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## PREFACE.

In placing in the hands of the public the Useful Plants of the Bombay Presidency, the writer does not claim for it the merit of originality, freely admitting that it is almost entirely a compilation from the various works on Indian Botany that have preceded it. Although nearly every botanical work has been availed of for his purpose, the writer has in the following pages directed references in the main to Brandis' Forest Flora of the North-West Provinces and Dalzell's and Gibson's Bombay Flora as being the two that are most handy and portable.

The timber trees are arranged in a regular botanical series, according to DeCandolle's system of classification, from descriptions which are found scattered in Balfour's Timber Trees, Brandis' Forest Flora, Beddome's Flora Sylvatica, Hooker's Flora of British India; and the writer's knowledge of the plants of some of the districts of the Deccan and Konkan,-like Mátherán, Khandála, Mahábaleshvar, Goa,-together with the dried specimens which he has from time to time obtained from other places, have enabled him to verify and correct these descriptions where necessary.

In describing a tree the writer has invariably given the chour and arrangement of its flowers. This, coupled with the charader of the other parts and the native names, will, it is hoped, enable the reader of ordinary intelligence to identify the various trees mentioned in the work.

The altitude of a tree has been given, not in reference to the highest point at which it is seen growing in this presidency, but to the highest point at which it is met with in India. Thus the Jámbul tree, which in Bombay is not met with higher than at Sindolla (Mahábaleshvar), has 5000 feet recorded against it, the tree being found to grow at Kámaon, which has the above height.

The heights and girths given in this work are all average measurements. It is very well known that both vary, not only in different places and under different circumstances of climate, etc., but even in the same localities, according to differences of soil, exposure to winds, etc. Thus the Jambul, to which Brandis gives a
height of $70-80$ and sometimes 90 feet, is in exposed high situations such as Sindolla, towards and on the slopes of Lingmalla (Mahábaleshvar), but a stunted shrub, bearing fruit scarcely one-fourth the size of that found in the Konkan. Hymenedyction excelsum (Karwa, Dandru or Dandeli), which is a large tree in the plains, becomes smaller and smaller as we ascend the Ghats.

The flowering time (Fl.) and the seasons during which trees ripen their fruit (Er.) are also subject to considerable variations: eg. Millingtonia hortensis, the Indian cork-tree, is in full bloom in Poona at the end of August, whereas in Bombay it is in flower a month and a half later. In the description of timber trees the writer has not been very precise in the use of some of the technical terms; nor has he, in the enumeration of the characters of timbors, mado a distinction between sap and heart wood, as in a great majority of cases the one gradually merges into the other; and oven where the difference is clear, it becomes inappreciable when the timber is not well seasoned, the colour white or yellow becoming brown, dark brown, reddish-purple, or black. As an illustration of the difficulty sometimes thus arising may be mentioned the fact that, with tho exception of Dr. Brandis, who describes separately the sap and heart wood of the first species in the list, Dillenia Indica, no other writer on Indian timbers makes this distinction. The wood of the recund species, D. pentaphylla, is described even by Dr. Brandis without an attempt at separating the sap from the heart wood.

The description of fruits, vegetables, food, and oil-yielding plants, \&c., mentioned in other sections is very short; for their cultiva. tion, the uses and consumption of their products in each province are described in various volumes of the Gazetteer, for which alone the present one is written. Besides, a consideralle number consists of the common garden and field plants, which are or may be readily identified by their native names.

The idea of dividing the work into sections has been borrowed from Sir G. C. M. Birdwood's interesting work Tegetable Productions of the Bombay Presidency. The writer has, however, not only made alterations and additions to Sir G. C. M. Birdwood's sections, but has introduced several entirely new ones, such as "Plants mentioned in the Religious Books of the Hindus," "Plants or their Products used in intoxicating Fish," "Vegetable Poisons," "List of Herbs, Tubers," \&c., used as food by the poorer classes of India during seasons of famine. The Indian medicinal plants are grouped
together according to their properties and uses, the modes of preparation and administration being also briefly given. "Timber trees" occupy more than half the book, thas making the work, the writer hopes, far more useful for reference.

It now only remains for the writer to crave the indulgence of his readers for the irregularities and errors that must of necessity have crept into a work which has been written under failing health and in the short intervals of time snatched from the ansieties of his professional duties. If time and health are permitted him, the writer hopes to correct these errors in a second edition of the work.
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Bombay, January $1 S 86$.

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## ABBREVIATIONS.

