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TAXONOMIC AND RANGE INVESTIGATIONS.

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Mr. Walter Deane,
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Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:--

Your letter of February 12 and package have been received. We are returning the eight mounted sheets and unmounted Festuca.

The Peterboro, N. H. Panicum is *P. commutatum* Schult. as you have named it. This is the large typical form, that is the form represented by the type in Elliott's herbarium. The N. H. Calamagrostis is *C. inexpansa* Gray. Like all the species of this genus this is exceedingly variable. Your New Hampshire plant has a less densely flowered panicle than any specimen we have, but the spikelet characters are those of *C. inexpansa* though the glumes are slightly shorter than in most of the specimens, only equaling the lemma instead of being a little longer. I have looked in the herbarium and find that this is our first record for New England.

Professor Hitchcock agrees that the query may be erased from the specimens marked "*P. lucidum*?" The other two are probably *P. barbulatum*. They might possibly be *P. dichotomum*, but are not *P. lucidum*.

Professor Hitchcock's remarks on your *Festuca* I enclose with the plant.

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2-Mr. W. D.

A few years ago I gave my herbarium, except the grasses and sedges, to the University of Illinois so I cannot now refer to my collection of *Euphorbia cyparissias*. I find in my field book for 1896 the entry "34 *Euphorbia cyparissias* L, roadside, escape from graveyard, West of Mokena [Will Co. Ill.] June 7!" I think I collected this species several times but I began keeping field book only in 1896 and then like a good many amateurs I seemed to think that numbers were too rare and precious to be used lavishly and did not number common things I had collected before. I think that I gave Dr. Millspaugh duplicates of all *Euphorbias*. If it is worth while Dr. Greenman could look up this species in the Field Museum for fruiting specimens.

We are very glad to hear that Dr. Robinson has entirely recovered.

Yours sincerely,

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