

Joseph Hooker's up at Kew

Joseph Hooker was born in 1817. His father was a director at a botanical centre called Kew Gardens. Joseph had a passion for flowers at the age of seven. His father - William Hooker - was a botanist, a plant studier, and he worked at Kew Gardens to study plants. Joseph was a botanist; he had followed William's footsteps. Joseph had an idol (Charles Darwin) and he had worked with him a lot of the time. Joseph was starting to pioneer and discover new plants. William's son - Joseph - had discovered a new plant and called it the *Strobilanthus*.

Joseph had joined the Navy; he needed the money for his ~~travels~~ ~~travels~~ travels. Since he had worked at the Navy, he had been arrested by the Rajah of Sikkim for trespassing too much land in India. Both of those jobs were well-earned and he deserved them.