

123 West 44th St. N.Y.

March 11th, 1898.

J. Franklin Collins,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 7th is received with the specimen of the curly Uloa, which is probably the most curly form of it, var crispula. U. curvifolia, as its name implies, would only have the leaves curved, not curled. You will find that Graithwaite recognizes but one species with two varieties, but Limpricht and others recognize them as distinct species. I am inclined to think that it is difficult to find the characters assigned to each always present in different individuals, but am still anxious to see more of them growing, especially of the var. intermedia, with which I do not feel at all familiar. I confess I do not yet understand if this moss is only a variety of U. crispula, why Limp-richt should key them in two different sections and put intermedia with U. curvifolia in the section where the leaves are only slightly curled or curved. It looks to me as if there were a mistake somewhere.

With kindest regards,

yours truly,

E. G. B. Britton

P.S. I have asked Mr. Bridgham to consult your copy of the Bryologia Europea and Sullivan's Icones for some drawings that he is making for me. I hope this privilege will be granted him, and oblige,

E. G. B.



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