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Dear Dr. Robinson:

I enclose the review
of which I wrote two or three days
ago, and I shall be very glad if
you will glance it over when you
can and see what suggestions
you would make and whether
I have trespassed upon your
ground, or been incautious anywhere.
My attempt has been to make my
estimate of the work as just as
possible. Dr. Goodale may not
have room for all I have prepared,
but a day or two ago when I spoke to him,
he thought there would be no difficulty
on that score; and without illustrations
many of the points would be weak.

I spent yesterday with Mr. Parlin &
we devoted ourselves to Suaeda
on Wells Beach. As we make them
out there are four if not five species
~~there, only two of them~~, S. maritima
~~in flower~~ and another diminutive species, which
we have temporarily called pygmaea,
yet in fruit. The pygmaea form
has short dark blue-green ^{blunt} terete leaves
four times as long as the internodes, the
fruiting calyx with deep narrow sinuses,
the akene small, black and with a deep
notch. The S. maritima is very

glaucons, has long acute or mucronate
semi-terete leaves, about equalling
internodes, calyx with shallow sinuses,
and the red slightly notched akene three
or four times as large as the other.

Then there were the big S. linearis, and
two others not yet in bud even.

I shall plan to stop over a hour for them
on my way home in September.

I have another queer Lathyrus laid
aside until you reach that group in the Synopticon
 flora.

Cordially yours M. L. Fernald.



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