

In sending specimens of plants for investigation it is desirable to have the leaves, flowers, and fruit; and, in the case of bulbous plants, the bulbs, also. When they are sent from a distance it is best to prepare the specimens by drying them under pressure between folds of absorbent paper, otherwise the parts shrink and break so as to be hardly recognizable. When the dried plants are sent they should be protected from breakage in the mail by being inclosed between pieces of stiff pasteboard. Packages weighing less than four pounds can be sent by mail at the rate of one cent per ounce. Write the name of the sender on the outside. In the letter accompanying the specimens state where collected, the date, and any other particulars of the plant, whether reputed poisonous, pestiferous, medicinal, or useful.

UNITED STATES

Department of Agriculture,

BUREAU OF BOTANY,

Washington, D. C., *Feb* 10th 1885.

Mr Walter Deane

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst is received. I will reply as well as the books at my command will admit. The genus *Limnas* is an East Russian one described by Trinov, at least as early as 1824. Probably the grass was discovered by Steller the Russian explorer, as it bears his name (*Limnas Stelleri*). When Steudel published his *Gramineae* in 1855, he added Nuttall's genus *Greenia* to the *Limnas* of Trin. as a second species, but Mr Beutham in the *Genera Plantarum* shows that Nuttall's *Greenia* is not a *Limnas*, and as the genus *Greenia* was preoccupied by Wright & Arnolds plant, Mr Beutham establishes the new genus *Thurberia* for Nuttall's plant. I have not access to the Transactions of the Am. Philosophical Society, in which Nuttall published his name, and therefore cannot decide as to the priority of publication. You will find the works undoubtedly at Cambridge. If Nuttall's plant was published before that of Wright then of course his name should hold, and Wright's plant should have another name. Any information I can give you in this line I will cheerfully do -

Truly Yours *Geo. Vasey*



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