

BIOLOGIA CENTRALI-AMERICANA.

BOTANICA.

PHANEROGAMIA.

DICOTYLEDONES.

POLYPETALÆ.

Series I. THALAMIFLORÆ.

Order I. RANUNCULACEÆ.

Ranunculaceæ, Benth. et Hook. Gen. Plant. i. p. 1.

Genera thirty, species about 540, dispersed over the whole world, but within the tropics almost confined to the mountains. With the exception of the genus *Clematis*, all the members of this order are herbaceous.

Tribe CLEMATIDÆ.

1. CLEMATIS.

Clematis, Linn. Gen. Plant. n. 696; Benth. et Hook. Gen. Plant. i. p. 3.

About 100 species, dispersed over nearly all temperate regions, a few occurring in the tropics. Chiefly woody climbers.

1. ***Clematis acapulcensis***, Hook. et Arn. Bot. Beech. Voy. p. 410.

SOUTH MEXICO (*Parkinson*), Acapulco (*Sinclair*, *Beechey*). Hb. Kew.

2. ***Clematis americana***, Mill. Dict. n. 14; DC. Prodr. i. p. 5.

SOUTH MEXICO, Campeche (*Houston*, *Shakespear*).—EQUATORIAL AMERICA. Hb. Mus. Brit.

Grisebach (Fl. Brit. W. Ind. p. 1) refers both of these to *C. dioica*, L.

3. ***Clematis caripensis***, H. B. K. Nov. Gen. et Sp. v. p. 36.

Clematis caracasana, DC.

SOUTH MEXICO, in thickets near Jalapa and below San Salvador, on the road leading to Jalapa (*Schiede*), Yucatan and Tabasco (*Johnson*, 89); NICARAGUA, Chontales (*Tate*); PANAMA, Volcan of Chiriqui, Veraguas (*Seemann*).—COLOMBIA; TRINIDAD. Hb. Kew.

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