

If you had had access to the work
you would have found M. flava
to profligate, or kept it up, perhaps.
Not only is the size much less
than M. grandiflora, but both the
descr. & figure make prominent
the granulate-tuberculate in side
of the perianth-leaves, and the
acuminate (subulate) tips to the
anthers. It makes the latter
more prominent than in pubescens,
while he represents it blunt, the
anther as blunt & pointless in M.
grandiflora.

I have set assistant Roll
to look up the Curtiss plants
of the list you sent (which are not
yet in their places in the herb.) Some
of them, I think have correct labels
already corrected (by Curtiss) labels.

The Isopetes is a very tall at the
herb - and I will see what I
can make of it - Perhaps in time
to add a slip to this letter.

When this reaches you, Mrs
Gordale will be nearly over
the ocean, I suppose.

Mrs. Gray said kind regards &
I am always Yours Anthon

Ridgely House. Ken. 25th Aug. 41.
My dear Watson

I have had yours of the
5th for several days, but have
not been quite ready to answer
it, and to send a few requests.
As to the latter, we have

made here some arrangements about
Carpenter, &c. - and have two in view.
Now the floor of the Library i.e.
the room next my study, is in a
bad way, having settled in the
middle & with an upward ridge
where it is supported by a wall in the
cellar.

I should like to have
it leveled, but I suspect if it is
touched it will be found that the
sills have badly settled (they settled
long ago, before I came into the
house, & I had supports put under
in some places). Yet I suppose
they could be corroborated without
taking the house to pieces. If
much has to be done, we had
better have a new floor laid.
I should wish to have it of pine

hard wood, say ash & maple
or ash & hard pine in alternate
margins (3 or 4 inch) broad, & would
pay the difference. The Carpet,
as now is, not to come to the
sides of the room, but leave a
narrow border, so the floor should be good.

I think the floors of the Parlor
& the Dining room are in fair
condition. But perhaps they
should be seen to.

And will you order for me,
of Richardson, a who now supplies
Clegg Coal -

10 tons of Furnace coal

10 " Kitchen-range coal,
such as we have always paid,
and have put in the cellar.

I expect to be back in time to pay
for it.

* I think we have not Villars, Laurel,
in 4 vols (or strictly 3) yet. Unless we
have it very recently. Let me know, if
we have it, & if I will try to secure
one of the duplicate copies here.

Dr. and Mary. I had a long
and nice letter from Engelman from
Colorado and I have replied.

As to the Campocaulis, he is right
about its capsule opening near top
(tho. I have here no ripe fruit) &
so that it is not to go with C.
Scheuchzeri, with any of the several
plants so called. I have here
seen the original figure of Villars*.

I have asked Engelman to let
the Colorado plant be quiet
till I get home to see the
Sitka plant. which is my
var. heterodoxa (cf. Bongard's C.
heterodoxa, but not Vest that
of De Vost). For I think that
has the same dehiscence,
but the only fruit here is in too
poor a condition to tell.

To-day I took up Smith's
Exd. Fl. and noted his Moulinia.
It fully confirms my old &
fixed impression about M. flava.

De boudier's use of Sulphide
of Carbon has riden his
Habit² completely of insects,
Potions which we so treated
12 years ago remain per-
fectly free.

About dampness. I have
wired it so to have small
steam pipe run along the
bottom of cases (from underneath)
to let on occasionally in winter
& spring, and to raise a
little steam for the pupae
now & then in dry-days, -
when the principal damage
occurs. Please turn it over
in your mind.

Should we put more tight cases,
or boxes to hold all accumulations
~~up at~~ in the upper rows? A.S.



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