

RULES FOR THE BOTANICAL EXCHANGE CLUB.

The headquarters of the Botanical Exchange Club are at the National Herbarium, in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Botanist of the Department acts as Director of the Club, the following rules being observed:

1. Conditions of membership: Any botanist may become a member of the Exchange Club by paying to the Director the sum of two dollars; this money to be used in payment for printing and incidental expenses.

2. Credit will be given for specimens sent in by members, as follows: For all specimens not exceeding 5 of any one species, except those species in the list of which no more are wanted; for rare species credit may be given for a greater number upon application to the Director. No credit will be given for poor specimens, or for those imperfectly labeled.

3. A list of the species available for exchange will be sent to members from which to choose desiderata. A number of species equal to 95%* of the number of specimens sent in may be selected. The quality of the specimens returned will be governed, as far as possible, by the quality of those sent in.

4. Well-prepared specimens of flowering plants and vascular cryptogams will be received.

5. Material enough to cover at least 30 square inches should be sent with each label. This means several individuals of small plants and more than a twig of larger ones.

6. Fruits, flowers, and leaves should be furnished wherever practicable. Roots and root leaves must be furnished when characteristic. Both sexes of dioecious species must be furnished. The entire plant of all herbaceous species less than two feet high should be sent, folded to within the size of the standard herbarium sheet ($11\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2}$). Specimens must be well pressed.

7. Each specimen must have a label giving the name, date, and locality of collecting, and the name of the collector. The habitat and character of soil, with remarks as to abundance or rarity of species, is valuable on a label.

8. In sending in specimens single sheets of plain light manilla, brown, or white paper, varying not more than 1 inch either way from 11 by 16, must be used. One complete specimen with its label must be placed on each sheet, those of the same species being contiguous, and all arranged with genera of each family by themselves. The specimens thus arranged should be well packed, addressed to the Director, and marked "For the Bot. Ex. Club" on the outside; otherwise, unless accompanied by letter, they will be considered a donation to the National Herbarium.

9. All material which does not conform to the above rules will be returned without credit.

10. Address specimens and communications to the Director,

DR. GEO. VASEY,

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(Rule 8 is found necessary to reduce the time required in handling the specimens.)

* Nearly 5% are lost in storage by insects, or are not wanted.



Dewey, Lyster H. 1891. "Dewey, Lyster H. Feb. 13, 1891 [enclosed circular]."
James Franklin Collins correspondence

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