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## OPEN LETTERS.

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### Flora of St. Croix.

I HAVE, quite by chance, just come across *The flora of the island of St. Croix*, published by C. F. Millspaugh in the Feld Columbian Museum Bot. Series, Vol. I, no. 7, which was issued at the end of last year. In Mr. Millspaugh's work no notice whatever is taken of the species published by Mr. Paulsen and the writer in a floristic appendix to our work "Om Vegetationen paa de dansk-vestindiske Öer;" though Mr. Millspaugh in his introduction gives a complete translation of the lines from Urban's "Bibliographia" dealing with our work: "In a floristic appendix six phanerogams new to the Danish islands and Rostrup's fungi and lichens are listed."

We are thus led to believe that the author has not taken the trouble to read our paper.<sup>1</sup> Nor has he apparently made himself acquainted with the additions to Urban's "Bibliographia," which occur in later numbers of the *Symbolae Antillanae*. The result is that none of the species of phanerogams, fungi, and lichens published by us have been included. The author also gives a short list of algae, containing, according to his typography, species new to the island. But hardly any of them are really new, as almost all of them, and several others, are mentioned in my short paper, "A contribution to the knowledge of the marine algal vegetation of the coasts of the Danish West-Indian islands." I have, moreover, distributed some St. Croix algae in Wittrock and Nordstedt's *exsiccatae*, and in *Phycotheca Amer.-bor.*

It is of course of great interest to have the new finds in St. Croix published, but this could have been done as an appendix to the flora of the islands. But when Mr. Millspaugh sets out to give a complete list, we are justified in expecting that everything published regarding the flora of the islands will be included.—F. BÖRGESSEN.

It is distinctly stated on page 459 of the publication referred to that it *only* includes the work of the Rickseckers, checked by the only published general list of the island flora, viz., Eggers's. It was not the intention to include scattered lists. All of Urban's publications which were available up to the date of sending in copy were made use of.—C. F. MILLSPAUGH.

<sup>1</sup> Bot. Tidskrift, 1898, and Revue Gén. Bot., 1900.