The same author has just completed the second part of Mr. Bauer's 'Illustrations of the Genera of Ferns'; and the seventh part of the 'Botany of Capt. Beechey's Voyage' will soon be ready. These two works, and the 'Flora Boreali-Americana,' of which Part X. is in a state of great forwardness, are published by H. G. Bohn, 4, York Street, Covent Garden.

We have just received the forty-seventh number of Mr. Sowerby's 'Supplement to English Botany.' It contains plates and descriptions of Polygonum laxum, Reich. and Borr. in Hook. Brit. Fl., ed. 4. note; Lotus hispidus, Loisel, which we have been disposed to consider as not specifically distinct from L. angustissimus, and it occurs in Jersey with that species; Chara pulchella, Wallr., "principally distinguished from C. Hedwigii by its more flexible stems and oblong nucules;" and Tetraspora lubrica, Agardh, and Hook. in E. Fl. 5. p. 313.

Tijdschrift voor Natuurlijke Geschiedenis en Physiologie; edited by Prof. J. Van der Hoeven and Prof. W. H. de Vriese, Leiden, 1837.

Part I and II.

These contain the following original articles, besides reviews and notices.


—Some remarks on the origin of the green colour and changes of form in the stem of plants. By Dr. J. Wittewaall.—Researches respecting the motion of leaves which do not originate from swellings. By M. Dassen.—[The principal results contained in this memoir have been noticed at p. 223. of this Journal.]—Additions to our knowledge of the simple eyes of articulated animals. By A. Brants.


Part III. and IV. 1838.

Hints on the origin of monstrous births, and on the doctrine of misformations. By W. Vrolik.—Contributions to the natural history of man. By J. Van der Hoeven.—The vegetation of the Northern Netherlands compared with that of the Prussian Rhine Provinces. By F. A. W. Miquel.—Contributions to the solution of the question, whether Lemna arrhiza, auct. be a permanent distinct species, or merely a development form of some other species of the same genus. By J. F. Hoffmann.—On the periodical secretion of blood from the generative organs in some domestic animals, especially in the cow.
and remarks on this phenomenon in reference to the human kind.

Works in the Press.

Dr. Robert Wight, Surgeon H. E. I. C. service, is preparing for publication an 'Icones Plantarum Indicæ Orientalis,' or Figures of Indian Plants described in Wight and Arnott's 'Prodromus Floraë Peninsulae Ind. Or.,' and in Wight's 'Illustrations of Indian Botany,' now in the course of publication in India. This is to appear at Madras in monthly numbers, each containing ten lithographed uncoloured quarto plates, for one rupee or about one shilling and ninepence sterling. The grand object of this work may be summed up in a few words:—To give to India (so far as the limited resources of a private individual will permit) that which England has so long enjoyed in Smith's English Botany, a standard botanical work of reference, by the publication of correct figures of as many Indian plants as the author can accomplish, and in the shortest possible time. To reduce the price and increase the rapidity of publication, there will be no letter-press descriptions, but a simple reference to the 'Prodromus' by numbering the plates uniform with the running numbers of that work, except when new plants are introduced; and for the descriptions then necessary no additional charge will be made. The first number was expected to appear on the 1st of July.


With original figures from nature of all the species, by the Hon. C. E. C. Norton and Miss Young.

The materials for this undertaking are the result of several years' patient investigation and continued revisal on the spot. Several of the genera, and of the species more than one fourth part, are either new or have been hitherto imperfectly described. The figures will be all engraved and coloured by the same hands which, in co-operation with the author, have originally drawn them, a combination much in favour of their accuracy and correctness.

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