

Springside,
Middlebury, Vermont.

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My dear Dr. Kennedy:

Last spring when I wrote you that I considered the blue violet from Willoughby Mt. "V. vernustula" you replied, acquiescing in my determination, though saying you had thought it might be V. vagula. Ever since I have had an uneasy suspicion that you might be right. During the first week in Sept. I made a trip to Ottawa to see the type station of plants Prof. Green had named from there — especially V. vagula, of which I had never seen an authenticated specimen, not even Prof. Green having one. Meanwhile, I had asked Miss Loring to secure for me, if possible, printing specimens of the plant ^{from Willoughby}. This she kindly did; & when they came soon after my return from Canada, I saw that they matched the plants from near Ottawa. Then, three weeks later Sept. 26. when in Manchester, walking with Judge & Mrs. Mumson over their pasture, I spied the same identical thing, growing in ~~the~~ alluvial soil along a brook & afterward in the boggy meadows near by.

Then I remembered that some plants from northern Maine that Mr. Fernald thought ^{two} new species, one from cedar swamp. Blaine & one from gravelly beaches of Amoscook, looked like those from Vermont & Canada. Recently Mr. Fernald at my request has sent these for me to examine, adding also the same thing from the Gaspé Peninsula — from seven stations. All of them are Viola vagula, a good species! — I am going to speak of this at the Club Meeting next Friday evening, & do penance for leading you into an error in your Willoughby check-list. Perhaps you will not be there. But if you come, bring your specimens from Willoughby Lake.

Yours sincerely
Ezra Brainerd.



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