

468 Hope Street,
Providence, R.I.

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Dear Chamberlain:-

When I received your letters of July 22 & 24 I had no intention of keeping you waiting so long before I answered them, but you know how a rush of things coming often results in sidetracking a thing that does not demand immediate attention. I have been pretty busy this summer, as one of my assistants is helping out in Washington for a couple of months, and Mr. Howard is just at present on a trip to Penn., Ind., & Wis. I expect him back in about a week or ten days. Then I hope to get away for a trip with Dr. P. Spaulding to the Enchanted region northwest of the Forks of the Kennebec. Don't know yet whether we make it (or rather start on it) until I hear from Spaulding again. I ought to have heard from him several days ago; so don't know what to make of his silence.

You must have had an interesting trip with Knowlton. He is good company so far as my experience goes; but I can appreciate what you say about not being able to MOSS on a trip with him at the rate he goes. I would almost be willing to change the word MOSS to BOTANIZE from what I have heard others say.

Have just returned from a visit of an hour and half to Edie's. They have a nice place; a small bungalow with a good view of Oak Swamp Reservoir--about one minutes walk from the Danielson car line. I think I told you their post office address, but am quite sure I told you wrong--or at least incomplete. It should be "G.W. Jenckes, Brown Ave., Johnston, R.F.D. Olneyville, R. I." Everybody here seems to be in their usual condition of health or ill-health, whichever point of view you want to take.

I inclose check for \$1.60 to be credited to V.F. Brotherus.

This evening I have had a chance to look over that *Grimmia* that you sent, wherefore primarily I write. I think there is no doubt about its being *Grimmia maritima*. The specimens are somewhat smaller (less tall) than those I got at Cutler in 1902--a specimen of which I am inclosing for you to keep. The operculate capsule in your specimen is about the length of the seta, which would make the operculate capsule longer. The leaves are long lanceolate, without special tips, and flat margined; these characters together with habitat are the points which land it definitely in that species according to B & H keys, and it matches the Br. Eur. illustration very well.

Cordially,

J. FRANKLIN COLLINS



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