

Herbarium

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England. April 25th 1890.

Dear Sir

By same post I despatch the MSS. of your Angolan Orchids. It supersedes the provisional list sent to you.

On carefully working them out and searching for species described by Reichenbach I believe there are only three new species - namely *Lissochilus Antunesii**, *Holothrix longiflora* (very fine), and *Salviniella longibracteatum*. Of these I give Latin diagnoses. The explanatory notes are in English. Whether you will prefer to translate them or let them remain as they are I leave to you to decide.

Of course you make any explanatory or introductory note you think proper. I am not sure if I have spelt "Antunes" correctly.

The work has taken me 15 hours
which at 2/- per hour is thirty
shillings.

If you will tell me at what
date you would like to have MSS.
of the others I will try to send
it accordingly.

I may add that *Eulophia* n. 23
is probably new, but is far from im-
perfect to be described

I am Sir

yours faithfully

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Eulophia Antunesii, Rolfe, n. sp.-

Scape vere pedem alti, mediis unibracteati. Racemi laxiusculi, 10-20-flori. Bracteae anguste lanceolato-lineares, acuminatissimae, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ ~~inclusum~~ unciam longæ. Sepala lineari-lanceolata, acutissima, 7-9 lin. longa. Petala similia, paullo breviora et latiora. Labellum trilobatum, petalis exquale, 6 lin. latum; lobis lateralibus rotundatis, 8-9-nerviis, lobo medio late oblongo, subtruncato, 5-nervio, nervis longe fibratis; disco tricarinato; calcare oblongo, obtuso, 2 lin. longo.



This species is allied to E. adenoglossa, Rchb.f., which, however, has larger, more membranous flowers, the side lobes of the lip more sharply angled, a different crest, and a * more slender, and more acute spur.

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- Securidaca longipedunculata, Fresen. - Malanga. S. Marques, n. 19.
- x Gehua Welwitschii, Rolfe, n. sp. - Rami juveni subcinerei, adulti ruguloso-verrucosi, Folia oblongo-oblanceolata, obtusa, crenulato-serrulata, reticulato-venosa, basi attenuata, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 poll. longa, $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ poll. lata, petiolus 3 lin. longus. Racemi axillari, brevissimi, pauciflori, pedicelli 7-12 lin. longi, gracili, glabri. Calyx glaberrimus, segmentis elliptico-oblongis, obtusis. Petala obovata. Anthera linearis, longitudinaliter dehiscentia. Ovarium circa 9-latum, glabrum; stigma ~~capitellata~~ capitellata, circa 9-dentata.

Malanga; legit S. Marques, n. 20. - Huilla, Welwitsch, n. 4597; Golungo Alto, Welwitsch, n. 4594.

are apparently allied to G. leptoclada, Oliv., but the flowers borne ~~above~~ with the young leaves, not in advance of them. ~~They are also~~ The carpels are also more numerous, and the plant different in habit and several other particulars.

Vitis, sp. - much like V. obtusata, Willd., in general character, but the leaflets are lobed, in much the same manner as the leaves of Quercus Robur.

Malanga; legit S. Marques, n. 21.

x Vitis obtusata, Welw., var. ~~quercifolia~~ A quercifolia, n.

var. ? This may represent a distinct species, but the material is inadequate to form a more decided upon. The texture and pubescence of the leaf, also a portion of the inflorescence, closely resemble V. obtusata, but the leaflets are pinnatifidly lobed, so as bear a close resemblance to the leaves of Quercus Robur.

x Parinarium curatellifolium, Blanch., ex Benth. in Hook. Niger Fl., p. 333; Oliv. Fl. Trop. Afr., II, p. 368. P. capense

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var. latifolia, Oliv. H. Trop. Afr., II, p. 369. - Identical with Welwitsch n. 1286, from Gazeingo, which is the type of P. capense var. latifolia, Oliv. Both leaf and inflorescence, however, are different from the true P. capense, Harv., while they agree altogether ~~with~~ P. curatellifolium, Blanch.



