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Dear Sir,

Ipswich, March 13. 1843

I take the liberty of sending you, by the kindness of Mr. S. S. Fanningham, of St Louis. a small parcel of N. England plants, such as lay nearest at hand.

I have been for many years engaged in collecting the plants of every part of N. England, & should be glad to send you any you wish in exchange for your own. I can send you specimens of almost all the N. E. plants mentioned in the books, with many others not recorded as belonging to it.

Having made many exchanges with Dr. Short, & some with Mr. Sullivant & Dr. Carpenter, I am already well supplied with their plants. I wish to receive from you such species as cannot be obtained from them - Dr. Short informs me that you have also many specimens of Texan plants, which would be particularly acceptable to me. I have a set of Nuttall's Rocky Mt., Oregon, & California plants. I wish very much to make as complete a collection of N. American plants as possible.

I should be glad to have you make out from the books a list of your desiderata from N. E. which would be a guide to

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me in sending the more common plants. I will send you at
some future opportunity a particular list of my desiderata from
Torry & Gray -

I send you a catalogue of the plants of
Vt., printed badly, without proof sheets from me, or revision - Also
two little papers from Hovey's Mag. written in great haste to
fill up a reserved space. I should be greatly pleased
to receive your observations of the spring flowering of the
plants of St. Louis, particularly of any of those ^{species} mentioned
in my paper -

I had the pleasure of rec^d. from Dr. Gray
a copy of your paper on N. A. Cuscutinæ - I
send you in this letter flower of Cuscuta Epilinum,
collected by me 16 or 17 years ago from ~~the~~ cultivated
~~flax~~ field in their vicinity - The scale is not easily found in
the dry specimens - but in the living I found it as

below:  broad truncate with about 3 uneven teeth -
Ex  styles simple, distended, neither capitate nor acute -
vivis. flower non less than 5 clefts, one 6 cleft.
1826. scale of ~~nectary~~ ^{somewhat transparent} short, not reaching to the insertion
of the anther -

I should be glad of specimens of
your Cuscutinæ -

I write in haste, as Mr. G. goes away this m^o -
I should be glad to hear from you soon by mail.
Mr Fenimore will take charge of any plants you may send
to me, & forward them -

With respect,

Yours, truly -

Wm. C. Cates.

