

points might have lead to endless discussion and jeopardized the general acceptance of the code by the International Congress. It would seem wise to relate the codification of general practices which may not meet with unanimous approval to recommendations rather than to rules, particularly as there exists no power to enforce the rules and even if there is some kind of retaliation against offenders possible, it is not used as it possibly might e. g. in regard to article 36<sup>bis</sup> which rules that Latin diagnoses for new groups are obligatory. I doubt very much, if anyone would republish with Latin diagnoses and new names groups published by another author with descriptions in a modern language, that these names would be accepted, though according to a strict interpretation of the rules they should. The less opportunity is given by avoiding too much and too strict legislation, to disregard laws or rules, the easier it will be to win adherents to a certain code of nomenclature who will faithfully follow the rules and at the same time will be guided by the recommendation, even if they do not accept every single one of them.

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#### NOTES

*Pottsia grandiflora* (see p. 15). When these pages were ready for the press, no. 89 of the Notizblatt of the Berlin Botanic Garden reached us with the description of *Pottsia grandiflora* Markgraf based on H. H. Hu's no. 1067 from southern Kiangsi. This on examination proved to be identical with the new species of *Pottsia* described on page 15 of this number by Dr. Merrill, who by a remarkable coincidence had selected the same name as Dr. Markgraf for this species.—A. R.



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