

AUGUSTE CHEVALIER COVER

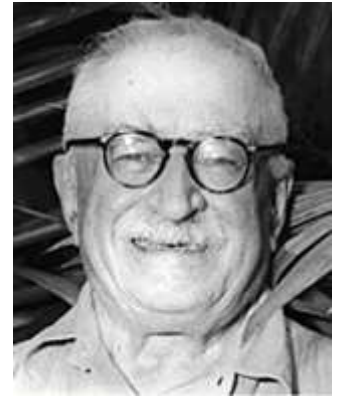
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Auguste Jean Baptiste Chevalier (1873–1956) was a French botanist and explorer in Africa, Asia (Indochina), and South America (French Guinea). He particularly added to the knowledge of trees, grasses, and agricultural plants of tropical and Saharan Africa. In the three continents, his exploring was in French colonies.

He obtained a degree in natural sciences in 1896 and a Ph.D. in 1901 from the University of Lille. In 1929, he was president of the Botanical Society of France and in 1953, president of the French Academy of Sciences.

The botanical genera *Chevalierella*, *Chevalierodendron*, *Neochevaliera*, and *Neochevalierodendron* are named in his honor. In 1934, *Echium vulcanorum*, a plant found only on Fogo Island, Cape Verde was discovered and named by Chevalier. Its local name translates “tongue of cow.”

The cover shown tried to catch up with Chevalier in Africa. It was mailed to him in Senegal on 26 August 1912, from Majunha, Madagascar, but was held until the 31st for transport. Because he was not in Senegal, the cover was forwarded (3? October) to Paris where it arrived on 14 October and was sent on to Brazzaville, Congo, arriving on 10 November. He was also not there, and it was sent again to Paris.



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