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Bridgeport, Conn., May 11 1887

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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 Asplenium rhizophyllum var. Biscayniana &
" " " myriophyllum
both collected by me Feb. 28 this year at the spot mentioned in the Bulletin Fro. Club:
Also an unsatisfactory 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 Biscayne 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 then, 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

Isaac Holden

OFFICE OF
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Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 14 — 188)

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 11th: The only fair 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

Isaac Holden

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Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 20 188?

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for the excellent photograph of forms of Botrychium & Ophioglossum with their fornations, which I have examined as you suggested, with much satisfaction. If you have made any lantern slides of this picture 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
Isaac Holden

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Bridgeport, Conn., Apr. 24 1888

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 Nephrolepis acuta, Presl, from Florida. My friend Monroe 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 Miami. He put the collecting off so late that I find no young fronds on the specimens. I greatly regret that I cannot send you a root-stock, 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

Bridgeport, Conn., Apr. 29-1888.

Geo. E. Davenport Esq. Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your kind favor of the 26th rec'd.

I gave Munroe instructions about bending 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 ~~frond~~ specimen fern 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 ~~frond~~ specimen, there is also one ~~another~~ frond 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 Isaac Holden

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

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Bridgeport, Conn., May 7 1888

Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Dear Sir:

I now send you by mail a frond of Nephrolepis Acuta in two sections and a photograph of my small, but complete, specimen.

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

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

Yours truly
Isaac Holden

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Bridgeport, Conn., May 26 1888.

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.

Dear Sir:

If you would kindly send me 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,

Isaac Holden

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

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

Louisville July 18th 1884

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th inst enclosing Miss Homes check for $55.00 for Mrs. Williamson was recd. this morning. Mrs. Williamson has given me power of attorney to dispose of her deceased son's effects, so I feel at liberty 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 nervous

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[illegible] future [illegible].
Since the [illegible], will ~~also~~
[illegible] her to some settled
plan. He [illegible] on to
[illegible] the [illegible] of the
~~and~~ the future and the indel-
-[illegible] [illegible] out to any
one.

Yours very [illegible],
J. W. Holland.

V
K

Brookland D.C.
Decbr. 22nd. 1900

Geo. E. Davenports Esqrs.
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.
Feby. 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. chenoides etc. I am sorry that I can not give you any further details.

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

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

Ophioglossum is excedingly 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

Theo. Holm

Feb 9 '78

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your kind letter of Jan 17th & the very interesting Ferns which accompanied it & your important monographs of Rotifer rhizopus & of Chilanthes viscida: for all of which pray accept my very best thanks. Of course I immediately handed your communication to Mr Baker who was much gratified. I send [illegible] h need [illegible] iscida [illegible] n/ I should have suggested the name was too near to C. viscosa, Kaulf.

J. G. B.

Enclosed his remarks on the specific name of C. viscida & an extract from a non scientific daily newspaper which will amuse you. There not a machine like the winter is.

I have asked Mr Baker to see if he could supply any of your desiderata, & if possible to do so; the only one we can spare is a scraps of Pellaea atropurpurea

Sphenophyllum palmatum, Not left of specimen for the Herbarium - a remnant we sent to my uncle this morning!

Pray remember me to the Notes and Other inquiry

Most faithfully yours

J. G. Baker

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

J. G. B.

+ Oct: 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 was changed of course accordingly. It is an interesting find any way.

I enclose a proof sheet of
Ad. Chilcott, the back
can be shown.

Yours truly
B Hooker

V

Georgetown Aug 7, 1885

Mr Davenport

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

E. N. S. Horner

V

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

Essex Co. is so 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 seems 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 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 legacy.

"You sometimes in Boston but I seldom go now. and I should be glad indeed to welcome you at my home.

Thankfully yours for the "Fern Paper" I am yours very truly

Charlotte N. S. Horner

Georgetown Aug 18. 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 —

Mr Merryman tells me you are still in Washington Place and I shall hope to see you some time. There are I should be very glad to see you here sometime

Very truly Yours —

Charlotte N. S. Horner

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 for finding how very little I know. Why is Adiantum Capillus Veneris? I fear I have not kept up with the times myself 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. Is the very small fern you mention as growing in Alabama, Trichomanes Petersii? 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 sizes or unusual forms, and so I want to know about them. If my paper was ready I think I should take the liberty to submit it to your judgement & 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 misstatements

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

K

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 (Aneimia) 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 Prothallia which I hope will keep for next Saturday although I have pressed specimens I have opened the letter again (& this time enclose) I have just read over your letter copying a new envelope) I have just read over your letter copying that I might retain the old names &c, and you go over to that I might retain the old names &c, and you know that if you have any ferns Cranites & Aneimia that day that if you have any duplicates, I should like to have them if you can leave them at Hall by Thursday, now if you can leave them at 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 Mort. 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 duplicates and you
can have them,

I forward you some specimens
of Botrychium t. 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 Azores ferns at Mort. Hall

I hope I am not presuming too much on your
kindness,

If you have a spare specimen
of Botrychium I should like it very
much, Mr Dodge sent me two specimens but
a gentleman in N.Y. was so anxious to see the
fern that I sent the good one to him and
I hardly like to ask Mr Dodge for another
I hope to go to the Chrysanthemum Ex and
hope I may see you & other friends

Very truly Yours —

Charlotte M. Stearns

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 attend, 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 ferns I sent; it was rather presuming

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 Bobrychiums 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 Davenport

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 C. 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 ferns
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. N. S. Horner, Nelson Ave

Write
Send set of Blue prints when Tom Bull comes out

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 "Transactions." (I usually read those very thoroughly) and I occasionally meet Mr Low. (Hon 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 illustrated work on Ferns in contemplation, 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 Herbarium in order, which was quite a pleasure to me as so many pleasant excursions, exchanges, friendly interviews, interesting correspondence &c, were brought to mind that I enjoyed a great deal.

