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Newburyport March 24<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Geo. E. Sargent -

A friend from Hancock Co., Maine, sent me some twigs of "*Viburnum lantanoides*" known in Botany as "hobble bush". By keeping them in water in a warm room, about three weeks, the flowers have expanded, but have not reached their perfection of bloom, as seen in their native home in the woods, and their beautiful soft green leaves, which expand with the flower, is missing, but I thought it quite remarkable it should make any attempt at blooming, and thinking you might be interested, I send you

with this some spires - It grows  
very abundantly in Maine and blooms  
from the middle to the last of  
May - and I have been told it is  
found in Essex Co. Mass. although  
I have never seen it -

Yours respectfully  
Mrs. Judith H. Coffin  
120 State St

Newburyport  
Mass.

# Smith, Hoolittle & Smith,

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,

No. 26 Tremont Street, (Museum Building.)

Boston, Jan. 10. 1879

Dear Sir.

I am in correspondence with a party who has a very fine collection of algae, and has for exchange many duplicates which I would like to get for my own collection.

He is now beginning to collect ferns, & offers to exchange algae for them.

It occurred to me that very likely you might be receiving from time to time various ferns in quantities more than you needed, & could spare one or two fronds without inconvenience. I don't want anything that will be of any value to you to keep, but only such as you have no use for. If you can spare such, it will be a great help to me in my collection.

& studies, & will leave me much  
your debtor.

I enclose a list with the desiderata  
checked; you will see it includes all  
but the more common species.

I hope it will not be long before  
we can see your "Catalogue". How is  
the subscription getting on?

Mr. Collins wishes to be remembered  
to yourself, Miss Lizzy, & the children.

Yours truly

Frank S. Collins.

Smith, Doolittle & Smith,

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,

Nos. 24 and 26 Tremont Street, (Museum Building.)

Boston, Dec 20 1883

Dear Mr Davenport

I put a card in the last "Bot. Gazette", offering for sale a lot of duplicate algae which I had accumulated.

Capt. J. Danvers Smith of Baltimore wrote me, and has made a trade for part of them. I know him by "pteridological" reputation only, but suppose it would be safe to send him the lot without saying anything about money ~~but~~ advance. I believe you have some acquaintance with him: he is all right, is he not?

In haste

Frank S. Collins



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Malden Dec. 22. 1901

Dear Mr. Peckover,

Can you tell me if the name Phyllitis is now used for a genus of ferns, or if it has been so used; & if so, what is the date of its publication?

There has been a genus Phyllitis of algae for some 50 years, but the N.Y. people, following Kuhnze, claim that it cannot stand as against the fern genus. I am trying to get at the facts before making any decision, as to which I shall use.

Very truly  
Frank S. Collins.

POSTAL CARD ONE CENT MALDEN



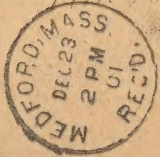
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

*Mr. S. E. Davenport  
Fellsway West*

*Medford  
Mass.*



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Walden Mass Oct 24. 1904.

Dear Mr. Davenport.

My friend Dr.  
Satchell of the University of California,  
has written me to ask if I could  
get him a good supply of  
Ophioglossum or Botrychium,  
fertile fronds, for class work.  
The specimens would have to be  
collected fresh, & preserved in formalin.

I don't think it at all probable  
that we could get him Ophioglossum,  
but there used to be places where  
Botrychium was plenty enough, so  
that any ordinary collecting would  
do no harm. Can you tell



me any near by place where I  
could get a supply?

Very truly

Frank S. Collins

J. FRANKLIN COLLINS  
468 HOPE STREET, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND,  
U. S. A.

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30 Oct. 1905

Dear Mr. Davenport

Mr. Fernald and I have laid aside a set of the Pteridophytes of our "Plants of Eastern Quebec" of 1905, which we would like to have you accept with our compliments.

If you will let me know if you expect to be present at the Club meeting next Friday I shall know how to best plan getting them to you.

Very truly

J. Franklin Collins.

In sending specimens of plants for investigation it is desirable to have the leaves, flowers, and fruit; and, in the case of bulbous plants, the bulbs, also. When they are sent from a distance it is best to prepare the specimens by drying them under pressure between folds of absorbent paper, otherwise the parts shrink and break so as to be hardly recognizable. When the dried plants are sent they should be protected from breakage in the mail by being inclosed between pieces of stiff pasteboard. Packages weighing less than four pounds can be sent by mail at the rate of one cent per ounce. Write the name of the sender on the outside. In the letter accompanying the specimens state where collected, the date, and any other particulars of the plant, whether reputed poisonous, pestiferous, medicinal, or useful.

United States

Department of Agriculture,

DIVISION OF BOTANY,

Washington, June 30 1883.

Dear Sir  
My friend Dr. Van Hook  
Maryland Mass  
Dear Sir

Your note with list of  
Piperis species as determined by Eaton was  
received for which we are much grate-  
ful - Over 20 have all been mounted  
one at least the 20 were rather  
poor but I send you a few and  
two of Kuntz's N. Mexican Coll also  
We have a good many duplicates of  
these two -

We have duplicates of many coll  
by G. P. Vasey California New Mex Arizona  
Parish Br. in. Cal, Pringle, Cal.  
Coville - Florida and others and some  
foreign ones - are you especially  
desirous of any - If so can let you  
have them yours  
W. G. C. Bennett

1  
East Greenwich R.S.  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1873

Dear Sir

I received your letter  
suggesting an exchange of ferns  
several days ago and should  
have answered before if I had  
not been very much engaged  
It will give me great  
pleasure as far as I am  
able to accede to your  
proposition. I regret  
however that I am unable  
to furnish you any of the  
ferns that you speak of  
particularly in your letter  
I had only a few, and  
these have long since been  
disposed of. I can never  
oppose to you of your decision.

