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Answ

65 Lower Mount Street
Dublin Ireland.
21 August 1874

Sir. Having been instrument-
-al in introducing into this
city, general culture of several of
a group of Plants (Yuccas), on
wh. you have bestowed much
attention, I am encouraged by
Mr. J. G. Baker of Kew to
write to you on the subject.
I have seen what I believe
are the best collections in England,
& Ireland & Italy, & perhaps I
may add in France. And
personally & by friends, I am
trying experiments how those
kinds which are least hardy,
will stand the climate of
Dublin, & some of our best
Irish

Dr. Engelmann St Louis

Irish.

climates. Mr. Baker advises me to see your monograph; & I will thank you to tell me whether it is to be purchased here, & if not how I can procure a copy.

If not troublesome, will you tell me, whether that which I call Y. Treculeana, of which varieties go by the names, concava, canaliculata, longifolia, aspera, & of which I saw one specimen called longifolia at Marseilles in France, standing about six feet high, is as hardy as Yucca gloriosa & Y. filamentosa, or nearly so? And whether seed of that & of one named Whiplei, & of the variegated

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filamentosa, can be readily procured in your country? and whether there is reasonable hope of that variegated variety coming with variegation from seed. The plant is not common here; & is grown under cover in winter by everyone who has it, except Mr. John Bain curator of our Dublin Trinity College Botanic Gardens, who is as experienced as he is sagacious, & he thinks the plant is far stronger when grown without any covering — In the Orto Botanico, Naples, a specimen called there G. Barranga, & appearing to me somewhat differing ~~for~~ in habit & general appearance from any I have seen elsewhere, attracted my attention. In Autumn 1872 it

Smithii

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it stood about 5 feet to 6 feet high - Roundish, dense, somewhat between what we call gloriosa & its variety recurva, The gentleman who showed me those gardens, said it was very rare & had not flowered, nor thrown up suckers. There is also here a peculiar variety called de Smithii, is it a species, or if what is it a variety, & is seed to be had. Trusting that I am not trespassing on you, I remain Yours

Faithfully John Adair.

(Barrister at Law)

I am well known here in my Profession: horticulture being only indulged in with other branches of Natural History only as a salutary recreation. As other men have recourse to Smoking, Field sports, &c &c

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65 Lr Mount St. Dublin.
20 Nov 74

My dear Sir. I thank you for your courteous reply to my note & for the seeds of Y. A. wh you send me, & wh are already in better hands than mine for the coming winter.

Sometimes I entrust seed about wh I feel special interest, to the man in charge of the propagating department at Glasnevin, & yr seed is safely there. Perhaps you may some day visit our Island, when I will feel happy to see you, & may be able to show you, that many of the interesting group of Yuccas thrive in our genial climates. Recently I visited most of the B. Gardens of Italy, & I think few species or distinct varieties of Yucca escaped me, of wh I brot home a collection; & at a Nursery garden at Marseilles and

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and elsewhere in France I found a good many. At Marseilles I saw one specimen of Y. Treculeana wh. sold for £12. of our money.

Believe me
yours truly
John Adair

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