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My Dear Mr. Watson:

At last the carex article is done and it goes to you by express to-day. I hope that it may please you. I have made the characters just as few as I could, and yet clearly define the species. I have felt that I might as well draw no characters as to draw them so concisely as to be of no use. Many of the species of carex in the last edition are much too briefly characterized, and as a consequence I scarcely ever get properly named specimens in some of the groups. *C. laxiflora*, *C. straminea*, and the *Acutae*, are particularly deficient, and I have therefore drawn the characters at more length in these species. As near as I can judge, my MS. will not occupy much if any more space than is devoted to carex in the last edition, although

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I have described about 40 more plants, and have added an artificial key. I have described 216 plants for the Manual region. After my key was all made, a species new to our region came in from Indiana, and I was obliged to readjust my numbers, hence the mussiness of my copy.

I wish to see proof of article, all at once. While I do not expect that any changes will be necessary, I wish nevertheless to compare my key with all the species again, in order to see that I make no erroneous references.

Yours truly,
L. H. Bailey.



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