

Pocono May 7th 1866

Dear Dr.

Yesterday I collected in abundance *Securidaca virgata* Sw. The form of the samara well described within quotation marks determines this species without a doubt. but the flower is badly described in what relates to the keel & its appendage just like the others. Mr. G. says the "appendage equals the lobes." Now what he means by lobes I know not unless it be the plane basal portion. for there are in this as in the others no lobes. and the appendage is quite small not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{5}$ the length of said parts & in the bud is folded backward and across their edges just as in the others and not between them.

I have already written to you of *Thalassia* and another little maid I think. Now I have a third. I had observed in shallow water on sand a bullrushy endogen and several times I had dug up a little without finding any fructification. Now however I have a great abundance of the ~~♀~~ and a little of ♂. This is perhaps passi though the other is in all stages of growth. I dug up a great quantity in search of mon ♂. This ^{plant} has its flowers in the axils of bracts which are ^{or distantly} racemose ^{epiculate & subscapiform} on branches of a 2-3rd scape from the creeping rootstalk - the rootstalks forming thickish entangled masses. ♂ Stam. 1 subsessile or on a very short thick filament included (not seen exerted) linear oblong 4-celled blunt cells ^{at the base} acute and free from the filam. ♀ Ovaries 2 terminated by a long thick style which is deeply divided into 2 long slender recurved stigmas. The seeds are placed edge to edge (flat with a thickened border much like some seeds of *Alematis*) Oval suspended with a cylindrical appendage (radicle) ascending from about the middle of one edge. Stem & leaves terete. A foot high more or less.

12th A few days ago I went up Quajaibon nearly to the top I meant to get there & stay all night. But it was hot & I was thirsty. I carried but one bottle ^{of water} & found none of the precious flamm in the *Ollandias*. So I was obliged to make a short trip of it. I got an *Amphistelma* which compares well with *A. ephedroides*.

here I don't know why for here there is nothing but me musketoes
and crabs - plenty of these & of the others too in all conscience

I enclose bits of the Rajado that you may no longer say "you" don't
know what it is all about" and I don't know as I have anything
else of great interest to add

Kind regards to Mrs G. & to my friend down the street from

Yours truly Chas Wright

And the American no
with est.



Prof. A. A. Gray
Cambridge

Mass

P.S. Mr. Marvin asks me to have letters for me (address my friends to
address their letters) sent under one cover only to "Charles Wright
care of J. M. Morales & Co" - to save trouble & postage



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