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Dear Fernald.

Here are 5 samples labels for criticism and selection. Regular ink has not been used and in this respect you may find them more or less uneven and smudged. "A" comes nearest to ^{and I like it as well as any,} your ms. label, but I fear when a lengthy note is inserted it may look somewhat ^{crowded +} ~~more~~ irregular on account of "Collected by" being 6 pt. type and "Ex. Conc. R." 8 pt. and consequently ~~being~~ difficult to place on same line.

I think "E" will, under most conditions, make a more symmetrical label, besides leaving an extra line in case of notes. Perhaps no better, however.

On account of symmetry I have also placed the number on same line with plant name. It can just as well be placed above, as on N. F. label, if you think best. It would, however, use another line which might be useful for "notes" if course in case of long notes we could use a larger label but it seems best to keep all a uniform size if we can do so without having any appear crowded as to type.

How would it do to leave off the "No." as in case of "B" + "C"? In case of a long plant name it might reduce the length of that line to better proportion.

In regard to proof, would it not be a saving of time to have you write plant names, ^{punctuating} and data with special care and have me copy them exactly? I haven't the facilities

for operating more than 2 or 3 forms at the same time, and this would mean that such form would have to stand by for a couple of days until I heard from you. Personally, I

would much rather run the chance of having to reset a label - where a mistake occurs in the first - than to hold every form in type for 2 days.

I am willing to take the risk of error at my end if you are at yours. To be sure, a 2 days wait will often be all right but on the other hand, I may have time to go ahead with half a dozen consecutively.

Is size of label and quality of paper O.K.? Please return the sample label which you think is best, with such alterations as you may think advisable. How about type? All right, do you think?

Yours etc.

J. F. C.



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