I suppose you attend the Saturday meetings, and I still see in the reports some of the old familiar names.

Now I hope that some day when you have leisure I may hear from you. Very sincerely Yours

Charlotte N. S. Horner.

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NORTH AMERICAN
PLANTS AND SEEDS.

Charlotte, Vermont,
U. S. A.

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H

Sept 10 1881

Dear Mr. P.

Your package of pictures duly rec'd. Mr. P. is again in Mex. and with a plain prospect before him if his health is good. Another turn back 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 then send a bill if you wish it now. Yours Etc. J. H. H.

Send you letter to Mr. P. in Mex.

UNITED STATES

POSTAL CARD

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

SEP 10 38
9 PM

Mr G. E. Davenport
8 Hamilton Place
Boston
Mass.

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 befor being forwarded to him again so I send to you with his last addres .

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,

F. H. Hewitt

13 Brook St Brattleboro Vermont

Mr G. E. Davenport-

My dear Sir:-

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

Frances B. Horton

Dr G. E. D
Fayetteville Ark
Arkansas
L. M. Ferris, Joliet, Ill

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 Goldianum 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
Frances B. Horton

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 Gull road the other day and last Saturday we drove off 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 marginale × cristata and Braunii I don't know what else we could hope to find in town. I think I have nearly all the kinds that grow about here. If anything grows here

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., Nov 5 1900

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir:—

Your communication is received also the requisite 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 ebenenum, trichomanes, aerostichoides, marginale, and a few feet away a large patch of dicksonia. 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

Frances B. Norton (Mrs W. C. Norton)

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. Morton
13 Brook St
Brattleboro
Vt.

Nov 23 - 1900

K

Mr G E Davenport

My dear Sir:—

I mailed you today
a copy of the Phenix containing
a short article about our little
farm. 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 Phenix
I am watching the farm

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

It is a cold place and most of our ferns are now brown and dead - except of course the evergreen ferns - but our little fern is still bright and so are many of the ebenenums 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 there but do not seem to harm our ferns. It is a charming, quiet spot and a place where any one 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 "Rhodora" 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

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., Dec 29 1900

Mr George E. Davenport

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 Horton where they grow. If the place was known I am sure it would mean total eradication for our treasure.

Very truly

Frances B. Horton

13 Brook Street.

Brattleboro, Vt., June 20 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir

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

I will send along one of my fronds for you to get a comparison. I think the Ark. frond nearer to the normal element than mine, also the Osmorea 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

Frances B Osmore. (per)

I would like to have you state the names of the Mondrias. We do not often see them and they miss us a little. ~~ol~~ –

Olive
+ Francis

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 Asplenium Cristatum and I do not understand that term never have seen the word before

I was glad to know that Mr. was completely provided. 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 - down by a pond only a few yards from our grounds. If there is any thing I can get for you this way I should indeed deem it great pleasure to be privileged to do so -

Very truly Yours
Frances B Horton

(Mrs Wm C. Horton)

Brattleboro. July 11 - 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

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 need not assure, I think, that they will receive good care.

About the fertile fronds of the Hartman. 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 fruited 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 fruited 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 ebenum 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 on the same root stalk as the Hortonae and I took every particle of earth away and pulled apart the roots and found that the Hortonae 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

13 Brook Street.

Brattleboro, Vt., July 24 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport-

Your letter came in this morning explaining the Ark' fraud. 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 Davenport 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 muddled 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 to report to you that my Hortonae 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 Hortonae. 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 different varieties. Where can I send for an Aculeatum (Braunii) and a Noveboracensis Glabella?

Very truly yours

Frances B Horton

(very heartily)

Mr George E Davenport

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. Yes 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 Asphrodium and Polypticium 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. Hooton

Brattleboro Vt.
July 29 - 1901

growing as the A. simulatum but the result helped me by strengthening my own opinion and may help me to be more self reliant in future. What troubles me now is to distinguish between the different spinulosums and Felix foeminas 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

H X Aug 19, 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

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 Hooton 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 frond 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 a graduate from Mt Holyoke who taught in South Africa for ten years - and I showed her the frond 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 marginale × cristatum - but I did not change my opinion and then in two days you sent me those 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 foreseen in some way my immediate need. I would be just as pleased to have the marginale × 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 Brauni grows in B. I cannot find it and am much pleased with the fronds you sent also the glabella

Here all the fronds on the

Dicksonia pilosculo cristatum plant crested or were some of them normal. I had an ebenum with two of the fronds forked or crested while the others were normal. I have often wondered at the cause.

Very truly yours

Frances B. Horton

Brattleboro Vermont

August 19-1901

Mr Davenport-

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

One woman

calls it Filix mas. It was found in Hinsdale N. H. near Brattleboro.

Yours - Frances B Horton

the small much incised Hooker form of filix-foemina with the male indusia gone

Brattleboro Aug 30 - 01

13 Brook Street.

Brattleboro, Vt., Sept 24 1901

Mr G. E. 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 fœmina 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 out on the varieties of the Filix fœmina? So far I have failed to find anything of value. I am sending a specimen about which there is a disagreement this way — Will you please tell me whether it is Bootii or Clintonianum and why? Those 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 Keene? 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

Frances B. Horton

Pete Boothe

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., Oct 2 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir:-

Your letter came last Tuesday and I have read it several times. I am so glad the fern was Bootii 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. Y. 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 Vt. 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, Brauni and A. Trichomanes var Incisum. (They new all found there several years ago before the trees were cut down) I will enquire of them still more more concerning Lygodium 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 foemina.

