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Salem Oct 19. 77-

Dr. Geo Engelmann.

My dear Sir-

I received your note concerning the Buxford Oak just as I was arranging the specimens which I had collected in Essex County the present season for your examination.

You will see by the memos on the various specimens what there may be peculiar about each one.

The Buxford Oak (cast.-prin.) was as you will see by the label, cut down by my friend who was in search of a tree of castanea for

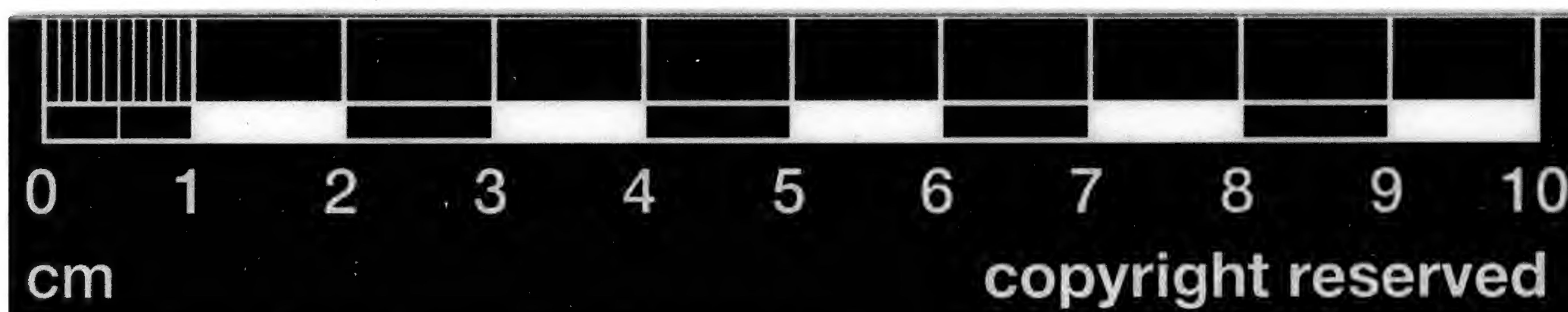


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the County coll. of woods - The tree was about 20 ft. high - the flowers were very yellow. The place where it grew, a ^{was slightly} moist place near a hill, about at the foot, and near a meadow - I have found no other trees like this, and as you will see by the specimens of wood sent there is a great difference in the sizes - the principal sent is of the usual size in this region I never heard of one over $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diam. Oaks grow in nearly every part



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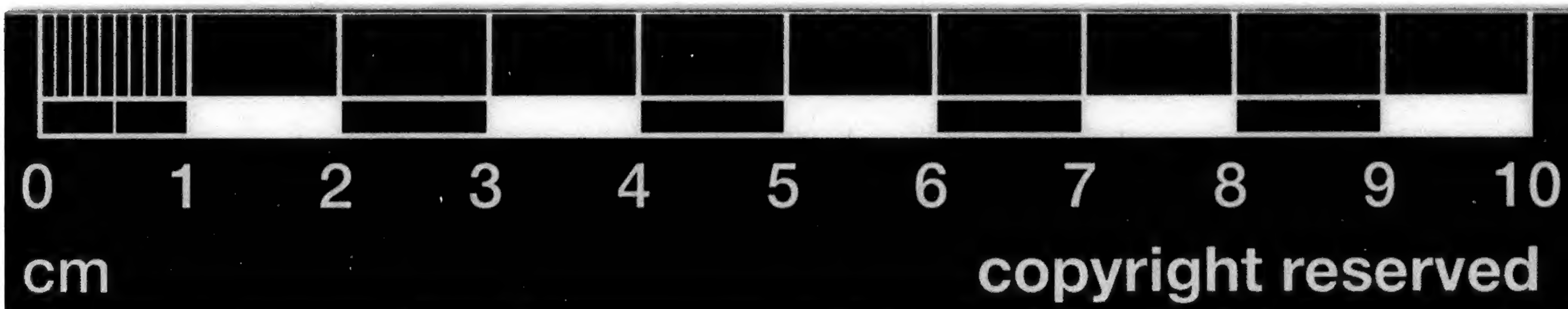
of our county, some towns how-
ever as Nahant, Marblehead, most
of Rockport, and near the coast line
they are rare - The red + white
are occasionally found 6 feet in diam.
the coc. + tunc. not so large; the
bicolor 5 ft in diam - I find the
rubra, coc. + tunc. run into each-
other very much - *illicifolia* grows
on poor soil + judging by the acorns
there also
seems to be the one spoken of in
Gray as a hybrid between coc. +
ilic. *castanea* is scarce and
is as far as I know found only



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in the N.W. part - *pruin.* is
found in Topfield, Middletown, Georgetown,
Boxford, Lynnhill Andover - (i.e. in the
W. and N.W. parts) *ilici.* grows only
in the N. half of the Co. *bicolor*
grows in most towns scattered
here & there along the streams &
wet places occasionally on a
hill side.

