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SUPPLEMENT

RATTRAY'S BOTANICAL CHART,

THE CRYPTOGAMOUS PLANTS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A BRIEF Outline of the Natural Systematic arrangement given by Sir WILLIAM JACKSON HOOKER, in his splendid Work on the Cryptogamous Plants of Great Britain; in which it is made evident, that the clear and comprehensive mind of Linnaeus, so fitted for distribution, definition, and denomination, had never been warmly engaged, or its energies properly called forth, to the Flowerless Plants, which compose his Class Cryptogamia, otherwise he would not have left such scope for improvement to his successors.—This Class is divided into 7 Orders, 17 Families, 3 Sub-Orders, several Sections, Sub-Sections, and Divisions.

ORDER I.  
FILICES, OR THE FERNS.

This Order contains 26 genera, thrown into one prime, and 3 sub-orders, from the figure, situation, and arrangement of the parts of fructification, and from the natural structure, habit, or part of the plants.

The prime order Filices (or true Ferns) contains 16 genera, separated into 2 sections, from the structure of the Capsule, its mode of opening, the presence or absence of an elastic ring, and the shape of the setae (or clusters) found on the back of the leaf or frond, or on its margin, and sometimes on a racemose or spike. Example of the 1st Section, Polypodium; of the 2d, Osmunda.

Sub-Order I. Lycopodiaceae.—Character, Fructification among the leaves. Capsule sessile, with 2 or 3 valves, without a ring; contains only one genus, Lycopodium.

Sub-Order II. Marsiliaceae.—Character, Fructification, situated near the root of the plant in Capsules, inclosed by involucre, with a ring; contains 2 genera, Isoetes and Filularia.

Sub-Order III. Equisetaceae.—Character, Fructification in an amentum or terminal spike, formed of many-sided peltate scales, under which are numerous globular Capsules, with 4 club-shaped filaments, covered by from 4 to 7 Bractes, opening lengthways; stems jointed, sheathed, and leafless; bractes, if present, in whorls; has one genus, Equisetum.

ORDER II.  
MUSCI, OR THE MOSSES.

This Order contains 31 genera of plants, very diminutive in size, but of the most varied and beautiful structure, and they serve many wise purposes in the economy of Nature. Their reproductive organs are generally Monocious; the anthers are found among the leaves, and the spores (or seeds) in Thecae (or capsules) on peduncles termed setae, furnished with an operculum (or lid) and a Calyptra or veil. The genera are thrown into sections, Sub-Sections, and Divisions. The Sections are 2, and formed from the setae, being terminal or lateral. The Sub-Sections depend upon the operculum being adherent or deciduous, and from the presence or absence of a peristoma (or fringe). The Divisions are formed from the peristoma being single or double. This Order is beautifully illustrated by my good friend the ingenious and accurate Mr George Gardner, in his Musci Britannici, or Pocket Herbarium of dried Mosses.

SECTION I.—Character, Setae Terminal, (some species of the genus Dicranum have lateral setae.) Contains 30 genera, divided into 3 Sub-Sections.

Sub-Section I.—Character, Operculum adhering. Contains 2 genera, having their lids fixed to the capsule, without peristoma, 4 valved, or entire. Andrea and Placnum.

Sub-Section II.—Character, Operculum deciduous, capsule without peristome, contains 5 genera, Sphagnum, CEdopodium, Gymnostomum, Anetangium, and Schistonegma.

Sub-Section III.—Character, Operculum deciduous, capsule with a peristoma, contains 23 genera, separated into 2 Divisions, from their peristoma being single or double. In the 2d Division the genera are sub-divided from the cilia, being like distinct teeth, like laciniae, or segments.

SECTION II.—Character, Setae lateral. Contains 9 genera, divided into 2 Sub-Sections, from the capsule being furnished with, or being destitute of, a peristoma.

Sub-Section I.—Character, Capsule destitute of a peristoma. Contains one genus, Hedwigia. Known by its dimidiate Calyptra.

Sub-Section II.—Character, Capsule having a peristoma. Contains 8 genera, separated into 3 divisions, from the peristoma being single or double.

