

Nashville Tenn
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Dr Asa Gray
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Doctor

At the meeting of the A. S. A. S. at Nashville, in 1877 I made the acquaintance of L. Wood, Prof Chickering Jun^r and Mr Canby, to which gentlemen I showed my then very small collection, all of Tennessee, and I gave each one specimen of the new *Silphium* which I at that time thought to be *S. perfol.* or var. of it. I had at that time not yet made the acquaintance of the veritable *S. perfoliatum*, which I have collected since. I always did rely on these gentlemen, whose opportunities are so much superior to mine, that they would pull the botanical alarm bell, if a stranger should appear in camp. I have sent a short notice to the Editor of the *Poyette* and it will now mark in camp on file, a rough receipte from Tennessee.

I have sent you to day a small package with plants from this years collection and beg you to let me right about them.

I have Order No V, which accords abundantly
on the place mentioned, viz. in a narrow parallel,
will not prove to be a new one.

Yours very respectfully

A. Gittinger



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