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United States

Department of Agriculture,

DIVISION OF BOTANY,

Washington, Aug 7th 1883.

Prof. S. Watson

My dear Sir

Your paper on the Gram. & Cyperaceae has been received and I am very much obliged for the same. I would be glad to make ~~some~~ extended notes but cannot at present as I leave to-morrow to go west. After my return I will refer to the paper again, but will mention a few points now. As to *Panicum giganteum* Schult. I did not mean to confirm the reference, but only to say that Dr. Palmer 1338 was the same as 816 E. Hall which had been referred to *P. giganteum* Schult.

No 957 P. & P. can hardly be *S. uniseta* Tour. It is *S. setosa* var. *cardata* in my opinion. *S. uniseta* was distributed in one of Mr. Curtiss fascicles as No. 1 from Texas. I am glad that you have settled that curious *Tricuspis monstrosa* Munro. I had accepted it as a *Tricuspis* without a thorough examination. There is a chance for another new genus in *Grappophorum flexuosum*, which in my opinion is ~~a~~ generically distinct. 955 P. & P. I call *Heteropogon Allioni* - perhaps it is not specifically distinct from *H. contortus*. Is *Andropogon lag-*



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