

LETTER No. 22.

We issue this letter to correct a mistake that we have just learned occurs in our pamphlet, Polyporoid Issue No. 1, page 7, where we refer *Polystictus Montagnei* as a synonym for *Polystictus cinnamomeus*. At the time we published that, our opinion was based on the examination of what we assumed were co-types of *Polystictus Montagnei*, in the herbarium of Montagne at Paris. We believed (and still believe, as we remember them) that they are the plant originally named from America as *Polystictus parvulus*, and which (following Bresadola's published views, as all recent writers have done) we referred to *Polystictus cinnamomeus*. There are in Fries' herbarium the original types, sent by Montagne, and also collections by Quélet which are the same plant, and as soon as we saw them we recognized that they can not possibly be our American plant, referred to above. Whether or not the co-types in Montagne's herbarium are the same as found in Fries' herbarium, we prefer not to say until we re-examine them, but from our recollection, they are not.

At any rate we were surely in error in publishing an opinion as to *Fries'* work on specimens found in *Montagne's* herbarium. We intend to "study the structure" (that is, examine the spores, which we have not yet done) and we anticipate that we shall decide that *Polystictus Montagnei* is a good species, and is the plant called in America *Polystictus obesus*, and that Morgan was right when he published it as *Polystictus Montagnei*.

In this connection it may not be amiss to state that there is a feeling creeping over me that it may be more correct to consider *Polystictus Montagnei* as an obese form of the plant published, *Fungi Tridentini*, plate xcix, as *Polystictus cinnamomeus* than to so refer our American plant.

In the complex problems presented by mycology every one is liable to make mistakes. I feel that it is each writer's duty to correct his own mistakes as soon as he finds them. It is no discredit to make mistakes, but it is not creditable to hide them.

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