Division I.—Character, Capsule with a single fringe. Has 2 genera, Pterogonium and Leucodon. The first has 16, and the latter 22 teeth in the fringe.

Division II.—Character, Capsule with a double fringe. Contains 6 genera, separated into 2 sub-divisions, from the inner fringe being composed of free or connected cilia.

Sub-Division I.—Character, Cilia of the inner fringe free. Contains 3 genera, Nickertia, Anomodon, and Daltonia.

Sub-Division II.—Character, Cilia of the inner fringe connected by a membrane or by transverse bars. Has 3 genera, Fontinalis, Hookeria, and Hypnum.

ORDER III.  
HEPATICE, OR LIVERWORTS.

This Order contains 6 genera of very small plants, mostly Frondose, seldom leaf-bearing, if so, the leaves are not severed, but Gemmae are found on different parts of the leaves and Fronds. They (with the exception of 1 or 2 genera), like the common Mosses, on the application of moisture, after being dried for a length of time, will speedily revive.

The genera are distinguishable into 2 divisions, being with or without a Calyptra to their capsules, which are either 2 or 4 valved, sometimes with many openings at the top; seeds numerous among spiral filaments, without a lid; or somewhat round bodies, filled with very minute granulations, which pass out by a small opening at the top. The names of the genera are, The Riccia, Sphaerocarpos, Anthoceros, Targionia, Marcenaria, and Jergermania.

ORDER IV.  
LICHENES.

This Order contains a very extensive and intricate tribe of plants, which are the first among vegetable productions to clothe the bare rocks and stones with a soil suited to support the more highly organised plants. Some of them are used in the Arts, and others in Medicine, as the Cetraria Islandica, used in coughs and pectoral affections, consumption, &c.; and when, by maceration in water, the bitter and cathartic principle is extracted, after being dried it is powdered, and baked into bread, or boiled with milk into an agreeable nutritious article of diet; as the poorer inhabitants of Iceland and Norway eat it as a luxury, and gratefully pour out their thankfulness to a bountiful Providence, which sends them bread out of the very stones. While the Cladonia rangiferina (or Lichen rangiferinus of Linnaeus) grows in soils and situations in abundance where no other vegetable will live; and by forming the principal article of support for the Reindeer during the long winter of Lapland, it renders that country habitable to the human species.—This numerous tribe of plants vary much in shape, soil, and situation, growing on

the ground, on rocks, on stones, on living trees, or on dead timber. In consistency they are coriaceous, membranaceous, filamentous, or like fine powder. Some of them lie flat on the soil, and are variously lobed, while others are curiously branched, and erect themselves like little shrubs. They are generally furnished with a Thallus, crust, or Frond (universal receptacles), in which an indeterminate mass of spores, knobs, spangles, puffs, lenticles, &c., are found in tubes or Thecae.

There are 39 genera in this Order, formed into 17 distinct Families, from the appearance and consistency of the Thallus, Apothecia, &c.—Pseudo Fungi.

FAMILY I.—Bacomyces, Thallus crustaceous, Apothecia stipitate.

FAM. II.—Calcioides, Apothecia shaped like a goblet.

FAM. III.—Graphidies, Apothecia sessile and linear.

FAM. IV.—Yerucaries, Apothecia half round, tubercle with a nucleus. (True Lichens)

FAM. V.—Lipararies, Apothecia, naked spores.

FAM. VI.—Variolaries, depressed or hollow shields.

FAM. VII.—Lecanories, Apothecia sitting, with a border and disk.

FAM. VIII.—Squamaries, Thallus somewhat leafy, scales connected more or less together, Apothecia sitting with a disk and border.

FAM. IX.—Parmulaceae, Thallus slightly attached by a small base, or by fibres.

FAM. X.—Collemales, Thallus moist, or in a gelatinous state, Apothecia shield-like.

FAM. XI.—Peltigereae, Thallus somewhat like the human nail, without or with a very slight border.

FAM. XII.—Umilicaries, Thallus attached by its centre, somewhat round.

FAM. XIII.—Ramilicariae, Thallus compressed and jagged, Apothecia shield-shaped.

FAM. XIV.—Usneae, Thallus with a thread in the centre, slightly compressed occasionally.

