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Dear Watson

Happy New year to you
if such a thing is possible in your
frigid climate

I have again tackled
The Eriogonum (& Erigeron). just finished
a review of Nemacanthus, from full
material. It is really the simplest of
all the group, in unravelling the
inflorescence. I find it a condensed spiral
with ^{one} axillary fl^{to} each bractlet. (except a
few of the ~~bracts~~.) The lowest series are
sessile or nearly so, and fertile. The
upper pedicellate and abortive. The former
shorter than the subtending bracts, the
latter exceeding them.

anthers lenticular - ovate - beaked. (I
enclose old branch so that you can see)
otherwise as in Description.!

I shall next take up Lastenriassa,
which I am strongly inclined to put
into Chorizanthe! (over)

The 3. stamens inserted on the face of the broader, internal segments, just below the bracts.

It seems to me much more reasonable
to say, perianth wanting, or reduced to 3
scales alternating with stamens, than
to make a perianth out of what is
clearly by all analogy an involucre
The Embryo is, straight, (not curved)
as in the majority of Chorizanthe
in fact I see nothing to keep it out
but the absence of perianth and
that is the organ especially variable
in Chorizanthe. So I must go over it
again. I have you to spare fragment of
the Chilian plant!

In Oxytheca, I have nothing new. Wright-
specimens are only a pedicellate var
of O. Caryophyllodes. I come so far to
you views on Symnogram as to
regard the irregular spinous appendage
as a true involucre, but hesitate to put
it in Oxytheca. No room for more
now. Let me hear from you soon.
Mr P. joins in regards.

Yours truly

A.C. Perry



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