

exchange or otherwise.

Considering the low rate at which I let you have them I have thought that the express charges might properly fall on you, and I have not therefore prepaid them.

I presume I need not apologize for the delay in getting them out, as every botanist knows that it is next to impossible to find time for herbarium work during the summer season.

Very truly yours

Lester F. Ward.

1464 R. I. Ave.

Washington, D.C.

July 11, 1884.

Mr. Walter Beane,
Brewster Place, Cambridge,
Mass.

Dear Sir:

I send

you to-day by express
the plants you desired, so far
as I had them. Unless I
make some mistake the number
of species is 448, or 37 less
than your list calls for. The
deficit occurs in various ways.

I have kept my check-list
up for 8 or 9 years, erasing
the marks whenever a plant
was exhausted, but errors will
in time creep in from failure
to erase and in other ways. A
number of your wants could
not be supplied because Mr.
Bailey had a prior claim &
I was obliged to give him
all I had. You can probably
obtain these from him. In a
very few cases the plants were
worm-eaten and unfit to send,
and in some the specimens proved
too poor to be worth sending.

Nos. 38, 43, 214-1+2, 217 var.,
222 var. 2, and 2776, are the ones
Mr. Bailey asked me to send him
for you, and which I forgot to put
into his package and so have put
them in yours. The whole makes
two large packages, with the
cone of *Pinus pungens* in a
box separate, but tied to one of
the packages. I hope the plants
may prove satisfactory. Some
are not as good as I would have
liked, and many have been collected
a good while, but upon the
whole I think they are as good
as the average lots sent in



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