

OFFICE OF

WHEELER & WILSON M'F'G CO.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 11 1887

ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS LETTERS TO
WHEELER & WILSON M'F'G CO.

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford - Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 10th inst.,
I send you by mail a specimen of each
Aepidium rhizophyllum var. *Biscaynium* +

" " " " *myriophyllum*
both collected by me Feb. 25 this year at the spot
mentioned in the Bulletin Fro. Club:

Also an uncrested specimen of *A.*
Dentatum collected by me somewhere on the
shore of Biscayne Bay sometime in Feb. -
the best I can do. I have not a single
duplicate of the more luxuriant *Dentatum*
growing in company with the varieties
mentioned above.

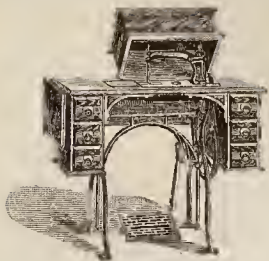
I was driven south by bad health
and had no facilities for properly
preserving specimens of ferns which
I had not anticipated collecting to
any extent.

I hope to give such instructions

to a friend of mine who ~~lives~~ winters on Bissonne Bay that he will make a good collection of the three kinds on the same spot for me next season, if I succeed in this scheme I shall be glad to furnish you with more specimens than if you should desire them.

I am just about to begin making a collection of ferns for myself and later on I may be glad to get such specimens from you as I can render an equivalent for.

Yours truly
David Holden



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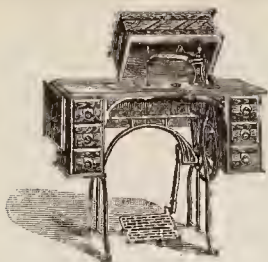
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 11th:
The only pair duplicate I had of Nephrolepis
acuta I gave to Prof. Eaton. I have now
one good and one poor specimen. I
have charged a friend of mine who winters
on Biscayne Bay and knows just where
I found the fern to get me a good number
of specimens early this coming winter when
I hope it will be in good fruit. There
are thousands of the fern there and I hope
for a good supply. If I am not disappointed
I shall take pleasure in sending you
a number of good specimens. If I am
disappointed I will give you one of the
two I now have.

Yours truly

Dracutden



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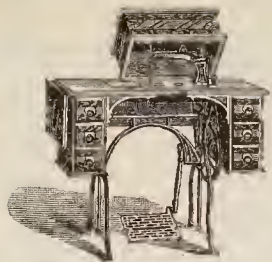
Gen. C. Davenport Esq.
Melford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for the excellent
photograph of forms of *Botrychium* + *Ophioglossum*
with their vernations, which I have examined
as you suggested, with much satisfaction.
If you have made any lantern slides of this pic-
ture you have doubtless found them very
effective.

If you ever come this way I
hope you will stop over some time and
give me a call.

Yours truly
Daacolden



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Bridgeport, Conn., Apr. 27 1888

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Conformably with my promise made some time since, I now send you by mail a couple of specimens of *Nephtolepis acuta*, Presl, from Florida. My friend Dornow had no difficulty in finding it by the directions I gave him, in fact he says he found the same thing at several points on the south bank of the Oronqui. He put the collecting off so late that I find no young fruit on the specimens. I greatly regret that I cannot send you a rock-straw, although I particularly requested him to get some. He sent me only one complete specimen, because he could find only one small one in fruit. He writes that the fronds (including stipe, I suppose) are generally from 4 to 7 feet long. This accords with my recollection.

Yours truly
Isaac Holden

Bridgport, Conn., Apr. 29-1888.

x G. E. Davenport Esq. - Medford, Mass.

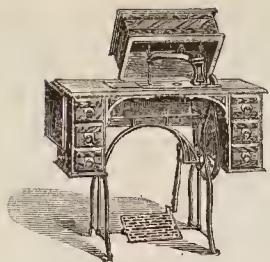
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Dear Sir:

Your kind favor of the 26th recd.

I gave Munroe instructions about binding ferns and told him if necessary to cut fronds, complete with root stock, into sections so that they could be mounted in order on successive sheets. He is no botanist at all and probably misunderstood me to the extent of thinking that one small ^{specimen} frond complete and one ^{frond} cut in sections, with tips of others, would be sufficient - though I told him to "get a lot". Upon overhauling the specimens I find that though he did not send but one complete ^{specimen} frond, there is ^{also one frond} ~~another~~ almost complete in two parts. That I will send you in a few days with an exact representation of the complete specimen. - Next season, if he goes to Biscayne Bay as I suppose he will, I shall try to have him go up the Miami again and get a number of complete specimens, in which event I will remember you. I suppose he is leaving the south about this time.

I enclose check-list showing what I have in the way of ferns. I commenced my collection last year, getting a few in Florida and what I could find in this vicinity last season, and have got a few from other parts by exchange. - Appreciating your kind offer, I should thankfully receive two or three specimens - anything you have to spare that I have not. I hope in time to get a nearly complete collection of the ferns of the U.S. Yours truly - Asa Gray

If you ever come this way I hope you will stop here and see me.



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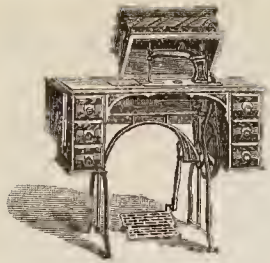
Dear Sir:

I now send you by mail a
found of *Gephyrolepis acuta* in two sections and a photograph
of my small, but complete, specimen.

I think the two sections really comprise a
complete found and that the short ovate
leaflets, which you see in photo, had
fallen off.

The dimensions of the flange in
the photo. I have noted on the back of
the picture. - In one of my specimens
the longest pinnules are 5 inches (making
found 10 inches wide) but whether that
is an extraordinary size I cannot say
but think not, for the widest part of
found.

Yours truly
Isaac Holden



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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Dear Sir:

If you would kindly send
one two or three copies of your check-list
of forms - if you have them to spare -
you would place me under great
obligations. They would be very useful
to me in making exchanges.

Yours truly,

Samuel Holden

P.S. Many thanks for your p.c. of the
9th.

J. W. Holland, M.D.,
418 West Broadway,

X

Louisville July 18th 1884

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport

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Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th inst
enclosing Miss Hornes check for
\$55.00 for Mrs. Williamson was
recd. this morning. Mrs. Williamson

has given me power of attorney
to dispose of her deceased sons
effects, so I feel at liberty to
to make the discount on Terms
of N. Amer. you suggest. If

you find a purchaser at \$20.00
let me know and I will send

them by Express to you or any
one you name. With respect to

the other matters mentioned see
my last letter. Mrs. W. is very

grateful for your sympathy and
substantial aid. She is very

question ^{is} ~~is~~ doubtful
about her future movements.

Time the case, will also
bring her to some settled
plan. Her case is one to
solicit for with the sympathy
~~and~~ the patience and the indul-
gence extended out to any
one.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Holland.

V
K

Brookland D.C.

Decbr. 22nd. 1900

Geo. W. Savenport Esq.
Medford. Mass.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with
your request in Rhodora, I take
pleasure in sending a list of the
Ferns of D.C., the records of which
are nearly all collected by a friend of
mine Mr. W. H. Palmer.

Yours respectfully

Theodor Holm

Brookland, D.C.

Feb. 25, 1901.

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir:

I would have answered your letter of Dec. 28. long ago, if it were not that I have not received any reply from Mr. Palmer, to whom I wrote and asked for the information you desired concerning the occurrence of *A. ebenoides* etc. I am sorry that I can not give you any further details.

As regards *Botrychium* Vig. the spores are mature usually in June here. Those of *B. obliquum* are very

different time; its spores may be
ripe in Septbr or not until Novbr. or
even later. It is alive all through the
winter here and perfectly fresh.

Ophioglossum is exceedingly rare and one
finds seldom more than a few individuals
at the time; the spores, I guess, are ripe
in July.

If I should be favored with
a reply from Mr. Palmer, I shall send
you his notes at once.

Yours very truly

Thos. Holm

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July 9 1876

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your kind letter of July 7th & the very interesting Ferns which accompanied it & your important - monograph of Botrychium simplex & Chilanthus viscidula: for all of which I am most

very much indebted to you & immediately send you acknowledgments - Mr. Baker who was much gratified - I send

A new scida in I

should have suggested the name was too near to C. viscosa, Kaulf.

J. G. B.

Instead his remarks on
the sheet, name of *C.*
viscida & an extract
from a non scientific
daily news paper which
will amuse you. I have
not a conception who
the writer is.

I have asked Mr Baker
to see if he could supply
any of your desiderata, & if
possible to do so; the only
one which you are
a scrap of *Thellus* which

Sphenopteris palmata, H.
but of no value for the
Herbarium - a revision
we want to say under
this name!!

Very respectfully
to Mr. Watson friend
& others in the
most friendly regards.

W. B. Baker

The two ferns are both new
to us, If *Chelanthus viscida*
were not already in print I
should have suggested the
name was too near to *C.*
viscosa, Kaulf. J. G. B.

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Feb: 14/78

My dear Sir

Your plant has been
 carefully examined & Mr
 Baker says he thinks it is
 really P. serrulata, but
 it has been so long in
 cultivation that he thinks
 it unlikely that it
 should be wild in
 Alabama. This point
 must however be
 settled by American Botanists
 when opinion we should

I would accept. It is
 an interesting find any way.

I enclose a few specimens of
Ad. Chalcid, the best
we can spare.

Respectfully
Yours
B. Walker.

Georgetown Aug 7, 1888
 Mr Danenport

Dear Sir I write in
 great haste. I want to study
 a little about ferns with a
 friend during the next month
 and can you tell us of
 some book that would be
 most helpful to us, just as
 though we were beginners
 and wanted to learn how
 in a short time? Our time
 is so limited that we want
 the most helpful thing
 there is. Do you think there
 is any place where we could
 borrow something for the
 time. Truly Yours
 Chas. S. Hornor

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Georgetown Jan. 22/95

My Dear Mr. Davenport,

I was happy to receive today, your paper on Ferns "Two New Ferns from New England"

These days I am so little in communication with my Boston botanical and other friends, that a reminder that I am still recognized is very pleasant.

I am much interested in the article as I have supposed a Fern hybrid a very rare creation, and I am glad that

attained the age of 85, but he never would have
grown too old to love the flowers and he has
indeed left to us who knew him a precious

I wish I might meet

legacy,
you sometime in Boston but I seldom
go now and I should be glad indeed to
welcome you at my home.

Thanking you again for the
"Fern Paper" I am yours very truly

Charlotte N. S. Horner

Essex Co. ~~is~~ ^{is} fortunate as to
have revealed two. I shall hope
sometime to secure a specimen
I still ramble in the woods
and fields and should like to
exhibit collections just as well
as ever were it possible—
You must feel a great sense
of loss that Mr Hitchings is
no longer here; he always seemed
so full of activity. The last
time I was in Boston before he
passed away, I met him at
the Hall and had a very pleasant
talk—and when I read that
sweet and loving memorial in
the Transactions it seemed
utterly impossible that he had

Georgetown Aug 10. 1896

Dear Mr Davenport -

I have been thinking of you lately more than usual, perhaps in a selfish way. It seems so long too since I have seen the old Horticultural Friends, and they "go away" one by one. I miss the thought of Mr Hitchings coming in to the Saturday meetings, and always with something interesting. Others that I knew more or less, come there no more.

My Warming tells me you are still in Woon
Woon Pass and I shall hope to see you some
time there and I should be very glad to
see you here sometime.

Very Truly Yours -

Charlotte N. S. Warner

I am preparing a paper to read
before a Natural History Club
next month; the subject is Ferns.
I am trying not to steal from
you or others who have written
on the subject, but I want
to ask you two or three things
that I may need to know,
for I am surprised at myself
to find how very little I know.
Why is *Aspidium* changed to
Dryopteris? I fear I have not
kept up with the times very well
and I rather think whatever is
the reason for the change,
that I shall follow Gray in
speaking of them in my paper
but some one may call me to

account so I would like to be prepared,
As the very small fern you mention as growing
in Alabama, *Wichmanus Petteri*? I have a
specimen of that and it seems to be the smallest
of all ferns. I am not sure yet but I think I
may take a few specimens among the extreme
edges or marginal forms, and so I want to know
about them. My paper was ready I think
I should take the liberty to submit it to your
judgment if criticism, but I have so little
time that it will have to remain as it will be I
only hope I shall make no gross mistakes.

