

I sent the best root of *C. elegans*
I had left.

Am much obliged for the address of Mr. Chas. E. Rayon. I shall not be able to use it at present as I leave for the mountains of western North Carolina in about ten days, (shall spend the winter & spring in the South), & will not have time to attend to further exchanges till after my return home.

Yours

Wm. Stout
57 East 34th St.

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New York, 16th Nov. 1878
Mr. Geo. C. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

Your favors of 11th & 14th inst. & the package of ferns were duly rec^d.

I am very much obliged for the specimens sent me & your kindness in giving me the information I desire as to the classification of *C. elegans* & *C. myriophylla* is fully appreciated. I have not had time to look at the *elegans* again, but as soon as I receive your next letter with the promised *myriophylla*, of which I have now no root specimen, I shall

be glad to study the plants
carefully in the light of your
letters.

I put up for you yesterday,
& have sent by express to-day,
the ferns you desired. I sent
in each case the best speci-
mens I could & regret that
I had not in all cases good
botanical specimens to send.

As far as I was able I sent
specimens showing the different
developments & forms of growth
of the plants as I found them.
Pellaea Wrightiana I have never
found abundant in southern
Calif. & taking all I saw in
my travels, I got but little.

The *Adianta* are without roots

but otherwise good. I had no
root specimen of *Pellaea Bridgesii*
& the *Aspidium minutum* sent
will be of little or no value to
you. The last two species I
collected when I had no botan-
ical interest & I have parted
with the best & nearly all of *A.*
minutum. The better developed
fronds of this plant had longer
& narrower pinnae, placed very
obliquely on the rachis, crowded
& imbricated & I could not
press the rigid frond so that
~~it~~ it would not show the fruit
from both sides. Oh sorry I could
not send you any of it. A root
specimen of this form of *A. minu-*
titum is, I presume, what you
wanted. I have plenty of the
typical *minutum*.



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