

tropics of both hemispheres, many of them being littoral plants. *Crinum asiaticum* is naturalised in the Mauritius. By an oversight this is omitted in the enumeration of the plants from the South-eastern Moluccas, though, according to Moseley, it was abundant on the shores of the Arrou Islands.

## TACCACEÆ.

*Tacca pinnatifida*, Forst.

*Tacca pinnatifida*, Forst., Char. Gen. Plant., p. 70, t. 35, et Pl. Escul. Ins. Oceani Austr., p. 59, excl. syn. Rumphii, *vide* Seem., Fl. Vit., p. 102; Benth., Fl. Austr., vi. p. 458; Nadeaud, Enum. Pl. Tahiti, p. 35; Jouan in Mém. Soc. Sci. Nat. Cherbourg, xi., 1865, pp. 130 et 145; Mann in Proc. Amer. Acad., vii. p. 205.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS.—Tropical Asia, Africa, and Australia, and common almost throughout Polynesia, where it grows both wild and cultivated. According to Seemann it is a common seashore plant in the Fijis. Jouan states that it is comparatively rare in the Marquesas, and he suspects that it is a colonist.

## PALMÆ.

*Cocos nucifera*, Linn.

*Cocos nucifera*, Linn.; Seem., Fl. Vit., p. 275; Benth., Fl. Austr., vii. p. 143; Nadeaud, Enum. Pl. Tahiti, p. 40; Jouan in Mém. Soc. Sci. Nat. Cherbourg, xi., 1865, pp. 127, 136, et 147; Mann in Proc. Amer. Acad., vii. p. 204.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS.—Now very widely spread in tropical regions, especially in maritime districts. See remarks on p. 203. Mr Moseley (Journ. Linn. Soc. Lond., xv. p. 78) states that he saw altogether five species of palm in the Admiralty Islands; namely, the cocoa-nut, the sago, a species of *Areca*, a *Caryota*, and a small fan palm. No Rattan (*Calamus*) was seen growing, but rattan cables were used by the islanders. *Nipa* does not appear to reach these islands, but Dr Guppy has lately collected it in the Solomon Islands.

## PANDANEÆ.

*Pandanus* spp., Moseley.

*Pandanus* spp., Moseley in Journ. Linn. Soc. Lond., xv. pp. 76 et 79.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS.—The smallest fragment is usually sufficient to indicate the genus *Pandanus*, but the full material necessary to define the species is wanting in our botanical collections for a large number of them. Mr Moseley observed three species of *Pandanus* in the Admiralty Islands, and he collected specimens of two, one of them quite a miniature and probably undescribed. He further states (*loc. cit.*, p. 79), that the three species met with are identical with the three found in the Arrou Islands.