

- 2254 Calliandra sp. cannot identify  
 2257 ——— y. any of them  
 2256 ——— y.  
 1875 Pterolobium lanceolatum Benth.  
 1373 ——— dulce Mart. var.  
 372 ——— microphyllum Benth?  
 195 ——— laman Benth.  
 1060 ——— var?  
 - 371 } ——— (Chloroleucon) y.  
 - 2251 } ——— y.  
 - 1073 ——— y.  
 2290  
 12257 Ectoslobium cyclocarpum Griseb  
 367 Taga semialata Mart.  
 368 ——— punctata Willd?  
 1369 } ——— vera L.  
 2258 ——— y.  
 366 ——— y.  
 1363 ——— y.  
 365 ——— y.  
 2259 ——— y.  
 - 2260 ——— y.

I do not like the way Grisebach has treated my genera *Neemia* and *Calliandra* - I do not admit so-and-so *Acacia* and certainly *A. tamarindifolia* has numerous stamens as figured by Jacquin - and as in some of the specimens quoted by Grisebach but Grisebach has also named in Hest. No. 2 a species of *Mimosa* near *M. aceratina* as *Ac. tamarindifolia* and that I know is no androecy - The Caulanthions too have

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My dear Gray

I have to thank you for your of the 8th and perhaps for a previous most one since I last wrote - I have now been laying in Fiedler's *Cesalpiniac & Mimosac* and read you my determinations - premising that about 2 typical sp. I made a blunder some fruits of *Guaiacum arboreum* having got mixed - the true fruit is *Guaiacum*-like in look but a real Leguminous, remarkable from the wing being on the valves - not from the nature as in *Pterocarpus* - I am having the plant figured for the next part of *de Meaux's Transactions*.  
 Fiedler's plate contains

- 341 Rhopala complicate H.A.R  
 2242 Guaiacum arboreum H.A.R  
 2243 Moringa  
 323 Tephrosia (same as 2220)  
 2232 Tephrosia?  
 - 1072 Tamarindus indica L.  
 2235 Parkinsonia aculeata L.

- 332 *Pacalpinia pulcherrima* Lour.  
 340 *Brownea grandiceps* Jacq.  
 2237 — *saximora* Jacq?  
 2247 } *Libidibia coriaria*  
 2626 }  
 336 *Bauhinia grandiflora* Juss.  
 1049 — the come?  
 335 — (*Pithecellobium*)  
 330 *Schnella (Paulototrichus) mucronata*?  
 2238 — *S. splendens* aff.  
 3373 — (*Paulototrichus*) sp.  
 3393  
 2241 *Cassia fistula* L.  
 2233 — *Brachianum* Lam.  
 2596 — *macrophylla* H.A.R?  
 326 — *baccatissima* L.f.?  
 1050 }  
 2239 } — *C. baccatissima* aff.  
 1057 — *vinimea* L.  
 1327 — *C. vinimea* aff.  
 -331 — *Humboldtiaca* DC?  
 324 — *occidentalis* L.  
 2231 — *C. tenuiflorae* aff.  
 329 }  
 2234 } — *Decorata* Linn. (C. *Decorata* Linn. H.A.R?)  
 1058 — *decorata* H.A.R  
 2240 }  
 330 — *bicappularis* L. (C. *decorata* J. Vog.?)  
 1050 — *reticulata* Willd.  
 328  
 10523 — *angustifolia* Lam.  
 2230 — var?  
 2236 — *hirsuta* L.  
 325 — *maritima* Willd.  
 1056 — *obtusifolia* L. var.  
 1055 — *rotundifolia* Pers.  
 2229 — *pilosa* L.  
 1054 — *sericea* L. (prostrata H.A.R)  
 321 — *nictinans* L.  
 1053 — *patellaria* DC.  
 1051 — var?
- 319 *Carría glandulosa* L. var. (*C. floribunda* H.A.R)  
 320 — var  
 2249 *Eudoxa polystachya* DC.  
 10874 *Pitardinia peregrina* Deutch.  
 361 — sp.  
 1071 — sp.  
 2246 *Prosopis dulcis* H.A.R  
 1357 *Desmodium Depressum* H.A.R  
 -349 *Mimosa albida* Rth.  
 1059 — *Hortmanni* Deutch  
 363 — *pudica* L.  
 359 — *Xantholæna* Deutch (*Acacia acerina* Willd.)  
 1360 — — aff. sed *aculeata*.  
 -1070 — *fasciata* Deutch?  
 1342 — *asperata* L.  
 1060 — *ochroneum* Deutch.  
 2244 — sp. { I cannot at present identify  
 1067 — sp. } any of them  
 1344 — sp. } any of them  
 2245 — sp.  
 -370 *Schraubia leptocarpa* DC.  
 -350 *Leucaena leucocephala* Rth.  
 -348 *Acacia tortuosa* Willd.  
 -362 }  
 2248 } — *flexuosa* H.A.R.  
 347 — *farnesiana* Willd.  
 317 — *tamarindifolia* Willd.  
 -394 }  
 345 } — *sticta* H.A.R?  
 -333 — *coronata* Desv. ex Griseb. — D.  
*Westiana* DC.  
 1351 — *paniculata* Willd.  
 2253 *Cathaudia Seemannii* Deutch.  
 356 — *tetragonia* Deutch.  
 355 — *potatorum* Deutch. var.  
 352 — *foliata* Deutch.  
 350 — sp. n. v. *malacophylla* Deutch. var?  
 1069 — *curvata* Deutch.  
 353 }  
 354 } — sp. n. v. *C. calopensis* Deutch. off.

