

find a list of North American
ferns which I need to make
up my collection. You have
done so much for me that
I am emboldened to ask for
more. Do not let me trouble you
too much.

I find that I have mislaid my
list of Mesidrata and that I
have not time to write off
another so that I must leave
this subject for another time
With many thanks for all
you have done for me

I am
Very Truly Yours
Mrs. Ellwood Cooper

Ellwood, Santa Barbara
July 30. 1877

Geo. E. Davenport Esq

I am out of
the college at last and at home
on the ranch, making some bot-
anical collections. Looking over
letters of my correspondents and
hoping to get back to the point
of interest I had gained before
I was obliged to work for the
College.

In reading again your letter
carefully I find much to aid
me in making up my collec-
tion of ferns for our "Society of
Natural History".

When I get our California ferns
made up, then I will try to
get a collection of North American
ferns.

I do not know that I ever acknow-
ledged yours of Dec. 23. 1876 and thank-
ed you for the kind information
about cards, papers for drying &c. &c.
all of which has been of service
to me. I am now making

up a collection of algae for Mrs. Roy.

I notice what you say about *Notholaena candida* and *N. Parryi*, and will try to procure them.

You were the first one to call my attention to the fact that *Capillus-veneris* was a different species from *A. Chilense*. I now see the difference at a glance.

I am glad to know that *Polypodium Californicum* and *Polypodium intermedium* are one and the same.

If you have a specimen of *Aspidium aculeatum* to spare I would like to compare it with *Aspidium argenteum* that we have so much of.

The *Aspidium Novaeboracense* that I sent and which you returned got in the collection by mistake. It does not grow here. but had been sent to me by Mrs. Ritchie a great lover of friends in Philadelphia.

Cheilanthes Californica, *Adiantum Chilense*, and *Capillus Veneris*, *Pellaea andromedifolia*, and *Aspidium*

patens. I can send you plenty of although the latter is not found in abundance in Santa Barbara.

The *Cheilanthes laevis* is a poor grower. I have been trying to keep alive and get to grow three plants. One of them I have pressed and dried for Prof. Eaton. one I intend for you. the third I thought I would let stand. It is rare in Santa Barbara and when found is of poor growth.

After the next rain I will make an effort to get more roots of this fern so as to fulfill my promise to you.

I should have been pleased to meet with Miss Emily O. Eaton. Is she now in California?

My collection was much enriched by the parcel you sent me. so much so that I am made ambitious to make up a full collection of the North American species.

I have a good many foreign species. among them about seventy from the Sandwich Islands. Enclosed you will



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