DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF ACACIA.

BY F. M. BAILEY, F.L.S.

ACACIA MELALEUCOIDES.

A small tree; the bark on trunk much cracked and of a dark colour, the branches drooping; branchlets more or less angular and corky; young growth said to be of a decided golden hue. Leaves slender, from 6in. to over 12in, long, of from 15 to over 20 pairs of punce 2in. to 3in. long; common petiole 2in. to 3in. long; leaflets linear, 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ lines long and about $\frac{1}{2}$ -line broad; glands dark, between the three upper pairs of pinnæ only; stipules none on the specimens examined; peduncles solitary, about 1in. long, bearing a stem-clasping two-lobed bract about the middle; spike about $1\frac{1}{2}$ -line long; teeth 3, rather broad and silky; corolla-tube about 2 lines long; teeth 5, about $\frac{1}{2}$ -line long, narrow, silky; stamens numerous, exserted about 3 lines. Anthers minute, globular. Pod not collected.

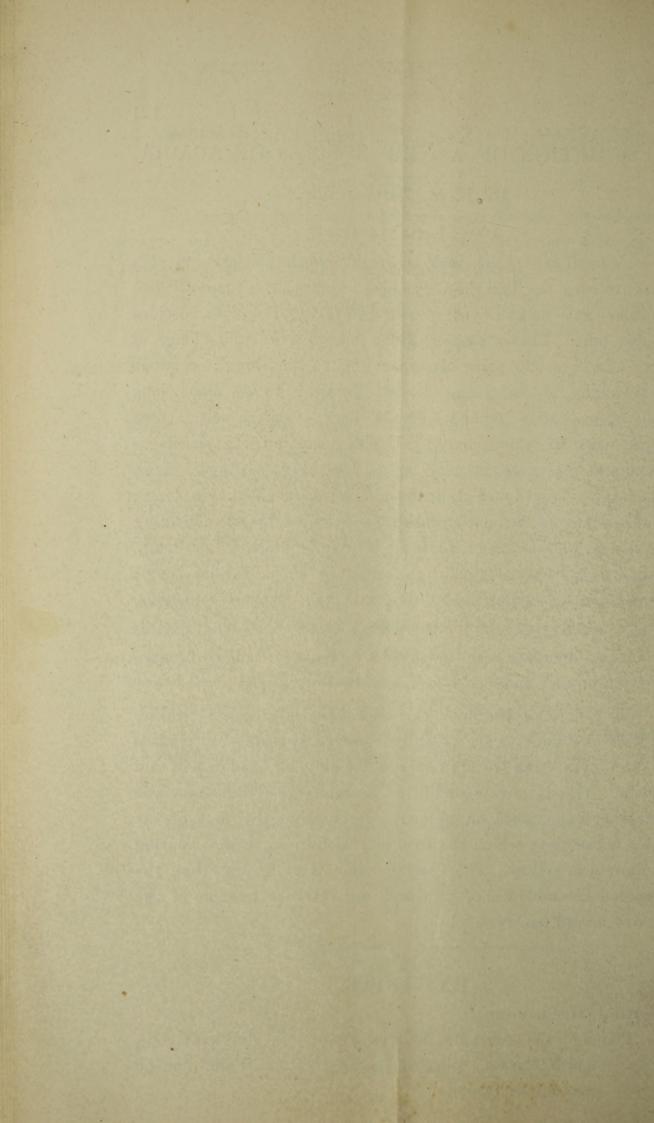
Hab.—South-eastern slope of Newcastle Range, between Georgetown and Junction Creek. R. C. Burton.

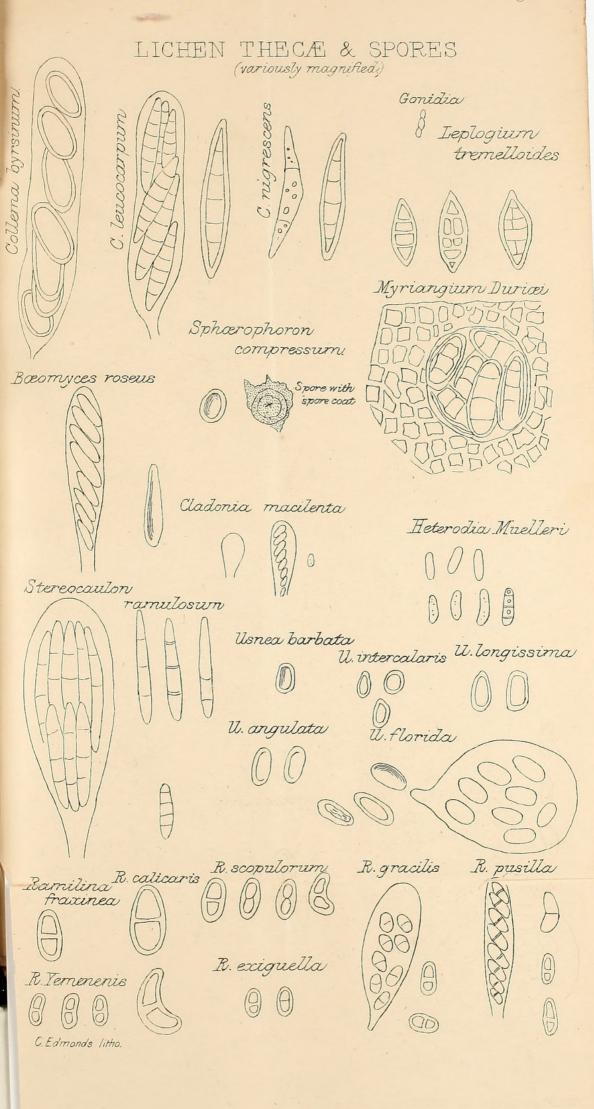
In general appearance this new species closely resembles A. Bidwilli, Benth., from which it, however, is readily recognised by its flowers being borne in spikes, not globular heads, as in that species. This interesting addition to the large genus Acacia is of further importance on account of its being the first of the series *Gummiferæ*, which has been met with in Australia bearing its flowers in spikes. The specific name is suggested from the supposed resemblance of tree and inflorescence to some of the narrow leaved tea-trees.