I have marked on  
your catalogue upon a  
return herewith those which  
I can furnish at the right  
hand thus & those which I  
would like duplicate thus  
P. I should be glad to  
receive some of these plates  
as many as the ~~of~~ what  
I shall send you shall  
call for so many

I shall send my  
package by mail in a few  
days,

I am

Very truly yours

J. H. Thompson



East Greenwich Rd  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1878

Dear Sir

I send you by mail  
in this such of your desiderata  
as forms as far as possible to  
be kept secret that I could  
send you the Museum forms  
you spoke of and shall  
be glad to receive those that I  
requested that you can furnish  
the paper the specimens, which  
marked the labels marked on  
the case with letters in the alphabet  
corresponding to the same  
letters marked on the case  
the sheets will be found  
satisfactory,

I am

Very truly yours

J. W. McGowan

East Greenwich P<sup>t</sup>  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1874

Dear Sir

I inclose herewith  
a marked catalogue in  
which I have marked those  
which I have in  
more duplicates & those  
which I am wholly destitute  
of & those which I would  
like additional or better  
specimens than —

If you will mark with  
some colored pencil and  
return to me the Catalogue with  
your desiderata so  
marked I will endeavor  
to send you the same in  
a few days.

Very truly yours  
J. M. S. [Signature]





I have not marked the  
decisions that have  
been made in detail, even  
some of new flowers of some  
kind but you may look  
them over and be acceptable  
if in some way a full  
list of the decisions  
I should supply them  
as far as possible. I have  
not indicated how it  
ought to be accepted  
I accept

I shall be happy to  
accept anything that  
you may think well,  
probably the interesting

Yours

Very truly yours  
J. B. Cooper



East Greenwich, N.J.  
Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1874

Dear Sir

I am ashamed  
I have not attended to you  
before but must plead  
heavy business and other  
interfering circumstances which  
have prevented me from  
attending to the matter  
at all till within a few  
days. I send you your  
invoice of case two. When  
I send you my list I will  
ask for a receipt  
I intended to copy a receipt  
which had already been  
sent to you. I will have

... .. of them come  
into my hands of mine  
I hope that the specimens  
will be interesting to  
you

Yours truly

J. H. Mearns

1. The 4 Lectures are  
numbered A, B, C  
& D & the labels are placed  
in like fashion on the back

10  
Weymouth MS  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1874

Dear Sir

Your letter

was duly received & your  
proposal is gratefully accepted. I have no  
doubt that in season  
we shall be able to exchange  
for the most valuable material  
I do not know whether I  
should be your Directorium  
but I would like to see the  
book a few more specimens. I  
expect when I write before  
winter - my determination  
of your & perhaps some I may  
directly include it now. I  
shall send you a series  
of the value for the

Gravelly Flint pebbles, not  
found within the direct influence of the  
Salt water

W. W. B. B.

W. W. B. B.

at present which I see  
It is a species from California  
Alpinum septentrionale  
Woodswardia radicans (K. Schum.)  
Pellaea Ornithopus  
Anelasmaefolia  
densa  
Gymnopodium triangularis  
Chelidonium lanuginosum  
California

20  
1875

Dear Sir  
I am not sure what  
you mean by "too good" but I  
shall be very happy  
to send you a specimen of  
"too good" in a few days  
I will see what I can do  
about *Delphinella delphinoides*  
I think I can find you a  
little more of that.

I shall be very happy to receive  
any information that you have taken  
at the office of the Dept. of  
the Interior and I shall be  
very glad to be included in your



Manual except *Chilanthus*  
invention of *Asplenium* *obovoides*  
but perhaps Cal. forms will  
be them acceptable.

I don't really know what to  
say as to your note on *Asplenium*  
proposition.

As to the money it's  
paid & not more than I paid  
I don't see what to do  
which is awkward & could  
hardly decide. I make a  
list of my Lake Superior  
specimens and if you will  
inform me probably about Aug  
many of them I could expect I  
will decide at once.

You do not refer in your letter  
to the contents of *Botrychium*. What  
conclusions do you draw from

them. They are certainly *Botrychium*  
various & I should get very  
doubtful about drawing any  
conclusions. I do not really  
think it is *Asplenium* & I think  
you are right but I don't  
know. I don't know what to say  
to you about the specimens  
I will send the specimens in  
a day or two.

Very truly yours  
J. B. Silliman

East Greenwich R.  
Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1875

Dear Sir

I have your letter  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. and  
am glad to hear  
that you are  
attempting  
to raise a fund  
for the benefit  
of the poor  
of this town  
and I am sure  
that your  
efforts will  
be successful  
and that you  
will be able  
to do much  
good for  
the poor  
of this town  
I am  
very  
truly  
yours  
Wm. H. [unclear]



Elwood Rancho

Santa Barbara Cal.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1875

Mr. Geo. E. Downport

Dear Sir.

Of the species  
of *Chelidonium* to which Prof.  
Eaton has so kindly given my  
name I have none on hand, and  
fear I will not be able to procure  
any before next winter. The  
plants of the smaller *Thermopsis*  
*Novae* or *Am.* sent during the  
winter-part of our previous year, and  
wait for the seeds to bring  
them up.

I enclose a small-quantity of  
*Pellaea Californica?* and one of the  
seeds of *Mephrodium Californica?*

By another season if all go well  
I will send you a set of our  
Santa Barbara Herbarium.

Yours very truly  
S. B. Cooper

P. S. Address Mrs. S. B. Cooper

Worms of Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>  
with a collection of Worms were  
secured in good time and order.  
They were at an intermediate  
stage in as far as that there is  
usually left a narrow ~~space~~ <sup>space</sup> between  
looking very much like young plants  
have been quite out of the position  
for five months past. But I shall  
from home in a few weeks from  
present study. You are aware

Dear Sir,  
Dear C. Davenport  
Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1875  
Janice Barbara Colledge



Elmwood, Santa Barbara

Aug 9, 1877

Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir I send at last a specimen of *Chilanthus Cooperae*. The one I sent to Prof. Eaton a few days since, is, I think not quite so good as this one. They are very difficult of growth. The one remaining I fear will die. I mean to try hard to collect more next season. There is no possibility of finding any more after this time.

I have in mind that you want  
*Chilanthus Californica*  
*Adiantum chilense*  
" *Capillare-Benicis*

*Pellaea Andromedaefolia* and  
*Chilanthus Cooperae* when it is to be had.

Enclosed you will find a list showing my desiderata. Some are because across the names of those now in my collection. Whatever you are still pleased

to add I shall be grateful for.

