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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. bartlettii*, was recorded in 1901 by Masee 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:

**KERNIA** Nieuwland, Amer. Mid. Nat. 4(9):379. 1916.

*Magnusia* Sacc. (*Michelia* 1:123. 1878\*) *non* *Magnusia* Klotzsch (*Monatsb. Berl. Acad.* (Maerz 1854):125).

**KERNIA NITIDA** (Sacc.) Nieuw., Amer. Mid. Nat. 4(9):379. 1916.

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

**Kernia bartlettii** (Mass. and Sal.) comb. nov.

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**Kernia brachytricha** (Ames) comb. nov.

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**Kernia spirotricha** (Benjamin) comb. nov.

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