parts of Asia, for its fruit, which is universally eaten by the natives in their stews and curries. I have never met with the plant in its wild state. A variety was raised from seed sent from Nepal by Dr. Buchanan, the leaves of which are more deeply divided, and the fruit longer than those of the southern parts of India, but in other respects they are the same.

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2. T. dioeca. R.

Dioecous, herbaceous. Pomes oblong, smooth. Seeds globular. Leaves cordate, dentate, scabrous; both male and female flowers solitary.

Sans. Putulika. Beng. Putal. Hind. Pulwul.

This is by far the most useful species of *Trichosanthes* I am yet acquainted with. It is much cultivated by the natives about Calcutta, during the rains. It is unknown on the coast of Coromandel.

Root perennial. Stems creeping and running to a great extent, five-sided, scabrous. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, dentate, scabrous, when young soft. Petioles woolly, variously bent, channelled. Tendrils simple, or two-cleft. Male flowers on a separate plant, axillary, solitary, on pretty long peduncles. Tube of the corol very long, trumpet-like; stamens three, distinct. Female flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled. Corol large, with the fringe ample. Pomes oblong, both ends obtuse, when ripe smooth, and of a deep orange colour, about four inches long, and the same in circumference. Seeds globular, with a somewhat callous border. The unripe fruit and tender tops are much eaten both by Europeans and natives in their curries, and are reckoned exceedingly wholesome.

3. T. cucumerina. Willd. iv. 600.

Pomes ovate, acute. Leaves broad-cordate, from three to five-lobed, margins toothletted. Male flowers racemed; female ones solitary.

Pada valam. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 15.

Teling. Adavee-putla.

A pretty extensive, climbing annual, a native of hedges, &c. where it has shelter. It

flowers during the cold season.

Stem five-sided, slightly downy. Tendril three-cleft. Leaves broad-cordate, angular and sometimes lobed, toothed, downy, very various in size. Male flowers racemed, small, white, beautifully fringed. Racemes axillary, erect, longer than the leaves, many-flowered. Female flowers axillary, solitary, short-peduncled like the male ones. Fruit oval, or oblong, pointed, cells imperfect, from one to four inches long, and from an inch to an inch and a half in diameter, till ripe striated with white and green, when ripe red. Seeds involved in a red pulp, lobate.

The unripe fruit is eaten in stews, by the natives, it is exceedingly bitter, for which it is

reckoned the more wholesome, and is said to be anthelmintic.

4. T. lobata. Roxb.

Pomes linear oblong, smooth. Leaves downy, from five to seven-lobed; lobes scollop-toothed. Male flowers racemed. Female solitary.

Beng. Bun-chichinga.

This plant grows in hedges, and among bushes. It flowers during the wet season.

Stems five-sided, somewhat hairy, running to a great extent. Leaves petioled, from five to seven-lobed; lobes obovate, scollop-toothed, of a soft downy texture; from six to seven

inches each way. Teadrils three-forked. Female flowers racemed, white. The female ones solitary, and white also. Pomes linear oblong, smooth, ornamented lengthways except near the Ed. base, with ten white streaks. Seeds each surrounded with its own proper gelatinous, bright red nidus.

This is never eaten, although it appears to be a useful species.

5. T. cordata, R.

Root perennial, tuberous. Pomes globose, smooth, of the size of an orange. Leaves cordate, and cordate-lobate. Male flowers racemed; the female ones solitary.

Boomee-Koomsen of the Hindoos near the mouth of the river Megna, where the plant grows wild, and its root is used by the natives, as a substitute for Colomba root. It has by

mistake I presume, been sent to London as the real Colomba of Mozambique.

Road tuberous, perennial, growing to the size of a man's head. Stems herbaceous, climbing to the length of some fathoms, five-sided, villous, or even somewhat scabrous when old.

Tendrils opposite, three-cleft. Leaces alternate, petioled, cordate and cordate-lobate, finely dentate, villous on both sides, about six inches each way. Petioles channelled, a little hairy, scarcely half the length of the leaves. Male raceme axillary, solitary, as long as the leaves. Bractes alternate, sessile, cuneate, oblong, acute, serrulate, one-flowered. Flowers large, white, the fringe of the segments coarser than in the other species known to me. Female Flowers axillary, solitary, short-pedunded. *Pome* spherical, of the size of an orange, and of nearly the same colour, only ressler, and as in T. palmata, which it is much like, the cells and partitions are very obscure. Seeds numerous, immersed in soft, gelatinous, green pulp.

6. T. palmata. Roxb.

Perennial. Fruit globular, smooth. Leaves palmate; lobes acute, sub-lanceolate. Male flowers racemed; female ones solitary.

Beng. Mukhal.

Teling. Kaki-danda.

A large, climbing perennial; a native of forests, where it runs over the highest trees. It

flowers during the hot and rainy seasons.

Stem augular, covered with gray, scabrous, somewhat corky bark, the young green parts smooth. Tendrils three-cleft. Leaves scattered, petioled, generally palmate, though sometimes only from three to five-lobed; divisions acute, slightly servate, from three to fivenerved, smooth, having frequently several round, glandulous, hollow spots on the under side. Petioles channelled. Stipules single, small, axillary. MALE FLOWERS racemed, large, white, most beautifully fringed with long, white, ramous filaments. Racemes axillary, longer than the leaves. Bractes solitary, one-flowered, oval, fringed, covered on the outside with dark green glandulous spots. Calga bracte-like. Female Flowers generally axillary, peduncled, though sometimes racemed also. Fruit globular, smooth, of the size of a small orange, when ripe of a bright deep red, replete with a dirty looking, dark greenish, soft pulp, in which the seeds nestle.

The fruit is reckoned poisonous, and I am told it is mixed with rice and employed to

destroy crows.
7. T. heteroclita. R.

Perennial, scandent. Leaves from three to five-lobed; male flowers racemed; female ones solitary, or racemed. Pepo sub-globular, containing as many as six large, two-lobed, nuciform seeds.

Gooler of the natives of the Silhet district.

A native of the eastern parts of Bengal. From Silhet Mr. Robert Keith Dick, the Judge of that district, sent plants to the Botanic garden in 1805, where they blossom during the greater part of the year, and the seed ripens in October. Now, 1811, the original plants sent by Mr. Dick are of many fathous extent, running to the top of high trees, yet continuing to increase rapidly, and do not by any means appear to have attained their full size.

Roof ramous, as in most other plants. Stems one or several from the same root, perennial, climbing to a great extent, up and over large trees. Bark of the old ligneous parts olive-coloured, and somewhat cracked; that of the young shoots smooth, and a little furrowed. Leaves alternate, petioled, from three to five-lobed, from three to five-nerved, smooth on both sides, having the lobes entire, oblong, or triangularly ovate, acuminate, from six to twelve inches each way. Petioles shorter than the leaves, nearly round, reddish, and smooth. Stipules solitary, sub-axillary, thick, short, conical, coloured. MALE FLOWERS, Racemes axillary, solitary, about the length of the leaves, smooth, of a deep brown, bearing several alternate, sub-sessile, very large flowers near the apex. Bractes solitary, oblong, acute, thick, and firm. Calgy one-leaved, funnel-shaped clothed on the outside with much ferruginous, mealy pubescence; mouth five-toothed, with one, two, or three smooth, elevated, chesnut coloured, small glands on the outside of each tooth. Corol five-parted, inserted on the mouth of the calyx; segments sub-obcordate, retuse, with an acute point in the centre, having half of the outside, which was exposed to the weather before expansion, coloured brown, the rest pale yellowish white; the exterior margins wonderfully perforated and fringed with most beautiful, very long, spiral, pendulous, villous, yellow threads. Filaments three, from the mouth of the tube of the calyx under the corol, clavate. Anthers united, forming a broad inverted cone; variously grooved with the polliniferous, worm-like cells. Pistillum not any appearance of this organ. Female Flowers sometimes on a distinct plant. Peduncles axillary, cylindric, dark brown, rather more than one inch long, one-flowered. Sometimes, though rarely, they are also on a raceme, which is very short compared with that of the male flowers. Calgar and corol as in the male. Stamina none. Germ inferior, broad-cordate, deep brown, studded with

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elevated, paler coloured specks, one-celled, containing six pairs of ovula attached to the base of the three receptacles, and separated by much spongy, juicy pulp. Style the length of the tube of the calyx and adhering to it, except at the base and apex. Stigma large, three-lobed; lobes emarginate. Berry oblately spheroidal, somewhat villous, apex somewhat pointed, of the size of a shaddock, being about five or six inches in diameter, when dry, brittle, onecelled. Seeds six, when all come to maturity, which is common, sub-reniform, unequally twolobed; the fertile lobe about three inches long, by nearly two broad, and about one in thickness, convex or circular on the exterior edge, straight on the inner one, with the apex rounded, and the base less so; the abortive lobe is much smaller, but of the same form. Integuments three, the exterior one a perfect, very hard, ligneous, porous, villous nut; in its base III. 707

is a slit, or opening through which the base of the next integument passes; the middle one thick and spongy particularly before perfect maturity, in that state it may be taken for a perisperm; the exterior one membranaceous, and slightly reticulate. Perisperm no other than the middle gray spongy envelope of the seed. Embryo erect. Cotyledous conform to the cell of the exterior integument, thick, firm, white. Plumula of two unequal lobate lobes. Radicle conic; inferior.

MOMORDICA. Schreb. gen. N. 1477.

Male calyx five-toothed. Corol five-parted, or five-petalled. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Style trifid. Pepo fleshy, bursting when ripe with or without elastic force. Seeds enveloped in a soft aril.

M. Charantia, Willd. iv. 602.

Leaves palmate, having nerves. Peduncles solitary, with a round, reniform bracte at or below the middle. Fruit lengthened, tubercled, tapering at both ends. Seeds with a thick notched margin.

Pandi-pavel. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 9. Amara-indica. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 151.

Beng. Korilla. Teling. Korella.

Cultivated in all the warmer parts of Asia for the fruit, which the natives eat, while unripe, in their carries. The fruits are bitter and reckoned wholesome.

2. M. muricata, Willd. iv. 602.

Leaves palmate. Peduncles solitary, with a reniform bracte near the base. Fruit gibbous, muricated, with tubercles between, tapering at both ends. Seed with a thick notched margin.

Pavel. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 10.

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Beng. Oochya, or Oochi.

Hind. Bura-korilla.

Cultivated by the natives of India, even more extensively than Charastia. The fruit, though much smaller, being more esteemed. It is found in abundance in every market.

3, M. monadelpha, Roxb.

Dioecous, Leaves angle-cordate, smooth. Corols campanulate. Filaments single. Fruit smooth.

Bryonia foliis cordatis. Flor. Zeyl. N. 356.
B. foliis sub-rotundis. Burm. Zeyl. i. 19. f. 1, 2.
Vitis alva indica. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 166. f. 1.

Sungs. Vimba. Beng. Tela-koocha.

Bryonia grandis, Willd. iv. 617.

Teling. Kaydonda.

A native of every hedge in the country, and seems to thrive equally well in every soil.

It is always dioecous.

Root ramous, not tuberous. Stems climbing, running over trees, and bushes, five-sided, perennial, scabrons. Tendrils lateral, simple. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, five-angled, with a few minute teeth round the margin, smooth, having one, two, or three hollow glands, under the base, from two to three inches each way. Petioles round, smooth, about half an inch long. Peduncles, in both the male and female plants, axillary, single, undivided, oneflowered. Flowers large, white, downy on the inside. Male calyx, and corol as in the genus. Filament single, columnar, short. Anthers creeping up and down, sometimes three of the convolutions are elevated considerably above the rest. Female flowers on a separate plant. Culyx and corol as in the male. Stamens, there are only the rudiments of three filaments. Style single, short. Stigma three-cleft; segments double. Berry smooth, two inches long, and one in diameter, before ripe marked with ten streaks of white; when ripe red, three-celled, bursting irregularly. Seeds numerous as in Cucumis.

The ripe fruit is eaten raw by the natives, and while green in their curries. Crows and

other birds are fond of them.

4. M. dioeca. Willd. iv. 605. Dipecous, root perennial, tuberous. Leaves from three to five-lobed, scabrous. Petioles without glands. Male and female flowers solitary, the former cowl-bracted. Fruit ovate, muricate, bursting. Seeds a few.

Bem paval. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 18.

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Pooagakara is the Telinga name of the male plants, and Agakara of the female.

They are natives of thickets, and banks of rivers, where there are bushes for them to

run on. Flowering time the wet and cold seasons.

Root tuberous, large, perennial, with somewhat of an astringent taste. Stems annual, five-sided, slender, smooth, about as thick as a log line, running to the extent of one or two fathoms. Tendrils simple. Leaves scattered, petioled, from three to five-lobed, irregularly toothed; above a little scabrous, below pretty smooth. Male flowers on a different plant, axillary, solitary, large, yellow, long-pedancled. Pedancles with a large, gibbous, striated, blown up spathe-like bracte at the apex, which encloses the bottom of the flowers Corol, petals lanceolate. Female flowers axillary, solitary, peduncled, large, of a pale yellow. Peduncles about as long as the petals, near the base there is a small sheathing bracte. Fruit about the size and shape of a partridge's egg, murexed. Seeds many, oval, gray; each surrounded with a large, pulpy, crimson aril.

The natives eat the tender, green fruit in their curries; also the tuberous roots of the female plant; they are larger than those of the male, generally weighing from two to three

pounds.

5. M. mixta. Roxb.

Dioecous, root tuberous, perennial. Leaves sub-palmate, smooth; petioles with glands. Male and female flowers solitary and corol-bracted, with glands on the lower margins of the bractes. Fruit oval, sharply murexed.

Sans. Kurkuta, Hind. Kakrool. Beng. Gol-kakra.

Muricia Cochin Chinensis. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 733.

This plant is a native of thickets about Calcutta. Flowering time the wet season. Like

M. dioeca it has male flowers on one plant, and female ones on another.

Root tuberous, perennial. Stems annual, climbing, somewhat five-sided, smooth. Tendrils simple. Leaves petioled, from three to five-lobed, or palmate, sometimes servate, smooth on both sides, from four to six inches each way, with the lobes oblong. Petioles channelled, with an uncertain number of umbilicate, green glands scattered over them. MALE FLOWERS axillary, solitary, on long peduncles, or racemed, large, of a dirty whitish cream colour. FEMALE FLOWERS axillary, solitary. Bracles solitary, large, two-lobed, cowled, embracing the calyx as in Momordica diocca. Lobes striated, a little scabrous, having lower margins fringed with many green glands. Male calyx of a dark blackish purple, striated, and scabrous. Corol fivepetalled, campanulate, with the side downy, and the bottom marked with three-coloured spots. Filaments and authors marked with the same dark purple colour, which prevails on the calyx. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Pistillum as in the genus.

6. M. umbellata. Roxb.

Dioecous, root perennial. Leaves from cordate-sagittate to three or five-lobed, bristletoothed; male flowers sub-umbelled; the female ones solitary. Fruit oblong, many-seeded; seeds round.

Beng. Kooduri.

Hind. Amoot-mool or Turuli.

Bryonia umbellata. Willd. iv. 618.

Teling. Teed danda.

This plant is a native of hedges and forests. Flowering time the wet season.

Root perennial, consisting of many pendulous tubers. Stems climbing to a great extent, five-sided, smooth. Tendrils simple. Leaves petioled, halberted, angle-cordate or three-lobed; lateral lobes often two-parted, all minutely bristle-toothed, pretty smooth, from three to four inches each way. Stipules solitary, clubbed, MALE FLOWERS umbelled, always on a distinct plant. Umbels axillary, simple, shorter than the leaves; pedicels bracted above the middle. Corol gibbons, smooth, five-toothed. Receptacle as in Cucamis. FRMALE FLOWERS axillary, single, peduncled. Corol as in the male. Fruit oval, the size of a pigeon's egg, smooth, red. Seeds from sixteen to twenty, sub-globular.

The ripe and unripe fruit are eaten by the natives, as are also the roots when boiled.

7. M. tubiftora. Roxh.

Leaves roundish, angles obscure. Female flowers solitary; the male ones solitary, longer peduncled or racemed, with gashed bractes. Tube of the male corol long and gibbous. Fruit oblong, with ten hairy ribs,

A native of the forests about Dacca. From thence the late Colonel Peter Murray sent the seeds to the Botanic garden, where the plants blossom during the rains, and ripen their seed in two, or three months afterwards.

Root perennial. Stems creeping to an extent of many feet, slender, five-sided, somewhat rough with short hair. Leaves roundish, three or five-lobed, or angular, margins acutely toothletted, scabrous with harsh hairs on both sides. Flowers axillary, very large, pure white. The male ones solitary, and on a long peduncle while the plants are young, but when advanced, on long peduneled, axillary spikes with large, gashed, one-flowered bractes. The female ones solitary, short-peduneled, smaller. Corol that of the male with a long gibbous tube, that of the female shorter, and sub-cylindric. Border of five, large, spreading, obovate divisions. Stamens within the tube. Style the length of the tube. Stigma three-cleft. Fruit one-celled, oblong, ten-ribbed, rough with short stiff hairs, particularly the ribs, about two inches long, by three quarters of an inch in diameter, when ripe, orange coloured, bursting slowly, exposing the smooth thick margined seeds disposed in three rows and enveloped in a soft dark

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Male calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Filaments generally three. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Pepo inferior, becoming dry and inwardly fibrous, opening by the falling or decay of a lid at the apex.

I. pentandra, Roxb.

Leaves angular lobate, or palmate. Stamens five. Fruit linear, marked with tenstraight lines like ridges. Seed with elevated dots and sharp waved margins.

Petola. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 147. Momordica Luffa, Willd. iv. 603. Cattu picinna. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 8.

Beng. Doondool.

Purula Kindi and Tita purula, a wild variety.

Teling. Nuni-beerd.

I have only found this plant in its cultivated state. It is considerably larger than acutan-

gula in all its parts, and is cultivated at the same season.

Teadrils from four to six-cleft. Leaves alternate, petioled, the lower ones five-angled with the angles acute, the superior ones palmate; segments conic, lanced, very acute; all slightly servate, pretty smooth, from six to twelve inches each way. Petioles striated, a little chan-713 nelled. Stipules solitary, axillary, cordate, glandular as in L. acutangula. Male Flowers racemed, as in L. acutangula, but in this species the lowermost flower of the raceme is often female. Bractos as in L. acutangula. Filaments tive, distinct. Anthers sub-equal, contorted, worm-like. Female Plowers solitary, peduncled, axillary or the lowermost on the raceme. Calyx five-leaved, glandular. Nectory five-lobed, glands with woolly insertions. Stigma four-lobed. Fruit linear, smooth, striated, with ten deeper coloured streaks, but no elevations, from one to three feet long, and about three inches in diameter; internal structure as in the former. Seeds gray, with elevated dots; margin sharp,

The unripe fruit is eaten by the natives in their curries, like that of the former species, but is not so much esteemed. The seeds are generally sown by the root of a tree, on the huts of the natives, over which the plants run.

 L. acutangula, Roxb.
 Stems slender and smooth. Leares five angled, dentate, pretty smooth. Fruit short, clubbed, with ten sharp ridges. Seeds pitted.

Cuenmis acutangulus, Willd, iv. 612.

Picinna, Rheed, Mal. viii, t. 7. Hind, Turai, Beng, Jhinga,

Luffa foetida. Willd. viii. 380.

Ghorla-beera, or beerkay of the Telingas, for it is known equally well by either name in that country. It is very generally cultivated by the natives during the wet and cold seasons. I have never found it wild.

Stems several, slender, running to a great extent but with fewer branches than any other species that I know, pretty smooth, five-sided. Tendrils three-cleft. Leaves as in Cucumis sations, but less rough. Stipules axillary, solitary, cordate, with glandular marks on one side. Male plowers pretty large, yellow, on long, erect, axillary racemes, the pedicels have a glandular bracte near the base, and are articulated a little above it. Female PLOWERS rather larger, axillary, solitary, peduncled. Fruit clavate, obtuse, pretty smooth, ten-angled; angles sharp but smooth, about a foot long, and from two to three inches in diameter; when ripe dry and replete with dry fibres. Seeds black, irregularly pitted.

The half grown fruit is one of the best native vegetables we have in India; the natives use it much in their curries; when peeled, for the skin is hard, boiled, and dressed with butter, pepper, and salt, they are little inferior to green pease.

Note. There is the rudiment of a lid at the apex of the fruit of the species, but it

never separates spontaneously; this circumstance is to be attended to, to distinguish it from Cucumis operculatus.

3. L. clavata, R.

Leaves superficially from five to seven-angled, the posterior lobes rounded, margins minutely-deutate. Male flowers on long peduncled racemes; the female ones solitary; fruit clavate, very long and slender.

A native of the interior parts of Hindoosthan. The seeds were sent by Colonel Alexander Kyd at Allahabad to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the plants blossom

and produce fruit during the cold season.

Stem scandent, several fathoms long, five-sided, smooth. Leaves slightly from five to seven-lobed; posterior lobes rounded, the rest more acute, margin slightly dentate, pretty smooth on both sides, about six inches each way, when full grown. Flowers very long, of a deep yellow. The male ones on axillary, long-peduncled racemes. The female ones axillary, solitary, supported on peduncles about the length of the germ. Bractes of the male flowers solitary, one-flowered, oval, small, fleshy, glandular, inserted on the pedicel. Fruit pendulous, of a long, slender, clavate shape, three-celled, when ripe dry, and the partitions composed of dry fibres. Seeds numerous, thin, sharp-edged, lodged in the thickened part of the fruit near the apex. The young unripe fruit is eaten by the natives in their curries, and other stews.

4. L. amara. R.

Stems slender. Leaves slightly from five to seven-lobed. Male flowers racemed; the fe-male ones solitary. Fruit oblong, with ten sharp ridges.

Beng. Kerula. Teling. Sheti beera.

This species grows wild in hedges and dry uncultivated places. It flowers during the lat ter part of the rains and the cold season.

It is Cucamis indicas striatus opercula donata, of Plukenet, t. 172. f. 1. which is a very

good figure of it.

Stems, leaves, inflorescence, and flowers as in Luffa acutangula. Fruit oblong, three or four inches long, and one in diameter, tapering equally towards each end, ten-angled, as in L. acutangula, when ripe, dry, of a gray colour, and replete with the same dry fibres; the lid or atopple which till then shuts up the apex drops off and the seeds fall-out. Seeds of a blackish gray colour, marked with elevated minute black dots.

Every part of this plant is remarkably bitter, the fruit is violently cathartic and emetic. The juice of the roasted young fruit is applied to the temples by the natives to cure headach. The ripe seeds either in infusion or substance are used by them to vomit and to purge.

5. L. racemora. R.

Annual. Leares round cordate, five-sided. Racemes axillary, minute, ineffective, male flowers below, and many fertile hermaphrodite ones over the rest. Fruit short, cylindric, obtuse, smooth, and marked with five flat longitudinal ribs.

Cultivated in the interior parts of Bengal, for its esculent fruit, which like those of pen-

tandra, aculangula and clarata, are caten in their immature state.

6. L. graveoless, Roxb.

Leaves reniform, and scollop-toothed. Fruit oblong, beset with soft innocent prickles

while short papilie, and short hairs closely clothe the interstices

A native of the Rajmahl hills, from thence the seeds were brought to the Botanic garden, where the plants blossom during the rainy season, and the seed ripens about three months afterwards.

Stems running, as in the common cucumber, and nearly as long as they, more slender, and somewhat villous. Tendrils from three to four-cleft. Leaves reniform, somewhat lobed, and always scollop-toothed, surface armed with a few minute deuticuli. Flowers axillary, male and female mixed, and blossoming in succession, though it rarely happens that more than one of the female flowers are productive. The male blossoms are larger and sub-sessile, the female short-pedancled, with one or two glandular, sub-rotund bractes on each. Fruit oblong, about the size of a man's thumb, armed with numerous, conical, soft, innocent points, and between them covered with short hairs and little papille; when ripe dark, of a brownish black, containing many black, oval, compressed seeds, mixed with dry white fibres, as in L. acutangula, &c

The whole plant has a most disagreeable, beavy smell.

7. L. echinata. Roxb.

Dioccous, scandent. Leaves about five-lobed, scollop-toothed. Male flowers racemed. Female ones solitary. Fruit oval, echinate, with straight, long bristles.

A native of the coast of Coromandel. It flowers about the close of the rains. The seed ri-

pens during the cold season.

Stems herbaceous, scandent, five-sided, most slightly hairy, one or two fathoms long. Tendrils two-cleft. Lesses generally five-lobed, somewhat hairy, particularly the nerves, and voins on the under side; margins scollop-toothed. Petioles as long as the leaves, ribbed. Stipules axillary, solitary, oblong, glandular. Male. Racenes axillary, solitary, longer than the leaves, bearing many small, white flowers, on long pedicels. Petals obovate. Filaments three, two with twin anthers. FRMALE. Pedaneles axillary, solitary, shorter than the petiole, one flowered. Petals as in the male. Style three-cleft; divisions two parted. Fruit oval, of the size of a nutmer, armed with numerous, long, rather soft, diverging bristles, obscurely divided into three cells, by numerous dry fibres; opening at top with a stopple. Seeds several, ovate, compressed, scabrous, black.

8. L. Bindaal, R.

Dioccous, scandent. Leaves five-angled, dentate. Male flowers racemed; the female solitary; frait round, echinate, with long, firm, straight, ciliate bristles.

Found by Captain Hardwicke in Hindoosthan.

9. L. tuberosa, R.

Root tuberous and perennial. Leaves from five to seven-lobed, dentate. Male flowers on very short racemes; the female ones solitary, long-peduncled. Fruit oblong, with eight sharp

This is a rare species; it grows in hedges, and amongst bushes on the banks of water courses

Root perennial, tuberous, turnip-shaped, with small warts over it, and here and there fibrous roots from these warts. Stems slender, five-sided, climbing, smooth. Teadrils simple. Leaves cordate, from five to seven-angled, toothed or servate, smooth, about two inches each way. MALE FLOWERS a few on short, axillary ruceures, white. Filaments two, one bearing three authors, and the other two. FEMALE FLOWERS axillary, solitary, long-peduncled, white. Fruit in form exactly like that of L. amara, but without the stopple, and with only eight

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Page angles, about an inch and a half long, and half an inch in diameter; internal structure as in the last described three species.

CUCURBITA. Schreb. gen. N. 1478.

Male calyx five-toothed. Corol five-cleft. Filaments three. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Seeds with a tumid margin.

C. lagenaria, Willd. iv. 606.

Leaves somewhat angular, tomentose, bi-glandular at the base underneath. Fruit with a woody cortex.

Bela-schera. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 1.

Cucurbita Lagenavia. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 144. bad.

Beng. Kudoo, Laoo.

Sans. Ulava.

A wild bitter variety is called Tita Laoo, by the Bengalees and Hindoos; and Kutoo toombee in Sanscrit.

The shape of the fruit varies much, from that of a flask to round, and cylindric.

2. C. Pepo, Willd, iv. 609.

Leaves angular, toothed, very downy. Fruit sub-cylindric, both ends obtuse, surface very even.

Cumbulam. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 3.

Sans. Kurkaroo.

Beng. Koomra.

Teling. Boorda-goomoodoo.

This plant I have only found in a cultivated state.

Root annual. Stem and branches numerous, &c. as in C. Melo-pepo but exceedingly hairy. Tendrils lateral, generally three-cleft. The first or lower leaves angular, the exterior III. from five to nine-angled, all toothed, remarkably soft and downy, from four to six inches long, and about the same breadth. Petioles round, tapering, hairy. Scipules axillary, solitary. 719 Male Flowers axillary, solitary, peduncled, yellow, pretty large. Calyx, its segments obtusely pinnatifid. Female Flowers like the male, axillary, solitary, peduncled. Calyx as in the male. Fruit sub-cylindric, without the least elevation or depression of its surface, remarkably obtuse at both ends, when young exceedingly hairy, by the time it is ripe the hair is gone, and it is then of a whitish bloom colour, about twelve or eighteen inches long, and from eight to ten in diameter. Seeds white, with tumid margins, somewhat two pointed.

The young unripe pomes are universally eaten by the natives in their stews, and curries.

3. C. melopepo. Willd. iv. 610.

Leaves angular-lobed, dentate, hairy; divisions of the calyx petioled. Fruit roundish, smooth, torulose.

Schakeri-schora, Rheed, Mal, viii, t. 2. Suphura-koomra of the Bengalees.

Cultivated like the former two all over India.

4. C. Citrullus.

Leaves many-parted.

Anguria Indica. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 146.

Hind. Turbooz or Turmooi.

Extensively cultivated in all the southern parts of Asia, and its islands.

CUCUMIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1479.

Male calyx five-toothed; corol five-parted. Filaments three. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Seeds sharp.

1. C. Colocynthis. Willd. iv. 61. Leaves many-cleft. Fruit globular, smooth.

Pers. Chebooz or Khirboo-lekh.

Teling. Sheti-putsa. Beng. Makhal. III. 720

Common on the sandy lands of Coromandel.

2. C. Melo. Willd. iv. 613.

Angles of the leaves rounded. Fruit roundish, torulose, smooth.

Hind. Pers. and Beng. Khurbooj. Found in a cultivated state only.

3. C. sativus. Willd. iv. 615.

Leaves straight between the angles. Fruit linear-oblong, scabrous.

Mullen belleri. Rheed. Mal. viii. t. 6.

Hind. Keera.

Beng, Susa.

Pers. Khyar.

This and some of its varieties are found cultivated in most parts of Asia.

4. C. momordica. R.

Leaves round-cordate, sometimes five-angled, scollop-toothed; male flowers fascicled; the female solitary. Fruit smooth, cylindric, from four to eight pounds weight, bursting spontaneously.

Beng. and Hind. Foont or Tooti.

Teling. Pedda dosray.

This species I have only found in a cultivated state. In the Tanjore country, and the southern parts of the Carnatic, it is chiefly cultivated during the cold season. The plant is in all respects like that of the common cacumber, except that it is less scabrous, and larger.

MALE FLOWERS axillary, peduncled, crowded. FEMALE FLOWERS solitary, peduncled.

Frait very smooth, oblong, generally tapering a little towards the ends with elevation or depression; from twelve to twenty-four inches long, and from three to six in diameter, when ripe bursting slowly into various portions. Seeds as in C. salieus.

The fruit is much eaten both by natives and Europeans; when young they are a good substitute for the common cucumber, and when ripe (after bursting spontaneously,) with the addition of a little sugar they are little inferior to the melon, and reckoned very wholesome.

5. C. utilissimus. Roxb.

Leaves five-lobed; lobes rounded, and toothletted. Flowers axillary; the male flowers crowded; the female solitary. Fruit short-oval, smooth, variegated, of the size of a small melon.

Teling. Dosray. Beng. Kakri.

An annual, a native of the higher cultivated lands, but generally found in a cultivated

state; the cold season is the most favourable.

Stems exactly as in C. satirus, but not quite so extensive. Tendrils simple. Leaves broadcordate, generally more or less five-lobed; lobes rounded, toothletted; above pretty smooth, below scabrous, the largest generally about six inches each way. Floral leaves of the female flowers sessile, and very small. MALE FLOWERS axillary, peduncled, crowded, but opening in succession. FRMALE FLOWERS axillary, peduncied, solitary, both sorts yellow, about an inch or an inch and a half in diameter. Fruit fleshy, generally a very perfect oval; when young downy and clouded with lighter and darker green; when ripe perfectly smooth, variegated with deeper and lighter yellow; from four to six inches long, and from three to four in diameter.

This appears to me to be by far the most useful species of Cucumis that I know; when little more than one half grown, they are oblong, and a little downy, in this state they are pickled; when ripe they are about as large as an ostrich's egg, smooth and yellow; when cut they have much the flavor of the melon and will keep good for several months, if carefully gathered without being bruised and hung up; they are also in this stage eaten raw and much used in curries, by the natives.

The seeds like those of the other Cucurbitaceous fruits contain much farinaceous matter blended with a large portion of mild oil; the natives dry and grind them into a meal, which they employ, as an article of diet; they also express a mild oil from them, which they use in food and to burn in their lamps. Experience as well as analogy prove these seeds to be highly nourishing and well deserving of a more extensive culture than is bestowed on them at present.

The powder of the toasted seeds mixed with sugar is said to be a powerful diuretic, and

serviceable in promoting the passage of sand or gravel.

As far as my observation and information goes, this agriculture is chiefly confined to the Guntoor Circar, where these seeds form a considerable branch of commerce; they are mixed with those of Holeus Sorgum or some other of the large culmiferous tribe and sown together; these plants run on the surface of the earth, and help to shade them from the sun, so that they mutually help each other.

The fruit I observed above keeps well for several months if carefully gathered and suspended. This circumstance will render them a very excellent article to carry to sea during

long voyages.
6. C. trigonis. R.

Leaves deeply five-lobed; lobes rounded, toothed. Fruit oval, obsoletely three-sided, tenstriated, smooth, of the size of a pullet's egg.

Teling. Pam-budinga.

The plant of this species resembles very much the last described one; it is never cultivated, is a native of the higher lands that have been lately cultivated; appears and flowers

during the wet and cold seasons.

Stems like those of the last described species. Tendrils also simple, the leaves are more deeply lobed and rather more scabrous. Flowers small, scarcely half an inch in diameter, yellow; situation as in the last mentioned species. The specific difference is in the fruit; this is also oval and smooth, but three-sided with the angles round and the surface streaked with ten light, and ten deep, well defined streaks of deeper and lighter yellow; before maturity these are of a deeper and lighter green colour. It is about the size of a pullet's egg. They are not eaten in these parts.

7. C. turbinatus. R. Leaves palmate, lobes sinuate and bristle-dentate. Fruit turbinate, absolutely threesided, the size of a pullet's egg.

Teling. Nalla budinga.

This species is a native of the same places as the last, but differs from it in the plant being small, having much larger flowers, and pyriform maculated fruit; they are also somewhat triangular, and about the same size, the leaves are also more deeply lobed and bristletoothed. The fruit of this sort is eaten by the natives.

8. C. madraspatanus. Willd. iv. 615.

Leaves sub-reniform, somewhat lobate-toothed. Pomes oval, downy.

Hind, Bun-gumuk. Teling. Kodee-budinga.

Till I saw Plukenet's figure of C. madraspatanus, I considered this to be the plant he meant, but now I hesitate not to say, that his is Bryonia scabrella; however I have continued Linneus's specific name, although at the same time, I am in doubt whether or not this is the plant he so named. It is much like the two last described species, grows in similar places, is about the same size, and in perfection at the same season, the leaves are more like those of the common cucumber, the fruit about the size of a partridge's egg, oval, downy, maculated, without any tending to be three-sided.

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Note. The form of the fruit must be attended to, to distinguish these three last described species.

The fruit of this sort is used in food by the natives and much esteemed, yet they never take the trouble to cultivate the plant.

9. C. integrifolia. Roxb.

Leaves sub-rotund, almost destitute of angles, very rugose, posterior lobes rounded, both male and female flowers solitary. Fruit globular, smooth.

A native of Bengal, blossoming and ripening its seeds during the rains.

Stems annual, creeping to a great extent, and exceedingly ramous, angular and hairy. Leaves sub-rotund, with scarcely any angles, or rather marginal inequalities deeply sinuated behind, with the lobes rounded, very rugose, scabrous above and hairy underneath, from three to six inches each way. Male flowers solitary, long-peduncled, large, pure white, pubescent. Female flowers also solitary, but shorter peduncled, pure white and pubescent. Fruit globular, of the size of a nutmey, smooth, when ripe of an orange colour.

BRYONIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1480.

Male calyx five-toothed. Corol five-parted. Filaments three. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Berry few or many-seeded.

1. B. scabrella, Willd. iv. 619.

Leaves five-angled, toothed, scabrous, the male flowers petioled, and the female ones sessile. Berries globular, many-seeded. Seeds smooth.

Hind. Agumuki.

Teling. Puten budinga.

Cucumis Madraspatensis fructo minimo. Pluck. 123. t. 70. f. 2.

A native of various parts of India, growing on rubbish, and in hedges. Flowering time

the wet and cold seasons, and the seed ripens during the latter.

Stem climbing, as thick as a pack-thread, five-grooved, five-angled, hispid. Tendrils simple. Leaves alternate, the lower ones and those of the larger ramifications have male, or no flowers in their axills, and are petioled; the superior ones are sessile, and have generally the female flowers, all cordate, angled, toothed, and scabrous; two inches long, and of the same breadth. Male flowers axillary, crowded, peduncled, small, yellow. Anthers three, one on each filament, oval. Female Plowers axillary, from two to four, sub-sessile. Berry globular, of the size of a large pea, smooth, striated. Seeds several.

2. B. tenella. Roxb.

Filiform, creeping. Leaves from three to five-angled, denticulate, slightly scabrous. Flowers axillary, two male, and one female. Berries oblong, smooth.

A native of China, in the Botanic garden it blossoms during the rains, and ripens its seed in the cool season.

Root fibrous, white, rather fleshy, and at least biennial. Stems and branches numerous, filiform, creeping, pretty smooth. Leaves petioled, from three to five-angled, denticulate, slightly scabrous, particularly underneath, about one inch long, and nearly as broad. Tendrils simple. Flowers axillary, two male, and one female together, each on its proper peduncle, small, pure white; the male rather large. Filaments three, from the bottom of the bell of the calyx or corol, each with a large fleshy lid, on each side of which is a single anther crested behind with a tuft of orange-coloured hairs. Germ oblong. Style filiform. Stigma large, three-lobed. Berries oblong, very smooth, when ripe white, of the size of a French bean, manyseeded.

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> 3. B. glabra. Roxb. Herbaceous. Stems round and smooth. Leaves from three to five-lobed; lobes scolloptoothed. Berries conical, smooth.

Compare with B. epigaea. Willd. iv. 619.

Teling. Naga-donda.

It grows in places similar to the former species, and flowers at the same seasons.

Stems annual, climbing, seldom as thick as a quill, round, smooth, jointed, often bending at the joints in a right angle. Tendrils simple. Leaves petioled, three-lobed; lateral lobes often two-parted, and the anterior, from one to three-parted, all are remotely and slightly toothed, somewhat fleshy and a very little scabrous; about two inches each way. Petioles round, smooth. MALE FLOWERS small, yellow, several collected on the apex of a round, smooth, common peduncle; each half its proper, short pedicel, and bracted at its insertion. FEMALE FLOW-ERS axillary, solitary, or accompanied with a male raceme, short-peduncied. Berry conical, smooth, red, many-seeded.

