

encourage him to go. Did
I tell you I had A. nivea
from New Mexico? I have a
living plant & it is growing finely.
I have heard nothing from Mr
Courtis since he sent that to
me early in June & fear I shall
be disappointed in my promised
supply of Arizona specimens this fall.
I have learned that Botrychium
bonale has been found in N.
Amer. Am investigation now
and may soon be able to
help you to it.

Respectfully Yours
Lew E. Davenport

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My Dear Mrs Meyers

I did receive the
Epipactis in good condition
and delayed acknowledging it
hoping to have time to write
at length. You will be glad to
know that my health has
been better and I am beginning
to feel like "fern work" once
more though I do not
anticipate doing much until
cooler weather. I have however
been clearing the way for work
on my fern book, so that when
I get at it, I can keep to
it. I have put my cabinet in
order, completed the arrangement
of the Soc. Herb. assortment and
filed my correspondence from 1872-
to 1877 & have the bal to 1880, all
in order for filing. I have arranged
my specimens of Equisetum, Syrphod,
Proelia, Marsilia, Psilotum and
Selaginellas for mounting, caught

up with all of my correspondence
assorted & packed some 1200 or
specimens of flowering plants which
I have presented to the State
Normal School of California
towards replacing their Herb. destroyed
by fire and am now going to
make some Spinulorum exami-
-nation. Now tell me, please,
have I not done pretty well
for a sick man?

Thank you for the Spinulorum
plant, which as you say appears
to combine both forms & needs
careful study. I have got
my portfolio ready & shall make
a collection in this vicinity soon.
Williamson has promised me a
supply from Ky. & when I get
them all together I will make
another examination.

I expect to withdraw A. Ameri-
-canum as it cannot stand
I should never have put it out
but for Mr Robinson and I have
always regretted that I did
not leave my paper where my

own judgment really desired.
I consider however, that Prof.
Eaton's position is the outcome
from my own, and if he had
held that position before I
began my own investigation
my paper would probably never
have been written.

I have had a letter from Lemmon
Hewill, probably, put up sets of
his Arizona ferns this fall to
sell but I do not know what
he intends to ask for them. He
wants me to fix a price but
he must appraise his own
property. He did not send
me anything. He is too mercenary
to please me & will hold his
thing off to make all he can
out of them. My San Bernardino
correspondent Mr Wright says
he would be willing to make a
trip to Arizona & collect largely for
mere expenses. I am going to
write him to see what the expense
would be & perhaps we might
secure subscribers enough to



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