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October 17th 1899.

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My dear Sir:

Your letter of Oct. 10th received, and I am glad to find that you are pleased with my plants. I have received so many valuable specimens from you that I am very much pleased if I can give some in return that you find acceptable.

In regard to the second package, I am sorry to learn that I cause you, maybe, some unnecessary trouble, especially when I don't know if the plants are worth of it. Don't hesitate to deliver them to some botanist who takes such work, and let him send me his bill for it. Most of them I did not have the occasion to examine when fresh, and I hate to examine

grasses dry. We have, for instance, two different plants there, which I would like to name *Muehlenbergia sylvatica*, but as this country has never been searched before, it could possibly happen that we ~~will~~ have a new variety or species of it here. We have one *Bromus* there that I examined fresh, but I could not find the entire characters of any of the species enumerated in the flora. As I don't know how long time I am going to live here, I wish to be entirely through with the local flora next summer, so I can make excursions to other localities in this or other states afterwards. If now something valuable is found among my plants of package no 2., I will make a good, rich harvest of it next year. But I don't like to see you have trouble with my poor plants if that work interferes the the least degree with your leisure time. A man who works hard needs rest indeed.

Your herbarium must be the largest in U.S. If you have many botanists to exchange with of the same kind as Dr. James, it must be the loveliest too.

Very truly yours
J. D. Smith.



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