Alt =- altitude.
Fl. $=$ flora; flowering time of a plant.
Fr. $=$ time of ripening fruit.
T.T. = timber trees.

The other abbreviations will be casily understood.

## $A D D E N D A$.

Among "Religious Plants," in the last place, read $\rightarrow$
Sarcostemma brevistigma, Dalz. \& Gıb*. Bby. Fl. 149. Soma.
"The Soma of the Vedas, its name being derived from the circumstance that it was gathered by moonlight by the ancient Hindus. They carried it to their homes in carts drawn by rams, and a fermented liquor was prepared by maxing its juice, straned through a sieve of goat's har, with barley and ghee. This wine was drunk at all their rellgous ceremonies, and was used as an intoxicant by the rishis, who, in the golden age of Huduism, combined it at their meals with beef."-Birdwood.

Roxburgh says:-"This plant yields a larger portion of very pure milky juice than any other I know; and, what is rare, it is of a mild nature, and acid taste. The native travellers often suck the tender shoots to allay their thirst."
$S$. brevistigma grows at the foot of Mababaleshvar and in various other rocky places in India. Whether it is the true Soma of the Veda or a substatute for it introduced in modern times, is difficult to say ; bat the description of Soma (Zend., Aoma) given in Ayur- Feda as translated by F. Max-Muller points to a plant of the genus Sarcostemma.

We have in India, besides the abore-mentioned plant, Sarcostemma internedium and S. Brunorianum; the latter, eaten as salad by the natives, is found in the Deccan ascending to 4000 feet on the Neilgherries. Some dry twigs, sent to the writer by Mr. Kursetji R. Cama, of what he calls Homs slightly resemble those of this species and of $S$. intermedium.

## S. Stocksii grows in Sind.

There is another leafless asclepiad, Periploca aphylla, which is common in Afghanistan, ascending to 3000 fect on the mountains of Persia. Whether it possesses acid juice is not known.

Since writing the above, the twigs used as Soma have been identified as belonging to Ephodra vulyuris, of Gnetaces, which is found on dry stony hulls in Afghanıstan, Beluchistan, parts of the Himalayas, Jhelam, Chenab, and Sutlej; also at Khamaon and inner Sikkim,
$E R R A T A$.


