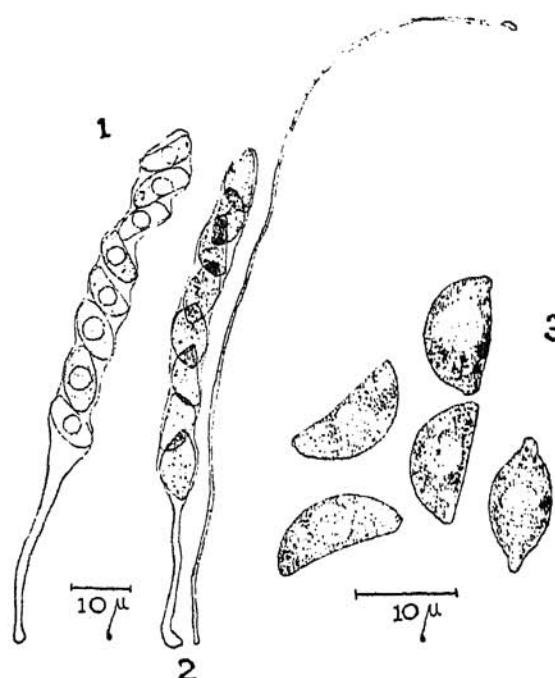


Grevillea, 11 : 130, 1883 ; = *Nummularia urceolata* Rehm., *Phil. J. Sci.*, 8 : 187, 1913) (Figs. 1, 2 and 3).

Stromata rather variable, erumpent, pulvinate, measuring up to 5 mm. in diameter, at first slate-grey in colour, later the stroma turns light brown and gradually to black, carbonous ;



FIGS. 1-3. *Hypoxylon truncatum* (Schw. ex Fr.) Miller var. *pouceanum* (Berk. et Cooke) Miller on dead twigs of coffee. Figs. 1-2. Asci, ascospores and paraphysis. Fig. 3. Ascospores.

HYPPOXYLON TRUNCATUM (SCHW. EX FR.) MILLER VAR. *POUCEANUM* (BERK. ET COOKE) MILLER FROM MYSORE

IN the course of investigations on the 'die back' of coffee in Mysore State, the author, on several occasions, observed a species of *Hypoxylon* growing on the dead twigs of the coffee bush. The same species was also collected on the dead branches of shade trees, particularly species of *Ficus* growing in the coffee estates. We have no knowledge of the pathogenicity of this fungus either on coffee or ancillary shade trees. The following is a brief description of a composite collection assigned to *Hypoxylon truncatum* var. *pouceanum*.

Hypoxylon truncatum (Schw. ex Fr.) Miller var. *pouceanum* (Berk. et Cooke) Miller¹ (= *Hypoxylon pouceanum* Berk. et Cooke,

perithecial elevations very evident, up to 15 perithecia were seen in a group on the stroma, ostiola typically annulate, the disc being mostly 400 μ wide. (300-750) μ , perithecia semi-globose, up to 1 mm. in diameter; cylindric, 60-90 μ by 6-7 μ with a stipe which is about 40 μ long, ascospores eight, diagonally uniseriate, inaequilaterally elliptic with obtuse ends, dark brown 10-15 by 4-5 μ paraphyses numerous filiform.

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