*Are Struthocopteryx germanica*  
and " *Pennisylvanica*

*synonymous? Mrs. Ritchie*  
once sent me the latter which  
from the entire resemblance.

to the former, sent by you.  
I judged them to be the same.

I notice that you have written  
*Sceloporus vulgaris* and  
" *officinalis* on  
different plants of this same  
species.

I have been working hard  
for more than a week getting  
my botanical specimens in  
order and I was glad they  
are done. It is now a  
pleasure to make up ex-  
changes & when I have mu-  
ltiplicates my plants being  
classified, labelled and num-  
bered.

In arranging the ferns I found that

some of the numbers had been  
lost. This no doubt came from  
sending the specimens to a  
botanical class who wanted  
them for a study. Now I  
must send them to you  
to label you again. I am  
sorry to give you all this  
trouble, but it will be such  
a satisfaction to me to know  
that they are all right that  
I can not forbear sending  
them.

I will send you the ferns you  
write in a week or so.

Yours Very Truly  
Smith P. Cooper.

Ellwood 25. May 1878

Geo. E. Demerport Esq

Dear Sir Many thanks for  
your information about the  
N. A. Polypodidms. It is even just  
what I wanted.

I send you by this opportunity  
a package of our small  
forms. These of longer growth  
will not be in perfection until  
the latter part of the season.

I am making up several sets  
of forms for this mail and  
have not much time to  
write. In a few days I  
will send issued time volume.  
I wish to write you more  
fully about our forms

Yours Very Truly

Sarah P. Cooper

2110 Pine St.

Flada 1-8.18

Mr Geo. S. Baringsort

Dear Sir.

Yours of  
January 8<sup>th</sup> in which you  
state that your notes on the  
distribution of Irons in the  
U.S. was not in the possession  
of the Secretary of the Am.  
Phil. Socy so, was duly received.

In reply  
I would state that the  
paper is in the hands of  
the Philosophical Society

For publication therefore  
there is evidently some  
mistake on their parts.

Wm

Your truly  
Edw D. Cape  
Jr M.

P.S. I find it was proba-  
-bly forgotten but  
this will be no longer  
delay - C.



Crawfordsville, Ind - Jan. 19 '82.  
Geo. E. Davenport:

My Dear Sir!

I mail you with this Vol.

I of the Bot. Gazette -

In regard to Lemmon's new Woodсия, I  
ought to say this in my own justification.  
Before new species are published in the  
Gazette I refer them to proper authorities. I  
sent Lemmon's description to Prof. Eaton &  
asked him to pronounce upon it, whether  
I should publish it or not, as I did not  
want to burden synonymy. Prof. E.  
wrote back telling me that he had no  
objection to my publishing it. Of course  
that satisfied me, but from what you say,  
I fear the Prof. was not giving his real  
opinion. I knew Lemmon was not  
reliable & that was the very reason  
I referred the proposed species to  
one who was. <sup>your sincere friend</sup>  
Jm. Coulter.

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Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 22. '90

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I suppose that by this time you have my answer to your letter which finally found me, although it bore no town. I am sorry that Nealley collected no more of that fern, & also somewhat sorry that Pringle's more abundant material did not get in first. To make Nealley's the sp. & Pringle's the var. seems like the tail flying the kite.

I shall be glad to publish the note you send, but it will be impossible to reproduce the blue print you send on a plate, that is in any way cheap enough for our means. As you direct, therefore, I shall print the observations without the illustration -

Yrs. sincerely

Jno. M. Coulter.

The University of Chicago.

March 25, 1897.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I have your letter concerning the manuscript you sent me. You will receive a galley proof, so that you can make such insertions as you see fit. I have arranged for your paper to appear in the April Gazette. The March number is now in the bindery.

Yours very truly,

*J. H. Davenport*

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport,

Hedford, Mass.

The University of Chicago

Department of Botany

The Botanical Gazette

June 13, 1901.

Dear Mr. Davenport:-

I have yours of June 10 in reference to Mr. Maxon's List of Ferns. Quite a fern breeze has been stirred up in the BOTANICAL GAZETTE by Mr. M.L.Fernald's recent criticism. Mr. Pollard has replied and so has Mr. Underwood. Mr. W. N. Clute has also sent an open letter for publication, which inclines to Fernald's side of the question, and Fernald is to close the whole discussion with an open letter in the July or August GAZETTE. It seems to me that we have given about all the space to this particular subject that we can afford. If your open letter were the only one it would be a different matter. Perhaps, however, you would like to go on record in this discussion, and if so you and Mr. Fernald might well close it. In that event I would ask you to state as briefly as possible your protest against the principles exemplified by Mr. Maxon's list. As to the validity of species, this is quite another matter, and of course the opinions of botanists will differ and must always differ in this particular. Much of your criticism consists in expressing this difference of opinion, which I think may be covered by the statement of a principle as to your view of species, which evidently differs from the opinion of botanists of the Underwood's school. Hoping that you will in this way join with Mr. Fernald in closing up the discussion, and asking that you will limit it to 300 to 400 words,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*John M. Coulter*

Mr. G. E. Davenport,

Medford, Mass.

Winona Lake, Kosciusko Co., Ind., July 23-1901

My dear Mr. Davenport:

Your letter of July 17 has just reached me in my summer quarters. I have long since lost track of Mr. Geo. D. Butler. I am also away from the files of the Gazette or I should be glad to <sup>help you</sup> look up the <sup>from</sup> description. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

John M. Coulter



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Address P. O. Box 14.

Wyandotte, Mich. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1885

Mr Geo E Davenport  
Wedford Mass

Dear Sir,

I enclose all the specimens  
I have. I can get you roots, or whatever  
you wish or I shall try that part of the  
country this week to remain one or three  
months, and have friends that I can  
write to where it is not so myself.

I have so little time that I do not  
dare to keep up our botany but when I  
do I mean to get pushed again. I observe  
notice of plants and called everything  
that looks new but I generally find them  
in Kings or Leach's Herbaria of plants.

I think you will find a bit of the soil in  
one of the specimens I send

All these ferns grow in immense quantities  
on the granite hills of the 500 ft. level. The  
ones on rocks, the others on grassy slopes.  
The long narrow ferns grow on the rocks in  
bunches down the edges of the gulches  
which are mostly deep. The common ferns  
are mostly in the clefts I bought from a  
vexiter it was not quite late enough for.

you were busy preparing to go on pleasure  
excursion this autumn.

the flowers. The small round leaf, deeply  
pinnated fern grows on the hill sides especially  
under the shade of the evergreen oak.