4. B. pilosa, Roxb.

Herbaccous, hairy. Leaves round cordate, toothed, downy. Male flowers on a short fili. Ed. form raceme. Berries beaked, hairy, from two to six-seeded.

Compared with B. rostrata, Willd. iv. 616.

Teling. Cucuma-dunda.

It grows with the former three species, and flowers at the same time.

Stems annual, climbing, five-sided, hairy. Tendrils simple. Leaves petioled, round, cordate, toothed, downy, from one to two inches each way. Male Flowers axillary, generally two on a long delicate peduncle. Female Flowers single, sessile in the same axill. Berry sub-conical, of the size of a cherry, red, striated lengthways, hairy. Seeds from two to six, black, with a membranaceous border.

Note. These three last described species are not employed for any use that I know of. That part of the Hindoo name of the second of them, Naga, would imply that it was employed as a remedy for the bite of the Cobra Capella; but I could not procure any good authority

for its being so.

5. B. Garcini. Willd. iv. 623.

Leaves deeply three or five-lobed, toothed, scabrous. Stipules and bractes ciliate. Berries inverse, reniform, two-seeded.

Sieyos Garcini. Linn. Mant. 297. Burm. Ind. i. t. 57. f. 3.

Teling. Gudee Muraloo.

This species delights in soil and situation similar to the last mentioned three.

Stems annual, climbing, slender, five-sided, somewhat scabrous. Tendrils simple. Leaves petioled, three-parted having the lateral lobes, from two to three-parted, all toothed, scabrous, a little hairy, two inches each way. Petioles scabrous, nearly as long as the leaves, and thicker than the ramifications from which they issue. Stipules axillary, solitary, kidney-formed, waved, fringed with long bristles. Racones axillary or terminal, ornamented with small leaves and bractes like those already described. Male flowers above the female ones. Borries small, inversely kidney-formed, smooth, red, two-seeded.

6. B. fliformis. Roxb.

Stems filiform, five-sided, tendrils simple. Leaves cordate, sagittate, dentate, slightly scabrons. Pedancles as large as the petioles. Female flowers solitary, the male collected. Her-

A native of the Moluccas, and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden where it

blossoms during the cold season.

Stems climbing, very slender, five-sided, smooth. Tendrils simple. Leaves petioled, cordate-sagittate, with dentate margins, and the posterior lobes large, and nearly square, both sides being highly scabrous, from one to two inches long. Petioles angular, a little hairy, about as long as the leaves. Male peduacles sub-axillary, solitary or with a female peduacle, slender, rather shorter than the petioles, bearing at the apex several sessile, small, yellow flowers. Calyx and corol as in the genus. Filaments three, very short, inserted into the middle of the tube of the calyx. Asthers three simple obovate, sub-sessile. Female pedancles subaxillary, solitary, or with a male pedunele, and about the same length, one-flowered, slender, smooth. Calyx, corol and pistil as in the genus. Herry oblong, very smooth, slightly marked, while immature, having ten longitudinal stripes; when ripe of an uniform blackish olive co-lour, nearly an inch long, and about a third thereof in diameter, three-celled, with several small red, flat, ovate seeds in each.

7. B. laciniosa, Willd. iv. 624.

Lexres palmate. Petioles muricate. Male flowers fascicled; the female solitary in the same axill. Berries spherical, smooth, three-colled. Seeds many, with a pulpy aril, callous margins, and gibbons, callons sides.

Neboemeku, Rheed, Mal. viii, t. 19.

Hind. Gargoo naroo.

Common in hedges, and among bushes in the warmer parts of India, and in blossom the greatest part of the year.

MONOECIA GYNANDRIA.

ANDRACHNE. Schreb. gen. N. 1483.

Male Calax five-leaved. Corol five-petalled, or none. Stamina five, inserted on the abortive style. Female calga five leaved. Corol none. Germ superior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attackment superior. Styles three. Capsule berried, three-celled; cells from one to twoseeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. A. trifoliata. Roxb.

Arboreous. Leaves ternate. Flowers panicled.

A large tree of quick growth; a native of various parts of India. Flowering time the

close of the winter, the seed ripens in May and June.

Counk erect; bark smooth, of a dark clive colour. Branches numerous, forming an extensive, close, shady, ovate head. Branchets frequently drooping much. Leaves alternate, petioled, ternate. Leadets petioletted, oblung, with long, sharp, taper points, serrate, smooth on both sides, from four to six inches long. Petioles round. Petiolets channelled. Stipules of the petioles membranaceous, caducous; those of the petiolets minute, filiform, caducous, leaving a black gland-like speek behind. Panieles axillary, or a little above, about as

long as the leaves, those of the male drooping, those of the female when dioecous, sub-erect. MALE FLOWERS sometimes on a separate tree, sometimes on the same, numerous, small, before expansion vertically compressed and five-lobed, of a pale greenish yellow colour. Calgar five-leaved; leaflets nearly round, concave, expanding. Corol none. Nectary none. Filaments five, opposite, shorter than the leadlets of the calyx, inserted into the abortive style a little below its ten-rayed peltate crown. Anthers two. Germ none. Style short, thick. Stigma peltate, ten-rayed. Female flowers whether on the same, or on a different tree, solitary, short-pedicelled, with a lanceolate bracte beneath each. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Nectary or nectarial glands five, roundish, sub-sessile, within the leaflets of the calyx, much like fertile anthers. Germ superior, round, three-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Styles three, recurved, undivided. Stigma simple. Capsule more like a berry on the outside, of the size of a small cherry, round, smooth, three-celled, with one or two seeds in each. Embryo curved, inverse, amply furnished with a perisperm.

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Male calyx five-leaved. Corol five-petalled. Stamina five, inserted into the abortive style. Female calyx and Corol as in the male. Styles three, two-cleft. Capsule trilocular. Seed solitary

1. C. semperflorens. R.

Shrubby, erect. Leaves sub-lanceolar, acute. Male flowers in axillary, and lateral glomerules; the female ones few and apetalous.

A small, erect, ramous shrub; a native of Silhet, where it is in flower and seed the whole

year round.

Stem erect, short, soon dividing into a few erect, and spreading branchlets. Bark of the old ligneous parts dark brown, and scabrons; that of the tender shoots, densely clothed with short hairs. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, sub-lanceolar, tapering most toward the base and there somewhat cordate, with a very few hairs on the rib and veins, all the rest smooth, about six inches long, by two broad. Stipules small and subulate. Flowers short-pedicelled, forming crowded, roundish glomerules over the leatless branches, chiefly axillary, the male ones very numerous and purple, the female ones large, few and green. Male calyx, five unequal, spreading, small oval leadets. Petals five, round, obovate, spreading, of a deep purple. Nectary, five glands alternate with the insertion of the petals. Filaments single, columnar. Anthers six, placed in a stellate form round the apex of the column, and open on the under side. Female calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Nectary, a pentagonal ring round the base of the germ. Germ superior, roundish, hairy, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the axis above its middle. Styles three, bifid, recurved. Capsule the size of a large pea, of an olive colour, villous, tricoccous. Seeds perisperm and embryo, as in the order.

2. C. oblongifolia. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, acute, smooth, glaucous underneath.

Flowers sessile, crowded, axillary. Petals obcordate, tridentate.

A middling sized tree, a native of the forests of Silhet, where it is called Dookesa. It furnishes the natives with hard durable wood, fit for various economical purposes. Flowering

time the end of the hot season; the seed ripens in August and September.

Twigs straight, slender and smooth. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, oblong, entire, sub-acuminate, having the upper surface polished, and the under one glaucous, from four to six inches long, by two and a half broad. Flowers numerous, sessile, small, crowded into little, round, axillary heads, or in little lateral and terminal spikes. Bractes numerous amongst the flowers, small and hairy. Calyx in both male and female five-parted, permanent; segments, tapering and smooth. Petals in both five, generally smaller than the calyx, obcordate, three-toothed. Stamens in the male flowers five, inserted on a column, as in the genus. In the female ones none. Germ superior, the base embraced by a five-toothed cup. Styles and stigmas as in the genus. Capsule short-pedicelled above the permanent calyx, of the size of a cherry, smooth, three-labed, three-celled, six-valved. Seed solitary, with inverted embryo, as in the other Euphorbiæ.

3. C. diversifolia. R.

Leaves sub-sessile, from obovate and obtuse to broad-lanceolate and acute, smooth and entire. Stipules ensiform. Flowers axillary, sessile. Petals obovate. Stigmas three-cleft.

A native of the Malay Islands.

Branchlets downy. Leaves bifarious, short-petioled, from oblong and obtuse, to broadlanceolate and acute, all entire and smooth on both sides, from four to five inches long. Stipules ensiform, downy. Flowers axillary, male and female mixed, both perfectly sessile, and scarcely longer than the stipules. Male calyx of five acute, creet, smooth segments. Petals five, roundish, obovate, inserted by short claws on the outer edge of the nectary. Nectary saucer-shaped. Column with five expanding filaments, inserted above its middle, above their insertion three-cleft. Anthers incumbent. Female calyx, corol and nectary as in the male. Germ hairy. Styles three. Stigmas trifid.
4. C. collina, Willd. iv. 883. Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. N. 169.

Leaves sub-sessile, oval, smooth, entire. Flowers axillary. Leaflets of the calyx lances.

late. Petals minute. Capsules tricoccous.

Tam. Woodacha-marum.

Teling. Kadishen.

A small tree, a native of the hilly parts of the Circars. It flowers during the hot season.

The seed ripens in December and January.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, hifurious, the smaller ones orbicular, the larger obovate, entire, smooth, shining, size various. Stipules small, acute, hairy, falling. Flowers short-peduncled, middle size, green, sometimes the male and female ones are mixed in the axills of the same leaves; sometimes the male flowers are collected by thems-lves in little bundles in the axills, and the female ones solitary in distinct axills, and sometimes again it happens that they occupy different trees. Bractes several, very minute, surrounding the insertion of the peduncles. Male calyx split to very near the base, into five segments; divisions tapering, withering. Petals five, very minute, lanceolate. Nectary sancer-formed. Stamens, in the centre of the nectary there is a cylindric column from which, near the apex, there issue five ascending filaments. Anthers oblong, erect. Pistillum no other than the fore-mentioned column. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Nectory cup-formed, closely embracing half the germ; margin slightly notched. Germ superior, ovate. Styles three, each two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Capsule somewhat three-lobed, smooth, very hard, three-celled, six-valved, the size of a nutmeg. Seeds, only one in each cell comes to maturity, though when young there are the rudiments of two, round, smooth, of the size of a pea-

The bark, or outer crust of the capsule is reported to be exceedingly poisonous. The

wood of the tree is of a reddish colour, exceedingly hard, and durable.

C. patula, Willd. iv. 884. R. Corom. pl. ii. N. 170.
 Leaves ovate-oblong, pointed, smooth, entire. Flowers axillary, or on axillary spikes.
 Petals round, crenulate, clawed. Capsules tricoccous.

A much larger tree than colling, a native of moist valleys amongst the Circar mountains.

It flowers during the hot season.

Trunk straight, from fifteen to twenty feet to the branches. Bark pretty smooth, darkcoloured, thin and hard. Branches very numerous, spreading horizontally, and forming a large shady head. Branchlets bifarious, twiggy. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, oblong, attenuated to a long, slender point, entire, smooth, shining, about three inches long, by one and a half broad. Stipules small. Flowers nearly sessile, male and female collected in little bundles in the axills, sometimes on small axillary, interrupted spikes. Bracles small, numerous, chaffy, surrounding the insertions of the flowers. Male calyx as in the former species. Petals five, orbicular, crenulate, many times smaller than the calyx, inserted by claws. Nectory saucer-shaped. Stamens as in the former species. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Nectory cup-formed, embracing only about a third of the germ. Germ superior, ovate, hairy. Styles three, two-cleft. Stigmas small. Capsule the size of a small cherry, three-celled, three-valved. Seed solitary.

The wood of this tree is of the colour of dried rose leaves, also hard and durable.

BRIEDELIA, Willd.

Male calyx five-parted. Corol five-petalled, inserted on the calyx. Stamina five, inserted on the abortive style. Famala calga and corol as in the male. Germ superior, two-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment superior. Styles two, bifid. Berry, or drupe two-seeded. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

1. B. erenulata. Roxb.

Leaves linear, oblong, scarcely crenulate, tomentose underneath. Flowers axillary, crowded, sessile.

A large timber tree, a native of the mountainous countries near the mouth of the river Megna, from thence sent by Stephen Harris, Esq. to the Botanic garden, where after twelve years, it blossomed in May and the seed ripened in October. This will belong to that division of my Cluytias, which Willdenow, in his edition of the Species Plantarum of Linnaus, vol. iv. p. 978, has very properly made a distinct genus, under the name of Briedelia. I do not, however, remember to have found any of the flowers hermaphrodite, in any of the species.

Trunk tolerably straight, in trees twelve or thirteen years old, four feet above the earth, from two to three feet in circumference, covered with deeply cracked, ash-coloured bark. Branches expanding; young shoots round and villous, while the trees are young a few long sharp spines are found thinly scattered over the trunk and large branches. Leaves alternate, bifarious, short-petioled, linear-oblong, or elliptic, obtuse, slightly crenulate, of a firm texture, smooth above, downy underneath, with numerous, simple and parallel veins, from two to four inches long, and about half that in breadth. Stipules ensiform, caducous. Thorns, on our young trees, a few long straight, simple ones are found on the trunk and large branches. Flowers axillary, sessile, crowded, small, pale yellow, the male ones on one tree, and the female ones on another. Male calyx five-leaved, or to the base five-cleft; leaflets ovate, acute. Petals oval, notched, long-clawed. Nectary acetabuliform, Filaments inserted on the column, below its bidentate apex. Female calyx and exterior nectary as in the male. Petals lanceolar; the inner nectary pitcher-shaped, enveloping the germ; its contracted mouth five-toothed. Germ ovate, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the top of the partition. Styles two, short, two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Drupe superior, round, of the size of a large pea, succulent, when ripe of a shining black, two-celled. Nuts hemispherical, rugose, the exterior or convex side, one-celled. Seed conform to the nut. Integument single, thin. Perisperm conform to the seed, rather hard. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons retuse. Radicle oblong, superior.

2. B. montana. Willd. iv. p. 978.

Leaves long obovate, entire, smooth. Flowers axillary, sessile. Petals roundish, clawed.

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Page Berry two-celled.

Cluytia montana. Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. N. 171.

Teling. Pantenga.

On the interior mountains it grows to be a tree, on the lower lands it does not grow so

Trunk erect, short and thick. Branches numerous, spreading. Branchlets bifarious, twiggy. Leaves alternate. short-petioled, bifarious, obovate, or wedge-formed, smooth, entire, from two to three inches long, broad in proportion. Stipules small, acute, withering. Flowers small, green, axillary, crowded, sessile, the male and female mixed. Bracies minute, numerous, withering. Male Flowers exactly as in Cluytia patula. Female calyx, corol and nectary as in Cluytia patula. Germ superior, ovate, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the top of the partition. Styles two, two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Berry globular, succulent, of the size of a pea. Seeds two, oval, one side that, the other convex.

The wood of this tree like the two former is very hard and of a reddish colour.

3. B. spinosa, Willd, iv. p. 979.
 Arboreous, Leaves oblong, entire,

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, entire, smooth. Flowers spiked. Petals round, curled, clawed. Nectary in the male flowers double. Berries two-sided.

Cluytia spinosa. Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. N. 172.

Teling. Kora man.

This is a tree of considerable size, a native of the Circar mountains, as well as of various parts of Bengal, where it blossoms during the rainy season, chiefly in July, and the seeds ripen in December.

Trunk straight. Bark scabrous. Branches disposed as in the last. Thorns a few over the larger branches, large and strong. Leaves also flisposed in the same manner, oblong, pointed, entire, firm, smooth, with many parallel protuberant veins running from the centre to the circumference, about five inches long, and two and a half broad. Spikes axillary or terminal, glomerate; flowers collected in bundles leaving the interstices naked. Flowers small, of a greenish yellow, male and female mixed. Male calyx and corol as in the two last species. Nectary double, the exterior saucer-shaped and the interior cap-shaped, sitting on the exterior, or that which is saucer-shaped, and divided to near the base, into five segments; divisions narrowing towards the point, with the extremities three-toothed. Stamens; filaments five, inserted into an erect column. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Nectary gibbous, surrounding the germ entirely, and leaving only a small opening for the styles to pass, and there five-toothed. Germ ovate. Styles two, two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Berry globular, of the size of a pea, succulent, black. Seeds two.

The bark is a strong astringent. The wood dark coloured, hard and durable. Cattle eat

the leaves greedily; they are said to destroy worms in their bowels.

4. B. scandens. Willd. iv. p. 979.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves oblong, downy underneath. Petals roundish, crenulate, clawed.

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Scherunam cottam. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 16.

Teling. Doonkihoora.

A large, woody, climbing species, common on banks of rivers and water courses in the

Circars. It flowers in November and December.

Trunk scarcely any; branches long, climbing, with their extremities flower-bearing and pendulous. Bark ash-coloured. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, oval, entire, downy underneath, various in size. Stipules cuneiform, as long as the petioles. Flowers small, of a yellowish green, either axillary, crowded, and sessile, or interrupted, leafy, terminal, or axillary, generally male on one branch, and female on another. Male flowers as in Cluytia patula except that in this species, the petals are not at their extremities. Female calyx and corol as in the male. Nectary, double as in Briedelia spinosa, and in every respect the same. Germ superior, ovate, hid in the inner nectary, two-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the partition. Styles two, two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Berry oblong, juicy, smooth, of the size of a large field bean, when ripe it is of a rusty black colour. Seeds two. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

5. B. lanceæfolia. R.

Monoecous. Leaves broad-lanceolar, obtuse, smooth, glaucous underneath. Flowers ax-

illary, crowded, sessile. Petals roundish, dentate. Berries globular.

A tree of considerable size and quick growth, a native of Bengal. In the Botanic garden, they have attained to the height of twenty feet in four years, thick and ramous in proportion. They blossom at various times of the year, but chiefly about the close of the rains, and the small, round, dark purple berries ripen in the cool season.

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DIOECIA MONANDRIA.

PANDANUS.

Anthers inserted on the ramification of the spadix. Female spadix strobiliform; spathes in three fascicles. Perianth proper, none. Corol none. Germs from one to many-celled; cells seeded; attachment inferior. Fruit compound.

1. P. odoratissimus. Willd. iv. 645.

Ramifications of the male spadix compound. Drupes of the compound fruit turbinate, each containing a many-celled nut.

Sans, Ketaka. Hind. Keura-Beng. Kea.

Mellore, or Nicobar bread fruit. Asiat. Res. iii. 161.

Kaida. Rheed. Mat. ii. t. 1. 5. P. odoratissimus. R. Corom. pl. N. 94, 95, 96. P. verus. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 74.

Authrodactylis spinosa. Forst. gen. N. 75.

Keyro. Forak. Ægypt. 172.

Mugalik is the Telinga name of the male plant, and Gozdoogoo that of the female. Kaldera is the name they are known by amongst Europeans on the coast of Coromandel. It is a native of all the warmer parts of Asia, all soils and situations seem to suit it equally well. It

flowers chiefly during the rainy season.

Trunk, now and then a plant may be found with a single, pretty erect one, from ten to twelve feet in height, and a ramous round head; but this is seldom, for it is generally in form of a very large, ramous, spreading bush; from the stems, or larger branches, long, fusiform, obtuse-pointed roots issue, descending till they come to the ground which they enter and then divide. The substance of the most solid wood is something like that of a cabbage stem, which by age acquires a woody hardness on the outside. Leaves confluent, stem-clasping, closely imbricated in three spiral rows, round the extremities of the branches, drooping, from three to five feet long, tapering to a very long, fine, triangular point, very smooth, and glossy, margins and back armed with very fine sharp spines, all those on the margins point forwards, those of the back point sometimes one way and sometimes the other. Male infloresceses terminal, a large pendulous, compound, leafy panicle, the leaves thereof are white, linear-oblong, pointed and concave, in the axill of each there is a single thyrse composed of simple, small racemes of long, pointed, depending anthers, which are not sessile, but raised from the rachis of these partial racemes by tapering filaments, hence I call these parts of the thyrse racemes and not spikelets. Female flowers on a different plant, terminal, and solitary, having no other calys, or corel than the termination of the three rows of leaves forming three imbricated fascicles of white floral leaves or involucres, like those of the male racemes, only here they stand at equal distances round the base of the young fruit. Germs numerous, collected into firm, wedge-shaped, angular bundles, of from six to ten; these form the compound germs of the future fruit, and are closely impacted round the receptacle. Style none. Stigmas single, on each undivided germ, oval, grooved lengthways, yellow, affixed to the outside of a twolipped umbilious, on the apex of the germ. Pericarp ; fruit compound, oval, from six to eight inches in diameter, and from six to tenlong, weighing from four to eight pounds, rough, of a rich orange colour, composed of numerous, wedge-shaped, angular drupes, when ripe their large or exterior ends are detached from one another, and covered with a firm, deeper or orange-coloured skin; apices flat, consisting of as many angular, somewhat convex tubercles as there are cells in the drupe, each crowned with the withered stigma, internally the exterior half of these drupes next the apex, consists of dry spongy cavities, their lower part next the core on common receptacle is yellow, consisting of a rich-looking, yellow pulp intermixed with strong fibres; here the nut is lodged. Nut of each drupe compound, turbinate, exceedingly hard, angular, containing as many cells as there are divisions in the apex of the drupe, each cell is perforated above and below. Seeds single, oblong, smooth, adhering lengthways to a small fascicle of strong white fibres, which pass through the perforations of the cell. By far the greatest number of the cells are barren.

Note. This plant is much employed to make hedges, for which it answers well, but requires too much room. It grows readily from branches which renders it rare to find the full grown, ripe fruit. The male is by far the most common, a circumstance merely accidental, for I have seen some old extensive hedges entirely female, which must be owing to there having been originally a female plant or plants nearest to these places. It is the tender white leaves of the flowers, chiefly those of the male, that yield that most delightful fragrance for which they are so universally and deservedly esteemed; for of all the perfumes in the world it must be

the richest and most powerful.

The lower yellow pulpy part of the drapes is sometimes eaten by the natives during times of scarcity and famine; the tender white base of the leaves is also eaten raw or boiled during the same melancholy periods. The fusiform roots already mentioned are composed of tough fibres, which basket-makers split and use to tie their work with, they are also so soft and spongy as to serve the natives for corks. The leaves are composed of longitudinal, tough, useful fibres like those of the Pine-apple. I have never known this plant cultivated with any other view than for fences, nor do I yet know any other species, or even variety of this genus.

The drawing of the Mellore, or bread fruit of the Nicobar Islands in the third volume

of the Asiatic Researches, was taken from the ripe fruit brought from those Islands by Colonel Kyd. From this drawing and description, there is every reason to think it is the fruit of the female plant of Pandanus odoratissimus. The size, from thirty-five to forty feet in height, to which it rises on those Islands, is much greater than I ever saw it on the Coromandel coast,

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Page or in Orissa, or Bengal, which, however, is not a sufficient reason to make it a different

Extract of a letter from Colonel Hardwicke, dated Mauritius, November 1811. This plant is of extensive use in most parts of the Island, for its leaves, which are employed for the purpose of package bags for the transportation of coffee, sugar, and grain from one place to another, and for exportation. Hedge rows, or avenues are formed of it round plantations, or along the sides of the many roads which intersect them; and the leaves, as fast as they attain maturity are cut till the tree arrives at its full growth, when the production of new leaves being slower, and less useful, younger plants are resorted to, to supply the wants of the planter. The preparation of the leaves for working into matting is simple and short. As soon as gathered, the spines on their edges and dorsal nerve are stripped off, and the leaf divided into slips of the breadth proper for the use they are required for; this operation is performed with the blade of a common straight knife, they are then laid in the sun for a few hours to dry; when required for working into mats the slips are passed under the blade of a knife applied with a moderate pressure to remove all asperities on their surface,' which gives them a polish and makes them plain and more convenient to the hands. One negro employed in the foregoing preparation, will supply slips fast enough to keep eight others at work; and each negro can finish four, and sometimes five bags in the course of the day. Thus the value of each bag may be computed by the cost, or worth of the labour of nine negroes for one day. Every proprietor of slaves can obtain, by letting them out to daily labour, six Spanish Dollars, or twelve Sicca Rupees per mouth; the value therefore of the labour of one man for a day may be rated at six annas and one third, thus taking the lowest number made, viz. thirtysix, the cost of each bag will be about one anna and a half. This to me appears a cheaper material than the common gunny bag of Bengal used in the exportation of rice and other grain in Calcutta; it seems also better calculated to repel wet and resist the common injuries of transportation from one place to another. No difficulty would attend the cultivation of this plant in Bengal, where one, or more species of this genus is indigenous. This tree attains here the height of about fifteen feet, the stem at half that height branching into several suberect arms terminated by the thick foliage. It flowers in the month of May; the fruit of the kind I here notice is when full grown about five inches in diameter, the seed large, turbinate with an angular apex.

2. P. foetidus. Roxb.

Partial racemes, or thyrses of the male flower simple. Germs distinct. Drupes spinous pointed, with one-celled nuts.

Hind. Keur-kanta. Beng. Kea-kanta.

Found in Bengal, growing wild in uncultivated spots near Calcutta. Flowering time the

cold season; the fruit ripens during the hot months of May and June.

I never saw a plant with any thing like a stem, but always in the form of a thick impenetrable bush, of from five to six feet high. Leaves as in P. odoratissimus, but smaller. Male inflorescence as in P. odoratissimus, only here the secondary racemes, or thyrses, are simple, being only a thick, tapering, fleshy receptacle, of about an inch in length, to which the anthers are affixed. Filaments very short, with a thick conical base. Anthers long, linear, generally waved, with a polliniferous groove on each side. Female, the whole of the aggregate female flower as in P. odoratissimus. Germs most numerous, single and distinct, not collected into fascicles as in the former species, the lower half angular; the upper half tapering into a very sharp, subulate point, on the under side of which there is a lighter coloured, linear, glandular, furrowed elevation, which I take to be the stigma; however immediately below this elevated groove there is a smooth oblong pit or hollow, in the lower part of which is a single cell, with ten ovula, attached to one side of the bottom of the cell. Fruit ovula, three-sided, echinated with the most acute prickly points of the drupes, of the size of a small pine apple, when ripe red. Drupes wedge-shaped, angular, single, but firmly and closely connected by a pulpy gluten, crowned with the remaining stigma, which is now a sharp thorn. Nut conformed to the shape of the drupe, longitudinally fibrous, not very hard, two-celled. Seed solitary, in the lower cell, or part of the nut, a septum separating the seed from an upper cell of the nut, which is larger, and replete with soft white pith only.

Note. The smell of both male and female flowers is highly offensive, being almost like that of the flowers of Sterculia foetida. So far as I know, it is only employed for hedges.

3. P. amaryllifolius. R.

Diffuse. Leaves linear, tending to be three-nerved, apices rather broad, somewhat spinous-

serrulate.

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> This species came from Amboyna. It has now been fourteen years in the Botanic garden and is by far the smallest I have yet known. It has less of the general habit of the genus, than any other I know, but is furnished abundantly with the characteristic fusiform roots, which issue from the stems and larger branches, and enter the ground, which leaves no doubt with me of its being a Pandanus.

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4. P. furcatus. R. Drupes of the oblong compound fruit cuneate, crowned with an incurved, polished, sharp, forked spine, nuts one-celled.

Kaida Tsjerria. Rheed. Mal. ii. t. 8.

A native of Pegu, Chittagong, Malabar, &c.

5. P. inermis. R.

Diffuse. Leaves ensiform, channelled, unarmed, and polished.

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From Amboyna this pretty small species has been introduced into the Botanic garden, where it grows luxuriantly, spreading and leaning over a surface of several feet, and sending forth the usual fusiform roots which enter the soil, as in the other species. The leaves are from two to three feet long, highly polished, and in all our young plants without the smallest sign of a prickle, apices long and slender, triangularly subulate.

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Male ament strobile-shaped; scales thereof covered on the under side with distinct, sessile, one-celled, two-valved anthers. Female spadix with a few solitary, bifarious, alternate, sessile, naked, one-celled germs on the margins, with a single ovulum, attached to the bottom of the cell. Styles single. Drupe with a woody, one-celled nut. Embryo inverse, and amply furnished with perisperm and vitellus.

1. C. circinalis. Willd. iv. 844.

Leaves pinnate, with long armed petioles. Leaflets from fifty to sixty pair, sub-alternate, rather remote, flat, linear-lanceolate, sickle-shaped.

C. inermis. Lour. Cochin Ch. 776.

Olus Clappoides. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 22. the female, and t. 23. the male.

This beautiful, small palm has of late years been introduced from Amboyna into the Company's Botanic garden, where it thrives freely; blossoms in May, and ripens its seed

in December and January.

The trunk of our young trees, now ten or twelve years in this garden, and some years old when they arrived, is from two to five feet high, and from eighteen to twenty-four inches in circumference, very rough with the swelled scars of the fallen leaves. Leaves spreading round the crown of the plant, numerous, viz. sixty or seventy, pinnate, of a smooth, shining, deep green in every part, from three to six feet long. Leaflets generally from fifty to sixty on each side, consequently rather remote, in some parts opposite, in others alternate, of a linear-lanceolate, sickle forto, acute, almost flat, very smooth and entire, from four to ten inches long, and about half an inch broad. Petioles nearly round, smooth, from twelve to twenty-four inches of the base destitute of leaflets, and there generally armed with a row of short sharp spines on each side. Stipules, so I call the numerous, pointed, villous, imbricated scales, which are mixed amongst the swelled leaves of the petioles, and closely embrace the peduncle of the strobile. Male strobile elevated on a short, thick, firm peduncle, from the crown of the plant, ovate oblong, being at first about nine or ten inches long, but lengthening to nearly double that extent, and continuing throughout about five inches in diameter, imbricated with numerous, diverging scales. After continuing in vigour for nearly two months, its peduncle is forced to one side, to give room for the annual tuft of foliage, which then begins to appear from the centre of the crown of the plant. Scales wedge-shaped, obliquely-truncated, and there clothed with much fulvous down. In two of the three male plants now in blossom, a large, erect, subulate point rises from the exterior upper angle of each of the scales; when the strobile first appears they are closely pressed together like the germs in the pine-apple, but as it lengthens by age they become detached from each other, and free on all sides. Corol none. Filaments none. Anthers perfectly distinct, numerous, entirely covering the under surface of the scales of the strobile, one-celled, two-valved, opening round the apex for the discharge of the pollen. Pistil nothing like one to be found.

Female. In May 1804 a female plant blossomed at the same time the above-mentioned three male trees were in flower. The female tree is rather higher and more robust than the largest of the males, and its inflorescence differs but little from that of revoluta, viz. a strobiliform cone crowning the stem surrounded with a circle of leaves exactly like those of the male. This strobile is composed of many exterior, barren, villous, cuspidate scales called stipules in the male, immediately within are the downy, compressed, clavate, spatulate, twoedged spadices; on the sides, about the middle of each, the naked, round, smooth, one-celled, one-sided germs are immersed, generally two on each side, crowned with a minute style, and a perforated, callons, margined stigma. Beyond the germs the spadix becomes incurved, and of a dilated, rhomb shape, with the exterior margins cut into several subulate, straight segments, the middle one being much longer, larger, and more villous than the rest. Drupe oval, of the size of a small pullet's egg, somewhat flattened, smooth till they become wrin-kled by drying; when ripe yellow, one-celled. Nat conform to the drupe, ligneous, one-celled,

lined on the inside with much brown, spongy matter, particularly about the base.

2. C. revoluta. Willd. iv. 844.

Leaves pinnate, with short, armed petioles; leaflets approximate, from one to two hundred pairs, linear, with a spinous point, and revolute margins.

C. revoluta. Smith in Trans. of Linn. Soc. vi. 312. t. 29, 30; excellent for the female

The female of this charming species, is very common in gardens about Calcutta, where it grows in about the space of thirty years, to the height of ten, or twelve feet; I mean the trunk, every one of which produces offsets in abundance, by which the plant is readily multiplied. But I see no reason to think it can ever be made a useful article of diet. I have never found the male tree.

3. C. sphaerica. Roxb.

Leaves pinnate, sides of the petioles armed with a short spine; leaflets from eighty to one hundred pair, sub-alternate, linear, spinous-pointed. Scales of the male strobile with long. curved, subulate points. Drupes spherical.

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This additional, charming species of Cycas was with C. circinalis, introduced into the Botanic garden from the Molncas in 1798-9. In 1806 and the following year several of both male and female plants, blossomed in the month of May. The female of one of those ripened its seeds in January and February, and now, September, those seeds are beginning to vegetate, after having been in the ground about six months. The plants of this species differ in habit but little from circinalis; I will therefore only note wherein they differ from each other.

Trunk of both the male and female trees, are hitherto, in this species from thirty-four to fifty-four inches in circumference; it is therefore thicker than circinalis, in other respects they are alike. Leaves, in this species they are smaller, the petioles longer and more armed, and the leaflets more numerous, viz. from eighty to one hundred, sub-alternate pairs. In circinalis they are from fifty to sixty, narrower, and straighter. MALE. In this the strobile, or cone, has the same appearance of a pine-apple, as it has also in the other, but the scales taper from the middle, into very long, incurved, subulate points; whereas in circinalis they are almost truncated, with a point more or less long, rising nearly at right angles, from the exterior upper angle. Anthers the same in both. About the time the cone, or flower, begins to decay, it is, as in circinalis forced to one side by the annual tuft of foliage bursting from the crown of the plant. Female. The spadices are numerous, and with generally three pistils on each side, beyond these they rise in a curve, and immediately expand into an ovate-triangular shape, with long, subulate points, and the whole margins deeply and acutely dentate; every part, except the pistil, is clothed with a thick coat of ferruginous down, which is easily rubbed off. In C. circinalis these form a large globular crown in the centre of the last year's foliage, and are surrounded with numerous, barren, cuspidate scales, or bractes. Germa solitary, round, partly immersed in the edge of the spadix, one-celled, ovula solitary, amply attached to the bottom of the cell. Style short, straight. Stigma simple, perforated. Drupes nearly round, a little compressed, smooth, about the size of a pigeon's egg, tipped with the permanent stigma, when ripe of a dull orange colour. Pulp somewhat mealy, sweet, yellow, but the smell is uncommonly disagreeable. Nut solitary, conform to the drupes, ligneous, a little pointed under the stigma, with a small elevation running from thence to the base on each side, which marks the place where it bursts, when the seed begins to vegetate, consequently it is two-valved. Seed single, of the size and shape of the cavity of the nut which it completely fills. Integuments three, the exterior one deep brown, thick, and firm, adhering to the inside of the shell, particularly at the bottom, the middle one thin, of a light brown, membranaceous, and the inner one a very thin white membrane. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a pale yellowish white, fleshy; in its apex, under the style, is a transversely oval pit, the bottom thereof marked with five or six brown dots, corresponding with as many oblong cavities immediately under them, which penetrate, in unimpregnated seeds about one-tenth their diameter, these are alike in shape and size, but in such as have been impregnated, one of these cells penetrates more than half way down, through its centre, and contains a wedge-shaped body, which I call the vitellus, suspended, or attached to the mouth of the cell, by a long, white, folded, umbilical cord. A vertical section of this body exposes what I call the true embryo lodged a little above its middle, and composed of two unequal lobes, resembling cotyledons pointing to the base of the vitellus; from the upper pointed end of this bilobate body the radicle issues, when vegetation commences, passing out through the mouth of the cell, and the apex of the nut now open ; from the middle of the upper side of the radicle bursts forth, in due time, the plumula, in form of a small scale, and from its centre other scales continue to spring; the fourth, or fifth, begins to take the form of the pinnate leaf

From the fresh wounded parts of all the three species of Cycas known to me, viz. circinalis, revoluta and this, there is discharged a quantity of clear, insipid mucilage, which soon hardens into firm, transparent gum, like tragacanth, but clearer; my experience however, does not lead me to think that any one of the three yields sago, or even a substitute for it. I dare not venture to quote Todda panna of Rheede's Malabariens, iii. t. 13—21, for this because it has already been quoted by Linnaus, &c. for C. circinalis, yet I think Rheedes figures and description, agree better with this plant than with what I have already described, and figured under that name. For more information, consult Rumph's

Herbarium Amboinense, i. p. 86-92, and the figures there quoted.

NAJAS.

Male calyx cylindric, bifid. Corol four-cleft. Filaments none. Female calyx none. Corol none. Pistil none. Capsule one-celled.

N. dichotoma. R.

Dichotomous. Leaves tern, filiform. Seed solitary, oval, smooth. It grows in deep pools of sweet water in Bengal.

DIOECIA DIANDRIA.

VALLISNERIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1491.

Male spathe entire, or two-parted. Spadix simple. Corol three-petalled, or three-parted. Female spathe as in the male, one-flowered. Perianth three-parted. Corol three-petalled. Styles three or three-parted. Capsuls one-celled, many-seeded.

1. V. spiraloides. R.

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Stemless. Leaves radical ensiform, serrulate. Female on a spiral scape, with a three- Carey toothed spathe; no corol, nor nectary.

A native of Coromandel.

2. V. alternifolia. R.

Ramous. Leaves linear, alternate, and opposite at the origin of the branches.

Hind, Ganj. Beng, Rusna-jhanj.

Found in ponds of fresh water near Calcutta, in high perfection during the latter part

of the rainy season.

Root stole-bearing, affixed in the ground, fibrous. Stems filiform, ascending through the water, and of various lengths, but sufficient, when the inundations are not too rapid, to raise the alternate ramifications even with the surface of the water. Leaves alternate, except at the ramifications, and there generally opposite; those of the stem remote; of the flower bearing branches approximate; stem-clasping, sword-shaped, serrate, from two to four inches long. So far the male and female plants agree. Male. Calyx common, spathes axillary, paired, sessile, composed of two valves parting when the corollets are ready to be disengaged. Common spadix as in the genus, surrounded with innumerable pedicelled corollets. Corol five-petalled, unequal, completely reflexed. Filaments two, clubbed. Finals. Flowers axillary, sessile, paired. Spaths as in the genus. Perianth (or corol) three-leaved, spreading, orbicular, concave and elevated on a most slender pedicel. Corol no other than the last mentioned. Germ oblong, tapering in the above mentioned slender pedicel or style; stigma six-leaved; leaflets revolute, appearing like the corol sitting close to the calyx. Capsule as in the genus.

