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TRITERPENOID AND OTHER CONSTITUENTS OF *PYRUS LANATA*

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*Plant. Pyrus lanata.**Occurrence.* Temperate Himalayan region.¹*Uses.* Not known; sister species² have medicinal uses.*Previous work.* On sister species.³⁻⁵

Leaves. Extd with light petroleum, chromatographed over neutral Brockmann alumina: *Myricyl alcohol*, $C_{30}H_{62}O$, m.p. $88^{\circ}(C_6H_6)$ [mixed m.p. of alcohol, acetate and myricyl chloride]. *β -sitosterol*, $C_{29}H_{50}O$, m.p. 137° (MeOH) [mixed m.p., $[\alpha]_D$ of sterol and acetate]. *Friedelin*, $C_{30}H_{50}O$, m.p. $253-255^{\circ}$ (MeOH) [mixed m.p., $[\alpha]_D$ of triterpene and oxime]. Extd with chloroform, the neutral fraction chromatographed over alumina: *β -sitosterol* identified as above.

Bark. Extd with light petroleum, chromatographed over alumina; *β -sitosterol* identified as above. Extd with chloroform, the neutral fraction chromatographed over alumina: *Hexacosanol*, $C_{28}H_{56}O_2$, m.p. $77-78^{\circ}$ (EtOAc) [mixed m.p. of the alcohol and acetate]. *Friedelin*, identified as above.

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