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THE RELATIONSHIP OF SOME BACTERIAL PLANT  
PATHOGENS TO THE COLIFORM BACTERIA

(ABSTRACT)

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Cultural and biochemical tests commonly used in the characterization of the coliform bacteria have been applied to 12 species of bacterial plant pathogens including *Bacillus amylovorus*, *B. tracheiphilus*, *B. salicis*, *B. carotovorus*, *B. phytophthorus*, *B. atro-septicus*, *B. aroideae*, *B. melonis*, *B. lathyri*, *B. annas*, *Bacterium dissolvens* and *Bact. stewardii*. These were studies comparatively with type cultures of *Escherichia coli*, *E. freundii*, *Aerobacter aerogenes*, *A. cloacae*, *Proteus vulgaris* and *Serratia marcescens*. Only one species, *Bacterium dissolvens*, was found to belong to the coliform bacteria. On the basis of these studies it should be considered a member of the genus *Aerobacter*. The soft rot bacteria, *Bacillus carotovorus*, *B. phytophthorus*, *B. atro-septicus*, *B. aroideae* and *B. melonis*, while closely related, were found to be distinct from the coliform bacteria in a number of important respects. They appeared to show a remarkably close relationship to *Serratia marcescens*. *Bacillus amylovorus*, *B. tracheiphilus* and *B. salicis* have been previously shown to constitute the genus *Erwinia* and to be only remotely related to the coliform bacteria. On the basis of this study *Bacterium stewardii* appeared to be closely related to the species of *Erwinia*, but its exact relationship is still a matter of doubt. *Bacillus lathyri* and *B. annas* appeared to be more closely related to *Serratia marcescens* than to the coliform bacteria.

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OBSERVATIONS ON THE LEAVES OF ARBORESCENT  
LYCOPODS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIAN ROCKS  
OF IOWA (ABSTRACT)

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In the coal balls of the Des Moines Series (Pennsylvanian System) many arborescent Lycopod leaves are preserved. A number of these have been investigated anatomically in serial nitrocellulose peels and in thin rock sections. The anatomy and abundance are discussed in the paper.

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