

Rec^d Sept 18th
Aug — 23rd

Lincoln Co. N.C. Sept 12th 1871

Dr Geo Engelmann

Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug 7th

14/12

has been rec^d & I hasten to write a few lines in reply.

The species of Yucca or Bears Grass (Y. recurvifolia) to which you refer, and of which I published in the "Rural Carolinian" a paragraphic notice I discovered last Spring 5 miles west of Lincolnton in a sandy & nearly exhausted field. This locality accords precisely with Nuttall's habitat, "In sandy fields N.C." adding his usual "v. v." (seen alive). It is altogether probable I accidentally visited the very locality where he found it, as it is known he visited Lincolnton on his botanical tour about 55 years ago (see his remarks relating to Magnolia macrophylla) I was only enabled



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to procure some of the radical leaves, &
four small rootlets which
~~have since since started~~ have grown but
little in consequence of the severe drought
through which we have just passed,
I have not since visited the locality (about
20 miles from my residence) but have spoken
to a gentleman who resides in the immediate
neighborhood to procure me some of the seeds
this Fall - If I am successful in my efforts
to procure seeds, or small roots I will take
pleasure in supplying your wants, & imparting
any information as far as I have it in my power
to do so. Although we are personally unknown
to each other yet I believe little, or no apology
is necessary among the different cultivators of
science in seeking an interchange of useful
information.

I wish some one would publish a
monographic notice of the Coniferae. Several
years ago I discovered on Crowder's Mountain
(Gaston Co. N.C.) the handsome trailing shrub
Juniperus communis. In D. Gray, "Manual of



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"Botany" is most southern locality is "dry
sterile hills, N.C." In D. Curtis' Catalogue
of N.C. plants, of which I presume you have
a copy, it is omitted. I have since called his
attention to this and several other omissions
which will be inserted in a future edition.

If you have duplicate copies of any
of the Western & Rocky Mountain surveys
I shall be pleased to receive them, and
will endeavor to reciprocate the favor in
some other way.

Respectfully & truly yrs
C. S. Hunter

Address

Cottage Home, Lincoln Co. N.C.

P.S. I enclose one of the leaves, a good deal
shriveled, nearly of the full length, and
bent each time in the direction of its curvature
The *Y. filamentosa* is very common in this
vicinity.



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Rec^d Feb 13 1871
Ans May 27 1873

Lincoln Co. Mo. Nov. 6th 1871

Geo. Engelmann M.D.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th

Sept. has been rec^d, but a short absence
from home attending our State Fair has
prevented me from replying as promptly
as I should have otherwise done.

A few days ago I made a visit to
the nearest locality of *Yucca filamentosa*
in this neighborhood but failed to find
a single stalk which had gone to seed
the past season. Like other allied species
of indigenous plants (*Agave americana* etc.)
it is alternating, often several years in blooming.
If I am successful the present season in
finding matured capsules I will advise
you of it. I now simply send you a
leaf of *Y. filamentosa*. The leaf I formerly sent



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you may be, as you suggest *P. pubescens*,
a plant which I have not seen.

I notice in one of our agricultural
papers that "a species of native palm
grows luxuriantly in the Canons on the
eastern slope of San Bernardino Mountain
Cal. It bears a small black fruit of a
sweetish taste, which is highly prized by
the Indians, as an article of food." Can you
give me the botanical name of this palm,
if such it really is? The Eucalyptus of
Australia, is now attracting considerable
attention in some portions of the West, as a
highly useful tree, and is being rapidly
introduced. Has it been introduced
near St Louis? A friend in New Orleans
sent me a small package of seed last Spring
but they failed to vegetate. As I am
interested, to some extent, in arboriculture
I shall be pleased to receive from you
at any time hereafter, seeds of useful and
ornamental trees, peculiar to the Pacific slope.



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I herewith also send you a few seeds
of the *Magnolia macrophylla*, a rather
rare tree, collected a few weeks ago, from
one of its native habitats in this neighborhood.
It would be well to plant them immediately
in light, loamy soil, about one inch deep, and
slightly covered with rotten leaves, or mould.
By becoming dry, they lose their vitality,
and seldom vegetate in the spring.

As regards the publications you spoke of
in your letter I already have nearly all of
them including your article, *Cactaceae* in the
New Mexico Boundary Survey, a copy of which
I possess, & have perused with pleasure & profit.

Hoping to hear from you as often
as may suit your convenience I remain

Yours truly

C. C. Hunter

Address

"Cottage Home, Lincoln Co. N.C."

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Rec^d July 12th

Sumner Co. N.C., July 7th 1873

Dr. G. Engelmann

Dear Sir

Your letter of May 27th and package of seeds were duly rec^d -

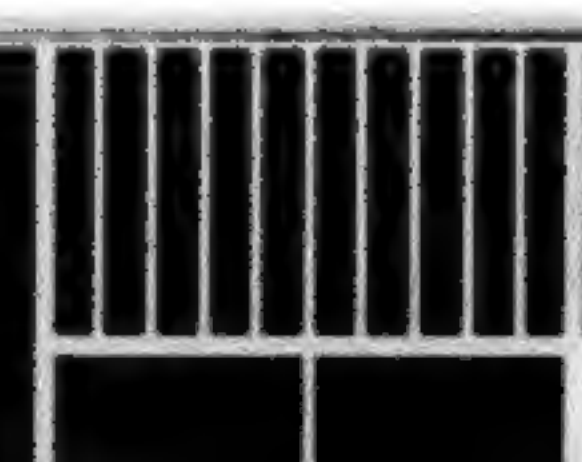
Hunter In consequence of sickness in my family I have been prevented from making any botanical excursion this season - It is probable, as you suggest, that Nuttall was mistaken in assigning ^{the Yucca recurvifolia.} ~~to~~ our sandy old fields - If I can have it in my power to leave home for a short time I will revisit the locality this summer with the view of procuring seed, and if successful will inform you hereafter -

Great fears are held in some portions of this State on the rapid spread of the Cholera, but it is hoped, under proper precautionary measures, its ravages will soon cease -

I thank you kindly for the package of seeds - They reached me too late to plant this season, but I will reserve them for next Spring & plant them about the 1st of April - I shall be highly pleased if the Eucalyptus succeeds in this climate as well as the Sophora & others -

Hastily & truly yours

C. L. Hunter



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