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 Boston

all the others.

Very Sincerely Yours

Frances B Hartwell

Oct 5 1901

Brattleboro. Vt. Oct. 5, 1901

My dear Mr Davenport—

I went on the delightful fernning expedition with my friends in pursuit of Goldianum and Brownii. We found the woods cut away and the species extermination and so our last hope of finding either of the two has vanished. We have plenty of pressed specimens in our Herbarium, but we or I want a not of each very much indeed

I found A. Angustifolium in

Brattleboro last week growing abundantly beside a "Grey 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 fronds to press and she knew that it had grown there for years

She said she had gathered it in Mass where the fronds were longer and more luxuriant

They said there was a large knoll covered with Ly godium and O. Regalis completely entwined about each other

The Ly godium being shaded and supported by the O. 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 writing for it.

I value your opinion above

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., Oct 11 1901

Mr Davenport

Is this marginale 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 –

Frances B. Horton

One of the fronds of the plant I call (Boottii or Spin') fern was crested nicely. I am pressing it for my herbarium. If you look closely you will see a slight tendency towards being crested in the frond enclosed – It all seems so different from that fruited frond of the spinulosum.

Spin.
Intermediate
[illegible] Wirnat.

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13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., 5 1901

Mr Davenport

Today I mail you the fronds 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 marginale which I send is a form that I often see and yet it is unlike the fronds 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 attatched to this form? If not why cannot we have one as well

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

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

I shall be pleased with the Dicksonia crustata. 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

Frances B Hartline

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Dec 30, 1901

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 Nephrodium cristatum—

Bothii Spinulosum, Marginale
Noeboracense Thelypteris Pa?

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 Nephrolepis. and why the change from Aspid to Nephrolepis.

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

Very truly Yours
Frances B. Horton

(Miss F. B. Horton)

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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 one 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
Frances B. Horton

Jan 2- 1902

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Oct 1905

13 Brook St.
Brattleboro Vt.

Mr. G. E. Davenport,
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 Marginale x Cristatum

and within a few days I have found one plant of the Ebenum Trichomanes var. Incisum.

One plant, only, was found by Miss Grout, 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 any kind.

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

The Crested Dicksonia does not appear in the Vt. Flora nor the Marginale 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 Camptosorus Rhizophyllus and one or two new stations for P. Brauni.

All which I have mentioned I found in Brattleboro.

I trust you are well and enjoying the beautiful Autumn.

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

Concord 12/4/78.

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

[illegible] to part it, perhaps you have a copy you could send them. I do hope if you have any articles on the History of Middlesex Co. or towns you will be generous enough to send them for publication 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 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 that you have one. Whenever you or any of your family feel like visiting Concord we shall be pleased to see you here.

Very sincerely your friend
Abby P. Hosmer.

in Iowa. These are all I remember just now. I have for well expo. I would know of the Scrizzea which you spoke to me of. But shall see Dr. Lockwood of Trenton this week who is a great naturalist & I will ask him 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. Guilford 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. Yours truly, Eliza Holmes.

Red Bank, Monmouth Co. New Jersey
Aug. 23/75

Dear friend,

Enclosed I send two specimens of ferns the name 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

genius to study the pend-
le is very 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. The fond 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 of you 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, Collinsonia
canadensis, Verbascum, Hatta-
ria, Mimulus ringens, Gerardia
flava, Melampyrum amer-
icanum, Clethra alnifolia,
Circaea lutetiana, Silene ~~[illegible]~~
stellata, the pink & the white
Marsh rose Mallow. Hydrocotyle
umbellata, Ludwigia alternifolia,
Monotropa hypopitys, Lobelia

sometimes doing question.
Your letter I left with
them. I enclose what I am
sure is the Emigrant Candens,
but Mr. G. was not quite
so sure, or in two respects
it does not answer the
description of that flower
given by Gray - ~~but~~ in respect
to the other varies in the stem
& the involucre. I asked
Dr. Lockwood about the
catalogue of the plants of
Dr. F. & he says it is out
of print & of little use.
Do you find the marsh pennywort. Hydrocotyle umbellata.
Mr Tracy in his Flora of the Flora of
Essex County say he has found it but
not in flower & rather doubts the species.
What does he mean? I sent a little of
it to Mr. Orall, & he says he shall try to
cox it to grow. I think I may
be able to send you a number

Monmouth Co. X
Red Bank, N. J.
Monmouth Co.
Aug. 30, 75.

