

\$7.50 of the \$15.00 and saddle you
with a large of express bee de-
sides. I could not plan otherwise
for I was bound he should not
have them for nothing after such
a selfish letter.

Yours cordially
L. F. Henderson.

Portland, April 9-88

Dear Sir,

I have been for *L. tenuis*,
have collected a good quantity of it,
and hope to have it on the way tomorrow.
If you receive an overwhelming box
of it also from New York, I hope it will
not prove superfluous. To explain.
Just as I recd. your card the other
day, I recd a very peculiar letter
from Mr. Nelson, whose contents
I cannot keep mentioning to you
sub rosa, but hope you will men-
tion it to no one else. Condensing, he
says: "Get me 1000 or more plants of
L. tenuis and send none to anyone
else and I will pay you 25 or 30
dollars (!) If you would not be willing
to send me your intire stock, I will
be willing to go in with Mr. Nelson.

so as not to have the intire expense
exceed \$25.00". To this I replied, per-
haps too shortly for my own good,
"How do you expect me honorably to
neglect the request of Mr Watson, which
I preceded yours, and send to you alone.
I shall send you 1000 plants, if I have
time to collect so many" (never fear
about my exterminating it; I was
from 8 to nearly 4 o'cl steadily dig-
ging at a patch 20 by 15 feet and
it is as thick as it was here for
a half a mile) "I will send them
to you for \$30.00 c.o.d. you to pay
express! If you do not call for
them in ~~three~~ days, I shall direct
them to send the whole lot to Mr
Watson." I sent off the coal-oil
box full of them today, and it remains
to be seen whether he will take them
or turn them over to you. If he does
refuse ^{them} you, I shall have to
call upon you for the other



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