Georgetown Aug. 22, 1896

My Dear Mr Davenport

I am so sorry that I cannot entertain you on Wednesday. The triennial reunion of the Spofford family occurs on that day, and we usually have many friends from a distance whose head quarters are with us.

I shall hardly be likely to be at leisure before Friday (28th)

If you can come on that day I shall be very glad to see you -

Very truly Yours
Charlotte N. S. Horner

Georgetown Sept 5, 1896

Dear Mr Davenport -

I was very sorry you could not come out last week I should have ventured to submit my paper to you to see what mistakes could be corrected, but I hope I shall lead no one far astray but I am surprised at my own ignorance, as I have been many times before when I have looked into some subject for a special purpose. As I read it I think it is rather rambling but I have not time now to make many changes. I have written under difficulties, as I have scarcely had an hour undisturbed.

I shall take a few fresh specimens for illustration, and some of my herbarium specimens, and in looking over to select I find that I have one or more species of every genus in the U. S. but one (*Ancimia*) so I think I shall take one of each along, I know there are some who desire much to see them, and in most cases they are duplicates.

We hope there will still be a day that you can come out before winter, It seems very Autumnal just now but of course there will be more warm days - I shall try to go in a few times at least to the discussions at the Hall this winter -

Very truly Yours -
Charlotte N. S. Horner

I open my letter to say that - I have just found in the back yard, sheltered by an overhanging rock quite a patch of *Protobaea* which I hope will keep for next Saturday although I have several specimens - I have opened the letter again - I this time admit take a new envelope) I have just read over your letter saying that - I might retain the old names &c, and you go on to say that if you have any ferns of *Camille's* & *Ancimia* that now if you have *duplicata*, I should like to borrow & you dare to leave them at - Wood: Hall by Thursday if you can leave them at - Wood: Hall by Thursday, I could send for them,

Georgetown Oct. 21, 1897

My Dear Mr Davenport

I have been hoping
for several weeks to go to Boston
and thought I might call at your
store, but Mr Horner has had a
very severe illness beginning the
first of June, and although he is
out and has been twice to Boston
he is very far from having recovered.

Two or three years since a friend
collected some ferns for me while
at the Azores for his health and
it occurred to me that you could
give me help about naming them
and I did up the package a long

time ago to leave at Hort. Hall
and today I send it and if you
have leisure sometime to look
them over and help me to some
of the names I shall be most
grateful. If there are any that
you wish to keep, the number
ed ones are duplicated and you
can have them.

I forward you some specimens
of *Botrychium* & and if you
find anything convincing to
Prof. Underwood among them
I enclose stamps for you to
forward them to him, otherwise
you can sometime leave them
with the *Agnes Jerus* at Hort. Hall

I hope I am not presuming to much on your
kindness, if you have a spare specimen
of *Dryopteris simulata* I should like it very
much, Mr Dodge sent me two specimens but
a gentleman in N. Y. was so anxious to see the
form that I sent the good one. So have and
I hardly like to ask Mr Dodge for another
I hope to go to the Chesapeake Museum & and
hope I may see your other friends
Very Truly Yours -
Charlotte W. S. Dennis

Georgetown Nov. 18, 1897-

Dear Mr Davenport

Please excuse my
delay in replying to yours of
the 7th. I also expected to meet
you at the Chrysanthemum
Exhibition, but Mr Horner
did not feel quite able to at-
tend, he has had a severe
bronchial cold in addition to
his general ill health, is some
better now. Do not hurry or
feel any uneasiness about the
ferus I sent; it was rather pre-
suming

on your kindness to send them
when you have so many more
important calls. please do not
allow them to displace anything
else - I shall be glad
indeed if the Botrychiums
will be of use to you please
keep them all if you wish
and again I say do not hurry
about the foreign ones -

Very Truly Yours
Charlotte N. S. Horner

Georgetown Apr. 22, 1898

Dear Mr Danenport

I have not been surprised
that you did not write me
about the fern as you told
me when I sent my package
how much you had on hand
for the winter. I wrote Mr
Chaffin ~~at the time~~ before I
wrote you that I thought
the fern must be *G. fragilis* -
I should surely like your Bulletin
and when you are sure that it

will come out I will send
the \$1.00 — Mr Horner
has had a poor winter and
is too feeble to sit up much
still I do not lose hope
that when the days are
warm enough for him to
be wheeled to the open door,
that he may get a little
strength; Do not put by
anything else for my Jesus
for I have no time or heart
to do anything with them at
present, but a friend collected
them for me and I thought
I should sometime like

to know more about them —

Very Truly Yours

Charlotte N.S. Horner

Georgetown Massachusetts Jan 12, 1905
Mrs C. V. S. Hornery, Nelson Ave

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written ✓
second set
also from Bull
blue prints
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My Dear Mr. Davenport

I have intended for several weeks to write you, I have much means of knowing anything of my old friends of the Horticultural Society excepting what I gather from the semi-yearly ^{me} "Transactions," (I usually read those very thoroughly) and I occasionally meet Mr. Low. (Don Aaron).

I should so much like to know if you have any special

work in progress in the plant line,
I think you had some illustra-
ted work on Ferns in contem-
plation, some time ago, did
you complete the work, and if
so I hope you can tell me
something about it, or any other
kindred work in which you have
been engaged. (If you have finished
the work on Ferns please tell me if
it is too expensive for private
ownership, I have some thought of
buying something in that line, I
do not lose my interest in the
"Vegetable World" although I am no

longer an active worker -
Last winter I put my Herbari-
um in order, which was quite a
pleasure to me as so many pleas-
ant, excursions, exchanges, friend-
ly interviews, interesting correspond-
ence &c, were brought to mind
that I enjoyed a great deal.
I suppose you attend the Satur-
day meetings, and I still see in
the reports some of the old famil-
iar names.
Now I hope that some day when
you have leisure I may hear from
you. Very sincerely Yours -
Charlotte N. S. Horner.

PRINGLE & HORSFORD,
CHOICE NOVELTIES,
NORTH AMERICAN
PLANTS AND SEEDS.

X
Charlotte, Vermont,
U S A.

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Sept 10 1885

Dear Mr. P.

Your packet of
potatoes dug and

Mr. P. is again in Mex.
and with a fair prospect
before him of his health &
good. Another turn he
would no doubt cure him of
collecting but since he seems
to like this the best of any
thing, I suppose we ought to
be glad of his success. In
regard to the payment for
the pictures Mr. P. said he usually
settled with you for them at the
end of the year but if you wish
I can pay you now, but please
send a bill of all if you wish to
now. Yrs J.H.H.

I send you letter to Mr. P. in Mex.



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Nothing about the address to be on this side.

SEP 10 3 38 PM
N.Y.

W. G. Danvers
8 Hamilton Place

Dexter
Mass.

K
Charlotte, Vt. June 10, '98.

My Dear Sir:-

These letters have just come back here to Mr. P. and he is now again in Mex. I thought you might like to add to them before being forwarded to him again so I send to you with his last address .

C.G. Pringle

Hotel Buena Vista
Calle de las Estaciones,
Mexico City, Mexico.

I find there is positively no reliance on letters to many points in Mex. I have had a great many held just as these have been.

Yours truly,



✓
13 Brook St Brattleboro Vermont

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Mr G. C. Danenport-

My dear Sir:- X

Enclosed find the letter from Mr Ferris which will explain itself. Several months ago I received a letter from him asking for a root of the little fern which you named for me. I sent him one from my fern jar a few days ago and this communication from him is in response to that. I forward it all to you asking you to look at his frond from Arkansas which is enclosed and see, as he asks, if it is the same kind as ours. Then if you will please return the letter and frond with your letter stating your opinion I will return his frond to him. This is quite a strange coincidence I think. I went out to the station, where I found the ferns, a few days since, and found three or four nice plants which are sending up new fronds. Two plants in my fern garden are doing well.

Very truly yours

Francis B. Hoar

On 9.8.00
Gavin W. Mc-
Arkansas
H. Ferris, Oct. 9.00

I certainly do not know what to look for. I have not told you that I found a Christmas fern with nearly every frond crested at the apex and some of them twice and thrice crested. One was forked and crested also.

That was growing out on the farm.

One of the *Dolichium* fronds was forked. Excuse this long letter but when I begin to say anything about ferns I find it hard to stop talking.

Thank you for your kind favor
Very truly yours
Francis B. Boston

✓
Brattleboro. Vt.

Mr. Davenport

Your letter with fronds came today and I thank you very much for your trouble. It has helped me very much.

I am surprised that the *spinulosum* turns out to be normal *spinulosum* - I am also much pleased to have it so. Yes this frond came from the same plant that had some crested pinnae on fronds. I was on Round Mt. where we found it. The marginale

was a handsome odd looking plant. I have climbed Round Mt three times this season to find *Goldianum*, *Braunii* and *angustifolium*. but failed to find them. I found the *angustifolium* growing plentifully by the roadside on a Gul road the other day and last Saturday we drove out to my father-in-law's farm and I went down into a charming ravine in the woods and found twelve plants of *Goldianum* and huge boulders covered with moss, *Trichomanes* and *Walking fern*. I only

knew of but one place where the *Walking fern* grew in town and that is at Round Mt. Consequently I am much pleased to have it grow so abundantly at our home and so near the house. So many times as I have been through those woods studying birds I have never noticed anything growing on those rocks before.

Now we are trying to find the *marginalis* & *cristata* and *Braunii* I don't know what else we could hope to find in town. I think I have nearly all the knits that grow about here. If anything grows here

Brattleboro, Vt., Nov 5 1900

Mr Danforth

H Dear Sir:— X

Your communication is received also the exquisite blue prints for which I thank you most abundantly. I am unable to tell you how much I prize them. About our little strange fern I am glad you received it safely. Since receiving your letter I have been out to the pasture where I found the fern to observe the surroundings more minutely.

Not many yards distant from the spot where I took your specimen I found several plants growing

Three or four plants were growing not more than one or two feet apart and two more were growing a little farther down the hill. Within one foot of some of the plants were growing the *ebenum*, *trichomanes*, *aerostichoides*, *marginalis*, and a few feet away a large patch of *Sicksonia*. Each strange plant was a separate plant of itself. I examined all the fronds and found none fruited. I took one plant and covered the other with leaves so no one should

notice the place where I had been working and
take the plants and perhaps exterminate them

The plant which I took I will send you if
you wish for another. The place is a side-
hill pasture descending directly toward the east-

There are many large rocks on the hillside but
our plants were growing on or near the smaller rocks

The place is far from being thickly wooded but
near by are growing the pine, hemlock, cedar, birch,
maple, elm &c.

If there is any other information in regard to
this which I can furnish you. I shall be very glad
indeed to do.

Again please accept my thanks

Yours cordially

Francis B. ^{Mrs} Boston (W. L. Boston)

request to make of you

Should you ever have occasion
to use my name in full
when not addressing letters
to me please remember that I
sign my name and am known
by the name of

Frances B. Barton

13 Brook St

Brattleboro

Vt.

Apr 23-1900

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Mr G & Davenport

My dear Sir:—

I mailed you today
a copy of the Phoenix containing
a short article about our little
firm. I suppose the article
found its way into the paper
by way of some of my friends
who are greatly interested in
the subject. The other paper
was the Brattleboro Reformer
and the article I think was
copied from the Phoenix
I am watching the firm

growing and I find that they are still fresh and green and quite as much so as the *ebeneum*

It is a cold place and most of our ferns are now brown and dead - except of course the evergreen ferns - but one little fern is still bright and so are many of the *ebeneums* if the fronds are covered with leaves, if not they are very much faded.

Our little fern is on a hillside descending towards the east where the warm sunshine is not obstructed from shining directly on to the slope. There are

large and small limestone cliffs, an abundance of ferns, wild flowers and several kinds of native trees. Cattle graze about here but do not seem to harm our ferns. It is a charming, quiet spot and a place where anyone who is in love with nature, beautiful and wild, can find their hearts content.

I hope to hear the full result of your investigation and also to see the "Rhodone" for January -

If there is any thing I can say or do to assist you I shall be much pleased to do so. I have one little

Brattleboro, Vt., Dec 29 1900

K Mr George E. Danvers

Dear Sir:-

Your very welcome letter came in this morning and I wish to thank you for your courtesy in naming the strange little fern. I wrote to Dr Robinson today as you suggested and stated the facts about the little stranger as they have shown themselves to me.

I thank you for your advice about shielding the station and I will certainly guard it closely.

I have never told any one but Mr Weston when they grow. If the place was known I am sure it would mean total eradication for our treasure.

