

Jarvis Springs March 4th 1891

Dear Dr. Watson

- Your letters have been received and I thank you very much for your information. I do not wish to persecute you with this Fla. stuff and yet I wish very much to be sure that I can properly identify them however. I therefore send you another box —
- No. 15 with small white berries in racemes, shrub 1 to 3 ft high, leaves slightly thickened, on the island West Coast Fla. —
- No. 16 Thickened leaves in clusters with fruit & flowers — *Ocotea* inferior, 2 celled, calyx & corolla each 4 lobed, stamens on corolla 4, Should be *Styrax* family? but I do not know what it is, low shrub one to three ft. high on island —
- No. 17th Shrub 2-5 ft high on the island. On the naked branches are clusters of staminate flowers — 4 or 5 stamens to the flower — On the branches full of leaves are no flowers
- No. 18 Cyperaceae on sea shore
- No. 19 Parasite on grass, low shrubs, on everything it touches (*Cuscuta*)
- No. 20. Composita of some kind. Leaves slightly thickened. On the sea shore. I am finding many plants which turn their leaves up vertically to the sun, or on the edge by twisting the petiole. This one does this in a most remarkable manner. I want therefore to get its name if I can
- I am finding shrubs & trees which imitate the Australian vegetation in this way, in order to prevent a too rapid transpiration, The mangroves, *Sarcocornia* and others all do it —

Very sincerely W. B. Wilson



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