

It is scarcely worth while to
go into a discussion of the points
of nomenclature. Specific names
as such begin with Linnaeus. His-
torical phrases occur before his time
occasionally but they are accidental
and ~~not administrative~~ ^{not administrative} names in the
Linnaean sense. So Townsford is con-
sidered the author of the genus, though many
generic names have an earlier origin, but
the same principle that would carry us
back of Townsford would scarcely find
a resting place till it reached Pliny,
Aristotle and Solon. Jungermannia
begins with Ruppel & gave no characters by
which it could be distinguished as a genus
and all his species are now placed in other
genera. Michxli defined it as a genus &
is the only one who can be properly cited
as the author of the present Jungermannia
and Linnaeus credited it to him. Both he and
Ruppel wrote the word with the double n, &
doubtless knew as well as Jungermann himself
how his name ~~was written~~ should
be written.

Lindberg & Spruce are certainly good
authorities. Still I like to think of just
for myself.

You cited a journal over the Botany of
California. There since was com-
mitted and reported of long ago. I have

more been a victim of many of the kind

Southampton Ct Oct 11/89
Prof Watson
Dear Sir

Prof Eaton
informs me that you are
preparing the new edition
of Gray's Manual. will you
kindly inform the publisher
that I desire a copy as
soon as out.

I would also like to
inquire if you have
included the new Hawkweed
Hieracium aurantiacum, it
has recently appeared in this
place in some abundance and
I have included it in
my "Flora of Southampton Ct"
Reply
Lumen Conelars
Southampton Ct



Watson, Sereno. 1889. "Watson, Sereno Oct. 1889 [draft on letter from L. Andrews]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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