Note. The small corollets when separated from the spadix, swim upon the tips of the reflected petals, over the surface of the water, till entangled by the large corol-like stigmas

of the female flowers.

3. V. verticellata. R.

Ramons. Leaves verticelled. Male spathe one-flowered.

Hottonia serrata, Willd. i. 329.

Serpicula verticellata, Suppl. p. 416. R. Corom. pl. ii. No. 164.

Grows in clear, standing, sweet water. Flowers during the cold season, and consists of simple, filiform roots, and a number of fine, filiform, jointed shoots, or stems; some creep-

ing, some floating below the surface of the water, branches solitary, axillary.

Leaves sessile, verticelled, three to six-fold, oblong-lanceolate, from one eighth to half an inch long. Male Flowers axillary, sessile, from one to four in the vertical, much smaller than the female. Calyx, spathe one-flowered, sub-globular, murexed, bursting irregularly. Perianth three-leaved; leaflets obovate, reflexed. Corol three-petalled; petals wedge-formed, reflexed. Filaments three, short, ascending. Anthers very large, two-lobed, opening with an elastic jerk, pollen white, very large grained. Frmale flowers on distinct plants, axillary, generally solitary, though sometimes there are two from the same verticel. Spathe, perianth, and corol, as in the genus; no nectary. Germ sessile, subulate, ending in the long, sub-erect receptacle of the flower which elevates it above the water while expanded. Stigmas three, lanceolate. The capsule has the appearance of a silique, sometimes murexed, one-celled. Seeds from three to five, oblong, pointed at each end, lodged as in the leguminous plants; their attachments I could not discover.

Note. When the male flowers are ready to expand, the murexed spathe bursts, the flowers are then quickly detached, and swim remote from the parent plants, on the surface of the water, in search of the female flowers, resting on the extremities of the reflexed leaflets of the perianth, and petals of the corol; what a wonderful economy!

The Bruhmapoor sugar refiners use this herb, while moist, to cover the surface of their sugars, as clay is used in the West India Islands, and in two or three days the operation is finished exceedingly well.

V. octandra, Willd, iv, 651. Corom. pl. ii, 165, 475.

Stemless. Leaves radical, ensiform. Scape straight. Male flowers octandrous.

Saivala. Asiat. Res. iv. 275.

Hind, and Beng, Shyala, Semar, also Halla.

A grass-like plant, growing in standing, shallow, sweet water.

Root fibrous, annual. Leaves radical, linear, tapering to a fine point, serrulate, smooth; from nine to thirty-six inches long, and half an inch or less broad. MALE FLOWERS. Peduncles or rather scapes axillary, straight, a little compressed, the length of the leaves, or more, so as to raise the flowers above the surface of the water. Spathe one-leaved, sub-cylindric, somewhat diaphanous, open at top for the unexpanded flowers to pass through. Flowers numerous, in succession, white, pretty large, pedicelled; pedicels lengthening when the flowers are ready to expand, so as to elevate them just above the mouth of the spathe. Perianth proper three-leaved; leaflets lanceolate. Corol three-petalled; petals linear, recurved, more than twice the length of the calyx. Filaments eight, of unequal length, erect, shorter than the petals. Anthers linear. Germ abortive, three-sided. Styles three. Female Flowers on a separate plant. Scape shorter, and thicker than in the male. Spathe as in the male, one-flowered. Flowers white, elevated above the germ, and above the month of the spathe by a very long receptacle, style, or pedicel, which makes up for the shortness of the scape, and brings the flowers nearly of a height with the tops of the leaves. Perianth three-parted. Corol as in the male, only the petals are here filiform. Germ cylindric, obsoletely three-sided, sessile in the bottom of the spathe, ending in the above mentioned flower-elevating receptacle. Style

three-cleft to near the base; divisions filiform, white. Capsule as in the genus.

They are all found in lakes and in stagnant pools of sweet water, and as in V. spiralis, the male flowers, when ready to expand, detach themselves from the plant, and are borne, as the wind directs over the surface of the water, resting on the tips of their reflected petals in search of the female flowers.

SALIX. Schreb. gen. N. 1493.

MALE. Ament cylindric. Calyx scaly. Corol none, but a nectariferous gland in the centre. Female. Calyx the scales of the ament. Corol none. Style two-cleft. Capsule one-celled, two-valved. Seeds downy.

S. tetrasperma, Willd iv. 657. Corom. pl. 1, N. 97.

Arboreous. Leaves lanceolar, serrulate, acuminate, smooth. Stamina from six to eight. Capsule four-seeded.

Sans. Burun.

Beng. Pani-juma. Hind. Baishee.

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This is the only species of Salix I have yet found in India. It is a middle-sized tree, a native of the banks of rivulets and moist places among the Circar mountains. Flowering time the cold season.

Trunk erect but short, as thick as a man's body. Head large, very ramous. Branchlets twiggy. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, fine-pointed, most minutely serrate, smooth above, whitish below, from two to four inches long. MALE. Ament filliform, its peduncle often leaf-bearing, issuing from the dry, smooth, brown involucre-like scales of the bud. Scales small, cup-formed, with a long depending tongue-like lip, giving to the whole the appearance of a slipper. Filaments from six to eight, retrofracted, three or four times longer than the tongue of the perianth. Anthers twin, singly orbicular and grooved. Female. Aments shorter than in the male; perianth the same. Germ long-pedicelled. Style as long as the capsule. Stigmas two, spreading. Capsule cordate, opening from the apex, one-celled, fourseeded. Seeds oblong, involved in much fine white cotton; which does not adhere to them, but is inserted with them into the bottom of the capsule.

2. S. Babylonica. Willd. iv. 671.

Arboreous. Branchlets pendulous. Leaves linear-lanceolate, serrate, smooth, glaucous underneath. Male flowers diandrous.

A native of the middle parts of Asia. In Bengal it blossoms during the hot season.

The scales of the ament in the male, form something like a one-lipped hairy cup which is not more than one-fourth the length of the filaments. On each side, without and within, the insertion of the filaments, is an oblong, yellow, smooth gland, rather shorter than the scales.

DIOECIA TRIANDRIA.

OSYRIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1497.

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Male calyx trifid. Corol none. Female calyx as in the male. Corol none. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment lateral; stigma sub-rotund. Capsule one-celled, two-valved, one-seeded. Embryo obliquely inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

O. peltata. R.

Arboreous. Leaves peltate, ovate-cordate, entire.

A native of the Circar mountains; and of various other mountainous countries. The male tree of Ricinus Mappa, Linn. is so much like this, as scarcely to be distinguished; the

female of that I have not yet seen. Leaves alternate, petioled, peltate, cordate, pointed, entire, three-nerved, pretty smooth above, hairy underneath, from six to nine inches long, and about four or five inches broad. Petioles round, smooth, nearly as long as the leaves. Stipules obliquely oblong, caducous. MALE. Panicles or compound racemes thin, axillary, erect, interrupted. Bractes broad-cordate, notched, downy, many-flowered. Flowers exceedingly minute. Calyx three-parted; divisions ovate, crenate, downy. Corol none. Filaments three, as long as the calyx. Anthers peltate, four-sided, four-celled; cells covered with lids. Female. Racemes axillary, simple, erect. Bractes broad-lanceolate, notched, pointed, from one to two-flowered. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Germ superior, globular, covered with glutinous farina, one-celled, containing a single ovulum attached to the inside of the cell a little below the stigma. Style none. Stigma lateral, large, scabrous. Capsules round, of the size of a pea, fleshy, covered with clammy, waxy grains, with a groove on each side from the base to the vertex, one-celled, two-valved. Seed single, spherical, attached as in the germ. Integuments three; the exterior one smooth, shining, of a blackish brown; the middle one nuciform, black, thick, hard, and very rough on the outside, between it and the exterior tunic is a quantity of soft whitish pulp; the inner one pure white, and very thin. Perisperm conform to the seed, white, fleshy. Embryo obliquely inverse, pure white. Cotyledons round-cordate, three-nerved. Plumula minute. Radicle oblong, pointing obliquely up between the vertex and the stigma.

All the young parts of this plant are covered with more or less of soft, resinous, adhesive

matter, which smells strongly of turpentine.

EXCOECARIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1498.

MALE. Ament cylindric, imbricated with one-flowered scales. Corol five-petalled. Female. Ament scaly. Perianth three-leaved. Corol none. Styles three. Capsule tricoccous.

1. E. Agallocha. Willd. iv. 864.

Leaves alternate, ovate-cordate, scrulate, smooth. Ament axillary.

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Geria of the inhabitants of the Delta of the Ganges, where it is very common, growing to the size of a small, crooked, rather ill-looking, stunted tree.

Leaves alternate, about the extremities of the branchlets, petioled, ovate and ovate-cordate, smooth on both sides, remotely and slightly serrate, pointed, with two glands at the base circumscribed with a purple horder, about two inches long. Petioles about an inch long, smooth, channelled. Stipules small, fine-pointed. Male calgr. Aments axillary, often crowded, cylindric, while young imbricated with fine spiral rows of one-flowered, reniform scales, which lengthen by age, when the flowers become distinct, and at a small distance from each other. Corol no other than five, small squame round the base of the filaments. Filaments three-Anthers of two large lobes. Female calyx. Aments solitary, axillary, the lower half containing from two to four, or even six, rather remote, one-flowered scales, the remaining part imbricated with numerous, small, neuter scales. Perianth, or corol of three, cordate. pointed leaflets, Stamens, none. Germ superior, three-lobed. Styles three, recurved. Stigmas simple. Capsule tricoccous.

The wood-cutters of the Sunderbunds, who are the people best acquainted with the nature of this tree, report the pale, white, milky juice thereof to be highly acrid and very dangerous, producing inflammation and ulceration. The only use made of the tree, so far as I can learn, is for charcoal and firewood. Agallochum of any sort is, I believe, never found in this

2. E. integrifolia. R.

Leaves alternate, petioled, oblong, entire, polished. Male aments axillary, with manyflowered scales.

A native of the Moluccas.

STILAGO. Schreb. gen. N. 1381.

MALE. Calyx three-lobed. Corol none. Anthers twin. FEMALE. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Germ superior, one-celled, two-seeded; attachment superior. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

I. S. tomentora. R.

Shrubby, tomentose. Leaves acaminate. Stipules subulate. Spikes cylindric, amentaceous : male flowers triandrous.

Tenguree the vernacular name in Silhet, where this shrub is found indigenous, flowering

in May and June, and ripening its fruit in September.

Trunk scarcely any, but many sub-creet branches, dividing into numerous, very tomentose, erect twigs; whole height three or four feet. Leaves alternate, sub-sessile, oblong, entire, very finely acuminate, hairy on both sides, from four to twelve inches long, by from two to five broad. Stipules subulate, hairy, about an inch leng. Male spikes terminal, filiform, erect, generally paired, amentaceous, half the length of the leaves, very downy. Calyx four-lobed, one of the lobes smaller; all downy and ciliate. Corol none. Nectacy of three circular, concave, smooth lobes, into which the three filaments are inserted. Filaments three, much longer than the calvx. Anthers of two, large, distinct lobes, each with a polliniferous pit in the apex. Female spikes axillary, and terminal, one, two, or three together, long, slender. Flowers numerous, minute, sessile. Bractes minute, one under each flower. Calyx, from three to four-lobed, downy. Corol none. Nectary saucer-shaped, entire, embracing the base of the germ. Germ ovate, hairy above the nectary, one-celled, two ovula in each, attached to the top of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma of about three emarginate divisions. Drupes obliquely oblong, succulent, of the size of a pea, one-celled. Nat conform to the drupe, hard, variously sulcated both within and without, one-celled, two-valved. Seed solitary, oval. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverse; described and figured by Gartner, vol. i. p. 188. t. 39.

2. S. Bunius. Willd. iv. 714.

Arboreous, Leaves alternate, entire, lanceolate-oblong, polished. Spikes axillary and terminal; male flowers triandrous, with an abortive column in the centre.

Bunius sativus. Rumph. Amb. iii. t. 131, the large branch.

Nocli-tali. Rheed. Mal. iv. t. 56. which I have already quoted for Antidesma alexiteria;

they are the same.

The seeds were received from Nepal about seven years ago; now, 1809, the trees raised from them, are from twenty to thirty feet high, very ramous, with a smooth barked, stout trunk. Flowering time the month of March; the fruit ripens in September.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, and lanceolate-oblong, but rather narrower towards the base, entire, smooth, of a shining green on both sides. Stipules ovate-cordate, acuminate, caducous. Spikes in the female solitary, and terminal; in the male axillary, and from one to three or even more together, sub-cylindric. Flowers numerous, sessile, or in part immersed in the substance of the spikes, small, of a greenish yellow. Male. Proper perianth urceolate, with the mouth obscurely three-lobed. Corol none. Filaments three, much longer than the calys. Anthers two-lobed, bearing the pollen in pits on their spices. Pistil, no germ, but an



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age inserted, truncated, pyramidical body occupies its place; in its base the filaments are inserted alternate with as many small glands. FEMALE FLOWERS on a distinct tree. Calyx as in the male but smaller. Stamens none. Stigmas three. Drupe of the size and shape of a large Berberry, smooth, succulent, sub-acid, when ripe of a deep red inclining to black. Nut compressed, rugose, one-seeded.

The tree is of a quick growth, very handsome and particularly beautiful when loaded with the numerous bunches of ripe, shining, deep red fruit, which are sub-acid, and palata-

S. diandra. Willd. iv. 714. R. Corom. pl. ii. N. 166.

Leaves oblong, smooth. Stipules ensiform. Spikes axillary, and terminal. Male flowers diandrous.

Teling. Pella-gomoodoo.

A tree, a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars.

Flowers in June, bearing male flowers on one tree, and female ones on another.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, nearly bifarious, oval or oblong, entire, smooth; from two to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Stipules narrow, lanceolate. Spikes filiform, terminal, many-flowered. Bractes minute, one-flowered. Flowers very small, approximate. Male. Calyx cup-formed, obtusely four-toothed. Corol none. Filaments two, four times longer than the calyx. Anthers twin; singly oval. Female. Calyx inferior, closely embracing three-fourths of the germ, from four to five-toothed. Corol none. Nectory, a yellow fleshy ring surrounding the base of the germ. Germ superior, obliquely ovate. Styles two, spreading, one of them always two-cleft. Stigmas simple. Drupe minute, succulent, one-celled. Nut one-celled, very small.

The berries are eaten by the natives when ripe. The wood serves for various uses.

4. S. lanceolaria, R.

Shrubby, smooth. Leaves lanceolar. Stipules ensiform. Spikes terminal, filiform; male

flowers diandrous.

A very bushy, large shrub, void of all sorts of pubescence; a native of Chittagong. In the Botanic garden it blossoms during the rainy season.

CATURUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1449.

Male calux none. Corol trifid. Female calux three or four-parted. Corol none. Styles three. Capsule tricoccous.

C. spiciflorus. Willd iv. 714.

Shrubby. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, serrate. Spikes pendulous, longer than the leaves. Cauda-felis agrestis. Rumph. Amb. iv. t. 37. f. 1. the male, and f. 2. the female. Acalypha hispida. Burm. Fl. Ind. t. 61. f. 1. would be a tolerable representation of

the female, if the spikes were longer, and pendulous.

Exclude Watta-tali. Rheed. Mal. v. t. 32, which is more like my Rottlera dicocca, and totally different from a Caturus.

DIOECIA TETRANDRIA.

TROPHIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1502.

Male. Ament imbricated, globular. Calyx four-leaved or none. Female. Calyx fourleaved or none. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment superior. Berry one-seeded. Embryo inverse, curved, no perisperm. 1. T. aspera. Willd. iv. p. 793.

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, unequally serrate, scabrous.

Sans. Sakhotuka.

Hind. and Beng. Syora, or Sheora. Tinda-parua. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 48.

Streblus asper. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 734. and 754.

Achymus pallens. Solander, in the Banksian Herbarium.

Teling. Barinka.

Is generally shrubby, though sometimes it grows to be an ill-looking, scraggy, crooked

small tree; is common every where in India. Flowers in the cold season.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, unequally serrate, or crenulate, hard, very rough; about two inches long by one broad. Male. Ament axillary, globular, short peduncled, one or two. Flowers minute, sessile, greenish-yellow, from ten to fourteen from the small globular spike, or ament. Calyx or corol four-leaved; leaflets orbicular, spreading. Female flowers on a separate plant. Peduncles from one to five, axillary, short, one-flowered. Calyx or corol as in the male, permanent. Germ ovate, one-celled, with one ovulum attached to the top of the cell a little on one side of the origin of the short style, which soon divides into two filiform, rough, tapering stigmas. Berry of the size of a pea, nearly round, smooth; when ripe yellow, crowned with the remaining style on one side of the vertex, one-celled. Seed single, round. Integuments two, both thin, but uncommonly distinct. Perisperm none. Embryo conform to the seed, curved, greenish. Cotyledons two, very unequal, the largest being uneteen twentieths of the whole embryo, on one side divided half way through into two lobes. The male cotyledon is hid between the lobes of the larger one. Plumula two-lobed. Radicls subcylindric, curved, superior, with its apex immediately under the remaining style,

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The leaves of this plant are employed by the natives to polish ivory; the wood is used only for fuel. The berries are greedily eaten by birds.

2. T. spinosa. R.

Arboreous, thorny. Leaves oblong-lanceolate, towards the apex grossly serrate, smooth. Female calyx twice the length of the berry.

Teling. Sukalee.

This seems a new species uniting Trophis and Taxus in itself. It is a rare plant, a native

of the tops of mountains, where it becomes a small tree. It flowers during the cold season.

Trunk crooked. Branches very irregular. Thorns very strong, straight, sharp, scattered over every part of the tree, often leaf and flower-bearing. Leaves scattered, very short-petioled, oblong, pointed, with the outer half grossly serrate, waved, smooth, two and a half inches long by one broad. Stipules acute. MALE. Aments, &c. as in the former species, excepting an imbricated involucre. Female. Pedancles axillary, single, short, one-flowered, erect. Calyx four; leaflets at the base cordate, from thence tapering to a long narrow point, waved, large, permanent, increasing with the fruit. Germ superior, resting in an obliquely cup, or helmetlike receptacle, the upper and black part of which has a perforation for the passage of the style, which is two-cleft, &c. as in T. aspera. Berry obliquely oval, size of a cherry, half immersed in the increased receptacle, pulpy, one-seeded. The female flowers are eaten in curries by the natives.

BATIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1503.

Male. Ament roundish. Calyx none. Corol none. Berry compound.

1. B. spinosa. R.

Sub-arboreous, with long scandent thorny branches. Leaves oblong, entire, smooth.

Trophis spinosa, Willd. iv. p. 735. Cudranus. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 15. f. 1. or 2. seems the female plant of this.

Teling. Koriti.

A scarce, very large, woody, straggling, or climbing shrub, or small tree, with very long, drooping, slender branches; every axill is armed with a remarkably long, sharp, somewhat recurved thorn. Leaves scattered, rather remote, short-petioled, obovate, or oval, obtuse, entire, reflexed at the margins, hard, smooth, shining; from two to three inches long by one and a half broad. Male. Aments peduncled, scattered or axillary. Female. Flowers on a separate plant. Amout or receptacle peduncled, small, fleshy above the base of the thorns. Flowers aggregate. Calyx none. Corol none. Germs about ten or twelve, oval, immersed in the pulp of the ament, or receptacle. Style single, crooked, long, downy. Berry, seldom more than one comes to perfection, globular, of the size of a large pea, one-seeded, as it comes to maturity the ament, or receptacle is obliterated, and appears a single, one-seeded berry. This plant is very fit for hedges, and fuel, I know no other uses it is put to.

B. fruticosa. R.
 Shrubby, armed. Leaves alternate, oblong, entire, acuminate. Berries dry, conglome-

A native of Chittagong. It flowers in October and November, and the seed ripens in April and May.

VISCUM. Schreb. gen. N. 1504.

Male calyx four-parted. Corol none. Filaments none. Anthers growing to the calyx. Female calyx four-leaved, above. Corol none. Style none. Berry one-seeded.

1. V. monoicum. R.

Monoicous, shrubby, parasitic. Leaves opposite, lanceolar, from three to five-nerved. Flowers axillary, three-fold, sessile, male and female ones mixed on the same plant. Berry long.

Found by Mr. Crommelin on trees growing in the Delta of the Ganges, in blossom about

the beginning of the hot season.

Branches numerous, woody, opposite and dichotomous, jointed, round and smooth. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolar, somewhat pointed, entire, fleshy, from three to five-nerved; they are often a little falcate; about two inches long. Flowers axillary, and at the divisions of the branchlets, in sessile fascicles of generally three, the centre one is generally male, and the lateral two female. Bractes, a transversely oblong, two-pointed, permanent, cup or common calvx in which the flowers sit. Berry long. 2. V. verticillatum. Willd. iv. 741.

Shrubby, with sub-verticelled branches. Leaves oblong, three-nerved. Flowers axillary, from three to seven together, sessile.

Teling. Sundra-woodiniki.

On trees on the coast of Coromadel. It flowers in the hot season.

3. V. opentioides. Willd. 740.

A very ramous, parasitical shrub. Branches proliferous, compressed, leafless.

A native of Coromandel.

Monoicous, parasitic very ramous, smooth. Leaves opposite, sub-sessile, lanceolar, from three to five-nerved. Flowers sessile, crowded into little axillary heaps. Berries oblong. Grows on mangoe trees in the Silhet district.

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Male calvx four-toothed. Corol four-petalled. Female calvx and corol as in the male. Style none. Stigma glandular. Berry one or two-seeded.

M. barleriodes. L' Herit. Strip. Nov. i. t. 1. Willd. i. 669. Shrubby. Spines quatern. Leaves opposite, spinous-pointed.

Reng. Trikanta-jeti. Hind. Kanta-goor-kamai. Teling. Tella-upee.

This is one of the most common shrubs on every part of the coast of Coromandel, it grows freely in all situations, and is in flower and fruit most part of the year. Stem scarcely any, but branches innumerable, opposite, spreading in all directions, forming a close, impenetrable bush, something like the Furze; young branches four-sided. Thorns axillary, four-fold, spreading, very sharp, from one to two inches long. Leaves opposite, short-petioled, reflexed, oval, acute. MALE FLOWERS axillary, sessile, single or crowded, and also interrupted spikes, small, yellow. Bractes minute, acute, pressing the calyx. Calyx four-toothed; teeth obtuse. Petals four, lanceolate, recurved. Filaments shorter than the petals. Anthers oval, incumbent. Pistil a conical gland in its place. Female axillary, solitary, sessile, between the two thorns. Calyx and corol as in the male. Filaments four, small. Anthers broad-sagittate, sterile. Germ superior, globular. Style none. Stigma large, glandular. Berry globular, of the size of a pea, when ripe white, succulent. Seeds two. Berries eaten by men and birds.

MYRICA. Schreb. gen. N. 1510.

Male. Ament with crescent-shaped scales. Corol none. Female. Ament oblong ; scales as in the male. Corol none. Styles two. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without peris-

M. integrifolia. R.

Leaves lanceolar, entire, smooth; scales of the female aments reniform-cordate, one or

two-flowered. Drupes oval, granulated.

Sophee, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and grows to the size of a large bush. Flowering time December and January, and the fruits ripen in May, when they are pickled by the natives, and used as a condiment. In its raw state, this fruit though inviting to the eye, is too sour to be relished. Branchlets very ramous; the tender shoots considerably hairy. Leaves permanent, alternate, approximate, round, every part of the apices of the branchiets short-petioled, lanceolar, entire and perfectly smooth; from three to six inches long, by about one broad. Stipules none. Female. Aments axillary, generally cylindric, rarely more than an inch long, considerably villous, many-flowered. Scales reniform-cordate, somewhat acuminate, sprinkled on the back with small yellow, shining grains, one or two-flowered, intermixed with many small fleshy scales resembling a perianth. Germ minute, ovate, one-celled, containing a single ovulum attached to the cell. Styles two, or two-cleft. Drupe oval, the size of a prune. Nut oblong, thick and very hard, a little flattened, the two edges rather extended and somewhat sharp, densely clothed with an immense quantity of fine white hair in pencilliform tuits. The pulp consists of innumerable, closely impacted, but distinct, clavate, succulent, yellow bodies. Seed ovate-oblong. Integument single, membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed, amygdaline. Radicle superior.

NAGEIA. Gært.

Male cally from four to five-leaved. Corol none. Female cally from three to fiveleaved. Corol none. Germ three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment superior (axipendula.) Styles two or three. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm. N. Putranjiva. R.

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Leaves alternate, parrow-oblong, acutely serrulate. Flowers triandrous; fliaments more

or less coalesced. Drupes ovate.

Pootrunjeeva the Sanscrit name. Pootra signifies a son and jeeva life. Dr. Berry of Madras informs me, the nuts are known, and sold in the bazars at that place by the very same appellation; and observes that they are strung by parents, and put round the necks of their children, to preserve them in health.

Pongolam. Rheed. Mal. vii. t. 59.

Pootrunjeeva, Pitanjya, Pootranjubkum, Pitanja, are some of its numerous Asiatic synonyms.

Teling. Kudra-juvi.

In the carpology it is nearly allied to Gærtner's Nageia, i. 191. t. 39.

A native of the various mountainous countries of Coromandel and Hindoosthan, where it grows to be a large timber tree with an erect straight trunk; and a large spreading shady head, composed of innumerable expanding branches with bifarious branchlets. Flowering time March and April, and the fruit ripens in January. The wood is white, close grained and

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, lanceolate-oblong, acutely serrulate, rather obtuse, with the base generally oblique, smooth, shining, waved a little round the margin, from three to four inches long and one or one and half broad. Stipules minute, alternate,

bular heads in the axills, sometimes on short, axillary, glomerate racemes. Calyx five-leaved, Carey or deeply five-parted; segments lanceolate, obtains or neutro. Carely five-parted. villous. Male. Flowers short-peduncled, numerous, minute, yellow, collected into small gloor deeply five-parted; segments lanceolate, obtuse, or acute. Corol none. Filaments one, two or three; when one trifid; when two, one of them is bifid. Anthers always three, two-lobed, two-celled. Female. Racemes small, simple, from last year's ramuli; there are also single peduncled flowers, scattered about the lower part of the present year's shoots, as in the lower axills thereof. Flowers larger than the male ones, green. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Stamina none. Germ oval, villous, three-celled, with two ovals in each, attached from their apex to the top of the axis. Styles three, short. Stigmas large, crescent-shaped. Drupe obovate, or oval, of the size of a large gooseberry, smooth, white, one-celled. Nat oval, more or less pointed at both ends, somewhat triangular, very hard, rugose, one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the nut. Integuments two; the exterior one which adheres to the nut, harder and lighter coloured; the inner one free, darker coloured, and spongy. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo inverse, nearly as long as the perisperm. Cotyledons oval, three-nerved. Radicle sub-cylindric, superior.

DIOECIA PENTANDRIA.

ZANTHOXYLUM.

MALE. Calyx five or more parted. Corol none. Stamina from five to eight. FEMALE. Calux five-parted. Corol none. Germs as many as five, one-seeded; attachment superior. Capsules as many as five, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

Z. alatum, Roxb.

Shrubby, ramifications straight. Thorns stipulary; leaflets from two to five pair, opposite, lanceolate, serrulate, common petioles winged. Panicles axillary, male flowers with from six to eight stamina.

Hind. Darmar.

Zanthoxylum. Asiat. Res. vi. 376.

A native of Nepal, and other mountainous countries north of Bengal, Rohilcund, and

Onde. In the Botanic garden they blossom during the hot and rainy seasons.

Trunk short. Branches several, straight, expanding, covered with dark brown bark, spotted with small, scabrous, white dots; our plants now ten years old, are from ten to twelve feet high. Prickles stipulary, straight, dark-coloured and sharp. Leaves alternate, unequally pinuate, from two to four inches long. Leaflets from three to thirteen, five or seven most common, opposite, sessile, lanceolate, in young plants crenulate, pretty smooth on both sides, with a few pellucid points containing a fragrant juice. Petioles winged. Stipules none. MALE. Racemes axillary, often compound, shorter than the leaves. Flowers minute, pale yellow. Calyx small, one-leaved, with from six to eight acute divisions. Corol none. Filaments six, seven, eight, much longer than the calyx. Anthers twin. Pistillum or hemispheric gland, with two or three elevations in the centre, like so many stigmas. FEMALE. Racemes as in the male. Flowers very minute, greenish yellow. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Stamens none. Germs superior, as far as five, three or four are most common, one-celled, containing two ovula, attached to the top of the inner angle of the cell. Styles single, shorter than the germs, recurved. Stigmas single. Capsules, in general one, two, or three come to maturity, roundish, reniform, or ovate, of the size of a small pea when recent, when dry wrinkled, and much smaller, short-pedicelled, one-celled, two-valved, opening round the apex. Seeds solitary, conform to the capsule, attached to the middle of the margins of the capsule, on one side. Integements two; the exterior one of a shining black, thick, porous, and brittle; the inner one thinner and brown. Perisperm conform to the seed, fleshy. Embryo inverse, nearly as large as the perisperm. Cotyledons round-cordate, three-nerved. Radicle superior, ob-

Every part of the plant possesses a peculiar aromatic pungency, which I cannot well compare to any smell, or taste I am acquainted with. The seeds are used medicinally by the natives of the countries where the plants grow.

ANTIDESMA. Schreb. gen. N. 1518.

MALE Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Anthers twin. FEMALE. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Stigmas from three to five. Drupe one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

A. pabescens. Willd. iv. 763. Roxb. Corom. pl. ii. No. 167.

Leaves oblong, entire, downy. Stipules subulate. Spikes terminal, panicled.

Tsjeriam-cottam. Rheed. Mal. v. t. 11.

Teling. Polaree.

A small tree, a native of the Circar mountains. Flowering time the beginning of the rainy

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, oval, entire, downy, from two to four inches long, and from two to three broad. Stipules subulate, downy. Spikes numerous, terminal, and from the exterior axills, downy; those of the male tree much longer and more slender. Brac-tes lanceolate, one-flowered. Flowers very small, of a greenish yellow. Male. Calga five-leaved, leaflets ovate, hairy. Corol none. Filaments five, spreading, longer than the calyx.

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Anthers double, singly globular. Pistil no other rudiments of one, than a tuft of wool. Fe-MALE. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Nectary a yellow fleshy ring surrounding the base of the germ. Germ superior, obliquely oblong, hairy. Styles two, short, two-cleft, spreading-Stigmas simple, Drups minute. Nut one-seeded.

The berries are eaten by the natives.

A. paniculata. Willd. iv. 764.
 Spikes panicled. Leaves round, oval, villous. Stigma stellate. Drupe round.

Beng. Khoodi Jamb.

A small ramous tree, with light ash-coloured bark, common in the forests of Bengal.

Flowering time the month of April, the seed ripens in July.

Leaves alternate, sub-bifarious, short-petioled, round-oval, often emarginate, entire, villous, particularly underneath; lanceolate, caducous. Spikes terminal, and axillary, panicled, sub-cylindric, downy. Bractes minute, one-flowered, from one to three inches long, and nearly as broad. Stipules downy. Flowers numerous, minute, sessile, of a pale greenish vellow. MALE. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets oblong, woolly. Corol none. Filaments five, twice, or more, longer than the calyx, inserted round the base of an hemispheric, hairy receptacle. Anthers twin. Pistil no other than a gland in the centre of the receptacle. Female. Calyx five-toothed. Corol none. Nectary, a yellow, villous ring surrounding the base of the germ. Germ obliquely ovate. Style scarcely any. Stigma generally of five stellate divisions. Berry, rather drupe in this species, small, round, smooth, when ripe of a dark purple, pulp of a pleasant subacid taste. Nut single, one-seeded. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

SPINACIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1520.

Male. Calyx four or five parted. Corol none. Female. Calyx two, or four-cleft. Corol none. Styles four. Seed one, within the indurated calyx. Embryo annular, with an inferior radicle, and furnished with a perisperm.

S. tetrandra. Roxb.

Annual, erect. Leaves variously lobed. Flowers hispid, sessile, the male ones tetrandrous the female calyx two-parted.

Hind. and Beng. Pinnis.

Arab. and Pers. Ispanj, or Ispanaj; these point out the derivation of our generic name which has been doubtful.

It is much cultivated in Bengal and the adjoining provinces; being a pot-herb held in

considerable estimation by the natives.

Stem erect, from twelve to twenty-four inches high, round, smooth, piped, succulent, sometimes reddish. Leaves alternate, the lower ones very long-petioled, variously lobed with lobes of an acute triangular shape, smooth on both sides. MALE. Flowers on long terminal glomerate spikes, and on shorter ones from the axill; very numerous, sessile. Calyx four-parted. Stamens four. Anthers twin, very large. Female. Flowers axillary, sessile, crowded. Calyx two-tipped, with a projecting horn in each side, growing into spines when the seed is ripe. Styles generally four, white, tapering. Capsule one-celled, one-valved, armed, with two opposite short horns, and crowned with the small remaining calyx.

CANNABIS. Schreb. gen. N. 1522.

MALE. Calyx five-parted. Corol none. Female. Calyx one-leaved, entire, opening on the side. Corol none. Styles two. Seed solitary, shut in the calyx. Embryo curved, inverse, without perisperm

C. satica. Willd. iv. 768.

Sans. Banga, or Ganjika.

Arab. Kinnab.

Hind. and Pers. Bang.

Beng. Ganga.

Teling. Ganjai.

Cannabis Indica. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 77.

Kalengi cansjava. Rheed. Mal. x. t. 60. the male; Tsyeru cansjava. t. 61. the female. Indigenous amongst the hills and mountains north of India, and common every where in the gardens of the natives throughout Asia. The leaves of the male plant, as well as the flowers of the female are dried, and mixed with tobacco for smoking. They also bruise and mix with water for drinking the flowers of the male plant; this preparation is called Siddhee. They are all powerfully narcotic. The bark they make no use of in India, though equally strong, when carefully prepared, as the hemp of Russia. But Captain Hardwicke, on whom we can depend, observes, As. Res. vi. p. 376, that the natives in several parts of the mountains above Hurdwar manufacture a coarse, thick cloth from the bark, which the poorer people wear.

I perfectly agree with Willdenow, in thinking all the varieties, if even such they can be called, centre in one species. From the same seed and even on the same plant, I have found the leaves both opposite and alternate; and sometimes the more rare male and female flowers

on the same individual, and even hermaphrodite.

CALAMUS. Schreb. gen. N. 589.

DIOECIA HEXANDRIA.

MALE. Perianth three-parted. Female. (Female hermaphrodite or hermaphrodite.) Perianth three-toothed. Corol three-parted. Stamina six, abortive. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment inferior. Berries backwardly imbricated with cartilaginous scales, generally one-seeded. Embryo in the base of the perisperm.

1. C. Zalacca. Willd. ii. 204.

Shrubby, not scandent nor flagelliferous, stoloniferous. Leaftets numerous, approximate, alternate, opposite, linear, bristly on both sides. Inflorescence radical. Berry obliquely turbinate, generally three-seeded.

Calamus Zalacca. Gart. Sem. ii, t. 139. f. 1. Zalacca. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 57. f. 2.

A native of the Malay Islands. The pulp of the fruit is eaten by both Malays and Europeans.

2. C. humilis. R.

Shrubhy, not scandent nor flagelliferous. Leaflets lanceolar, smooth, many-nerved. Spines few, but long and strong.

A native of Chittagong.

3. C. erectus. R.

Shrubby, erect, no flagelli. Leaflets rather remote, equidistant, opposite and alternate,

linear-lanceolar. Spines sub-verticelled. Spudis compound. Berries oblong.

Sun-gotta, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows with an erect trunk, like the true paims, of about fifteen feet in height; when divested of the sheaths, from three to four inches in circumference; and the joints from two to three inches long. The poorer natives use the seed as a substitute for areca.

4. C. draco. Willd. ii. 203.

Scandent, destitute of flagelli, dreadfully armed with long flattened elastic spines, often in rows and united at the base. Leaflets alternate, ensiform, spinous, bristled. Spadix decompound, oblong.

Palma juneus draco. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 114. t. 58. f. 1. good.

Dsirenung. Kampf. Amoen. Exot. 552.

A native of Sumatra and the Mainy Islands. Flowering time March and April.

Trunk while the plants are young, erect, and then resemble an elegant, slender palm tree, armed with innumerable dark coloured, flattened, clastic spines, often disposed in oblique rows, with their bases united. By age they become scandent, and overrun trees to a great extent. Leaves pinuate, their sheaths and petioles armed as above described. Leaflets single, alternate, ensiform, margins remotely armed with stiff, slender bristles, as are also the nerves; from twelve to eighteen inches long and about three quarters of an inch broad. Spadir of the femule kermaphrodite inserted by means of a short, armed petiole on the month of the sheath opposite to the leaf, oblong, decompound, resembling a common oblong panicle. Spathes several, one to each of the four or five primary ramifications of the spadix, lanceolate, leathery; all smooth except the exterior or lower one which is armed on the outside. Calga of the female or rather female hermaphrodite. Perianth turbinate, ribbed; mouth three-toothed. by the swelling of the germ it splits into three portions, and in this manner may be seen adhering with the corol, to the ripe berries. Corol three-cleft; divisions ovate-lanceolate, twice as long as the calyx, permanent. Filaments six, very broad, and inserted into the base of the corol. Anthers filiform, and seemingly abortive. Germ above, oval. Styles short. Stigma three-cleft; divisions revolute, glandular on the inside. Berry round, pointed, of the size of a cherry.

5. C. latifolius. Roxb.

Scandent. Leaves flagelliferous; leaflets in a few remote fascicles, of three or four each,

broad, lanceolar, many-nerved, smooth, convex above.

Korak Bet of the natives of Chittagong, where it is indigenous and runs over trees to an immense length. When freed from the sheaths of the leaves it is about as thick as a slender walking cane. Plants introduced by Mr. W. Roxburgh, in 1801, into the Botanic garden, flowered for the first time in November and December 1809, when they had at-

tained to the height of about forty feet.

