

and aspect of this plant are almost exactly as in *M. sonchoides*, with which I formerly confounded it. That species, however, as stated by Dr. Torrey (*Appendix to Stansbury's Report*, p. 392), has five stronger and persistent bristles to the pappus. The achenium, moreover, is strongly angled with five thick and equidistant ribs, which are much larger than the others (two in each interval), and alternating with the stronger setæ of the pappus; and its apex is very minutely denticulate, but not produced into a cup or distinct border. In *M. Fendleri*, the ribs of the brownish achenium are slender and all alike, and its apex is continued into a decided cup, with an even edge, within which the row of minute denticuli, like persistent bases of the setæ of the pappus, are concealed; and only one (sometimes two?) of the rays of the pappus is stronger and persistent. — The Californian plant of Coulter's collection, which I also inadvertently referred to *M. sonchoides*, is doubtless *M. obtusa*, *Benth.*; likewise gathered by Dr. Parry, at Monterey. In this the achenia, in Parry's specimens, are tapering to the base, somewhat angled, but evenly multistriate, and with scarcely any apical border; the pappus is wholly deciduous in a ring; and I find no stronger and naked bristles. — Dr. Torrey indicated to me an analogous structure in the pappus of *Sonchus*, in which four or five of the inner bristles of the pappus are much stronger than the soft and delicate exterior pappus. This, I find, has been duly noticed by C. H. Schultz, in the *Phytographia Canariensis* of Mr. Webb.

*PRENANTHES*? *EXIGUA* (sp. nov.): caule 3–4-pollicari ramosissimo; pedunculis divaricatis; foliis radicalibus caulisque oblongis vel obovatis basi attenuatis spinuloso-dentatis nunc sinuatis, ramealibus ad bracteas minimas reductis; involucreo tetraphyllo quadrifloro; acheniis 5-sulcatis scabriusculis pappo rigido sublongioribus. — Stony hills above El Paso; April. (1425.) — Root simple, annual or biennial. Leaves 6 to 10 lines long, glabrous. Stem soon deliquescent into a diffuse and corymbose compound panicle. Involucre 2 lines long, subtended by a minute bract, like those of the peduncles and branchlets; the scales oblong-lanceolate. Ligules short; the color not known, probably flesh-colored. Achenia cylindrical, scarcely narrowed at the base, truncate at the apex, the surface occupied by five very broad and flat ribs, separated by narrow grooves, minutely scabrous. Pappus bright white, of copious and very unequal bristles, which are unusually stiff and rigid, slightly thickened downwards, minutely scabrous, the smallest less than half the length of the longest, and these rather shorter than the achenium, at length separating in a ring. This plant seems to fall more readily into *Prenanthes* than into any other genus known to me; but it may not be a true congener of the European species.

*LYGODESMIA* *APHYLLA*, var. *TEXANA*, *Torr. & Gray, Fl. 2. p. 485.* Stony hills of the Pecos; June. (1302.)

*MULGEDIUM* *PULCHELLUM*, *Nutt.; Torr. & Gray, Fl. 2. p. 498; Gray, Pl. Fendl. p. 115.* Banks of the Limpio and of the Rio Grande; also at the copper mines, New Mexico. (1303.)

*PYRRHOPAPPUS* *CAROLINIANUS*, *DC. Prodr. 7. p. 44; Torr. & Gray, Fl. 2. p. 495.* Along the Rio Grande, above El Paso; May. (1426.)