| rage. | Line. | For | Read |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31 | 40 | yellowash-green, | yellowish-white, |
| 32 | 7 | For, Fl. 46. | For. Fl. 48. |
|  | 16 | Style thick | Style elender, |
| 33 | 6 | obtuse, notched, | obtuse or notched, |
| " | 9 | Flowers $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. | Flowers $\frac{1}{8}-\frac{1}{2}$ in. |
| " | 11 | Stamens 10, | Stamens 8-10, |
| " | 16 | 1.2-celled; | $1-2$ celled by abortion; |
| " | 18 | Panvar | Parvar |
| \% | 34 | 10, | 8 , |
| 34 | 4 | $\frac{1}{51} \mathrm{in}$. | \$-1/2 in. |
| 35 | 32 | 10-12, inserted | 10.12, usually 10, inserted |
| 35 | 12 | racemes. | panicles. |
| $\ddot{36}$ | 43 | broad falcate- | broadly falcate- |
| 36 | 19 | nearly 3 lin, | nearly 4-5 lin. |
| 37 | 46 | 4.5 small, | 4-5, nsually 4, mall, |
| 40 | 34 1 | $13-1 \frac{1}{2}$ in. obtuse, obscurely |  |
| ., | 3 | Flowers subsessile, | Flowers minute, subsessile, |
| , | 6 | large. Drupe | large, wanting in male Howers, Drupe |
|  | 30.31 | 3-4, much | 3-4, usually 3, much |
| 41 | 28 | M. azedarach, | Melia azedarach, |
| 42 | 31 | $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{i}$. | lia. |
| $\because$ | 32 | puberulous pancles. | puthrerious or glabrouapanules. |
| $\ddot{3}$ | 34 | hairy | haur ir white tomentose. |
| 43 | 7 | than the leaves. | tl. . it - leaflets. |
| " | 27 | globular. | glol "ir ${ }^{\text {anthers }} 6$. |
| " | 48 | stamens | an, ${ }^{\text {a }}$, y , |
| 44 | 52 | seeds 3-4 covered | ser 1 \% covered |
| 44 | 5 | as firewood. | for inmood, |
| " | 13 | small, white, | $\begin{aligned} & \text { snut, 4, rarely } \quad \text { omeroum, } \\ & \text { "hite, } \end{aligned}$ |
| " | 24 | Leaflets 1-4 | Leaticis ternate, 1-4 |
| , | 36 | fish; and the fish | fish, the fish |
| , | 42 | oblong, | ob uig er lancerlate, |
| " | 46 | Petals 5, | Pel 15, |
| $\because$ | 48 | 10, | 10, ${ }^{1}+1+\mathrm{y}_{8}$ |
| 45 | 23 | Flowers greenish- | Flay ${ }^{\text {a }}$, ibout $/$ in., greeuish |
| " | 48. | terminal a xillary | tert ${ }^{\text {c, and axilary }}$ |
| 46 | $49^{\circ}$ | Calyx 5 dentate. | Caly ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \%-dentate. |
| 46 | 21 | beneath, on a rather long petiole | ben ath ; base olutuse on a rather loo g petiolale. |
| 3 | 52 | on long villous | on short villous |
| . 47 | 3 | with 8 ovales | with about 8 ovules |
| 48 | 19 | silky pubescence | sulky pubercent |
| 48 | 28 | Wightiana. | Wightiana, Dalz, \& Gile liby. FL 143. |
| $44^{\prime \prime}$ | 30 | ovate elliptic or | ovate elliptic, narrow oblong or |
| 49 | 29 44 | peduncles longer | pedunclea somen hat longer |
| 50 | 16 | former 25 a | former is a |
| 51 | 2 | Sepals 4, | Sopals usually 4, |
| " | 22 | ovoid, unarmed | ovord, apiculate, unarmerl |
| " | 37 | long, pari-pinnate | long, normally pari-punate |
| " | 43 | Petals covered | Petals 4-5, covered |
| $\ddot{\square}$ | 45 | harrs. Fruit | hairs. Stamens 8. Fruit |
| 52 | ${ }^{6}$ | and the user | and their tises |
|  | 36 | Stamens 6.8; | Stamens 6-8-10; |
| 53 | 44 | Drupe compressed, | Drupe slightly compressed, |
| 54 | 2 | but durable | durable |
| 55 | 47 | by $\frac{1}{2}$ in., | by $1 \frac{1}{2}-\frac{3}{2} \mathrm{in}$, |
|  | 48 | 1 in , | shorter. |
| 56 | 14 | Stamens 4. | Stamens usually 4 |
| " | 22 | sweet onl | sweet palp |
| ${ }^{*}$ | 23 | Pers. | Willd; |



