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My dear Dr. Watson,

Thanks for your kind favor of the 3rd. inst.

I shall try at once to secure Doell's works on the Brazilian grasses, which I have not.

I have three things in mind to do on the grasses: first, the working up of Fringle's collections, possibly including those made by Palmer. Second, monographing the Muhlenbergias (for which I now have many notes). Third, publishing descriptions of the species which I have named in collections. This last I expect ought to come first. The great obstacle in the way of accomplishing either of the above at all satisfactorily is inability to consult types in European herbaria. Until this study of the types in foreign collections can be done in connection with work on American grasses, that work is bound to be unsatisfactory. Can you suggest some plan by which this can be accomplished? I am too poor to undertake the task even if I were otherwise competent, and so, I fear, it will always be--the one qualified to study types now in foreign herbaria will be unable to get farther from home than he can walk. With the money



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