Spines numerous on the stems, sub-verticelled, very large, flat and divaricate. On the flagelli fascicled and recurved. Leaves alternate, pinnate, from six to twelve feet long including the whip or flagelli, which terminates the common petioles as in many of Rumphius's figures; and the leaf of his Palma juncus equestris, vol. v. t. 56. is tolerably like that of my plant, but their size is very different. Leaves in seven or eight remote fascicles, of three or four each, broad-lanceolate, very erect, many-nerved, smooth on both sides; with the margins triflingly spinous-dentate, and the upper surface always convex, from ten to eighteen inches long, and from three to six broad. Male. Spadix supra-decompound; all the divisions bifarious. Flowers small, of a greenish yellow, each sitting in a cup composed of two concave sheathing bractes. Calga three-toothed. Corol three-parted. Filaments six, inserted on the imperforated base of the corol. Anthers incumbent. Pistillum none, a small three-lahed gland occupies its place.

6. C. rudentus. Willd. ii. 203.

Scandent. Leaves flagelliferous; leaflets numerous, equidistant, uniform. Male spadie

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age super-decompound.

Palma juncus albus. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 53.

A Native of the Moluccas, from thence introduced into the Botanic garden in 1798, where in thirteen years it blossomed for the first time, when it had attained to the length of thirty feet, and its general thickness, when deprived of the sheaths of the leaves, was that of a very stout walking cane; the joints are smooth, and from eight to twelve inches long. Leaves alternate as in the genus. Leaflets numerous, equi-distant, and equally arranged on each side of the petiole, uniform; margins armed with minute spinulæ, pointing forward, and the chief nerves here and there with a stiff spinous bristle; about two feet long, and about an inch broad. Petioles armed with a few, short, recurved spines on the exterior part of the under side, and many smaller straight ones on the upper; from eight to ten feet long, besides its terminal, drooping, armed whip, which is not much shorter than the body, or foliferous parts. Sheaths armed with slender spines disposed in belts. Male spadices from the sheaths of the petioles, supra-decompound. Spathes numerous, armed with very small, short, straight spines. Calyx, corol and stamina, exactly as in the other species.

7. C. verus, Willd. ii. 203.

Scandent. Leaves flagelliferous. Leaflets numerous, equi-distant, uniform, three-nerved; stipes dreadfully armed with innumerable flat, ensiform spines. Spadix panicled, oblong. Palma juncus verus angustifolius. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 54. f. 2.

A native of Amboyna, &c. In the Botanic garden are many plants of this species, brought from the Molucca Islands in 1798, where in twelve years they began to blossom, and in that time their length was under thirty feet; and the ratan, when cleaned, about as thick as the little finger, with joints from six to eight inches long. In this the whole of the petioles, particularly toward the base, are more armed than in any other species I havelyet seen, with flat, thin, elastic, very sharp, tortoise-shell coloured spines of all sizes, from a line to two inches long.

S. C. extensus, R.

Scandent. Leaves flagelliferous; leaflets alternate, remote, equi-distant, narrow-lanceo-

lar. Spines in belts, slender. Berries spherical.

Deu-gullar the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and is of great extent, say two to three hundred yards; when cleaned toward the base, it is not thicker than a man's fore-finger, but as thick as the wrist toward the apex. The length of the joint is from six to twelve inches.

9. C. quinquenervius. R.

Scandent. Leaves flagelliferous; leaflets few, remote, equi-distant, lanceolar, five-nerved.

Spines distinct, few, short and strong; spadix decompound.

Harnur-gullar the vernacular name in Silhet, where this species is found, running over trees, to a great extent; the ratan when cleaned is about as thick as a man's finger throughout, and the joints from six to eight inches long.

10. C. Rotang. Willd. ii. 202.

Scandent. Leaflets solitary, equi-distant, sublinear-lanceolate; sheaths flagelliferous.

Sans. Vetra, vetus.

Beng. Bet, or Sanchi-bet.

I cannot take upon me to quote any of Rumphius's figures for this plant. It is a native of Bengal, and the Coromandel coast, delights in a rich, moist soil, where there are bushes and trees for it to climb on. Flowering time the rains; the fruit ripens during the cold seasons.

Root fibrous. Stem joined, climbing to a vast extent, enveloped in the thorny sheaths of the leaves; with them it is about as thick as a man's little finger; when they are removed, it is in thickness, and every other respect, a common ratan. Leaves pinnate, from eighteen to thirty-six inches long. Leaflets opposite or alternate, sessile, linear-lanceolate, armed in the margins with minute bristles pointing forward, and a few distinct, long, creet bristles on the upper surface, from six to twelve inches long. Sheaths cylindric, armed with numerous, strong, straight, compressed thorns. Petioles sheathing, the leaflet-bearing portion compressed, channelled, and armed with both straight and recurved thorns on the under side. Flagelli, one from the sheath of each leaf near its mouth they are very long, slender, drooping or waving, and well armed, resembling the slender lash of a whip; many of Rumphius's figures of these plants have such terminating the rib or rachis of the leaves. Male. Calyx universal; spathe none; partial many, scattered. Spadix supra-decompound, drooping, being the above mentioned flagelli much enlarged, with numerous, partial, truncate spathes, with alternate, decompound, bifarious, recurved spikes therefrom, the ramifications thereof recurved, bearing in two rows on their convex sides numerous minute greenish flowers. Perianth three-parted, smaller than the corol, permanent. Corol one-parted. Tube imperforated. Border three-parted; divisions oval, permanent. Filaments six, thick at the base, tapering, nearly as long as the corol and inserted on the mouth of its tube. Anthers incumbent. Germ none, but there is the rudiment of a three-cleft stigma: Female. Calyx; sheaths as in the male. Spadix decompound, perianth and corol as in the male. Filaments six, united at the base round the germ. Anthers arrow-shaped, abortive. Germ round. Style short, three-cleft, divisions or stigmas recurved. Berries round, of the size of a small gooseberry, imbricated backward with barky scales, one-celled, one-seeded, between the bark and the seed there is a considerable portion of whitish juicy pulp of a sharp acid taste. Seed solitary, marked with many irregular depressions and elevations, and on one side there is a large, deep, roundish pit, a little below it near the base is lodged the monocotyledonous embryo.

As already observed the full grown-plant, when divested of the sheaths of the leaves, resembles so much the common ratan of Malacca, that I have scarcely a doubt of their being Ca the same; for that reason the specific name rolang is adopted until we are better acquainted with those figured by Rumphius.

11. C. fasciculatus, Roxb.

Scandent, Leaflets in many fascicles, ensiform, margins spinous, bristly. Sheaths flagelliferous.

Tsjeru-tsjurel, Rheed. Mal. xii. p. 121. t. 64. agrees in its foliage better with this than with the former.

Palma juneus viminalis. Rumph. Herb. Amb. vol. v. t. 55. f. 2. agrees pretty well with this species, but not his description.

Sans. Umba-vetus.

Hind. and Beng. Bura-bet.
With C. Rotang this is a native of thickets, and woods all over Bengal, Cuttack, and many other places; though I never saw it to the southward of Ganjam. Flowering time, the

rainy season.

Stem as in C. Rotang but thicker, when young, viz. from four to eight feet high, they are erect, at which time they resemble a beautiful palm on a small scale; when longer they lean in search of support, and finally climb over trees, and bushes like the other species, and are equally extensive. Leaves and petioles as in C. Rotang, but more armed. Leaflets collected into fascicles of two, three, or four, on the opposite sides of the stipes, with a vacant space of considerable extent between; they are broader considerably than in C. Rolang, scarcely so long, and armed with spinous bristles on the edges and both sides of the nerves. MALE. Flogelli, spathes, spadix, perianth, corol, and stamens, as in the former species. FE-MALE. Perianth, corol abortive; stamens and pistillam as in C. Rotang. Berries as in the former, but small.

The stems divested of the sheaths of the leaves, are about as thick as a man's fore-finger, and employed for walking canes like those of the ground ratan, Rhapis flabelliformis.

12. C. polygamus, R.

Scandeut. Spines sub-verticled. Sheaths flagelliferous. Inferior leaflets in remote fascicles of three or four, above single and alternate, or opposite, all linear, with a few bristles on the margins and nerves underneath. Male and hermaphrodite flowers on the same supradecompound spadix.

Haedoom Bet of the people of Chittagong, where it is indigenous, and a most extensive rambler; the general thickness when cleaned is that of a stout walking cane. Its growth is exceeding slow, for in ten years it had acquired a stem of only five feet in length, and the leaves from ten to twelve more.

13. C. tenuius, R.

Polygamous, scandent. Leaves pinnate; leaflets numerous, solitary, equi-distant, alternate, three-nerved, linear. Sheaths flagelliferous. Spadix decompound. Hermaphrodite calyx

Bandhari Bet of the inhabitants of Chittagong, where it is indigenous. It is a beautiful, delicate species; when divested of the sheaths of the leaves, and cleaned, it is not thicker than a common quill, and of the colour of the common ratan. Flowering time, the rainy

Stems simple, perennial, climbing to a great extent; the extremities inserted in the armed sheaths of the leaves, including these, it is scarcely so thick as a common ratan. Leaves oblong, equally pinnate, nearly two feet long. Leaflets from twenty to thirty on each side, equidistant, alternate, linear polished, three-nerved; margins, apices, and nerves bristly; six inches long, and scarcely half an inch broad at the broadest part. Petioles armed. Flagelli from the sheaths, simple, armed, as in the other species. Spathes numerons, sheathing, sub-cylindric, one for each division of the spadix, even to the pairs of flowers. Spadices occupy the place of the flagelli on a few of the spathes, decompound; primary branches, four, five, or six, remote, flexuose, with about half a dozen alternate, recurvate branches on each side. Hermaphrodite and male flowers in alternate pairs, the latter short-pedicelled. MALE. Calux shorter than the corol, unequally two, or three-toothed, corol supported on a fleshy gibbous receptacle, border two or three-cleft. Filaments four, five, or six. Anthers sagittate. HERMAPHRODITE. Calyx and corol equal, gibbous, with a contracted, three-toothed mouth. Filaments six, united in a ring round the lower half of the germ; anthers sagittate, large, and seemingly fertile. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing three seeds attached to the bottom of the cell. Style scarcely any; Stigma three-cleft; segments rugose and recurvate.

14. C. pencillatus. R.
Scandent. Leaflets thirty-four pair, regularly alternate except the terminal two, which are united, lanceolate, seven to nine-nerved; margins entire and smooth, a pencil of bristles from the apex of each. Sheaths flagelliferous.

Found by Mr. Roxburgh in the forests of Pulo Pinang running over trees. It is more slender than the common ratan, and less so than the next species, C. gracilis.

15. C. gracilis. R.

Scandent. Leaves with from six to ten pair of linear-lanceolate, three-nerved leaflets in three remote fuscicles; sheaths flagelliferous.

Mapoori Bet of the Hindoos of Chittagong. Tsjera-tsjurel. Rheed. Mal. xii. t. 64.

A native of the forests of Chittagong, where Mr. W. Roxburgh found it climbing over

Page Carey Ed. trees and bushes to a great extent, and in flower in the month of May. This species is uncommonly slender when divested of the sheaths of the leaves and dry, scarcely as thick as a common quill, in texture firm and elastic, covered with a smooth, straw-coloured crust as in the common ratan.

Stems simple, perennial, climbing to a great extent; all the tender or younger parts toward their extremities invested, in the armed sheaths of the leaves, including these about as thick as a man's little finger. Leaves alternate, recurved interruptedly pinnate, if I may be allowed to call a pinnated leaf so, which is destitute of smaller leaflets between the principal ones, from one to two feet long. Leaflets collected in three opposite bundles of from two to four pair each, with much more of the rachis left naked between them than the spaces they occupy, sessile, doubled backwardly at the base, linear-lanceolate, bristly, pointed, both surfaces lucid, three-nerved; nerves on the upper side as well as the margins, bristly, from three to five inches long, and less than one inch broad. Rib or rachis carinated along the upper side, when young covered with ferruginous dust, rounded underneath, and armed with recurved prickles. Flagelli or tendrils, issue single as in the other species, from near the mouths of the sheaths of the leaves; they are long, jointed, slender as a pack-thread, drooping, sheathed, armed with numerous, very sharp, recurved prickles. MALE. Spadix from the mouths of the sheaths or opposite sides of the flagelli, compound, jointed; joints approximate, sheathed; ramifications recurved, bearing two rows of sessile flowers on their convex side. Calyx one-leaved, tridentate, sitting on the joints of the rachis in a three-toothed cup, which may be called a lower or exterior calyx. Corol three-parted, with the base fleshy, and partly impervious. Filaments six, thick at the base, and inserted on the mouth of the fleshy impervious tube of the corol. Anthers linear, incumbent. Pistillum, a small, three-toothed, abortive, style-like body is all that is to be found.

16. C. monoicus.

Monoicous, scandent. Leaflets numerous, alternate, linear-lanceolate, polished, and bristly; sheaths flagelliferous; stamens monadelphous.

Native place uncertain. It grows in the Botanic garden to be about the size of the common ratan, and differs from it only in being monoicous, the divisions of the corol lanceolate, and in the *filaments* being very completely united. Flowering time the rainy season.

It is needless to give a full description of this plant, which is exactly like C. Rotang, except in the above-mentioned circumstances. The male flowers are about as numerous as the female ones, generally one of each from each of the annular scales of the branches of the spadix. The common ratan (C. Rotang) I have always found completely dioecous; this must therefore be considered a distinct species.

PHŒNIX. Schreb. gen. N. 1694.

Male. Calyx three-toothed. Corol three-petalled. Female. Calyx and corol as in the male. Germs three, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment interior. Drupe oblong, pointed, one-seeded. Embryo in the back or convex side of the perisperm.

1. P. acaulis. Buch.

Stemless. Leaves radical, pinnate; leaflets folded, ensiform, in sub-opposite fascicles pointing many ways, the lower spinous.

A native of Behar. Flowering time in the Botanic garden the cold season. The seed

ripens in April and May.

Stem none in plants ten years old; at this age when in flower, the whole body of the plant, including the inflorescence, but exclusive of the foliage, is of an ovate form, and not exceeding six or eight inches in height from the surface of the ground. Leaves (fronds, L.) pinnate; from two to six feet long. Leaflets in nearly opposite, rather remote fascicles; the superior ones folded, slender, ensiform, and about eighteen inches long; the lower ones small, straight, rigid, and ending in very sharp, spinous points. Petioles (stipes) near the base flat, towards the apex triangular, smooth. MALE. Spathes and spadix as in the female, hereafter described. Flowers alternate, solitary, sessile, small, pale yellow. Calyx one-leaved, triangular; angles or lobes acute and unequal. Corol three-petalled; petals obliquely-lanceolate, acute, slightly united at the base. Filaments six, very short, inserted into the base of the corol.

Anthers linear, nearly as long as the petals. Pistil none. Female. Spathes universal, axillary, solitary, one-valved, about six inches long, with their base rather below the surface of the earth, generally splitting into two portions down the middle, on each side. Spadix ramous, composed of many, simple, short, erect, flexuose branches; all are smooth, and of a pale yellow. Flowers alternate, solitary, sessile, in bractiform notches on the sides of the branches of the spadix. Calyx cup-shaped, truncate, with three obscure points at equal distances on the margin. Petals three, sub-rotund, thick and fleshy, concave, smooth. Nectary a small, six-toothed cup, in which the germs sit. Germs three, each one-celled, and containing a single ovulum attached to the middle of the cell on the inside. Styles three, recurved, small, and short. Stigma small. Drupe eval, fleshy, small, smooth, of a bright red, of the size of a very small olive, one-celled. Seed solitary, oblong, with a deep longitudinal groove on one side.

Embryo in the middle of the back, or convex side of the seed.

2. P. farinifera. Willd. iv. 731. R. Corom. pl. i. N. 74.

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Stem scarcely any. Leaves pinnate; leaflets opposite, rigid, the lower pair ending in

Phoenix pusilla. Gart. Sem. i. t. 29. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 753. Teling. Chilta-eita.

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This dwarf species of the date tree is a native of dry, barren ground, chiefly of the sandy lands at a small distance from the sea near Coringa. It flowers in January and Febru-

ary. The fruit ripeus in May.

Trunk, the little it has is only about one or at most two feet high, and so entirely enveloped in the sheaths of the leaves that it is never seen, the whole appearing like a large round bush. Leaves pinnate. Leaflets opposite, sword-shaped much pointed, smooth, of a deep green. Spathes axillary, one-valved, concave on the inside, fitting the trunk or base of the leaf immediately within it; this concavity is bordered by two sharp edges; couvex on the outside, there splitting longitudinally, leathery, smooth, withering. Spadix erect, very ramous, branches simple, spreading in every direction, from eight to twelve inches long. Male plowers. Calgx small, slightly three-toothed. Pstals three, oblong, white, rigid. Filaments six, very short, inserted into a fleshy globular receptable. Anthers oblong, erect. Female Flowers on a separate plant. Calgx as above. Pstals three, orbicular, concave, equal, rigid, lasting. Germs three, though never more than one ever increases in size, the other two always wither, although they contain the rudiment of a seed every way like the fertile germ; ovate, each ending in a short recurved style. Stigma simple. Berry when ripe, of a shining black, of the size of a large French bean; the pulp is sweet and mealy, but in small quantity, the natives cat them as gathered from the bush without any preparation. Seed cartilaginous, of the shape of the berry, grooved longitudinally, as in the common date, pretty smooth, brown on the outside, of a light grayish white within, on the middle of the back there is a small elevation, under which is an oblong pit containing the embryo or first principle of the new plant.

The leaflets are wrought into mats for sleeping upon, &c. The common petioles are split into three or four, and used to make common baskets of various kinds, but they are not so good for this purpose as the Bamboo, which is very elastic, much more durable, and splits easily. The small trunk when divested of its leaves, and the strong brown fibrous web that surrounds it at their insertions, is generally about fifteen or eighteen inches long, and six in diameter at the thickest part; its exterior or woody part consists of white fibres matted together, these envelope a large quantity of farimaccous substance, which the natives use for food in times of scarcity. To procure this meal, the small trunk is split into six or eight pieces, dried, and beat in wooden mortars, till the farinaceous part is detached from the fibres; it is then sifted to separate them, the meal is then fit for use. The only further preparation it undergoes, is the boiling it into a thick gruel, or as it is called in India, Kanji; it seems to possess less nourishment than the common sago, and is less palatable, being considerably bitter when boiled; probably a little care in the preparation, and varying the mode, might improve it; however, it certainly deserves attention, for during the end of the last, and beginning of this year, and even again at this present time, May 1792, it has saved many lives. Rice was too dear, and at times not to be had, which forced many of the poor to have recourse to these sorts of food. Fortunately it is one of the most common plants on this part

of the coast, particularly near the sea.

3. P. dactylifera, Willd. iv. 730.

Leaves pinnate, unarmed; leaflets folded together, linear-lanceolate, strait.

Numerous attempts have been made to familiarize this useful tree to the soil and climate of India, but I have not been able to learn that any one has been successful. I have raised thousands from seed in the Botanie garden, many of which I have tried to bring to perfection there, and have distributed others over many parts of the country. The greatest advance that I have yet known, has been that some male trees lived to blossom, soon after which they have uniformly perished.

Captain Benjamin Blake who was lately at Bussora informs me that he used frequently to walk in these data gardens, and observed their method of impregnating the female flowers, which was by making a slit in the spathe a little before it would burst spontaneously, and thrusting into it a branch, or a part, of the male spadix, where it was left. This he says, was the whole of the operation, and it appears a much more certain method, than hauging

the male branch over the female.

4. P. sylvestris. R.

Leaflets in sub-opposite fascicles, ensiform, spinous-pointed, pointing four ways,

Katou-indel. Rheed. Mal. iii. t. 22. 23. 24. and 25.

Teling. Pedda-eita. Sans. Khurjura.

Beng. Khujjoor.

Elate sylvestris. Linn.

This tree is very common all over India, all soils and situations seem to suit it equally

well. Flowering time the beginning of the hot season.

Its parts of fructification are exactly as in P. farinifera, except that here are six small nectarial scales round the base of the germs. But it differs from it most conspicuously in growing to be a tree with a long, pretty thick trunk, and having longer yellowish or reddish fruit. This tree yields Tari or Palm wine during the cold season. The method of extracting it destroys the appearance and fertility of the tree. The fruit of those that have been cut for drawing off the juice being very small.

The mode of extracting this juice is by removing the lower leaves and their sheaths, and cutting a notch into the pith of the tree near the top, from thence it issues and is conducted by a small channel made of a bit of the Palmyra tree leaf into a pot suspended to receive it. On the coast of Coromandel this Palm juice is either drank fresh from the tree,

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Page or boiled down into sugar, or fermented for distillation, when it gives out a large portion of ardent spirit commonly called Paria arak on the coast of Coromaudel. Mats and baskets are made of the leaves.

The Bengalees call this tree Khujjoor. They also boil the juice into sugar. In the whole Province of Bengal about fifteen thousand maunds, or about a hundred thousand hundredweight is made annually. At the age of from seven or ten years, when the trunk of the trees will be about four feet high, they begin to yield juice, and continue productive for twenty or twenty-five years. It is extracted during the cold months of November, December, January, and February; during which period, each tree is reckoned to yield from one hundred and twenty to two hundred and forty pints of juice, which averages one hundred and eighty pints, every twelve pints or pounds is boiled down to one of Goor or Jaguri, and four of Goor yield one of good powder sugar, so that the average produce of each tree is about seven or eight pounds of sugar annually.

Another statement presented to me, gives a much larger produce, viz. the average produce of each tree is sixteen pints per day, four of which will yield two pounds of molasses, and forty of molasses will yield twenty-five pounds of brown sugar. The difference is so great, that I cannot well reconcile them, but am inclined to give most credit to the first.

Date sugar, as it is here called, is not so much esteemed as cane sugar, and sells for about one fourth less.

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III 791 5. P. paludosa, R.

Sub-arboreous. Leaflets solitary, ensiform, flaccid, bifarious. Embryo in the base of the seed.

Sans. Hintala. Beng. Hintal.

A native of the lower parts of the Delta of the Ganges called the Sunderbunds, where it forms a considerable portion of those impenetrable woods which completely cover that exten-

Trunk straight, as thick as a man's leg, and from six to sixteen feet high. Leaves pinnate, oblong, from three to six feet long, with the base extended into a multitude of tough fibres that embrace the stem and interior leaves. Leaflets solitary, opposite and alternate, bifarious, the lower few pairs short and spinous, the rest flaccid, sword-shaped, smooth, with acute filiform points, the longest of them from twelve to eighteen inches. Spathe simple as in the P. sylvestris and farinifera. Spadix ramous; branches numerous, generally undivided, and spreading in every direction. So far the male and female plants agree. Make Flowers, Calyx cup-shaped, less regularly three-toothed, than in the above-mentioned two species. Corol. The three petals unite at the base into a firm receptacle which supports the stamens. Filaments six, short. Female Flowers on a distinct plant. Calgar as in the male. Corol. The three petals distinct, roundish, concave. Nectary six small scales surrounding the base. of the germs. Germs three; styles recurved, (although as in P. sylvestris and farinifera there are always three perfect germs, yet never more than one of them comes to maturity.) Borry the size of a field bean, oval, smooth, of a deep shining black, when ripe the pulp is a dirty looking, soft, greenish black substance, of an intolerable taste. Seed cartilaginous, as in P. farinifera, but in this species the embryo is lodged near the base of the seed.

The trunks of the smaller trees serve for walking sticks, and the natives have an idea that snakes get out of the way of any person having such a staff. The longer ones serve for

rafters to their houses, and leaves for thatch.

BORASSUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1689.

Male spathe universal, many-leaved. Perianth three-leaved. Corol three-petalled. Female spathe as in the male. Perianth, or corol, or both, from eight to twelve-leaved. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded, attachment interior. Drupe three-seeded. Embryo in the apex of the perisperm.

B. flabelliformis. Willd. iv. 800. Corom. pl. i. N. 71. and 72. Lontarus domestica. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 10. Gart. Fruct. 21. t. 3.

Carimpana, Rheed. Mal. i. t. 9. the female tree; and Ampara, t. 10. the male.

Sans. Tala. See Asiat. Res. iv. p. 311.

Beng. Tal.

Eng. Palmyra.

Teling. Patoo-Tody, the name of the male tree, and Peuty or Nama-Tody, the female. Common all over India. It flowers in the hot season in Bengal, and the seeds ripen in August.

FERRIOLA. R.

Male. Calyx and corol three-cleft. Female. Calyx and corol three-cleft. Germ superior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment superior; style single. Berry from one to three-seeded. Embryo inverse, amply furnished with perisperm.

F. buxifolia. Willd. iv. p. 798. R. Corom. pl. i. N. 45.

Trumbilli, that is Iron wood, of the Tamuls.

Pishinna of the Telingas.

Among the Circar mountains this grows to be a small tree, but in the low countries, it is only a shrub. It flowers during the hot season.

Trank irregular. Bark of a dark rust colour. Branches very numerous, and very irregularly disposed. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oval, entire, very smooth, shining, about Ca half or three quarters of an inch long, by half an inch broad. Male. Flowers from the axills of the lower leaves, three together smaller than the female ones. Filaments six, short, inserted round a semi-globose receptacle. Anthers oblong. Pistil none. FEMALE. Flowers axillary, single, sessile, very small, white. Calyx three-cleft. Corol three-cleft, hairy on the outside. Stamens none. Germ superior, oval, three-celled, with two ovula in each attached to the top of the axis. Style short. Stigma three-toothed. Berry superior, of the size of a large pea, round, smooth, when ripe yellow, from one to three-celled, partitions thin, tough, membranaceous. Seed one; I never found more, in each cell, differing in shape according to the number of fertile cells in the berry. Integument single, rather fleshy. Perisperm conform to the seed, of a soft, hairy, semi-pellucid consistence. Embryo inverse, nearly as long as the perisperm, a little curved. Cotyledons two, cordate. Plumula very minute. Radicle superior, clavate, pointing directly to the umbilious.

The berries of this tree are universally eaten when ripe, and are very well tasted.

The wood is dark coloured, remarkably hard, and durable. It is employed for such uses, when its size will admit, as require the most durable heavy wood.

SMILAX. Schreb. gen. N. 1528.

MALE. Calyx six-leaved. Corol none. Female. Calyx six-leaved. Corol none. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment superior. Styles three. Berry from two to three-seeded. Emoryo in the base of the perisperm.

S. glabra, R.

Scandent. Stem and branches unarmed, columnar, polished. Leaves lanceolate, acuminate, rounded at the base, polish-three-nerved, glaucous underneath. Umbellets axillary, simple, sessile, solitary. Calycine leaflets broad, obcordate; sessile,

A native of the Silhet district, and of the adjacent Garrow country, where it is called Haring or Haring-shook-China. Its root is large and tuberous, and not to be distinguished by the eye, from the medicinal drug brought from China, under the name of China root. The natives of the above countries use a decoction of the fresh root annually, for the cure of sores and venereal complaints. It flowers about the end of the rains, and the seed ripens in the hot season. It is remarkable for its broad, obcordate, calycine leaflets, and large, twolobed, sessile anthers. The flower-buds are broad and three-lobed.

2. S. lanceafolia. R.

Scandent. Stem and branches unarmed, columnar, polished. Leaves lanceolar, threenerved, polished. Umbellets simple, axillary, solitary, peduncled. Calycine segments linearoblong.

Gootea-shook-China the vernacular name amongst the people of the eastern frontier, where the plant is indigenous, and its large tuberous roots much used in medicine; they are so like those of the Smilar China as not to be distinguished by the eye. It cannot therefore be Louriero's S. lancsolata, which he says has a long fillform root, not tuberous. By the natives where the plants grow, the juice of the fresh root is taken inwardly for the cure of rheumatic pains, and the refuse after extracting the juice, laid over the parts most pained. The whole plant, root included, is very much like my glabra, except in the structure of the flowers.

 S. Pseudo-China. Willd. iv. 785.
 Scandent. Stem and branches unarmed, columnar, smooth. Leaves from cordate to cordate-oblong, smooth, acuminate, five-nerved; petioles sub-cylindrie, without stipuli.

Beng. Muhesha.

A native of the Garrow hills. 4. S. laurifolia. Willd, iv. 779.

Scandent, somewhat angular, armed. Leaves lanceolate and narrow, oblong, smooth, triple-nerved to the acuminate apex. Umbels compound. Berries from one to three-lobed, from one to three-seeded.

Koomari or Koomari-sookh-China of the Bengalees.

A native of the Garrow hills, where it grows to be a large, rambling, scandent, well armed perennial. Flowering time the hot season; the seed ripens about the end of the rains. On the permanent base of the petioles, just under the tendrils, are two large semicordate stipulæ. The umbellets are numerous, particularly in the female, forming panicles, with the long peduncled umbels in alternate threes on the angles of the rachis.

5. S. retusa. R.

Scandent, columnar, much armed. Leaves sub-ovate, cordate, retuse; with a triangular point, triple-nerved, with a fine intermarginal pair, stipules stem-clasping

A most extensive rambler, a native of Bengal, every part glossy, which is indeed the case with all the East Indian species known to me.

6. S. macrophylla, R.

Scandent ; stem and branches cylindric and prickly. Leaves sub-rotund, five-nerved, glossy.

Female umbellets a few on a common axillary peduncle.

A very large and extensive, well armed species, a native of Bengal, where it blossoms about the beginning of the rains in June, and the seed ripens in October and November.

Root permanent, somewhat tuberous. Stems sometimes herbaceous, sometimes biennial or even perennial, round, armed with short sharp prickles, but void of every thing like pubes-

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Page cence, scandent, and ramous toward the root, as thick as a walking cane; the general length several fathoms; some seasons they perish down to the root at the approach of winter, and appear about the beginning of the hot season in February and March, at other times they are biennial or more. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, round, entire, five-nerved, glossy, six or eight inches each way. Petioles short, keeled, with the margins of the channel winged. Tendrils petiolary, undivided. Female. Peduncles axillary, solitary, divided into two or three branches, each supporting a single, globular umbellet of large, greenish yellow, pedicelled flowers inserted on a round scrobiculate receptacle. Calyx six-leaved; the inner series narrower. Filaments six, slender, and abortive. Germ globular, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the upper end of the axis. Styles recurved. Berries the size of a pea, red, smooth, generally one, or two-seeded. Seed, perisperm, and embryo as in the genus.

7. S. ovalifolia. R.

Stems cylindric, armed. Leaves unarmed, oval, smooth, from five to seven-nerved. Petioles tendril-bearing. Umbels compound.

Beng. Koomurki.

Teling. Kunda gurvatiga.

A native of hedges, forests, and wild places.

Root tuberous. Stems cylindric, climbing, woody; the larger woody parts armed with sharp, strong, incurved prickles. Tendrils paired, from the wings of the petioles, one on each side, simple. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, unarmed, oval, from five to seven-nerved, smooth on both sides; entire; from five to seven inches long. Petioles short, winged, channelled, bearing a simple tendril on each side of their base. Jointed just above the tendrils, and there, though the leaf drops, leaving the base with the tendrils for the support of the plant. Umbels axillary, compound; umbellets globular. Peduncles and pedicels columnar, smooth, coloured. Bractes two at the base of each peduncle, with smaller, reflexed, partial bracteoli to the umbellets. Female. Calyx the three exterior leaflets larger, all revolute; nectary three subulate bodies within the calyx. Germ oblong. Styles short. Stigmas truncate. Berries. above, red, smooth, succulent, two or three-seeded.

8. S. prolifera. R.

Stem and branches cylindric, prickly. Leaves unarmed, oblong, triple-nerved, with a slender marginal pair. Umbels proliferous, super-decompound; umbellets globular, long-

A native of hedges and thickets in the vicinity of Calcutta where it blossoms in Feb-

ruary and March.

Root strong, slender, hard, fibres springing from a small tuberous, hard, ligneous crown or base. Stems and branches perennial, scandent, of some few fathoms in length, round, armed with numerous, rather recurved, short, thick, sharp prickles. Leaves from lanceolar to oblong, triple-nerved, besides a very slender sub-marginal pair, entire, smooth on both sides, from three to four inches long, and from one to two broad. Petioles variously bent and ribbed, at the base a permanent, stipulaceous, cirriferous enlargement. MALE. Umbels axillary, proliferous, rather shorter than the leaves. Umbellets long-pedicelled, globular. Flowers numerous, middle-sized, green. Calyx six-leaved, all linear and revolute, but the three exterior ones much broader. Corol none. Filaments six, as long as the calyx. Anthers linearoblong, recurved. Female. Umbels axillary, three or four times proliferous; umbellets globular, long-peduncled. Flowers numerous, small, of a greenish yellow, long-pedicelled, Calyx as in the male. Filaments or necturies six, filiform, shorter than the petals. Germ superior, globular, three-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the top of the axis. Styles three, recurved. Stigmas large and trifid. Berry globose, of the size and appearance of a red currant, one or two-seeded.

9. S. maculata, Roxb.

Shrubby, scandent, angular, and armed. Leaves hastate, cordate, entire, acute, from three to seven-nerved. Racemes both male and female, axillary.

A native of Nepal, from thence Dr. Buchanan sent seeds to the Botanic garden in 1802, where the plants blossom during the cold season, and ripen their seed by the month of May.

Stems, or rather branches numerous, shrubby, scandent, or resting on the ground, angular, and armed with short, slightly recurvate prickles. Tendrils in pairs from the base of the petioles, simple. Leaves alternate, petioled, hastate-cordate, margins entire, from three to seven-nerved, smooth, maculated with patches of pale green, with a dark margin, and a few small prickles on the nerves underneath, generally from three to six inches long, and from one to three inches broad. Petioles about an inch long, and somewhat angular and prickly. Racemes axillary and terminal, solitary, generally shorter than the leaves. Flowers numerous, in alternate fascicles of six or eight, pedicelled, white, fragrant. Bractes round the base of the pedicels, scariose, and very small. MALE PLOWERS. Calyx six-leaved. Leaflets oblong. smooth, spreading, the three exterior ones somewhat larger. Filaments erect. Anthers oblong: FRMALE FLOWERS nearly as in the male. Stamina, six small, abortive, round, subulate bodies inserted round the base of the germ. Germ oblong, smooth, three-lobed. Styles none. Stigmas three, oblong, recurved. Berry of the size of a pea, smooth, red, three-lobed, three-celled, with a single seed in each attached to the apex of the cells. Perisperm cartilaginous, of a pale bluish white colour. Embryo simple, small, cylindric, lodged in the base of the perisperm, opposite to the umbilicus.

DIOSCOREA. Schreb. gen. N. 1530.

MALE. Calyx six-leaved, or six-parted. Corol none. FEMALE. Calyx as in the male.

Germ inferior, three-celled; cells two-seeded; attachment superior. Styles three. Capsule Page three-celled. Seeds one or two, membranaceous. Embryo ascending, centripetal, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. D. globosa. R.

Tubers roundish, white. Stems twining, six-winged. Leaves alternate and opposite, sagittate-cordate. Male spikes compound, long, pendulous, and verticelled; female simple.

Beng. Choopares aloo.

I have only found this species in a cultivated state; it holds the first place amongst the tuberous roots used for food by the Hindoos of these parts, and is also the most esteemed of

the yams amongst Europeans in India.

Root tuberous, roundish, often very large; internally very white. Stems herbaceous, twining, of great extent, about six-sided, with the angles membrane-winged, and prickly toward the root. Leaves opposite and alternate, long-petioled, broad, sngittate-cordate, ensiform, pointed, waved, smooth, from five to seven-nerved. Petioles five-winged, nearly as long as the leaves. Mans. Spikes axillary, simple and compound; the compound ones very long, pendulous, and sub-verticelled.

Flowers small, very numerous. Female. Spikes axillary, simple, erect, with a few re-

mote, very fragrant flowers. 2. D. alata. Willd. iv. 792.

Tubers oblong, white. Stems annual, twining, four-winged. Leaves opposite, deep cordate, from five to seven-nerved. Volubilis nigra, &c. Sloane's History of Jamaica, vol. i.p. 139. Bevg. Kam-aloo.

Katsji-Kelengu. Rheed. Mal. vii. p. 71. t. 38.

This species is much cultivated in various parts of India. On the Coromandel coast it is, I believe, the only species reared for food. In Bengal it holds only the second place, C. globosa being more esteemed; it is, however, much cultivated. Flowering time, the close of the rains.

Tubers oblong, brown on the surface, internally white, in a rich soil of great size, which

perishes, after having produced that of the succeeding year. Besides the tubers, the proper roots of all those plants are fibrous, springing chiefly from, and about, the union of the stems with the tubers, and spreading in every direction. Stems herbaccous, twining over trees and bushes to a very great extent, somewhat four-sided, each angle enlarged with a copious, membranaceous, curled wing, otherwise smooth, often prickly toward the base. Leaves generally opposite; that is, the first only, that appears on the young shoots, being alternate; all longpetioled, deeply cordate, with the lobes protruding much, more or less rounded, and approximated, from five to seven-nerved, ensiform-pointed, smooth on both sides, various in size. Petioles nearly as long as the leaves, five-winged, enlarged at the base, coloured, and stem-clasping. MALE. Spikes compound, or panicled. FRMALE. Spikes axillary, compound, and simple, smooth. Bracter three-fold, one-flowered. Flowers remote, small, and green.

The description of Ubium ovale, Rumph. Amb. vol. v. p. 356. t. 125. agrees pretty well with this plant, so far as relates to the stems and leaves; but in the root they disagree;

no inference can be drawn from the figure.

3. D. rubella, Roxb.

Tubers oblong, red-skinned; stems twining, six-winged. Leaves opposite, sagittate-cordate, smooth, five or seven-nerved, with subulate points.

Beng. Guranya aloo.

Ubium digitatum. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 121.

This I have only found in its cultivated state, the natives esteem it next in rank to D. purpurea, consequently it holds the fourth place in their estimation amongst the Dioscoreas,

and is much cultivated about Calcutta.

Roof tuberous, deeply tinged with red immediately under the epidermis, or scarf skin, but this colour does not penetrate deep, they are of an oblong shape, and sometimes as much as three feet long in a rich soil. Stems herbaceous, twining, about six-seeded, with rather awinged angles, otherwise smooth, and tinged with red in most parts. Leaves opposite, petioled, sagittate-cordate, entire, from three to seven-nerved, smooth, subulate, pointed. Petioles as in D. alota. Male. Spiker axillary, simple and compound, when simple crowded, and shorter than the leaves. Flowers numerous, minute. Calyx as in the genus. FEMALE. Spikes axillary, generally simple, longer than the leaves. Flowers remote, very fragrant. Abortive stamens large, and distinct, almost like those of the male.

4. D. purpurea. R.

Tubers oblong, reddish throughout; stems twining, six (or more) ribbed or winged. Leaves opposite, and alternate, cordate.

Beng. Lal-gwranya-aloo.

