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Mr. Walter Deane,
29 Brewster St.,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The *Scirpus* collected by Mr. Churchill in Lincoln County, Maine is *S. occidentalis*. I think Fernald has found an older name ~~of~~ *Muhlenberg* for this. As we do not index anything other than grasses, I can not at this moment put my hands on the reference. I think it was *S. acutus* but I am not sure. I had some notes on the specimens I examined in Muhlenberg's herbarium the last of 1903. I had had it in mind that *S. acutus* might be one of the species of *Scirpus*. I can not find my notes. As I remember it the culm was strongly spotted as is your specimen, due to some fungus disease. This spotting is common to the three species. I do not remember now why I decided against it but I have a faint recollection that there was no inflorescence left. You see how completely I have "gone to grass". I have not kept track of the literature of anything else and I have mislaid the notes I did have, or else they have gone to the University of Illinois with my specimens. I shall be glad to look over your group of *Scirpus lacustris* if you think from the foregoing that I have sense enough to identify them. I am returning your specimen of *occidentalis*.
Very truly yours,

Agnes Chase
Acting Systematic Agrostologist.



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