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deal with his father in law's lament  
Misery and death - he has however been  
doing his part of Jesus and we  
have now between 800 & 900 species  
finished - and have but few large  
Malvaceae, families yet to do.

The two *Helicia Methanias*  
are closely allied and congeneric with the  
*Mauritiania Trochetias* and differ  
both in habit and character from  
the true African *Methania*.

The 3. called authors of *Aegaea* and of  
some *Bretschneidera* are puzzling. I should  
like to examine them fresh. I have been  
looking a good deal into the position of the  
stamens in Sterculiaceae altogether - and  
to me every thing is against the idea of  
any redoublement in those genera where  
they are numerous with and opposite to  
the petals - and this has led me within  
the last few days to look closely at several  
fresh Cruciferous where to me the supposed  
redoublement is also chimerical.

Ever your most univer  
George Bentham

Mind you don't neglect Botany  
for fighting

certainly the fruit of a *Pithecellobium*  
and not the peculiar *Calleandra* pod  
so also in *P. lauan* the fruit becomes  
quite thick & succulent and does not  
open elastically as in *Calleandra*.

I have done the *Coryophilaceae*  
group for genera - I restrict *Coryo-*  
*phylloca* to opposite leaves & capitulo-  
to 1. called fruit - though the ovary is  
sometimes divided when young by  
very thin evanescent diaphragms - Of  
course I include *Polycarpa* etc which  
with *Drymocarpus* & other forms, a  
3d tribe (*Silenea* & *Alivinae* being 1<sup>st</sup> &  
second) with the style united at the base  
paronychiae with 1. ovoidal ovary and  
utricular fruit form I think a small  
family much nearer *Anacardiacae*  
*Portulacaceae*, with the 2 sepals & at any  
rate fewer than petals form a distinct  
family or you propose next *Coryophilaceae*  
*Molluginaceae* with alternate leaves &  
divided capsule must come next to if not  
a tribe of *Hydrocharaceae* (and some of  
these Molluginaceae are true *Hydrocharaceae*)  
and *Ticodendron* including *Staurogyne*  
& *Persevierae* are again another *Caleystegio*  
group - at least I think we shall thus  
get more natural groups with better character.

I have also finished Malvaceae  
and Sterculiaceae - in the former you  
have left me little to do - but Dombeyas  
must form a tribe of their own as Leicht  
& O'Brien proposed. They have all  
unilocular anthers - even I should say  
Chirostemon and Tremontia for I  
think the 2 long cells are two distinct  
anthers judging by analogy - so  
Sparaxis goes in Dombeyas & that  
Myrodea is true Sterculiaceous - In  
Sterculiaceae by a little rearrangement  
& think we get definite tribes and  
can easily distinguish the whole from  
Malvaceae on the one hand and Kiliac  
on the other - Sterculiaceous for instance  
is much nearer Helicteres, than  
Dombeya - I am now taking up  
Hypericaceae and Galapagos the latter  
of which seem to be well arranged  
by Steyermark in the last of the  
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I found some time ago little Gray  
on my table a specimen from you of a  
Rubiacae from high up on Reichenbach  
J.P. Couthouy 1055 "Chas. of Morettia"  
which you ask me about. It seems  
me to be a true Morettia of the small flowers  
but not a new species.

Among Coccoadsberg plants Black  
brought me up two to examine from  
among Malvaceae which both  
are Euphorbeaceous males one no  
273 "Mayna?" in Garcia nutans  
the other 373 "near Myrodea" appear  
to be on Alchorites

Subjoined is your account  
1050

June Spruce's Parapoto plants contain	
Compositae to the end 152 sp.	\$ 3. 1. 0
Nugut Nestotonia elliptica 18, 19, 20	16. 6
Not denoted Journal 1. 5, 20 sp.	
and 5 of Dotoly	2.. 0.. 0
Dec 10 Supplement to 1. 5	18. 9
1056 Spruce's Ecuador plants 584 sp.	11. 13. 6
	18. 14. 9

Deduct balance of last acct — 10. 9  
\$ 18. 4. 0

I do not find Nestotonia n. 17 but  
will continue to procure it for you

Another supplement to Linnean  
Journal will be out in a day or two  
containing Oliver's paper on Averantia  
and my note on Menispernum tiliaceum  
Bergman & many others - Also a  
regular part is I believe just ready  
for Hostler has been away a good



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