Very truly

Frances B. Weston

Brattleboro, Vt., June 20 1901

K

Mr G. E. Larnport

My dear Sir

You see I am returning the form for you to look at once more. I was a little surprised when your letter came stating that it was the *Scotoneae*.

I will send along one of my friends for you to get a comparison. I think the Ark- found nearer to the normal *Stenocum* than mine, also the *Scotoneae* is far more deeply incised. Almost twice pinnate - and the other is only toothed a little and the pinnules at the base differ from mine (halberd shape)

I cannot think they are identical and when you see the two together you may see the difference more clearly. Had I found the Ark- specimen I would have sent it to you at once for a new name.

This is most interesting to me and I know it is to you - Very truly yours

Francis B. Scotone. (over)

I would like to have you state the names of
the *Mordrias*. We do not often see them and they
will us a little. etc -

obtusica
+ *flavica*

to pieces. I have no doubt I can make it grow again as all the ferns seem perfectly willing to grow for me.

They all grow luxuriantly and afford me great delight. I have only about thirty fine different ones yet I think I must have more than one hundred plants. I find it difficult to obtain those ^{that} do not grow here.

In writing about the cristatum you call it - *Spheropteris Cristatum* and I do not recollect that term. I never have seen the word before.

I was glad to know that it was a plebeian fern. I had thought so before I sent it but could not be sure as I did not know it grew here and the funny thing is that it grew very near my home - born by a pond only a few yards from our grounds. If there is any thing I can get you this way I should indeed deem it a great pleasure to be privileged to do so -

Very truly yours
Francis B. Horton

Mrs H. C. Horton

Brattleboro. July 11 - 1901

Mr G. E. Lavenport

X

My dear friend

Your letter came today naming the ferns and I cannot tell you how you have helped me. It is indeed hard for me to study them all out alone - and I love them so much that I want to be personally acquainted with them and be sure I am not making any mistakes. I am more than delighted to learn that you will send me some ferns - I needn't assume, I think, that they will receive good care.

About the fertile fronds of the *Hortonia* - your letter with questions has placed in my head a bad suspicion - You asked if only one plant had fertile fronds - I

see that only one has. While other plants are strong and healthy near by. And none were pruned at the station. This plant is one that I took up last summer and placed in my fern garden (out doors). In the spring the new fronds were sent up readily and the plant is a fine one with all new fronds. There is one and I think two more pruned fronds just like the one I mailed you. My suspicion is this. That when I took up the plant last season I took as much of the earth around it as would cling together and I did not examine the root nor see it as it was thickly covered with the earth and it is far from being impossible that a common ebeneum may be growing up with it. Today after your letter came I thought of the time last summer when I was examining a plant to write you about. I observed some prostrate fronds that seemed to be in the same root stock as the Hortonia and I took every particle of earth away and pulled apart the roots and found that the Hortonia and the common fronds did not come from the same roots altho' closely interwoven and apparently the same plant. Now this may be the case with this one and if you think it best I will take it up and thoroughly examine it and let you know at once. Even if it tears the plant

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H

Brattleboro, Vt., July 24 1901

Mr G. E. Sampson-

Four letters came in this morning explaining the Ark found. I am so glad to have some one who can set one right - on the ferns.

They certainly do not look identical to me but, as you say, I did not examine the Ark - very closely and if I had I might have been deceived the same as I am now. Why, Mr Sampson you are an expert - a specialist - and can ^{see} every thing about a fern at one glance where we have to dig out all our problems and then drift into error. I have no one but you to whom I can petition for one word of help and the Rhodora does not help me very much because I know so little. The more I study and the more time I give to ferns the less I seem to know about them. I don't know what ails me but I am misled now in a few common ferns. There are a few fern students here whom I have often asked to help

me out on certain specimens and I have found
each time that I received just no help at all and
they knew less than I. Studying alone as I do, I
often get confused and discouraged. Did such a
condition ever come to you when you began the study?

I am glad ^{misled by *ebeneum*} to report to you that my *Hortoniae*
is fruited and the fertile fronds look like the
normal *ebeneum*. Shall I send you a fruited
frond?

I was much pleased with your
photograph I assure you - I have placed in my
scrap book of ferns. Beside it I have pasted the
"Editorial" and near it the plate and explanation
of the plate of the *Hortoniae*. This scrap book is one
of my treasures in which I place all plates and
clippings regarding ferns. In closing I will again
thank you for your explanation and say I wish I could
see the difference as you can. Seeing them and now do in
my mind they seem to differ enough to be ^{two} different varieties.
When can I send for an *Aculeatum* ^(*Braunii*) and a *Woodsii*
Glabella?

Very truly yours
Francis B. Horton

(Very hastily)

Mr George E Danforth

My dear Sir: -

I am just at home from
an outing at Spofford Lake
and hasten to reply to your
communication regarding
the ferns which you have
very kindly offered to send
me. As it was the living
ferns that I wanted for my
fern garden but as you can
only send me pressed specimens
I shall be much pleased to
place those mentioned in
my herbarium which I am

now arranging and I can assure you the specimens will be very welcome as they will augment my meagre collection.

I received the new list of ferns by B. D. Gilbert but I do not understand the *Aphroclium* and *Polypodium* part. My "Botanical friends" here are as much in the dark as I am.

I am almost inclined to think that my fern study gives me greater pleasure and satisfaction than

any other subject and my regret is that I can give so little time to anything I love so well. My bird study and lectures consume my most valuable time outside of my home responsibilities but I cannot resist the temptation to spend a few happy hours down among my luxuriantly growing ferns each week.

Thanking you for past favors
I am very truly yours
Frances B. Hooper
Brettleboro 71-
July 29-1901

growing as the *A. simulatum*
but the result helped me by
strengthening my own opinions and
may help me to be more self-reliant
in future. What troubles me
now is to distinguish between the
different *spinulosums* and *Felix*
foeminae and between the *Cristatum*
and var *Christmanni* and *Boottii*.
and I find Miss Reed and others
here cannot discriminate between
them. I shall not be satisfied until
the problem is perfectly settled in my
own mind. One of the characteristics in
my nature is to know a thing of my own
positive knowledge before accepting it.

The problem now is how am I going to
find the difference between them.

I thank ^{you} very kindly for your generosity
and the ferns. I am getting all

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Aug 19, 1901

Mr G. E. Lamport

My dear Sir:-

How can I ever thank you
enough for sending me those
beautiful specimens of ferns
which I am so delighted with?

There is a little coincidence
connected with it which I will
tell you about. I have been
very ill for more than two
weeks and in my delirium I
was digging ferns and had a
beautiful time at it. When I
was able to sit up a few minutes

Mr Boston arranged for me to get down into my garden among the ferns for a short time and while there I noticed one of my plants that looked very strange to me - one which I had passed over as a *Filix foemina* - I took a pencil back to my room with me and began to study its points and decided that it was what I had never seen before - an *Aspidium simulatum* - I judged largely by its simple veins and the fruit dots.

Then came in to see me my dear friend and old classmate - Miss Addie Reed agradaucte from Mt Holyoke who taught in South Africa for 40 ten years - and I showed her the fern and "told her what I thought it to be and she said I think you are wrong this time I am sure it is a *marginalis* x *cristatum* - but I did not change my opinion and there in two days you sent me three beautiful specimens and there I found both species in question. It helped me out of the dilemma at once and my plant is beyond a doubt the *A. simulatum*.

It seemed as if you must have found in some way my immediate need. I would be just as pleased to have the *marginalis* x *cristatum*

the specimens together that I
can and shall place them in
an herbarium as soon as I can
get one. There are none to be
obtained in our book stores and
I do not know where to send to
get one. I may have one made
at the book bindery.

I wish there was some thing
here that I could send you
I would do so gladly.

I do not think the *Braunerii*
grows in B. I cannot find it and
am much pleased with the
fronds you sent also the glabella
There all the fronds on the

Dicksonia piloscula cristellum plant erected on new
some of them normal. I had an *aberrum* with
two of the prods forked or erected while the others
were normal. I have often wondered at the cause.

Very truly yours

Frances B. Cotton

Brattleboro Vermont

August 19-1901

Mr Tavenport-

Will you please
name this fern for me
and return it as it is
not mine - At first I
called it *Filix femina*
but the fruit dots
say differently
One woman

calls it *Filix mas*. It was found in
Hensdale N. B. near Brattleboro.

Yours - Francis B. Sartore

the small much incised *Floerda*
form of *filipponia* with
some malin *condurcia* zone

Brattleboro Aug 30 - 01

Brattleboro, Vt., Sept 24 1901

Mr G. C. Davenport

My dear Sir:-

The Rhodora and N. A. Pteridophytes which you sent me came safely and I thank you very much for them and not only do I wish to thank you for the books but also for your kind mention of me and the little fern which you have so nicely noted in Rhodora.

In the "Pteridophytes" I see several varieties of *Filix foemina* listed and a few of them explained in the appendix and I would like to know how we are to know about those not explained.

Have you anything to help us get on the varieties of the *Filix foemina*? So far I have failed to find anything of value. I am searching a specimen

about which there is a disagreement this way -

Will you please tell me whether it is *Bottii* or *Clintonianum* and why? There two

species trouble me more than I can tell
you and more than all the others. (I find I
am not alone). Did I tell you I had found
the *A. simulatum* in Brattleboro and my
friends have found the Climbing fern (*Lygodium*)
in N. H. just out of Hinsdale? They sent me a
root or rather a fine plant so I know they were
correct in identification. I have about forty
different ferns growing in my garden and am
looking for more. I have a *Filix mas* and a
Goldianum promised but will probably not get
it until next spring

Thanking you kindly for all your favors
I am very truly yours
Francis B. Barton

Francis Barton

Brattleboro, Vt., Oct 2 1901

Mr G. C. Danenport

H My dear Sir:-

Your letter came last Tuesday and I have read it several times. I am so glad the fern was *Boottii* as that was my own decision made before several members of a Nature Club from another state while I was out ferning with them. They told me I was in error, that the fern was a *Clintonianum*.

This is the third time that this has occurred and it proves that I can trust my first decision.

I thank you very much for making it so clear to me. It has helped me very much.

I send you a frond of *Lygodium* which I just took from my garden. It (the plant) came from N. B. My friends found it growing very plentifully and luxuriantly ~~in~~ on a knoll in

a meadow only ten miles from Hinsdale N. H. The name of the town they did not state but said it grew in N. H. I can ask them the name of the place. I think they are withholding the name so no one shall find it and exterminate it from that locality.

I know they will tell me but perhaps it wouldn't be best for the public to know just the spot.

They said it grew with the Royal fern and it was completely entwined around it - roots and all and it was very difficult to get any roots. However they succeeded in obtaining one for me and some for their own ferneries. The woman who owns the meadow told them it had grown there for years and many times people had been there and taken roots but no one had made them live. I think mine will live all right. I have had it some time and it looks fresh and green now. I hope it will not be wilted badly when you receive it. I would press it for you but a green frond will make a better voucher for you. The specie surely is well established there and growing abundantly at that place. We should greatly rejoice if we

could find it in It. I shall see those ladies
this week as they are going to drive over here
the first sunny day and I am going to take
them to Round Mt- to hunt for *Goldianum*,
Braunii and *A. Trichomanes* var *Incisum*. (They were
all found there several years ago before the trees
were cut down.) I will enquire of them still more
more concerning *Dygodium* and if they tell me
anything further I will write you at once.

I will tell them to ask that- the plants be allowed
to remain and that- the secret of their station be
closely kept. I thank you for your kind interest
and also for the hints of in the varieties of *Filix femina*.

I have some growing that- are entirely different-
but I am glad it is not necessary or perhaps best-
to trouble to distinguish many varieties -

Very truly yours

Frances B. Coe

all the others.

Very Sincerely Yours

Francis B. Sartore

Oct 5 1901

Brattleboro, Vt.

Oct. 5, 1901

T
My dear Mr. Danforth—
I went on the delightful
fishing expedition with my
friends in pursuit of *Goldianum*
and *Braunii*. We found the
woods cut away and the
species exterminated and so
our last hope of finding either of
the two has vanished. We have
plenty of pressed specimens in
our herbariums but we or I
want a not ^{of each} very much indeed
I found *A. angustifolium* in

Brattleboro last week growing abundantly beside a "Gulf Road"

That was a happy surprise I found a large boulder covered with Walking fern

I asked my friends about the climbing fern again. They said they found it in Winchester N. H. but they had told no one else. One of the women had been to the place several years ago and obtained fossils to press and she knew that it had grown there for years

She said she had gathered it in Mass where the fossils

were longer and more luxuriant

They said there was a large knoll covered with *Lygodium* and *C. Regalis* completely entwined about each other

The *Lygodium* being shaded and supported by the *C. Regalis*.