This also I have found only in a cultivated state, where it is wild I know not. The root is esteemed the next best to that of D. alata, consequently holds the third place amongst the Aloos. It is much cultivated.

Root oblong, throughout of a lighter, or darker purple, but always considerably deep in the tinge, and the farmers or cultivators of this species, say this colour is permanent. Stems sub-herbaceous, being sometimes perennial near the base, twining, six or more winged, or smooth; when the roots are more than one year old, the lower permanent parts of the stems are generally armed with prickles. Leaves opposite and alternate, long-petioled, cordate, with a subulate point, five to seven-nerved, smooth, glossy green above, paler underneath. Petioles stem-clasping, winged, as in the other species. Male and female spikes, as in the last described.

Page Carey Ed. 5. D. atropurpurea. R.

Tubers sub-rotund, purple throughout. Stems annual, twining four-winged, wings co-

loured and curled. Leaves profoundly cordate, from five to seven-nerved.

This is the species so extensively cultivated at Malacca, Pegu, and the eastern islands. The tubers are very large, of an irregular, smooth, roundish shape, and growing so near the surface of the earth, as to appear in dry weather through the cracks that they make by raising the soil over them. This, and the very deep colour of the yarn, renders it readily distinguished; the stems and branches are sometimes as far as six or seven-winged, but four is general. The petioles are also winged, much enlarged at the base, and stem-clasping.

6. D. aculeata. Roxb.

Tubers oblong, pendulous, the fibres of the proper roots become spinous. Leaves reniformcordate, acute, from five to seven-nerved.

Cumbilium. Rumph. Amb. v. p. 357. t. 126. one of his varieties thereof is no doubt this very plant; but Katta Kelangu, Rheed. Mal. vii. t. 37. is too imperfect a figure to be quoted.

A native of Bengal. The roots which are of an oval form, and generally about two pounds, or more in weight, are delicately white, and during the cool season, dug up in the woods, for it is not cultivated, and carried for sale to the market at Calcutta, where they are known to the natives by the name Mon-aloo. In habit it resembles much the species I have called D. fasciculata, Soosni-aloo of the Hindoos.

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7. D. fasciculata. R.

Tubers pendulous. Stems annual, twining, round; prickles stipulary. Leaves alternate, round, cordate, five-nerved.

Beng. Soosni-aloo,

This species is cultivated to a considerable extent, in the vicinity of Calcutta, not only for food, but to make starch of the roots.

Root consists of many tubers, about the size and shape of a pullet's egg, connected by slender filaments to the base of the stems, covered with a pretty smooth, light coloured, thin integument; internally they are white. Stems several, about as thick as a pack-thread, twining round, smooth, except here and there a small prickle, and always two at the insertion of each leaf; these I call the stipules. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, round-cordate,

entire, pointed, from three seven-nerved, venose, slightly villous.

I have not met with the flowers of either sex, the culture and use of the roots of the various species before and hereafter mentioned, are subjects too well known, to require any thing further from me in this place; my aim is to assist in clearing up the obscurity, in which the valuable plants of this genus have hitherto been enveloped, not only with a view to gratify the Botanist, but to point out marks by which the species may be distinguished by those who are not Botanists. And the best will generally be found in the shape and colour of the root. These are permanent, and by them the Hindoo cultivator is guided; but, I fear, the criticising Botanist may find fault with me for having disregarded the Linnæan rule, which forbids placing confidence in colour. In that case he must consider D. globosa, rubella and purpurea, as varieties of the same species to which he has my hearty consent, if he finds it a more convenient mode, than that which I have followed.

III. 802 8. D. pulchella. R.

Tubers roundish, and rather small. Stems herbaceous, twining, columnar, smooth.

Leaves profoundly broad-cordate, subulate, pointed, from nine to eleven-nerved, smooth.

Female spikes axillary, crowded, pendulous.

A native of Chittagong, and so exactly like the following, crispata, as to be distinguished from it only by its perfectly smooth, polished, columnar stem and branches, which are perfectly free from every appearance of even an angle or rib. Flowering time in the Botanic garden, the close of the rainy season.

9. D. crispata. R.

Tubers roundish. Stems annual, twining, round, from ten to fifteen-winged; wings curled. Leaves alternate, broad-cordate. Female spikes pendulous; male panicled.

A large, elegant species, a native of the interior of Bengal, and introduced by Dr. Carey

into the Botanic garden in 1798, where it blossoms during the rainy season.

Root tuberous, and small for the great size of the plant, with numerous, ramous, slender fibres issuing from every part thereof. Like potatoes the old roots perish when the new ones are produced, and may be called biennial. Axillary tubers, bulbs they are often called, are in this species, both numerous and large, and are proper sets to rear plants from. Stems annual, twining, unarmed, round, thick, many fathoms in length, beautifully ornamented with from ten to fifteen parallel, curled wings, otherwise the whole is perfectly smooth. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, subulate, pointed, from seven to eleven-nerved, with numerous, parallel, anastomosing veins on both sides, from three to nine inches each way. Petioles shorter than the leaves, ornamented with parallel, curled wings, like the stems. Female. Spikes axillary, crowded, perfectly pendulous. Bractes in pairs, unequal, one-flowered. Flowers alternate, rather remote, small. Petals or leaflets of the calyx six, linear, smooth, white. Stamina, six erect, short, emarginate, abortive glands. The capsule has never come to maturity in this garden.

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 D. anguina. R. Tubers cylindric. Stems twining, round, villous. Leaves opposite and alternate, cordate, five-nerved. Male spikes crowded, pendulous. Beng. Kookoor aloo.

This species I have found in its wild state in woods about Calcutta. Flowering time the close of the rains.

Tubers columnar, in a looser soil perpendicular, in a hard one variously bent. Stems and branches twining up and over trees and bushes, perfectly round, and covered with short soft down. Leaves opposite and alternate, petioled, exactly cordate, entire, five-nerved, with many transverse veins between them, from four to six inches long, and from three to five broad. Female spikes axillary, erect, long, simple or compound, villous, with remote, small, green, villous flowers. Calyx as in the genus.

The root is not much esteemed, though eaten by the poor when hard pressed for food. In shape it agrees with that of Rumphius's Ubium anguinum, vol. v. t. 122. but the leaves differ

much.

11. D. nammalaria. Willd. iv. 792.

Tubers ligneous, irregular. Stems twining, perennial, prickly towards the base. Leaves opposite, cordate, five-nerved, very smooth on both sides.

Hind, and Beng, Shora-aloo.

This species I took for D. oppositifolia for some time, but on finding some old plants with the stems ligneous, and armed with numerous, sharp prickles, I was convinced it must be a very different species. It is a native of the forests about Calcutta. Flowering time the close of the

Root tuberous, but small, and hidden by numerous strong fibres. Stem many fathous long, twining, with the lower part ligneous and prickly, the rest round, and very smooth. Leaves toward the base of the stem alternate, all the rest opposite, petioled, cordate, five-nerved, very smooth on both sides, glossy on the upper surface. Male. Spikes, or rather pasicles uxillary, very ramous, smooth. Flowers numerous, minute. Female. Spikes less ramous than in the male, and often simple. Flowers few, large remote.

The root appears to be unfit for food.

12. D. glabra. R.

Tubers small, sub-fusiform. Stews herbaceous, twining, polished and flattened. Leaves opposite and alternate, oblong, cordate, acuminate, polished, and somewhat glaucous.

A native of Silhet.

13. D. heterophylla. R.

Herbaceous, twining. Leaves alternate, the inferior ones sagittate, the superior ones cor-

date, three or seven-nerved, fine-pointed. Male spikes simple.

A native of Pulo Pinang, and the Moluceas. One male plant flowered in this garden for the first time in October and November 1809, after it had been in it ten years.

14. D. oppositifolia. Willd. iv. 797.

Herbaceous, smooth. Leaves opposite, from cordate to ovate-lanceolate, acute, from three to seven-nerved. Male flowers panicled, the female ones spiked.

Teling. Ava-tenga-tiga.

A native of dry soil, amongst bushes, on the Coromandel coast. Flowering time the rainy

Root tuberous, perennial. Stems twining, slender, round, smooth, annual. Leaves opposite, petioled, oval, acute, waved, smooth, from three to seven-nerved. Male flowers very numerous on axillary panicles. Female flowers few, on axillary spikes.

The roots are eaten by the natives.

15. D. tomentosa, Kon. Mss.

Herbaceous; tubers irregularly oblong, twining, downy, slightly armed. Leaves alternate, ternate, downy; male racemes axillary, compound.

A native of the valleys amongst the mountains of the Circars. It appears during the

rains, with the other species of this genus.

Root tuberous, perennial, in shape like the common yam. Stems twining, armed with a few inoffensive prickles, downy. Leaves alternate, ternate, downy, entire. Petioles downy, with an inoffensive prickle here and there. Racemes axillary, compound, several times longer than the leaves, downy; spikelets fascicled, short, closely surrounded with minute, downy flowers. Bruetes minute, three to each flower. Calyx or corol six-leaved, expanding. Stamens six, shorter than the calyx.

I have not seen the female plant; the above description and the drawing, are from male plants reared in my own garden, at Samulkota. Roots succulent, and requiring less care in dressing than those of Dioscorea tripkylla.

16. D. damona. Roxb.

Root tuberous, biennial. Stems annual, twining, armed. Leaves ternate; leaflets obovatecuneate, three to five-nerved.

Ubium silvestre. Rumph. Amb. v. t. 127, is certainly this plant, while I refer D. triphylla. Willd. iv. 790. to Tsjageri nuren. Rheed. Mal. vii. t. 33. a plant well known to me, though I have not yet described nor figured it.

This very distinct species is a native of the Goruckpore forests, as well as of the Moluccas. Plants from both countries are now before me in the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where they thrive well, and blossom about the close of the rains. The root is dreadfully nauseous, even after it has been boiled.

Root biennial, tuberous, roundish, variously lobate, with numerous, small, firm fibres, issuing from every part. One of two years' growth, which grew in this garden, was rather more than a foot in diameter. Stem annual, twining to a very great extent, round, and arm-

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ed with numerous acute pricklets, otherwise smooth. Leaves long-petioled, ternate. Leaflets, the middle one cuneate, obovate, the lateral sub-semicordate, all are acute, entire, both sides villous while young, from three to five-nerved, various in size, the largest often a foot long, and six inches broad. Petioles slightly armed with small prickles, and like the leaves, villous while young. MALE. Inflorescence; spikes axillary, compound, drooping, sometimes leaf-bearing; the general length from six to eighteen inches. Calyx. The exterior three leaflets round and smaller than the inner three, which are ovate. Female Flowers on a different plant. Spikes axillary, solitary, pendulous. Flowers remote. Calyx as in the male. Germ beneath, very large, three-sided, villous. Styles scarcely any. Stigmas three. 17. D. pentaphylla. Willd. iv. 789.

Tubers oblong. Stems herbaceous, twining, prickly. Leaves digitate, downy. Male flowers panicled, the female ones spiked.

Beng. Kanta-aloo.

Nuren-kelengu. Rheed. Mal. vii. t. 34. and 35.

This species I have only found in its wild state; though the root is large, white, and reckoned very wholesome and palatable, and eaten by the natives. Flowering time the rainy

MENISPERMUM, Schreb. gen. N. 1544.

Male. Calyx six-leaved. Corol six-petalled. Female. Calyx and corol as in the male. Germs three, or six, singly one-celled, one-seeded; attachment interior. Berries three, or six, one-seeded. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

1. M. Columba. R.

Herbaceous, twining, hairy. Leaves sub-rotund, five-lobed; lobes acuminate. Male pani-cles axillary, drooping. Anthers four-celled.

Columbo, &c. Asiat. Res. x. p. 385.

Radix Colomba. M. M. Murray, iii. 333.

A native of the east coast of Africa in the vicinity of Oiba and Mozambique. One male plant blossomed during the hot season of 1807 in the garden of the late Dr. James Anderson at Madras, and from it Dr. A. Berry took the description which is published in the tenth volume of the Asiatic Researches. A fresh offset from the root of that plant was obtained for the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it was planted in August 1807, and now, August 1812, it remains perfectly fresh, but has never thrown out even a single bud, or shown any tendency to vegetate. However, in April of the same year 1812 Dr. Berry brought with him from the late Dr. Anderson's garden at Madras, the original root, and several of its offsets, which he presented to the Botanic garden. They were immediately put into the ground, and in the course of a couple of months they threw out their hairy, herbaceous shoots to an extent of several fathoms, and blossomed most abundantly during the rainy season. The whole, as they now appear, agree well with Dr. Berry's original description; only I should rather be inclined to call the inflorescence a drooping panicle, than a compound raceme. In the months of November and December the whole perished down to the root; which on examination, had not only gained considerably in size but each had thrown out, during the season, several pretty large, fusiform tubers, not unlike yellow carrots, the largest of them was eleven inches in circumference; and twenty inches long

M. Cocculus. Willd. iv. 825. Gart. Sem. i. 219. t. 70.

Perennial, twining, scandent. Leaves cordate, base truncate, firm and lucid.

There is no figure in Rumphius, or in the Hortus Malabaricus that I can quote for this famous plant, nor indeed in any work known to me, except Gærtner, above quoted, and that extends only to the fruit. It is a native of Malabar, from thence seeds were sent to the Botanic Garden in 1807; at the close of 1812 the plants were sufficiently large to extend over a large mangoe tree, with a stout ligneous stem, as thick as a man's wrist, covered with deeply cracked, spongy, ash-coloured bark, that of the young shoots smooth and green. Leaves alternate very exactly cordate, entire apex obtuse, or emarginate, of a hard texture, lucid above, paler but no ways tomentose, or villous underneath, from four to twelve inches long, by from three to eight broad, I cannot say any thing of the natural character, as our plants have not yet blossomed.

3. M. verrucosum. R. Fleming in Asiat. Res. xi. 171.

Perennial, scandent, bark verrucose; young shoots polished. Leaves cordate, acuminate, entire, smooth. Male racemes from the naked branches, simple. Nectarial scales inserted on the filaments.

Funis felleus, Rumph. Amb. v. p. 82. t. 44. f. 1.

A native of Sumatra, as well as of the Moluccas. From the first mentioned place, Captain Wright brought some plants to Bengal, which he presented to this garden, where they thrive well, and blossom in February and March; but the whole have turned out to be male ones; the female has not yet been seen.

Stems and branches scandent, and twining, round, much warted. Young shoots round and smooth. The plants in two years spread themselves entirely over pretty large trees. When by accident, or otherwise, any of the stems or larger branches, are cut in two, long filiform roots. spring from the upper portion, let the distance be ever so great, which quickly descend to and enter the earth; by this wonderful economy the perfectibility of the plant is soon restored. It is the same with Menispermum cordifolium and tomentosum. Such uncommon care has Na-

ture taken for the preservation of these plants, which must, no doubt, be intended for some Page

purpose, of which we are probably still ignorant.

Leaves remote, petioled, cordate, acuminate, entire, smooth on both sides; lobes large, and rounded; from four to six inches long, and from three to five broad. Petioles columnar, smooth, two thirds the length of the leaves. Male racemes one, two, three, or four from the germs of the fallen leaves, over the larger naked branches, simple, round, smooth. Flowers generally in pairs on their proper, slender, diverging pedicels; with a small, oval, fleshy bracte at their insertion. Calyx six-leaved; leaflets ovate, small. Petals six, cuneate, inserted on the ontside of the filaments, a little above their base. Filaments six, expanding. Anthers four-sided.

The leaves, indeed the whole plant, is exceedingly bitter, and is employed by the Malays for the cure of intermittent fevers. Captain Wright who first brought it from Sumatra, said

it was as powerful a febrifuge, as the Peruvian bark.

4. M. fenestratum. Gært. Sem. i. p. 219. t. 46. f. 5.

Shrubby, scandent. Leaves cordate, in young plants peltate, entire, from five to seven-nerved, downy underneath. Inflorescence in globular umbellets, from the larger woody branches. Berries covered with downy bark.

Cingalese synonyms, Woniwol, venivel, or Bangwel-getta.

A native of Ceylon, where it blossoms during the cool months of November and Decem-

ber; and the seeds ripen in May and June.

Trunk and large branches scandent, stout, thick, and ligneous. The wood of a deep, lively yellow colour, and of a pleasant bitter taste. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, entire, five or seven-nerved, smooth and shining above, very hoary underneath, sometimes acuminate, sometimes obtuse; generally from three to nine inches long, and from two to six broad. In young plants frequently peltate. Petioles shorter than the leaves, round, downy. Female umbellets, or heads, from the stout, naked, ligneous branches, several from the same bud, on thick, round, downy peduncles, of about an inch in length. Flowers numerous, sub-sessile, villous, of an obscure green. Bractes of the umbellets obscure; those of the flowers three or four, reniform, villous, pressing close on the calyx. Calga six-leaved; the three exterior ones oval, small, very downy on the outside, permanent; the three interior ones considerably longer. Petals, six small, short, sterile filaments, three embracing the base of the germs, very downy. Styles slender, recurved. Berries, from one to three come to maturity, nearly round, villous, of the size of a large filbert, each with a single seed, as represented by that excellent and accurate Botanist Gærtner. Receptacle of the fruit; while in blossom the flowers are nearly sessile, on a globular receptacle, of the flowers I will call it, but, like the germs in Uvaria, as the fruit advances in size, the very short pedicel of the original flower lengthens into a pretty long, stout, cylindrie, villous pedicel, ending in a round-headed receptacle, on which sit from one to three berries surrounded with the small permanent calyx and corol.

The above description was taken from specimens sent to me from Ceylon by General

Macdowall, who at the same time gave me the following account of the plant.

"I have lately been at some trouble to discover whether, or not the true Colombo root is a native of our soil, and shall probably remain in doubt, until I am furnished with your opinion. I now forward a specimen of the root, and some of the leaves, and flowers, which grow from the stem of the branch. It is a very strong creeper, and the natives make use of it to tie

their cattle, and for other purposes of busbandry, where ropes are necessary.

"Should this prove the celebrated Colombo root, I believe a great quantity of it might be collected, and sent to Europe where it is in great request, but I can scarcely presume to think after all the labour of the learned Thunberg in particular, who denies its existence here, that I shall be so fortunate as to discover it. Your opinion shall be decisive with me. and although it may not be that valuable medicine, I suppose it yet may possess many excellent qualities. It is called by the Cingalese Venivel-getta, or Bangwel-getta. English, the knotted plant. It is in repute amongst the inhabitants, who slice it into pieces, and after having steeped it in water several hours swallow it with the liquid. They recommend it as an excellent stomachie.

"When the seed ripens, I shall have the pleasure of sending you some of it at all

" I have sent you a pretty large bit of the root, sawed from the centre of a knot, that you, may make an experiment upon it."

Note. This is certainly not the Colombo root of our Maleria Medica. R.

5. M. cordifolium. Willd. iv. p. 826.

Twining with corky, scabrous bark. Leaves round, cordate, smooth. Cit-amerdu. Rheed. Mal. vii. t. 21.

Beng. and Hind. Goluncha-luta.

Teling. Tippa tiga.

Is one of the most common wild plants in India, every hedge producing it in abundance, and every soil seeming to suit it perfectly well. It flowers most part of the year.

Root large, soft and spongy like the China root of the Materia Medica.

Stem twining, perennial, very succulent, running over the highest trees. Bark thick, corky, with many elevated scabrous specks, from the branches there frequently drop filiform fibres, which continue lengthening till they enter the ground, and form additional stems and roots. I have measured them thirty feet long, and in no part thicker than a pack thread. Leaves alternate, petioled, broad-cordate, five-nerved, entire, curved, smooth, about four inches each way. Petioles round, smooth, swelled at the base. Racemes axillary, or terminal, or from the tuberosities of former leaves, with frequently a few flowers in separate axills,

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Flowers numerous, small, yellow. MALE. Calyx six leaved; leaflets oval. Petals six, wedgeformed, half the length of the calyx; margins inflected and embracing the filaments. Filaments six, clubbed, spreading, rather longer than the petals. Anthers twin, immersed in the fleshy extremities of the filaments. Female. Calyx and corol as in the male. Filaments six, fleshy, sterile. Germs three, superior, resting on a turnid receptacle. Style single, very short. Stigmas torn. Berries one, two, or three, generally one or two, rarely all the three come to maturity, of the size of a small cherry, smooth, red, succulent, with very glutinous pulp, each resting on a tumid receptacle. Seed single, kidney-formed, on the inside there is a deep pit, which receives its receptacle.

The fresh root is employed by the natives, in substance, mixed up with sour rice-gruel. and sweetened with sugar, for the cure of heat of urine in gonorrhoa. Birds eat the ripe berries. The seeds are not used in these parts for any purpose that I can discover. To intoxicate fish, and render them easily caught, the natives employ the fruit of Gardenia du-

metorum, the bark of Walsura, and Phyllanthus virosus.

6. M. villosum. R.

Twining, every part soft with down. Leaves broad-cordate, five-nerved, entire. Panicles

axillary, sub-globular.

A large twining perennial; a native of Chittagong, in flower and fruit at different times of the year. The six anthers are of two large round lobes each, with round pores at the top. Nectorial scales or rather petals sub-cuneiform, fleshy, and emarginate.

7. M. tomentosum. Roxb.

Perennial, twining. Leaves three-lobed, tomentose. Racemes axillary; petals entire.

Beng. Pudma-goluncha.

A native of hedges, and thickets, all over Bengal, but by no means common. Flowering time the months of February and March; the seed ripens in May and June.

Stems twining up and over trees to a great extent. Bark of the older parts ash-coloured, with small, scabrous specks, that of the young shoots downy. Like some other species of this genus, viz. M. cordifolium, Willd. and verrucosum, Funis fellens, Rump. Amb. v. t. 44. f. 1. tender filaments issue from various parts, which quickly descend into the ground, often from the height of some fathoms. This happens particularly, when the lower part of the original plant has been destroyed, the succulent fragments remaining amongst the branches of the trees they run on, send out those fibres abundantly, some one, or more of which soon replaces the former stem and root. A most wonderful economy for the preservation of these plants. Leaves alternate, petioled, of a roundish cordate shape, having the anterior margin generally three-lobed, soft and tomentose on both sides, particularly underneath, from three to five or six inches long, and nearly as broad. Petioles round, tomentose, nearly as long as the leaves. Style scarcely any. Stigmas with enlarged, ragged surfaces and margins. Berries, or drupes, nearly round, smooth, of the size of a marrowfat pea, from one to three together, when ripe of a deep orange colour. Seed solitary, rough, reniform, with a pit on the inside, and a furrowed belt round the exterior or convex side. MALE. Racemes generally simple, one, two, or more together from the buds at the axills of the fallen leaves. Bractes minute, caducous, many-flowered. Calyx, the exterior three leaflets lanceolate, very small; the interior three nearly round, first expanding, then recurved. Petals oval, entire, with the posterior 814 margins incurved over the base of the filaments. Filaments clavate. Anthers two-lobed. Pistil none. Female Flowers on a different plant. Calyx, the three exterior leaflets minute; and the three interior ones roundish, many times larger than the former. Petals six, ovate-oblong, entire. Stamens none, but six, short, fleshy filaments, scarcely half so long as the petals. Germs three, elevated on a hemispheric receptacle. Berries as in the former species.

It differs from Thunberg's Menispermum trilobum, in having the petals or scales of the nectary entire, and the interior three calycine leaflets spreading; whereas in M. tribolum, the

former are said to be split at the apex, and the corol campanulate. 8. M. hirsutum, Willd. iv. p. 829.

Shrubby, twining, from broad-cordate, to linear-cordate, downy. Male flowers racemed; female axillary, solitary.

Hind. Hier or Dier. Wal-tiedde. Gært. Sem. ii. t. 180.

This is the only species I have yet met with, that I can compare with M. myosotoides. Can they be the same?

Cocculus indicus foliis aristolochem subtus lanuginosis, fructu minore. Pluk. Alma. 61. t. 384. f. 5. agrees better with my plant than either fig. 7 or 3. of the same table.

Teling. Doosra tiga.

A common twining species, found in most hedges. It flowers during the wet season.

Stem woody, but slender, and twining. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, narrow-cordate, or ovate, three-nerved, covered with much soft down, about one or two inches long, and broad in proportion. Male. Racemes terminal, filiform, interrupted, leafy. Calyx six-leaved. Petals six, linear, emarginate. Stamens as in M. cordifolium, only shorter. Female. Peduncles solitary, one-flowered. Calyx and corol as in the male. Germs three, each semi-ovate, one-celled, containing one ovulum attached to the middle of the inside of the cell. Berries from one to three, one most common, nearly round, of the size of a small pea, marked on the inside near the base with the remaining stigma, smooth, when ripe of a black purple, and full of deep purple juice. Seed solitary, nuciform, forming nearly a complete ring with the joining on the inner and under side, between the stigma, and insertion of the peduncle. Integuments three; the exterior one rugose, and consisting of four valves, which fall off spontaneously in as

many portions, if the pulp has previously been removed, if not, they adhere to it, and are separated with it in the dry state, exposing the middle, white, rugose, two-valved, nuciform tunic, which has a large perforation in the middle; the inner one very thin, and adhering to the perisperm. Perisperm conform to the seed, and of a light brown colour. Embryo inverse, annular. Cotyledons two, lanceolate. Radicle curved, with its apex opposite to the stigma.

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The juice of the ripe berries makes a good, durable, bluish purple ink. A decoction of the fresh roots, with a few heads of long pepper, in goats' milk, is administered for rheumatic and old venereal pains; half a pint every morning is the dose. It is reckoned heating, laxa-

tive, and sudorific.

The fresh leaves taste simply herbaceous. Rubbed in water they thicken it into a green jelly, which is sweetened with sugar, and drank when fresh made, to the quantity of half a pint, twice a day for the cure of heat of urine in gonorrhoeas. If suffered to stand a few minutes, the gelatinous or mucilaginous parts separate, contract and float in the centre, leaving the water clear like Madeira wine, and almost tasteless. Curry is made of the leaves, for people under a course of the roots, or jelly of the leaves. Goats, cows, and buffaloes eat it.

9. M. laurifolium. R.

Arboreous. Leaves lanceolar, lucid, entire, three-nerved. Male and female flowers on compound, axillary racemes.

Beng. Pudma-goluncha.

Found by Captain Hardwicke, in the vicinity of Dosa, in his journey to Shreenagur, in flower in April.

10. M. hexagynum. K.

Twining, villous. Leaves parabolic. Female panieles axillary, and terminal; flowers with

six germs, six bifid petals, and abortive stamina.

A native of China. In flower the whole year in the Botanic garden. Except laurifolium, which is arboreous, the whole of the foregoing species are permanent, scandent or twining plants, of very considerable extent.

11. M. triandrum. R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves ovate, oblong, pointed, smooth. Male flowers triandrous, with

an urceolate, three-petalled corol.

A native of Pulo Pinang; seed sent from thence, produced one male plant in this garden, which is now ten years old, and blossoms during the rains. The female plant has not yet been seen.

Stem none, but many twining, or spreading branches, with smaller flower-bearing ones from their base near the ground, smooth, of a deep green in every part. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, ovate-oblong, pointed, entire, smooth on both sides; from two to three inches long. Male. Racemes axillary, one or more together, rather longer than the petioles. Flowers numerous, very minute, yellow. Calga six-leaved, the exterior ones minute, the interior three pitcher-shaped. Filaments three, wedge-shaped, thick and fleshy, erect, converging. Anthers, two pits in the apex of each filament.

12. M. polycarpon. R.

Shrubby, twining to a great extent. Leaves cordate, ovate, smooth. Berries as many as twelve, short-pedicelled.

Hind. Bagu-mushada. Beng. Tiliakora. Teling. Tiga-mushadee.

A large, twining, woody shrub, found in most parts of the coast of Coromandel, and in Bengal, though not abundantly. It grows chiefly in hedges, and in places overrun with

bushes. It flowers most part of the year.

Stem woody, twining to a great extent. Bark ash-coloured. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, pointed, smooth, shining, and frequently scolloped, about five inches long, and three broad. Racemes axillary, erect, in the male frequently compound, in the female simple, erect, bearing but few flowers. Bractes minute, caducous. Flowers small, yellow. MALE. Calux nine-leaved; the three exterior ones small. Petals six, obcordate, clawed, about the size of the calyx. Filaments six, subulate, erect, alternately shorter, of the length of the corol. Anthers oval. Female. Calyx and corol as in the male. Germs superior, about twelve in a circle, each ending in a short, subulate style. Stigmas simple. Drupes or berries many, shortpedicelled, ovate, smooth, red, about the size of a French bean. Nat one, or two celled.

Birds eat the berries. Cattle eat no part of it. This is the third sort of Mushadee of the Telingas.

The first is Mushadee, New comica tree. The second is Naga Mushadee, or snake wood tree, both already described; the root of this sort is also used for the cure of the bites of venomous snakes. It is rubbed between two stones, and given as a drink, mixed with water. However, the natives themselves confess they have very little opinion of its virtues.

13. M. heteroclitum. R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves cordate. Male flowers panicled, monadelphous. Calyx twoleaved, corol six-petalled.

A native of the Circars.

Stem thick, woody, twining or climbing. Bark cracked, ash-coloured. Leaves alternate, petioled, cordate, entire, above smooth, of a deep shining green, whitish below, three or fivenerved, from four to six inches each way, with many small distinct tufts of hair upon the nerves on the under side. Petioles round, smooth, as long as the leaves. Panieles from the naked woody parts of the stem, and large branches, drooping beautifully. Bractes three-

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fold, one-flowered, small, caducous. Male. Calyx two-leaved; leaflets opposite, oval. Petals six; the three interior ones equal, oval. Stamens, in the centre is a short thick column, supporting a great number of anthers, in the form of a globe. Female. Calyx and corol as in the male. The rest as in M. cordifolium. The female flowers have not been found. Berries as in the genus, about the size and colour of a ripe black cherry, and as they are collected in very large, pendulous bunches, their appearance is inviting, but their taste is most abominable.

DIOECIA ENNEANDRIA.

TETRANTHERA. (Tomex. Thunb.)

Nat. ord. Lauri. Juss.

Involuere four or five-leaved, few-flowered. Male. Calyx one-leaved, entire, or from three to six-parted. Corol none. Nectarial glands various. Anthers four-celled. Female. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded, superior. Berries one-seeded. Embryo inverse, without perisperm.

1. T. nitida. R.

Leaves short-petioled, sub-cuneiform, obtuse, shining. Racemes axillary, short. Involuces four-leaved, five-flowered. Calyx from three to six-cleft. Nectury, in the female corollets, alternately sagittate-cordate, and subulate. Male enneandrous. Berries onlong.

Kintoni-jam is the vernacular name in the neighbourhood of Silhet, where it is indi-III. genous, and grows to be a useful timber tree, of very great size, and in the more remote forests which cover the Garrow hills, so large as to admit of being made into canoes of full fifty feet in length, for which purpose this tree is preferred. Flowering time July and August;

the seed ripens in April.

Young shoots smooth and glossy. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, of a lanceolar, cuneiform shape, obtuse, entire, firm and glossy, from five to eight inches long, and two broad. Racemes axillary, and from the leafless branchlets of the former year, short, few-flowered. Pedicels alternate, each ending in a minute umbellet of five corollets, embraced by an involucre of four, or rarely five, round, concave, smooth leaflets. Calga with a hairy campanulate base, and six-parted border. Corol none. Male. Filaments generally longer than the calyx, woolly, and disposed as in the Lauri. Nectarial glands alternate with the stamina, pedicelled, headed, and woolly. Germ none. Female. Nectarial bodies alternately broad-cordate-sagittate, and subulate, but very irregular in shape and number. Stamina none. Germ superior, embraced by the bell of the calyx, one-celled; ovulum single, attached to the top of the cell. Style the length of the calyx. Stigma simple. Berries oblong, smooth, succulent, of the size and appearance of those of Laurus Cinnamonum, one-celled. Seed simple, long-ovate. Integuments two; the exterior one light brown, and of the texture of parchment; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse, as in the Lauri.

2. T. apetala. Corom. pl. ii. N. 147.

Leaves from oval to lanceolate. Involucres four-leaved, from eight to twelve-flowered.

Calyx scarcely any. Stamens about fourteen.

Tomex sebifera. Willd. ii. p. 840.

Gaja-pippali. Asiat. Res. iv. p. 303. Laurus involucrata. Konig's Mss. and Retz. Obs. vi. p. 27.

Sebifera glutinosa. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 783.

Teling. Narra-alagi. Beng. Kookoor chita.

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This grows to be a middle sized tree, is a native of the mountainous parts of the Circars.

Flowers in June, when the rains begin.

Leaves scattered near the extremities of the branchlets, petioled, oval, obtuse, smooth, above shining, from three to five inches long, and from two to three broad. Petioles about an inch long, round, smooth. Stipules none. Peduncles solitary, axillary, as long as the petioles, three or four-cleft.* Pedicels rather shorter than the peduncles, clubbed, each supporting a small head or umbellet of minute flowers. Bractes, a small one at the insertion of each pedicel. Male. Involucre four-leaved, containing from eight to twelve pedicelled corollets. Leaflets orbicular, concave, caducous. Perianth none. Calyx campanulate; border an exterior rim into which the stamina and nectarial glands which surround the germ are inserted. Anthers four-lobed, four-celled, with an oval lid to each cell. Nectarial glands from six to sixteen, short-pedicelled, oval, peltate, alternate with the filaments, but three times shorter. Germ none, or small, and abortive. Female Flowers on a separate tree. Umbellets, involucre and ealyx as in the male. Stamens, the hairy filaments, but instead of anthers there are oblong white glands. Nectarial glands as in the male. Germ superior, globular, one-celled, containing one ovulum attached to the top of the cell, as in the Lauri, to which order it belongs. Style twice the length of the filaments. Stigma torn. Berry globular, smooth, black when ripe, and almost dry, one-celled, of the size of a pea, resting on the clubbed pedicel, as on a cup like the acorn. Seed one, globular. Embryo inverse, and without perisperm, as in the Lauri.

^{*} In Bengal, where the tree is common, and its growth luxuriant, the peduncles in the male tree, are numerous about the ends of the branchlets, and frequently racemed, bearing from ten to fifteen flowers.

bar named after him, (Berrya Chinensis, Willd. ed. sp. pl. ii. 840.) 3. T. Monopetala. R. Corom. pl. ii. N. 148.

Leanes oblong, downy underneath. Involuces five-leaved, five to six-flowered. Calux five-cleft.

Beng. Bura Kookoor chita.

Teling. Nara mamoodee.

Tomex japonica. Thunb. Jap. 190. Willd. ii. 839.

Kutmoreea, and Pupreea. Asiat. Res. vi. p. 377-8.

Apetala and monopetala are both small, handsome, evergreen trees; common on the coast of Coromandel, and Bengal, flowering in May and June.

4. T. quadriflora. R.

Leaves lanceolar, smooth. Peduncles axillary, few, long and distinct; incolucre four-leaved, four-flowered; corollets enneandrous; calyx six-parted. Berries ovate-oblong.

Sowaree, the vernacular name in the Siihot district, where it is indigenous in the extensive forests which skirt the Garrow hills, and there grows to be a small, ramous tree; blossoming about the end of the cool season in February, and the seed ripening during the rains. It differs from lanceafolia in the umbellets being fewer, and long-peduncled; in that they are sub-sessile and crowded. Branches and branchlets smooth, straight, and spreading but little. Leaces alternate, petioled, lanceolar, entire, smooth on both sides, glaucous underneath; from four to six inches long, by one or two broad. Petioles about an inch long, smooth, slightly channelled. Malk. Umbellets axillary, generally from six to eight in the same axills, long-peduncled. Peduncles villous. Involucre four-leaved, four-flowered; leaflets oval, concave, five-nerved, villous. Calyx from five to six-parted, six is the most frequent; segments oblong, alternate, rather larger, villous. Corol none, except the colyx be so called. Filaments generally nine, longer than the petals, villous, arranged exactly as in the Lauri, viz. a vertical pair under the three larger exterior segments of the calyx, with two large sub-pedicelled glands on the base of the lower three, and a single unappendaged one between the three hairs, on the base of the three smaller and inner segments of the ealyx. Anthers four-celled. Germ an abortive column, with a larger three-lobed apex. Female. Umbellets, involuces, and ealyx as in the male. Berries of the size and shape of a very small olive, and much like those of the cinnamon, resting on the permanent base of the calyx, one-celled. Seed solitary, of the shape of the berry. Perisperm none. Embryo inverse, as in the other Lauri.

5. T. macrophylla. R.

Arboreous. Leaves oval, villous underneath. Umbellets in lateral and axillary fascicles; involucres from four to six-flowered; corollets decandrons; calyx six-parted. Berries oblong.

Sooria, the vernacular name in the Silhet district, where it grows to be a middling sized, very ramous, ever-green tree; on its leaves the Mugadootee silk-worm feeds. Flowering time, the hot season, chiefly April; the seed ripens in August.

6. T. lanceafolia. Roxb.

Shrubby. Leaves lanceolar, entire, glossy, glancous underneath. Umbellets axillary, and lateral, crowded, sub-sessile. Incolucre four-leaved, from four to five-flowered. Corollets enneandrous. Calyx six-parted. Berries oblong.

Bun-mool, the vernacular name in Silhet, where the shrub is indigenous in the forests.

Flowering time March and April; and the seed ripens in June.

Young shoots smooth. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, entire, one-nerved, glossy above, glaucous underneath; from three to four inches long, by one broad. Stipules none. MALE. Umbellets axillary, but chiefly under the leaves from the old axils, crowded, shortpeduncled, but appearing in sessile heads, many being crowded together, small, of a dull yellow. Involuere four-leaved, from four to five-flowered; leaflets round, concave. Calux or perianth proper one-leaved, six-parted, exactly as in Laurus. Filaments nine exterior, and simple, from the base of the segments of the calyx, and three interior, or rather inferior, from its tube; these have the glands of the Lauri; all are hairy. Anthers four-celled. Germ none. FRMALE. Umbellets as in the male. Berries oblong, of the size of a field bean, black, smooth, succellent, one-celled, seed solitary, conform to the berry. Perisperm one. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed. Radicle superior, and considerably within the apex of the cotyledons.

7. T. laurifolia, Jacq. Hort. Schoenb. i. p. 59. t. 113.

Leaves cuncate, obovate, obtuse, smooth.

Tomex Tetranthera. Willd. iv. 839.

A small tree, a native of Bengal. It blossoms in May and June, and the seed ripens about the close of the rains.

