

5 Crapedia with the partial receptacles
palaceous, including Pycnocrorus Dauth.

Stalactolites must I think go back to Lopenia
where Brown had put it - I do not yet see my
way very clearly through Belachova, but
have not nearly done them - I shall now shortly
be leaving town, my proof of H. Austr. is in type
up to compositor but as I cannot finish them
at present for want of a portion not yet
received from F. Mueller I must suspend the
printing till my return in September. We
are not going abroad. These disagreeing ways
are enough to deter anyone and I am preparing
a new edition of my British Fauna - we
shall therefore pay our usual visits in
Liverpool & Liverpool.

Sometimes we laid your last account
before entering it into my book - I know you
have paid me for the *Ann. Journ* up to the
end of vol 9 - and that the last 2 copies of
Jan. 61. (part 1 & 2) are since the account has
I am not sure whether the 2 previous
additional parts 2 sent in consequence of your
letter of Jan 22 were or not included in the
previous account - I rather think not - Can
you tell me?

I hope to read you my address this week I have
not had time to review the *Chamaecra* and
English transactions &c. but hope to do so next
year - so that you will not find anything
worth noticing in that of the present year but
I like to read you all I wish.

Kindest regards to Wm Gray ever yours
George Reesman

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My dear Gray

I received this morning yours
of the 12th inst enclosing the letter
informing me of my election as Foreign
Honorary Member of the American
Academy of Arts and Sciences. Would you
be so good as to convey my best thanks to
the Academy for the honor they have
done me and which I assure you I
most fully appreciate.

Since I wrote I have been hard
at work at Australian Compositors - which
it is quite a relief to do after the *Chamaecra*
which required always so much
boiling to get at the ovaries. I have
quite made up my mind to keep up
Pleuro (including *Eurybia*) as distinct from
Oster on a variety of characters (chiefly the *acharya*)

none of them abolish but when one character
is weak the others are strong. For Villadonia I
have followed your view - although certainly
none of them come very near Eragrost. In
MINIMA I include *Merogon*, *Elachostachya* and
Reppia (Kuhn.) forming altogether a tolerably
distinct genus of 5 species. *Brachycone* was very
troublesome. Including *Brachystachya*, *Pagueria*,
Stenoglopha and *Siphoglossum* (Steud.) it makes a
readily distinguishable genus but the species (about
36) are often puzzling particularly as specimens
have rarely ripe achenes. *Lagenophora* includes
Solea, *Phacelia* includes *Spirodonum* Kuhn.
and *Eysa* Kuhn. *Ettentopis* Kuhn. *Grixia*
Epaktes and *Sphaeromorphosa* & go into *Epaktes*.
Stenoglossa Steud. is *Pterigeron*. *Psentatus* Kuhn.
and *Wollastonia procumbens* De. belong to *Almoonia*.
The other *Wollastonia*s must I think go back
to *Wedelia*. *Dodonaea* Kuhn. & *Glossopogon*.
Cotula must I think include *Strongyloperum*.
Lep. and *Pleiochryse* A. Koch. *Gymnogyne* Steud. and
Leptochloa and J. D. Hook. - *Pteroclema* and
Trineuron go into *Abrotanella* - *Myriophyllum* must
I think be kept up - the achenes are not compressed
as in *Cotula*. To the *Agrostoides* I have devoted
a good deal of time and attention. We have
about 60 species which have been referred
to 32 genera which I should propose to reduce
to five which I think form well characterized
groups but upon which I should be glad to have
your opinion. I. *Myriophyllum* remarkable for

the general involucres, the flat receptacle and
reduced partial involucres - including *Hyalolepis* De.
Saurocladus Kuhn., *Elachostachya* Kuhn.,
Anthedonorus A. Gray and *Polycalymma* Kuhn.

2. *Agrostoides*. In this and the following ones the
general involucre if any consists of a few outer
leafy bracts passing into leaves and a few inner
scarious ones passing into the bracts or paleae
underlying the partial heads - but not forming
a distinct inv. of many rows as in *Myriophyllum*.
In *Agrostoides* the receptacle is undivided the
partial involucres composed with 2 leafy
bracts and 2 to 6 flat ones inside. The pappus
naked or none. I would include in it *Scleropus*,
Sabill., *Cyrtandororus* Nees, *Pleurapappus* Kuhn.,
Chrysocoryne Endl. *Schizanthus* De. *Syntherisma*,
Nees. (*Cephalanthus phyllocephalus* A. Gray) *Thymocoma*.
Gymnia Nees, *Hyaloclamys* A. Gray, *Pogonolepis* Nees,
Epitriche Nees. and *Dithyrostegia* A. Gray (*Sauvagea*
Nees.)

3. *Eragrostis*. Receptacle lobed or at any rate the
partial heads having a raised axis with several
outer bracts usually (though not always) papery
and several more deciduous and more scarious
inner ones. Pappus as in *Agrostoides* paleae
or none. To this I would refer *Cephalanthus*,
Gymnophyllum A. Gray, *Trichanthidium* Benth.,
Gastropappus Kuhn., *Neurostachya* A. Gray, *Crotophaga*
A. Gray, *Leptotriche* Nees.

4. *Calceolophyllum*. Receptacle and inv. as in *Eragrostis*.
Pappus of glumes etc. including *Pleurapappus* A. Gray,
Leucophyllum A. Gray, *Pachyurus* Steud. and *Achrochloa*
A. Gray.



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