My dear friend, I received your
letter & took it down to my
friend Mr. Hulford. He said
he would answer it as he
had the root of the fern that
you desired. He keeps the plants
one gch. I suppose he told you
that we did not get the fern
in Red Bank neither, tho' we
find it in print. He said
he would send the root. He
dug up two roots of the Adiantum
pedatum. 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

I think
you will enjoy
a visit from
Mr. G. He is
originally
intelligent
& broad
& he
spends
a week
longer
Yours
Truly
Edward Tuckerman

[illegible] I will send me another. Did you wish a pressed specimen of the plant? Mr. Guilford has taken to press the Euphorbia Corollata (flowering spurge) & Sunday he went after it. It is only about two miles from us. We gathered some seeds of the Verbascum Blattaria (moth mullen) for Mr. Scott who wishes them. Do you care for any of them. Mr. G. has the names of the flowers we have found & he says he will do 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 much beautiful flower on Sand Hook I forget the name it is now, it keeps fresh a long time. I wish I had the light of our flowers now I am writing. We have analyzed so many that the names escape me. Mr. G. had some pressed. We find here the marsh Rosemary. Is it common with you? Mr. G. sent a root in with his package. It was the [illegible] with the soft root. Dr. Lockwood of Freehold 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. has written you as I may have neglected to have

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 to your about 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 Botany, Hans 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 misfortunes of one are sometimes made a subject of mirth for others. I have not a particle of locality, so of course I got lost, but

very weary & hungry we at last reached home uncomfortably cold for the season.

We have very heavy Summer Sudden

yet. How as you really Medford. Which not like the idea of your moving from the Schools are not very good, which is the first & hill

time & considerable with & With regards

yours truly

Elvira

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. I found the large blue lobelia I had it 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 would consider it a favor 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 [illegible] & 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 Chillicothe. 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 he has the very few that grow about here. The Maidenhair, Cystopteris & one of the Spinulosum - 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 different kinds - the Maidenhair & Cystopteris. My sister's aunt who lives in Princeville says that there a good many more 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 uniformly north & south, also the Liatris that grows on the prairies, I knew he would gladly get you any prairie plant that you might desire that he finds in his drives about the country & I think he would consider 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 paccoon 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 composite. 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 afterwards 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 serotin
It is very 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 blossoms in the house
over a week & they keep 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 no
tice 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 Helenium autumnale. I
think I sent you a list of the flowers I
had found & offered to get some 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 punctilobula.
Woodsia obtusa
Woodsia Ilvensis
Cystopteris fragiles
Cyclopteris
Woodwardia angustifolia – abundant in New Jersey.
Aspidium marginale
Aspidium thelypteris.
Aspidium noveboracense
Aspidium spinulosum.
Aspidium cristatum
Aspidium acrostichoides
Pellaea densa
Aspidium argutum
Onoclea sensibiles

Lycopodium palmatum
Osmunda regalis
Osmunda Claytoniana
Osmunda cinnamomea
Botrychium ternatum
Botrychium virginianum
Woodwardia virginica
Pellaea atropurpurea
Pellaea gracilis
Cheilanthes eatoni
Aspidium munitum
Polypodium intermedium.
Polypodium vulgare
Asplenium montanum
Pellaea ornithopus
Gymnogramma triangularis
Asplenium viride.
Cheilanthes gracillima
Notholaena fendleri.
Adiantum chilense.
Ophioglossum vulgatum.
Trichomanes petersia
Pellaea andromedaefolia
Botrychium lanceolatum.
Woodwardia radicans
Asplenium pinnatifidum

I found Indian cucumbers. He also studies the fruited fronds 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 Botrychium 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 fruited 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 pondering cares for wild flowers. The pressed ferns and you gave me have been very much admired by Miss Hadwen

Chillicothe, Peoria Co. Illinois
22nd Sept.

Dear friend,

Your favor of Sept. 1, was received. Mr. Guilford is very grateful for your acquaintance. I found Mr. G. uncommonly intelligent & kind. He is a natural lover of wild flowers. Mr. Lawrial wrote me he gave you the grasses I sent to Medford for you. I hope they were not gathered too early. I hope I got later & brought here have ripened and are very beautiful. I do not feel when I have enjoyed 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 Virginiana, Cuphea viscossissima, Linaria vulgaris — I unintentionally copied the last from the list that I have of the flowers that my little niece helped analyze — Polanisia graveolens, Isanthus caerulens, Galeopsis ladanum — that Gray says is rare — Abutilon avicennae. 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 avicennae 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 & southward" I have not as yet seen a single peon. But my sister's brother-in-law, Dr. Wilmot, who lives about ten miles from here is a fine botanist & I hope knows the peons & if so he will give me aid in the finding those that grow about here. The first of the season I scarce knew a peon but now am not quite so ignorant. Mr. Guilford &

[illegible]

[illegible] Spirit
[illegible] to [illegible] Spirit
[illegible] Book of Nature all-
pend Branch upon and [illegible]
Make for the Future. Un-
forgiven Wrongs are often
[illegible] of our friends —

Edward [illegible]

Elisa [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that I
did not know it shall
[illegible] Gold from us
[illegible]. The Siberian that
I spoke to [illegible] is I
[illegible] the Siberian [illegible].
They are not quite such [illegible]
[illegible] large [illegible]
[illegible] North [illegible]. I
will send you an [illegible]

[illegible] Gold [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] Gold [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible] but
[illegible] that as the weather
[illegible] settled the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] fur-
[illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]".
I have been [illegible] there

Lubbock, Ill. Apl. 24.

Dear Friend,

I went into the woods this school this evening & found 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 & flower also. It is very [illegible] & smell. I found the Blue Cohosh but it is not a very handsome flower. The one I sent you is I believe the Aquilegia. When I first found it peeping above ground I thought it was too early for

Chillicothe, Ill. June 9.

Dear Friend,

You asked me [illegible] plant you had [illegible] Hydrophyllum. Here is an [illegible] it? Was it a root I dug [illegible] in the bottom that [illegible] I have found here the Hydrophyllum virginicum & H. appendiculatum. [illegible] the waterleaf, only the Ellisia nyctelea. I am writing such short morning letters as I usually do [illegible] I leave here I expect next Monday P. M. for Red Bank, New Orleans. Mrs. Prof. Sullivant has invited me for a fortnight's visit on my way to Texas.

