174 West 87th Street, New York, 8 June 1903.

Mr. George E. Davenport,

Medford, Mass. My dear Mr. Davenport:-

I am sending you by express some forms on which I should like your opinion. I collected them last August in a moist shaded ravine at St. Johnsbury Vermont. The previous season I found a few plants in the same place and was confident it was a form unknown to me.

Last year I found the plants very variable, not a great number at the station, and at first they seemed to me distinct, but later I thought they would have to be called Dryopteris cristata Clintoniana, though they had a darker color and softer texture than is usual with that form.

Some of these specimens correspond pretty well with a specimen of your Nephrodium cristatum Slossonae sent by Miss Slosson: I should like to know if that is what you would call them. Your original description of that form is not very full, and yet I am very well aware that sometimes it is almost impossible to characterize adequately a form which one is convinced is distinct. In the field these forms would seem more distinct from others.

I have used numbers by which you can report the different specimens in case you care to keep them.

Yours very respectfully,

Tracy E. Hagen .

My address after June 11th will be Themasten, Comn.



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