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**e. g.* Engler und Prantl, Die Naturliche Pflanzenfamilien und Ascherson und Graebner, Synopsis der Mitteleuropaischen Flora.



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