

of the North American Species of *Verbena* in *Ann. Mo. Bot. Gard.* xx. 239-363 (1933). Happily the earlier volumes of *Memorie di matematica e di fisica della Società Italiana* are at the Boston Public Library. I find that, although *V. prostrata* is undoubtedly the American plant which for many years has passed as *V. bracteosa* Michx., Savi's paper, presented for publication September 7, 1801, was not actually issued until 1802; consequently, the name *V. bracteata* Lag & Rodr. in *Anal. Cienc. Nat.* iv. 260 (1801) is still valid for this species. Unfortunately, however, *V. prostrata* Savi does antedate *V. prostrata* R. Br. in *Ait. Hort. Kew.* ed. 2: iv. 41 (1812) by ten years. Hence, it is necessary to take up the name *V. lasiostachys* Link, *Enum. Hort. Berol.* ii. 22 (1822) for the Californian species hitherto known as *V. prostrata* R. Br.—LILY M. PERRY, Gray Herbarium.

THE COLOR OF THE FLOWERS OF *NELUMBO PENTAPETALA*.—In the discussion of *Nelumbo pentapetala* (Walt.) Fern. in *RHODORA* for January 1934, the color of the flowers was said to be white, sometimes passing into a weak whitish yellow, so that Walter's account of them as white was as accurate as Willdenow's characterization of them as yellow. The plant grows or did grow on the Monroe marshes and covered many acres in extent. It also grows in such dense masses on the Upper Maumee Bay and neighboring waters that it may be seen for miles in either direction. The Lotus beds of the Monroe marshes were for a great many years an advertising feature of Monroe to attract tourists and visitors to that city. These have practically disappeared since Michigan put the muskrat under game protection. The rats devoured the rhizomes for food and thus destroyed one of Monroe's flourishing activities. The plants flowered by the thousands every year and visitors were taken out to the beds and allowed to cut the flowers at will and carry them away. I am putting it rather mildly when I say that in the forty years I was at Detroit I probably saw a million such flowers; but never a "white" one. The flowers in southeastern Michigan were always yellow, of a pale sulphur- or lemon-yellow. The petals were upwards of a dozen, often as many as twenty, perhaps sometimes more. If the plant of the Atlantic seaboard has white flowers we probably have two color-forms of the Lotus.—OLIVER A. FARWELL, Lake Linden, Michigan.

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