8. T. fruticosa. R.

Shrubby. Leaces lanceolar, glossy, and glaucous underneath. Racemes axillary, and lateral. Incolucre four-leaved, five-flowered; corollets enneandrous, with a six-cleft calyx. Berries oblate.

Oaoa, the vernacular name in Silnet, where it is found. It is an upright ramous shrub, of about six feet in height, growing in the forests, where it flowers in June and July, and the

berries ripen the ensuing cool season.

Leaves alternate, short-petioled, lanceolar, firm, and glossy, glaucous underneath; from six to twelve inches long, by from two to three broad. MALE. Racomes axillary, and solitary, or more numerous from the former year's branchlets below the leaves; a little umbellet of five minute florets in a four-leaved involucre. Bractes lanceolate, downy, caducous, one under each

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pedicel. Calyx proper, six-eleft, exactly as in the Lauri. Corol none. Stamina also as in that order, only there are no glands alternate with the lower and inner three. Germ, a slender, abortive column. Female. Racemes, umbellets, and involucre as in the male, but shorter. Calyx as in the male, but the segments are deciduous, and the base, or undivided part, permanent. Germ, as in the other species already described. Berries of the size of a pea, rather oblate, smooth, shining, of a dark purple when ripe, one-celled. Seed solitary, conform to the berry. Integument single. Embryo inverse, no perisperm.

9. T. pentandra. R.

Leaves lanceolar, triple-nerved, smooth; umbellets axillary; involucres four-leaved, fiveflowered; corollets pentandrous.

Teling. Nara.

Laurus involucrata. Corom. pl. ii. N. 187.

A middling sized tree, a native of the Circar mountains; where it blossoms in the cold season, and the seed ripens in April. Every part smells strongly of camphor.

DIOECIA DECANDRIA.

CARICA. Schreb. gen. N. 1536.

Male. Calyx scarcely any. Corol five-cleft, funnel-shaped. Filaments on the tube of the corol, alternately shorter. Female. Calyx five-toothed. Corol five-petalled. Stigmas five. Berry one-celled, many-seeded. C. papaya. Willd. iv. 814.

Lobes of the leaves sinuous. Papaja. Rumph. Amb. i. t. 50.

Beng. Papeya. III.

Papaw tree of the English.

The description of this plant in the Genera Plantarum is perfectly exact. It is cultivated in gardens all over India, for the sake of its fruit, which is used both green and ripe. When green they are used in curries by the natives, also pickled and made into a preserve. When ripe the interior, soft, yellow pulpy part is generally eaten without the addition of pepper and sugar, as in the West Indies; many like them much, and they are esteemed innocent and wholesome. It is likely that in this country they may be of a superior quality to those of the West Indies.

I made some experiments in the years 1790 and 1791, to determine whether the female would bear, and ripen its fruit without the male, for which I reared a number of young trees in a garden situate at least a mile and a half from any other Papaw tree; as soon as they showed their flower buds, I could easily distinguish the male, and destroyed them all; nine females were left. They grew most luxuriantly, being in a good soil and well watered, blossomed as usual, and the fruit grew till it was about half the usual size; then or before they uniformly fell off without appearing to have more than the rudiments of seeds. In this manner they continued to blossom and produce half-grown fruit for fully one year, without producing one that came to maturity. I was then perfectly satisfied with the success of my experiment, and caused some male plants to be planted among them; as soon as they had flowered, my female plants began to produce large ripe fruit, their seeds came to the usual

maturity, and grew readily.

The Linnean sexual system did not want additional proofs of its being established on the most solid foundation, otherwise the above related experiment is a very strong one. I know of no tree, or plant, so well adapted, to ascertain the necessity of the male being so situate, as to insure the influence of its flowers on those of the female, to render them fertile. Since writing the above Major Wynch informed me that when he commanded at Chicacole there were in his garden two female trees that bore abundantly; there was one male tree standing between them; he had often heard that the female tree would not bear without the male, but did not entirely credit the report. To satisfy himself he cut down the male tree and there was no other near, he thinks not within a mile or two; the consequence was, that from that time neither of the female trees produced ripe fruit, except the few that he thinks might have been formed before he cut down the male tree. December 1793, some specimens of a male tree with fruit on them, were shown me by Sir William Jones, I have not seen the tree, and it is the only instance that has come to my knowledge, where female or hermaphrodite flowers were found on the male Papaya tree. 1609. Since writing the last paragraph another instance of the male tree producing fruit occurred in the Botanic garden. I am informed that the same is common at Malacca.

DIOECIA ICOSANDRIA.

ROTTLERA. R.

Male. Calyx from two to five-parted. Corol none. Female. Calyx from four to five-cleft. Corol none. Germ superior, from two to four-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment interior. Capsules from two to four-coccous. Embryo inverse and furnished with a perisperm.

1. R. tetracocca, R. Young shoots ferruginous. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, rarely lobate, acuminate, heavy

underneath. Pasicle terminal. Capsules hoary, papillose, tetraçoccous.

Marleya is the vernacular name in the Silhet district, where it grows to be a useful

timber tree, of considerable size. It flowers in April and May; and the seeds ripen in August.

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Young shoots densely clothed with stellate pubescence, which is at first ferruginous, but by age gets heavy. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, cordate, tending to be peltate in young plants, rarely lobate, generally a little repand, acuminate, when young somewhat ferruginous, when full-grown smooth of a deep green above, and hoary underneath, with two flat oblong glands at the base, from six to twelve inches long, and from four to eight broad. Stipules minute. Panicles terminal, male and female ones on distinct trees, composed of several simple branches, which in the male are much longer. MALE FLOWERS numerous, small, collected in small sessile heads over the branches of the panicles. Female FLOWERS larger, and distinct. Calyx in both four or five-parted. Corol none. Filaments in the male very numerous. Anthers twin, in the female none. Germ roundish, generally four-celled, each cell containing a single ovulum, attached to the top of the axis. Styles, or stigmas four, or one for each cell of the germ, spreading, brown and shaggy. Capsule of the size of a small gooseberry, a little flattened, hoary, and papillose, generally four-celled, four-valved. Seed solitary; the exterior integuments smooth, of a shining black, thick and hand. Professors and surface as in the calculate the standard paper. hard. Perisperm and embryo as in the order Eupkorbia.

R. tinctoria, Willd. iv. 823. R. Corom. pl. vol. ii. No. 168.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, ovate-oblong, three-nerved, with two glands at the base. Panicles axillary and terminal. Capsules tricoccous, covered with coloured farina.

Sass, and Beng. Pooning.

Teling. Wusuntagundha or yusuntagundha.

Ponnagam. Rheed. Mul. v. t. 21.

A native of Coromandel. Flowers in the cold season. .

The red mealy powder, which covers the capsules is used by the natives to dye scarlet, and in Bengal the root is said to dve red also.

Compare with Croton coccineum, Willd. iv. 544.

3. R. peltata. R.

Arboreons. Leaves long-petioled, cordate, peltate, acuminate, downy. Racemes terminal, and lateral, solitary. Capsules covered with villous filaments.

Seergoollua, the vernacular name in Silhet, where it grows to be a middling sized tree.

It flowers in April and May, and the seed ripens in August.

Young shoots clothed with much pretty long, soft, light gray, diverging pubescence.

Leares alternate, long-petioled, sub-cordate, peltate, long ensiform-pointed, three-nerved, downy on both sides; from four to eight inches long, by three to six broad. Stipules subulate, villous. Racemes terminal, and lateral, solitary, simple, longer than the leaves, male and female alike in form and size, but on different trees. Calyx in both four or five-cleft; segments lanceolate, downy. Corol none. Stamina in the male numerous; in the female none. Germ three-lobed, filamentose, three-celled; orula solitary, attached to the middle of the axis. Styles three-fourths three-cleft, segments hairy. Stigmas simple. Capsules depressed, three-lobed, of the size of a small gooseberry, covered with pretty long, hairy filaments, three-celled, six-valved, opening from the apex. Seed solitary, globular, of the size of a grain of black pepper. Integaments single, hard, pretty thick, but brittle, of a chesnut-brown colour, and highly polished. Perisperm conform to the seed, white, hard and waxy. Embryo transverse. Cotyledons two, oval, three-nerved. Rodicle on the outside, opposite to the unbilicus, or attachment of the seed to the upper end of the axis. This position differs from every other of this order (Employship) of Invaion which I have yet examined every other of this order (Euphorbia) of Jussien, which I have yet examined.

4. R. ferruginea. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, from cordate to deeply three-lobed, clothed with ferruginous, stellate pubescence underneath. Panicles terminal. Capsules tricoccous, villous.

Tanarius minor. Rumph. Amb. iii. p. 190. Croton gozzypifolium, Vahl. Symb. ii. 98. t. 49, is much like the male, and the female is labelled a Ricinus in the Banksian Herbarium.

A native of the Malay Islands. The male plant flowers during the hot season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

5. R. alba. R.

Arboreous. Leaves alternate, long-petioled, cordate, somewhat peltate, and slightly scollop-deutate, heavy underneath. Panicles terminal. Capsules villous, armed with villous fila-

A native of Prince of Wales' Island. It flowers in the Botanic garden during the rains and the beginning of the cool season.

6. R. dieocea. R.

Scandent. Leaves round-cordate, alternate, three-nerved. Racemes terminal, and axillary. Capsules disoccous.

Aleurites laccifera, Willd. iv. 590.

Teling. Kanda-veltoo.

Hind. Akoos.

A native of various parts of India. It is a weak, though large, sub-scandent shrub. Flowering time the hot season; the seed ripens in the rainy season.

7. R. hexandria. R.

Leaves alternate, long-petioled, rhomb-cordate, cuspidate. Stipules ensiform. Male panicles axillary, bearing heads of hexandrous flowers.

A native of the Malay Archipelago, and has a great deal of the habit of Rottlera alba.

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MALE. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Female. Calyx five or six-leaved. Corol none. Germ superior, two or three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment superior. Capsule two or three-celled. Seeds solitary, arilled. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. G. bifarium. Willd. iv. 831.

Leares entire. Capsule two-celled. Stamina about fifteen.

Of this elegant small tree, I have only met with two in the Company's Botanic garden, one of them bears male, and the other female flowers, during the months of February and

March. The buds are incrusted with yellow resin.

Trunk straight, as yet small. Branches numerous, spreading; branchlets bifarious, the whole forming a very regular, oval head. Bark of a very light ashcolour, and smooth; the height of the trees about thirty feet. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, bifarious, oblong, perfectly entire and very smooth on both sides, permanent. Stipules small, obtuse. Flowers small, yellow, several on a very short common peduncle opposite to the leaves, each supported by its own proper pedicel, in the male most numerous. Bractes some very small ones at the by its own proper pedicel, in the male most numerous. Bractes some very small ones at the base of the pedicels, these as well as the stipules, flower-buds, and germs, have frequently small bits of a yellow resin adhering to them. Male. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets unequal, orbicular, concave, permanent. Corol none. Filaments about five, as long as the calyx, inserted into a glandular, convex receptacle. Anthers oval, two-lobed. Female Flowers on a different plant. Calyx as in the male, permanent. Corol none. Nectary a large, crenulated, yellow ring surrounding the base of the germ. Germ superior, two-lobed, two-celled, with one ovulum in each cell attached to the top of the axis. Styles scarcely any. Stigma fourlobed. Capsule dicoccons, fleshy, smooth, yellow, two-celled, two-valved. Seeds solitary, round, enveloped in an entire, juicy, white aril. Integuments besides the aril two; the exterior one brown, smooth, and brittle; the inner one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, pure white, amygdaline. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons often as large as the perisperm, round. Note. This is nearly allied to Gærtner's Gelonium cupanoides, and I conjecture they

must belong to one family. My Suragada glabra, now Gelonium fasciculatum, must, no

doubt, be referred to the same genus.
2. G. lanceolatum. Willd. iv. 832.

Lauceolar, cutire. Flowers crowded, but distinct. Stamina numerous. Capsules tricoc-

A native of Bengal, where it grows to the size of a small, very ramous tree. It flowers during the hot season, in April and May chiefly. The seed ripens in the cool season.

Trunk straight to the top of the tree. Branches numerous down to the ground, diverging. Branchlets alternate, bifarious. Bark of the old, woody parts, ash-coloured, of the young shoots smooth, and green. Leaves alternate, bifarious, very short-petioled, lanceolar, obtuse, entire, though in young luxuriant plants they are sometimes servate near the apex, of a firm texture, and polished on both sides; from one to six inches long, and about one-third as much in breadth. Stipules very short, reniform, resinous; when they fall a strong mark like an articulation is left. Male flowers pedicelled, many together, but distinct, leaf-opposed, small, yellow, delightfully fragrant. Calyx of five, unequal, oval, concave, sub-ciliate leaflets. Corol none. Filaments numerous, longer than the calyx, inserted on a hemispheric receptacle, their insertions intermixed with numerous yellow glands, with ragged apices. Anthers ovate, pistillum none. FEMALE FLOWERS short-pedicelled, crowded, opposite to the insertion. of the leaves, small, of a greenish yellow. Calyx five-leaved. Corol none. Nectary, a yellow, five-lobed, membranous ring round the base of the germ. Germ round, three-celled, with one ovulum in each cell, attached to the top of the axis. Style none. Stigmas three, recurvate, bifid, and ragged. Capsule the size of a small cherry, rather fleshy, when ripe yellow, tricoccous. Seeds solitary, enveloped in a white, fetid aril. The other parts almost exactly as in the Euphorbiæ, viz. a fleshy perisperm and inverted embryo.

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3. G. fasciculatum. R.

Leaves oblong, near the apex serrate. Flowers fascicled. Capsules tricoccous. Stamina numerous.

Hind. Bun naringa. Teling. Soora gada.

This is rather a small tree, a native of the Circar mountains and Bengal. It flowers in

March and April. The buds are covered with a transparent, soft, resinous exudation.

Leaves alternate, very short-petioled, oblong, entire, or serrate toward the apex, smooth, shining, firm, from four to six inches long, and about two broad. Stipules within the leaves, spathiform, as in the Gardenia. When they drop they leave a permanent circular mark. Umbellets leaf-opposed, few-flowered. Flowers yellow, very fragrant. Bracks small, caducous. Male. Calyx five-leaved; leaflets spreading, orbicular, concave. Corol none. Filaments numerous, as long as the calyx, inserted into a yellow, glandular receptacle. Female. Calyx six-leaved; leaflets obovate. Corol none. Nectary, a yellow, glandular, angular ring, surpounding the base of the germ. Germ superior, ovate, three-celled, with one ovulum in each attached to the top of the axis. Capsule nearly round, fleshy, yellow, smooth, three-celled

three-valved. Seeds solitary, attached by the inside of the apex of their soft fleshy aril, to the Page top of the axis, or receptacle. Perisperm white, and fleshy. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons Carey round-cordate. Radicle superior.

DIOECIA POLYANDRIA.

FLACOURTIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1546.

MALE. Calyx five-parted. Female. Calyx as in the male. Corol none. Germ superior. five-celled. Colls two-seeded; attachment interior. Berry few-seeded. Embryo furnished with a perisperm, and centripetal radicle.

1. F. inermis, Roxb.

Arboreous, unarmed. Leaves oblong, crenate-serrate, polished. Racemes axillary, short. Flowers hermaphredite. Style five-cleft.

Mal. Tomitomi.

A native of the Molnecas, where the tree is cultivated for its edible fruit. It has lately been introduced into the Botanic garden, where the tree thrives well, and blossoms during the dry season. The fruit ripens towards the close of the rains.

Trank short, soon dividing into numerous branches which form a large, very dense head of great beauty. The bark smooth, brownish, and perfectly destitute of every thing like thorns or prickles. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, elliptic, smooth, of a shining green on both sides; when they first expand, reddish, and then the tree is uncommonly gandy, from three to six inches long. Petioles semi-cylindric. Stipules none. Racemes axillary, longer than the petioles, few-flowered. Pedicels clavate, jointed near the middle. Bractes ovate, caducous. Calyx deeply four or five-parted; divisions reniform, shorter than the stamens and pistil. Corol none. Filaments about twenty, inserted on a fleshy nectariferous ring, which surrounds the base of the germ. Anthors two-lobed. Germ ovate, five-celled, with two ovula in each, attached to the middle of the axis. Style five-cleft, spreading. Berry of the size and appearance of a red cherry, and like that fruit, very smooth. Seeds as far as ten, in five vertical pairs, much compressed, ovate, covered with a rough nuclform integument. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo straight. Cotyledons ovate. Radicle oblong, pointing to the umbilieus, or pointed end of the seed, which is next to the middle of the axis of the fruit.

The fruit is too sour to be eaten raw, but makes very good tarts. The tree is of a middle size, very ornamental, and a perfect evergreen in Bengal

 F. Ramoutchi, Willd. iv. 829, L. Herit. Stirp. 59, t. 30. Shrubby, armed. Leaves oval, crenate. Racemes terminal.

A native of Madagascar, from the Isle of France it was brought to the Botanic garden, where it grows but very slowly, and has not yet flowered. Grafted on the other species, natives of India, they take readily but very slowly.

3. F. cataphracta. Willd. iv. 830.

Arboreous, thorns terribly decompound on the trunk; branchlets unarmed. Leaves ovate, oblong, serrulate. Racemes axillary, few-flowered.

Beng. Paniyala.

This species I found in the Company's Botanie garden, where it grows to be a pretty

large tree; it was introduced about three years ago from the eastern frontier.

Trunk short, armed with innumerable, large, very ramous thorns. Bark brown, pretty smooth. Branches numerous, generally unarmed, except the lower parts of the largest next the trunk, and straight shoots, of which there are often many on them, while young they are cross-armed and simple. Leaves alternate, short-petioled, oblong, serrate, smooth, shining green on both sides, from two to three inches long. Stipules none. Racemes small, from five to ten-flowered, axillary, or from the germs of the old axills over the naked branchlets. Braceles, a small, cordate one below each pedicel. Make. Calyx from four to five-parted. small. Corol none. Filaments numerous, as long as the calyx, inserted into a nectarial looking, glandular, convex receptacle. Anthers small. FEMALE PLOWERS on a distinct tree. Calyx from four to six-leaved, or split to the base; leaflets spreading. Corol none. Nectary a glandular, lobate ring girding the base of the germ. Germ superior, round. Style short and thick. Stigma large, from four to six-parted, stellate. Berry of the size of a common plum, globular, smooth, purple, succulent, from eight to twelve-seeded, ten is the natural number when all come to maturity. The berries are palatable and reckoned wholesome.

4. T. sepiaria. Willd. iv. 831. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 68.

Shrubby. Thorns simple, leaf and flower-bearing. Leaves oblong, obtuse, serrate, smooth.

Peduncles axillary, and terminal. Berries about five-seeded.

Sideroxylon spinosum. Willd. i. 1091.

Teling. Kanroo.

Courou-moelli. Rheed. Mal. v. t. 39.

A small shrub, common on uncultivated land, in various parts of India.

5. T. sapida. Willd. iv. 830. R. Corom. pl. 1. N. 69.

Arboreous. Thorns axillary, simple. Leaves oval, serrate, smooth. Peduncles axillary, few-flowered. Berries from eight to ten-seeded.

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Sans. Swadoo-Kuntuka. Beng. Bincha.

Teling. Pedda-Kanroo.

A native of Coromandel and Bengal, though by no means so common as sepiaria.

 F. obcordata, R.
 Shrubby, armed. Leaves obcordate, cremate. Flowers terminal. Berries ten-seeded. A native of Chittagong.

CHAULMOOGRA. R.

Male. Calyx from four to five-lobed. Corol five-petalled, with a nectarial scale under the base of each. Female. Calyx and corol as in the male. Germ superior, one-celled; over numerous on five parietal receptacles. Styles five. Berry dry, one-celled, many-seeded. Embryo furnished with a perisperm; direction of the radicle various.

C. odorata. R.

Chaulmoogra and Petarkura, are the names of this tree, and the drug, hereafter mentioned, which it furnishes. It is indigenous in the Silhet district, and grows to a large size, equalling the largest Mango trees, and when full grown may be compared to the great Maple, or Sycamore, Acer Pseudo-platanus. It blossoms in April and May, and the seed ripens about the close of the year; when the fruit is gathered, the seed is carefully taken out, dried, and sold to the native dealers in drugs at about five Rupees the maund of eighty-four pounds.

Trunk and large branches covered with tolerably smooth, ash-coloured bark; the young shoots more or less declinate, round, smooth and green. Wood of a light brown colour, closegrained, and seemingly fit for a variety of purposes. Leaves short-petioled, alternate, bifarious drooping, lanceolate, entire, acuminate, smooth, from six to ten inches long, and from one and a half to two and a half broad. Stipules none, Peduncles from the sides of the ligneous branchlets of from one to several years' growth, generally several together, from one to two inches long, one-flowered. Bractes minute round the base of the peduncles. MALE FLOWERS an inch and a half in diameter, when expanded of a pale yellow, and powerfully fragrant. Calyx one-leaved, bowl-shaped; border from four to five-lobed. Petals five, sessile, oblong, inserted into the receptacle, round the filaments. Nectary, five ciliate, oblong scales, or smaller petals of a deeper yellow colour over the lower half of the proper petal, and attached to them. Filaments about a hundred, woody, inserted into the disk of the receptacle. Anthers linear, erect, about the length of the filaments, two together, rather shorter than the petals. Germ none. Female on a distinct tree. Peduncles in bundles from tuberosities over the trunk. and larger branches, one-flowered as in the male. Flowers larger than the male ones, and fragrant. Stamina none, but round the base of the germ are inserted about ten pinnatifid, villous bodies. Germ superior, round, slightly five-lobed, one-celled, containing numerous ovula attached to five parietal receptacles, as in Jussieu's Capparides, to which this will no doubt belong. Styles five, shorter; stigmas large, sagittate-cordate. Berry globular, of the size of a shaddock, one-celled. Cortex thick, rough, ash-coloured on the surface, internally brown, and composed of rays pointing to the centre of the berry. Receptacle in the ripe state uncertain. Seeds numerous, of the size of large filberts, immersed in pulp, various in shape, but in general nearly oval, smooth, light gray. Integuments two; the interior one membranaceous. Perisperm conform to the seed, fleshy, of a whitish gray. Embryo white. Cotyledons sub-reniform. Radiele oval, direction various.

The seeds of this tree, called Chaulmoogree, or Petarkura by the natives, are employed by them in the cure of cutaneous disorders. When freed from the integuments, they are beat up with clarified butter, into a soft mass, and in this state applied thrice a day to the

parts affected.

TREWIA. Linn.

Male. Calyx from three to four-leaved. Corol none. Stamina numerous. Female. Calyx beneath, from three to four-toothed. Corol none. Style four-celet. Drupe four-celled, with a single, one-seeded nut in each. Embryo inverse, and amply furnished with a perisperm.

T. nudiflora. Willd. iv. 834.

Leaves opposite, cordate. Flowers axillary; the male ones on a pendulous raceme, the female ones solitary.

Tetragastris ossea. Gært. Fruct. ii. 130. t. 109. f. 5.

Canschi. Rheed. Mal. i. t. 42.

Rottlera indica. Willd. Gatt. Diar. Hist. Nat. i. p. 8. t. 3.

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A native of various parts of India; in Bengal it is common on the banks of the Ganges, where it grows to be a large tree; but the wood is soft, and of little or no value. Flowering time the hot season.

DIOECIA MONADELPHIA.

JUNIPERUS. Schreb. gen. N. 1552.

MALE Calyx of the ament, a scale. Stamens three. Female. Calyx three-parted. Petals three. Styles three. Berry three-seeded, irregular, with the three tubercles of the calyx. Embryo inverse, and furnished with a perisperm.

J. elata. R.
 Arboreous. Leaves crowded, without order, erecto-patent, sub-cylindric, mucronate.

A large timber tree, a native of the Island of Pulo Pinang, and of a very slow growth; at least in the Botanic garden, where the oldest plants are not less than fifteen years old, and not more than seven feet high.

2. J. aquation. R.

Shrubby. Leaves single, distichous, linear, not mucronate.

Chin. Theng-tsong

Common on the little uncultivated slips of land which separate rice lands in the vicinity of Canton and China; and from thence introduced into the Botanic garden by Mr.

3. J. chinenvis. Willd. iv. 851.

Shrubby, very ramous and spreading much. Leaves tern, crowded, sub-imbricated, mucronate.

From China this elegant, low, spreading, glaucous shrub, has been introduced into the Botanic garden at Calcutta

4. J. communis. Willd. iv. 853.

Shrubby. Leaves tern, patent, very sharp pointed. Chin. Tien-tsong.

A very beautiful, densely ramous shrub, with a short distinct trunk, covered with dark brown bark which now and then peels off in little flakes; some few of the little twigs bear opposite, imbricated, small, obtuse leaves as in barbadeasis, but I have not yet observed any tendency to the complanate form, in this pretty glaucous species.

5 J. cerana, R.

Shrubby, branches rather thin, with their extremities drooping elegantly. Leaves tern, spreading, mucronate. Chin. Ying-loe.

A most elegant, thinly branched, small shrub, with a very distinct trunk, covered with drooping like the Weeping Willow; these leaves are rather larger, more remote and of a purer green than in the other species from China.

6. J. dimorpha. R.

Shrubby. Leaves tern, spreading mucronate, some few are also opposite and imbricated in rows, they are minute and obtuse.

Chia, Kong-nam-tsong.

A beautiful, very ramous shrub, with a distinct, short trunk, covered with dark brown bark; some few of the little branchlets having a tendency to the flat, or complanate form, and those have short, oval, obtuse, opposite, appressed leaves, as in J. barbadensis. MALE. Calyx none. Corol none. Stamina many. Anthers peltate, eight-cloft, in our China species two-lobed. FEMALE. Corol none. Style none. Seed one in a berried calycle which is quite entire.

7. J. Chinensis. R.

Leaves scattered, approximate, linear-lanceolar, rather obtuse. Male aments cylindric. Authers two-lobed

A native of China, in the Botanic garden the male plant flowers in February.

CISSAMPELOS. Schreb. gen. N. 1555.

MALE. Calyx from four to six-leaved. Corol none, or three-petalled. Anthers on the margin of the peltate apex of single filaments. Female. Calyx and corol various. Germ superior, one-celled, one-seeded; attachment lateral. Berries oblique, containing one rugose, doubled seed. Embryo inverse, uncinate, and furnished with a perisperm.

1. C. glabra. R.

Perennial, twining, every part smooth. Leaves round cordate, peltate, scarcely repand; umbels axillary, compound; male umbellets cymose.

Peer-gruj is the vernacular name in Silhet, where it is indigenous, and the root, which is very acrid, is used in medicine by the natives. Flowering time the month of May, and the seed ripens in November.

Root tuberous, perennial, of various shapes like other irregular tubers, but tending most to the roundish form, and often as large as a man's head, smooth and whitish. Stems and branches twining to an extent of some fathoms, while young smooth, of a glossy green; when old the bark is ash-coloured. Leves long-petioled, profoundly peltate, roundish or reniform-cordate, smooth, with the margins often slightly repand, and the length and breadth reniform-cordate, smooth, with the margins often signity repand, and the length and breadth nearly equal, viz. from two to six inches. Petioles longer than the leaves, round and smooth. Male. Umbels axillary, solitary, or in pairs, compound, their peduncles rather shorter than the petioles. Umbellets single, long-pedicelled, cymose, and in this it differs widely from those of C. hexandra, where they are globular heads. Incolucres subulate. Calyx six-leaved; leaflets obevate. Petals three, obovate. Filaments single, columnar, with a peltate apex, round the margin of which is the polleniferous groove. FEMALE FLOWERS on a different plant. Umbels

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axillary, solitary, much smaller and shorter-peduncled than in the male, compound; umbellets from six to ten, minute, six or twelve-flowered. Incolucres and incolucrets small, subulate, one to each division. Calyx of one small, oval leaflet, pale yellow. Corol two-petalled; petals opposite, roundish, concave, longer than the calyx, of a deep orange yellow. Germ superior, long-ovate, one-celled, containing a single ovulum, attached to the gibbons side of the cell. Style short. Stigma from four to five-cleft. Berry obovate, of the size of a pea, having the remains of the style remaining near the base, succulent, smooth, red, one-celled. Seed solitary, doubled like a horse shoe, with the convexity up, and so exactly like Gartner's Waltiedde. vol. ii. p. 488. t. 180. f. 12. that it may well be referred to this. Integuments two, the exterior one subnuciform, two-valved. Perisperm conform to the seed. Embryo nearly the length of the perisperm, inverse, linear, uncinate. Radicle with the apex under the stigma.

2. C. hexandra. R.

Shrubby, twining. Leaves peltate, cordate, entire, nine-nerved. Umbels compound. Male umbellets globular heads of flowers, with a six-leaved calyx, and three-petalled corol; in the female the calyx is three-leaved, and the corol three-petalled.

Beng. Neemooka.

Pada-valli, or Pada kelangu, Rheed. Mal. vii. t. 49. is like the female plant.

Stephania rotunda. Lourier. Cochin Ch. 747.

Menispermum peltatum, Willd. iv. 827.

A native of Bengal. Flowering time the beginning of the rains.

3. C. convolvulacea. Willd. iv. 863.

Perennial, twining. Leaves sub-peltate, from ovate-cordate to reniform. Male flowers panicled; female racemed, with reniform, many-flowered bractes. Calgx and corol of one obovate, ciliate scale each.

Teling. Pata.

Menispermum orbiculatum. Willd. iv. p. 828. Cattu-valli, or Battu-valli. Rheed. Mal. xi. p. 127. t. 62. A native of Coromandel, Malabar, &c.

4. C. Caapeba, Willd. iv. 863.

Perennial, twining, tender shoots very woolly. Leaves broad-cordate, scarcely peltate, woolly. Female flowers racemed, with sessile, cordate acuminate, many-flowered bractes; a one-leaved, oblong, acute calyx, and obcordate corol.

A native of the Moluccas. It flowers during the hot season in the Botauic garden.

C. hernandifolia. Willd. iv. 861.

Perennial, twining, villous. Leaves profoundly peltate, cordate, apex mucronate, base

truncate, hairy underneath.

An extensively twining perennial, a native of Chittagong, from thence it has been about two years introduced into the Botanic garden but has not yet blossomed, which must account for the imperfection of the definition.

6. C. tetrandra. R. Shrubby, twining. Leaves peltate, reniform-cordate, entire. Male inflorescence axillary, compound. Flowers tetrandrous. Calyx four-leaved. Nectary cup-shaped, filled with stamina. A native of Amboyna.

MYRISTICA. Schreb. gen. N. 1562.

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M. moschata, Willd. iv. 869.

Leaves oblong. Male flowers several on simple and compound axillary racemes. Female flowers solitary. Calyxes pitcher-shaped.

M. officinalis. Linn. Syst. 493. Suppl. 265. Gart. i. t. 41.
M. Moschata. Woodville's Medical Botany, 363. t. 134.
Nux myristica. Rumph. Amb. ii. 14. t. 4.

Jay-phalu, the Sanscrit name of the nutmeg, and Jati the mace. Jaga-phul, the Bengalee name of the nutmeg, and Jatri the mace.

Jouz-bewa of the Persians.

A native of the Moluccas, and other Islands in their vicinity, bearing male and female on different trees; and there blossoming and bearing fruit the whole year. In some instances

I have observed them to be monoicous. Trunk straight up to the top of the tree, as in the pines. Bark smooth, and of a greenish ash, or dirty olive colour. Branches in regular equi-distant verticels, nearly horizontal, with their extremities often drooping. Leaves alternate, sub-bifarious, short-petioled, oblong, entire, smooth on both sides, but paler underneath, when bruised faintly aromatic; from three to six inches long, and from one to two and a half broad. MALE. Racemes axillary, often two-cleft near the apex, with the divisions spreading. Flowers numerous on ascending, clavate pedicels, nearly as long as the peduncles, small, inodorous, and yellow. Bractes of the pedicels solitary, minute, one-flowered, caducous, those of the four lower ones also solitary,

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but larger, fleshy, more permanent, and embracing two thirds of the base of the calyx. Calyx pitcher-shaped, mouth three-toothed. Corol none. Filament single, resting in the centre of the calyx and nearly of the same length, thick, linear-oblong, and obtuse. Anthers in general about nine pairs, linear, adjoined lengthways to the upper balf of the filaments, but their chief bond of connexion appears to be at their lower extremities. FEMALE. Pedancies axillary, solitary, rather longer than the petioles, while in blossom ascending one-flowered. Bractes, that of the flowers as in the male. Flowers small, yellow, inodorous. Calgar as in the male. Corol none. Germ ovate, one-celled, containing a single seed, attached to the bottom of the cell. Style scarcely any. Stigma two-lobed. Drupe superior, somewhat turbinate, smooth, of the size of a small pullet's egg; when ripe yellow, and then dividing into two equal portions, beginning at the apex, one celled. Nat oval, ovate, or nearly round, marked with broad superficial furrows corresponding with the divisions of the deep orange coloured aril, or mace, otherwise smooth; colour a dark brownish black, very hard, and as the shell is of equal thickness every where, these impressions are equally evident on the inside, and are communicated to the seed, or nutmeg, itself, attached by a large umbilicas to the bottom of the cell. Seed conform to the nut, and covered with a single, light brown, thin, spongy integument. Perisperm conform to the seed, while fresh rather soft, juicy, and somewhat farmaceous, variously variegated, (ruminalum, Gart.) with rust coloured veins, while fresh more fragrant than after being dried. Embryo erect, patelliform, lodged in the base of the perisperm, white, and of a firm fleshy consistence. Colyledons two, thick, fan-shaped, and expanding from the middle upwards; margins irregularly cut, or crenulate. Plumuia of two unequal lobes. Radicle inferior, hemispherical.

It is well known that the description of this plant in the Supplementum Plantarum of the younger Linnaus, taken from Sonnerat is that of another species.

Lamarck's description, so far at least, as relates to the stamens and style, appears to me to have been taken from the flowers of some other species of Myristica which he received from the Isle of France, for the true nutureg. Consequently the sort they have been long cultivating there, with so much care, is not the real Banda nutureg, which the Dutch so long and so effectually monopolized. For I can scarcely think it possible that any Botanist could consider the thick, firmly consolidated filament of the male flowers, to be composed of from six to twelve smaller, partible filaments, joined in one bundle, for there is not the smallest rudiment of any smaller filaments connecting the linear anthers to the column, or filament, in the centre; nor are the anthers themselves united, scarcely even the two lobes

which compose the pairs, as I have called them.

The foregoing description, and accompanying drawing, are taken from many, healthy growing trees in the Honourable Company's Botanic garden as well as from numerous specimens, preserved in spirits, and otherwise collected, and sent from Great Banda Neyra, Pulo-ay, and the Molucca Islands, while they were in the possession of the English from 1796 till 1802. At Bencoolen, where this tree was introduced in 1798, they have grown with the greatest luxuriance; for in five years they laid arrived at from ten to fourteen feet in height. In October and November 1802, two hundred and forty-seven trees out of about six hundred, blossomed. About half of these were male, the rest female, and ripened their fruit in February and March 1803. In the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where the young trees are about the same age, the most luxuriant ones are from six to ten feet high, and in April 1803 three male trees only blossomed for the first time. At Prince of Wales Island, where by far the most extensive plantations are formed, they are in a middle state between Bencoolen and Bengal, but do not by any means thrive so well as in Sumatra, where they are perfectly

at home, in every respect, and earlier than in the Molneca Islands.

Note. The plantations in the vicinity of Bencoolen have continued to thrive and multiply astonishingly till the present time, 1809. The trees now amount to about six thousand six hundred, are abundantly productive, and both nuts and mace are uncommonly fine.

2. M. macrophylla. R

Leaves short-petioled, cuneate-oblong, clothed with fine down underneath, with veins parallel and simple. Female flowers in lateral and axillary fascicles in very short diverging peduncles. Germ hairy

Nux myristica. Mas. Rumph. Amb. ii. t. 5.

The female specimens in flower have only been seen; and they are easily distinguished from the other species, by the great size of the leaves, and the fascicles of sub-sessile female flowers, with hairy germs. This cannot well be referred to Willdenow's M. tomentosa, on account of the shape of the leaves.
3. M. montana. R.

Leaves ovate-lanceolate, smooth. Flowers axillary; males many, on a common, short peduncle; females one to three, on very short, proper peduncles only. Both calyces pitchershaped, and tridentate.

A native of the mountains of the Molucca Islands, where it grows to be a tree of cousiderable size, but the fruit made no use of.

4. M. peltata, R.

Leaves lanceolar, smooth, above shining. Male flowers axillary, fascicled, rotate, staminiferous, column peltate, with about twelve anthers round the under side of the margin,

A native of the Molnecas. The male flowers during the hot season in the Botanic garden at Calcutta.

M. salicifolia, Willd. iv. 871.

Leaves lanceolate, villous underneath. Peduncles axillary, from two to three-flowered.

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Aril, or mace, fleshy, and undivided; nut oblong. Palala secunda. Rumph. Amb. ii. p. 26. t. 6. A native of the Malay Islands.

6. M. spicata. R.

Leaves short-petioled, broad-lanceolate, smooth and firm. Female flowers numerous, on

short, solitary, axillary spikes. Calyces pitcher-shaped.

A native of the Moluccas. Introduced into the Botanic garden in 1798, and in 1804 one female tree blossomed during the rains, when it was about twelve feet high. All the flowers proved abortive; no part of the tree possesses any fragrance.

M. angustifolia. R.

Leaves narrow-lanceolate, acute, smooth, entire, glaucous underneath. Male umbellets axillary, sub-sessile.

A very large tree, a native of the mountainous countries immediately east of Bengal, where it blossoms about the beginning of the rains in June.

8. M. parviflora. R.

Leaves short-petioled, ovate-oblong, smooth. Female racemes axillary, of the length of the petioles.

A native of the Molucca Islands. One female tree in the Botanic garden, in twelve years attained the height of about fifteen feet, with a straight trunk of proportional thickness. It blossoms regularly during the rains, but the flowers have hitherto proved abortive.

9. M. linifolia. R.

Leaves linear, smooth, and hard; petioles and other tender parts densely clothed with brown ramentaceous scales. Male flowers in axillary fascicles; anthers from fifteen to twenty on the margin of a triangularly peltate dish.

A pretty large, tall, straight tree, a native of Chittagong, where it blossoms in January.

The female tree not seen.

ADELIA. Schreb. gen. N. 1558.