* Diospyros Zourieriana, G. Don. - Malanga; Legit S. Marques, n. 17.

* Strophantus ecaudatus, Rolfe, n. sp. - "Arbor nawa, vel arbustus." Rami juveni puberuli. Folia ob lanceolato-oblonga, mucronata, breviter petiolata, supra viridia subtus pallidiora. Calyx lobis lanceolati, acuminate, 4-5 lin. longi; glandulae subulatae. Corolla $1\frac{3}{4}$ pol. longa; ~~tubus~~ tube brevi, faucē ample campanulata, lobis triangulare-ovate, ecaudatis, squamis 10 linearis subulatis 5 lin. longis instructa; folliculi elongati, $7\frac{1}{2}$ lin. longi, apice attenuati. Semina dense sericeo-villosa, apice in aristam longe plumosam producta, $4\frac{1}{2}$ pol. longa.

A most distinct species, readily distinguished from every other African species (so far as I can find) by the tailless corolla-lobes. The single branchlet is very small, bearing four leaves, from $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and a single flower, over ~~one inch~~ $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; hence I am inclined to suspect it is not fully developed. There is also a single follicle, nature with mature seeds. The corolla lobes are broad and a little shorter than the tube, which is nine lines across at the apex, ^{as seen} in the dried state and flattened out. Rami tereti, glabri.

Dipterhynchus Welwitschii, Rolfe, n. sp. - Folia late elliptica, submembranacea, $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ pol. longa, $1\frac{1}{4}$ - 2 pol. lata, petiolis 3-5 lin. longus.

~~petioles obtuse acuminata; basi rotundata v. truncata,~~

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* *Diplorhynchus Welwitschii*, Rolfe, n. sp. - Rami terete,
glabri. Folia late elliptica, submembranaceæ, glabra, petiolata,
apice breviter obtusa acuminata, basi rotundata
v. truncata, $2\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ poll. longa, $1\frac{1}{4}$ - 2 poll. lata,
petiolus 3 - 5 lin. longus. Panicle laxa, glabra, termi-
nalis. Flores 3 lin. longi, breviter ^{(elongata,} pedicellati, subglabri.
calyx 5-fidus, lobis triangulari-ovatis. ~~not~~ Corolla
subglabra, lobis tubo equilongis. Folliculi lignosi,
verrucosi, falcato-oblongi, subcompressi, $1\frac{1}{2}$ poll.
longi, 9 lin. longi.

Angola, Welwitsch, n. 5968; Malaya, S. ^{Marques} ~~magnus~~
n. 16.

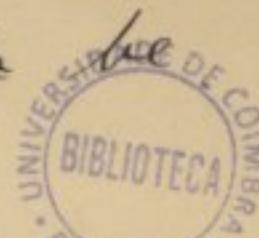
Closely allied to ~~Diplorhynchus~~ the other two species
of the genus, *D. psilosorus*, Welw., and *D. mossambicensis*, Benth., but readily distinguished by the
more glabrous elongate panicle, which is as long as
or longer than the leaves. ~~Diplorhynchus~~ The first-
named species has smaller, ~~broad~~ more attenuate
leaves, with longer petioles, also a larger calyx;
while the latter has longer petioles, and ~~a~~ longer
follicles, with a more prominent beak. According
to Ficalho and Henn (Trans. Linn. Soc., ser. 2, Bot., II, pp.
22, 23) Welwitsch 5983 and 5984 also belong to the present
species, which is said to be called by the ~~Afroasiatic~~
Portuguese colonists "Jasminiera" or "jasmin de Cazengo."

