

It would seem that some of your
botanical friends might advise in the
matter of disposing of your specimens, if it
is best to do this, and put you in
the way to do so. Mr. Lessing of the
Salem Naturalist Agency should know
something about such matters.

The preparing of forms and antennae
lived boxes is a good way to make
money, good occupation for your leisure
moments and good business for little
ones. Is there not a good market in
Boston for such things? If not there is
in N. Y., and I should help you find it.

I was consulted about the matter
last fall; and, had it not been too late,
and I do not say, I should have taken hold
of the business. If any of your Boston botanists
decide to visit Mr. Mansfield, will they not
communicate with me? One should not go into
Linnæus's stable alone. Wait close for the present.
Yours sincerely, C. C. Pringle.

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Charlotte, Vermont.

Jan., 7th, 1877.

My Dear Mr. Sampson:

Your letter of the 3^d was very
welcome, and in reading it I came to the
end sooner than I expected, sooner than I
was willing to do.

If more wishes are of any avail,
perhaps though they may be, you surely have
reason to think this new year may bring you
more of joy and success than the past
one measured at length. Dear Nature will
not deny you much solace, I am sure;
can you not bring it about that the swinging
of this firm gate across one of the avenues
of your delight will turn you into another
just as sweet. I have sometimes thought
if I were shut up in a prison yard, I
could yet within its narrow limit find
enough of felt handicraft to study to make

me happy. This I have thought as I
ranged over my wide, exulting fields,
it is true; but I have in my day seen
shut up in prison quarters, without a bit
of food, and under circumstances that
admitted of but little hope, and I am
sure I was not even then miserable.

I have today put up for you the forms
I know you are desirous to see.

Aspid. a. Dracuni from Snygorski
Kotek (the original station of Pursh) Aug.
24/76 and *Strobil. in. Kabala*, *hypnotica*,
and *Aspl. viride*, ditto, ditto. Also some
of my alpinus (or subalpinus) *Solidago Virga-*
aurea (number of Mann's Cat.) and *Kabala*
Pontii, *Cornell Swamp*, July, 19/76. *Vaccinium*
Vitis-Idaea, *Dirpinia Lycopodia*, and *Silene*
thysoides, from Mt. Mansfield, June 15-
(for the flowers of the two first) sent Aug. 10/76
Aspid. fragrans Mt. M. June 15- & Aug. 10/76

Botrych. a form resembling *Theca*
I have previously sent you, but which

I found in mountain woods in company
with the usual form of *B. matricariifolia*
and which I believe to be only a young
state. But in our dark cedar swamps
in company with *Calypso*
I find only what I have sent you, -
one form, fruiting when only an inch
high, (then bearing but half a dozen spore
cases close beside the sterile segment which
is no broader than the head of a pin,
and never attaining more than six or
eight inches in length, then always one
thing, - ^{fertile} sterile segment nearly single, sterile
limbs 5-7 pinnately lobed, lobes nearly
entire, distinct. It is as distinct from a
full-grown *matricariifolia* as *Theca* is
from *Virginiana*. I cannot believe it is
a young form of *matricariifolia*.

Your paper should not be so easily
dropped, it runs to me. I am sure told
Mr. Robinson of your inability to publish
it & should it not be better if you were
a little less with your friends?



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