

Descriptions of New Chinese Plants, chiefly by STEPHEN TROYTE DUNN, B.A., F.L.S., with an Introductory Note by CHARLES HENRY WRIGHT, A.L.S. (Contributed by permission of the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.)

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A LARGE collection of plants made by Dr. A. Henry in Yunnan, and presented by him to Kew in 1900, was (together with Chinese plants from other sources) in process of determination by Mr. S. T. Dunn, F.L.S., when he was appointed Superintendent of the Botanic and Afforestation Department, Hongkong. The following paper contains Mr. Dunn's descriptions of the species in these collections which he regarded as new; but as some of them were originally drawn up with a view to publication elsewhere, they have been amended so far as was necessary to make them conform to one plan. It had been intended that Mr. W. Botting Hemsley, F.R.S., should write an introduction to this paper, but the pressure of other work has prevented this intention being realized.

Some of the species call for special mention. Of *Magnolia Henryi*, Dunn, only a single tree was seen, and that in such bad condition as to suggest the idea that it was a sole survivor. *Bombax tenebrosum*, Dunn, was also only met with as a solitary tree, but Dr. Henry was able, by sending back collectors at various seasons, to obtain specimens of both flowers and fruit. Its white petals are  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. long by nearly 1 in. broad, and are densely pubescent on the back.

A fourth species is added to *Euchresta*, Benn. Of those previously known, one extends from Khasia, Java, and the Philippines to Formosa and the Luchu Archipelago, while the others are confined to Japan and China respectively.

Two new species of *Cryptotaniopsis* are here described, bringing the number now known up to nine. This genus (originally proposed by Franchet as a subgenus of *Carum*) is one of the few Umbelliferae in which the secondary branching of the inflorescence is cymose instead of umbellate. A similar structure occurs in *Pternopetalum*, Franch., which differs in having the fruit much laterally compressed and winged.

In the Journal of the Linnean Society, Botany, xxiii. (1886-88) pp. 449-458, thirty-five species of *Senecio* are recorded from

apice in rostro gracili attenuata, compressa, multicostata; rostrum flavum, achænio 3-4-plo brevius; pappo albo.

YUNNAN: in shade on dry clay walls of ravines in forests near Szemao, *A. Henry*, 11694, 11694 A.

*Prenanthes glandulosa*, *Dunn*; a *P. scandente*, Hook. f. et Thoms., pedunculis glanduliferis differt.

*Herba* 1-1½-pedalis, superne dense setaceo-glandulosa, infra glabra. *Caulis* simplex, foliatus, striatus. *Folia* petiolata, subcoriacea, triangulato-cordata, præter petiolum 2-4 poll. longa, irregulariter sinuato-dentata, dentibus apiculatis; inferiora petiolo gracili basi dilatato amplexicauli æquilongia; media petiolo alato in vagina oblonga abeunte; suprema oblonga, sessilia, amplectentia. *Capitula* numerosa, ½ poll. diam., paniculata, pedunculis bracteolatis sæpius æquilongis. *Involucrum* 6 lin. longum; bracteæ lineari-oblongæ, interiores obtusæ, glabræ, violaceæ, exteriores paucæ, lineares, glanduliferæ. *Flores* 9-10 lin. longi, styli rami tenues. *Achænia* 3 lin. longa, pallida, leviter compressa, 6-striata, apice basique paullo contracta; pappo sordido.

Grown from seed received from West China by Mr. A. K. Bulley.

*Prenanthes Henryi*, *Dunn*; a *P. khasiana*, C. B. Clarke involucre imbricato distincta.

*Herba* elata, præter paginam inferiorem foliorum pedunculosque nonnunquam puberulos glabra. *Caulis* simplex, foliatus, fistulosus, striatus. *Folia* petiolata, membranacea; media pinnata ambitu ovata, 6-12 poll. longa, pinnis 2-6 ovatis lanceolatis, petiolulatis vel sessilibus, irregulariter sinuato-dentatis, incisus, lobatis vel subintegris, dentibus apiculatis, lobo terminali similariter inciso, magno, triangulari; suprema lanceolata, pinnati-lobata vel serrata, sessilia. *Capitula* 2-3 lin. diam., 6-flora, numerosa, paniculata, pedunculis bracteolatis sæpius quam flore brevioribus. *Involucrum* pluriseriatum, 6 lin. longum; bracteæ lineari-oblongæ, obtusæ, exteriores paucæ, gradatim breviores. *Flores* rosei, 7 lin. longi; styli ramis brevibus. *Achænia* vix matura, rubra, compressa, striata, apice paullo contracta; pappo albo.

SZECHUEN: North Wushan, *A. Henry*, 7022, 7022 A; YUNNAN: Feng Chen Lin, mountain forests; 7000 ft., *A. Henry*, 11214.