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THE LAST WORD ON ANCYLASTRUM

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Burrington Baker's conclusion (NAUTILUS, Vol. XXXIX, 1925, 47) that "*Ancylastrum* does apply to the Tasmanian group" may be refuted by extracts from the literature without entry into disputatious matters as to whether the previous exponent erred or otherwise.

Bourguignat published in the Journ. de Conch., Vol. IV., 1853, a paper entitled "Notice sur le genre *Ancylus*." This paper appeared in the part dated Feb. 15, 1853, beginning on p. 55. At p. 60 he gave a "Description du genre" in which the diagnosis stated "présentant un sommet mousse, obtus, ou aigu, plus ou moins incliné à droite (*ancylastrum*) ou à gauche (*velletia*)."

Thus the two sections, *Ancylastrum* and *Velletia* comprise one genus *Ancylus*.

Then followed a "Division du genre Ancyle" and first Beck's division into *Ancylus* and *Acroloxus* is quoted. The composition of the second part is demurred to and as there was no definition the name was rejected.

Gray's division into two genera is then considered and "*Velletia*, dont le type serait l' *Ancylus lacustris* de Müller," is remarked upon thus: "Cette division est bonne . . . mais nous ne pensons pas que ce caractère isolé soit suffisant pour autoriser la création d'un genre, et nous ne conserverons l' appellation *Velletia* qu' à titre de simple division du genre *Ancylus*."

The other division was *Ancylus* of Gray and Beck with *A. fluviatilis* as type.

Then the whole matter is simply explained thus: "Quant à nous, nous adoptons la division du genre en deux coupes.

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1^{re} section. S. G. *Ancylastrum*.

2^e section. S. G. *Velletia*.

Nous employons le mot *Ancylastrum*, d' accord en cela avec M. Moquin-Tandon, pour désigner notre premier groupe, parce qu'il ne nous a pas paru logique de conserver le nom même du genre pour en désigner seulement une division: d'un autre côté, la nature typique qu'il faut reconnaître aux espèces que nous prétendons classer dans cette section, exigeait que le nom du groupe rappelât en quelque sorte l'appellation générique. Nous avons donc agi comme le font souvent les botanistes en pareil cas, et nous avons usé du secours de leur terminologie, en employant la désinence *astrum*, dont ils se servent lorsqu'ils établissent dans un genre une subdivision dont la dénomination doit indiquer l'origine.

Quant à notre seconde section, nous adoptons pour elle le nom proposé en 1840 par M. Gray.

It may be as well to recapitulate the above in plain English so that no further misunderstanding can arise. Bourguignat never proposed a genus *Ancylastrum*: he introduced the name for the typical section of *Ancylus* as understood by him, and typified by *Ancylus fluviatilis* merely to avoid using the generic name *Ancylus* for a subgenus.

It may be added that Fischer in the Manuel de Conch., p. 504, 1883, has displayed the facts as I have above written, thus:

Genus *Ancylus* Geoffroy, 1767. Example *A. fluviatilis* Müller.

S. g. *Ancylastrum* Moquin-Tandon, 1853. Ex. *A. fluviatilis* Müll.

S. g. *Velletia* Gray. Ex. *A. lacustris* Müll.

Consequently *Ancylastrum* can NOT be used for the Tasmanian *A. cumingianus* Bourguignat, and for this group I here provide the new generic name *Tasmancylus*, naming that species as type, and will more fully discuss the details in an account I am now preparing.



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