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TAXONOMIC AND RANGE INVESTIGATIONS.

Washington, D. C., December 12, 1911.

Mr. Walter Deane,
29 Brewster St.,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:--

Your letter of December 11 and package have been received. Your Panicum A I take to be *P. tennesseense*. The rosette blades and the upper surface of the culm blades are smooth. The plants are much less freely branching, however, than *P. tennesseense* ought to be. If your B was upright it must be *P. dichotomum*, the unusual form with pubescent nodes; if prostrate or nearly so I think it must be *P. barbulatum*. The puberulent sheaths of the budding rosette point to the latter species.

I am very sorry that Dr. Robinson is sick and sincerely hope he will soon recover. It is to be hoped he will be perfectly well in time to attend the A.A.A.S. meetings here. I am planning "housecleaning" the herbarium here to be ready for company. Are you not coming? You would find many friends and much of interest here I feel sure.

Euphorbia cyparissias fruits abundantly in Illinois and is common there, especially about cemeteries. For some unimaginable reason people seem to plant the things on graves.

Prof. Hitchcock's last letter written from Salvador, said he would not be back until after Christmas. Yours respectfully,
Scientific Assistant in Systematic Agrostology.



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