| Page | Line | For | Read |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 78 | 20 | 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | 13 in . |
|  | 28 | For. Fl 225 | For. FL, 235 |
| 79 | 20 | the leather | leather |
|  | 22 | Linn.; | Roxb.; |
| S0 | 8 | arhatish | whitish |
| 82 | 28 | $\frac{1}{2} 1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$. | 3-1tin. |
| 84 | 21 | 11, $27-$ | III. $27-$ |
|  | 27 | $l \mathrm{in}$ diam., four | 14 in. diam. and four |
| $\because$ | 40 | Calyx $1 \frac{1}{2}$ in | Calyx ${ }^{2}$ in. |
| OS | 48 | ripens ; fruit | ripens fruat |
| 88 | 15 | make | makes |
|  | 50 | Fl 139 | Fl. 138. |
| 91 | 35 | 12. | 6-8 ${ }^{\text {6 }}$ - 203 |
| , | 46 | Linn ; Dalz | Linn., Brand. For, Fl. 293. |
| 92 | $\ddot{84}$ | Bly, Fl. 293 | Bby. F1. 140.* |
| 92 | 24 | petiole 4.11 n . | petiole 1-1/ in. |
| 93 | 42 | 8 stamiens, | 8 staminodes ; |
| 95 | 21 | terminate, | turbinate, |
| 96 | 30 | For Fl. 301. | For. Fl. 300. |
| 97 | 6 | Leaver 3-4 in. | Leaves 2.4 by $2 \frac{1}{2}$ in. |
| " | 10 | about $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. | about $\frac{1}{1}$ in. |
| ," | 21 | in parr-pinnate | imparipinnate |
| , | " | with the old one | With an odd one |
| , | $\cdots$ | $3-4 \mathrm{~m}$., | $3-4 \mathrm{in}$. by 2. |
|  | 26 | Corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | Corolla $\frac{1}{2}$ in. |
| 99 | 31 | $\frac{3}{4} \mathrm{in}$. long | bin. long, |
| 100 | 45 | divancate, | divaricate, |
| 100 | 48 | $1-1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{ft}$. long, about in. | about itis in. |
| 101 | 10 | $4-8$ by ${ }^{4} \frac{1}{2} .3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. | $6-12 \mathrm{by} 21-5 \mathrm{in}$. |
|  | 12 | 1-14in. | 1.2 in . |
| 102 | 19 | leaves soft pubescent | leaves sparingly soft pubewant |
| 103 | 19-20 | almost orbicular, cordate | cordate |
| 104 | 21 | Leaves $1-2 \frac{1}{8} \mathrm{ft}$. | Leaves $2-3 \mathrm{ft}$. |
| ," | 25 | 3-34 in., long, | 3.31 in. long, |
| " | 39 | pure, white | pure white, $3-4$ by $1 \frac{1}{2}$. |
| 105 | 39 8 | leaflets 2-3 pair | leaflets $2 \cdot 3$ pair with an rodu |
| " | 12 | 10-14 by $3-4 \mathrm{in}$. |  |
| " | 23 | petioles $1.2 \mathrm{in}$. | petioles $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. |
| " | 37 | $2-21$ by $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}$. | 43 by 2 in. |
| ", | 46 | Hook.; Dalz. | Hook. ; Bignonia Xylocarpa Dalz. |
| 106 | 4 | smooth. Seeds | smooth. Capsule $1-2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{ft}$ long. woody. Seeds. |
| " | 14 | Leaves 12.24, petiole | Leaves 12-24in. long. petiolule |
| , | 16 | petiole | petiolale |
|  | 21 | by $3-4 \mathrm{in}$. | by ${ }^{3} \mathrm{in}$. |
| 109 | 25 | clothing | clothes |
| 111 | 41 | alternately | alternate, <br> Leaves 5-9 |
| 112 | 41 | Leaves 3.9 | Leaves 5-9 |
| " | 46-47 | Fruit somewhat like an acorn, oblong, | Fruit oblong, |
| " | 47 | cup. | cap, size of a pea, red whis ripe. |
| 114 | 11 | Leavea 6-12. | Leaves 6-12 in. long, |
|  | 25 | Leaves 6-12 in. | Leaves 4-6 in. |
| 115 | 17 | 3.8 ln . | $3-18$ lin. |
|  | 44 | myrobalan | myrabolan |
| 116 | 21 | numerous fascicled, | numerons, fascicled, |
| " | 31 | Golchidion ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Glochidion |
|  | 44 | DeCandolle, | DeCandolle Prod., |
| 417 | 12 | This tree | This shrub - |
| 118 | 16 | peduncle | petiole |
| 120 | 41 | densely, rufovillous | depusely rufovallous, |


