

which puzzles me much  
as it is not in fruitification,  
it grew about 4 or a foot high,  
with solid dark green joints  
looking at first sight like  
some umbelliferous plant -  
but it is a few - & quite  
of a new habit to me -  
I am going to send the  
roots of this & several  
other things packed in a  
box as dry as I can,  
I thought to England by  
the Cleopatra which sails  
Sunday -

Yrs very truly

Amelia M. Murray

I shall not leave this till Saturday

Spencer Wood <sup>St</sup>  
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My dear Dr. Gray

When I wrote last,  
as the plant I mentioned  
was certainly belonging to  
the *Hedy sarax*, & the *Hedy sarax*  
borealis stood alone in your book,  
I rather hastily concluded that  
my discovery could be no other;  
but having on Mon this morn  
for closer investigation, I find  
that the pod is certainly not a  
loment, but best-pod-like rather,  
longer than the leaf, <sup>holding 2</sup>  
hooked, very acuminate, <sup>whole plant</sup> bellows  
from 3 to 7 pods on a head -  
leaflets I should call ovate lanceolate  
depressed at the edges, about 9 each  
side besides the terminal one,



sepside - lower alternate,  
upper ones opposite, the  
terminal one short, sitting  
between the two last wings.



I think this

may be an  
Oxytropis, but  
it is not O. but Pencil.

perhaps this slight  
sketch will make you  
know the plant, the  
flowers were a beautiful  
pink lilac when I gathered  
them, but they have dried  
darken - as this plant  
interests me much, I  
hope you will let me

it cannot be unclate as that is a Sorathum

learn at Albany what you  
think it is - for the  
pods show it cannot be  
what I imagined it to  
be - I have got both  
seeds & bulbs of the  
*Calopogon pulchellus* which  
grows in the sphagnum  
of bogs near this place  
I have also found (I  
think) *Allosorus gracilis*  
on the rocks at Louisville,  
& I have also got a  
fern from a wet meadow  
on the banks of Lake Charles



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