MALE. Calyx from three to four-parted, or from three to four-leaved. Corol none. Filament ramous, branching out into many simple, or compound ramifications. Female. Calyx five-parted. Corol none. Germ superior, three-celled; cells one-seeded; attachment superior. Styles three. Capsule tricoccous. Embryo inverse, with a scanty perisperm.

A. castanicarpa, R.

Arboreous. Leaves oblong, entire. Stipules falcate. Flowers axillary, crowded. Calux four-leaved.

Beng. Boolkokra.

A large timber tree, a native of Silhet and Chittagong. The wood is said to be very hard. Flowering time November and December, and again in May and June. The seed ripens

in May, and second crop in the cool season.

Young shoots a little hairy, but the hairs soon disappear, leaving them smooth. Leaves alternate, bifarious, approximate, short-petioled, from ovate-oblong to broad-lanceolate, rather acuminate, entire, of a firm and smooth texture, from four to five inches long, by from one to three broad. Stipules falcate, pretty large. Male plowers axillary, crowded, sessile. Calyx four-leaved; leaflets in two opposite pairs, ovate, ciliate. Corol none. Nectary, a crenulate cup, round the base of the column from the middle downwards; all are smooth. Anthers oblong, incumbent. Female Flowers axillary, several together, some sub-sessile, some short-peduncled, small, of a dull grayish yellow colour. Bractes, some roundish, hairy scales round the base of the peduncles. Calyx of two opposite pairs of oval leaflets. Corol none. Nectary sancer-shaped, embracing the base of the germ with its very finely dentate margin. Germ bristly, three, rarely four-celled, with one ovulum in each, attached to the top of the axis. Styles three, recurved and bifid with the segments, also recurved and shaggy. Capsule round, size of a nutmeg, completely armed with innumerable, hispid, acute, rather inoffensive light brown bristles, three-celled, six-valved; valves hard like the shell of most nuts. Seed solitary, attached to the top of the axis, and the attachment embraced by a crimson, fleshy gland, or aril; size of a grain of black pepper, but compressed. Integuments two; exterior thin, brittle, highly polished, black, inner a brown, thin membrane. Perisperm none, or most trifling. Embryo inverse. Cotyledons conform to the seed, oily. Radicle oval, superior.

2. A. nereifolia, R.

Shrubby. Leaves alternate, linear-lanceolate. Spikes axillary, solitary. Teling. Taniki.

Mal. Katt-alluree.

A native of Coromandel, where it flowers during the hot season.

3. A. cordifolia. R.

Leaves alternate, long-petioled, round, cordate, entire. Male spikes axillary. Anthers four-valved.

A native of the Moluccas.

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CRYPTOGAMIA MISCELLANEA.

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1. EQUISETUM.

Fructifications terminal, peltate, of many valves, bursting on the inside, verticillate on ovate-oblong spikes. (Stem and branches composed of tubes inserted into each other at the

E. debile, R. Icon. Roxb. Suppt. 5. t. 3. Wall. Cat. 13, No. 397.

Stems smoothly fluted, weak. Branches opposite, simple. Spikes terminal; of the stems often tern; of the branches single.

Nat. of swampy thickets in Bengal. Flowers during the rains.

Root perennial, creeping under the surface of the ground.

Stems numerous, about as thick as a stout crow-quill, length from 3 to 4, or even more feet, and then so weak as to require support, slightly marked with from ten to fifteen smooth grooves and elevations, Joints from 2 to three inches long, their mouths ending in as many ensiform scariose teeth as there are flutings on the outside. Branches simple, generally two at each joint, though sometimes one or three, slender: from 6 to 18 inches long, and with about half the number of flutings there are in the stems.

Spikes terminal, sub-cylindric, the largest which terminate the stems, about an inch long; from its base two smaller diverge in opposite directions. Those of the branches small-

er, and always single.

Fructifications pedicelled, peltate, 5-6 celled, from 6 to 10 in a verticil; and about as many verticils compose the spike. Pollen or seed pale blue, composed of spiral threads, which are in constant motion when observed at a proper age; when examined earlier, they appear to be simple, minute, round, green grains, without motion.

2. MARSILEA. Lomma, Jussieu.

Involuces, or receptacle oval, shut, (transversely) many-celled; cells with anthers and pistils, which ripen into single seeds.

1. M. quadrifblia, Lins. Spec. 1563. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 80.

Creeping. Leaves quatern; leaflets of the barren shoots very long-petioled, broadobovate, large and entire, of the fertile small, and truncate-dentate. Capsules short-pedicelled, subreniform, one or two-toothed at the base.

Teling. Chick-linta-kura.

Beng. Shooshnie-shak, who eat the leaves in their curries, &c.

Common on the borders of fresh water lakes, &c. over India, where it fructifies during the cold season. The long-pedicelled, oval capsules of Burman's M. coromandeliana, Flor. Ind. t. 62. f. 3, indicate a different plant, yet I never could find any other, though long and diligently looked for.

3. SALVINIA.

Female. - Capsules among the roots, 1-celled, many-seeded.

Floating. Leaves opposite at the joints, petioled, oval, flat, verrucose. Capsule from the under-side between the insertion of the leaves, pedicelled, surrounded with a verticil of long, hairy roots. Seeds numerous on a free central receptacle.

Beng. Ulki-pana.

2. S. cucullata, R. Wall. Cat. 13, No. 399.

Ramous. Floating. Leaves opposite, subsessile, cowl-shaped, erect with an opening on the inside.

Beng. Indurni-pana.
3. S. imbricata. R.

Floating, ramous, winding. Leaves sessile, alternate, bifarious, imbricated, trapeziform, fleshy. Capsules covered by imbricated scales, between the roots, on the underside of the

All three are found floating on lakes, or pools of sweet water, throughout Bengal, during the rainy season.

4. ISOETES.

Authers of the male flower within the base of the inner leaves. Capsules of the female flower 1 or 2-celled, within the base of the exterior leaves.

1. I. vapsularis. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 81.
Capsules peduncled, 1-celled. Leaves linear, flat.

This plant grows in deep standing sweet water, with Valisaeria spiralis, &c.

Stoles erceping, jointed, tufts of filiform roots descend from each joint, and from 4 to
12 leaves ascend; they are like those of Valisaeria spiralis, very delicate, 2-3 feet long, a
quarter of an inch broad, and slightly serrated near the apex. From the also of the leaves

arise several diaphanous, cordate capsules standing on short peduncles; they consist of 1-cell, formed of two valves, opening from the apex, the seeds are numerous connected to a conical receptaculum in the centre.

I have not seen the male flowers.

2. I. coromandeliana, Linn. Suppl. 447. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 82.

Capsules sessile within the enlarged base of the leaves, 1-celled. Leaves filiform, erect, semi-columnar.

A native of wet marshy places up amongst the Circar mountains, where it appears dur-

ing the rainy season.

Root consists of a numerons tuft of small capillary filaments issuing from the base of the head, which is composed of the enlarged bases of the leaves forming an imbricated bulb. Leaves radical, erect, filiform, half columnar, about 6-8 inches long, smooth, inwardly interrupted every t or t of an inch, yet the leaf is not visibly contracted, nor does it appear

Capsules oval, concave on the inner side and convex on the outer, conforming to the enlarged base of the leaves which cover them, 1-celled.

Seeds numerous, like very fine sand. I have not seen the male flowers.

5. LYCOPODIUM.

Capsules in the axils of the scales, digested into oblong imbricate spikes, or of the leaves themselves; kidney-shaped, 2-valved, many-seeded.

 L. Phlegmaria, Dill. muse, t. bs. f. 5. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 84.
 Perennial, parasitic, pendulous. Leaves numerous, ovate-lanceolate. Spikes terminal, dichotomous, or simple.

Beng. Shitahar.

Tama ponel patsia maravara. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 14. Equisetum amboinicum. Rumph. Amb. 6, t. 41, f. 1. Found in the Sunderbunds, on old trunks of trees, in flower during the rains.

Root perennial, fibrous.

Stems numerous, succulent, pendulous, 2-3-forked, round, from 6 to 10 furrowed, the leaves being inserted on their corresponding ridges; about 18 inches long, and towards the base as thick as a common rattan.

Leaves very numerous, horizontal, subsessile, not verticilled but in from 6 to 10 rows; their short petioles have a half twist, which brings their edges in the situation of the upper and under surface of the leaves of most plants, so that in looking down from the top, they resemble so many radii; their shape is ovate-lanceolate, very acute, smooth, entire, veinless, of a firm rigid texture.

Spikes terminal, numerous, about 2 inches long, cylindric, simple, or 2-forked, imbricat-

ed with numerous, oval, sessile, appressed bractes, or floral leaves

Fructification, a remiform, apparently sessile, (I say apparently, because there is a pedicel corresponding in length to the depth of the concavity of the capsule,) 2-valved, capsule in the axil of each bracte, they open spontaneously round the convex margins, and discharge much very fine cream-coloured dust, like seed or pollen. I could see no other kind of flowers.

Rheede's figure Tana-ponel-poatsia Maravara, vol. 12. p. 27, t. 14, differs from my plant, in the number of the rows of leaves, and in the spikes being much longer, yet I have no doubt of their being the same.

2. L. cernuum. Dill. musc. t. 63. f. 10.

Shrubby, very ramous. Leaves numerous, subulate, incurved. Spikes short, cylindric. Bellan-patsja. Rheed. Mal. 12. t. 39. Cingulum-terræ. Rumph. Amb. 6, t. 40, f. 1.

Nat. of various parts of India. Is terrestrial.

3. L. pendulum. R.

Parasitic, shrubby (1-2 feet long,) pendulous, dichotomous. Leaves generally tern, imbricated, appressed, channelled, lanceolate, rigid, entire, smooth. Spikes terminal, very long, and scarce distinguishable from the barren parts.

Nat. of Amboyna.

4. L. filiforme. R. L. Phlegmaria Linn. Wall. Cat. p. 62, No. 133.

Parasitic, drooping, (1-2 feet long.) Leaves tending to be tern, triangulari-cordate, acute, smooth, and entire. Spikes filiform, numerous, dichotomous, and often as long as the rest of the plant, scales thereof opposite, ovate, scarcely longer than the capsules.

Nat. of Sumatra.

Dillenius has no figure any thing like it.

5. L. rotundifolium. R. Wall. Cat. 65, No. 2183.

Parasitie, drooping, (2-3 feet long.) Leaves approximate, opposite, sessile, round-oval, entire, smooth. Spikes filiform, dichotomous, scales thereof approximate, opposite, ovate, length of the capsules.

Nat. of Sumatra, and a most beautiful species it is.

Lycopodium aristatum. R

Patent, (1-3 inches long,) dichotomous. Leaves as well as the superficial scales alternate, bifarious, ovate-falcate; membrane margined, apex ending in a bristle or arista.

From China this pretty little species was brought to the Botanic Garden at Calcutta in

1812, where it grows freely in a rich, shaded, moist soil. It resembles most Dillenius's figure,

 66, f. 7.
 L. mimosoides, R. L. elegans, Wall. Cat. No. 62, 128. (quod nomen delendum.)
 L. mimosoides, R. L. elegans, Wall. Cat. No. 62, 128. (quod nomen delendum.) Suffruticose, oblique ; branches alternate, bifarious with alternate bifarious branchlets, (exactly like the pinnse of a fine-leaved mimosa.) Leaves alternate, bifarious, sessile, expanding, falcate, somewhat acute, smooth, cutire; superficial scales (stipules,) semiovate mucronate. Spikes short, imbricated 4-ways; scales long, cordate, acute.

Nat. of the Molaceas.

8. L. lavigatum, Lamark. Encyclop. 3, 652. Wall. Cat. 65, No. 2185.
Somewhat suffruticose, leaning, and emitting roots, (12 inches high,) branches and branchlets alternate, bifarious. Leaves alternate, sessile, bifarious, expanding, falcate, smooth, superficial scales (stipules) obliquely-oblong, smooth, cuspidate. Spikes short, imbricated fourways: scales cordate, cuspidate, margined, twice the length of the round-reniform capsules.

Muscus fruticescens. Rumph. Amb. 6, t. 39, f. 2.

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

9. L. pectinatum. Lamark. Encyclop. 3, 651. L. semi-cordatum, Wall. Cat. 62, No.

By far the greatest part of the plant erect. Branches bifarious, alternate, dichotomous. Leaves alternate, bifarious, expanded, falcate, ubtuse, smooth; posterior lobes protruded; superficial scales subclliptic, mucronate. Spikes short, imbricated four ways; scales thereof reniform-cordate, acute, and longer than the reniform-capsules-

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

10. L. plumosum. Dill. musc. t. 66, f. 10. L. atroviride. Wall. Cat. 62, No. 120 ?

Creeping, brauches oblique, dichotomous. Leaves alternate, bifarious, expanded, oblong, ohtuse ; posterior lobes stem-clasping and ciliate ; superficial scales subovate, ciliate, and awned. Spikes imbricated four ways, with taper-cordate, ciliate, acute scales, twice longer than the cordate capsules.

Nat. of various parts of India. In Bengal it is found on rotten wood.

11. L. farcalum. R. L. atroviride. Wall. Cat. 62, No. 120, (quod nomen delendum.) Perennial, scandent, dichotomous; with long, simple roots from the forks. Leaves bifa-rious, spreading, oblong, falcate; anterior lobe large, and stem-clasping; superficial scales oval, and mucronate. Spikes solitary, or in pairs, imbricated with four rows of cordate scales, which are greatly longer than the round cordate capsules-

Nat. of Pulto-Pinang. 12. L. imbricatum, R.

Creeping, (2-3 inches long.) dichotomous, very ramous. Leaves alternate, imbricated, bifarious, falcate-cordate, smooth; superficial scales of the same shape, but small and cuspi-

Hatha-joori of the Hindu M. M.

Found by H. Colebrooke Esq. amongst stones, in moist, cool shaded places, over Behar.

CRYPTOGAMIA FILICES.

6. OPHIOGLOSSUM.

Spikes distichous. Capsules (or cells) opening transversely, without an elastic ring. Seeds numerous.

 O. cordifolium. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 85.
 Fronds simple, ovate, and ovate-cordate, veinless, bearing the spike, surmounted on a scape greatly longer than the leaf.

Beng. Danga-gheehu, or Ekteera.

Ophioglossum simplex. Rumph. Amb. 6, t. 68, f. 2.
Nat. of Bengal, Moluccas, &c. in cool shaded places, where it appears, and fructifies during the rainy season.

Root fibrous.

Stems or rather stipes few, compressed, erect, smooth, 2 or 3 inches long.

Fronds cordate, entire, waved, a little rugose, nerveless, but with many small, not very conspicuous, reticulated veins; smooth on both sides; about two inches long, and one and a half broad.

Scape erect, issuing from the upper part of the stipe, (petiole,) on the foreside; simple, a little compressed, smooth, from 3 to 6 inches long.

Spikes simple, distichous, not jointed, except the openings of the cells can be so called; tapering a little, fine pointed.

Cells numerous, arranged along the margins of the spikes, opening transversely near the

Seeds most numerous, globular, white.

I have, in luxuriant plants, found the stem divided into two towards the top, with a leaf and spike to each division.

Ophiogiossum simplex. Rumph. Herb. Amb. tab. 68, f. 2, appears more like O. vulgatum, than the above described plant.

2. O. filiforme. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 86. Lygodium microphyllum, Br.

Perennial, scandent, filiform, smooth. Fronds conjugate-piunate: leaflets subcordate, with the spikelets of the fructifications on their anterior margins.

Tsjeria valli-panna. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 34.
Adiantum volubile minus. Rumph. Amb. 6, t. 32, f. 3. Hydroglossum scandens, Willd

Nat. of various parts of India, time of fructifying the rainy season.

Root running under the surface of the ground, towards the apex olive, while the older parts are of dark rust colour, and villous, about as thick as a goose-quill, from these descend many ramous, dark coloured fibres.

Stems issue from the large creeping roots, alternate, scandent, filiform, flexnous, smooth;

their general length from 2 to 3 feet, and very slender.

Fronds alternate, conjugate on a very short common petiole.

Pianæ 2-3 inches long, composed of about four pair of alternate, petiolated, sub-cordate, smooth leaflets. The fertile ones are deeply cut into linear segments or spikelets; on the under side of which the fructifications are lodged, in the same manner as in O. scandens.

3. O. scandens. Linn. spec. pl. 1518. Lygodium semibipinnatum, Br. Wall. Cat. 63,

Perennial, scandent. Fronds conjugate-pinnate: leaflets linear, bearing the spikelets on the whole of the margin.

Tsjura-valli-panna. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 33. Hydroglossum pinnatifidum, Willd. 5. 80. Nat. of the Malay Islands, Chittagong, Malabar, &c. Is common in most parts of India. Flowering time the rainy and cold season.

Root perennial.

Stipes scandent, or twining, and of considerable extent, several yards often; about as thick as a pack thread, and smooth.

Fronds paired on common, alternate petioles; compound and decompound; leaflets or

lobes thereof tapering from the base.

Spikelets on the margins of the leaflets, resembling deep serratures; they are imbricated with two rows of scales, each enclosing a single, ovate, sessile, 1-celled capsule, containing innumerable, minute, yellow seeds.

4. O. flexuosum. Linn. spec. pl. 1519.

Perennial, scandent. Fronds conjugate-pinnate, rarely bi-pinnate, the barren generally palmate; leaflets subensiform, (long and narrow,) bearing spikes on both sides.

Beng. Bhootraj.

Valli-panna. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 32. bad.

5. O. furcatum. R.

Scandent. Fronds dichotomous, ultimate divisions linear, very long, finely pinnatifid, with numerous minute spikelets.

Nat. of Pullo Pinang.

7. OSMUNDA.

Capsules subglobose, disposed on a spike, or back of the fronds, 2-valved, 1-celled, opening transversely, without an elastic ring.

O. zeylanica. Linn. sp. pl. 1519. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 88.

Fructifications disposed on a single, subcylindrial cauline spike, composed of several spherical, 2-valved folliculi, lodged under the lacerated segments of peltate receptacles; opening on the outside, near the base, and emitting numerous minute grains. Fronds pinnatepedate; divisions lanceolate, waved.

Beng. Ekbeera.

Ophioglossum laciniatum. Rumph. Amb. 6, t. 68, f. 3. Root, a creeping larger shoot, with thick fibres, which every year pushes forth one new frond from the apex, while a portion decays at the other end.

Stipe 6-8 inches long, erect, nearly round, and smooth.

Frond solitary, pedate. Leaflets thereof lanceolate, with their margins much waved, and irregularly scalloped; smooth on both sides; veins numerous, very fine, expanding; length from 4 to 6 inches.

Spike from the apex of the stipe where the three first divisions of the frond are inserted. Scape rather shorter than the stipe, (spike) subcylindric, about one-third the length of the scape, closely covered with the fructifications.

Fructifications generally from 4 to 6; minute, spherical bodies, closely surround a small, short, sessile raggedly peltate receptacle, which unites them to the common axis, or rachis.

Nat. of Amboyna and Bengal. Fructifies during the rains in the Botanic Garden at Calcutta.

2. O. lanceolata. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 89.

Scapes radical, naked, cylindric. Fronds simple, lanceolate, waved, and scalloped.

8. ACROSTICHUM.

Fructifications occupying almost the whole of the under surface of the fronds, without any other involucre than little scales, or hairs interspersed amongst the capsules, which are girt with an elastic ring.

1. Acrostichum ramentaceum. R.

Petioles of the barren leaves short, (2-3 inches,) and shaggy; of the fertile long, (10-15 inches,) and smooth; barren leaves linear-cordate; fertile cordate-sagittate; all have entire

Nat. of Chittagong, and grows in the earth. Intermixed amongst the numerous crowd-

ed capsules, are many pretty long brown filaments.

2. A. heterophyllum. Linn. spec. 1523.

Parasitic, creeping. Fronds entire, both sides clothed with minute stellate pubescence; the barren oblong, the fertile cylindric. Fructifications of single, pedicelled capsules, mixed

amongst much, soft, short, downy pubescence.

Maretta-mala-maravara. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 39. Nat. of the Malay Islands, Sunderbunds, &c.

3. A. radiatum. Keen. MSS. Roxb. Icon. 14, t. 90. Asplenium radiatum. Sw. Wall. Cat. p. 63, No. 197.

Fronds long-stiped, pinnatifid in a semicircle, (fan-shaped,) rays more or less divided, with truncate, ragged extremities. Petioles 3-sided and grooved.

A. australe. Vahls. symbole. 1, t. 25.

Nat. of the mountains of Coromandel, growing in clerts of rocks. The whole height rarely exceeds 6 inches.

 A. semipianatum. R.
 Fronds (2 feet high,) with about two distinct, subopposite pairs of pinnæ, and a deeply, 2 or 3-lobed terminal one; they are broad-lanceolate, with uneven margins, and smooth on the upper surface

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

5. A. emarginatum. Buch. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 91.

Stipes smooth, green, with a few remote thorny points. Fronds pinnate; leaflets alternate, linear, smooth, entire, emarginate, fertile and barren ulike,
Nat. of the Delta of the Ganges. Fructifies in the rainy season.

Roots fibrous, issuing from a firm, subrotund head, even with the earth, round which the stipes are attached.

Stipes in bundles, straight, smooth, polished, green, with remote thorny points on the margins of the furrow, which runs up the forepart; length about one, or one and a half foot.

Fronds pinnate, from 2 to 4 feet long, leaflets generally alternate, about 12 or 14 on each side, short-petioled, linear, entire, smooth, emarginate, fertile leaslets like the abortive, and are the most exterior; general length about 6 inches, and about 1 broad.

6. A. alutum, R.

Fronds pinnate, (12 inches high,) the barren pinnæ alternate, linear, crenate, smooth, truncated at the base, and there enlarged at the upper angle; fertile piunse very minute, linear-oblong, on distinct stipes which are rather longer than those of the barren fronds.

Nat. of the Malay Islands. A. seetacoonense. R.

Fronds (18 inches high,) suboppositely pinnate; barren leaflets linear-oblong, base truncate, margins crenate-serrate, smooth; fertile alternate, slender, cylindric. Spikes on longer and more delicate stipes.

Nat. of Chittagong, near the burning wells at Sectacoond.

9. POLYPODIUM.

Fructifications in roundish, scattered, not marginal spots, (generally) with a peltate incolucre, separating round the edges. Capsules girt with an elastic ring.

Section I .- With simple leaves.

P. coriaceum, R. Icon, Roxb. 14, t. 92. P. sphærocephalum, Wall, Cat. p. 64, No. 272.

(quod nomen delendum.)

Parasitic, creeping to a great extent. Fronds undivided, linear-lanceolate, thick and very firm; above polished, underneath hoary, with stellate down. Fructifications solitary, (that is in one longitudinal row of large, rather remote, naked spots, on each side, equally distant from the nerve and margin.)

Nat. of the Malay Islands and Pullo Pinang, whence introduced into this Garden by

Mr. W. Roxburgh, Jun.

Parasitic, stems creeping amongst moss on trees, and putrid wood; round, winding, as thick as a crow-quill, imbricated with numerous, oblong, brownish black, smooth scales; while young and tender, these end in long, slender, tapering, soft, membranous tails.

Stipes triangular, channelled on the upper side, polished; from three to six inches long. Fronds linear-lanceolate, most entire, from six to eighteen inches long, of a remarkable firm thick texture, polished on the upper surface; underneath heavy with soft stellate down.

Fractifications in a single row, of large, rather remote spots on each side, and about equally distant from the nerve and margin; though when the fronds grow old their margins

become revolute, and appear almost to touch the spots.

Involuce none. While the fronds are young, the spots are clothed with the same stellate down which clothes the frond underneath.

2. P. attenuatum. R.

Parasitic, creeping, stipes alternate, smooth. Fronds linear lanceolate, rather obtuse, much attenuated at the base, both sides smooth. Fructifications solitary, very large. Nat. of Pullo Pinang.

P. glabrum, R. Icon, Rexb. 14, t. 93, Wall. Cat. p. 10, No. 281.

Parasitical, rooting. Fronds subsessile, linear-lanceolar, from premorse to acute, smooth, and fleshy. Fructifications scattered in numerous dots, below the apex of the frond. Involucres

Beng. Chitteen-borah.

Nat. of Bengal. Found near Calcutta on the trunks of large old trees, &c. where there is much shade and humidity.

Root perennial, creeping, with many ramous dark coloured fibres, generally covered with moss, bending in various directions, rough with umbilicated tuberosities, (the remaining sites of the fallen leaves,) otherwise the surface, when cleaned of earth, &c. is smooth, and of an olive colour.

Fronds numerous, erect, sub-sessile, simple, lanceolate, entire, veinless, fleshy, very smooth on both sides; from 12 to 24 inches long, and from 2 to 3 broad, fertile and barren fronds

Fructifications in minute dots, irregularly scattered over the upper third or half of the frond.

Capsules numerous, kidney-shaped, with an elevated, crenulated, brown band round the convex side of the transparent integument; each contains some minute grains, of a most beautiful bright shining gold colour.

P. phyllitidis. Aspidiun Singaporianm, Wall. Cat. P. 64, No. 374?

Stipes scaly near the base. Fronds (6-12 inches,) lanceolate; entire, smooth. Fructifications in numerous scattered spots. Involucres obscure.

Nat. of Chittagong.

P. pertusum. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 94. Wall. Cat. p. 10, No. 267.

Parasitic, creeping. Fronds lanceolar, fleshy, entire, acuminate; above smooth; underneath covered with minute scales. Fructifications lodged in deep pits, and so numerous over the upper half of the fronds, as often to render that part subcylindric. Involucre none.

A native of the Delta of the Ganges, where it surrounds the trunks of trees with its

brown woolly roots, interwoven with various kinds of moss, &c.

Stems about as thick as a pack-thread, covered with dark, rust coloured scales.

Stipes round, channelled, covered with minute stellate scales.

Fronds lanceolate, fleshy, veinless; above smooth; underneath covered with minute stellate scales like the stipes. The fertile are in general narrower towards the point, with their margins involute, so as to appear like subcylindric spikes.

Fructifications in deep pits over the exterior portions of the fronds.
6. P. tomentosum, R. Icou. Roxb. 14, t. 95. P. mysurense Heyne? Wall. Cat. p. 64, No. 269.

Parasitic. Fronds lanceolate, entire, acuminate; downy underneath. Fructifications over the centre, and nearly hid by the thick, soft, stellate down.

Nat. of Hindoostan, on trunks of trees. Root ramous, creeping amongst moss, &c.

Stipes from 2 to 3 inches long, clothed with soft, stellate, white down.

Fronds all lanceolate, entire, long fine-pointed, upper surface pretty smooth, but like the stipe the underside is clothed with soft, stellate down; length about six inches.

Fructification in numerous, large dots, over the centre of the back of the fronds and nearly hid by the thick, soft, stellate down, already mentioned.

7. P. phymatodes. Linn. Mant. 306.

Stipes smooth; fronds from simple to being divided into as far as five, or more, linearlanceolate lobes. Fructifications scattered, large, and very conspicuous on the upper surface. Involucre none found.

P. scolopendria. Burm. Flor. Ind. 232. Polypodium, &c. Burm. Zeyl. 196, t. 86.

Nat. of various parts of India.
8. P. quercifolium. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 96.

Parasitic ; barren fronds sessile, ovate-cordate, slightly pinnatifid ; fertile ones longstiped, and deeply divided into long sublinear segments. Fructifications scattered in numer-

ous minute spots over the whole of the back of the leaves.

Pannæ-kelengo-maravara. Rheed. Mal. 12. t. 11.

Polypodium Indicum majus. Rumph. Amb. 6. t. 36.

Beng. Goroor.

Nat. of various parts of India. Is a large species, grows on trees, with slowly creeping, broad, thick, fleshy, scaly-tomentose shoots.

Root creeping, short, fleshy, covered with a thick coat of long, filiform, downy, scales. Fronds of two sorts; viz. barren and fertile. Barren sessile, cordate sinuate, smooth, except for numerous beautifully reticulated veins. Fertile stand upon pretty long, half-round, smooth somewhat winged petioles, they are deeply pinnatifid; pinna alternate, tapering,

Fructification in numerous dots over the back of the pinnæ.

Capsules most numerous, each supported on a long slender pedicel, subglobular, 4-5ths girt with a necklace-like elastic ring, 1-celled, 1-valved.

Seeds most numerous, of a bright shining gold colour.
9. P. excueatum. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 97.

Fronds all long-stiped, from simple to deeply pinnatifid; lacinize lanceolate, acute. Fructifications solitary, in two rows of very large, naked spots, ledged in deep concavities.

Polypodium Indicum glabrum. Rumph. Amb. 6. t. 35. f. 2.

Nat. of the Moluccas. Introduced into the Botanic Garden in 1798, where it fructifies '

during the rains.

Root creeping horizontally under the surface of the earth, about as thick as a stout rattan, with numerous, filiform, ramous, hard fibres issuing from them, and penetrating deep into the ground.

Stipes straight, smooth, round, from 6 to 12 inches long.

Fronds barren and fertile alike, oblong, pinnatifid; very smooth on both sides; from 12 to 18 inches long. Lacinia ensiform or tongue-shaped, sometimes obtase, sometimes pointed; sinuses rounded, margins most entire.

Fructifications in only two rows of naked, equally distant between the nerve and margin, distinct, rather remote, very large, round spots, lodged in deep hollows; which are equal-

ly conspicuous on the upper surface of the frond as on the under.

Capsules pedicelled, 2-valved, girt, with a jointed elastic ring.

It has much the appearance of Polypodium quercifolium, but differs from it in many respects. The most obvious are,

1st. Here the root runs under ground, whereas P. quercifolium is parasitical, thick, fleshy,

densely clothed with brown fibres.

2nd. Here the fronds are all stiped, and deeply pinnatifid, with only two rows of large naked fructifications on each pinnule. In the other, the barren fronds are sessile, and the fructification consists of numerous small dots scattered over the segments of the fertile fronds.

10. P. semipinnatum. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds smooth, composed of one or two distinct, remote pair of broad, variously-shaped segments below; and a large terminal, 3-lobed one. Fractifications in numerous, approximate, distinct spots, over the whole disk. Involucre obscure.

Nat, of the Maloy Islands. Is very like my Acrostichum semipinnatum.

Section II .- With compound leaves.

Polypodium lucidum. R. Icon. Roxb. Suppl. 5, t. 2.

Fronds pinnate: stipes smooth, leadets subalternate, sessile, linear-lanceolate, entire, smooth. Fructifications in a single line, of large, remote spots, on each side, half-way between the margin and nerve.

A native of Nepaul, from thence introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, by Dr. Buchanan in 1802; general height of the whole plant from 18 inches to 2 feet. Fructifies

during the rains.

Shoots creeping, thick, and fleshy, pretty smooth, colour a deep green.

Fronds few, alternate, nearly erect, oval, from I to 2 feet long, stipe included; pinnate. Leaflets opposite, and alternate, sessile, narrow-lanceolate, with oblique tapering base, entire, smooth, and shining; of a thin but firm texture: the terminal one often bifid, or trifid, and those next to it more or less decurrent; general length from 4 to 6 inches,

Stipes from 6 to 12 inches long, round, and smooth.

Fractification in a single line, of remote, large, round spots, half-way between the margin and rib.

Involucre not discovered.

11. P. flagelliferum. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 99. Aspidium flagelliferum. R. Wall. Cat. p. 67, No. 2234.

Shoots creeping under ground, stipes hairy; fronds sub-alternately pinnate, proliferous at top; leaflets broad, ensiform, crenate, and crenulate, smooth. Fruetifications in one row, on each side, half-way between the nerve and margin. Involucre reniform.

Nat. of Bengal. Fructifying time the rainy season.

Roof fibrous, and from the base of the stipes, where they unite, spring many, very long, slender runners.

Stipes a little woolly, particularly while young, and near the base, dark chesnut colour, furrowed on the anterior side; whole length, frond included, from 2 to 3 feet

Fronds pinnate, terminating in an incurved, somewhat gemma-like knob, which strikes root, and produces other plants where it rests on the ground.

Piano alternate, sessile, ensiform, with enlarged bases, the lower pairs, (and they extend down to near the base of the stipe,) broader, shorter, and sterile, with their margins slightly serrate. The superior pairs fertile, longer, narrower, and crenulate; all are smooth on both sides.

Fructifications in a single row of distinct dots on each side of the nerve.

Involucrum reniform.

12. P. ferrugineum. R

Stipes and nerves clothed with much brown, scaly pubescence; fronds (3-5 feet high,) alternately pinnate; leaflets ensiform, base truncate, with the upper angle thereof rather enlarged, the fertile crenulate. Fructifications large, in a line near the margin. Involucre round.

Nat. of Amboyna. P. rupestre. R.

Petioles smooth; fronds pinuate, (3-4 feet high,) smooth; leaflets subalternate, narrow-lanceolar, scarcely crenate. Fructifications solitary, (forming a line on each side the nerve, of rather remote dots.) Involucre obscure.

Nat. of Pinang, on mossy shaded rocks of granite.

14. P. radicans. Burm. Aspidium auriculatum Sw. Wall. Cat. p. 67. No. 2233.

Scandent, and supported by tendrils or roots, from short, remote, scaly, frond-bearing shoots. Fronds pinnate; sterile leaflets oblong; fertile ensiform, with base truncate, and there enlarged on the upper angle; all are obtuse. Fructifications in a line near the margin. Involucre round-reniform.

P. radicans. Burm. Fl. Ind. 233. t. 66. f. 3. is not unlike the sterile frond, and was most likely intended for the same plant.

Nat. of the Malay Islands, &c.

15. P. unitum. Burm. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 100.

Stipes smooth; fronds (2-3 feet high,) pinnate; leaflets barren and fertile alike, ensiform, serrate, villous underneath. Fructifications generally scattered, and nearer the margin than the nerve. Involucre ciliate.

Filix Zeylanica. Burm. Zeyl. 1, 44, f. 1.

I doubt if this is Desfontaine's Barbary plant. His description does not well accord with our East Indian species. Here our leaflets are not pinnatifid, but serrate, with a single line of distinct spots, a little removed from the margin. It is probably a Davallia or Dicksonia. Unfortunately I neglected examining the involuere when I had it in my power.

16. P. sophoroides. Thunb. in Linn. Trans. 2, 341.

Fronds pinnate, a little hairy; leaflets ensiform, gashed-serrate, the lower pair of serratures longer; terminal one tapering to a fine serrated point. Fructifications sometimes in a single line of spots on each side of the nerve; sometimes they form a nearly continued line near the margins of the incisures

Nat. of the Moluceas, &c. Fructifies during the rainy season.

17. P. proliferum. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 101.

Fronds pinnate, drooping, and often ending in long creeping flagelli; leadets opposite, and alternate, tapering from a truncated base, obtusely crenulate, smooth. Fructifications in lines parallel with the veins.

Beng. Depu. Hind. Kull-ke-jaup.

Nat. of Rengal, and the more interior parts of India. Grows among brushwood, long grass, &c. in moist shady places about Calcutta; fructifies during the latter part of the rainy

Root creeping, flexuose, dark blackish rust colour, with many fibres of the same hue-Stipe smooth, channelled, as thick as a quill; of various lengths according to soil, &c. the whole length of it and the fronds, including the tail, is often as much as 10-12 feet.

Fronds drooping, pinnate. Leaflets sessile, opposite, and alternate, sword-shaped, with an oblique cordate base; margins notched; notches lanceolate; both sides smooth, with numerous, beautiful, parallel, diverging veins, each ending in the apex of a notch; the largest are from 4 to 6 inches long, those of the tail small, often hastate or 3-lobed.

Tail. long, sarmentous.

Note. —In luxuriant plants the fronds are frequently ramous, that is here and there a

similar frond growing from the axis of the leaflets.

Fructifications numerous, minute, approximate in parallel lines, one on each side of the diverging veins; each dot composed of a number of minute, pedicelled globules, girt with their brown crenulated, elastic rings; there is a constant succession of them for a length of

Note.—It may be P. unitum, as it agrees better with the Linnean definition of that plant, and with the figures in Burman's Thesaurus Zylanicus, and Sloane's History of Jamaica, than with the definition of P. parasiticum, though the figure of that species in Rheede's Hortus Malabaricus agrees with this plant tolerably well, the tail of the fronds excepted.

18. P. acuminatum. R.

Fronds alternately pinnate, smooth, (3-6 feet high;) leaflets ensiform, cuspidate, with base truncate, serrate, serratures very small, but distinct towards the top. Fructifications in lines parallel with the veins. Involucre minute, and soon disappears.

19. P. mucronatum. R.

Fronds alternately pinnate; stipes somewhat hairy; pinnæ ensiform, acutely serrate, finely acuminate. Fructifications in numerous minute spots, arranged in lines between the

A native of Silhet. In the Botanic Garden, at Calcutta, it grows obliquely to the height of about 2 feet, and fructifies during the cold season. The texture of the leaves is hard, and glossy: the apex quite ensiform, the serratures of a middling size, and very acute.

20. P. tenerum. R.

Fronds alternately-pinnate; pinnæ linear-lanceolate, gash-serrate, acuminate. Fructifica-

tion in a few spots on each side of the veins: involucre reniform.

A native of Silket. In the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, it grows to the height of from 12 to 18 inches, is of a delicate soft texture, and somewhat villous.

21. P. cuspidatum. R. P. urophyllum. Wall. Cat. 64, No. 299, (quod nomen de-

lendum.) Fronds alternately piunate, (3-6 feet high;) leaflets alternate (6-12 inches long.) linearlanceolate, cuspidate, bluntly serrate, smooth; the whole nearly equal in size. Fructifications in lines parallel with the veins, and running their whole length. Involueres none visible.

Nat, of Pinang, under the shade of lofty trees.

22. P. semisagittatum. R.

Base of the stipes scaly; fronds (6-18 inches high,) sub-oppositely-pinnate; leaflets serrate, smooth, the superior ensiform; the lower small, and triangular. Fructifications in numerous dots, parallel with the nerve of the segments. Involucres round, with a fissure on

Nat. of the Delta of the Ganges, Chittagong. &c.

23. P. involucratum. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds alternately pinnate; leaflets remote, petiolate, lanceolar, cuspidate, margins waved. Fructifications in numerous spots, over the whole disk. Involucres very large, round, entire, permanent.

Nat. of Amboyna. 24. P. nudatum. R.

Fronds alternately pinnate; leaflets rather remote, sessile, smooth, incurve-ensiform, fine taper-pointed, rounded at the base, margins very equally servate, the terminal one larger, but not more deeply serrate than the rest. Fructifications in numerous minute dots, in lines parallel with the veins. Involucres none.

