

San Diego Cal.  
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Dear Mr. Savatrust

Your postal card, and  
 paper on *Aspidom spinulosum*  
 have been received, for which,  
 accept my thanks. The paper interests  
 me very much.

I take pleasure in sending  
 you by this mail a specimen of  
 what I take to be

*Cheilanthes elegans*,  
 tho' I am not certain about it. You  
 may keep it.

Prof Eaton writes to me  
 from front of 57 E. 34th St. New York.  
 the discovery of this fern, as follows—  
 "3 is very near to 4 (*Ch. Fendleri*)  
 but the scales are narrower & more  
 pointed. It seems to me the same thing

as some *C. Elegans* Thore from  
Quito, South America, a Station given  
by Hooker in *Species Fil II* p 102.  
the first given of Stations represented  
in his herbarium. In *Syn Fil*,  
*C. elegans* was united with *C. myriophylla*  
but Fournier in *Cryptogams of*  
*Mexico* keeps them distinct."

You may keep the speci-  
men. I wish I had a better one  
but I have not.

Doubtless Mr Stout will  
send you a specimen if you write  
to him. You may use my name  
with him.

I feel that you are  
entitled to aid from botanists  
in pursuing your investigation,  
which has already been of so  
much value to students and lovers

of ferns.

Mr Stout found *C. elegans*  
near San Bernardino.

Please inform me whether  
the specimen sent is *C. elegans*,  
or not. I obtained it from Mr Stout,  
but may have confounded the ferns  
from separate localities collected by  
him.

Yours truly  
D. C. Willard



Cleveland, Daniel. 1878. "Cleveland, Daniel Mar. 20, 1878." *George Edward Davenport correspondence*

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