

Note on *H. gracile*. Brch & Schimpf.

To be accepted or modified by Mr Watson.

This species is extremely variable, according to its location. *H. pallens*, Lindb. n. sp., has been described by Schimper "Syn. Musc." (Ed 2), 611, ~~but~~^{it} merely differs from the normal form of *H. gracile* by the leaves narrower, longer acuminate, those of the branchlets more papillose and sharply serrate at the apex. According to the same author, *H. varium* of Drummond's collection (no. 140, 141) found near St Louis is intermediate between this form and *H. gracile*; ^{and is considered by Sullivant as a variety of *H. gracile*.} while *H. virginianum*, Brch. ~~already~~^{described} as *Hypnum* Dell. tab 36, fig. 18 is recognized by Lindb. as *Thuidium lancastriense*, Aust. ~~the~~^{var *lancastriense* or} *H. gracile*, var *lancastriense*.

Columbus O. March 11th 84

My dear Prof. Watson.

Your kind letter, ^{of the 6th} received yesterday, impressed me very agreeably; for I was expecting great objections against that key of the subgenera, and really, though I have searched very much, how it would possibly ^{be} better arranged, I have found nothing. There should be a (3), as well you remark, before n^o 15. I write one, but see what it is! a mere cherille as we say in French; and I can say nothing else, indeed! I supposed that the change of sign $\times$ instead of $\ast$ would be sufficient; but I feel that something is not right there. The descriptions of the characters of the subgenera are right but there is no character common to all.

About *Rhytidium*. The ^{sub}genus is so close to that of *Scorpidium*, that I think I united under this last denomination the two species. *H. rugosum* & *H. swartzoides*. I am however not certain. And therefore send description of *Rhytidium*, or *Poa* *H. rugosum* should not be described with *Scorpidium*. I have no copy of the last corrections made in the manuscript and therefore am reluctantly forced to give you the trouble to

arrange that matter, which, I know, you
can do much better than myself.

I have received yesterday with your letter
the page proof, pp. 275-278. I find only a correction
to be made, p. 276. 4th line from the base. If it is
still true, I can substitute: leaves squarrose - spreading
for leaves squarrose, spreading. The ~~leaves~~ are spreading-
square only when moist ^{but} ~~only~~ open or recurved at the
apex when dry. That might be named subsquarrose?
But the character is explained in the note following
the diagnosis..

Do not spare me your remarks and criticisms.
They are always received with gratitude. I shall
be, however, very glad when the manual is finished;
yourself still more! Very sincerely yours
O. Requecun



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