* *Cryptolepis angolensis*, ^{lignosa} Rolfe, n. sp. - Caulis volubilis,
glabra. Folia ovata v. elliptico-ovata, brevissime acuminata,
rigida, subitus pallida, reticulato-venosa, [↑]Cymæ axillares,
subsessiles, densifloræ, glabra, breves. Breviter petiolata, $1 - 1\frac{1}{2}$ poll.
~~Pedicelli~~ $1\frac{1}{2}$ lin. longi Bracted minute, ^{(longa,} $\frac{1}{2} - 1$ poll. lata.
latisimè ovata, acute, reflexæ. Pedicelli $1\frac{1}{2}$ lin. longi.
Calycis lobi suborbicularis, ~~not~~ minute ciliati, $\frac{1}{2}$ lin. longi.

Corollæ tubus latus, 1 lin. longus, lobi suborbiculares, 2(6)
tubo æquales. Coronde squamæ 5, clavatæ, incurvæ. Antheræ
appendices lineares, acuminatæ.

Malanga; Legit S. Marques, n. 15.

A very distinct species, easily separated from others
of the genus by its ^{small} dense cymes, while the largest of which
is only an inch in diameter. The flowers are also very
small. There seems no character by which the genus
Pentapetia, Decaisne, can be separated from Cryptolepis,
otherwise it would probably have to be referred to the former.



* Strychnos Henriquesiana, Baker, Mss. - Arbor parva.
Rami pubescentes. Folia breviter petiolata, elliptico-oblonga,
mucronata, obscure crenulata, basi cuneata, quintuplinervia,
nitida, 2-3 poll. longa, 1-1³/₄ poll. lata; petiolus
1-2 lin. longus. Cymæ sessiles, brevi, dense, multifloræ,
ramis villosis. (1 poll. longæ) Calyx 5-partitus, lobi suborb-
iculares, ciliati, 2 lin. longi. Corollæ tubus 2 lin. longus,
lobi oblongi, obtusi, tubo paucis breviori. Stylus bre-
vis, obscure bilobus.

Near S. densiflora, Baill., but readily distinguished
by its pubescent branches, ^{and} smaller, more rigid, mu-
cronate, shorter-petiolated leaves. In the short dense
cymes the two species are very similar.

Malanga; Legit S. Marques, n. 13.

* Ipomoea tuberosa, L. - Malanga, Legit S. Marques,
n. 12.

* Thunbergia lancifolia, J. And., var. Edulis, S. Moore,
in Brit. Journ. Bot., 1880, p. 195. - Malanga; Legit S.
Marques, n. 11.

Vitex flavescens, Rolfe, n. sp. - Planta tota flavo-tomentosa. Rami demum fere glabri. Folia trifoliata, petiolata $\frac{3}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ poll. longi, foliola obovato- & elliptico-oblonga, obtusa v. subobtusa, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ poll. longa, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{4}$ poll. lata, sessilia. ~~Betula~~ ~~claravibex~~ Cymæ axillares, pedunculatæ, foliis breviore, panicifloræ. Bractæ lanceolatæ, acutæ, 3 - 5 lin. longæ. Calyx late campanulatus, $\frac{3}{4}$ lin. longus, subbilabiatus, breviter quinquelobus; lobi triangulo-ovati, subacuti. Corollæ ~~hirsutæ~~ tubus 4 - 5 lin. longus; ~~labiata~~ lobi inæquales, rotundato-ovati, extus aureo-pubescentes. Drupa nigra, circa 5 lin. lata. Malanga; Legit S. Marques, n. 8; Angola; Welwitsch, n. 5731.



This species belongs to the section Chrysomallum, and is allied to ~~the~~ V. Chrysomallum, Steud., a native of Madagascar. The name is given in allusion to the yellow tomentum with which all the young parts of the plant are densely covered.

Vitex, sp. - Marques n. 10 is in several respects allied to the preceding, but the specimen is in too young a state for certain determination. The leaflets are larger, more obovate, abruptly acuminate, shortly petiolulate, and with stronger nerves; the cymes are also larger and more branched, but as the buds have not arrived at maturity it must remain undetermined for the present.

