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My dear Gray

I received a few days since your
card about Baker's having revised *Necker*
boaria for *Smilacina* - I certainly
objected to it as only producing useless
confusion but Baker has his own views
which he likes to follow without consulting
In this case Necker though probably
by a misprint he describes a *S. meroni*,
percauth with *batanea*, yet clearly
indicates the species referred to his genus
and his name might have been adopted
had not the genus acquired the name of
Smilacina and Necker and Baker's that of
Boaria by prescription and universal
adoption - and if ever I have occasion to
treat of the genus I shall certainly still

to Similacina - I do not however at
present see much chance of my ever
getting to Monocotyledons. Our present part
of Genera (Monochlamydeae & Gymnospermae)
is now far advanced but there is still much
to do Hooker since he has given up the
Presidency of the Royal Society has been
working steadily at the Curcumbrous orders
but has much tedious work with
Chenopodiaceae. I have already been a
full fortnight at Loranthus. I have
however since the Euphorbiaceae finished
Arctium (including Artocarpus etc) and Santalaceae
having previously done Monimiacae Lauraceae
Thymelaeae Proteaceae and various small
orders - the Amentaceae Order are not
touched yet - Hooker will do the Gymnospermae
but they will not take him long altogether
it may be two or three months before

we begin printing. I hope before that
you will deaily read me any corrections
that may occur to you in Euphorbiaceae
which was my principal object in reading
out early copies of my "Note" in order
that I might take advantage of any
criticisms or faultfinding before
printing for Genera.

I trust you are progressing with
your Hypothesis Flora

Yours very sincerely
George Bentham

Buckley is not the only Santalaceous
genus with slightly imbricate perianth
lobes - It is also in Pterocarpus a very
distinct genus to my mind from
Pyrularia of which the typical Pterocarpus
is a true congener.



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