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My dear friend,

The bit you enclose is as you suggest *A. ebenum* or better *A. platyneuron* to be just to all parties! It grows abundantly in some parts of Alabama and some of it grew not far from the *A. ebenoides*. I shall have a brief article sometime soon in the Gazette on the Alabama ferns and will indicate there that the *A. ebenoides* is not a hybrid having the habit of neither of its supposed parents. It grows way under the clefts of rocks that are overhanging and never out in the open or at the base of smaller rocks as in *A. platyneuron*. No more has it the habit of *Camptosorus* which usually grows on open sides of mossy rocks and not way under the cliffs as is the habit of both *A. pinnatifidum* and *A. ~~ebenoides~~* *ebenoides*. I secured what you used to call "bully" specimens of *A. platyneuron* growing on wet sides of a ditch near Auburn. They are in some cases nearly two and a half inches across in their widest place. I will have a n old-new *Botrychium* in my Gazette paper and shall yank some more things out of *ternatum* if it is *ternatum* that we really have; Prantl says we have not the true *ternatum* whose type is Japanese and of this I have just received specimens direct from a Yapo!!! How do you like Britton's new flora. Of course you antiquen don't agree with the nomenclature but I do not refer to that. I mean the general cast of the matter irrespective of the matter of names.

Small is picking out some nice things in both the Southern and Northern flora. He is a great boy; I wish you could meet him. Say, come up here some time and we will treat you well!! We will fill you up with



New York supplies and heresy and general c-s-e-n-s-e, and send you back to what the "Indianapolis Journal" used to patronizingly call "the effete East" a new rigged and happy man. Say come up and see us and we will ~~in~~ paint the metropolis with a quart-erver-million!!!!

I have not seen your new botany, isnt it published? I mean the Fells botany.

Yours very truly and as ever,

L. M. Underwood



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