

## NOTE ON SOME FOREIGN GRASSES.

The cultivated sorghums and their allies have been included in the genus *Andropogon* or have been segregated as a distinct genus under the name *Sorghum* of Persoon. The group appears to be of generic rank but under the method of establishing type species for genera, the name for the group should be *Holcus* instead of *Sorghum*. The type species of Linnæus' genus *Holcus* is evidently his *Holcus sorghum*,\* consequently this name should be retained for the group which contains *Holcus sorghum*, if this group be recognized as distinct from *Andropogon*.

Under the title "*Andropogon halepensis* and *Andropogon sorghum*," Piper † has recently discussed these species and has described several new subspecies. The specimens submitted by the Office of Seed and Plant Introduction belong to the following subspecies as recognized under *Holcus*:

HOLCUS HALEPENSIS L., including the awnless form (*Andropogon halepensis anatherus* Piper).

HOLCUS HALEPENSIS MILIFORMIS (Schult.).

*Andropogon miliformis* Schult.

HOLCUS HALEPENSIS PROPINQUUS (Kunth).

*Andropogon propinquus* Kunth.

HOLCUS SORGHUM L.

HOLCUS SORGHUM EXIGUUS (Forsk.).

*Holcus exiguus* Forsk.

HOLCUS SORGHUM SUDANENSIS (Piper).

*Andropogon sorghum sudanensis* Piper.

HOLCUS SORGHUM EFFUSUS (Hack.).

*Andropogon sorghum effusus* Hack.

HOLCUS SORGHUM VERTICILLIFLORUS (Steud.).

*Andropogon verticilliflorus* Steud.

HOLCUS SORGHUM HEWISONI (Piper).

*Andropogon sorghum hewisoni* Piper.

HOLCUS SORGHUM DRUMMONDII (Nees).

*Andropogon drummondii* Nees.

Other specimens submitted for identification belong to species that have not been published under the generic names now used. These are:

ALLOTEROPSIS ECKLONIANA (Nees). South Africa.

*Bluffia eckloniana* Nees, Delect. Sem. Hort. Hamburg 8. 1834.

CHAETOCHELOA AUREA (Hochst.). South Africa.

*Setaria aurea* Hochst.; A. Br. Flora 44: 276. 1841.

CHAETOCHELOA LACHNEA (Nees). Brazil.

*Panicum lachneum* Nees, Agrost. Bras. 248. 1829.

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\* See Contr. U. S. Nat. Herb. 12: 195. 1909.

† Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington 28: 25. 1915. Synonymy and citations are given.