

out of bloom. I had a specimen, to ask  
if it is not Lipsaris Loeblii.

Another place which affords our great  
delight is Bristol Pond, a very shallow, pretty  
pond under the mountain, surrounded by a bog  
hundreds of acres in extent. Its carpet of  
sphagnum is gay with Arctostaphylos, Sal.  
opercula procharlesii, and Tofieldia aphyllodes.  
Thence rise two or three feet in height the white  
wands of the fragrant Habenaria dilatata.  
I found there for you, by the way, Lilium cordatum,  
and a most beautiful pink Pyrola, the retundifolia  
virginica, I believe.

I have already found a large part  
of the plants in the list you sent me. Some  
of them, <sup>however,</sup> I can hardly get for you, as they occur  
in the extreme southern part of the State, as  
in Townsend, where the flora corresponds with  
that of Western Mass., as in Brattleboro, &c.

Your unfailing kindness prompts me to make  
any effort to serve you. Your list was read  
with appreciation.

Charlotte, Vermont.

July, 27th, 1874.

My dear Mr. Sampson:

You were quite right  
in believing that it would be a disap-  
pointment to me to fail of the privilege  
of botanizing with Mr. Faxon. I had  
expected ~~to~~ much pleasure and profit  
from his visit to Vermont; and can only  
console myself with the hope and  
belief that the future will yet yield  
me the opportunities for botanizing and  
for making profitable acquaintances, which  
now I enjoy but scantily. I had planned  
how I could best please the attractions  
of our Valley under contribution to the  
pleasure and advantage of Mr. Faxon;  
and had been searching out the richest  
stations of our various ferns, &c. I will

still hope to show him my favorite  
haunts and the treasures they contain,  
if not this season, then another.

And I cherish most fondly another hope:  
it is that I may yet entertain yourself  
here and any of your friends whom you may  
send or bring with you. If ferns are an  
object with you, the inextinguishable wealth  
of numberless wild ferneries shall be at  
your command. Not yesterday, exploring a  
defile within a mile of home, I found  
as much as an acre of Aspl. angustifol.;  
and stately Aspid. Goldianum in great  
numbers, to say nothing of the most magni-  
ficent plants of Struthiopteris hemeliana,  
Aspl. thelypteroides, Adiantum pulchellum, etc.  
But I particularly wish you could bathe  
with me in Ukonkton, the next township  
south of ours. Unlike our own township where  
rich, warm ridges and level meadows admit  
of excellent farms, Ukonkton is a cold  
region much broken up by rocky hills

strewn with huge boulders and great blocks of  
red sandrock. Between the hills in the bottom  
of the valleys are many cedar swamps of various  
character. The region is rich in orchids. Under  
the stunted pines in the scant soil which covers  
the old rocks of its hills is strewn Cypripedium  
acut., and in the swamps C. 1/2 in. c. acut., pubescens,  
and aristatum are very abundant. Besides  
these Cypripediums I have found a form which  
corresponds with the description of C. parviflorum  
in every particular, and another in the moss  
in the dense shade of the cedars which  
Van Houtte represents accurately in Flora des  
Serres, Vol. X, p. 207. The lower flower of the plate,  
for the upper one is a C. parviflorum at least  
in shape of labellum. You can see it in your  
library. Van Houtte calls it C. pubescens var.  
minus. It often flowers in the situations  
which I have indicated at 8 or 10 inches in height;  
it is very slender, and almost smooth.

In an open pasture in Ukonkton I found  
some plants the other day which had some



I cherish an earnest purpose to make  
a little tour through the cold region in  
the north-eastern part of this State.

Hoodia gabraella is one object. Can you  
tell me what are the habits of Calypso  
borialis? Does its leaf perish before autumn?

That region abounds in cold swamps  
and bogs, I understand; and its forests are  
stunted evergreens. Whole townships are yet  
unsettled.

On the farm the season is thus far a  
prosperous one. Weekly rains induce a lux-  
uriant vegetation. Haying with every stone  
in past; then follows linseed, and the en-  
joyments of fruit, while we slide gently into  
the rest of winter.

Hoping I have by all this writing in-  
spired in you a desire to come this way with  
your portfolio,

I remain faithfully yours,

C. C. Pingle.



Pringle, Cyrus G. 1874. "Pringle, C.G. Jul 27, 1874." *George Edward Davenport correspondence*

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