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sea it had raised. Towards 4 P.M. the land, for which we had been anxiously looking out, viz., the Saddle Islands, loomed through the haze; the ship's course was altered, and in a few hours more we were well into the mouth of the Yang-tsze-Kiang, where we anchored for the night. The wind in the meantime had gone down, but not the sea, the result being heavier rolling than I recollect (even off the Cape). Many things, not having been well secured, got adrift, among others a beer barrel, and all the round shot on the upper deck, which kept moving backwards and forwards all night, so you may have some idea of the noise. Grant's chest of drawers fell over, though well secured, and a small gun on the poop nearly tumbled overboard. I at first could not sleep, from having to hold on to prevent myself being pitched out of my berth, but finding this did not answer, I packed myself tightly in with a mattress, and then slept comfortably, notwithstanding the greater portion of the furniture in the cabin being on the move. Next morning we got under weigh and steamed slowly up the river; we picked up a pilot about 2 P.M., and at 6 anchored at Woosung, 14 miles from Shanghai, in smooth water. The following day being Sunday no work was done, but on Monday we went up the remaining 14 miles to Shanghai, and this brought our trip to a close.

"I have just finished poisoning my Japanese collections."

11. *Results of Botanical Travels in the Region west of the Rocky Mountains during the years 1863 to 1866.* By ROBERT BROWN, Esq., Ph.D.

III. *Notice of new Localities for Plants near Edinburgh.* By IS. BAYLEY BALFOUR, Esq.

Mr Balfour enumerated upwards of thirty species of rare plants which he had met with while botanising in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, growing in localities not hitherto recorded. Some of them, however, were not indigenous, but thoroughly naturalised in the stations where found. These included *Helleborus viridis*, *Erysimum orien-*

tale, *Koniga maritima*, *Geranium nodosum*, *Aster salicifolius*, *Polygonatum multiflorum*, and *Allium paradoxum*. The last-named plant was met with abundantly in the woods at Carlowrie. It had previously been gathered at Arniston and at Binny Crag. Dried specimens of the species referred to were exhibited.

IV. Miscellaneous Communications.

1. Professor Balfour exhibited growing plants of *Ipecacuan* in flower. He stated that the *Ipecacuan* plants which had been long cultivated in the garden had flowered freely, and produced only flowers with long stamens and short styles, while the plants recently sent to the garden from Brazil by Dr Gunning, had within the last few days produced flowers with both short stamens and long styles, and long stamens and short styles.

2. Mr M'Nab placed on the table a collection of interesting plants in flower, amongst them a fine tuft of *Pyxidanthera barbulata*, Mich., from the Blue Mountains of New Hampshire, U.S., sent by Mr Isaac Buchanan, nurseryman, New York; *Fritillaria lanceolata*, Pursh.; *Iris arenaria*, Vahl.; and *Sparaxis Herbertii*, from Herr Max Leichtlin, Carlsruhe, Baden; *Saxifraga Clusii*, *S. Mawiana*, and *S. Wilkommiana*, from Mr George Maw, Benthall Hall, Broseley; *Primula Boveana*, Decaisne, from Messrs Veitch, Chelsea. Flowering specimens were shown of a curious *Crassula*, named *C. pyramidalis*, Lin. fil., and some globular prickly *Euphorbias* recently brought from the Cape of Good Hope by Mrs Taylor.

3. Professor Balfour exhibited a set of plastic models of fungi executed by M. Arnoldi, Gotha.

4. Mr P. Neill Fraser exhibited a growing plant of *Ceterach aureum*, Desv., from Teneriffe.

5. Mr Sadler exhibited flowering specimens of *Cytinus Hypocistis*, sent by Mrs Wright from Cannes, where the plant is parasitical on the roots of species of *Cistus*.