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Mrs Sereeno Watson  
Dear Sir.

Gems received of date July 25, and I am obliged for facts contained. As regards *C. pub-  
chellus* I agree with you in naming spotted var  
var *maculosus*. It may be true that in dried specimen  
it is difficult to distinguish between variations of  
*C. Nuttallii*. In blooming plants a very marked difference  
is apparent between *C. Nuttallii* & *C. Leichtlinii*, although  
analytically they be very near alike. It seems to me however  
that if plants of the two species grown side by side  
are so different in appearance that any one would notice  
it, and if blooming plants of the one are all very simi-  
lar, while the other varies greatly but does not approach  
the former. I should say there was room for a variety,  
if not a species. However I hope to bloom a consider-  
able number of bulbs of both next year, and we can  
study further on the subject. An odd feature in  
*Calochortis* met my eye this season. It is in *C. luteus*-  
(*venustus*) *oculatus*. I found on an elevated pass  
immense flowers of very brilliant coloring. Some of  
these had the ordinary lunate gland, but in some



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