My friends are going to subscribe for *Rhodora* and one of them will send for your set of blue prints of Ferns of N. E.

I shall surely wish *Rhodora* while you are waiting for it.

I value your opinion above

Brattleboro, Vt., Oct 11 1901

Mr Lavenport

Is this marginal the ^{normal} type? I found it on Round Mt. The other I also found near the same place. It seems unlike *Spinulosum* to me and yet not like *Boottii*. What is it?

Hastily -

Francis B. Kortou

One of the forms of the plant I call (*Boottii* or *Spin*) fern was created nicely. I am pressing it for my herbarium. If you look closely you will see a slight tendency towards being created in the form enclosed - It all seems so different from that fruited form of the *Spinulosum*.

Spin
Boottii
Lavenport

Brattleboro, Vt., 5 1904

Mr Danforth

Today I mail you the fossils from the fern I told you about in a previous letter

I do not understand why they did not press smoother. May be you can just moisten them and press them between blotters and improve them a little.

The marginales which I send is a form that I often see and yet it is unlike the fossils I sent you a short time since and you called it the highest type. The common form growing here is unlike this one as this has the upward turning pinnae and the lowest pinnae have elongated pinnules like spinulose.

Is there any special name attached to this form? If not why cannot we have one as well

as to have the different forms and varieties
of *Filix femina* and *spinulosum* named?

The Christmas ferns may not be any
thing you will care for and if not don't
trouble over them.

I shall be pleased with the *Dicksonia cristata*.
A friend brought me a *Filix mas* from his
garden last week. They grow nicely in this section
but of course are not natives of this place.

Very truly yours

Francis B. Sartore



Dec 30, 1901

FRANCES B. HORTON, Pres., } Brattleboro, Vt.
STELLA E. BARROWS, Sec'y, }

Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir:-

Having been invited to read a paper on my garden ferns at the coming mid winter meeting of our "State Botanical Club" at Burlington I petition to you for some good advice in nomenclature. Shall I say *Aspidium* or *Polystichum acrostichoides*? *Aspidium* or *Asplenium cristatum*—

Bottii *Spinulosum*, *Marguiale*

Foreboracense *Thelypteris* Ps.?

I know your opinion about *Athyrium*
Filix femina, having learned in the
Rhodora which you so generously sent
me but I have not read in anything
your opinion about *Nephrodium*-
and why the change from *Aspid* to
Nephrodium.

Will you kindly advise me and
accept my gratitude for the same

Very truly yours

Frances B. Boston

Mrs W. C. Boston

Dec 30-1901



FRANCES B. HORTON, Pres., } Brattleboro, Vt.
STELLA E. BARROW'S, Sec'y, }

H
Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir:-

Our "Botanical Meeting" will not be held until after the twentieth of this month and the Rhodora will probably be printed in ample time to reach me before then.

I am sure I can never thank you enough for your kindness and generosity to me for which

I feel truly grateful and I
wish I had words to express to
you my appreciation of your
high class of favors to me.

Very truly yours

Francis B. Horton

Jan 2- 1902

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Oct 1905

13 Brook St.

Brattleboro Vt.

Mr. G. E. Tavenfont,

Dear Sir:-

Once more I am writing you to tell you about my ferns. I have a fine station for the Crested Dicksonia, the same as you sent me a few years ago.

I have found a station for the Marginalis x Cristatum

And within a few days I have found one plant of the *ebenum* *Trichomanes* var. *Excisum*.

One plant, only, was found by Miss Prout, in this town several years ago and at that time Harvard sent up a man who spent the greater part of three days searching the same hillside for more specimens but found none. So this is the only plant found since

that time. I send you a frond which is scarcely dry but it will prove very fine.

The plant was very small and there was but few fronds.

The Crested *Dicksonia* does not appear in the Vt. Flora nor the *Marginalis* x *Cristatum* in the Brattleboro Flora.

I am sure our Botanical friends will be pleased to know of this, from you, in *Rhodora*.

I am still having much

pleasure in finding new
stations for *Campylopus*
Rhizophyllum and one or two
new stations for *P. Braunii*.

All which I have
mentioned I found in
Amattleboro.

I trust you are well and
enjoying the beautiful
Autumn.

Very Sincerely yours
Frances B. Norton
(Mrs. W. C. H.)

+ Concord 12/4/78.

Dear Mr. Danenport: - I
rec'd the paper you lent
me & gave it at once
to the Editor of the
Concord Freeman. He
was much pleased
to have an article
from you and
a great deal of interest
was taken here in your
Field Club. The poem
you wrote on Mr. Gust
Pratt has not as yet
appeared. Mrs. Pratt
is out of Town visiting
& the Editor has not been

have acknowledged the receipt of
your paper at once but Mother &
Father were both sick at the
time. I suppose they sent you a
paper if not, I will see. We
now have one. Whenever you
or any of your family feel like
sending Concord the paper to please
to see you here.

Very sincerely your friend
Wm. P. Holmes.

We do not get it, perhaps,
you have a copy you
could send him. I
do hope if you have
any articles on the
Form of Preamble
&c. or forms you will
be generous enough
to send them for publica-
tion to our little paper.
Concord people would
take such an interest
in them and then the
paper misses the
articles Mr. Pratt used
to send them. They
are so grateful for
contributions. I should

in flora. These are all I re-
member just now. I have
not met any one who would
know of the Schizaea, which
you spoke to me of, but shall
see Dr. Lockwood of Freehold
this week who is a great
naturalist & I will ask
him of about it. There is a
catalogue of the plants of New
Jersey. would you like it &
would you like to exchange
plants with Mr Anson B.
Guildford the High Sch. teacher
of this place. My address
is Red Bank, Monmouth Co
New Jersey. I shall be here
two weeks longer & then I go to
Illinois Mrs. Julia, Eliza Holmes.

Red Bank, Monmouth Co. New Jersey
Aug. 23/55

Dear friend, Enclosed I send
two specimens of ferns, the
names of which I am not
sure of. Could you send
me a postal card with the
names. I have lately become
acquainted with the High
School teacher here & we
have had many walks
in the woods for ferns &
flowers. He is very much
interested in wild flowers &
like myself is such he

beginning to study the ferns.
He is young, intelligent &
agreeable & I have been
fortunate in meeting with
him. I do not believe there
is a person here except
him that can analyze a
flower. He said here -
the Woodwardia angustifolia
which Gray says is rare.
Yesterday we found the
Maidenhair fern. There
are fields here of the Cassia
chamaecrista (partridge pea).
Would you not like some
seeds of it. Let me write
you the names of some of

the flowers I have found
here. Some may be new to
you. Euphorbia corollata,
Euphorbia ipecacuanhae,
(wild ipecac), Asclepias ver-
ticillata, Asclepias tuberosa,
Lycopus ^{europaeus}, Scutellaria later-
iflora (mad-dog scullcap),
Monarda punctata, Collinsia
canadensis, Verbascum, Flatta-
ria, Mimulus ringens, Gerardia
flava, Melampyrum amer-
icanum, Clettra alnifolia,
Circaea lutetiana, Silene ~~capa~~
stellata, the pink & the white
marsh rose mallow, Physocollye
umbellata, Ludwigia alternifolia,
Monotropa hypopitys, Lobelia

answered the question.
My letter I left with
him. I enclose what I am
sure is the *Ericaceae Canadensis*.
But Mr. G. was not quite
so sure, for in two respects
it does not answer the
description of that flower
given by Gray. ~~But~~ in respect
to the lower part of the stem
of the involucre. I asked

Dr. Lockwood about the
Catalogue of the plants of
N. J. + he says it is out
of print + of little use.

Do you find the Marsh penny-
wort. *Hydrocotyle umbellata*.

Mr. Tracy in his Flora of the Flora of
Essex County says he has found it but
not in flower + rather doubts the species.

What does he mean? I sent a little of
it to Mr. Prall, + he says he shall try +
coat it to grow. I think I may
be able to send you a number

of you from Illinois. I think
you will enjoy
a lot of them
+ some with
Mr. G. He is
usually
intellectual
+ kind. I
stand by
him. I
received your
letter + took it down to my
friend, Mr. Guilford. He said
he would answer it as he
had the root of the fern that
you desired. He presses the plants
we get. I suppose he told you
that we did not get the fern
in Red Bank neither, did we.
He would send the root. He
dug up two roots of the *Asplenium*
+ I told him I did not
believe he got enough of
roots of them, but he seemed
to think he had. If it does not
seem so to you, let me know

Monmouth Co. N. J.
Monmouth Co. N. J.
50, 75 -
+
I have a week
longer -
your
Tracy
John

son + I will send you
another. Did you wish a
pressed specimen of the
same? Mr. Guilford has
failed to press the *Erigeron*
collata (flowering spurge) +
Sunday he went after it.
It only grows two miles
from us. We gathered some
seeds of the *Verbascum*
platanifolium (moth mullen) for
Mr. Pratt, who wishes them.
Do you care for any of them.
Mr. G. has the names of
the flowers we have found
& he says he intends to send
a list of them to you. that
he may send you any that
you do not have & care
for - some perhaps he might
not be able to get finding
them out of Red Bank -
We found a most beauti-

ful flower on Sandy Hook
I forget the name of it now,
it keeps fresh a long time
I wish I had the list of
our flowers now I am
writing. We have analysed
so many that the names
escape me. Mr. G. has some
pressed. We find here the
Marsh Rosemary. Is it common
with you? Mr. G. put a root
in with his package. It
was the one with the soft
root. Dr. Lockwood of Portland
says that the *Schizaea* has
been exterminated from
the pine barrens of N. J. I
told him you mentioned a
fern that grew there & he
at once gave the name.
I do not know what Mr.
G. had written you so I
may have neglected to have

My heavy frosts here. It has been uncommonly cold for the season.

We may have
some Indian
Summer
yet. How
do you really
like Medford.

I did not like
the idea of your
moving there - the
schools are not
very good, which
is the first
thing I
considered
with
with
referred to
yourself
I am
yours truly
Glenn H.

Dear friend,
A week ago I rec'd a letter from
you & last night a postal card. You
are too kind in offering to send me more
pressed ferns. I will enclose in this letter a
list of those I have. I should like very much
to see the ferns springing up around
your house each Spring & Summer. I
was in Medford four years & just as I
left, you came to take us your abode there.
It would be such a pleasure to join you
in your rambles about the town in search
of ferns & flowers. Let me tell you now of the
treats I have had lately. I went out ~~two~~
week ago Sunday with my little niece just
ten years old. We took Wood's Bohemian Hand
Christian Anderson's Stories & some Luncheon
in my case. Unfortunately the string of my
case broke & down went the box of luncheon
on the car track, breaking the bottle containing
tea & so all the food was deluged. We sat
down to throw away what was to have been
our dinner. Some men passing us just then
looked down upon us & laughed. So it is
the misfortune of one are sometimes made
a subject ^{matter} of another. I have not a scintilla
of locality. So of course I got lost, but

we did let disturb us at all. When we
wished to rest we sat down and read
a story. ^{We were from home from 8 A.M. till 3 P.M.} We found the large blue Lobelia
I had in so many hours in my hand
that it wilted before I reached home
but I put it in water & it came out
as fresh as ever. I sent some to Mr
Pratt, he said he should consider it a
prize if he could introduce it into Concord
I went after I rec'd his letter to look for
more but the frost had killed most of
the plants in the woods & that was
nearly out of flower when I first found
it. So I could not see any. I did not
know but that it might be common
in the East or I should have taken the
roots when I found the flowers. I was
out to Dr. Wilmot's at Lawn Ridge last
Wednesday. It is ten miles from Chills
He is my sister's brother-in-law. He
knew where the large blue Lobelia grew & is
going to get a root for Mr. Pratt. Dr
Wilmot is a good botanist, but says he
knows little of the ferns, though he is very
fond of them. He has a place in his garden

in which it has the very few that grow
about here. The Maiden-hair, *Cystopteris* &
one of the *Sphenoclosum* - at least I took it
to be that. The *Pteris* also grow here. Dr.
Wilmot says the summers are too dry here
for the ferns. I have only found two differ-
ent kinds - the Maiden-hair & *Cystopteris*. My
sister's Aunt who lives in Pruceville says
that there a good many there altho' she
knows little about them. Next Spring I
am going there. Dr. Wilmot asked me if
Mr. Pratt had the Compass-plant the
edges of whose leaves are said to be uniform-
ly north & south, also the *Leucis* that grows
on the prairies, I know he would gladly
get you any prairie plant that you
might desire that he finds in his drive
about the country & I think he would con-
sider it a favor to himself to do so. His
address is Dr. William Wilmot Lawn Ridge
Peoria Co. ^{Illinois} He says that Mr. Pratt should not
have put his puccoon in his garden for
it does not bear cultivation. He can get
that for you & I can also if you wish it,
next summer. He understands the soil that
different plants here need better than I
do. Mr. Pratt sent a climbing fern for
him & I have asked Abby to send him
any of the common ferns that grow in
Concord. I found in the woods a
course looking plant that had very pretty

flowers. It was a *Compositae*. I could
find no ray flowers in the first specimen
I had. the Corollas had fallen off but I
did not know it. I failed to analyze it
but afterward meeting it, the first thing
I saw was the little ray flowers. Then I
at once found the name. It was the
Polymnia Canadensis. Do you have it, if
not would you like it. Any thing that
I find here I shall take great pleasure
to send. Do you have the *Eupatorium serotinum*
It is now past flower but I could get
roots. The hemp nettle grows abundantly
here & I notice that Gray says it is rare.
I have had the bottoms in the house
over a week & they kept fresh - then
were thrown away although not withered.
The *Dysodia* has been in blossom ever since
I came here. I could send you some. I do
not think it grows in Illinois & southward. I shall
not forget your Ladies' slipper next summer.
Do you have the *Cuphea* that has
been in blossom ever since I came here.
Do you have the *Helianthus autumnalis*. I
think I sent you a list of the flowers I
had found & offered to get pay for you. I did
the same to Mr Pratt. & he sent for some roots
& seeds. We have had