At the next opportunity I will send you  
the details of Rabbit etc. if you will  
return me a kind of the kind you wish  
I sent them to Prof. Gross etc. etc. etc. etc.  
since it is impossible to do something new in this  
country cannot be worked up much.

I shall be in Silver City until July  
and if you wish will collect what I can  
The trouble with me is that I do not know  
what is new. I will get roots as well next  
year. If you mean the fern with very white  
back as on second thought, I judge you do.

That grows in the grass on the hill slopes  
These were collected at the foot of rocks on  
the northern slope of the hill but not growing  
on the rocks. The scabby ones on rocks in  
shady clefts.

Yours truly  
W. M. Coulter

Send July address  
Manager Cassette : Silver City  
New Mexico

Silver City  
N. Mex.  
June 15<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Mr Geo. E Davenport -  
W & Hamilton Sts  
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir,

I send you by mail  
some roots of a fern that  
looks very similar to *Wothalia*  
*Garpi*. These were growing in  
the cracks of limestone rocks  
and as dry as you see. It is  
now the end of the dry season  
and everything is like water.  
I wet them a little so that they  
would not go to powder in the  
mails. I think they would  
grow if I sent just the bare  
roots. I sent your sample  
of this fern to Pro Blanco  
so I cannot say whether these  
are the same, besides they are

I send you by the mail

so curled up that they look  
very different - This is the way  
all the ferns are until after  
the rainy season. I can get  
plenty more of these rocks  
here if they are what you  
would like.

They were collected on  
Lone Mountain five miles  
from Silver City today by  
me.

Yours truly  
Wm. Courtes.

May City N.H.  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Mr Geo. E. Davenport.  
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir. The fern I sent  
you before is just beginning  
to get in good growth but it  
circles so soon I shall have  
to take my book to the spot  
to some good examples, if it  
worth the trouble.

It is a beautiful fern  
when growing. I know only  
one place where it grows  
about here.

Yours truly  
Wm Courtes

Got today on Lone Mountain  
growing on limestone rocks

No fern with the plant

CW



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Wyanadotte, Mich.....188

Ferns and Flowers from the  
Cerro Blanco Mountains  
South of Tucson, Arizona.

The Cerro Blanco Mts are more high hills than  
Mts and seem to have about the form of the  
Chiricahua Mts 100 miles away. The season  
was particularly late this year with unusual snow  
and cold wind spoiled most of the delicate ferns  
I can send to a friend and get roots of some  
kind you want if you return a leaf of the  
kind. I think there are all several ferns  
except the deeply parted short leaf in the Chiricahua  
lot. The large ones sent to Prof Gray of same species  
came from Cerro Blanco. These are all I have  
Purple flowers came from western Ariz.

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LIBRARY

Gen. L. de la Cruz  
March 1880

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Address P. O. Box 14.

Wyanadotte, Mich. .... 1888

*Ferns & Flowers from  
Chiricahua Mountains  
Collected in Feb. 1888*

I can get good specimens of anything  
that is rare or you want - I had only  
a pocket-book to collect in so Prof. Gray's  
criticisms that they are "scraped" is well  
applied.

My address will be  
W. M. Courtis  
Manager Cosette Mining Co  
Silver City

Yreka, July 1<sup>st</sup>

N. W.

*Chiricahua* *July*  
*Gregory* *1880*  
collected *Feb. 1880*  
*1880*

*These plants were*  
*sent to me in bottles*  
*at my expense.*

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

S. P. LANGLEY  
SECRETARY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1, 1900.

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport,  
Medford, Mass.

My dear Mr. Davenport:

At the request of Dr. J. N. Rose and by authority of the Assistant Secretary I am sending you today by mail a package containing sixteen (16) specimens of ferns collected by Dr. Edward Palmer in Mexico. The two (2) mounted sheets are a loan from the National Herbarium and are to be returned after your study of them has been completed. The other (14) unmounted specimens are an exchange.

Very truly yours,

*Fredrick V. Coville*

Curator, Division of Plants.

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Chas. Chamberlain  
Dec 2, 1846

Mr. Dr. C. Chamberlain,  
Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> came duly to hand. I would like  
you a small specimen of *D. longicauda*  
& having of two other specimens  
found with the one I sent you.  
I was ~~very~~ <sup>delighted</sup> to find  
but none, and have looked for it  
in the place where I found it  
first, but failed to find any  
specimens, all of the specimens that I  
collected were found growing within  
a few inches of each other.  
I will look for it next summer.



I am glad to visit you in your  
study of the *Acridae*, & wish nothing  
in return for this. I have probably  
not more than one half as many  
forms as are on your list which  
you sent, and should be very glad  
to increase my collection.

I should be glad to collect for you  
the "Black Tongue Fern" (*Asplenium*  
*obliquatum*) if you can see it in any  
quantity, and would accept one in  
return some form that I have not.  
I am familiar with the habits  
of this fern.

Very truly

J. A. Coates.

P.S.

Should I find any specimens  
next summer of the *Asplenium* I will  
send you some if you wish.

J. A. Coates.

Roxbury, Mass.,

August 6th, 1892.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

The following is a list of the New England ferns which I find I have not in my small collection, and which I should be very grateful if you could furnish me, if you do [as you thought you might] find that you have duplicates.

- ✱ *Adiantum pedatum* [the specimen which I have is from California, and not Massachusetts.]
- ✱ *Pellaea gracilis*,
- ✱ ----- *atropurpurea*,
- ✱ *Woodwardia Virginica*,
- ✱ ----- *angustifolia*,
- ✱ *Asplenium ebeneum*,
- ✱ ----- *angustifolium*,
- ✱ ----- *thelypteroides*,
- ✱ ----- *Filix-foemina*.
- ✱ ----- *Camptosorus rhizophyllus* [This I have a specimen of, though not a very good one.]
- ✱ *Phegopteris hexagonoptera*,
- ✱ ----- *dryopteris*,
- ✱ *Aspidium thelypteris*,
- ✱ ----- *spinulosum*.
- ✱ ----- ----- *v. intermedium*,
- ✱ ----- ----- *v. dilatatum*,
- ----- *v. dumetorum*.
- *Boottii*,
- ✱ ----- *cristatum*.

