

Coconuts line a canal in southern Florida. Photo by G. H. M. Lawrence.

princes by the lagoons on the island of Kauai, at night, the full moon shining through graceful leaves, the surf breaking in ceaseless effort on the beach—this is the pulse of life, the quiet life. Then, later, at the open window, in the stillness of night, a coconut falling from high up the tree with a thud to the earth.

Cocos palms are majestic. In Waikiki I stayed in a hotel six stories high and out from the balcony across the street grew Cocos palms, their magnificent crowns still higher than we were. We were almost that high, and felt like kings. Have you ever seen the sun set on the ocean behind a stately row of graceful Cocos palms? If you have not, go—if for no other reason—to Florida, to Hawaii to see it. You have not lived until you do.

Cocos nucifera my favorite? Not quite. Only one of the many, one of all, but a grandiose personification of what we call and what we love under the name of palms. No, all are favorites, they all are the 'first ones.' Don't you remember, it was Linnaeus who wrote: "Palmae sunt principes!"

OTTO MARTENS

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Acanthococos (a can tho có cos), Acanthophoenix (a can tho fée nix), Acanthorrhiza (a can tho rýe za), Acanthosabal (a can tho sáy bahl) are all names derived from the Greek akantha (thorn, prickle) combined with the generic names Cocos, Phoenix, Sabal, or with the Greek rhiza (root). All are armed palms and in Acanthorrhiza (= Cryosophila) the stem is covered with root-spines.

Malortiea (mal or tée a; mal ór tee a) commemorates Ernst von Malortie, Oberhofmarschall to the King of Hannover during the time of Wendland. Manicaria (man i cáre ee a) comes from the Latin manicarius which means "of sleeves or gloves" in reference to the fibrous bracts of the inflorescence.

Ranevea (ra née vee a) was an anagram of the name Ravenea used by L. H. Bailey.

Ravenea (rah ven áy a; rah vée nee a) was named by Bouché for Louis Ravené, an official in Berlin in the nineteenth century and should not be confused with the different Ravenia Vellozo honoring J. F. Ravin, a French professor.

Roystonea (roy stóne ee a) honors General Roy Stone, an American engineer officer "who secured the admiration of the people of Puerto Rico by his fearlessness and conspicuous energy in the Adjuntas road-building campaign whick flanked the line of Spanish defenses. . ." [O. F. Cook, in Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 28:552. 1901].

Schippia (ship ee a) was named after

William A. Schipp, who collected many plants in British Honduras, including Schippia concolor, and who wrote a little book entitled Flora of British Honduras, Stann Creek, 1934, in which many of his collections were listed.

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