Our tables are so [illegible]
[illegible] very much together
[illegible] to have the [illegible]
[illegible] of a magnificent
[illegible] it was to
[illegible] had left
the little house [illegible]
[illegible] Monday a cold rainy
storm confining me [illegible]
[illegible] Summer
[illegible] in Boston & Concord
Yours in haste –
Eliza Hosmer

Chillicothe, Peoria Co, Illinois
April 9 – 1877

Dear Friend.

I much 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 summer. I went Saturday to see Dr. Stewart's herbarium at Peoria. I only had time to look over a small part of it. Dr. S. is a thorough botanist & his herbarium is said to be one of the finest in the West. I shall ask my old pupil & friend Mary Fisher to send you roots of the Cypripedium candidum. Would you like any Isopyrums? They are ap- [illegible] are very hardy.

Yours truly,
Eliza Holmes.

Cairo, Ill.
May 2, 1877

Dear Friend:

I send today a little box of the Trillium 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 birds of the white Dogs tooth violet. But few corresponding plants. There is a great abundance of Spring beauties & the Trillium recurvatum. Also Dicentra cucullaria. I shall be here a month

two weeks longer -
[illegible]
[illegible]

Admitted 1st
Would you kindly
like to know Mr. Dassmann
Dear Mr. Dassmann
I have not heard
of Mr. Pratt's death till
Mr. Y. told me - it yes-
terday. He was a dear
man - Every one loved
him. He will be a sad
to Concord.
If you happen to have
the painted Trillium and
Seaton, could you send
April 8.

on to Mr. Guilford! Don't
get them especially to send
but if you have any
to spare I would like
him to see one. Sent
for the P. Caroliniana with
Thos. G. & should have sent
you some if he had
not. The spring is forward
with us. The dog-tooth violets
are in bloom. The beautiful
blood roots must be gone —
We do not have them. I was so
glad to send Mr. Pringle the Physianthus
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 Trillium erythrocarpum when it is not convenient. Now don't, please don't any unless you happen to have it. I know just how busy you must be. I have a T. recurvatum in blossom that Mary Fisher sent me. She says she is

Quite delighted as [illegible] & Pennie forwarding - E. Hartman.

I have a letter from Mrs. Annie Abbott in wh. she encloses a tribute to Mr. Abbott's life & character written by Sanborn & an "In Memoriam" by her dear friend Abbott. They were married in the Springfield Presbyterian Church Oct. 15. E. H.

going to send Mr. 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 care 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 October. When the war is over I shall be happy to receive your Northern friends. I send you a few specimens of Wood Lotus. Mr. Ford tells me Mr. A. and J. Wood in Flowers & allied to the Flower was written.

Red Bank Monmouth Co. N. J. May 1.

My dear Mr. Emerson

I have been very glad to receive your letter and the pamphlet which you sent me. I had read the Boston paper in which it was mentioned. The rest of the world does not seem to know of the existence of the pamphlet. I have a box of the pamphlets by me & expect to distribute them among my friends. I hope you will consider that you commenced it yourself. I will send them to Mr. Alcott's friends who send me her sister Louisa Alcott's "Reminiscences" of her mother. Have you read them? Mr. 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 & Mr. & Louisa Alcott's "In Memoriam" if you have them not. I will write to Dr. Wilmot & Mary Fisher. 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

Dear Mr. Davenport

I have been waiting for an
a long time for you to
get your letter. It
was near the end of your stay
in Concord. Now let me
tell you of my pleasant
rambles with Mr. Emily
& Mr. Finch. We started
for the "pines" Saturday
morning early. We walked
sixteen miles that day.

Mr. Gill & there we passed them. I am
sure Father will come for us. But I
don't it. I would love to
stay longer. The pots are all
burned. The Commencement Orator
from the St. Lawrence University
is expected. We are all very much
pleased with the choice & Lowell
Oratorical Society. Mr. Lowell
intends to be there "Commencement
& have an moment are Mr. Mary Commencement

and the same number
the next day. Came
home Monday M.
found in flower that
I can recall just
now Asyrum Cru-
andreae (St Andrew's Cross)
lovely & odd flower -
Asclepias rubra, A.
incarnata, Lachnanthes
tinctoria (Red Root) Lilium
superbum, very abundant
about here - Aletris
farinosa, Zygadenus
leimanthoides, Porosia

phyllanthoides, Habenaria, Helianthus
tuberosus, Aster, N. Dumosus, Solidago
lanceolata, Ammania, Symphotrichum
Boreale, Cimicifuga, Spiranthes, Epipactis
tenuifolium, St. Lancelotus, Tyrsi Cernuus
Pontederia cordata, Orchis spectabilis,
O. Rhomboidalis, Oclepias incarnata,
Eriocaulon septangulare, Rattle snake
Master &c. I meant to have also
Gen. & Fox tails, the Alum Root
the Rocket Mountain & Yellow Flower

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

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Enclosed I return your little geon & send also by the same mail other specimens of it. You will see I gathered them too early. Mr. B. wrote me that Sept. was the next time but the season being cool in Aug. might do. It rained fish as I found it so I had a poor time to botanize about the place. Please write me if the specimens disappoint you for if so I perhaps can go again in Sept. or Oct.