Polypodium vulgare
Phegopteris polypodioides
Phegopteris Dryopteris
Struthiopteris germanica
Pteris aquilina
Adiantum pedatum - abundant in Chillicothe.
Camptosorus rhizophyllus.
Scolopendrium officinarum
Asplenium trichomanes.
Asplenium ebeneum
Asplenium thelypteroides
Asplenium Ruta muraria
Filix-foemina.
Dicksonia punctilobata.
Woodsia obtusa
Woodsia Ilwacoensis
Cystopteris fragilis
Cyrtopteris
Woodswardia angustifolia - abundant in New Jersey.
Aspidium marginale
Aspidium thelypteris.
Aspidium noveboracense.
Aspidium spinulosum.
Aspidium cristatum
Aspidium acrostichoides
Pellaea densa
Aspidium argutum
Onoclea sensibilis

Lycopodium palmatum
Cosmunda regalis
Cosmunda Claytoniana
Cosmunda Cinnamomea
Botrychium ternatum
Botrychium virginianum
Woodswardia virginica
Pellaea atropurpurea
Pellaea gracilis
Chelanthus ratoru
Aspidium muricatum
Polypodium intermedium
Polypodium incanum
Asplenium montanum
Pellaea ornithopus
Gymnogramma triangutaris
Asplenium viride
Chelanthus gracillima
Notholaena Wendleri
Adiantum chilense
Ophioglossum vulgatum
Toxochmanes Petersia
Pellaea andromedaefolia
Botrychium lanceolatum
Woodswardia radicans
Asplenium pennatifidum

I found several different
ones. We also studied the
gnited buds of most of
these with the microscope.
I regret I had not commenced
the study of the ferns earlier.
I wish I could analyze them
as easily as the flowers. I
think now that I shall
 devote considerable time to
the Spring & summer flowers
& hope to send you some
that do not grow East.
Isn't it strange that I did not
know the Bolry chin that Mr.
G. sent you. We thought it was a
fern & then that it wasn't.
We found it early in August
with a withered stalk in place
of the gniled stalk that I thought
must have been a flower stalk.
I have to enjoy my flowers alone
now with the children there isn't
a person in Chillicothe that can

analyze a flower
or particularly

Care for
Wild Flowers.

The pressed

ferns

that you

gathered

me

have

been

very

much

admired

by my

own

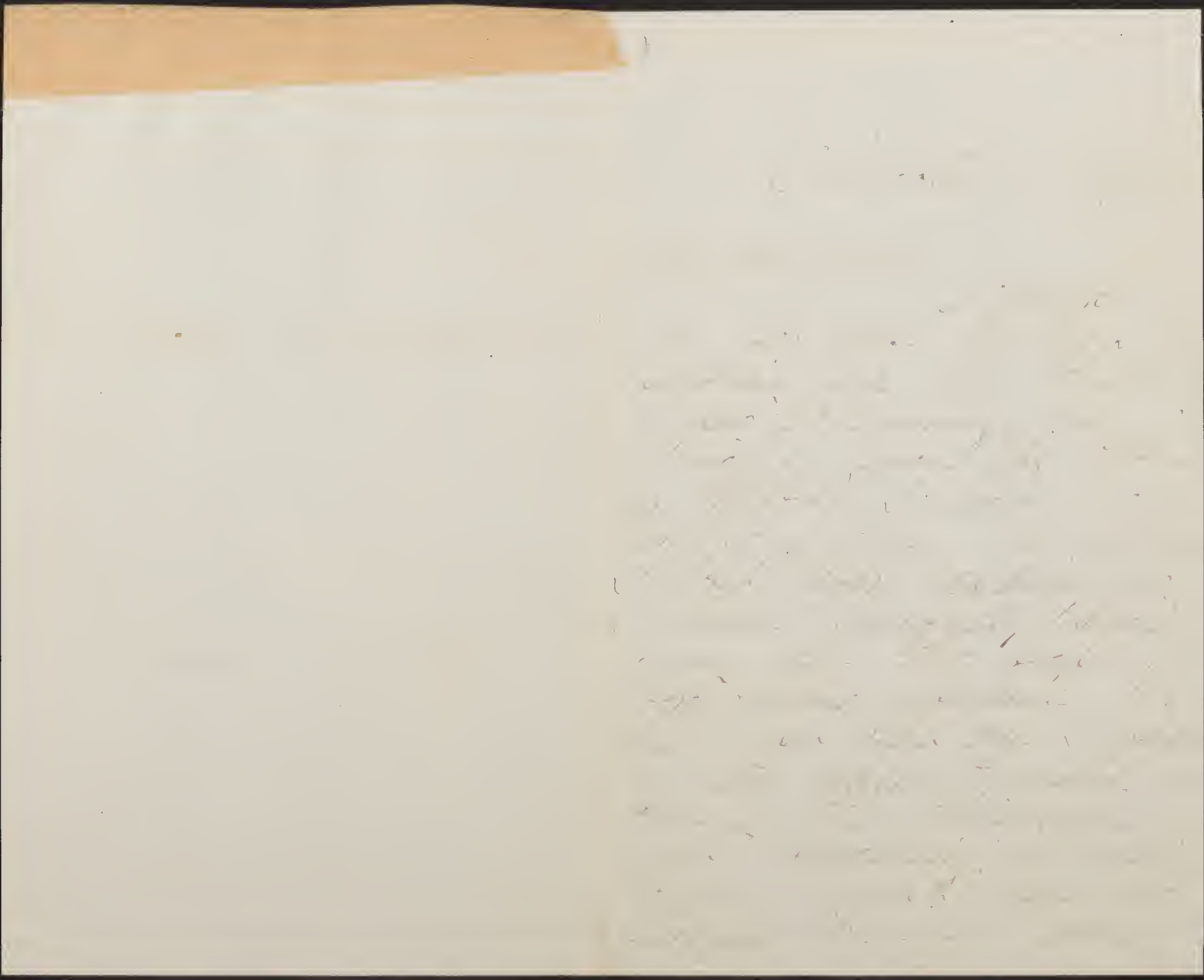
Chillicothe, Peoria Co. Ill.
22nd Sept. Yours truly
John Hadnes

Dear friend,

Your favor of Sept.
1, was received. Mr. Guilford
is very grateful for your acquain-
tance. I found Mr. G. un-
commonly intelligent & kind.
He is a natural lover of wild flowers.
Mr. Lauriat wrote me he gave
you the grasses I sent to Medford
for you. I hope they were not
gathered too early. Those I
got later & brought here have
ripened and are very beautiful.
I do not know when I have en-
joyed a month as I did
August, rambling over the woods
& fields with one who equally
enjoyed it with myself.

I came here last Friday eve.
Have been with the children
in the woods four times.
Have found *Campanula*
americana, *Physostegia* *Vir-*
giniana, *Cuscuta* *vicissis-*
simia, *Lunaria* *vulgaris* - I
unintentionally copied the last
from the list that I have of
the flowers that my little nieces
helped analyze - *Polanisia*
graveolens, *Isanthus* *caeruleus*,
Galeopsis *ladanum* - that
Gray says is rare - *Abutilon*
aviceenne. I have a peculiar
little flower that I have not
had time to analyze yet
that I will enclose - Those
that I have named grow
very near here & I can
get any for you if you
desire. I can get seeds of

Abutilon aviceenne if you
desire. The seeds are ripe on
the same plant with the
new flowers. The plant
must have commenced to
flower a long while ago.
I have found the *Eupatorium*
serotinum that Gray says
grows in "Illinois & Southern"
I have not as yet seen a
single fern, but my sis-
ter's brother-in-law, Dr. Wil-
mott, who lives about ten
miles from here is a fine
botanist & I hope knows
the ferns & if so he will
give me aid ⁱⁿ the finding
those that grow about
here. The first of the season
I scarce knew a fern
but now am not quite so
ignorant. Mr. Guilford &



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old a great deal -
I find that with very
young person there is
always at least one
in: lacking to com-
plete happiness. You
have never forgotten how
you enjoy Medford?
I thought the schools
would not come up to
your ideal of fine
schools after being in
South Boston. I expect
now to go with Mr. Linnas
"down east" this
summer. But I never de-
pend much upon any plans
I make for the future. Un-
foreseen events so often
change our plans -

Yours truly
E. A. Walker

* Middleboro, Mass.
Apr. 20, 1876.

My dear friend, - I found
your letter awaiting me
when I came from the
woods this evening. It
pleased me very much. I
glad I had been sending
you plants that were not
"all with you. Did not
want to speak of getting a
box of Spring Breads
round me. I have not
heard from them. If you
will not fear of trou-
bling me too much - I
do not wish you to feel
under the slightest obli-
gation to me for any

plants I may send. It was
such a delight to me to know
that they please you so
much - please! I will
send you some *Erythronium*
americanum soon. I think
I did put into one box
a *Podophyllum* (mayapple)
they are quantities of
it here. There were two
plants that had not
blossomed that I put
into the box that I
did not know & shall
wait to find them in
flower. The *Trillium* that
I spoke of sending is I
suppose the *Trillium* seeds.
They are not quite out yet
but in very large bud
I will send some. I
will send you in the

morning some *Mertensia*
virginica. I think it is
cultivated each for or-
nament. I will put in
the box I send in the
morning some *Dentaria*
laciniata. or what I take
to be that if I have one.
It grows abundantly here.
Shall I not send you
a box of *Podophyllum*. Will
they go well?

I was very sorry to
hear that your wife's
illness is delicate, but
trust that as the weather
becomes settled she will
be strong again. Do you
not think that with even-
ing there is always an
under current of sadness.
I have been about the

Chillicothe, Ill. Sept. 24.

Dear friend,

I went into the woods
 after school this evening. I find
 another species of the dicentra.
 The one I sent you was
 the *Dicentra cucullaria* &
 now I have the *D. canadensis*
 "Squirrel Corn". I send you
 some of it tomorrow. You
 will notice that the roots
 are different & flowers also.

It is very elegant. I found
 the blue cohosh but is not a
 very handsome flower. The
 one I sent you is I believe
 the *Galopteris*. When I first
 found it peaking above ground
 I thought it was too early for
 winter.

Do not fear of over
taxing me, for I
take great pleasure
in sending these pleas
to you -

Your most
affectionate
Elizabeth Holmes

Chillicothe, Ill. June 9.

Dear friend,

You asked me
 in Illinois plant you had
 Hydrophyllum. Where did you get
 it? Was it a root I sent you
 in the season that passed?
 I have found here the Hydrophyllum
 virginicum + H. repens
 the latter by water, being
 the *Missia umbigina*. I am
 writing you about making time
 if I usually do so
 I leave here on each week
 Monday. I. M. for 1922
 New York. That is, I have
 have invited me for a
 visit in my way to make

Our tastes are so similar
that we buy much together
and I will have the pleasure
of a magnificent
microscope. It was for
Jordan then we had fruit
for the house in
the winter. A cold frosty
storm commencing on
old business commenced
there in Boston & occurred
yours in haste -
Eliza Home

Chillicothe, Fonia Co, Illinois
April 9 - 1877

Dear Friend,

I must apologize
to you for saying that we had
here the *Trillium sessile*. What
I too carelessly called that
is the *Trillium recurvatum*.
I did not analyze the
flower. But as the only
Trillium that Gray describes
as having blotched or spotted
leaves was the *T. sessile*.
I looked no farther.
There is a great deal of this
T. recurvatum & all have
the blotched leaves.

