

Moulton Alabama

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My dear Sir:

By the mail today I send you two packages of *Tipularias*. (*T. discolor*, Nutt.) There are above 25 of them — they all that I could find at the time; tho' not so many as you desired. I hope they will go safely and reach you in good order. I could not find them until they had begun to put up leaves. If they do not arrive in good condition I will endeavor to find others and mark their place and take them up early in the fall & send the bulbs without leaves. Possibly early in October they could be sent with much more safety, than at this season.

I have made several attempts to get you some *Trichomanes radicans*, H.K., attached to the rock on which it grows and send it; but thus far I have not succeeded in procuring a satisfactory specimen. The plant appears to be easily detached from the rock & then soon withers — even before I can get it home. It is some fifteen or sixteen miles away where I get it and only accessible on horse back; and I find it quite difficult to get it home in good condition. I gathered some on Saturday last (10th inst), (when I went to hunt *Tipularias* & gathered those I send,) and tho' I carefully enveloped it in moss & brought it home in a bird-bag it is now spoiled & withered.

When I make the next attempt - I will take a tin-box
with me and put it up in the woods ready for
the mail on my return. From some imperfect experiments
I have made with it; I have no doubt of its flourishing
in a Wardian Case.

I send in this one or two things that I have
not determined. Nos 1, 2 & 3. No 4 is Isopyrum biternatum?
Torr & Gray, as I think. It is quite abundant here along the
rocky declivities of the mountainous hills that border our
mountain streams in wet shady places. No 5 is but the
fruit & leaf of a plant I have not examined in flower.
No 1 is very rare & I have not seen it in fruit.

Did the seeds of the Buckeye reach you safely - I
hope they did. If however they failed I can send you
others at any time you may wish them. There are three
species of them here - One rough fruited & two smooth, but
I have not examined them carefully.

Very truly & respectfully yours

Thos M. Peters

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Massachusetts.

P.S. Could find only part of leaf of No 3. - I add a
Grass & a Clover - Nos 5 & 6.



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