

Pittsfield July 27. 1839

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> I need only express my feelings of obligation for the facts, & go on to tell you more of my wants.

*C. polymorpha* must be retained, & the other name given up. I may be mistaken about that *C. gigantea* - as I did not then look at your specimen, but judged as I did from memory. I am glad to hear so much about *C. decemposita*. Of *C. livida*, Willd. says it is 2 or 3 thumbs breadth in height - if yours were thus reduced in size, the lower peduncle would be subradical, as he says; it may be so small, in Lapland. I had however thought of honoring it with your name - it will be lost. I am glad you are to go to the Peris. I hope you will look out well.

*C. polymorpha*, as you now are, has been found near Duscher Bridge in that section - I hope you will look out for it - tho' I fear it will be lost.



I suppose that Dr. Torrey has com-  
pounded some others with it, from  
what I saw of it, & from looking into  
his Herbarium, tho' I did not then  
think of it.

I have a *C. foenea*, originally  
from Mch's hand, if there has been  
no mistake, & the more I study it,  
the more I doubt about the thing.  
It is different from both I have  
called *C. protuberans*, & quite like  
another, & yet there is a something  
which holds me now in suspense.

On the other leaf, I put down some  
things, which I hope you will either to  
in Mch's, or Mch. Herb. - & go  
there soon, & let me hear from you.

I shall write to Dr. Pickering,  
to do all he can for you. This  
is a generous Naturalist. His  
note wonderful, that Torrey & Schreb.  
make the mistakes, when they had  
not their own plants to lay aside by  
idea. I am loath, till I did this,  
to say things - for I have seen Mch's.  
Comes from the same.

*C. foenea* touches me -  
its name is highly - it must be diff.  
from that in Mch. C. *protuberans*, &  
yet it may not be right from the same

"I have a few plants with Dr. Pickering from Schreb.  
which I wish you would examine a way to get  
them -

Dr. Charles Pickering will do all  
he can for you. In Mch. Herb., you  
will see the real *protuberans*, or I have  
said, which I now have. Compare care-  
fully *C. foenea* - & perhaps, you had  
better see Mch. manuscript of his  
Carriers. Dr. P. will get you to it.  
Look well to *C. polymorpha*, &  
*C. verticillata*. I am especially his *C.*  
*oblongifolia*, to compare with ours, &  
my *C. digitalis*. Dr. P. has both of them  
from me. Look well at Mch. *C.*  
*tatarica*, & see if it is not our  
*C. conoides*. Do not forget  
*C. gigantea* also. And I know  
that his *C. tatarica* is Schb. *C. conoides* - by  
fig. & description & specimen. I wish you would  
go at once to the Mch. Herb. - & write  
me what you judge - will it not be  
better for you to go soon, than in Aug.

I shall be very glad to see you  
here, whenever you can call. I shall  
expect the plants from the Eagle - but  
by Stage or Way Bill - they will be  
safe -  
Yours Obedt.  
C. Dewey



*L.S.*

*S. Gray*

*M.H. School*

*Cuticæ*

*N.Y.*

*J. G.*





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