

P.S.

The fronds from the same
plant have the same
pencilled number on the label.
C.B.Y.

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New London, Ct.

Dec. 1. '96

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport,
Medford

Mass.:

Dear Sir:- I have sent
you by mail some specimens
of the new Hybrid fern
described by you, which
I hope may be of some
interest.

Mr. Dodge kindly gave me
reprints of your articles in
the "Bot. Gazette" and "Garden
& Forest", so that I feel
reasonably sure of the
identity of the specimens.

I have found three

plants in all, which I refer to
this form, one in a swampy
wood in East Lyme, the other
two near together in one of
the Waterford swamps.

The local conditions were like
those mentioned in your
papers, swampy woods not
far from the bases of
neighboring ledges.

The three plants showed
rather decided differences
in their general aspect.

The Waterford plants seemed
more nearly typical, one
in particular (on which most
of the fertile fronds were
imperfect), while the

the East Lyme plant seemed
to approach more closely
to *D. cristata*, at least as
regards ^{the outlines of some of the fronds,} ~~the~~ general appearance.
One of the fronds from this
plant was unusually
large, and I have included
that. Another, as you will
see, comes quite near
D. cristata. Most of them
however, though long and
rather narrow, were clearly
distinct.

Hoping that the specimens
may reach you in good
condition, I am

Very truly yours,
Charles B. Graves

(over)



Graves, Charles Burr. 1896. "Graves, Charles B. Dec 1, 1896." *George Edward Davenport correspondence*

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