

SYNOPSIS

This dissertation has been dealt with a total of 50 species including 2 varieties distributed over 41 genera under 31 families from the collected material at Darjeeling forest and tea soils. A new subgenus has been proposed and 19 species are considered here as new to science. Accounts of two new species have been published. 5 families, 14 genera, 19 species and 2 varieties are recorded here for the first time from India. 30 genera and 28 species are reported here for the first time from Darjeeling, India.

The histories of the families and genera have been dealt with briefly. Wherever necessary running keys for the genera and species have been given. Generic diagnosis have been provided also besides illustrations of new species. Data concerning distribution of a genus and species have been incorporated. Collection data for the species have been provided. Suitable remarks have been incorporated also under genera and/or species wherever necessary. Diagnostic features and type-localities have been given priority for naming the new taxa in major cases.