FAM. XV.—Cornicularies, Thallus without a thread in the centre, slightly compressed occasionally.

FAM. XVI.—Sphaerophoreae, Thallus somewhat round, erect, branched, and shrub-like. Apothecia round, and either solid or filled with a black powder.

FAM. XVII.—Cladoniae, Thallus (or Padetia) tubular. Apothecia succulent and round.

ORDER V.  
CHARACEAE.

This Order contains but one genus, viz. Chara, which has about 8 species of submersed, leafless, aquatic plants, formed of straight tubes, transparent, or covered with the carbonate of lime, having verticillate branches. These plants have never been applied to any purpose, and regarding their properties there is nothing ascertained. Sir J. Edward Smith, and several others, place this genus in Monandria Monogynia.

ORDER VI.  
ALGAE, OR SEA WEEDS.

This Order contains few or none but aquatic plants, singular in their figure and texture, and considered by some as the lowest on the scale of vegetable beings; yet they approximate so closely to some of the less perfectly organised animals, as to render it difficult to draw the line of distinction between them. The Fucus, Ulva, and Conferva of Linnaeus, embrace nearly all the numerous genera into which this Order is now separated by Woodward, Agardh, Lamouroux, and particularly by Dr Groville of Edinburgh, by whose devotional attachment, close attention, and invaluable labours, most steady light has been thrown upon this abstruse part of Botany. There are 112 genera, and 507 species enumerated in this Order, separated into 4 divisions, and grouped into 25 tribes.

Division I.—Inarticulate. Char. Leafy, thread-like plants, without joints. Contains 55 genera, arranged into 13 tribes, from their colour, structure, vesicles, fructification, &c.

Division II.—Confervoides. Char. Plants jointed, or seemingly so, without gelatine. Contains 29 genera, arranged into 4 tribes, from their colour being olive, green, red, brown, or purple—from their fructification being Monocious or Dioecious, undivided, in granular masses, or separated by transverse septa into round or lenticular spores. Some of them related to the Fungi, composed of filaments with capsules—growing in the sea, in fresh water, on land, or on rotten wood.

Division III.—Gloiocladidae. Char. Plants composed of globules or filaments, covered with distinct gelatinous matter. Contains 12 genera, arranged into 3 tribes, from the Plants being thread-form, or globular, jointed or branched, gelatinous or fleshy, in salt or fresh water.

Division IV.—Diatomaceae. Char. Very minute Plants, formed of variously shaped granules, flat, or compressed in circles or in parallel lines, embedded in mucous or gelatinous, ending in distinct segments—in salt or fresh water—generally found floating in masses, combined with other aquatic Plants.

There are several species of the Algae eaten, and considered as delicacies. At certain seasons of the year, cattle feeding on the sea coast browse on them with greediness. Iodine, Kelp, and a substitute for isinglass is obtained from some of them; while others of them have obtained a place in our pharmacopaeias for their vermifuge properties.

ORDER VII.  
FUNGI, OR THE MUSHROOM TRIBES.

This Order consists of Plants formed of cellular and fibrous matter, differing considerably in figure, texture, and duration. Most frequently soft, spongy, and moist of short duration; others are hard, coriaceous, or cortical, and last for years. Some of them possess, and others are destitute of, a central nucleus of gelatinous matter, while some are dry and powdery. They grow from decaying and decayed organised bodies; immersion in water prevents their reproductive spordia ripening to perfection. Their spordia are found in some externally, in others internally, naked, or in cells, requiring frequently the concurrence of many of them to produce a single individual. Their qualities are extremely various, some of them being used, and much lauded as articles of food; others are alleged to possess valuable medicinal properties; while the greater number of them are indigestible, and poisonous to the human species, and truly destructive to timber, fruit-trees, and corn fields, by the dry-rot, &c. Some of them give out hydrogen, others carbonic acid gas, and inhale oxygen. In the great scale of Nature they apparently perform an important purpose, by facilitating the decomposition of dead organised matter. The Rev. M. T. Berkeley has enumerated and described upwards of 3000 species, and arranged them into 4 Sub-Orders, 22 Tribes, and 154 Genera, three of which genera, the Agaricus, Peziza, and Spharia, are divided into 77 Sub-Genera, embracing about 539 species.

