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BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

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My dear Collins -

I wonder if you will be willing to collect for me specimens of three groups of plants I am working on just now. In the first place I am trying to understand Aster macrophyllus as recently split up by Burgess. There is no doubt that in Maine we have about ten distinct things passing under that name, and that they are mostly different from the six species I found in southwestern New Hampshire. Then Suaeda contains at least six absolutely different things. I am carrying in all of that I can get. Note particularly if you find any from which whether it is glaucous or not.

About here and from here up into

Cheshire Co. N.H. Ranunculus
aeris is very rare! Instead
we have everywhere another European
plant, R. Steveni, Andrz.

True R. aeris has the leaves
divided into many linear segments,
R. Steveni, on the other hand has
the segments broad and heavy
reminiscent of R. repens.

If you will keep your eye open
for these plants I shall be very glad.

I should have included with A.
macrophyllus, A. corymbosus as
well.

I hope you had a very restful
& very successful summer. I
am anxious to hear about it, as I
have hardly seen Maine myself.
Can you take a Sunday tramp by
and by if I can get off for it.

Sincerely M. H. Fernald.

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