

to some manuscript name. It again
they distinguish *Brenela* *Motet* from *Callitris*
that when Herbert merely proposed the
substitution of *Brenela* for *Callitris* because
the latter name he thought too near
resembling to *Calypso* *Labell*.

I presume I shall this summer be
chiefly taken up with the proofs which
is a long business having to check all the
references - After that I doubt much
whether I shall feel up to undertaking
Monocotyledons. However I feel that it
is something to have gone through *Betula*
in a complete *Genera Plantarum*
Dicotyledonaceum.

Yours very sincerely
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My dear Gray

I received on Monday your
new text book and am very much pleased
with it. I have not had time to read
much of it for I have been very busy
looking over for press Hooker's *Curculionidae*,
Orders - but have glanced through it and
think it must become more than ever
the standard text book from the thorough
way in which you have gone into all
parts of the subject - It had a narrow
escape from being lost in the post the
paper enveloping it was too thin and
came all in rags - Fortunately just enough
remained for the postman to read the
25 Wilton Place. I hope no other copies
are in the same predicament.

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I have put into the printers hands the *Hydrangeae*, *Urticaceae*, *Amaranthaceae* and *Chenopodiaceae* for *Genera Plantarum* and the whole of the part (*Monochlamydeae* and *Gymnospermae*) is ready for printing excepting a little looking over of what each other has done and a few *Balanophorea* and *Coniferae* to finish so that we shall now I hope steadily print a sheet a week which is as much as the printers will undertake

I am very much obliged to Engelmann for the trouble he has taken in correcting my mistakes about *Procumbentia*. I received yesterday a very interesting letter pointing out among other things where the bursting of the ripe fruit is recorded - observations scattered in various

places which I had not hit upon. I have never seen the fresh plant and our dried specimens though very numerous have no ripe fruits.

I have just come across another curious mistake of Pastoret's owing to the practice of copying synonyms without investigating them. He gives *Callitriche* Vent. Nov. Gen. p. 10 excl. sp. Austral. and *Callitriche quadrivalvis* Vent! Nov. Gen. p. 10 when there is nothing of the kind in Ventenat's *Nova Genera*. He there establishes *Callitriche* especially on an Australian plant and gives no specific name. He moreover takes the generic name from the specific character of the Australian portion of the genus the tetra arrangement of the scales deriving it not very classically from *Kardos* and *Opeis*. It is true that L. C. Richard refers the Malpighian *Thaia articulata* Vahl to *Callitriche quadrivalvis* Vent. but that is either a mistake or only refers



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