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(29) b. Tu. Apr 20/76 first draft (Pachysandra)  
f Fri Apr 23/76

W.S. Apr 26  
Gray 974 box f.  
s + p in sep.  
fls on same  
plant, in naked (1)  
spikes (1), s flr 4,  
filaments projects  
beyond corolla, anthers  
oblong-linear, p. flr  
awl-shape recurved  
stigmatic down  
whole interior  
inner side.  
Glabrous, procumbent  
matted creeping  
rhizomes, lvs  
coarsely toothed  
narrowed at base  
into a petiole  
Flwrs 1-3 bracted  
upper staminate,  
a few pistillate at  
base, unpleasantly  
scented; sepals greenish  
or purplish, filaments (2)  
white, size + thickness  
= gk name thick <strong?> +  
andros (i.e. stamens) ✓(2)Japanese spurge ? shallow soil / but not  
Taylor 853 P. terminalis herb → sub-shrub ? <runners> stolons (roots  
roots depend from thick? lvs alternate glossy green evergreen esp shaded  
(2) multiple? ground cover w. Claytonia  
(29) old list #57 (chocolate soldiers pack in sand  
pachysandra w. Claytonia #57 q.v. (3) rows  
(30) old list #76 4/13/76 D + V? cf 80 Flowers #11 Heart's ease  
violet blossom

- 1 Naked spikes <spike> chocolaty men white
- 2 lances girls sewing awl <-awl> down <-stem[med?>
- 3 flowers joined in <over> evergreen <saw-edge> leaves <leaf>
- 4 (saw-edge) upsúrge pack in sandy rows <(rows) soil>
- 5 cover ground sun shade a
- 6 term it all is box-leaf
- 7 winterer good blossom East spurge
- 8 and spring beauty gone quick

2nd draft f. Sunday Apr 25/76

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 upsúrge pack in sandy <sandy> rows [sandy
- 5 cove ground sun shade a <the>
- 6
- 7 winterer good <late white> blossom East spurge
- 8 and <when> spring beauty good <goes> quicked



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## Sources

Taylor, *Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening*, **Claytonia**, **Pachysandra**

Gray, *Gray's Manual of Botany*, **Buxàceae** (Box Family) > **Pachysandra** (974)

## Pachysandra

- line 1: **Naked spike chocolaty men white**  
 line 2: **lances girl sewing-awl down stem**  
 line 3: **flowers join over evergreen saw-edge**  
 line 4: **upsúrge pack in sandy rows**  
 line 5: **cover ground sun shade the**  
 line 6: **term it all is box-leaf**  
 line 7: **winterer white blossom East spurge**  
 line 8: **when *spring beauty* goes quicked**

Apr 20-25/76

for W.S. 4/26/76 {William Shakespeare, baptized 26 April 1564, born probably 23 April}

line 1: **Naked spike chocolaty men white**

Gray, **FAM. 94 BUXÀCEAE** (**Box** Family) *Perennial herbs or more often trees of shrubs with simple opposite or alternate usually evergreen leaves, watery juice and small greenish monoecious or dioecious apetalous flowers {...}*.

**1. Pachysáandra** Michx. Flowers monoecious {> Glossary: With stamens and pistils in separate flowers on the same plant}, in naked spikes. Calyx 4-5-parted. Petals none. *Stam. Fl.* Stamens 4, separate; filaments long-exserted {> Glossary: Projecting beyond an envelope, as stamens from a corolla}, thick and flat; anthers oblong-linear. *Pist. Fl.* Styles thick subulate {> Glossary: Awl-shaped}, recurved, stigmatic down their whole inner side. Capsule deeply 3-horned, 3-locular, splitting into 3 at length 2-valved 2-seeded carpels. — Nearly glabrous low and procumbent perennial herbs or subshrubs of N. Am. and e. Asia, with matted creeping rhizomes and alternate ovate or obovate coarsely toothed leaves narrowed at base into petiole. Flowers each 1-3-bracted, the upper staminate, a few pistillate ones at base, unpleasantly scented; sepals greenish or purplish; filaments white (their size and thickness giving the name, from the Greek *pachys*, thick, and *andros* {men}, used for *stamen*) (974).

{lines 1-3 regarding **men, girl** and **joining over evergreen** is apparently worked from the fact that the pachysandra is monoecious, that is, has stamens and pistils (male and female) in separate flowers on the same plant, so the pollen crosses over the leaves to reach the pistil}

line 2: **lances girl sewing-awl down stem**

See Gray and note line 1.

line 3: **flowers join over evergreen saw-edge**

See Gray and note line 1.

See Taylor lines 4 and line 7.

line 4: **upsurge pack in sandy rows**

Taylor, **Pachysandra** (pack-i-san'dra). Low-growing perennial herbs or sub-shrubs comprising 5 species of the family Buxaceae and natives of N.A. and eastern As. Stems fleshy. Leaves alternate, simple, spoon-shaped, the upper half with teeth-like margins. Flowers greenish-white, in spikes, the lower flowers fertile, having 4 sepals and a pistil, the upper having 4 sepals, 4 stamens and a rudimentary pistil, and not fertile. Fruit a small, whitish, oval berry. (*Pachysandra* is from the Greek for thick and men, in allusion to the stamens.)

*Pachysandra* can be grown readily in ordinary soil, making admirable ground cover for either shady or sunny positions, particularly useful under large trees or on steep banks. *P. terminalis* {Japanese spurge} is especially useful for this purpose.

**pack in sandy rows** < *Pachysandra*

line 5: **cover ground sun shade the**

See Taylor line 4.

line 6: **term it all is box-leaf**

See Taylor line 7.

**term it all is** < *terminalis*

See Gray line 1.

line 7: **winterer white blossom East spurge**

Taylor, **Pachysandra** {see line 4} > **P. terminalis**. Japanese spurge. Growing to 1 ft., the stems beneath the surface of the soil sending out underground runners or stolons, hence its quick-spreading habit. Leaves thick, dark, glossy-green, spoon-shaped, alternate. Flowers white in terminal spikes, 3-4 in. long. Jap. One of the best evergreen ground covers for partly shady places.

line 8: **when spring beauty goes quicked**

Taylor, **Claytonia**. The spring beauty of our meadows is one of perhaps two dozen species of slender, perennial herbs of the family Portulacaceae, sometimes transferred to the wild garden. {...} **C. virginica**. The common spring beauty, commonly called Mayflower, grass-flower, and good-morning-spring. A slender herb 4-6 in. high. Leaves narrowly lance-shaped, 3-5 in. long. Flowers white, but often tinged with pink or streaked with it, about 5/8 in. wide, very fleeting, and wilting at once if picked. In moist thickets or woods throughout eastern N.A.