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Charlotte, Vt.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1873.

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport,

Dear Sir:

In all my botanizing  
this season I have borne in mind your  
request for ferns made a year ago, and  
though, with a few half dozen exceptions,  
aside the species for which you enquire,  
I have collected every fern which I  
suppose to grow in Vermont, I have not,  
I am sorry to inform you, found  
anything to send you. For Hoodia  
glabella I searched with our Camel  
Hump mountains, one of our highest,  
and engaged a friend to explore Jay  
Peak and another high mountain near  
the Canada line, but neither of us  
were able to find it. Probably our  
Flora on the western slope of the Green

is so nearly related to that of the eastern  
drained by the Hudson, to admit of finding  
here these species. Another reason I trust I  
shall be able to <sup>will-</sup> the north eastern part of  
the State, where not only the fern in  
question has been found, but also Calypte  
brevis, which you mentioned with Cypri-  
pedium spectabile.

Botrychium Americanum has not, as I am  
aware been found in Vermont, though, very  
possibly this with Woollichia globella occurs  
on the higher Adirondacks. Aspidium aculeatum,  
var. Bramii was long ago noted in the  
vicinity of Mount Mansfield; but, much  
as I have desired to do so, my engagements  
and cares do not permit me to visit the  
station this year.

Cypripedium spectabile is common in  
this region. I could not have found  
a distinguished flowering plants last  
spring until too late to disturb them.  
I have just put up for you a few

specimens, and would gladly send you  
more should you desire them, or should  
these plants not succeed. They are grown  
sometimes in our gardens with satisfaction.  
The conditions are, partial shade, a liberal  
use of peat or leaf-mould in the soil, and some  
degree of moisture.

Thinking they might, perhaps, be acceptable,  
I have put up for you beside these, roots of  
one or two other Cypripediums, - pubescens,  
acule (or humile) and aristatum. The  
first will thrive in almost any soil; the  
second affects the cool shade of evergreens,  
and the last is abundant under White  
Pines in the drier portions of our swamps.

I have also added our four Psiliums,  
- grandiflorum, erectum (or atropurpureum)  
cerinum, and erythrocarpum.

Hoping I may yet better serve you,

I remain, yours truly,

C. G. Pringle.



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