The spring has been very
backward thus far. Would
you care for any Spring
beauties. It is abundant
here. I expect to go
to New Jersey this
month. I shall be
sorry to leave this
country. I went Saturday
to see Dr. Stewart's her-
barium at Peoria. I
only had time to look
over a small part of
it. Dr. S. is a thorough
botanist & his herbarium

is to be one of the finest in the
world. I shall ask my old pupil
and Mary Fisher to send you both
of the *Sporobolus canadensis*. I would give
them any *Sporobolus* I may see with-
out any very hard work.

Dr. Stewart
Peoria, Ill.
1874

Ill.
May 2, 1877

Dear friend,

I send today
a little box of the *Polium*
recurvatum. Putting in
a few roots of *Dicentra*
canadensis & *Dicentra*
cucullaria. I can send
you more of ^{them if} you desire.
There are a great many
roots of the white dog's foot
root. But few *recurvatum*
also. There is a great
number of Spring *blephar*
recurvatum
and *Dicentra cucullaria*.
I shall be here now.

Two weeks before
I found County
with a -

advised it.
Would you like more
Red Bank? April 8.
Mr. Davenport
I had not heard
of Pratt's death till
Mr. G. told me of it yest-
erday. He was a fine
man. Every one loved
him. He will be a loss
to Concord.

If you happen to have
the painted Tullium this
season, could you send

on to Mr. Guilford: Don't
get them especially if I send
but if you have any
to spare I would like
him to ^{see} one. Went
for the P. *parvulata* with
Mrs. G. & should have sent
you some if he had
not. The spring is formed
with us. The dog-tooth holds
are in bloom. The beautiful
flower roots must be gone -
we do not have them. I was so
glad to send Mr. Pringle the *Psycidanthus*
as he had never seen it. He

Red Bank, Monmouth Co. N. J.
Apr. 23.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I am little afraid
that you may get the
Tullium erythrocarpum when
it is not convenient. Now
don't please send any un-
less you happen to have it.
I know just how busy you
must be. I have a
T. recurvatum in Plotsom
that Mrs. Fisher sent
me. She says she is

With kind regards to your self & family
Yours truly - E. H. Johnson.

I had a letter from Mrs. Annis Abbott
Pratt in N. H. she encloses a tribute to
Mrs. Pratt's life & character written by J. R.
Sanborn & an "In Memoriam" by her wife
Susan Abbott. They were printed in the
Springfield Republican of Oct. 5. E. H. J.

going to send Mrs. F. two
or three hundred of them
at his request. If you
should wish any plants
that grow around
Chillicothe just send
to her. She is a teacher
& has very little time
out of school. Would
you like roots of
the Spring-Beauty.
It grows here in
great abundance.

I hope your health will be
much better this season than
it was a year ago. I think
the following travel much better
in just than Astoria. Mr. F. and
I made in Astoria & although they
the Astoria was better.

Wormworth Co. N. Y. May 1.
Dear Import,
Many thanks for your
kind letter just received. I
had you "over the water" and
will be much pleased to see
you in the way of visiting
I will not fail to send you a
box of the periodicals I re-
specter to receive of you
as soon as I can. I hope you
will finish your series and
commence the next. I will
send them to Miss Son's address
who sent me her sister Louisa
Alcott's "In Memoriam" I am
member how grateful to
Thoreau & her daughter Sophia

after the death of Henry Thoreau
were the letters of sympathy
that came to them from
those who knew & loved
Henry either personally or through
his writings. I can now
send you F. B. Sanborn's
tribute to Mr. P. & Louisa
Alcott's "In Memoriam"
if you have them not. I
will write to Dr. Wilbur
& Mary Fiske - from both
of whom I receive delightful
letters. to send you a root
or roots of the White Lady's
Slipper. I wish I had

Mr. G's & that we pressed them - I could
have taken out some for you but per-
got it - would you like any of
these pressed? The potato peel off
from the St Anchovy's crew - which
I've pressed. Had a letter from Mrs.
Tom's Pratt. She says they were
blamed with so much & having a
trouble & to dear father "referring"
& you in memory as "we have some things"

Dear Mother
I have been so busy
that I haven't had time
to get your letter &
to hear of your wish
to Concord. Now let me
tell you of my little
ramble with Mr. G. &
Mrs. Finch. We started
for the "pines" Saturday
morning early. Walked
sixteen miles that day.

and the same number
the next day. Came
home Monday M.
Found in flower that
I can recall just
now Ascyrum Crux-
Andree (St Andrew's cross)
lovely & odd flower -
Asclepias rubra, A.
incarnata, Lachnanthes
tinctoria (Red Foot) Liliu-
superbum, very abundant
about here - Helios
jansona, Zygadenus
Lemanthoides, Posonia

ophloglossoides, Stachemaria, Sephanogyne
Muscularia striata, N. Pennata, Corvus
Lonicera, Ranunculus, Sium, Stybenium
profusum, St. Senebide, Tyrid Canadensis
Pruteolonia cordata, Broom artunajolia
St. phylloides, Asclepias incarnata
Eros Canhami septemgibba, Galathea americana
Asteris &c. I missed & have doubt
from a list of the same down to
the second volume & had set down

Aug. 78 Red Bank, N. J. Mon. A.M.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Enclosed I return your
little fern & send also by
the same mail other specimens
of it. You will see I gathered
them too early. Mr. B. writes
me that Sept. was the best
time but the season being an-
nounced Aug. might so. I came
just as I found it so I had
a poor time to obtain about
the place. Please write me if
the specimens disappoint you.
For if so I perhaps can go
again in Sept. when.
Do not suppose, Mr. Davenport,

that you will always feel as
you do now in these first
months of your affliction. A
while your clouds will begin
to float into light. You will
only have that to remember of
your child that is pleasant.
I have heard parents say
that I have had children
do wrong after they came
to years of discretion that
their grief over their wrong
children was unpeasably
beyond that which they
suffered by having those
dearest then removed or

deaths. Betty said when your present
came that she thought while you took
I do not think she will as she is so
out of the way of writing. He has
been his husband & three children.

With kind regards to yourself,
Mrs. Lavenford & the children

Yours in love & love
Eliza Lavenford

Bedford, Mass
Monday A. M.
May 17-

Davenport,

I received your
letter Saturday evening. Came
here this A. M. to let the
Bedford Club know your
decision. My sister at
whose house the club
meets on Tuesday evening
think it will not be
easy to make any
change as to the time

Told you they were my former
room. I suggested to my sister
that she make a sketch of
you or if you wished to write
down to me some of the
particulars of the form & sketch
them from with a little former's
they can sketch the specimens

Of the meeting & she
also thinks it will be
easier for you to re-
main here all night.
Say she shall consider
it a privilege to en-
tertain you at her
home. Trains leave
here for Boston 5.50,
7.00, 7.50, 8.50, A. M.
& from Boston to Bos-
ton 4.20, 5.25, 6.25,
P. M. My sister will

have tea ready for you. Perhaps
it will be better for you not to take
6.25 P. M. train as it would be
poor for your improvement than to take
your tea tomorrow. We shall
meet at 7.45. You are most
kind to consent to come & my
will all appreciate it. Do

They may find du-
ring the season by
the form & arrange-
ment of the fruit-dots
giving the most marked
characteristics. I may
try to follow up
a little in a very
small way your
lessons to them by
afterward bringing
over my microscope
& examining some

great deal. I know ex-
actly nothing of poetry
but in trying to
impart to others
I shall gain a
little knowledge
on the subject my-
self. "The Yellow Bird"
was considered very
pretty indeed by
my friends who are
good judges of poetry
& to whom I showed it.

the Fern enclosed was Cheilanthes lanuginosa

CHW 8/4/23

Marshfield, Webster Co., Missouri, Feby 21, 1882.

Dear Mr Davenport,

Spring is nearly here with its flowers. I went to Turnbow a few weeks ago & brought home a few fern-roots for my cat. On my way home I stopped at the poor-house - not far from the woods - & two women looking into my case pointed to the Cheilanthes lanuginosa (am I right in the name?) - I enclose a found - & send they had often gathered it to make tea of as it was good for a cold & cough. The two women had lately come to the poor-house from different parts of the County. This Fern is very abundant here on the cliffs along Creeks. If there are any roots of Muscum plants you would like it would give me much pleasure to send them to you. The Pellaea atropurpurea is very common here - also Houstonia missouriensis which looks very pretty with its blue flowers by the roadside, it blossoms very early in March & continues

meets in bloom. I will send you seeds of Des-
manthus brachylobus. + Sabbatia angularis.
the latter is beautiful + very fragrant. A
woman told me that she had many a time
boiled the leaves of the white-dogs tooth
rooted for "greens" - It used to be very abun-
dant here, + may be now, the hogs +
cows ~~are~~ are everywhere. I never go to a
place I do not meet them. I find here the
Dodecatheon missia - American Cowslip +
Wild Hyacinth grow here + the latter in
the greatest abundance.

We have had the thermometer at twenty
eight degrees below zero this winter. We
feel cold days here more than you do at
the East with your steady cold. as we
have higher winds + beautiful warm
April-like days all winter. Day before
yesterday it was so warm + sunny when I
went to the post office at eight o'clock that
I wore no outside garment except my
hat. Soon after a dark cloud was seen + it
brought cold wind + snow. The day was very
cold + disagreeable. Hoping you + your family
are well Yours truly Eliza Haemet.

Give me pleasure. The white dog tooth
'Violet' is found here - but long past
Flower. We have had lovely weather -
for a long time - too much wind
very often. Please give me regard
to Mrs. Davenport & Children.

Sincerely Yours,

Eliza Holmes.

Marshfield, Webster Co. Missouri April 1844.

Dear Mrs. Davenport,

I have been searching in
the wood since the flowers appeared & now
will report to you what I have found. The
last time I was out I found by a creek -
two miles from town - most of my rambles.
All alone - a dozen or more roots of *Dodecatheon*
longicaule in a small space - also the
American Crab apple with its large, rose colored
fragrant, handsome blossoms. What have
I discovered but the walking-bee! No-
one has ever been seen at this I suppose except

Myself - the moment I returned to visiting
with it - the police authorities grant her
the domestic ornaments & with her
after is not abundant as well as
Sperry - nearly Sunday went to ride
think the best of the party were taking
lunch by the way side of a private thing
the motto & found fullness - beside
that means found that history - I re-
velation & found common in children, all
I have the promise of being ^{fulfillment}
fulfillment to give - I grant & been made
them have - means also (but I may say
the great - a statement that there are
think from there have promised to get me
know when it is in process - the great
at - makes from the home & I am the
part at his house when it is in the
He is watching it - I am and
in any way that you wish for it etc

Davenport,
May 20,
Mass.

I went yesterday
morning to see Elizabeth Weir
in regard to the proposed
meeting at Concord. She
said she would see Mr.
& Mrs. Chamberlain. This
morning she said Mrs.
C. thought her husband
could take no part in
the matter as he would
be near moving into his
house &c & she had no

part of our
of the churches
I think they
could get
I will be
I will be

will take it into their hands & as
it will be I know a great success.
H. Richardson says I got it about
I a great many will enter into
it. They will make you know
I feel sure it will be very
meeting. One we speak every day
as a place of meetings - that is
not very far off. It is about
a mile long with a bank from the

enthusiasm herself. Mr. Hoar is a shy, retiring man & E. Weir whose name you know well says that the care of any such thing would annoy him. E. Weir who is an enthusiast herself has illness in her family which she much regrets. The Chamberlains have money, time, great knowledge of plants, lovers of fields & woods

But wait it all over particularly in the custom - every & as would do every thing with them. What about or making. I have great interest in Harry Richardson - a young man who would do it with much spirit a great deal - I do think it would be very pleasant to get well see Henry Pratt & Sam Smith & write you & the young people

in Missouri I find places where it
forms a perfect mat on rocks in
cool shady places. Did your
Shooting Star blossom?

Yours sincerely &
with kind regards to Mrs. Davenport
& the children Eliza Mosner.