Do not suppose, Mr. Davenport,

that you will always feel as you do now in this sad hour. Think
mother of your dear departed wife. Think
while your clouds will again
be bright with sunshine. You will
only have that to remember
your child that is released
from sorrows and pains.
I have heard Children
that were very often say
it years & children that
this gift our Father bring
children was unspeakably
beyond that which they
deserved. In leaving these
dear ones behind on

death. Polly said when your postal
came that she should write you but
I do not think she will as she is so
out of the way of writing. She has
lost her husband & three children.

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

Yours in haste but truly
Elsie L. Lance.

Bedford Mass
Monday A. M.
May 17-

Dear Mr. Davenport,

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

and address the
Trustees of Lowell
Institute
to Mr. Davenport

If the meeting & she
also thinks it will be
easier for you to re-
main here all night
says she shall consider
it a privilege to en-
tertain you at her
house. Trains leave
here for Boston 5.55,
7.00, 7.50, 8.50, A. M.
& from Boston to Bed-
ford 4.20, 5.25, 6.25,
P. M. My sister will
make tea ready for you.
Sunday
it will be better for you not to take
6.25 P. M. train as it arrives
too late for appointment time to take
train for Boston. Cars leave Charl-
ton at 7.25 - 9 & 10 A. M.
Kind & Cordial regards & hope
will be able to accompany us. Do
hope

they may find during the season by the form & arrangement of the fruit-bodies, the most marked characteristics. I may try to follow up a little in a very small way your lesson to them by afterwards bringing over my microscope & examining some

friends Dr. & Renew acquaint nothing of poetry but in trying to embarrass to attract I shall gain a little knowledge on the subject myself. "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 lanosa
CHW 8/4/23

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

Dear Mr Davenport,

Spring is nearly here with its flowers. I went to Springfield a few weeks ago & brought home a few fern roots for my case. 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 lanosa (am I right in the name?) I enclose a frond & said 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 Missouri plants you would like it would give me much pleasure to send them to you. The Pellaea atropurpurea is very common here. Also Houstonia minima which looks very pretty with its blue flowers by the roadside. It blossoms very early in March & continues

weeks in bloom. I will send you seeds of Desmanthes 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 violet for "greens". It used to be very abundant here & many be now. the hogs & cows ~~were~~ are every where. I never go to a place I do not meet them. I find here the Dodecatheon meadia - 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'clk 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 Holmes.

give me pleasure. The pale dog tooth violet is found here but long past flower. We have had lovely weather for a long time - too much dried, very often. Please give me regards to Mrs. Davenport & children.

Sincerely Yours,
Eliza Holmes.

Marshfield, Webster Co. Missouri April Mayx.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I have been rambling in the woods since the flowers opened & now will report to have what I have found. The last time I was out I found by a creek two miles from town - most of my rambles are alone - a dozen or more roots of Dodecatheon media in a small space - also the American Crab apple with its large, rose colored fragrant, handsome blossoms. What have I discovered but the walking-leaf! No one has ever seen it here I suppose except

myself. The Anemone Carolinian is beautiful with its purple flowers. I found but little of it. The Pellaea atropurpurea grows here. The Houstonia minima & Viola pedata var bicolor is very abundant as well as Spring Beauty. Sunday went to ride while the rest of the party were taking lunch by the way side I strolled through the woods & found Trillium sessile & had never found that before. T. recurvatum I found common in Chillicothe. All I have the promise of seeing Helonias bulbum in flower. It grows sixteen miles from here. Never also but I may only see the spirit. A gentleman that lives ten miles from here has promised to let me know when it is in flower. It grows ten miles from his home & I am to visit at his house when it is in bloom he is watching it. If I can add from any words that you wish for it will

Concord, Mass.
May 20.

Dear Davenport.

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

Notes of Sermons
Letters to Davenport
Cyrus Bartol
Unitarian Church
Concord Mass.

will take it into the matter. Mrs. C. will be at home a great deal since Mr. Richardson died. I feel it a duty to see Mrs. Chamberlain myself. Will write more fully after I see her. Mr. Bartol is very well & sends his love to you. Mrs. Bartol is not well. Mr. Emerson is to be here on Friday & Saturday. One of Mr. Emerson's sermons is to be read at the meeting. It is a very good one. Mr. Bartol thinks it will be a very pleasant meeting. Mr. Emerson is very well & sends his love to you.

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

but unit it all and Jacquelin in
a certain way & I & Mrs. Ogden
very thing with the exception
of hunting. I have had a very
pleasant afternoon - a long
walk and I'll write more
later. I'm not at all
sure that I'll be able
to write to Mrs. Ogden
I am

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

Yours sincerely &

with kind regards to Mrs. Davenport & the children Elizabeth Mosmee.

Marshfield. Webster Co. Missouri June 25.

Dear Mr. Davenport.

You said there was Cyst. Gracilis in the first box. I did not understand whether you meant in the first box I sent last that I sent for Cyst. bulbifera - I find on the ground of that [illegible] the

that that look likes A. Spinulosum I also find sometimes with long fronds. But the fern that seems to have most firmness to it, what is that? Unlike the others. But not so common. I could gather hundreds of what I call Cyst. bulbifera & Woodsia obtusa & one following me would not miss them. The first & the two is so very abundant growing with roots wedged in between rocks. I suppose they must make the soil from the rocks. Cheilanthes r. & Pellaea p. very abundant also. I can't send you the largest fronds because my boxes are too short. I have no commences for pressing fern. Walking fern very common

that P.S. for proper stamps which
you would write
me a note on 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 home more than
four or five weeks
then go to Chicago.
With thanks & greetings truly
Elisa Warner

Mansfield, Webster Co. Missouri
Monday A.M.

