

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

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Dear D. Robinson -

Here is a very short
note for *Rhodora* from a new
source.

I have hunted in vain for
Pres. Eliot's "*Cempletoria*" and
I find nothing of the sort in
any of the botanical and horticultural
books. I have also been through
a long series on the *Riviera*
published in Gard. Chron. but
cannot find the plant. I have
written President Eliot that
the name may be a specific
name, used familiarly by his
son - much like "*Fichomanes*"

for Asplenium I - but not
ordinarily indexed.

Mr. Peabody's inquiry was
more easily disposed of, as the
specimens show that the leaves
are partially killed during the
winter & decay entirely away
during the second summer.

I think that Williams will
have some good notes to send
you very soon. He is merely
waiting for me to catch a moment
to examine the lucida-like willow
before he writes up the tree-willows
of Madawaska.

I have just looked up the
glaucous flat-branched Lycopod,
from Stephens Mt. and it proves
to be without question, L. alpinum,
new to the United States. I am
going this afternoon with Williams

for 100 sheets of Rotula and
I shall then give him some data
to write up on the Lycopodium
at Fort Lunt, for the occurrence
of L. sitchense and L. salinaefolium
is not generally known.

There are many other good points
to work out, but I am trying to
increase the number of good sets
as much as possible when I can
get away from the routine of the
Herbarium. Yesterday morning
Miss Day & I went to Green Lodge
in search of Eleocharis Engelmannii.
The water is so much higher than
last year that we failed to find
that, but we got good sets -
now in press - of Bidens
trichosperma, Britton, Bidens
discoidea, Britton, and a gigantic

Polygonum acre (P. punctatum,
var. robustum, Small) which looks
totally different from the plant I
have always known as P. acre.

This afternoon Williams & I will
get Rotala and probably Aster
vinosus, var. saxatilis. He
is getting excited over the Exiccatae
and is ready to help complete a
full century for distribution this
winter.

Mrs. Davis has asked
me down to Martha Vineyard for
a couple of days collecting next
week, & I think that by active digging
in the sand I can bring back a
dozen species. Then when I
go to Maine - the 18th if that time
seems to come right all around -
I can secure a number of good
things - including Polygonum

Carex, Aster Lindleyanus, &c.

Mr. Preston has just finished the distribution, but as the material for mounting is low, I have set him to getting out Klat things. I am managing to rush off Mexican bundles just at present at the rate of about 50 numbers a day, and although many unmatched sheets have to go back to the bundle room, I am working out the undescribed things in groups which seem sufficiently clear. I have thus described two trees - one, a Chlorophora, formerly a monotypic genus, of considerable commercial importance, the other an Ehretia from Guayaquil and Morelos. If

you think best I will offer the
original descriptions and notes
to Prof. Sargent for his Icones
if he wishes to have plates prepared.

Sincerely yours,
Merritt L. Fernald.



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