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My dear Gray

I write a few lines to acknowledge the receipt of your bill for \$10.00 in settlement of the account I sent you on May 29 - with many thanks.

Having found a tolerable resting place for *Spizella*, I looked to see where I had put it in Her. Hongkong. and to my great disgust I find I forgot it altogether. I had reexamined and described it - struck it out from *Herpetoecianus* in copying out - and omitted putting it elsewhere. I think *Stanchon*'s suggestion is best - at the tail of *Stanchon* which give several good groups:
1 *Stanchon*, *Linna*, *Reinwardtia* & *Rauvolfia*
2 *Hesperia* and *Stanchon* (limited to *Stanchon*, genuine species, one of which has the look of *Hesperia*)

3 *Erythronycton* and *Hebe petalium* (gen. non
Roucheia humicifolia Blanch and R.
latifolia (prun))

4 *Durandea* *Ochthocornus* and *Phyllocornis*
and with exactly the same habit etc but
more perigynous, stamens, *Epionanthus*.

I think also I find a very good
collective character for *Geraniaceae* to
include

1 *Monsonia* *Sarcocaulon* *Geranium*
Erodium and *Rebersteinia*

2 *Pelargonium* and *Tropaeolum*

3 *Linumanthus* and *Flackea*

4 *Rivina* (including *Coarctata* etc)

5 *Rhynchospora* *Wendtia* and *Lidocarpum*

6 *Hydrocarpes* *Oxalis* *Orethoa* and
another whose name I forget

7 *Hupatia* and *Hydrocera*.

All have a lobed ovary and a permi-
nent axis which retains the placental
except in the very few cases where
the thick hard or nuculeat cocci are
absolutely indehiscent (*Rebersteinia* *Tropaeolum*
Linumanthus and *Flackea*) - The dehiscence
of the whole of the *Rutaceae* group
is different.

I have now been at Olacaceae
which are very troublesome, the
ovaries being often so minute - Miers
is very correct in his observations
and drawing, but unfortunately
has miswatched many fruits and
made a mess of the genera - and
cannot agree as to his *Placium*
under the ~~original~~ *Placium* very
different from the two species of
Apodytes Miers has joined with it
it agrees to some *Phytocreneae*
(which must come in to *Olacaceae*)
than to *Apodytes*.

Hooker has done the very
difficult compound leaf group,
Rutaceae - *Terebranthaceae* *Melau-*
lapendaceae etc - and now we have
but very little remaining among
Violaniflorae - I believe however
I am going to leave them for a
couple of months

Ever yours

George Bentham



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