Dear Mr Davenport.
You note rec'd
with thanks. Yesterday
I went to Thomson
for your C. O. D. and
last evening. I easily
found its name after
sending for my box to
you by mail on Stand. But
the stem being dark. I
was not sure before. The

Woodsia. I sent has all the boxes turned over on Lori. & I found that given as a characteristic of another species - woodsia One gotter than W. obtusa -
I have quite call now still has them so. that I sent it to you in my first box - You say there was only one other kind C. gracilis besides the C. f. perhaps I did not in the twelve but in the box all I thought I did The dark green fern I used to find in Ill. & alway called C. gracilis. But the others vary so much from it - somewhat.
I have no good glass - What one do you think the next that costs not more

one wrote me. I do
not understand why
she did not acknowledge
it & the Woodwardia.
Dr. Lockwood was much
pleased with his. & Mr.
Gilford is growing finely
He has it exposed to
the midday sun so ech
noon it seems to wilt.
I rejoice in your success
in your published works.
I know much now busy you
must be. So if ever you do
not reply even by a postal,
I shall understand. I enclose
would geominale. Is it
so beautiful when growing
undisturbed in a garden
or woods. We only found
a few of them & the one
I have came up from
those man transplanted
in her garden. I suppose
she sent me the smallest
thinking it would transplant
best. She writes "as for the
Collinsia, 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

the Thalictrum Dioicum
both ends in Jersey - &
another Thalictrum in
Ind which is much taller
than the others. I shall
watch it. also the "Cursed
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 leads 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
pike from Mary Fisher's.
Mary Fisher's ostrich
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 roots. For instance 1500 of the Trillium nivale. Mary has an aunt that lives on the prairie & can get two or three. We have here the Viola rotundifolia, V. lanceolata, V. primulaefolia V.

circillata var. palmata. Many
of the same species differ
so much as to the leaves
that Mr. G. thinks they al-
most form another species.
Mary Fisher has the Lark-
spur violet. I know she
would send you. I have
an 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 you when ripe seed

157 James St.
Syracuse N.Y.
11.1.1874-

Mr. Davenport

Dear Sir

Your letter of 16th ult. came to hand once a week ago - I thank you for writing for I am glad to know the Scolopendrium officinarum reached you in good condition - I supposed it would prove a new arrival for your Fernery. Have you Walking Leaf? (Camptosorus rhizophyllus) I consider Onondaga Co.

unusually rich in its flora. The Scolopendrium 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 parts of New York, near Onondaga, on the plantations of J. Geddes." The specimen I send you I found at Green Lake west of Jamesville (a small town near Syracuse). The ferns Pellaea Gracilis & Pellaea atropurpurea are two characteristic ferns of this region. The former rare.

Asplenium Ruta-muraria has been found within 15 miles. Asplenium

Trichomanes I have never found here and I have never been able to find anyone who has seen it. Have been shown specimens of what I think could be Trichomanes, but I have never been able to find it myself. I shall be glad to send you specimens of it if any should be found. Asplenium Filix-femina is very common. Pteris aquilina is very common. Polypodium vulgare and Polypodium Dryopteris are very common.

Yours truly,
J. H. Farmer.

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

Mr. Davenport

Dear Sir,

I found on looking over Mrs. Dr. Barker's 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 connecting links I took the liberty of saying that if marked to be returned you would remail them to her. Excuse me if I have been officious in the matter.

The newspaper scrap 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 & was interesting. I carried it in my pocket for some time & showed it to everybody I met. Mr. Burnett has not yet received the paper I sent him as he was away when it came. Perhaps you may be able to find it for him.

Yours truly

44. Townsend St.
Syracuse N.Y.
May 3. 1876.

Mr. G. E. Davenport
Dear Sir

I thank you for the nos. of Medford Chronicle containing 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 - could you not hand some child for it or some old little lady? Where is it? I want this in the Rhodora so that the Mountain Trees will be ready for publication in Brook Farm 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 don't like 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 think I could give it to my class in a sufficiently good

Rhodora has never been printed in this country -

Syracuse June 23, 1881

Prof. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you by mail a fern which I found in woods near Syracuse. It resembles Aspidium Goldianum, Hook, but it is very much smaller with the lower pinna 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. Syracuse, N. Y.

Willamette Slough
Oregon April 6, 1875

Mr Geo. E Davenport

Dear Sir — Yours of March 10th received. The ferns in this immediate vicinity as far I have been able to discover they are an six species as follows:

Polypodium vulgare
Pteris aquilina var lanuginosa Hook
Adiantum pedatum
Aspidium munitum
Asplenium Felix foemina
Lomaria spicata

You will observe that Aspidium munitum 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 Formaica spicata and Asplenium munitum which I send to you but the growing ground are in bad condition but then you can see how they look after standing a hard winter. When the proper time comes I will go the and send you good specimens of all that grows here

Yours truly

Joseph Howell.

Put in file dated later me w autograph for autograph book

K

Willamette Slough
Oregon, Aug. 16, 1874

Mr Davenport: Dear Sir I received your ferns some time ago. They came in good order and are 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 grew 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 spicant when the proper season comes Yours truly

Joseph Howell.

Willamette Slough
Oregon Jan 24, 1877.

My dear Mr Devenport

Yours is received it came to hand just as I was making 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 comon form growing on the trunks of trees. Especialy the ash. Sauvies 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.

I. 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 pinnes 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 spicant both plain and cut toothed pinnae collected August, 1876

I was not able to visit the locality where the variety of Lomaria with toothed pinnes grows but once during the season. I found several plant but none of them as finely 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.