Marshfield, Webster Co, Missouri June 25.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

You said there was *Cyst.*
fragilis in the first lot. I did not un-
derstand whether you meant in the
first box I sent last that I sent for
Cyst. bulbifera - I find on the ground of
that name in the 1st lot. I
the

that that look like *A. spumulosum* takes

you sometimes with long granules. But

the fern that seems to have more

granules is it, what is that? In-

like the others. But not as common.

I have rather thin feet of which

I call cyst. *bulbosus* + *triflorus*

others + one gathering me heads

air over them. the feet of the two

As they are abundant growing with

great masses in *Labrador* rocks. I

suppose they make the

part from the rocks - *Chickadee*?

+ *Palmer* p. very abundant also.

I can't send you the largest fronds

because my box is too short.

I have the *Complanata* for *masses*

ferns - *Palmer* & *Green* fern *Complanata*

that I ⁱⁿ ~~am~~ ^{very} ~~much~~ ^{wish}
you would write
me a note or receipt
of this dissolving my
doubts - I have
to write this very
hurriedly to go
on this morning mail
I do not expect to
be here more than
four or five weeks
then go to Chicago.

With thanks & greatest regards

Eliza Wadsworth

Northfield, Webster Co. Missouri

Monday A.M.

Dear Mr Davenport.

You will rec'd
with thanks - yesterday
I went to Snowsboro
for your C. O. & send
last evening - I easily
found its name after
sending for my box to
you by order on Steam - but
the steam being dark - I
was not sure before - The

Veronica. I don't have all
the likes toward me on
Linn. + I found that
green as a ^{of} ~~Shakespeare~~
of another species - the
gather them up ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same}
I have quite a lot now
still has them or that
I don't if it is you in
any great lot - you
say there was only
one this kind C.
gracilis besides the
C. f. perhaps I
did not in the ~~herbaria~~
but in the lot all
I thought I had
checked green from
I met at ground in
Ill. + Albany called
C. gracilis - but the
others very abundant
greenish - ~~greenish~~
I have as good as
What one is it you
think the best the
colors are more

one wrote me. I do not understand why she did not acknowledge it & the Woodwardia.

Dr. Lockwood was much pleased with his & Mr.

Gulford's is growing finely. He had it exposed to the midday sun so at noon it seems to wither.

I rejoice in your success in your published works.

I know just how busy you must be, so if ever you do not reply even by a postcard, I shall understand. I enclose

would germinate; it is so beautiful when growing undisturbed in a garden or woods. We only found a few of them & the one I have come up from

those Mans transplanted in her garden. I suppose she sent me the smallish thinking it would trans-

resh. The motto "as for the Callensia like the poets I shall have to invoke the Muses to aid me in telling you how beautiful it is!" We went out last night & found

one last night & found

the *Thalictrum Mörum*
both kinds in flower - &
another *Thalictrum* in
bud which is much taller
than the others. I shall
watch it. also the "Curled
Buttercup" Saturday we
go for the day to "The
Highlands" I will after-
wards report of our suc-
cess. I had a pleasure
ride to Long Branch a
few days since - with a
pair of handsome strong
horses. But why is it that
such a ride goes into

insignificance beside a
ride into the woods with
the roughest kind of a
vehicle. Mary Fisher's fa-
ther had an old wagon
without springs which
was my delight - & when
he had springs added
to it I felt sorry. There
are great quantities of
the *Anemone Pennsylvanica*
growing just across the
fence from Mary Fisher's.
Mary Fisher's Astor
fern is doing very finely

told Dr. W. to equally divide
what he could get between
you & Mr. Pringle. But I
received your letter asking
me to send Mr. Pringle
what I felt inclined to send
you. The Dr. sent five
hundred to him & may
not be able to get more.
Mr. P. wish so many sorts -
for instance 1500 of the
Trillium nivale. Mary
has an Aunt that lives
on the prairie & can get
two or three. We have need
of *Viola rotundifolia*, *V.*
lanceolata, *V. prunifolia* *V.*

incullata var. *palinata*. Many
of the same species appear
so much as to the eyes
that Mr. G. thinks they ad-
mish form another species.
Mary Fisher has the Lake-
Spur violet. I know she
would send you. I have
a root of *Collinsia* that
bore the journey from Ills
here so well that it is
fresh & the buds opening.
I wish it was in your
garden. Do you think it
would bear another journey?
With your ever seed

157 James St.
Syracuse N. Y.
11.1.1874-

Mr. Deavenport

Dear Sir
Your letter of 16th ult.
came to hand over
a week ago. I thank
you for writing
for I am glad to
know the *Sceloporus*
drivings officinarum
reached you in good
condition. I supposed
it would prove a
new arrival for your
Germans. Have you
Walking Leaf? *Carpus*
torosus *Rhiphyllus*
I consider *Onondaga Co.*

unusually rich in its flora.
The *Scelopendrium* grows
here about Jamesville.
Have been told it was
first ^{discovered} here in 1806 by a
noted botanist, Pursh, who
states that he found it
"in the western part of
New York, near Onondaga,
on the plantations of J. Geddey.
The specimen I sent you
I found at Green Lake
West of Jamesville (a
small town near Syra-
cuse). The ferns *Pellaea*
Gracilis + *Pellaea atropurpu-*
rens are two characteris-
tic ferns of this region.
The former rare.
Asplenium Ruta muraria
has been found within
15 miles. *Aspidium*

benckehim I have never found
here and the *Fraxinus* I have never
seen - have you specimens (which
or otherwise) that you could
show me a few of?
I shall be glad to send you
at any time any plants that
I possess here which will be
new to you. Please specify
the plants or insects I can
write and collect in
Canada and I will
send you the names

157, James St.
Syracuse N.Y.
Sept. 12. 1875.

Mr. Davenport

Dear Sir,

I found on looking
over Mrs. Dr. Barnes'
collection of Ferns
so great a variety
of Botrychiums that
I asked her to
send them to you
& presume you
will receive them
before getting this.
There were a few
she thought she
could not part with
as she had not

duplicates but as
I felt they might
be of help to you in
making out connect-
ing links I took
the liberty of say-
ing that if marked
to be returned
you would re-
mail them to her.
Excuse me if I have
been officious in
the matter.

The newspaper
snip I cut from
one of our papers
a few years ago.
It was written by
a farmer living
a few miles out

from the city & my interest
in it is such as to Mr. Bond
the Quaker for society
desire to obtain my thoughts
for many months past
from what I see.
Mr. Bond has not yet
returned from England
& will see him as soon as
he returns. Love truly
James Turner

44. Townsend St.
Syracuse N.Y.

May 3. 1876-

Mr. G. E. Davenport

Dear Sir,

I thank you for
the nos. of Medford
Chronicle contain-
ing your Flora of
Medford. Have
enjoyed greatly
the chapters on
Ferns & have just
ordered the papers
for a friend.
Why can you not
prepare a work

condition - Can't let
some child for pit or more of
a little too late? If there
is any thing in this regard
that I can procure for you
I shall be pleased to do so
with the utmost alacrity &
for your worthy kind regards
I am Dear Mother
Love & Affection

Rhodora has never been
formed in this region -

for publication
in book form
upon the terms of
American - I can
seem to see it
with its pretty
plates -
and now I have
a favor to ask
of you - Wh. I dislike
doing for I know
the busy life you
must lead - I do
wish a little of the
Rhodora and as
it would come
in 24 hours or less
I think I could give
it to my class in
a sufficiently good

Ipswich June 23, 1881,
Prof. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you by mail a fern which I found in woods near Ipswich. It resembles *Aspidium Goldianum*, Hook, but it is very much smaller with the lower pinnae bent-forward and downward. Without looking far I found three others like it, but not as well fructified as the one I send you. Will you be kind enough to tell me what they are.

Yours respectfully

Mary J. Hotchkiss
42 East Onondaga St. Ipswich, N. Y.

Willamette Slough

Oregon April 6, 1875

Mr Geo. E. Searport

Dear Sir - Yours of March 10th received. The ferns in this a moderate variety as far as I have been able to discover there are six species as follows:

Polypodium vulgare

Pteris aquilina var *lanuginosa* Hook.

Adiantum pedatum

Aspidium minutum

Asplenium Felix foemina

Lomaria spicata

You will observe that *Aspidium minutum* and *Lomaria spicata* are the only two species that do not grow East. Our *Polypodium vulgare* may be *P. falcatum* Kellogg I have no Eastern specimens to compare it with and have never seen Kellogg's description. I think most of the other species credited to Oregon grow in the Cascade Mts 50 miles or more from here

It will afford me much pleasure
to exchange with you but I have
no extra specimens on hand. Since
getting your letter I have gathered some
Homaira spicata and Aspidium muricatum
which I send to you but the
fruiting fronds are in bad condition
but then you can see how they look
after standing a ~~hard~~ winter. When
the proper time comes I will
gather and send you good specimens
of all that grow here

Yours truly

Joseph Howell.

Put on file & select later one or two for
autograph book

K

Wellamett Shoough

Oregon, Aug. 16, 1874

Mr. Devenport: Dear Sir I received your
ferns some time ago. They came in good
order and were very interesting to me.

I send you by mail to day a package
of ferns, and enclose the tickets with
this. you will see that I have discovered
some additional species since I last
wrote to you. I send some species that
grow with you. A friend sent me a fragment
of a little fern gathered in Washington Co. Ogn.
which I take to be Cystopteris fragilis but ~~the~~ it
seems to be more densely fruited than is
usual with that species. please examine it
and let me know what it is. It is
marked No. 7 A. I will send you those roots
of Lomaria spicata when the proper season
comes yours truly
Joseph Howell.

Willamette Slough
Oregon Jan 24, 1876.

My dear Mr Devenport

Your is received it came
to hand just as I was mak-
ing up a package for you.

I have not made as extensive
a collection of Polypodiums as
I had intended to but such as
I have I send you.

A. This appears to be very near
if not identical with polypodium
Californicum collected at St. Hellens
Oregon Nov. 1876.

B. This is the most common form
growing on the trunks of trees. Especially
the ash. Sanovis Island, Oregon, Jan. 1877.

C. This is a large form but it
does not seem to differ from either of
the others only in size and the sharply
pointed pinnae. Basalt rocks Washington
Territory Dec. 1876.

D. I found this growing with the
last. It appears to be a highly
developed state of it - I don't think
it is even a distinct variety of
it - as you will observe that the
same root contains pinnules with ~~tooth~~
teeth and without teeth I hope it will
interest you. I think I sent you some of the
roots of it.

I send you some *Lomaria spicata*
with pinnules and cut toothed pinnules
collected August, 1876

I was not able to visit the locality
where the variety of *Lomaria* with ^{pinnules} ~~toothed~~
grows but once during the season. I found
several plants but none of them as
fully developed as the plant I found
the year before. The locality is not very
easy for me to visit but I will try and
get a root for you in the spring.

There are a few ferns that I would
like to have but I have not time now to make
a list at some future time I will send you the list
Yours very truly
Joseph Howell.

Willamette Slough

Oregon April 2, 1847

My Dear Mr. Deverpost-

I send you by
to day's mail a parcel
of roots of *Aspidium*
Argentinum and hope that
you will succeed with
them

very truly yours
Joseph Howell

different. We will collect soon
W. Oregon soon if possible and
send you.

My brother and I collect to-
gether and devote most of our
attention to flowering plants.
We have just learned that
Dr. Gray has named a new
Genus ~~of~~ after us.

No 10 Selaginella Douglasii Spring
Rocks banks of Columbia river
Oregon Aug. 1879. We will send
you some *Asplenium Marsilea*
and *Lycopodium* when we
get specimens we have none
at present but know where
they grow. please name these
two ferns for us (Nos 8 & 9) and
let us know what they are
as soon as convenient. We have
No *Polypodium Scouleri* as perhaps
We might make out No. 8.

With thanks for past favors
I remain yours truly

Joseph Howell

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Willamette Slough

Oregon Aug 16, 1879

Dear Mr. Deverport

I have for a long
time been wanting to send
you some ferns but have
not had time until now
I send you a package by
mail to-day. Thanks for
your catalogue it has been
of much use to me. The plants are
No. 1. *Cheilanthes gracilissima*
Cincoe Mts. Washington Territory
June 1849

No 2 *Gymnogramme triangularis*
Buckley point - Ogn Aug 1849 both new
new and old fronds.

No 3 *Cryptogramme acrostichoides*
Banks of Columbia river
Multnomah Co Oregon Aug. 1879.

No 4 *Aspidium munitionum*,
Sanvier Island Ogn. July, 1879.

