

Léon Diguët (1859-1926)

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Cactacées utiles du Mexique.

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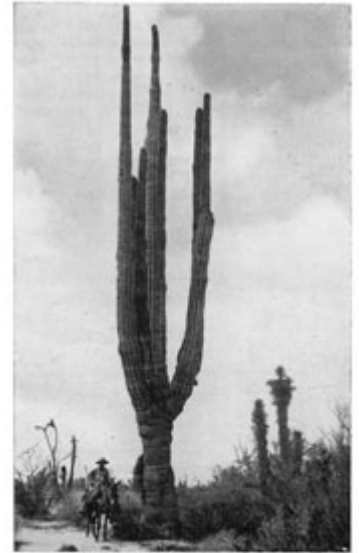


FIG. 1. — *Pachycereus Pringlei* Brit. et Rose.
Spécimen remarquable par sa dimension (18 mètres),
par la rectitude et l'élongation de sa ramification.

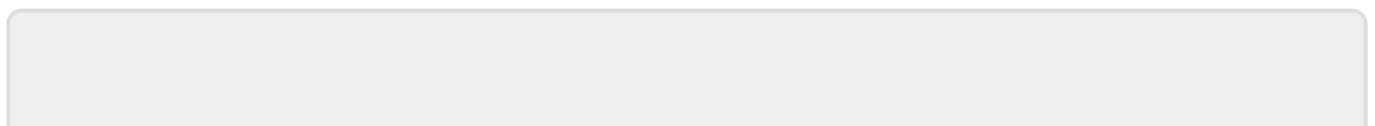
Léon Diguët was a chemical engineer. In 1889 he was sent to Baja California, Mexico, by the french “*Compagnie du Boleo*” who operated a copper mine in Santa Rosalia. It was the occasion for Léon Diguët to start his “second work” devoted to natural sciences, archeology and ethnography. The book was almost ready when Léon Diguët died in 1926. It was published 2 years later with help of Désiré Bois and André Guillaumin both of *Muséum d'histoire naturelle de Paris*.

The book is made of 551 pages and it contains 136 B&W pictures (many full page). The cactus enthusiast will not find classical and arid plant descriptions, but a detailed account concerning the habit in the wild, the variability, the history and the use (food, hedge, fibres, fertilizer, cochenille die...) of the most common (Essentially *Cereus*, *Echinocactus*, *Opuntia*, *Mamillaria*). However, some less common plants (*Lophophora*, *Epithelantha*...) are also dealt with.

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