Nat. of Amboyna. 25. P. scabrum. R. Wall. Cat. 66, No. 2225.

Stipes scabrons, and hirsute; fronds (6-12-feet high,) alternately pinnate; leaflets linear, most long, smooth on both sides, gash-serrate, fine-entire-pointed. Fructifications in 2 lines, of numerous, round spots, close to the nerves of the serrature of the pinnæ. Involucre uncertain.

Nat. of the tops of the highest mountains of Amboyna.

It differs from all I have yet found, in having the fructifications close to the veins, (nerves of the serratures or segments.)

26. P. parasitieum. Aspidium parasiticum, Hb. Madras, Wall. Cat. 67, No 2239? Stipes sometimes pubescent; fronds lanceolate, (3-4-feet high,) pinnate; leaflets subalternate, ensiform, pinnatafid (to the middle,) apices fine, and entire; barren segments obtuse, entire, the lower pair larger. Fruetifications in two rows, parallel with the nerves of the segments. Involucres round-reniform.

Nat. of various parts of India. The above definition is taken from Molucca plants.

27. P. longifolium R.

Fronds linear, (3-4 feet high,) pinnate leaflets; alternate, and opposite, ensiform, pinnatifid, apiecs rather obtuse; entire, and fertile throughout; segments entire, incurved, obtuse. Fructifications in two lines, of numerous spots, parallel with the nerves of the segments. Involuere round-reniform, uncommonly permanent.

Nat. of Amboyna, 28. P. acutum. R.

Stipes smooth, channelled; fronds (3-4 feet high.) lanceolate, a little hairy, sub-bipin-nate; leaflets subalternate, linear-lanceolate, and ensiform, pinnatifid to near the base; most acute, segments linear, incurved, entire, rather obtuse. Fructifications in two lines, parallel with the nerves of the segments. Involuere round, 2-lobed.

Nat. of Amboyna.

Differs from P. longifolium, in the leaflets having exceeding acute, sterile apices; and in being more deeply pinnatifid.

29. P. pilosum. R.

Fronds (12-18 inches high,) hairy bipinnate at the base, middle pinnate, top pinnatifid, leaflets acute, their lobes obtuse, and from entire to serrate, or even gashed. Fructifications scattered, or in two lines, parallel with the nerves of the segment. Involuere round.

Nat. of Chiltagong, near the Burning Wells.

30. P. dichotomum. Thunb. Fl. Jap. 338. t. 37. good.

Fronds dichotomous, about half the divisions of the rachis naked, smooth; leaflets pectinato-pinnatifid; segments separated to very near the base, linear, diverging, obtuse. Fructifications in two lines, of minute spots, on the segments of the pinne.

Aerostichum furcatum. Linu. sp. 1529.

Nat. of the Molucca Islands.

31. P. furcatum. R.

Scandent. Fronds dichotomous, all the divisions (of the rachis) furnished with diverging, linear, pectinato-pinnatifid segments

Found in the forests of Pullo Pinang, running over fallen trees, &c. &c. to a great extent.

32. P. multiflorum. R.

Stipes smooth. Fronds (6-8 feet high,) suboppositely, and alternately bipinnate below, and bipinnatifid, and finally pinnatifid towards the top; leaflets remote, fertile fine pointed; segments thereof subensiform; the larger gashed, the smaller crenate. Fructifications numerous, scattered, (almost confluent.) Involucre uncertain.

Nat. of Amboyna.

33. P. confertum. R. Stipes smooth, erect, (3.4 feet high,) fronds from bipinnate below, to bipinnatifid, and finally pinnatifid towards the top; leaflets rather remote, sublinear, fine-fertile-pointed; segments broad-ensiform, somewhat incurved, from gashed to obscurely crenate. Fruetifications in numerous, large, crowded spots, covering the whole of the back of the frond.

Found by Mr. Roxburgh in Chittagong, under the shade of trees.

34. P. confluens. R.

Stipes scaly: fronds (1-2 feet high,) smooth, bipinnate at the base, becoming less compound to the obtuse pinnatifid apex; pinnæ tapering; segments thereof obtuse, linear, confluent, from entire to serrate, or even pinnatifid. Fructifications in two lines parallel with the nerves of the segments.

Nat. of Chittagong. 35. P. squarrosum. R.

Stipes to the top of the frond clothed with long, brown, ragged scales and hairs ; fronds linear, alternately-bipinnate, (2-3 feet high :) pinnæ linear ; leaflets subtriangular, mucronate, and acutely jagged, particularly on the anterior margin. Fructifications few, and large, in two rows. Involucre peltate.

Found by Captain Hardwicke on the tops of the mountains between Hurdwar and Siri-

36. P. scariosum. R.

Stipes clothed with scariose, scaly hairs to the top of the fronds (which are 3-5 feet high.) subalternately bipinnate : pinnæ sublanceolate ; leaflets trapeziform, crenate-serrate, smooth-Fructifications scattered, numerous, large. Involucre obscure.

Nat. of Amboyna. 37. P. impuber. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds (5-6 feet high,) alternately bipinnate; pinnæ linear, ending in fine, serrated, barren points ; leaflets oblong, obtuse, entire, smooth ; on the lower half of the pinnse distinct; on the exterior confluent. Fructifications in two lines, parallel with the nerve of the leaflets. Involucre obscure.

Nat. of Amboyna; an elegant, firm, polished species.

38. P. affine. Forst. Flor. Austr. p. 83.

Stipes with large scariose scales at the base; fronds (3-4 feet high,) alternately bipinnate; pinnæ tapering; leaflets linear-oblong, obtuse, smooth, to the middle pinnatifid. Fructifications somewhat scattered, inserted amongst hairs, on elevated receptacles. Involucre obscure.

Nat. of Amboyna. 39. P. elatum. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds (many feet high,) alternately tripinnatifid; pinnæ linear, fine serrate; barren pointed, leaflets ensiform; fertile pointed, pinnatifid; segments thereof incurved, scarce serrulate, obtuse. Fructifications large, in a crowded line, near the margin of the segments. Involucre obscure.

Nat. of Amboyna. 40. P. tridentatum. R.

Stipes smooth. Fronds (of a delicate texture, 2-4 feet high.) alternately tri-pinnatifid; pinnæ linear, tapering to most fine, long, serrate points; leaflets of nearly the same form, and deeply pinnatifid; segments thereof linear, serrate, with dentate apices. Fructifications remote and small, in two rows of solitary spots near the base of each of the segments of the leaflets. Involucre obscure.

Nat. of the Island of Banda; an elegant, finely-divided plant, of a soft, delicate texture.

41. P. arborescens. R. P. arboreum. Hb. Roxb. Wall. Cat. 66. No. 2226?

Arborescent. Stipes smooth; fronds alternately tri-pinnatifid; pinnæ linear, ending in long, fine, crenate, fertile points; leaflets ensiform, fertile-pointed, to the base pinnatifid, segments thereof linear-oblong, incurved. Fructifications in a line of dots, on each side of the nerve of the segments of the leaflets. Involucre obscure.

Nat. of the Island of Honimoa, one of the Moluccas; yet I cannot think Rumphius's

Palmifilix, Hb. Amb. vol. 6, t. 27, is the same.

42. P. felinum. R. Scandent. Stipes rough with minute prickles, (like the tongue of a cat:) fronds alternately tri-pinnatifid; pinnæ, linear, (2-3 feet long;) leaflets broad ensiform, with serrate, barren points; near the base often pinnate, the rest deeply pinnatifid; segments thereof linear, crenulate, obtuse, incurved. Fructifications in two crowded lines, parallel with and close to the nerve of the segments. Involucre obscure.

Nat. of Amboyna and Pullo Pinang, climbing, in open situations, over fallen trees, &c.

43. P. dubium R. Davallia Roxburghii. Wall. Cat. 66, No. 2218.

Fronds alternately quadri-pinnatifid, smooth, (several feet high;) its ultimate divisions obtuse, tending to be trapeziform, and more or less deeply gashed. Fructifications in solitary spots at the bottom of the fissures of the leaflets. Involucre opens on the anterior margin, forming a pouch.

Nat. of the Moluccas. Is probably a Davallia.

44. P. amulum. Ait. Kew. 3. 466.

Fronds quadri-pinnatifid, smooth, and delicate; ultimate divisions narrow-trapeziform oblong, sides pinnatifid, or gashed and denticulate at tip. Fructifications solitary on the segments. Involucre reniform, peltate and ciliate.

Nat, of the mountains north of Robilcund.

10. ASPLENIUM.

Fructifications disposed in straight, subparallel lines. Involuce originating laterally from a vein, and separating inwards,

A. Nidus, Linn, Wall. Cat. 63, No. 198.

Fronds simple (1-3 feet,) subsessile, linear-lanceolate, entire, glossy; veios numerous and parallel. Fructifications in approximated lines, with a very conspicuous involucre, separating upwards and inwards, (that is, towards the apex of the leaf.)

Nat. of Chillagong, Malay Islands. &c. It grows in large compact bowl-shaped tufts,

not unlike a bird's nest; the specific name is therefore particularly appropriate.

2. A. veticulatum. R. Grammitis macrophylla. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 10.

Fronds simple. (1-2 feet.) subsessile, lanceolate, entire, smooth, with reticulated veins.

Fructifications in rather remote parallel lines. Involucre not visible.

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

3. A. linguaforme. R.

Stipes long, and polished; fronds tongue-shaped, entire, smooth. Fructifications in numerous, approximated lines, over the whole disk, and extending almost to the margin. (Involucre not visible in the dry specimens.)

Nut. of the Moluceus.

4. A. monanthemoides. R.

Stipes polished, round, with a groove; fronds (6-12 inches high,) alternately-pinnate; leaflets delicate, smooth, trapeziform, very obtuse, anterior and exterior margins dentate-serrate; posterior entire. Fructifications in short lines, on both sides of the nerve; when the involuere expands they become round, (as in Polypodium.)

Nat. of Chillogong.
5. A. trapeziforme. R. Wall. Cat. 66, No. 2213.

Stipes polished; fronds (12-18 inches.) alternately pinnate; leaflets trapeziform, very obtuse, servate, except a small portion of the posterior margin near the base, smooth. Fructifi-cations in many lines, on both sides of the nerve. Involucre separating inwards.

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

6. A. coriaceum. R. Asplenium Finlaysonianum. Wall. 63, No. 191, (quod nomen de-

Stipes smooth; fronds (1-2 feet high,) alternately pinnate; leaflets obliquely-ovate ensiform-falcate, remotely serrate, smooth, coriaceous. Fructifications in numerous parallel lines, over the whole of the disk. Involucre very conspicuous.

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

7. A. serrulatum. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds (2-3 feet high,) alternately pinnate; leaflets (about 15) smooth; broad-ensilorm, margins remotely serrulate; inner upper angle enlarged; terminal lobe larger, and pinnatifid. Fructifications in lines, on the (secondary) veins, of which the lower are often double. Involucre single or double, according with the lines.

Nat. of Amboyna and other Malay Islands.

8. A. crenatum. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds smooth; (several feet high.) alternately pinnate; leaflets linearensiform, elegantly crenate, (6-9 inches long.) Fructifications in numerous double and single lines, on the (secondary) veins. Involucre double or single.

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

9. A. cultrifolium, Linn.

Stipes smooth, grooved; fronds (2- 4 feet high;) suboppositely pinnate; leaflets lanccolate. falcate, taper-pointed, gash-serrate, firm and smooth. Fruetifications in rather remote, long-ish, parallel lines. Involucre separating inwards.

Nat. of Amboyna. 10. A. earium, R.

Fronds alternately-pinnate; leaflets from ensiform to linear, and obtuse, smooth, largelycrenate, inner crenature on the upperside very large. Fructifications in various sized single and double lines. Involucre single and double, each separating outwards.

Nut. of Amboyna.

11. A. kemionitoidez. R. Stipes pretty smooth; fronds lanceolate, alternately pinnate; leaflets falcate, obtuse, the lower pinnatifid; the upper more or less crenate-serrate, inner crenature on the upper side larger. Fructifications generally in double lines, with a vein between them. Involucres

Nat. of the Malay Islands.

In the double lines and involucres, it approaches to Smith's character of Hemionitis.

12. A. mixtum, R.

Stipes smooth; fronds lanceolate, alternately pinnate; leaflets ensiform, with tapering, serrate, fertile points, the rest more or less pinnatifid, with the segments thereof rounded. Fructifications in short lines, on the veins of the segments; the lower one, at least, always double. Involucre in the single lines, separating inwards; in the double, both ways.

Nat. of Ambayna,

13. A. multiflorum. R.

Fronds pinnate, (3-6 feet high,) with angular, hairy petiole; leaflets numerous, alternate, ensiform, pinnatifid. Fructifications in two rows, of short, parallel, single lines on the veins of the segments of the pinnæ. Involucre separating on the side next the nerve of the segment.

Nat. of the Malay Islands, under the shade of trees. 14. A. bipinnatum. R. Icon. Roxb. Suppl. 5, t. 1.

Fronds alternately-bipinnate. (3-4 feet high;) pinnæ remote, recurved; leasets broadensiform, smooth, remotely crenate, truncate at the base. Fructifications in minute, single, parallel lines, on the veins of the segments of the leasets. Involucre separating inwards.

Nat. of Amboyna, but introduced into the Botanic Garden at Calcutta, where it fruc-

tifles during the rains.

Root, the united bases of the stipes form something like a very short, oblique, ragged, blackish one, or a trunk, which sends forth numerous radical fibres into the ground.

Stipes 18 inches long, nearly 4-sided; upper side grooved, toward the base somewhat

scaly, otherwise they are smooth.

Fronds alternately bipinnate, ovate-oblong, 2-3 feet long. Pinnæ alternate, 8-12 inches long. Pinnules sub-opposite and alternate, sessile, ensiform, crenate, base truncate, smooth, 2-3 inches long.

Fructifications in parallel lines.

Involuere originating from a vein, separating inwards or both ways.

15. A. cicutarium. Linn.

Shoots creeping, scaly. Stipes alternate, polished; fronds alternately subtripinnate, as broad as long, (6-8 inches high;) ultimate divisions subovate, with the anterior margins crenate-dentate, firm, and smooth on both sides.

Nat. of the mountains north of Robilcund.

A. tripinnatum. R.

Stipes polished, grooved; fronds (2 feet high.) alternately tripinnate; ultimate divisions thereof wedge-shaped with their apices premorse, deeply notched, and generally two or three-flowered.

Nat. of the Molucca Islands. 17. A. woodwardioides. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds (2 feet high.) subovate, smooth, alternately-bipinnate; leaflets broad-ensiform; those of the inferior pinnæ pinnatifid; of the upper more or less servate. Fructifications in oblong spots along the nerve, but forming a sharp angle with it. Involuces separating towards the nerve.

Found at Chittagong by Dr. Buchanan.

11. HEMIONITIS.

Fructifications digested in scattered or branched lines, each of them double, with a vein running between. Involuces originating from a vein, and each separating outwards.

H. cordifolia, R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 103.

Fronds cordate, obtuse, entire. Lines of the fructifications decussated, forming rhomboidal interstices.

Beng. Chacooly.

Nat. of Bengal. Grows in a rich wet soil about Calcutta.

Root fibrous, perennial.

Fronds oblong-cordate, obtuse, entire; smooth on the upper surface, a little hairy underneath; from 3 to 6 inches long; the fructiferous fronds smallest, and on much longer stipes.

Stipes slender, channelled, woolly, dark purple; from 2 to 12 inches long.

Lines of the fructification decussating, numerous over the whole underside of the fronds, leaving but small oblong interstices.

Capsules most numerous, short pedicelled, girt with an elastic ring.

Seeds very numerous.

2. H. reticulata. R. Antrophyum reticulatum. Kaulf. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 40.

Fronds in tufts, sessile, cuneate-lanceolate, entire. Nerve vanishing towards the middle of the frond; veins and lines of the fructification reticulated, forming sublanceolate interstices.

Nat. of the Moluccas.

12. SCOLOPENDRIUM.

Fructifications in scattered double lines, placed between two veins. Involuces originating from the surface, (or rather from the veins,) lying over one another longitudinally, and separating by a longitudinal suture. Smith.

S. lanceolatum, R.

Parasitical, creeping. Stipes polished. Fronds lanceolate, entire, acute, the barren greatly larger, and with shorter stipes.

Nat. of Chittagong.

13. BLECHNUM.

Fructifications disposed in two-parallel lines, approaching the nerve. Involuces originating from the surface, continued; separating towards the nerve.

1. B. angustifolium. R.

Stipes polished, as long as the simple, linear-lanceolate, entire, smooth fronds. Fructifications in an unfuterrupted line, half-way between the nerve and margin. Involucre ob-

Nat. of the Molaccas, grows about 12 or 18 inches high.

2. B. glabram. R. Twaitis blechnoides. Sw. Wall. Cat. 62, No. 141.

Stipes smooth. Fronds (3-4 feet high,) suboppositely pinnate; leaflets short-petioled, linear-lanceolate, entire, rather obtuse, firm and smooth. Fructifications in an uninterrupted line, half-way between the nerve and margin. Involuere obscure.

Nat. of Prince of Wales' Island, where it is found growing under the shade of lofty

3. · B. decurrens. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds alternately pinnate; leaflets (above a foot long.) linear, sessile, attenuated at the base, and decurrent. Lines of the fructification close to the nerve. Found by Dr. Hunter, on Prince of Wales' Island.

4. B. moluccanum. R. Blechnum orientale, Linn. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 57.

Stipes smooth. Fronds (6-9 feet high,) alternately pinnate; leaflets ensiform, firm, smooth, and entire. Fructifications close to the nerve of the leaflets. Involucre of a very firm texture, and separating from the nerve.

Nat. of Prince of Wales Islands, Moluccas, &c.

14. PTERIS.

Fructifications in an uninterrupted marginal line, Involucre from the margin of the frond, turned in uninterrupted, separating on the inner side.

P. graminifolia. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 104, f. 3.

Parasitic. Fronds linear, very long (2-3 feet) entire pendulous.

Nat. of the close dark forests of Silhet, where it is found suspended on trees, resembling long tufts of long, narrow-leaved grass.

P. augustifolia. Swartz. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 104, f. 2. Parasitie, creeping. Fronds (4-6 luches.) subsessile, simple, linear-lanceolar, acute, smooth. Fructification occupying the whole margin.

Nat. of the Delta of the Ganges, where it is found growing on the trunks of trees,

intermixed with mosses, &c. parasitic plants, of various kinds.

Stems creeping, but short, and covered with much dark brown long hair.

Stipes short, roundish.

Fronds linear-lanceolate, smooth on both sides; from 4 to 12 inches long.

Fractifications in a continued marginal line.

Involuere, a continuation of the epidermis of the upper surface of the frond, reflected over the capsules, and until they are ripe adhering to the under surfaces.

2. P. piloselloides. Linn. Sp. Pl. Banks. ic. Kampf. t. 31. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 104, f. 1.

Parasitic, creeping, filiform. Fronds subsessile, succulent, veinless, obtuse, entire; barren from oval to oblong; fertile linear.

Nat. of Chittagong, creeping upon the trunks of trees.

Stems and branches filiform, equally thick throughout, climbing on trees, and rooting like Iry, many feet in length.

Leares subsessile, succulent, veinless, obtuse; the barren from round to oblong, and perfeetly entire; length about an inch, fertile linear, and linear-lanceolate; length from 2 to 4

Fractification in an entire marginal line, even round the obtuse apices, and down to near the base. Involucre fleshy.

3. P. lobata. R.

Petioles smooth, nearly as long as the thin, polished, 2 or 3-lobed fronds.

Nat. of the Molucean

4. P. viltata. Osb. It. t. 4. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 105. Pteris longifolia. Linn. Wall. Cat.

Stipes alternate, from a creeping root, polished. Fronds alternately pinnate, (2-5 feet high); leaflets sessile, ensiform, all the sterile parts have their margins waved and spinulose. Fructifications occupy the lower two-thirds, or more.

Nat. of the Delta of the Ganges, &c. Fructifies in the Botanic Garden most part of the

Root (or rather stem) creeping under ground.

Stipes springing alternate from the creeping root or stem, polished, channelled, dark

brown; whole length, frond included, from 2 to 4 feet.

Fronds pinnate with an odd one, 2-3 feet long, smooth. Pinnæ sub-opposite, sessile, ensiform, tapering to a very long fine point; margins of the fertile (pinne as far as they are so) straight and entire, of the sterile waved and serrulate, the serratures often end in sharp cartilaginous points; all are smooth, and shining on both sides.

Fractifications in an uninterrupted marginal line, extending from the base for about

two-thirds or more of the (fertile) pinne,

Incolucrum from the margin of the piunæ turned in, uninterrupted, separating on the inner side.

To Pteris amplexicaulis (now before me): this comes the nearest of any other I have

hitherto met with, yet differs essentially.

1st. Here (in P. vittata) the stipes rise single from the creeping stem, and are long and polished. There (in P. amplexicaulis) they grow in tufts and are short, and when old, sca-

brous; when young, woolly.

2nd. Here the pinne are not enlarged into a stipe-clasping base; taper to a very long fine point, and are (in general) fertile for only about two-thirds their length. There they have enlarged stipe-clasping bases, are rather obtuse pointed, and are fertile almost to the very points.

5. P. amplexicaulis. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 106. P. amplectens. Wall. Cat. 62, No. 112,

(quod nomen delendum.)

Stipes in tufts, short, somewhat rough. Fronds oblong, (about 2 feet high.) alternately pinnate, smooth; leaflets sessile, ensiform, rather obtuse, with two enlarged, stipe-clasping, rounded lobes at the base; the barren most finely serrulate; the terminal one greatly longer than the rest. Fructifications occupy the whole margin, except the very apices

Nat, of Bengal, in shady, moist places. Also among ruins of brick buildings. Is some-

times parasitical.

Stipes short, on the forepart channelled, woolly, from 1 to 2 feet long.

Frond linear-oblong, pinnate with an odd one, leaflets below opposite; above frequently alternate; all are sessile, linear, entire, smooth; at the base broadest, and there obliquely cordate, from 2 to 3 inches long, and from & to & an inch broad; in small plants the terminal one is often as long, or even longer, than the rest of the frond.

Note .- In a good soil, amongst brushwood, or long grass I have found them 3-4 feet high,

the terminal leaflet is then as short, or shorter than the rest.

6. P. linearis. R.

Stipes rough. Fronds alternately-pinnate, (4-5 feet high;) leaflets linear, entire, very long, smooth, both sides rounded, and greatly protruded at the base. Fructifications occupy the whole margins, and when most expanded, leave very little of the naked pinnæ to be seen.

Nat. of Amboyna.

7. P. scandens. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 107. Lomaria scandens. Willd. Wall. Cat. 6. No. 36.

Stem creeping up, and over large trees. Stipes somewhat armed. Fronds alternately-pinnate; sterile leaflets linear-lanceolate, acutely-serrate, cuspidate; fertile filiform.

Filix non ramosa, &c. Burm. Zeylan. p. 100, t. 46, good for part of a barren leaf only.

Panna valli. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 35, the barren leaves.

Nat. of various parts of India; very old plants only fructify during the rains; and when the involucre is fairly open, it may be taken for an Acrostichum.

Stems about as thick as a ratio, creeping up, and over trees of the first magnitude, flexuose, angular, tolerably smooth, except for little, rather sharp, warty prickles scattered over every part.

Stipes alternate, grooved on the upper sides, smooth, except for a few very minute prickles; length to the pinnæ from 6 to 12 inches.

Fronds pinnate, about 3 feet long, drooping a little.

Leaflets (pinne,) from ten to twenty pair, alternate, sub-sessile. The barren lanceolate, long, taper, acute pointed, and most acutely serrate, smooth on both sides, veins numerous, very fine, and nearly diverging; general length from 6 to 9 inches, and about 1 inch broad.

Fertile leaflets before the involucre opens filiform, after the capsules begin to burst, they become considerably broader; if found in this state only, it may be taken for an Acrostichum, and when still more advanced, the edges of the leaflets and involucre become involute, exposing the numerous minute capsules as if it were in a spike.

Involucre uncertain.

8. P. lunulata. Retz. Obs. 2, No. 99, t. 4. Adiantum lunulatum. Burm. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 77.

Stipes in tufts, polished, black. Fronds (6-18 inches,) longer than the petioles, recurved, alternately pinnate; leaflets petioled, somewhat crescent-shaped, smooth.

Avenka. Rheed. Mal. 12, t. 40.

Hind. Kull-k'ha.

Common in most parts of India, sometimes the margin is broken, when it resembles an Adiantum, and is very like A. iunulatum, but at all times sufficiently distinct.

9. P. multifida. R.

Stipes polished, black-purple; barren fronds cordate-lobate; fertile very long-petioled, pedato-bipinnatifid, with long, ensiform, acute segments.

A terrestrial, elegant species. The barren fronds about a foot high; the fertile from

2 to 3 feet. It is a native of the province of Chittagong. 10. P. dimidiata. R. Pteris semipinnata, Linn. Wall. Cat. 62. No. 97.

Stipes polished, brown, fronds alternately-semi-bipinnate, smooth, (about 3 feet high ;) leaflets halved, linear, and entire on the upper side of the nerve; broad and pinnate, or deeply pinnatifid on the under; segments thereof entire, linear-oblong. Fructifications round the whole margins.

Nat. of Chittagong. Is one of the most beautiful Ferns I have ever seen.

11. P. bicolor. R. Cheilanthes dealbata. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 71.

Stipes polished, dark brown, filiform; fronds (3-12 inches high,) bipinnatifid; pinnæ opposite, pinnatifid; segments obtuse, crenate, green above, perfectly white underneath. Involucre brown, with lacerated margin.

Nat. of the mountains north of Robilcund.

12. P. pectinata. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds subbipinnate, smooth; pinnæ few, opposite; segments thereof entire, linear, falcate, obtuse, confluent. Fructifications occupy the whole of the margins, except the very apex.

Nat. of the Moluccas, 13. P. quadriaurita. Retz. Obs. 6, N. 86.

Stipes somewhat scabrous; fronds opposite, and alternately-bipiunatifid, (3 or 4 feet high, and the petioles about as much more,) smooth; piunæ linear; the lower pair some-times doubled, deeply (almost quite to the nerve,) piunatifid; segments thereof falcate, obtuse, entire, the terminal one ensiform, and when barren crenate.

Nat. of the Moinceas.

14. P. gracilis. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds decuraively, suboppositely bipinnate; pinnæ few and remote; barren leaflets elliptically-lanceolar, and acutely serrate; fertile linear, and many times longer than the barren.

A terrestrial species, a native of Chittagong. The fertile fronds are very slender, and

about 20 inches high; the barren little more than half of that.

15. P. tripinnatifida. R.

Stipes polished; fronds (3-4 feet high,) smooth, oppositely tripinnatifid; pinuæ broadensiform, with more or less deep, rounded triangular breaks and lobes. Fructifications in a very completely continued line, round every part of the margin.

Nat. of the Moluccas.

16. P. pedatifida. R. Stipes trifid, with the lateral brauches again bifid; or trifid, all the divisions thereof bipinnatifid; pinnules linear, deeply pinnatifid; segments thereof linear-oblong, obtuse. Fruetifications in a continued line, on the sides of the segments.

Nat. of Amboyna, and the Malay Islands, where it grows to be several feet high.

17. P. daneifolia. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds ovate, (about 12 inches high.) alternately superdecompound; its ultimate divisions minute and linear, almost entirely occupied by the fructifications.

Nat. of the Eastern parts of Bengal.

18. P. succulenta. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 108. Acrostichum thalictroides et siliquosum.
Roxb. Ceratopteris thalictroides. Brongn. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 81.

Annual, succulent. Fronds (from 2 inches to 5 feet high ;) the barren decompound, with ultimate divisions broad, and variously lobate; the fertile super-decompound, with ultimate divisions linear.

Junglee Jhow of the Bengalis.

Nat. of various parts of India, in wet places.

Root fibrous, dark brown annual.

Stipes between quadrangular and half round, sulcated.

Fronds, barres pinnate, with pinnatifid leaflets. Fertile generally super-decompound; divisions alternate; leastets subulate, furrowed on the back, smooth; whole length (stipe included.) from 4 inches to 4 feet.

Fructifications in a line of numerous, distinct capsules, until ripe, completely hid under

the entirely reflected margins of the leaflets.

Capsules sessile, globular, girt with the usual elastic ring.

Seeds (or globules,) about 20 in each capsule.

15. VITTARIA.

Fractifications in an uninterrupted marginal line. Involuces double, uninterrupted ; one from the surface separating outwards; the other from the margin of the frond turned in, separating inwards.

V. lineata, Smith. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 109.

Parasitic, stipes very short, compressed; fronds both fertile and sterile linear, entire, smooth, (from 4 to 8 inches long.)

Pteris lineata. Linn.

Nat. of Prince of Wales' Island: thence introduced into the Botanic Garden by Mr. W. Roxburgh, Jun.

Parasitic with numerous fibrous roots, adhering to the bark of trees or putrid wood.

Stem scarce any.

Stipes very short, compressed, smooth.

Fronds linear-lanceolate, entire, acute, smooth, and slender, like a blade of grass; about 6 inches long, and less than half an inch broad; the barren and fertile are alike in shape and

Fructification in an uninterrupted line, on the anterior margins; that is, from the middle of the frond to within half an ioch, or an inch of the apex, with a double involucre.

 V. divergens. R. Wall. Cat. 65, No. 2191.
 Stipes polished, black. Fronds linear, (12-15 inches high,) alternately-piunate; leaflets subensiform, obtuse, approximate, diverging, enlarged at the base on the upper angle. (Fructifications as in Pteris, but with double involucre.)

Nat. of Prince of Wales' Island, where Mr. W. Roxburgh, Jun. found it growing in

cool shady places.

3. V. resecta. R.

Stipes smooth; fronds oblique, (6-12 inches high,) alternately pinnate; leaflets sessile, subtrapeziform, obtuse, smooth. (Fructifications in a continued line on the anterior margin and round the apex. Involucre double.)

Nat. of Chittagong. 4. V. lunulata. R.

Fronds subsessile, linear, (6-12 inches high,) straight, alternately pinnate; leaflets sessile, approximate, (touching.) crescent-shaped, with inner edge straight. (Fructifications in a continued line, on the anterior and exterior margins. Involucre double.)

Nat. of Prince of Wales' Island.
5. V. parasitica. R. Lindswa parasitica. R. Wall. Cat. 65, No. 2196.

Parasitical. Stipes short, smooth, alternate on the creeping stem. Fronds oblong, alternately bipinnate, (about 2 feet high ;) pinnæ linear ; leaflets small, sessile, approximate, subtriangular, with the anterior side or margin, where the line of fructifications is found, circular. (Involucre double.)

Nat. of Prince of Wates' Island, where it was found by Mr. W. Roxburgh, Jun. growing

on the trunks of trees.

 V. interrupta, R. Lindsæa interrupta. R. Wall. Cat. 65, No. 2195.
 Stipes polished, as long, or longer than the smooth, alternately bipinnate frond; pinnæ linear; leaflets triangularly-wedged-shaped, with anterior margin, chiefly of the barren fronds, gash-dentate. Line of fructifications on the anterior margin, and interrupted by the breaks therein. (Involucre double.)

Found by Mr. W. Roxburgh, growing on the ground, in shady cool places on Prince of

Wales' Island.

LINDSÆA.

Fructifications in an uninterrupted line, a little removed from the margin. Involuces originating from the surface, continued; separating outwards.

L. odorata, R. Icon, Roxb. 14, 109.

Stipes alternate from a creeping root, smooth; fronds alternately-pinnate; leaflets pe-

tioled, trapeziform-falcate, anterior margin gashed.

An elegant, small, erect species, of from 6 to 12 inches in height; a native of the Garrow Hills; when dry and drying, sweetly fragrant. The line of fructification is completely marginal, and interrupted by the fissures on the anterior margin of the leaflets, and I would rather be inclined to consider it a Hymenophyllum, if any thing like a column could be found within the involucre.

L. bipinnata. R.

Fronds alternately bipinnate, smooth; pinnæ linear; leaflets sub-sessile, somewhat crescent-shaped, with an uninterrupted line of fructifications, a very little removed from the anterior-exterior margin. (Involuere originating from the surface, continued, separating outwards.)

Found by Mr. W. Roxburgh on Prince of Wales' Island. I am not certain if ever the thin edge of the leaf is turned in (over the inner) involuere. I am rather inclined to think not; at least I have not been able to discover that it is.

It is exceeding like Vittaria parasitica, and only a little larger, and more robust.

17. ADIANTUM.

Fructifications in roundish, separate, marginal spots; under, (and inserted into,) the reflected involucre-like tips of the margin of the fronds which separate inwards.

1. A. proliferum. R. A. flagelliferum. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 76, (quod nomen delendum.) Stipes filiform, hairy; fronds (6-12 inches long.) alternately-pinuate, tailed at top, and there proliferous; leaflets triangular, anterior margin præmorse, and more or less divided.

Nat. of the Moluccas.

2. A. caudatum. Mant. 308. Icon. Roxb. 14. t. 110.

Stipes purple and hairy; fronds (6-12 inches long,) alternately-pinnate, tailed at top, and there proliferous; pinnæ subtrapeziform gashed. Fructifications under the reflected apices of the divisions of the pinnæ.

Adiantum caule reflexo. Burm. Zeyl. t. 5. f. 1. has the leaflets longer and narrower

than I have met with.

Nat. of Hindoostan as well as Ceylon.

Root perennial.

Stem none.

Fronds simply pinnate, slender, reclined, about a foot long; apex often leafless, and striking root.

Stipes a little villous, round.

Leaflets alternate, subsessile, subtrapeziform, the anterior-exterior margin from three to six cleft, (with the fructifications on the exterior margins of these divisions,) posterior and inner margins entire, striated, somewhat villous, length generally under an inch, and about balf as much in breadth.

Fructifications, a large oblong cluster of minute capsules, on the under edge of the mar-

gin of the divisions of the leaflets.

Involucre simple, separating on the inner side, being a continuation of the segments of the leaflets.

 A. tenerum. R. A. Capillus. Linn. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 73.
 Stipes polished black; fronds (6-12 inches high,) alternately bi-tripinnate; its ultimate divisions fine-petioled, triangularly wedge-shaped, and often deeply cut on the anterior, irregularly rounded margin.

Found on the northern boundary of Oude, by Mr. A. Gott. It is very like Dryander's

Lindswa tenera. Trans. Linn. Soc. 3, p. 42, t. 10

4. A. microphyllum. R. A. venustum. Don. Wall. Cat. 61, No. 81.

Stipes highly polished, deep brown. Fronds (12-18 inches high,) super-decompound; its ultimate divisions round-wedge-shaped; anterior margin minutely dentate. Fructifications from I to 3, though generally solitary, on the anterior edge.

Nat. of the mountains north of Robileund.

In my generic character of this genus, I have observed that the little annulated capsules, are inserted on the involucre itself, such being the case in all the above four species.

. 18. DAVALLIA. (Smith.)

Fructifications in roundish, separate spots, near the margin. Involucres like scales, from the surface, distinct, separating outwards.
1. D. augustifolia. R. D. augustata, Wall. Cat. 63, No. 242, (quod nomen delendum.)

Parasitic, creeping. Fronds sessile; both barren and fertile linear-lanceolate, serrulate, firm and polished. Involucres like scales.

Nat. of Prince of Wales' Island, and found by Mr. W. Roxburgh, running to a great extent up the trunks of trees.

2. D. longifolia. R.

Fronds linear, pectinato-pinnatifid, firm, though a little villous on the upper surface; segments linear, obtuse, with about three fructifications just under their apices. Involucre

like a pouch.

Found, by Mr. W. Roxburgh, growing on well-shaped rocks on Prince of Wales' Island.

3. D. pectinata. Smith.

Creeping; petioles scaly. Fronds (about six inches high,) ovate-oblong, firm, and smooth, to the nerve pectinato-pinnatifid; segments linear, obtuse, almost entire. Fructifications in a row of numerous approximated dots, between the nerve of the segment and their margin. Involucres like scales.

Found on the northern boundary of Oude, by A. Gott.

Filix polypodium, &c. Pluk. t. 289, f. 1 and 2, are exceeding like my plant.

4. D. cordifolia. R.

Creeping, petioles smooth, fronds about 6 inches high, long-cordate, polished, and very firm, oppositely pinnate; leaflets confluent falcate, obtuse, deeply crenate; the lower pair semicordate. Fructifications marginal, with very distinct, roundish, hard scaly involucres.

Nat, of the mountains north of Robilcuad. The habit of this species is remarkably hard

and smooth.

5. D. serrata. R

Rachis 3-sided. Fronds alternately pinnate; leaflets linear, firm and smooth, serrate. Fructifications solitary at each serrature. Involucre forming a small pouch, after the capsules expand.

Found on Prisce of Wales' Island, under the shade of trees, by Mr. W. Roxburgh.

6. D. multistora, R. Icon. Roxb. 14, t. 98, (sub nomine Polypodii Davallioidis.) D.

parallels, Wall. Cat. 63, No. 251, (quod nomen delendum.)

Fronds linear and linear-lanceolate, pinnate; leaflets alternate, crowded, sessile, linguiform, minute toward the top and base ; margins crenulate ; anterior angle of the truncated base enlarged. Fructifications in a single line of separate spots near the margin. Involucre reniform, separating outwards.

Nat. of the interior parts of Bengal, Nepaul, &c. The leaves are always erect, but when

forced to rest on the ground, their tips take root and produce other plants.

Root fibrous, perennial.

Stem scaly, creeping under the surface of the earth.

Stipes short, channelled, covered with brown woolly scales.

Fronds linear, or linear-lanceolate, nearly a foot long. Fertile and barren nearly alike. Pinaæ alternate, sessile, tongue-shaped, rather obtuse, serrulate, smooth on both sides, trancated at the base, and there the anterior angle is enlarged into an obtuse process; general length about an inch and a half, and less than half an inch broad towards the base, and apex ; of the young greatly smaller.

Fructifications in numerous, (almost one for each servature,) distinct spots, near the

margin.

Involucee reniform, separating on the anterior and exterior edges.

Capsules very numerous, chesnut-coloured.

D. pilosa. R. Icon. Roxb. 14, 102, (sub nomine Polypodii ciliati.)

Fronds alternately bi-and-tripinnate, hairy; leaflets deeply crenate, or pinnatifid; ultimate segment thereof semicircular, somewhat crenulate, and generally three-flowered. Involucre ciliate and separating outwards.

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