plant grown from seed sent to him from Nepal. Three years later, Wallich (Pl. Rar. As. i, 68: 1830) described the species under his own name on his herbarium material, citing *S. nubicola* Sweet as a synonym!

Both species, *S. glutinosa* and *S. nubicola*, are in cultivation in this country, although the more common is *S. glutinosa*. Some recent introductions from Nepal, such as *Stainton, Sykes & Williams* 8134, are representatives of the other species.

A Plant Disease Vade-Mecum (review)*.—For more than a decade the first and second editions of "Dodge & Rickett" have been invaluable sources of information on the diseases and pests of ornamentals. With rapid advance in treatments and the constant appearance of new diseases there was need for revision. This need is met in this revised edition. The layout is the same as before with introductory chapters on plant diseases, outlines of all the organisms responsible and a general treatment of control measures. Then follows the major part of the book where the host plants are arranged alphabetically and, under each, their diseases, with short descriptions of symptoms and control measures. The revision of the text on control measures, with inclusion of information on all the newer insecticides and fungicides, is particularly welcome. The text is copiously illustrated with two hundred and twenty-one figures, mostly reproduced from photographs, which are uniformly excellent and have been carefully chosen to illustrate symptoms difficult to convey in descriptions alone.

While this book, as the authors explain in the preface, is aimed at the gardener and horticulturist, for whom it is admirably suited, it is also a most useful reference book for plant pathologists; but for them its usefulness would be enhanced if it could also give a "lead" to more detailed information under each disease. The American bias of the volume detracts little from its usefulness in Europe which shares most of the hosts and diseases. The overall production of the book is excellent, the change to larger print from the earlier editions has produced a very clear and attractive page which facilitates easy reference.

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* Diseases and Pests of Ornamental Plants, by P. P. Pirone, B. O. Dodge & H. W. Rickett. 3rd edition. New York, Ronald Press Co. 1960. Pp. x + 775, 221 figures. Price: 10 dollars.