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Dear Orsby

Many thanks for your kind note
of the 27th ult. & the sendings re-
tracked from Am. Mus. Let. -

Papers only reach me either addressed
as above (Bray home) or to Royal
Gardens, New (my place of daily out-
ings). It is very kind of you to
offer to help me with Am. Nat.
for Nat. Hist. Rev. The Vol. Bibli-
ography of that Journal might be con-
siderably increased, - at any rate in the
way of giving fuller notices; & I dare-
say I miss many things. The best
plan would be to find is to note
things pretty much as they come to
hand. I think I send you some

Wood-Structure Bibliog. a few days ago.
also copy of the author-note to that
paper in *Lophotaleum* & *Manuacalis*, &c.

I have just worked up a paper on
Loranthaceae with Synopsis of the genera
&c. Several points of interest are to
note tho' nothing very new. -

Mr. Hier's mistaken separation of *Viscaceae*
from *Loranthaceae*, also his account of
the seed of the latter in *Lindb. V.R.* -

- Sectioning of *Loranthus*, - a new
Australian genus near *Microloa* &
Viscaceae (including *Viscaceae* *conspicuum* &
? *subaureum*, F.M., & *V. maximum* Hook &c.)
- identification of one of Fendler's (to be
maxim's) plants from *Yucca* with *Ant.*
distans of Poeppig, - ascending the genus, -
curious relations of the *Cala-See- & Hypso-*
phyllary leaves in *Antidaphne* & *Lepido-*
cyrtus, - hypertrophied stamens of *Prinosiphis*
hemisphaerica, &c. &c. are among the points
noticed. - Do you consider Hierbach
right in referring some South American
plants to *Arceuthobium*? I take them
to be aplyllous species of *Phoradendrum*, in
which genus it may be useful to allow
the slit of the mother-cells to meet
across in some species (4-celled mother).

And I have some doubt about his
Eximolepis brigitii, - whether rightly
referred to his Chilean genus. I do
not certainly separate it, however.

I suppose St. Hilaine's *Cactaea* must

have been a *Phoradendrum*. I am
thinking of going on to work at the
question of analogy or affinity of these
things with *Parasitaceae*. There are certainly
some remarkable points of resemblance
between them. He now affords some
very singular evidence that, as every one
thinks. I shall be anxious to learn
the result of your cutting-up of
the *Loranthaceae* flacors. The evidence
of these seems not a little strengthened
by the highly specialized character of their
normal mother

Yours sincerely

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