

(B) when are the little page and index coming!! (E) you say you cannot distinguish *Baccharis glomeruliflora* from *B. halimifolia*. Are you in the same condition still? Also you say you have not seen *Conyza sinuata*, Ell. Have you had it sent you since? I am reminded of you every day or have been for a few weeks past, seeing it in flower in the streets of the city as I walk to the College.

Is there any mode of distinguishing *Lizia aurea* from *Maspicum aureum*, when the fruit is wanting? All my fruiting specimens belong to the former, those in flower only, I cannot refer with certainty, but presume them to belong also to the former, as you say the latter is rare.

Can you find time to answer all my queries?

With respects to Mrs. Gray

I am dear Sir

Yours Truly

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Charleston 2nd June 1855

My dear Sir,

I received your note by Miss Murray, and with pleasure complied with your request therein expressed, and did the honors of your city, as well as I was able, at least in the botanical line, leaving the entertainment in the gastronomic line, to others, to whom that subject was more familiar. I brought Mrs. Gibbs to my aid, and we took Miss M. on two or three excursions, and she appeared to be gratified with our efforts to please her. If my spring vacation had occurred sooner I think I would have accompanied her in her visit to Florida, whether I have been long desirous of going.

She brought two pretty ferns from

Where is the enclosed *Conyialis* described in the Flora? What is the name of the Crucifer?

The interior of East Florida, over which she made great rejoicing, as we ~~were~~ not able to refer to descriptions of them. I have the same things from West Florida.

One of them is allied to *Pteris*, having the fruit-dots marginal and continuous; it is simply pinnate, with the pinnae bifid, in the fertile fronds, which I have only an imperfect pinna, and the sterile fronds are palmately divided; some of these last Miss M. brought.

The other is an *Asplenium*, looking more like *A. Ruta-muraria* than ^{like} any other of our *Asplenium*, but entirely different from it.

Neither of them are "in the looks," certainly not in Pursh, the only enumeration of our Ferns with descriptions, that I have access to, if you except Eaton. Miss M. said that she sent you specimens. What are they and where are they described? or even mentioned?

I have also from Florida a new *Adiantum*, quite distinct from *A. pedatum*.

Do you know it?

Miss M. also gave me a Fern picked up somewhere in her peregrinations but where she could not remember.

The adjoining figure will give you some idea of it. Frond simple, pinnae alternate, elliptical, with a slight acumination or mucronation. Fruit dots marginal, on each edge of the pinna, but distinct from each other. Stalk and Rachis chaffy; about 10 inches long. Nothing like it is known in the United States and I suspect she obtained it at some garden, most probably at Washington. Do give me the name of it, and reference to description.



Where have you described *Angelica Curtisii*?

Decandolle, at page 308 of *Paris VII* section prior refers to a table of Meissner's, giving analysis of genera of *Compositae*, perhaps of other families. Has it been published? where to be had?

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