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Saccardo proposed the name Magnusia in 1878 (6) to include a eurotiaceous fungus which he called M. nitida. A second species, M. bartletti, was recorded in 1901 by Massee and Salmon (4), and in 1937 Ames added another, M. brachytricha (1). Recently the writer described a fourth species, M. spirotricha (2). Members of the genus are found usually on dung.

Dr. C. R. Benjamin kindly has called the author’s attention to the fact that Magnusia had been used previously by Klotzsch who proposed the name in 1854 (3) for a species of flowering plant, M. maxima, which subsequently was transferred to the genus Begonia.

Nieuwland, in 1916 (5), discovered the prior use of the name Magnusia by Klotzsch and advanced the name Kernia to replace Magnusia Sacc. In accordance with the International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature Magnusia Sacc. must give way to Kernia Nieuw., and the genus may be summarized as follows:


Magnusia nitida Sacc., Michelia 1:123. 1878.

Kernia bartletti (Mass. and Sal.) comb. nov.


Kernia brachytricha (Ames) comb. nov.


Kernia spirotricha (Benjamin) comb. nov.


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