

COMPLIMENTS OF AUTHOR.

Musci Acrocarpi Boreali-Americani. CENTURY I.

The four fascicles comprising this century were all issued during 1904, fascicle 1 appearing in January, fasc. 2, in March, fasc. 3, in May, and fasc. 4 in September. Some errors have been corrected by recipients, and these corrections will be noted in the proper place below. If additional corrections and criticisms are made, these will be published in connection with notes on the second century.

In some cases the quality of the material distributed, the plants being sometimes sterile and sometimes imperfect or imperfectly developed, is not all that could be desired. I have uniformly spared no effort to secure the best that was available. And if the first distribution can be improved by material subsequently offered, it is my purpose to distribute the better material, so far as is reasonable, without extra charge, that is, under the old numbers. This has been done already in quite a few cases.

As appears from the labels, contributions for this series have been received from DR. A. J. GROUT, MRS. S. B. HADLEY, MISS MARY F. MILLER, MRS. JOSEPHINE D. LOWE, MR. W. W. EGGLESTON (comm. Dr. GROUT), the late MR. D. A. BURNETT, (comm. MRS. A. M. SMITH), MR. W. R. MAXON, MR. C. N. AINSLIE, PROF. E. B. CHAMBERLAIN, PROF. L. M. UMBACH, MRS. W. A. WILLIAMS, MRS. AGNES CHASE, PROF. J. B. FLETT, DR. J. W. BAILEY, MR. VIRGINIUS CHASE and Mr. S. RAPP. Grateful acknowledgment is due to all these contributors. But the many contributions from Mr. Rapp, collecting in Florida, and from Dr. Baily, collecting in Washington, deserve an expression of especial gratitude in this connection. I only wish I could find as enthusiastic and as thoughtful collectors in other sections of the country.

In the matter of nomenclature I have endeavored to be guided by the Rochester Code. Working at a distance from large libraries it has been necessary to lean somewhat on second-hand information for data to establish priority. And if errors have crept in on this account I shall consider it a favor to have fellow workers more favorably stationed make the necessary corrections.

Following are the criticisms and corrections of the first Century:

No. 4. *Gymnostomum calcareum winonense* Holz.

Dr. Best doubts whether this moss should be considered a variety of *Gymnostomum calcareum*. He finds "a membrane closing the mouth of the capsule, quite evident directly after the falling of the operculum. In a short time this membrane shows an opening in its center with a rim adhering to the inner surface of the capsule wall. . . . Possibly the capsules of the typical *G. calcareum* show this structure; and it may therefore be regarded as a transition form to a better development as found in *Hymenostomum*".



Holzinger, J. M. 1904. "Holzinger, John M. 22 Dec 1904 [report]." *George Golding Kennedy correspondence*

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