- ✓ *Aspidium cristatum*, v. *Clintonianum*,  
 † ----- *Goldieanum*.  
 X *Cystopteris bulbifera*,  
 Δ ----- *fragilis*. [The specimen which I have  
 of this fern is very poor].  
 X *Onoclea struthiopteris*,  
 Δ *Woodsia Ilvensis*, [The specimen of this is also poor],  
 † ----- *obtusa*,  
*Lygodium palmatum*,  
 X *Botrychium simplex*,  
 ----- *lanceolatum*,  
 □ ----- *matricariaefolium*,  
 Δ ----- *ternatum*,  
 ----- *v. obliquum*,  
 ----- *v. dissectum*.

New England Ferns not in Massachusetts.

- Asplenium ebenoides*,  
 X ----- *viridi*,  
*Aspidium aculeatum*,  
 X ----- *v. Braunii*, ✓  
 Δ *Woodsia glabella*,  
 X ----- *hyperborea*,  
 Δ *Botrychium lunaria*.

As I look over the list, it appears rather formidable. It does seem a great deal for you to give me so many specimens, but I assure you your kindness will be greatly appreciated by one who is thoroughly interested in the study, but who has little opportunity

of collecting.

I will call at your office Wednesday noon to find out if you will be able to help me to this extent.

Hoping that your health is improving, and thanking you in advance for your assistance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Caroline M. Crawford.

Baltimore Oct 10, 89,  
Mr Geo. E. Darvillport

Dear friend

Yours of Oct  
8<sup>th</sup> at hand. How  
can I thank you  
sufficiently for the  
pains & trouble you  
have taken for me.

Such acts must  
surely confirm ones  
faith in the "Brother-  
hood of man-kind" —

The picture has  
not yet come to  
hand, but it is enough  
for me to know that  
you have sent it  
in its mission of  
good will - not many  
such deeds would be  
required to make the  
poet sing  
"Little acts of kindness  
little deeds of love  
would make this world  
an Eden like to that  
above" - and if  
I should sometimes  
be tempted to doubt

the angels song  
of "Peace good  
will to man" the  
pleasant memory  
of your goodness  
to a stranger will  
surely help to  
confirm the faith  
of Yours very truly  
G. W. M. Cook

211 N. Eutaw St.,



The following is a list of the  
 names of the persons who  
 were present at the meeting  
 held on the 1st day of  
 the month of  
 at the residence of  
 the Secretary of the  
 Association.

Dear Mother  
I received your letter of the 15th and was  
glad to hear from you. I am well and  
hope these few lines will find you the same.  
I have not much news to write at present.  
The weather here is very warm now.  
I have been thinking of writing you for some  
time but have been so busy that I could not  
find time. I will try to write more often  
in the future. Give my love to all the  
family. I am, dear Mother, your affectionate  
son,  
John Smith

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family. I am, dear Mother, your affectionate  
son,  
John Smith

London 13, Broad St., Pa.  
Friday, 11, 1814.

Dear P. Dear Mr. P.,

Excuse me for so long neglecting  
your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> ult.  
I intended to have complied  
with your request immediately,  
but have been too busy to  
make up any packages -  
I send you by some mail with  
this a small pkg. in which  
you will find a spec. of *Urtica*  
*spicata*, Will. & some other  
things that may be new to you  
in this country. I enclose  
your catalogue, & shall be very  
glad to receive by any of them  
I have not drawn out for  
long although I have single  
specimens of them some of them.  
I am, Sir, your  
Obedt. Servant  
A. N. S. P.

... to accept the ...  
... interest in ...  
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Liberty, Bedford Co., Pa.  
Nov. 1, 1874.

Gen. E. Davenport, Esq.

Dear Sir - Your favour  
of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. was rec<sup>d</sup> yesterday.  
Accept many thanks for the fine  
specimens; I wish I were now able  
to make a more tangible return,  
but have not rec<sup>d</sup> anything since  
last winter. A gentleman in Cal.  
promises me a few spms. from  
the Sierras, these may include  
some *Ternus*. If you choose, you  
can send a list of your desiderata  
if I receive any of them during  
the winter, will divide with you.  
Oh, I rec<sup>d</sup> your spec. of *P. Mac*  
*orithopus* var., but it looked  
precisely like my spec. of *P. Wright*  
*iana*, so I placed it with that.  
Are you sure of its identity?  
My spec. of *P. or.* is very different.

I have good specimens of A. dentatum  
from Cuba, but they are dried -  
otherwise I would send with you.  
I lack only A. myriophyllum -  
Do you know anything about the  
Mr. Bradley who discovered A.  
Bradleyi? When he discovered it &  
where he lives? It was first  
described in the Farney Bulletin -  
I am very truly

A. H. Curtis -



William By. Bedford 2. 54.

Jan. 27, 1855.

Dear Mr. Brewster, Bay.

Dear Sir - I ought  
never to have replied to your  
letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult. & sent of the  
1<sup>st</sup> inst. - but at about the time  
of receiving the latter, I recd. a  
small pkg. of *Prinia Fusca* &  
it was forwarded them to Prof.  
Carter & have but just recd. -  
they are only four - two  
Males, one & then with in single  
specimen - send over to you -  
it will suit with them an all  
page, containing spec. of the  
*Equisetum* & *Polypodium* & a list  
of spec. of Prof. Huxley, Hy. spec.  
one of *Prinia* *Bridgmanii*, & some  
of my *Prinia* *insularis* in  
single specimens - all being spec.  
of which you have no duplicate

according to your list in  
description you had, having  
just marked my description  
in it - All that are a great  
particularity with blue are not  
in my collection - Of those that  
are marked with a blue cross at  
left, I would like any species.  
you can conveniently spare.  
Thanks for your tracings of Botrych  
canals. I have not much  
experience with this genus, all the  
good specimens evidently belong  
to one section of -

If you fail to get a full basket  
from Cuba, let me know, & I will  
see what chance do for you -

Yours truly,

A. S. Hitchcock

P.S. Are you an extensive exporter in  
the collection of foreign ferns?

