

that it was mixed with mud for plastering instead of hair. The common form in St Helena is the variety *savii*; but there is a proliferous condition (Burchell's 14) which we have referred to this species, and which is very common in the island, that may be an exceedingly slender state of *Scirpus proliferus* or some other species. Melliss states that it is very abundant, covering all the streams and moist parts of the island.

**Scirpus nodosus, Rottb.**

*Scirpus nodosus*, Rottb., Descr. et Ic. Pl., p. 52, t. 8, fig. 3; Benth., Fl. Austr., vii. p. 331; Bœckl. in Linnæa, xxxvi. p. 718.

*Isolepis nodosa*, R. Br., Prodr. Fl. N. Holl., p. 221; Kunth, Enum., ii. p. 199; Hook. f., Fl. Tasm., ii. p. 87; Rich., Voy. de l'Astrolabe, t. 18.

*Fimbristylis textilis*, Roxb. in Beatson's St Helena Tracts, p. 309; Melliss, St Hel., p. 343.

*Isolepis holoschænus*, Melliss, St Hel., p. 343, non Rœmer et Schultes.

ST HELENA.—Indigenous. In dry pastures and other places—*Burchell*; without special localities—*Masson* and *Robertson*, in Brit. Mus.

Australia, New Zealand, St Paul Island, South Africa, and extra-tropical South America.

From Roxburgh's description and other evidence there can be no doubt that his *Fimbristylis textilis* is *Scirpus nodosus*. Although one of the commoner plants in the island, few travellers have collected specimens, and in Kew Herbarium there is only one sheet, collected by Burchell. It is, or was, extensively used for thatching. Roxburgh states that it grew in the interior of the island in plenty for every purpose, and was from three to six feet high. Burchell gives the height as two to three feet. According to Melliss, it still grows abundantly on the semibarren outskirts of the island, at altitudes of 100 to 1500 feet, and at Peak Hill, Man and Horse, and Horse Pasture.

**Carex æquabilis, Boott.**

*Carex æquabilis*, Boott, Carices, i. p. 66, t. 178.

*Carex longifolia*, Burchell MS. in herb. D. Turner, nunc herb. Kew, non alior.

ST HELENA.—Endemic. On and under High Peak—*Burchell*, 20.

**Carex præalta, Boott.**

*Carex præalta*, Boott, Carices, i. p. 66, tt. 179 et 180; Melliss, St Hel., p. 342, t. 53.

*Carex pedunculata*, Willd. [Muhlenb.] ex Roxb. in Beatson's St Helena Tracts, p. 302, sed omnino differt.

*Carex elata*, Burchell MS. in herb. D. Turner (nunc herb. Kew.)

ST HELENA.—Endemic. Diana's Peak—*Burchell*, 19; on the summit of Diana's Peak—*Hooker*; along the Central Ridge from Diana's Peak to High Peak, at altitudes of 2500 to 2700 feet—*Melliss*.

There seems to be only one species of *Carex* in the island; but among many good specimens the only one bearing quite ripe nuts is the type specimen of Boott's *Carex*