FLORA OF NEW ZEALAND.

Fungi.

containing eight globose sporidia, with a single large nucleus in each.—A curious species, resembling in its fructification *P. sphæroplea*. Its nearest allies are such species as *P. rutilans.*—PLATE CV. Fig. 8. *a*. Ascus of *Peziza* endocarpoides, Berk., with its sporidia magnified. *b*. Single sporidium, magnified 250 diameters.

3. Peziza *rhytidia*, Berk.; fuliginea, cupula subsessili hemisphærica incisa extus subtiliter innatofibrillosa undato-rugosa, carne olivacea, hymenio polito, sporidiis oblongo-ellipticis. (TAB. CV. Fig. 6.) HAB. On the ground, Bay of Islands, J. D. H. Banks of Kawatau in the interior, Colenso.

An inch or more in diameter, fuliginous. Cup subhemispherical, nearly sessile, deeply incised; margin narrow, inflected; external coat distinctly wrinkled, consisting of netted, brownish, innate fibres, to which succeeds a greenish stratum consisting of delicate threads, then a more compact layer, to which finally succeeds a thin paler stratum, from which the elongated asci and slender paraphyses immediately spring, the whole somewhat resembling the section given by Persoon of *P. purpurascens*, in 'Mycologia Europæa.' Sporidia oblong, elliptic, subcymbiform, $\frac{1}{1250}$ of an inch long.—Allied to *P. fuliginea* and *P. purpurescens*, but artificially referable to the subgenus *Encælia*, on account of its innate fibrous outer coat; besides which it is evidently rather tough when fresh. It is fixed to the ground by a few dark penetrating threads. It may be observed that *P. craterium*, Schweinitz, to which it has some apparent affinity, differs in the structure of the hymenium.—PLATE CV. Fig. 6. *a, a. Peziza rhytidia*, Berk., *natural size*. *b*. Section, *slightly magnified*. *c*. Portion of outer coat, *more highly magnified*. *d*. Asci and paraphyses. *e*. Sporidium, *magnified* 250 diameters.

* Peziza campylospora, Berk.; fuliginea, cupula breviter stipitata obliqua extus rugosa subtiliter fibrillosa, carne albida, sporidiis majoribus oblongis curvatis.

HAB. On decayed wood, Colenso.

Cup above an inch across, oblique, lobed, wrinkled externally, and clothed with inconspicuous myceloid flocci. Stem short, wrinkled. Hymenium fuliginous, like the cup tinged with vinous-red; substance nearly white, composed of intricate threads. Asci linear. Sporidia oblong, strongly curved, $\frac{1}{750}$ of an inch long; paraphyses slender, very slightly incrassated above.—Allied to the last, but distinguished at once by the larger curved sporidia, its different habitat, etc.

4. Peziza stercorea, Fr. Syst. v. 2. p. 87.

HAB. On horse-dung, Colenso.

5. Peziza Kerguelensis, Berk. in Hook. Ant. Voy. Crypt. p. 145. t. 164. f. 3.

HAB. On the ground, Bay of Islands, J. D. H.

The specimens differ from those from Kerguelen's Land in their shorter, inarticulate hairs, but I see no other distinction. In both the sporidia are broadly elliptic.

6. Peziza calycina, Fr. Syst. v. 2. p. 91.

HAB. On dead twigs of Dacrydium Colensoi, Sinclair.

7. Peziza *Colensoi*, Berk.; pallide alutacea, cupula infundibuliformi breviter stipitata basi plicata sursum margine inflexo subtiliter tomentosa. (TAB. CV. Fig. 5.)

HAB. On dead sticks, near the River Manawatu, Colenso.

About one-third of an inch in diameter, pale tan-coloured, infundibuliform, with a short, thick stem, fixed by an orbicular disc, plicate at the base, very minutely downy above and on the margin, but by no means ciliated. *Hymenium* even. Asci nearly equal; paraphyses filiform; sporidia about $\frac{1}{1000}$ of an inch in diameter, oblong, elliptic, or subfusiform; endochrome retracted into from two to four bodies, but not truly septate.—Allied to *P.* Afzelii, with which it agrees in size, but distinguished by the absence of all cilia at the edge.—PLATE CV. Fig. 5. Peziza Colensoi, Berk., natural size. a. Asci and paraphyses, magnified. b. Sporidia, magnified 250 diameters. c. Sporidia, more highly magnified.

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