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but I am very much obliged to you for the  
data and the manuscript  
in which I have seen that in  
1840 the name of the  
book is composed of  
I have a good copy of the  
book from Paris & Europe, & I think  
it is a valuable one but I cannot  
say so. The copy you sent of the  
first in the name of the  
author is a good copy from  
1840. I have just received  
a large copy from Krasnoyarsk. The  
copy is so carefully that I do not think  
it is a very good one. You should  
see the copy he sent me. He sent it  
with a big label under the  
copy. He had written the  
name of the author. He had just  
received it and had not yet  
written the name of the  
author of the copy.

A. D. B. Smith

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Lithography, Boston, Mass.  
March 18 1845

Dear Sir,

I have received your  
kindly letter of the 10th  
and I am glad to hear  
that you are interested  
in the subject for which  
I have the honor to have  
sent to you - which I hope to  
be your in obtaining. I have  
just your copy from  
in my library. The title of  
some particular is expected  
for I expected some of my  
present correspondents. The  
title is in the name of  
and I am sure about a year  
it is a good one. I have seen  
a copy of the book, but not  
as the title. You may tell  
me what you think of the  
title to be in the name of

I must begin the pleasure of  
adding the numbers to our list  
1800 after our distribution is  
made, which will be the last part  
of this month. With respect to  
the other species, I thought you  
were a *g. septentrionalis*, and would  
be fertile, but they are extremely  
sterile, especially when we  
are opposed to the type given. *var.*  
*laevigata*, as you say, more resemble  
*A. ovalis*. *var. l.*, other than in a  
form of *A. l.* I do not much like the letter  
*A. argutum* can hardly be more  
than a name of *A. l.*; & the  
sp. you sent similar to *A. acut.*  
differs from the letter scarcely more  
than the var. *incisum*. Plenty of material  
is needed by phytologists for all  
these names. Your form of *g. l.*  
in *g.* is rather singular, as in  
what I call var. *Michauxii*,  
which may equal the var. *argutum*

I never found any var. *argutum*  
of *g.* in the West Indies,  
yet Mr. Willd. speaks of it  
of it - but when all the numbers  
are dried away that would be the  
only form - but the sp. *g. l.*  
which he mentions in the *g. l.*  
introduction is undoubtedly the com-  
monest form of the whole, in fact, it  
the woods are full of it. You sent a  
*Philanthus* enclosed, similar to *l.* but  
not with that smoothish prothorax.  
*C. Batoni* was in a tissue paper, an  
elegant sp. with silvery sheen -  
Let me know what you have given  
up the *Aspilota*; if you I shall  
take pleasure in sending mine  
I can probably send you a paper  
two of *Aspilota*, *incisum* I will  
try to get more of *g.* for you  
I only take on a small number.  
I supposed that var. *incisum* was  
the typical form of *A. l.*

Dear Sir - I have just  
rec<sup>d</sup> your card of May 22.

On my return I hope  
to find your catalogue.  
I am working slowly  
southward in a few days  
expect to reach Indian River  
Have pressed plenty of good  
specimens of

*Polypodium aureum*  
*Vittaria cuneata*  
*Plumula*  
*Blechnum serrulatum*  
*Aspidium patens*  
*Floridanum*  
*Nephrolepis exaltata*  
+ some *Achrostichum* -  
hope to find more as I  
go southward

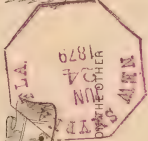
Yours truly

J. H. Kent  
Mosquito Lagoon, Fla.  
June 22, 1879



POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Gen. E. Darwin post. Eng.  
& Hamilton Place

Boston Mass.



pine country as an oasis is unlike  
the desert. His hammock is probably  
the most remarkable of all. It would  
seem that by some convolution of nature  
an extensive bed of limestone had been  
disrupted & thrown up in the wildest  
confusion - The scene now presented  
is a chaos of precipices, ~~white~~ boulders,  
<sup>canyons,</sup> & dark chasms with water at the bottom.  
It would be a frightful place to be  
in at night - From the cliff where  
I first saw the *Aspidium*, two cattle  
fell into the chasm below, one discharging  
the other being caught by its horns  
which with the whitened skull still remained  
in the same place. But all this ruggedness  
is softened, cushioned & gaudied, with  
a luxuriant growth of rare & beautiful  
ferns, to gather which a fern-lover  
would risk his neck a good many  
times. In some of the most dangerous  
chasms, growing on rocky ledges, I saw  
magnificent specimens of the *Aspidium*  
but I contented myself with those more  
easily reached, preferring to "let well enough  
alone" rather than risk all for the best.  
Young Turkey *Aspidium* -

Galleyrand Place, near  
Jacksonville, Fla.,

July 8, 1881.

Gen. E. Davenport, Esq.

I have been intending to write  
you but have been very busy with  
necessary correspondence and the  
distribution of my 2<sup>d</sup> *Face of Ferns*.  
I prepared four sets with us in  
care, intended for Harvard, New,  
Eaton & yourself if wanted -

I sent you all of the new ferns  
I had except a couple of specimens  
and if you publish a note about  
it I wish you would announce  
that I have turned over all my  
specimens to you, so that people  
will not be writing to me about it -  
I found it on soft-barked trees on  
a Key on Caesar's Creek, the S. entrance

to Bay Biscayne - As I had found  
much of interest at this landing,  
including a new Coast sp. of *Glom*,  
which detained me longer than I  
expected to stay, & as I found trouble  
with my boat on account of the falling  
tide, I made no special search  
for the fern, as I fully expected  
to return within a month (it was  
about Mar 25<sup>th</sup> then) - But my plans  
were changed by the mosquitoes - I was  
actually driven out of the country by  
them - Everyone agreed that they  
were worse, even in K. West city,  
than before known in 15 years,  
and any year they are almost intolerable.  
Next winter I intend to return  
& hope to find more of this interesting  
fern - If agreeable to you I wish  
you would write a note about  
this & the *Aspidium*, *trifoliatum*  
for the August Gazette, Sept. 18-

I intend to write something for  
that - V<sup>y</sup> myself - about *Asplenium*  
& *Asplenium* - I may use something I write  
that *Aspidium* was a splendid  
find! I have no hesitancy in  
calling it the finest of all our  
U.S. ferns - *A. Goldianum* is  
a grand fern, but *A. trifoliatum*  
is so unique in outline, so striking  
in aspect & of so luxuriant a growth.  
And I think you will admit that  
*Asplenium myriophyllum*, which grew  
beside it, is the most exquisitely  
beautiful delicate of all our ferns.  
I found the *Aspidium*, with many  
other rare ferns, on the E. edge of  
Bernardo Co. at the head of Lake  
Isala Apopka, in one of those remark-  
able limestone hammocks, <sup>(or ponds)</sup> found  
in central & northwestern Fla.  
They have a phenomenal appearance  
being as unlike the surrounding

P.S. Don't omit that fern by calling it *Centuria*!

