ON NYMPHÆACEÆ.

As already stated, Sir James Smith, in 1808 or 1809, adopted Salisbury's division of *Nymphaca*, but not his nomenclature, retaining the name *Nymphaca* for Salisbury's *Castalia*, and giving the new name *Nuphar* to the yellow-flowered species.

In his paper in the Journal of Botany, Mr. Britten has revised the gener (*Castalia*, Salisb., and *Nymphaca*, Salisb., and given a Synopsis of the "correct nomenclature" of the Salisbury species, noticing the difficulty in regard to Salisbury's *Castalia mystica*, on account of its including three plants, which Mr. Britten assorted as follows :—

C. mystica, Salisb.(the Egyptian and African N. Lotus.) C. sacra, Salisb. in Paradisus, (the Indian, N. Lotus.) C. thermalis, Britten (the Hungarian, C. mystica.)

Prof. Greene followed up Mr. Britten's reädjustment of the Castalias (Torrey Bulletin, March, 1888, XV, p. 84), by renaming several North American species that the latter had not taken up, as follows:—

Nuphar polysepalum, Engelm	. = Nymphæa polysepala, Greene.
N. rubrodiscum, Morong.	= Nym. rubrodisca, Greene.
Nymphæa tuberosa, Puine.	= Castalia tuberosa, Greene.
N. flava, Leitner.	= C. flava, Greene.
N. elegans, Hooker.	= C. elegans, Greene.

Not being aware that the proper specific names of *Castalia alba* and *odorata* had been reëstablished by Woodville and Wood, Prof. Greene also proposed the reinstating of these specific names under the new generic term, in correction of Salisbury's "wrong-doing" in changing them respectively to *speciosa* and *pudica*.

THE GENUS Castalia, Salisbury.

The points at issue having been indicated, and mention made of the work of Prof. Greene and Mr. Britten in reviving Mr. Salisbury's neglected generic names, and revising the specific nomenclature accordingly, it is desirable here to give some history of the genus *Castalia*, and of its species, that have so long stood under the generic name *Nymphica*.

The following table will show the equivalence of the generic name Nymphica as used successively by leading systematists. The Nymphica of Tournefort, Jussien, and Willdenow, included the Castalia and Nymphica of Salisbury; Nymphica of Linneus, and Hunberg, included Castalia, Salisbury, Nymphica, Salisbury, and Netumbo, Tournefort, which last was called Cyanus by Smith and Salisbury; Nymphica of Smith, and of Bentham & Hooker, is equivalent to Castalia, Salisbury; Nymphica, Salisbury, Greene, and Britten, is equivalent to Nuphar, Smith :--

Nymphæa,	Tournefort,	1700)	(Cautalia Saliahumu 1805
	Jussieu,		=	(Castalia, <i>Salisbury</i> , 1805. Nymphæa, ""
	Willdenow,	1799)	(Rympheca,

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