

Readville Mass
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Dear Mr Collins:

Perhaps one could find *Nyctinomus Americanus* Schimp. by working over some 300 pages of Jaeger & Sauerbeck's *Genera et Species Muscorum*, but I cannot think of any other place to look, and that would be a job.

I have looked on page 665 Gray's *Manual* Ed 1848, and find the *P. crinitum* & *P. apiculatum* are evidently taken from Bridel Vol II pp. 192 & 195 (1827) where quite a lengthy Latin

description is given
part of which is
translated for the
Manual.

Under coarctatum it
has for habitat
"In North America
State of Massachusetts
on the trunk of trees.
Torrey has sent it
from New York."

Under apiculatum
it has for habitat
"In North America
near Salem whence
Rentschen sent it."
They are both assigned
to the genus *Pterigynandrum*,
but on page
173 when the
characters of the
genus are given,

Pterigynandrum is
given as a synonym
of *Pterogonium*, and
I have no doubt
Sullivant in 1848
used the *Pterogonium*
for *Pterigynandrum*.

I find in Schwaegrichen
suppl. I part I page 108
(ad 1811) "Species whose
fruit I have not seen"
"*Pterogonium apiculatum*
Brid. suppl. p. 137"
and on going to that
supplement (date 1806)
I find *Pterigynandrum*
apiculatum "near
Salem in North America
from whence I have it."
and he gives as a
reason for using the
generic name
Pterigynandrum that it is

"a name of Hedwigs which tho. not very suitable I think ought to be retained from reverence to the memory of the author", but evidently the Perogonium people did not have that amount of reverence. If you could see Bridel's specimen I suppose you could name it, & so clear up the matter, but I rather guess no American Bryologist has ever seen it. Swartz, none of whose works I have, seems to have been the author of Perogonium, & Schaevegruben took it up in 1811.

I thank you for your
plan of the New England
mosses, and for your
invitation to come
down some Sunday.

If convenient for you
I will come on the
8.18 train next Sunday
getting to Providence at
9.52. If the weather
is anything like today's
you need not expect me.
I shall be very glad
to see your den &
your style of working.

Very truly yrs
Geo. G. Kennedy



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