

Hymenomyces Britannicus by the  
Rev John Stevenson with illustrations in two  
volumes. Vol I Agaricus & Polyporus.  
William Blackwood and Sons Edinburgh & London  
1856. p.p. 372.

The first volume of Mr Stevenson's book  
has at last appeared and will be  
received of the British Student of Mycology as  
a boon - ~~for~~ inasmuch as hitherto to  
the description of our Hymenomyces  
have been scattered without order in  
various publications - The main idea of this  
work undoubtedly is to give the English  
speaking Student of fungi in his own language  
an accurate translation - or rather "an inter-  
pretation of the mind" of Fries" with this  
object Mr Stevenson has availed himself of  
the description in the Hymenomyces Europaei  
as a basis and has incorporated with these  
not only the fuller details given in the  
Monographia but also whatever information  
is contained in the smaller works of Fries

as well as in the letter press of the "Icones"  
The collation of this for the 300 species Caribaeae  
in the present volume has been for me  
a trivial work and W. Stevens is to be  
congratulated upon the success of his attempt.  
The ~~descript~~ books printed in plain type and is  
well got up on every respect. The method  
adopted in printing the description is such  
as to render them available not only as  
descriptions but also for diagnostic purposes.  
For example.

411. *Salicinus* Poir *Pileus* 2.5 cent. (1 in.)  
and more broad, bluish grey then cinereous,  
slightly fleshy convex then plane, somewhat  
umbonate. Smooth but floccoso-rufulose and  
darker at the disc. Stem 2.5-5 cent. (1-2 in.)  
long. 2 m.m. (1 line) or a little more thick  
stuffed equal filicellae fragile white-azure blue, or  
sometimes becoming green Silly see rose coloured



== = heavy Rom.  
- = italics.

name - Salix willow

The illustration of the genera and  
subgenera <sup>in nature</sup> as ~~fig.~~ of Mr W. G. Smith  
the measurements are in various  
authors and are all given in Micro-  
mills - ~~noticably~~

The ~~noticably~~ feature in the book is the  
fullness with which the description of the sub-  
genera, and <sup>the</sup> the large subgenera of the  
"Series" are given this is a great im-  
provement upon the scanty manner in  
which they have been treated in our  
previous text book -

Charles B. S. P. Smith

W. King St King, N. Y.

May 23, 1856.