Key Largo, Florida.

Feb'y - 23, 1882

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport:

Dear Sir - I have the pleasure of communicating to you my fourth addition to the Ferns of Florida. This last is a *Polypodium* which I found on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb'y. <sup>in a forest</sup> at the northern end of Key Largo. It has the habit of *Polypodium incanum*, but instead of growing in a horizontal direction as that prefers to do, this grows perpendicularly, germinating at the base of trees & bushes & climbing to a height of six or eight feet. It seems to prefer slender saplings, which it covers as with a secondary leafage, causing them to resemble young shoots of *Myrica cerifera*. I think I have the species in herbario, but I leave it to you <sup>prefer</sup> that you identify and announce it - I have prepared enough specimens to supply 150 herbaria, but they will be distributed only in my regular acts. I have a fine set of that magnificent lot of specimens of that magnificent fern, the *Asplenium serratum*, collected under the Royal Palms.

(over)



The foregoing you are at liberty to publish,  
with an accompanying description of your own.  
The accompanying bits will enable you to identify it.  
The young fronds - those that first develop - are oval  
& very small - like spm. enclosed.

If your new book has not gone to press, you  
may use the following notes, provided you give  
me due credit for them - They are all the result  
of personal observation - I was intending to send  
them to Coulter for publication - or notes embodying  
the same facts - But my notes on the ter. S. Fla.  
plants exclusive of Ferns & trees will be all he will  
have room for - Such lists are not very inter-  
esting to the average reader, though of vastly greater  
importance than most of the stuff published -

Hoping that this will reach without delay or  
damage, I am

Very truly yours

A. D. Curtis

Blechnum serrulatum - On the borders of low thickets  
& forests, from the Old Palm Hammock to Tampa and  
from Bay Biscayne to near Titusville on Indian R.  
also on upper St. John's R.

Woodsia angustifolia, from Tampa Bay & the  
Indian R. - northward, in swampy thickets & woods.

Woodsia virginica - with W. angustifolia

Asplenium dentatum - Shaded clefts & cliffs of limestone  
on Bay Biscayne (all Ferns on W. shore) -

Aspl. - what you call Fraxinoides - Part. in shaded  
rocks & cliffs from the upper Apalachicola R. through the  
limestone country to \*

Aspl. ebenum - From the Canoea & Indian Rivers northward.

Aspl. myriophyllum - \* & near Sunterville, shaded limestone

Aspl. firmum - \* + " " " "

Aspl. serratum - In deep forests (with Polypodium Phyllitidis)  
Palm Hammock & on Miami R. (Mr. Knowles found & collected  
a single plant near Tampa -

Aspl. Filix-feracis - Upper Apalachicola R.

Aspidium Thelypteris - From the borders of the Congales north.

Aspid. acrostichoides - Upper Apalachicola R.

*Aspidium patens* - Thick forests & clearings - from Bay Biscayne & the Palm Hammock northward, especially along the St. John's River, to 10 miles of its mouth.

*Aspid. Flourensianum* - From Tampa Bay & the Indian R. north in low woods (also an altamaha R. - Ga.)

*Aspid. unatum* v. *Jobsonianum* - Swampy woods & river banks - Caloosa R. & Tampa Bay to Indian River (at Turkey Creek)

*Aspid. trifoliatum* - \*

*Nephrolepis exaltata* - On the ground in dry woods; on logs & stumps; \* in the tops of palmettos - Palm Hammock to Tampa, & from Bay Biscayne to Halifax R.

*Onoclea sensibilis* - Upper Appalachian R. wet woods -

*Ancimia adiantifolia* - with *Pteris longifolia* -

*Osmunda regalis* - Borders of swamps & swampy thickets from the borders of the Carolinas northward

*Osmunda cinnamomea* - with *O. regalis*

*Botrychium Virginicum* - Upper Appalachian River

*Botrychium Lunanoides* (near type) " " "

*Ophioglossum palmatum* - Turkey Creek, on Indian R. on trees

As to ferns found in other states I cannot recall much of interest.

{ *Aspl. montanum* I found at Tallahassee Falls, Fla. *Pellaea atropurpurea*  
{ *Aspl. Ruta-muraria*  
{ in the Alleghenies of E. Va. My Bedford Co. Va. ferns you probably know.

*Acrostichum aureum*, grows in dense tufts <sup>6-8 high</sup> on brackish shores - There is a poor growth of it on Big Pine Key - a luxuriant growth from Cape Sable to Cape Comorant Crane Creek (Indian River) & Peace Creek (Charlotte Harbor) it grows sparingly to the head of Tampa Bay & the Halifax River.

*Polyopodium incanum* - On trees, especially *Quercus virens*, fallen logs & old roofs - Eastern half of the Reef Keys & throughout to the peninsula (I found it on rocks in S. Va.)

*Polyopodium* n. sp. N. end of Key Largo -

*P. aureum* - On trunks of Palmettos from Bay Biscayne to Halifax River on E. coast, & from Lost-man's River (near Cape Sable) to Caloosa R. on W. coast.

*P. Phyllitidis* - On the ground in deep shades & lower part of old trunks, logs & stumps - from Key Largo to Tampa Bay & to Merritt's Island in Indian R.

*P. hexagonopterum*  
*Vittaria lineata* - At head of Appalachian River -

*P. Plumula* - Key Largo to Tampa Bay & Halifax R. - rare on ground, logs & trunks in low woods.

