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YELLOW-FLOWERED BEGONIA.

Begoniaceæ.—Monœcia-Polandria.

CHARAC. GENER.—Flores monoici. MASC. Perigonii tetraphylli foliolis subrotundis, 4 exterioribus majoribus. Stamina plurima; filamentis brevissimis liberis v. basi-connatis, antheris extrorsis bilocularibus, loculis linearibus discretis, connectivi continui obtusi margini adnatis longitudinaliter dehiscentibus. FEM. Perigonii tubo triptero cum ovario connate, limbi superi 4-9-partiti persistentis lobis pluriseriatim imbricatis. Ovarium interum triloculare. Ovula in placentis e loculorum angulo centrali bilamellatis plurima anatropa. Styli 3 bifidi stigmatibus crassis flexuosis v. capitatis. Capsula membranaceo-trilobata trilocularis loculicide trivalvis. Semina plurima minima striata. Embryo in axi albuminis carnosus orthotropus.

Herbæ in Asia et America tropica indigenæ, foliis alternis petiolatis integris v. palmatilobis basi saepe cordatis inæquilateris integerrimis dentatis v. mucronatoserratis stipulis lateralibus membranaceis deciduis, cymis axillaribus pedunculatis dichotomis floribus albis roseis v. rubicundis.

CHARACT. SPECIF.—B. acaulis