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Dear Mr. Greenman: - Yours of the 9th at hand. Was a little surprised upon reading it that you did not consider the *Stachys* the *S. Germanica*.

Prior to 1894 (i.e. before I was ~~now~~ connected with B.U.) I usually sent my doubtful determinations, and plants not described in the common manuals of the Eastern U.S. directly to the Gray Herb. for identification. This *Stachys* however was sent a few years ago by Mr. Geo. Bailey to the Gray Herb. and named *S. Germanica* by Dr. Watson.

I say "this" *Stachys* because Mr. G. Bailey gave me what he said was a duplicate of the specimen he sent to Dr. W. and it is now in my herb. and appears to be identical with the one I sent last week and from the same general locality ~~too~~ (i.e. Cone Lands). A year or more ago when at the Gray Herb. I incidentally asked Mr. Fernald if the specimen of *S. Germanica* sent to Dr. W. had been retained by him. We looked over the specimens of *Stachys* in the herb. but could not find it, so I told him that I had a duplicate and would send it when I had occasion to send a package again. It was for a time mislaid and only recently unearthed again - hence the delay. I have in my herb a specimen labeled *S. Germanica*, collected in France, which I was aware differed, at least

in regard to leaves and pubescence, from the
Prov. plant, but thought it might be a
variable species (I had seen no description) and
thought little about it until after receiving
your communication of Friday last. Since
then I have examined the specimens mentioned
and must say that I concur with your name,
rather than the previous one. So far as I
know it only occurs occasionally hereabouts.

So much for the "record" of this species, and
many thanks to you.

Now about another matter I intended to
have mentioned in my last. I have sent
out at two or three times, through an oversight,
a *Carduus*, labeled *C. nutans* which I think
should be *C. acanthoides*, or near it (collected on
Cone lands, Providence). I am uncertain
whether or not I have sent it to the
Gray Herb., and if I have would like to
have your opinion as to its being *C. acanthoides*.

If you do not have it, will send you
some at first opportunity.

Sincerely

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