

quite temperate regions. One species, the common one, occurs in the Mediterranean region; two or three inhabit South Africa; but in Chili there is none. Indeed, the genus scarcely extends south of the tropics in South America, and in North America the northern limit is in South Florida, where three species have been gathered. There is also a considerable number of species in Polynesia, but they mostly inhabit the groups of islands nearest to the Indian Archipelago, only two species, *Ficus tinctoria* and *Ficus prolixa*, reaching the Society Islands, and none apparently the Marquesas. Nor is the genus represented by any indigenous species in the Sandwich Islands or Galapagos; yet a very interesting collection of plants from some of the most remote of the Pacific Islands, presented to the Kew Herbarium in 1882 by J. S. Arundel, Esq., contains a specimen of a species of *Ficus* from Fanning, a small island in the North Pacific in about the same longitude as the centre of the Sandwich Islands, but only about 4° 50' north of the equator. The specimens are merely barren shoots, but there is no doubt about the genus; and it is noted that they were taken from a tree which "grows about 100 feet high, and resembles a banyan." Finally, there are between thirty and forty species, known from Australia chiefly from within the tropics, and none extending to Victoria, South or West Australia. In addition to those enumerated below, there are at least half a dozen undetermined species in the collections from the South-eastern Moluccas.

***Ficus retusa*, Linn.**

*Ficus retusa*, Linn., Benth., Fl. Austr., vi. p. 166; Miq. in Ann. Mus. Lugd. Bat., iii. p. 267.

*Urostigma retusum*, Miq., et *Urostigma nitidum*, Miq., Fl. Ind. Bat., i. 2, p. 345.

ARROU; KI; MOA.—A very common species, ranging from India, South China, and the Philippines, to New Guinea and North-eastern Australia.

***Ficus benjamina*, Linn.**

*Ficus benjamina*, Linn., Mant., p. 129; Benth., Fl. Austr., vi. p. 167.

*Urostigma benjaminum*, Miq., Fl. Ind. Bat., i. 2, p. 346.

*Ficus neglecta*, Dene., Herb. Timor. Descr., p. 166.

KI; TIMOR LAUT.—Widely dispersed in India and throughout the Archipelago, where, however, it was often planted, according to Miquel. It has also been found in Rockingham Bay, on the coast of Queensland, Australia.

***Ficus quercifolia*, Roxb.**

*Ficus quercifolia*, Roxb., Fl. Ind., iii. p. 534; Miq., Fl. Ind. Bat., i. 2, p. 297.

ARROU.—This species was founded upon specimens cultivated in the Calcutta Botanic Garden, and obtained from Bencoolen in Sumatra. It has since been collected in Moulmein, by T. Lobb; and Miquel doubtfully records it from Java.