*P. spectinatum* - Hillsborough R. near Tampa, \*, & on the sides of old canals near Daytona & New Smyrna, on limestone & coquina rocks & on trunks of trees (in shade)

N.B. - Caloosa River = Caloosahatchie -

\* Let this stand for limestone hammock at head of Lake Sable Apopka, Highlands Co.

Vittaria lineata - On trunks of palmettos; Caloosa R.,  
Palau Hammock (back of Cape Sable) - & on E. coast from  
Bay Biscayne to Halifax R.

Pteris longifolia - Piney group of Reef Keys (25 miles E.  
from K. West) & on Bay Biscayne - on outcropping  
coral rock in open pine woods -

Pteris cretica - Shaded limestone banks & cliffs,  
at Aspalaga on Appalacheicola R. - and \*

Pteris aquilina v. caudata - A tall, much-branched form occurs  
on some of the western Reef Keys & from Cape Sable  
to Merritts Island - In the piney woods of N. Fla. it  
is only about 2' high -

? - The new form I sent you from Old Pinks  
Key last year - the name, singularly, has escaped me -  
grows on trunks in deep shade.

Ceratopteris - was found on the upper St. Johns, perhaps  
in Puzzle Lake - & a sterile but growth at Blue Springs,  
which is about 6 miles (in a straight line) from Entropisal

Chilanthus microphylla - Distin. Islands, near mouth  
of St. Johns - on old banks of oyster shells, but little shaded.

Adiantum C. Venusis - at Aspalaga (also on Lookout Mt.)

Adiantum tenerum - Hammocks near Mosquito Lulit & \*



4  
Fulleyrand Place, near

Jacksonville, Fla.

April 9, 1882.

My Dear Sir -

I returned a few days ago & found a couple of letters from you & yesterday rec'd your letter of Apr. 3<sup>d</sup> - Many thanks for your good intentions. If the Polypodium had proved a new sp. I would have been as much surprised as gratified - I had no thought of such a thing - I saw a little of the Fossils but all covered up by the drought - I did not collect any of it or of any other ferns except *P. Swartzii* & *Aspl. serratum*. My subscribers were so few that

I decided not to prepare a thin  
from fascicle - The Polygona.

Replumium will be in my large  
Fascicle VI & will be added to  
remaining nos of my from fascicles.

I have mailed to you good specimens  
of both those added extra sets  
of my other forms.

My collection is sadly deficient  
in Western & boreal forms  
& if you can spare me any I  
shall be greatly obliged.

I want them either this month  
or next fall.

I regret to hear that your eyes  
are failing you. I nearly lost  
my sight - by overtaxing my eyes  
in youth, & that was what led

me to field studies.

I have always avoided use  
of the microscope.

Yours very truly  
A. D. Curtis.

1. *Monticola* *sp.* *sp.*  
*sp.* *sp.*

Geo. S. Beaneport, Co.

Dear Sir - I regret I am  
unable to give you a list of my  
Iowa birds - I enclose one  
of Palmer's birds, marked as follows:  
a dark before sp. which are well  
represented in my book in a half  
dark before sp. poorly represented,  
and dark before those entirely lacking.  
A few of the latter I recently sent  
to a European friend, thinking I  
could easily replace them - But I find  
the temperature I sent a dozen species  
together with the rest in one parcel  
to G. L. Bennett of Providence, R. I.  
in a present last winter, whom  
I do not acknowledge. I would  
wonder what is the matter with him -

Galleyrand Place, near  
Jacksonville, Fla.,

I regret that I did not send you <sup>1882</sup>  
a copy of my Fasc. 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> issue,  
which I selected especially for you.  
At the time I sent your pkg. I  
was under the impression that I had  
parted with it, thinking you did not  
want it. In exchange for the pkg.  
sent you I shall be glad to receive  
any of my desiderata as indicated  
in the enclosed list. Please send  
in stout wrappings to my present  
address & oblige

Yours truly

A. A. Curtis.

Galleyrand Place, near  
Jacksonville, Fla.,

Sept. 5 1884.

Gen. C. Drumport, Esq.

Dear Sir - I am engaged  
in getting up a collection of woods,  
ferns, etc. for the N. O. Exposition.  
I wish to have all the ferns of Fla.  
mounted on 22 x 28 cardboard,  
but shall not be able to secure  
Floridian species of all - If you  
can let me have good specimens  
of any or all the sps. in subjoined  
list I shall esteem it a great favor  
& shall endeavor to make good return.  
I expect to start for South Fla.  
next week & on my return shall be  
pleased to find a page from you.  
Yours truly  
A. H. Curtis

Specimens wanted  
for mounting on 22x28 Cardboard

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- ✓ *Adiantum Capillus Veneris* ✓  
*Aspidium ceterminum* no  
" *Phlyptis* ✓  
*Asplenium cicutarium* no  
" *ebeneum* ✓  
" " *proliferum* no  
" *parvulum* ✓  
" *rhizophyllum* ✓  
" " *myriophyllum* ✓  
" *Trichomanes* ✓  
*Botrychium ternatum* ✓  
" *Virginianum* ✓  
*Quodea surcibilis* ✓  
*Ophiglossum palmatum* no  
" *crotolifloroides* ✓  
*Asmunda regalis* ✓  
*Phlegopteris hexagonoptera* ✓  
*Polypodium Plamula* ✓  
+ *Lygodium* if you believe it grows  
in Fla. - which I do not.



Jacksonville, Fla.  
June 3, 1901

My dear Mr. Davenport -

I have just received your very kind letter of May 30<sup>th</sup> and thank you for the expression of sympathy - As you suggest, it would be impossible to replace the lost herbarium, especially the numbers, which had reached 6742.

But I never indulge in useless refinings, and the news of the loss did not delay my field work an hour. I left here the day before the fire & did not return till the 1st.

The appearance of the burnt city is appalling!

Many of your fern specimens went with the rest. Among my sets for the next Series is one of *Aspid. uniloba glabrum* from Polk Co. of, I judge, double the crisp heretofore attributed to that sp.

The fronds rose 8 feet high & grew only where they could obtain support from bushes.

It seems to me that I ought to have more than two subscribers (Howard & Willsley) in all New England.

Yours very truly

A. C. Curtis