| Psige | Lime. | - For |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 121 | 35 | and lestitute | and is destitute |
| 129 | . 7 | They yuald | It yrelds |
| " | 15 | leaves 4-9 | Leaves 4-7. |
|  | 46 | evergreen ree | evergieen tree |
| 123 | 38 | R. decocca * | IL. dicoca |
|  | 42 | Clerdon | Clevitun |
| 124 | 38 | stamens 10.14 m , | stamens 10-14, in * |
| " | 46 | 285 ; Brand. | 255, Dalz. \& Cibs Bby Fl 228 ; Mrand |
| 125 | 16 | found run widd | found wild |
| , | 24 | Khmma. | Khmona, udá. |
| $\because$ | 43 | Hurna. | Hurat. |
| 126 | 14-1.7 | Yepucephalus | Conocephalus |
|  | 17.18 | slumate. | serrate |
| 127 | 20 | siles with minute red dots; petiole | sides ; petiole |
|  | 21 | Female axillary | Female sohtar y, axillay |
| 128 | 14 | Bly. Fl. 224 | Bby. Fl. 244' |
| 129 | 21 | uto trunk | into trunks |
| - | 4. | Leaves 4-8 in., | Leaves $4-8$ bg 24 in ., |
| 0 | 47 | 2.3 ml . ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ | $142 \mathrm{ma} .$ |
| 130 | 34 | U. bengamonum,' | U. benjammeum, |
| 132 | 6 | Flouers greenish, deciduous | Flowers greenish-whie dholcus |
| ", | 15 | Holoptelea | Holoptelæa |
| $\cdots$ | 44 | Samarond careopsys | seeds |
| 133 | 20. | in the gunpowder | in gunpowder |
| " | 28 | absolutely | obsoletely . |
|  | 39 | and the poles | and poles |
| 134 | 31 | greemsh ${ }^{\text {chem }}$ | greenish-yellow, |
| 135 | 94 | reddush-yellow | urange yellow . |
| 130 | 24 | brownish, stinging | browirsh, with an acrid stugg ing pulp |
| 136 | 46 | sheaths striated | sheaths of branches struated |
| 137 | 51 | 2-8-flowered wottle | 2-5-flowered wattle |
| ," | 20 | 8-12 m. | 8-12 hm . |
| , | 23 | Caryopsys | Caryopsis |
| 138 | 43 | at the margin | at the top |
| 133 | 2 | sheaths striated | sheaths of shoots and young culms striated |
| "' | 17 | sheaths hirsute. wottle work's | sheaths of leaves hirsute. |
| 141 | 17 | wottle work' members | wattle works readers |
| 142 | 52 | cases had lasted | cases the symptoms had lasted. |
|  | 55 | members | readers |
| 152 | 6 | and 18 | and are |
| 155 | 14 | that | that the |
|  | 23 | Eribotra | Emobotrya |
| 156 | 15 | the streams | streams |
| 158 | 29 | some of the Indian hotanists | some Indian butanists |
| 161 | 10 | the substitute | a substitute |
| 162 | 34 | Coffea siheriea | C Offea lberica |
| 163 | 34 | Mychroh hacus | Microrhyuchus |
| 166 | 6 | in a small | in small |
| 168 | 4 | Nirvan | Sewan |
| 170 | 21 | is only | anly is |
| 172 | 2 | and has | has |
| 173 | 29 | vitez- | vitex |
| 174 | 5 | dratarach | mjedarach |
| , | 13.14 | Belgaum | (Belgaumi) |
| 175 | 29 | desert | dessert |
| 175 | 3 | yield | yields |
| 182 | 13 | Miht* | Melet. |
| " | 13 | endemic | indigenous |
| " | 17 | acres | acris |


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| 182 | 18 | T'ontanesia | Fontanesu |
| 183 | 10 | Thyphune | Typhaces |
| 185 | 18 | over | on |
| 188 | 2 | c. 0.50 ft . | 30-50 amd even 70 ft . |
| 191 | 20 | toxicana | toxicaria |
| 193 | 6 | on | in |
| 196 | 39 | are | and |
| 198 | 1 | over tropics | over the tropics |
| 199 | 19 | preparatim | preparation |
| \% | 26 | Cactacea | Cactere |
| 200 | 40 | Glossocardi | Gilossocarina |
| 205 | 54 | form | forms |
| 206 | 3 | mucalagenous | mucilaginous |
| 207 | 16 | of arum | of the arun |
| " | 19 | above | before |
| $\stackrel{\prime}{10}$ | 38 | follow | follows |
| 208 | 12 | raot | roots |
| 218 | 14 | yicld | yields |
| 221 | 16 | a uscful | an useful |
| 227 | 37 | In passing | On passing |
| 228 | 34 | G. acurminatum | (1) arumbatum |
| 235 | $3{ }^{35}$ | half of it atuff | hall stulf |
| 237 | 31.32 | and the footstalks | the fuet staliss |
| 239 | 3 | stem | stems |
| 241 | 35 | Melia azatlirachta | Azalirachta Indica |
|  | 38 | yıelds | yold |
| 242 | 4 | Ehor | Bhor. The lark in inal liv tanners as a dye stuff. |
| " | 5 | Gutı | Guti. The bark and fillit are employed for tammag and fot mahing blaching |
|  | last | Wrighta | Wrighta |
| 243 | 19 3 | Dalz. \& Gibs Bombay Fi. | Bedd. Fl. Sylv. t. $\times$ xii. |
| 247 | 38 | myralatans dye | meyrabolins dry. |
| 255 | 29 | on | in |
| 258 | 1 | are given | given |
| 262 | 16 | of | as |
| $\stackrel{\square}{9}$ | 11 | Exacuum | Exacum |
| 265 | 38 | for varicty | for a varsety |
| 273 | 8 | Myrsince | Onit the word |
| 276 | 8 | gurat | guvat |
| " | 12 | Spicillaria in the cattle | Penicullaria in cattle |
| $\stackrel{38}{ }$ | last 30 | in the cattle on page | in cattle at page |
| 286 | 42 | over the doors | over doors |
|  | 48 | Eloecarpus | Elsocarpus |
| 292 | 19 | gometti | gametta |
| " | 20 | idol of cobra | Idol of a colia |
| " | 21 | his | ite. |

