

Rochester Dec. 6, 1868

My Dear Sir,

I find Mr. Boott has put in your hands the copy of the Index, I sent for you, I know your wd, have it of course in your copy of Silbⁿ, but that a sheet might be more easily handled. I felt much was omitted, which might be expected; but I did not dare to afflict the readers of the Journal with more pages of ^{more} names & references. I could not bring it within the generous limits mentioned by Prof. Dana, though I did not greatly exceed them. I felt much obliged by their readiness to use ^{even} so many pages. Now, the Index is published, I see that I might have added much more in the filling out of lines not full. But, I was not so satisfied of this, till it was too late to alter. I would ^{add} to the references a good deal more, which you may not care for in the multitude of your books, but which others, not so favored, must like to see, & which I repressed because of the pages taken. I would not fill out such complete lists of references as Dr. Boott has well given in his Illustrations. Much more than I did was suggested before this Index was finished; & I replied that I would not add, as I now. You once kindly suggested, that if it could not well be ad-

be admitted into the Am. Journ.: you would see
its publication in some Journal at Boston or Cam-
bridge. As the Index was needed in Ill., I could
not look elsewhere, till it was refused there.
A second & enlarged Edition of the Index,
could ^{you} consistently find a place for it as you
suggested on the original. If after looking
over the pages & seeing the imperfections in
the Index, some of which might perhaps be cor-
rected or made less or more added, you think
it desirable & advisable to see whether it
can be printed, I shall be obliged by knowing;
or by hearing the contrary. Were I not ~~possessed~~ of
so little property as to require the utmost constant
economy, I should not so write, & unless you
had made the suggestions alluded to.

^{from} ~~From~~ exchanging specimens with Dr. Sartwell,
& ^{my} ~~my~~ opposition ^{to some} of his views, I wish to
know if you have specimens now that you sent
him ~~or~~ named for him that he sent you, which
grew at Pennycu or in Ky. from Dr. Short, &
if they are like the one I have inclosed, the slender
form of *C. Hitchcockiana*. I found a fine specimen
which shows the whole. I wish to lend it, that it
go entire.

Have you a specimen of *C. muricata*?
or, have you seen that which Wm. Bott has?
Dr. Torrey has one now, & thinks it is fine.

I fear you may be too occupied to hear me;
then let it be, & I shall not complain.

Have you adopted *Nymphaea tuberosa* of Poir?
I suppose you have; I ask as I have not heard & do
not know. How far the small one I have from Mass. is
from that, Dr. A. Gray Truly & dly G. Dewey



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