

He describes a *Fagus* as a new genus of
Lapindavum - a common Mexican
Clethra as a new genus of *ternstroemia*
the *Glycomis cetrifolia* as a new
Marquicia etc etc etc. He is getting
as bad as Bred and Hendl was

I am much puzzled with the
ocultation character in *Annonaceae*
which H. & R. Thoms have adopted in
Flora Indica - the 1. American *Guatteria*
have mostly ^{always the outer ones} imbricate petals but
not ~~all~~ - *Boarea Brasilensis* is a
very distinct plant - just blacklandish
mexican *Boarea* ^{Caryocarpus} seems to come very
near in character to *Amnias* and
Porcelia - unfortunately I have no
good examinable plants either of
Porcelia or of the Mexican plant.
Have you? and can you assist me?

Darwin's book has made a great stir
here - that our Dr. Hooker's Essay on the
Australian Flora made me deeply puzzled
the paper I read at the Linnean as proper of
the British Flora - because some of the views
have become partially modified by his
reasoning - the consequence has been
that much that I said in that paper is
now out of date - and it must be rewritten
before it can be printed - and that is now
out of the question

Ever yours sincerely
George Bentham

London April 11 1860
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My dear Gray

I have been a long while
answering several of your letters and
thanking you for all the trouble you
have had about my paper on the
Hong Kong Flora - but I have had much
to occupy me - besides private affairs that
have worried me - and I thought I would
wait till I could say that I had received
the MS - I now know that Prof Cooke
has arrived and has the parcel with him
and I shall no doubt get it in a day or two
or perhaps find it tomorrow at Kew where
I have not been since last Thursday
I am going on with the Hong Kong Flora
in English - but it is a great addition having
to give generic characters as I find it will
no more do to copy generic characters
from books without verification than
to write out specific diagnoses - I also
devote part of the week to Genera Plantarum
at which Hooker is working hard. We
hope to get out *Malayiflora* in
the end of summer

Your account stands thus

1859	May	Linnean Journal & Supplement to	
		vol. 3 7 copies at 1/6	10.. 6
		Spencer's Mariposa plants 230 yf.	£.. 15.. 0
		Nov Linnean Journal vol 4, 2 copies	
		complete + 5 Botany	2.. 0.. 0
1860	March	& Supplement to vol 4, 7 cop. at 1/6	1.. 6.. 3
			8.. 19.. 9

On the other hand

Printer's acct	£.. 5.. 0
Kendler's Papilionaceae	3.. 0.. 0
& Menzies & Complan	2.. 5.. 6
	9.. 10.. 6

which leaves due from me to
be carried to a fresh account — — — 10.. 9

Kendler's Papilionaceae arrived
about 10 days or a fortnight ago
I have not yet had time to open
the parcel but will look them
through and in laying them out
^{with} send you the names to send to you
— at the same time that I name
another parcel of Leguminosae
that has been sent to me for the
purpose

As to Wright's Cuban Leguminosae
I must forego them — indeed I was

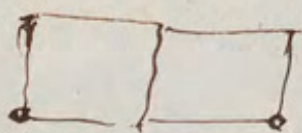
rather hasty in ordering Kendler's
— I have so many calls on my income
under present circumstances, that I
can ill afford to bestow much of it
on the New Establishment — towards
which Sir W. Hooker contributes
so much from his own pocket.

I have been working up some
Stroemiae and read a few notes
at the Linnean the other day. Taking
a very different view of them from
Choisy — and including Maregraviana
as a tribe — I make a tribe too
of Laurauja Actiniden and Thachypora
although these genera connect
them on the one hand with Sellenia
(which is exceptional in Selleniaceae)
on the other with Ericae — I fear
your Draytonia cannot stand as
distinct from Laurauja — I. Megalocarpus
and several others have the style
more or less united — and the same
diversity of free or united style
occurs in 5 or 6 Perrostroemiaeae genera.
— Have you seen Turyanthus?
last batch of genera and species
in the Brit. Mus. for 1858 & 1859?

[1860]

April 13th I found yesterday at
New York of the and note all
you say of Gen. St. for when we
revise for press - We should have
liked to have given references but
that would have required a degree
of literary research which would
have entirely defeated our object
of getting out within a reasonable
time a consultable enumeration
of all phenogamic genera - Every
one must have St. & Walp & other
references must be looked for there,
where however there has been a
complete enumeration of species in
any work subsequent to Walpers & often
where species have been added we
refer to that - although we cannot refer
to all species published since Walpers
that must be left to future volumes
of that work - where also a complete
enumeration is given in a late vol of
Walpers we do not refer back to the
preceding ones as to D.C. ~~which is the~~
We have lately received specimens
of *Buagzeria* from Wilford with

ripe fruits which are nearly square



the stigmas being on the lower outer corner. We have also from Wilford a splendid new species from Mantchuria with linear petals longer than the sepals.

I cannot distinguish *Sphaerostemum* generically from *Chrysandra* the Japanese species which is *Chrysandra* from Mantchuria being intermediate and the *Sphaerostemum* may be as well said to be 5-merous as 3-merous. It is impossible to tell precisely where the sepals end and the petals begin - the anthers are different in every species and either we must have as many genera almost as species or write them all into one.

Prof. Cooke has not yet left the parcel that I am kever of but I suppose I shall have it soon.



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