No. 5 *Woodia scopulina* Basalt
rocks banks of Columbia river
Multnomah Co. Oregon Aug, 1849

No 6 Same as last - Currier Mt.
Washington Territory June, 1849.

No. 7. *Polypodium falsatum*

Fisher's Landing Washington Territory
Feb. 1849.

No. 8 Is a *Polypodium* that
we can't make out - My brother
found it on over hanging
cliffs of Basalt rocks along
creeks near the Cascades of
the Columbia river Oregon Aug 1849

No. 9 We take to be a *Woodia*
that we can't make out
My brother found it near the
Falls Oregon May 1849 We have
collected *W. Oregonica* two years
ago but have disposed of all
our specimens this possibly may
be it - but it seems to be

Sauvies Island
Oregon, Dec. 15, 1880.

My Dear Mr. Davenport

I have to ask pardon
for not answering your
letter before this but I have
not been very well.

My brother who put up the
box for me says he is
sure that the roots labeled
var. serotum were true to
name, perhaps after the
plants get well establish-
ed it will have serated
pinnae

The *Selenizella Douglasi* that
I sent you grew on wet rocks
banks of the Columbia river.
I am sure that I sent a
ticket with it. It may have
got lost.

I now send you another specimen
and also some *Maraschia vesicata*
and an *Isactes* perhaps it is
I. Nuttallii I think it is the
same as 693 of Halls Oregon
plants published in *trans. of*
American Ac. of Arts & Sciences vol 8, p 911.

Yours very truly

Joseph Howell

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x

Arthur
Multnomah Co
Oregon April 7, 1882

Dear Mr. Davenport

I received your letter
some time ago about the
Isoetes I think the specimens
I sent you were mixed
with some specimens from
Millwaukie, Mr. Englemann
wrote to my brother about them
and he sent him good fruiting
specimens of the Dalles plant
I am sorry that we got
things so badly mixed
as it has given much trouble
I collected plants at the Dalles
and my brother collected what we
took to be the same thing but
better specimens at Millwaukie

and in sending them out we
sent some of the specimens
of both localities I sent
specimens to Sereno Watson
probably some of both - as
I have no recollection of it now
he wrote me that it was a
new species and called it

Isoetes longipetala. But afterwards
he wrote me it was *I. Nuttallii*
probably his second examination
was confined to the Millwaukie
specimens

I will send you good and
complete specimens of it for
the Downport Herbarium some
time this summer. Many thanks
yours truly

Joseph Howell.

K

Davenport Am

Joseph Howell, July 16, 1886 "As I

said before, probably all the Pacific
coast polypodiums are varieties

of *P. vulgare* "

22 specimens
1 uncollected

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Willamette Blough
Oregon July 16, 1886

Mr Geo. E. Devenport

Dear sir: your last two or
three communications remain
unanswered. An unusual
high water in the Columbia
river has flooded the whole
of Sanvie's Island. My place
has been 6 feet under
water. I have been so
busy taking care of things
that I have had no time
to write letters as before.

As soon as the
polypodium grows this
fall - it is all dried up
now - I will send you
a large lot of the same
forms. Also some roots

The two forms of Polypodium in my last sending grew on different roots. They are distinct but perhaps not specifically. The one with sharp pointed pinnae is what is known as *P. Salicolum*, Kellogg. The one with round pointed pinnae resembles the typical form of *P. vulgare*, perhaps it is a larger form of what is known as *P. Californicum*. As I said before probably all the Pacific coast Polypodiums are varieties of *P. vulgare*.

In a few days I hope to be able to visit the locality where I found the *Lomaria* sprout with toothed pinnae. I will then be able to inform you

if it is a permanent variety or only a yearling sport; it is in a place not very convenient for me to go to. There was but one plant of it and every frond both barren and fertile had the pinnae toothed as the specimens I sent you.

I am glad that I succeeded with *Lomaria* and *Pteris*. From the nature of the roots of *Pteris* I think it will not very well bear transportation long distances but it is very hard to kill out by cultivation.

I would like to see your plantation of ferns ever so much. It would afford me real pleasure.

Thanks for the specimens you sent me some time ago, some of them are very rare. Yours truly
Joseph Howell.

Arthur Oregon

Aug 12th 1883

Geo. E. Savenport

Dear Sir

your kind
letter of July 2nd. was duly received
Thanks for your kindness in name
ing the Ferns. Mrs Barretts address
is; Mrs. P. G. Barrette, Hood
River Oregon. I think she will
be glad to have your Catalogues
&c. As more than half of the
specimens I collected for *Aspidium*
aculeatum var, *Scopulinum* turned
out to be *A. Souchites* it has run
me^{so} short that I have none to spare
at present, and *A. aculeatum* I

have never seen growing, but when
I collect them I will collect some for
you

Brother is at home and doing
very well; he has a very large farm
to attend to so he does but little in
botany

yours Truly

Thos Howell

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Leadbaker

Arthur Oregon

April 10th 1886

Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir

enclosed I send you a specimen of Isoetes that I collected in Southern Oregon in 1884. The nearest I can make it is *I. flaccida* var *rigida* but that has not been found outside of Florida, and it hardly seems passable to refer it to that.

I found it growing in a very little pond on the south side of Eight dollar mountain in Josephine Co. As near as I can remember it was wholly submerged but I think if the pond dries

up entirely later in the Season
but cannot say for certain

For the want of a Microscope
and experience in using it
I cannot make out its full
characters

Respectfully yours,

Thos. Howell

Suksoorf's
address is
White Salmon
Wash.

H

Clackamas Oregon

Oct 17 1895

Dear Mr Davenport

Your letter of sept.
20th is at hand and I have been holding
it for some time ~~for~~ a favorable time
to answer it

Neither myself or my brother have
sent you any Ferns for several
years. So the Asplenium you speak
of cannot be from us. It probably
was sent you from one of Pitkin-
ton's boys if it was with one of their
Catalogues. One of the boys lives at
Hood River and perhaps he sent it
However if you will send it to
me I will see if I can match it
among my collections and if I can I
will send you more of it; if not I
will return it to you

I spent the summer Botanizing
in Southeastern Alaska and made
a very good collection; perhaps the Ferns
will be interesting to you so I send them
to you by this mail and ask that you
will give me your determination of
them.

My address is now Clackamas Oregon
Yours

Thos. Howell

H

Clackamas Oregon

Dec. 14th 1895

Dear Mr. Davenport

Your letter of Oct. 31st was duly received and I am very much obliged to you for your kind favor, in naming the Ferns and *Tycopodiums*.

The two forms of *Aspidium aculeatum* No. 1728 come from about the same locality, (the only place that I found it,) but were collected at different times about a month apart. I saw specimens of it along the creek that was nearly 6 ft. high

I send you another specimen of No. 1729, I find I did not collect any roots of it but remember that the roots were much like *Asplenium T. Felix patmine*.

I sent you specimens of all the ferns I collected except a little *Woodasia*, *W. scopulina* no doubt, and in fact all I saw; but now I add two that was collected after I left

by my friend Mr. Gorman of Portland
The Indians of Alaska Cook and eat the roots
stock of No 174 in the Spring.

Yours truly

Thos. Howell

N. Y.
15 Hinwood St. Brooklyn

Sept. 24. 1885.

Mr Geo. E. Davenport:

Dear Sir:

Your postal came to me last week - Many thanks for your kindness. I supposed your Fern was B. lunaria, but what examples from Europe I had seen, were shorter and much more fleshy. Also I had read in an English work that lunaria was parasitic upon grass roots, which this certainly was not. & also again, Dr. Wood's B. neglectum, given in his Flora Atlantica, bothered me.

Now my dear Sir, as to helping me, I am very willing indeed to be helped. My first hobby is Entomology as I said in my letter to Dr Gray, but, leaning towards Botany, in collecting, I have so far only gotten

together v plants in Dr Gray's Manual
of N. E. U.S., & of them have about 2000 ^{west}
species. I have no ferns from Cal^a or v,
few from v South, & those all in poor
Condition. So you find in me v
Easiest sort of a person to exchange
with. Of v ferns in Gray's Manual, I have
not as yet, or have not in good Condition,

Cheilanthes lanuginosa Nutt., Pteris var
Caudata, Alloxorus acrostichoides Spreng.,
Asplenium pinnatifidum, Nutt., A. ebenoides
R. R. Scott., A. angustifolium Mchx., A. thelyp-
teroides Mchx., Aspidium spinulosum
Swartz., A. var. Clintonianum, A. filix-mas
Swartz., A. louchitii Swartz., Oreoclea
var. obtusiloba Torr., Moodsia glabella L. B.,
W. oregana DC., Botrychium simplex, B.,
lanceolatum & obliquum.

Now if what I wrote I
had of Prot. lunaria, Scot. vulgare,
Pellaea atropurpurea, Asplenium
ruta-muraria, or Ophio. vulgatum
~~the~~ of any account to you, let me
know. & I will send them on to

you - or as many as you wish or
I can supply, and you can
be v final judge of their value
in exchange - and to v extent of
their value to you you can
send me good cabinet specimens
of any ferns mentioned above, or
any from any part of U. S., ^{which are} not
mentioned in Gray's Manual. I
think you will consider this fair
towards you.

I obtained from a friend
some time since some fine ferns
from N. Grenada - & Island of Mauritius.
also a few from Liberia & a very few
from v Sandwich Isles. This is v sum
total of my botanical treasures.

If you wish any specimens
of Salvia Scleria - inform me.

Yours very truly
Geo. D. Hulst.

L
Dedham Nov 7th 1876

Mr Geo E Davenport

Dear Sir

I received your kind letter of the 27th inst & have endeavored to get an opportunity to answer it, but none presented itself untill the present. I thank you for your kind offer to aid me in the collection of ferns.

I have been a member of the Hort Soc for about one year & a half & have enjoyed several opportunities in examining your beautiful collection, & in sending you the specimen of *Woodsia obtusa* ^{was actuated} simply from motives of love for the study of ferns and, if possible, in a small way, to increase its value. I took up the study of Botany about 4 years ago, and have

been intensely interested in it
since, & during the last two
years I have collected what
ferns I could find in this
vicinity. Of course my collection
is not very extensive, but hope
at some future time to enlarge
it. If in any of my botanical
rambles I am fortunate to
discover any eccentricities or
sports in the Fern Family
it will be a pleasure to me
to remember the fine herbarium
of the Mass Soc.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. W. Humphrey

Amesbury Nov 4th 1897

Abd. Geo. C. Gavenport

Dear Sir

yesterday I discovered some very fine and unmistakable specimens of *Aspidium cristatum* X *Marginale* here in Amesbury. They were in a cedar swamp, very low and wet, about a rod from a little island. The thing that puzzles me is that nowhere in the vicinity can I find the *A. Marginale* neither on the Island or in the swamp. I hunted quite thoroughly. I thought you might be interested to know this. I live in a good locality for ferns & 6 species, (not to speak of varieties) growing within a half mile of my

house.

Loves Truly

J. Warren Huntington
Amesbury
Mass.

Amesbury Nov 10th 1897

we have most of the various
forms of Botrychium with
Eycopodiums, Selaginellas and Isoetes.
We have lots of Selaginella Opus
but I am not quite sure
about S. Rupestris I enclose
what I have thought might
be it, but am not sure.

Yours truly

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Mr. Davenport

I will send
you a plant of S. cristatum x
Marginale with pleasure, but
it will not be fruited as
the fertile fronds have gone
by. The place where I found
this fern is a favorite hunt-
ing ground with me as
the Cyrtopodium Spectabile
grows there plenty fully,
there are also some splendid
Aspidium Bootii there and
wild Catterallia Lillies.
I will send you a list of

ferns growing in this vicinity
I have found most of them.

Polypodium vulgare
Adiantum pedatum
Pteris aquilina
Woodwardia virginica
 W. angustifolia
Asplenium ebenerum
 A. thelypteroides
 A. filix-foemina
Phegopteris phegopteris
 P. hexagonoptera
 P. dryopteris
Aspidium acrostichoides
 var *incisum*
 A. noveboracensis
 A. simulata
 A. thelypteris
 A. cristatum
 var *clintonianum*

A. marginale
A. cristatum x *marginale*
A. spinulosum
 var *intermedia*
 var *dilatata*
A. boottii
Cystopteris fragilis
Onoclea sensibilis
 O. struthiopteris
Woodsia glauca
 var *obtusa*
Dicksonia punctilobula
Osmunda regalis
 O. claytoniana
 O. cinnamomea
Please excuse me if I have
mixed the old nomenclature
with the new somewhat, as
a year ago I did not know
one fern from another.