

STUDIES IN THE ANACARDIACEAE. I

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In the course of critical studies on the North American species of *Rhus* and their immediate allies, several cases have come to hand where it seems desirable to place on record pertinent notes, and to make a few new combinations to bring the matter in accord with the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature.

Among important distributions of plant specimens, the following notes seem worthy of recording: *M. E. Jones* 27097, Sept. 21, 1930, distributed as a *Rhus*, is a species of *Fagara*; *M. E. Jones* 27095, Nov. 25, 1930, distributed as a *Rhus*, is *Thouinia acuminata* Wats.; *A. H. Curtiss* 33, Jan. 12 and May 23, 1903, distributed as *Bursera*, is *Metopium toxiferum* Krug & Urb.; *C. A. Purpus* 4065, May, 1909, distributed as *Bursera*, is, in part, *Actinocheita filicina* (DC.) Barkl.

***Toxicodendron vernicifera* (DC.) E. A. & F. A. Barkley, n. comb. = *Rhus vernicifera* DC., Prodr. 2: 68. 1825.**

***Pseudosmodium Pterocarpus* (Sessé & Moc.) Barkl., n. comb. = *Rhus Pterocarpus* Sessé & Moc., Pl. Nov. Hisp., p. 47; 1888.**

This species is very similar to *Pseudosmodium perniciosum* (HBK.) Engl., from which it differs in having much shorter petiolules, mucronate and broadly ovate leaflets with more obtuse bases. The leaflets in this species are sparsely puberulent, while in *P. perniciosum* they are glabrous throughout. Specimen examined: MEXICO: "Plantae Novae Hispaniae," 1787-1804, Sessé, Mociño, Castillo & Maldonado 4938 (Field Museum Herbarium, no. 847794, part of type).

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