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J. M. M.

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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the plants you
sent me and which I received a long
time ago. They were most accepta-
ble.

I have time ago sent to George
Hayes at Leipzig a parcel con-
taining plants for you, to be forwarded
to you by means of the Smithsonian
Institution.

I take the liberty of asking you
not to press the plants so much.
Your plants will, if sufficed by water
scarcely recover again the shape of
the living state and you know one
is often obliged to misshapen a plant or
flower or any other part for making it
fit for communication.

I ask you also to be so kind as
to collect not summer plants in
very Concise form for us, common
and rare species, and above all

The Nymphaeaceae is completely
as possible. If you can, send me
fruit, ripe fruit of Nymphaea odor-
ata and Brasenia peltata in spirits
of wine, packed amongst cotton, that
they are not spoiled by shaking on the
way here. Are you not able to procure
for me a Nymphaea angustifolia leaf? I
in the European Herb. which I
saw nearly all I found only 2 or 3 work-
ed specimens of this rare plant,
which is very little known. I should
like to have flowers, leaves, fruit and
rhizome; the last dried at the
open air or in spirits of wine or vine-
gar.

Have you no peculiar wants in
the way of European plants? If
so, I will try to supply them.

Yours most truly

Robert Caspary

The Nymphaeaceae I want for a
monography of this family.