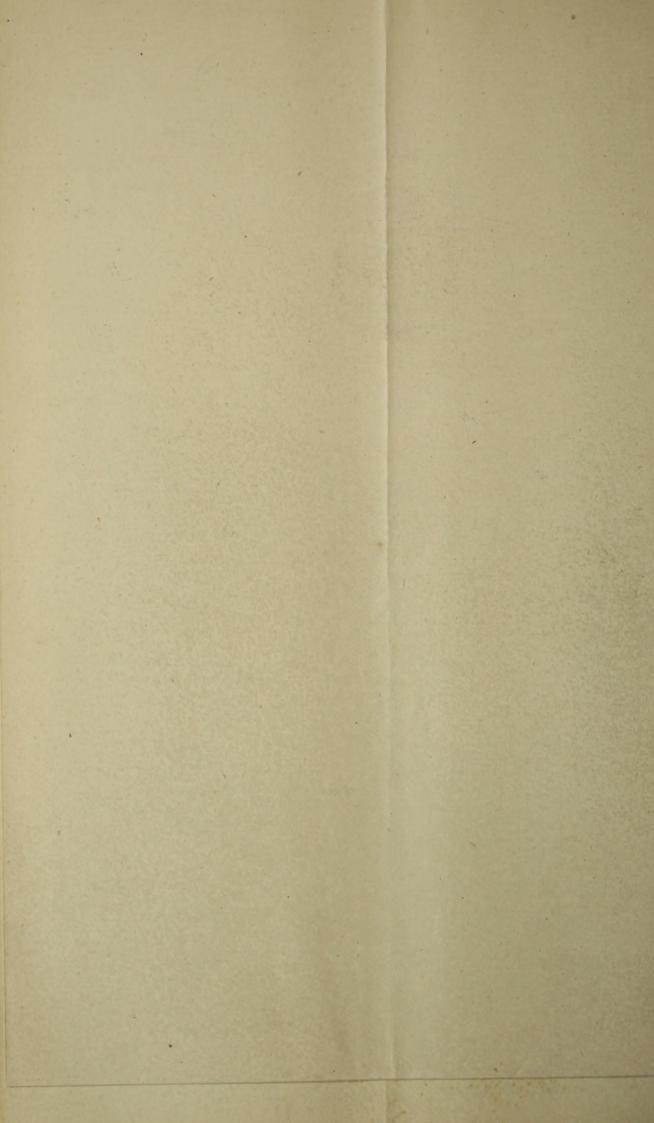
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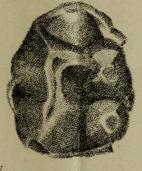
Plants of the orders Magnoliaceæ, Anonaceæ, Menispermaceæ, and Violarieæ, collected in the Brisbane Valley and on Stradbroke Island.







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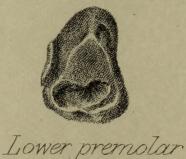


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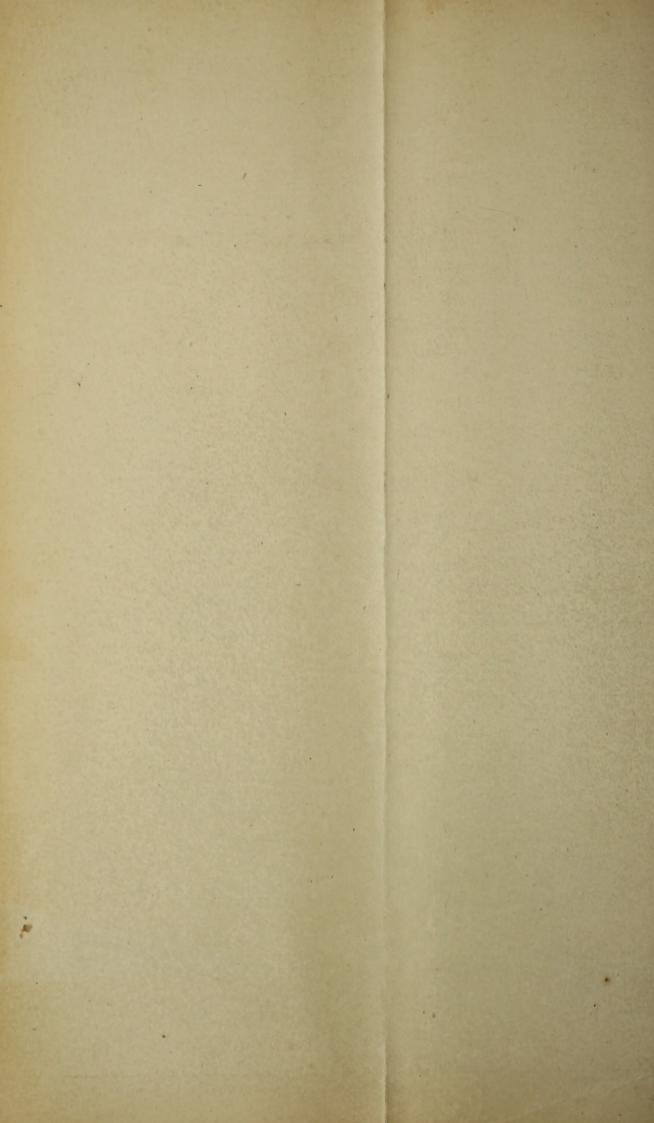


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