I expect to go again to Boxford
within a week and if I can,
will examine the region where
cast-pruin grew, and endeavour to
collect wood of *bicolor* & *trici.* to



forward to you -
I send wood as follows:-

- (W. 1) *Q. castanea*, Townsend Mass -
- (W. 2) *Q. cast.-prinoides*, Bottrud "
- (W. 3) *Q. prinoides* - " "
- (W. 4) *Q. alba*. Middleton "
- (W. 6) *Q. rubra*. Danvers "
- (W. 8) *Q. coccinea* " "
- (A. 9) *Q. ilicifolia* Top-Box "
- (A. 8.) *Q. coc. ilici*. " "

the two last with fruit in the same package.

I shall not need many of the specimens to be returned



as I have duplicates of most
of them but when I hear
from you I may have to
ask you to take the trouble
to return some, which I can
do by sending the number of
the sheet, the woods of course
I shall not want - or the fruit
as they are all duplicates -

I have a full list & description
of all the sheets sent you
& woods, which can be referred



to by me if you will
be kind enough to report
on any specimens of interest -
I do not name the specimens
sent as with authority, only
for convenience, so as to have
them in some sort of order
They are merely arranged as
I fancy they may be, and
are fairly lost among the forms
of rubra, coc. & trich -
I desire also ~~to~~ to acknowledge
my indebtedness to Mr J. H. Sears of Danvers
a young farmer who has a great



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love for our trees & who has been
with me in my rambles
often, & who with only an
observer's knowledge, ^{has} done more
than any one else to aid me
in making the collections of the
Academy, of Essex Co plants & woods,
one that I am not ashamed to
compare with any local coll- in
these parts.

I trust I may send among
the specimens some of interest to
you, at any rate they are a fair
coll. of what Oaks grow in E. Co. Mass
I am Very Respectfully
John Robinson



Rec^d March 2^d 1878
Ans April 2^d

Salem Feb 27-

My dear Sir.

Your kind remem-
brance came duly to
hand, and I also
find that I have
neglected to answer
your valuable letter
containing the notes
on the E. Co. Oaks sent
last fall - I am very
much obliged to you



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Mr Geo. E. Davenport which I trust may be
of interest to you, I have taken some
pains to assist Mr D. in getting it out.

I am Very Respectly

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for all these kindnesses,
and have been enabled
to arrange the local speci-
mens in the herbarium
quite acceptably—

I do not care to have
any of the specimens
returned, and shall
try to collect more
of certain interesting
ones as noted by you.

I send by mail a
paper on *B. simplex* by



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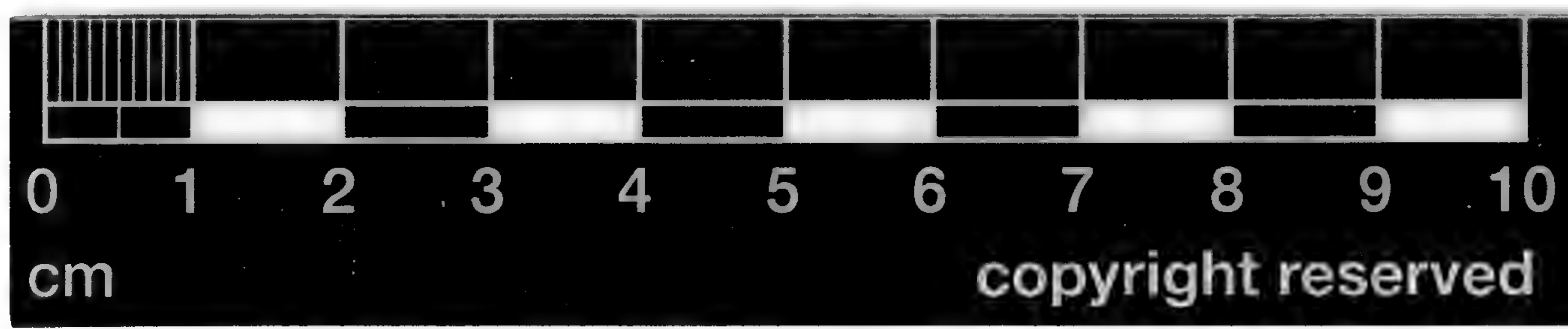
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GEORGE ENGELMANN PAPERS



Rec April 30 1890

My dear Sir.

I received with
great pleasure your
valuable paper on the
genus *Panicum*, for which
please accept my
sincere thanks.

I am now very busy
assisting Mr. Sargent
at Brooklyn, where I
go nearly every day,
and am arranging



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thirty miles away and the forest
was obtained the leaves were broad
and not small. The place was
I trust I have learned more about
collecting specimens of this kind
than many and hope that I
shall be able at some time to visit
the forest.



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the herbarium he is
collecting for the As-
setment. This is an ex-
tremely pleasant occupa-
tion and one that will
enable me to gain
much valuable informa-
tion. The two Oaks
you expressed the
most interest in, two
years since, one quite
inaccessible, one has
been cut down, and
the other is gone.



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the remaining piece -
Mr Darwont only
studies fine, but
I feel no doubt that
he would appreciate
a copy of your manuscript
if you could spare
one - Thanking you
again for your business
I am
Yours very Respectly
John Robinson
Salem Apr. 27.

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