Clerodendron splendens, G. Don. - Malanga; Legit S. Marques, n. 5.

C. myricoides, R. Br. var. glabrata. - Malanga;

A nearly glabrous state of this species, nearly identical with n. 5707 of Welwitsch's collections.

- * *C. triplinerve*, Rolfe, n. sp. - Rami teretes, puberuli. Folia ternata, petiolata, lanceolato-oblonga v. ovata, breviter acuminate, apice obtusa v. subobtusa, triplinervia, nervis puberulis, $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 poll. longus, $\frac{3}{4}$ - 2 poll. lata, petioli 3-7 cm. longi. Cyme in corymbum terminalem laxum confertæ, di- v. trichotomæ, paucifloræ, puberuli. Flores breviter pedicellati. Calyx campanulatus, 2 cm. longus, puberulus, quinque dentata. Corolla tubus subrectus, 4 cm. longus, lobi oblongi, obtusi, inaequales, tubo breviores. Stamina longe exserta. Ovarium glabrum, stylus elongatus. Drupa normaliter quadriloba sed sepiissime abortu bi- v. uniloba, 4-5 cm. longa.

Malanga; Legit S. Marques, n. 9; Angola, Welwitsch, n. 5622, 5661.

A very distinct species whose affinity seems to be with *C. glabrum*, E. Mey., but readily distinguished by the triplinerved leaves, the lax corymb, ~~sterilitate~~^{sterility} and various details of the flower and fruit.

- * ~~Orthosiphon~~^{Orthosiphon} *= Welwitschia*, Rolfe, n. sp. - Caules ramosi, tetragoni, villosi. Folia late elliptica v. elliptico-oblonga, obtusa v. subacuta, crenata, pubescentia, 1- $1\frac{1}{4}$ poll. longa, $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 poll. lata. Verticillastri 6-flori, in racemis elongatis subdistantes. Bractæ ~~coloratae, deciduae~~, late ovatae, pubescentes, coloratae, deciduae. Flores breviter pedicellati. Calyx villosus, 4 cm. longus, dente posito orbiculato, cæteris subulatis subequalibus. Corolla tubus ~~colorata~~^{colorata}, ~~longa~~^{longa}, ~~laxa~~^{laxa}, ~~subulata~~^{subulata} breviter exsertus. Filamenta distincta, antheræ longe exsertæ. Stigma clavata.

Malanga; Legit S. Marques, n. 7; Angola, Welwitsch, n. 5555, 5519, 5520.



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distinguished from the majority of its allies by its obtuse and less membranaceous leaves. There are two or three other species, apparently undescribed, from the same region.

* Protea angolensis, Welw. in Ann. d. Leons. Ultramar., 1858, p. 586. P. madiensis, Oliv. in Trans. Linn. Soc., XXIX (1875), p. 143, t. 92.

Malanga: Legit S. Marques, n. 22.

The leaves are rather young and more hairy than usual, but I believe the specimen belongs to this species, from which I do not see how P. madiensis, Oliv., can be distinguished.

Ficus, sp.

Malanga: Legit S. Marques, n. 1.

Apparently allied to F. pseudoeластica, Welw. MSS., but the leaves are ~~and~~ scarcely suberect at the base. The young fruits are crowded on the branches, small, and covered with a dense white tomentum.

Ficus, sp.

Malanga: Legit S. Marques, n. 2.

A single leaf, not identified, but possibly belonging to the preceding species.

Ficus, sp.

Malanga: Legit S. Marques, n. 3.

Not identified.

Ficus, sp.

Malanga: Legit S. Marques, n. 4. Apparently identical with Welwitsch n. 6343, and Barter, Niger Expedition, n. 1310, from Kape, "a tree 40 feet high; fruit large, edible."

Apparently an undescribed species.

The African species of Ficus are apparently in great confusion, and require careful revision.

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