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Dear Sir

I enclose the seed ~~flowers~~ and leaves of a Prunus that I obtained from Columbus the past season. Is it the same that I sent you, as growing thro this region? By the by, I do not recollect that you gave me the name of the latter. I am still in quest of the tree that I have considered to be Elliott's P. umbellata. It was growing on the place where I lived near Columbus, but on requesting a friend to go there and get specimens, he found that the individual to whom I had sold the place, had cut them all down. He had therefore to search the woods and collect his specimens by chance - he obtained two - but I am not satisfied that either is the thing I have in view. I will send the other which approaches it the more nearly, after a while.

I also enclose a joint or two of the autumnal form of a Panicum that grows very commonly in our swamps in places not much shaded by bushes. it grows to the height of three or four feet, with a stout, erect stem, and a moderately large panicle flowers scattered, solitary. Whenever the seed of the primary panicle ripen, the culm dies down to the upper node - the lateral branches then put forth each bearing a small, concealed panicle of three or four flowers, as you will find in the specimens.



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