Time are a few ferns that I would like to have but I have not time now to mak a list at some futur time I will send you the list

Yours very truly Joseph Howell.

Willamette Slough
Oregon April 2, 1877

My Dear Mr Davenport

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

very truly yours
Joseph Howell

Willamette Slough
Oregon Aug 16, 1879

Dear Mr. Davenport

I have for a long time been wanting to send you some ferns but have not had time untill now I send you a package by mail to day. thanks for your catalouge it has been of much use to me The plants

No. 1. Cheilanthes gracelamma
Cimcoe Mtn. Washington Territory
June 1879

No 2 Gymnogramme triangulae.
Rocky point Oregon May 1879 both new and old fronds.

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

No 4 Aspidium munitum,
Sauvies Island Oregon. July, 1879.

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

My brother and I collect together and devote most of our attention to flowering plants

We have just learned that Dr. Gray has named a new Genus after us.

No 10 Selaoginella Douglasii Spring
Rocks banks of Columbia river Oregon Aug. 1879. We will send you some Azollos 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

No. 5 Woodsia Scopulina Basalt rocks banks of Columbia river Multnomah Co. Oregon Aug, 1879
No 6 Same as last Cuncoa Mts. Washington Territory June, 1879.
No 7. polypodium falcatum Fisher's Landing Washington Territory Feb. 1879.
No. 8 Is a polypodium that we can't make out My brother found it on over hanging cliffs of Basalt rocks along creeks Nea the Cascads of the Columbia river Oregon Aug 1879
No. 9 We take to be a Woodsia that we can't make out My brother found it near the Dalls Oregon May 1879 We have collected W. Oregana two years ago but have disposed of all our specimins 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 befor this but I have not been very well.
My brother who put up the Lomary for me says he is shure that the roots labeled var. serratum was true to name, perhaps after the plants get well established it will have serated pinnea

The Selenginella Douglasi that I sent you grew on wet rooks 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 Marsilia vestita and an Isoetes perhaps it is I. Nuttalii I think it is the same as 693 of Halls Oregon plants published in proc. of American Ac. of Arts & Sciences vol 8, p 311.

Yours very truly

Joseph Howell

H

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 Millwakie, Mr. Englemen 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 ~~by~~ 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 recolection of it now he wrote me that it was a new species and caled it Isoetes longipelae. 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 Davenport Herbarium some time this summer. Many thanks

yours truly

Joseph Howell.

K

Davenport Ann

Joseph Howell, July 16, 1886 "As I said before, probably all the pacific coast polypodiums are varieties of P. vulgare"

2 postcards
1 envelope

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Willamette Slough
Oregon July 16, 1886

Mr Geo. E Davenport

Dear Sir: your last two or three communications remain unanswered. An unusual high water in the Columbia river has flooded the whole of Sauvie'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 Botanizer

As soon as the polypodium grows this fall - it - is all dried up now - I will send you a large lot of the various 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. Falcatum, 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 ~~of~~ where I found the Lomaria specimen with toothed pinnae. I will then be abl 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 fertil had the pinnae ~~t~~toothed as the specimens I sent you.

I am glad that you 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 Thornell.

K

Arthur Oregon
Aug 12th 1883

Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir

your kind letter of July 2nd. was duly received Thanks for your kindness in naming 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 colected for Aspidium aculeatum var, Scopulinum turns out to be A. Lonchites it has been so short that I have none to spare at present, and A. aculeatum I

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

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

yours Truly
Thos Howell

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Sent Baker

Arthur Oregon
April 10th 1886

Geo. E Davenport

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a specamen 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 out side of Florida, and it hardly seems possable to refer it to that.

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

up entirely later in the season
but cannot say for certain
For the want of a Microscope
and experiance in useing it
I cannot make out its full
characters

Respectfuly yours,
Thos. Howell

Suksdorf'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 Pilkington'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 Lycopodiums.

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 Felix foemine.

I sent you specimens of all the ferns I collected except a little Woodsia, 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

K

N.Y.

15 Hinrod 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 v 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. I 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., & y them have about 2000 species. I have no ferns from Cal^a West or 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, Allosorus acrostichoides Spreng., Asplenium pinnatifidum, Nutt., A. Ebenoides R. R. Scott., A. angustifolium Mchx., A. thelypteroides Mchx., Aspidium spinulosum Swartz, A. var. Clintonianum, A. filix-mas Swartz, A. lonchitis Swartz., Onoclea var. obtusiloba Torr., Woodsia glabella R.B., W. Oregana DC., Botrychium simplex, B., lanceolatum & obliquum.

Now if what I wrote I had of Bot. linaria, Scol. vulgare, Pellaea atropurpurea, Asplenium ruta-muraria, or Ophio. vulgatum ~~are~~ is 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 v 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 Sclaria - inform me.

Yours very truly
Geo. D. Hulst.

Dedham Nov 7th 76

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 examing 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. H. Humphrey

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Amesbury Nov 9 th 1897

Mr. Geo E. Davenport

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 26 species, (not to speak of varieties) growing within a half mile of my

horse.

Yours Truly

J. Warren Huntington

Amesbury

Mass.

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

Yours truly

F. Warren Huntington

Amesbury

Mass

Amesbury Nov 10th 1897

Mr. Davenport

I will send you a plant of A. 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 hunting ground with me as the Cypripedium Spectabile grows there plentifully. there are also some splendid Aspidium Boottii there and wild Cattas Calla 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 Ebeneum
A. Thelypteroides
A. Filix-Fœmina
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 Ilvensis
W. 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.