Sub-Order I.—Hymenomyces. Char. Hymenium, naked. Contains 46 genera, arranged into 6 Tribes, from the figure and direction of the receptacle, and from the Hymenium being superior or inferior. Names of the Tribes, Pellati, Clavati, Mitrati, Cupulati, Tremellini, Sclerotiaei.

Sub-Order II.—Gasteromyces. Char. Hymenium, contained in a utriform bag. Contains 59 genera, arranged into 5 Tribes, from the receptacle being distinct or confluent with the uterus, with arrangement of the spordia, or from the capsules being single or double—from the texture being vesiculose or floccose, and from the capsule being scarcely distinct from the nucleus, &c. The names of the Tribes, Angiogastres, Phymomyces, Trichosporii, Trichodermaceae, and Pyrenomyces.

Sub-Order III.—Hyphomyces. Char. Spordia on distinct naked threads, or joined in a common trunk. Contains 33 genera, arranged into 5 Tribes, from the nature of the spordia, their size, situation, and manner of support—from the spordia being on threads, horizontal or perpendicular, in tubes or septae, or being without any distinct filaments bearing the spordia. The names of the Tribes, Cephalotrichi, Mucorini, Dematii, Mucedines, and Sepsidini.

Sub-Order IV.—Coniomyces. Char. Spordia naked, within the utriform bag, or under the outer bark of Plants. Contains 16 genera, arranged into 4 Tribes, from their spordia being glued together into a disc, or into a nucleus, or chained in filaments, unattached, or stipitate; mostly under the cuticle of plants. The names of the Tribes are Tubercularini, Stilbospori, Spordiesmii, and Hypodermi.

# A BOTANICAL CHARTER OR CONCISE INTRODUCTION TO THE LINNEAN SYSTEM OF BOTANY.

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**PLANTS**—that science which teaches us to distinguish one Plant from another, and to classify them according to their natural affinities or obvious characters; and to ascertain the uses of the most important species of them. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

**CLASSIFICATION**—the arrangement of the plants in classes, orders, genera, and species, according to their natural affinities or obvious characters. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

**GENERA**—the first division of the plants into classes, orders, and species, according to their natural affinities or obvious characters. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

**SPECIES**—the smallest division of the plants into classes, orders, and species, according to their natural affinities or obvious characters. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

## ROOTS

The RADIX or Root consists of two parts—the *Caudex* or Stem, and the *Radix* or Small Fibres. It commonly fixes in the earth, and imbeds the principal nourishment of the plant from the soil. The Root of some plants is at the base of the stem, and in others it is at the top. The Root of some plants is at the base of the stem, and in others it is at the top. The Root of some plants is at the base of the stem, and in others it is at the top.

## STEMS

The STEM is the principal trunk of a body, which supports the branches, leaves, &c. of a vegetable; and may be either simple or branched. The Franchises may be placed upright, scattered or close, compound or simple, spreading or drooping, or in any other manner. The Franchises may be placed upright, scattered or close, compound or simple, spreading or drooping, or in any other manner.

## CLASSES

**1. MONANDRIA**—The plants in this class are distinguished by the number of the stamens, which are equal to the number of the pistils. The plants in this class are distinguished by the number of the stamens, which are equal to the number of the pistils.

## ORDERS

**1. Monogynia**—The plants in this order are distinguished by the number of the stamens, which are equal to the number of the pistils. The plants in this order are distinguished by the number of the stamens, which are equal to the number of the pistils.

## INFLORESCENCE

**INFLORESCENCE**—the particular mode of the arrangement of the flowers of a plant. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

## LEAVES

The **LEAF** or *Folium* is the expanded part of the stem, which is the seat of the assimilating power of the plant. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

## FRUIT

The **FRUIT** or *Fructus* is the part of the plant which contains the seeds. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

## SEEDS

The **SEED** or *Semen* is the part of the plant which contains the embryo. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

## REPRODUCTION

**REPRODUCTION**—the process by which a new plant is produced from a seed. It is a branch of Natural History, and is distinguished from the study of the uses of the most important species of them.

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