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Dr Engelmann.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith under  
another cover 3 specimens of *Opuntia*,

The one marked *O. Rafinesquii* is from

Haddonfield New Jersey sent me by

Mr. Martindale of Camden. and has been growing  
in my Lane for some years. The narrow  
smaller specimen marked *O. vulgaris* is from  
Haddonfield also and was sent me by  
Mr. Martindale at the same time, they have  
since been growing side by side, flowering  
and fruiting freely, but have preserved their  
characters with constancy. The only differ-  
ence being that the one marked *O. vulgaris* is in  
every way smaller - as to flowers, fruit and stem.

The other specimen <sup>probably *Rafinesquii*</sup> whose lobes are nearly  
circular, is found here in several localities  
and grows along with well marked *O. Rafinesquii*.



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You will confer a great favor if you will inspect them and send me please the result of your examinations.

The specimen of *O. Rafinesquin*

I broke in trying to bend it - so as to go into the box. This is a medium ~~the~~

specimen in size, the whole patch which perhaps has 100 or more branches of 2 to 5 or 8 lobes or joints - has many larger but few smaller specimens. Of the narrow sort, the specimen

I send is about the largest in a patch of ten to twelve branches. This narrowness and diminutiveness is constant and uniform - The circular specimen is rather large, a little above medium, it was selected from a patch where several thousands grow near my house on the rocks, among well marked *O. Rafinesquin*

I am respectfully

and very truly

Yours

O. R. Willis.

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