

Scoriotum uncinatum, the whole plant
+ rhizome in different ages, structure of
flowers, fruits and seed.

Another chart shows the seedlings and
mature foliage of *Liriodendron*, *Liquidambar*
and *Platanus*.

A third one: rhizomes of *Asalis*, *Agropyrum*,
Claytonia and *Hydrocotyle* *Amurica*

Would there be any small - space for such
in the young book., if so, do you think
Dr. Robinson would purchase them? I have
subjects for more than 50 charts, including
some fine *Portulacinae*. — *Theobroma*, *Amurica* etc.

When you, some day, can find nothing
else to do than writing letters, you would
do me a great favor by giving me your
views about this matter.

Hoping you will as usual, believe me to
be with kindest regards to Mrs. Deane
and yourself, Yours faithfully

Th. H. S. B.

Brookland, D.C. June 12. 1915

Dear Mr. Deane:

It was much more than only
kind in you to send me your welcome
letter, and since you wish to learn
about my doings, I shall certainly give
you a complete report —
Since last Nov. 5th until May 1st.
I have been botanizing in the mountains
of Porto Rico to study tropical flora,
for as you know I have had the good
opportunity to see vegetation from the
polar regions (Greenland) and Siberia)
down to Florida, including the alpine
of the Rockies in Colorado, thus
you realize my desire to see also the
tropics. I mean to begin with the
beginning I enjoyed, of course, to see

the gorgeous flowers and beautiful
foliage on Ponto Rica, but as far as
concerns the life of the plants, I am
not a single dicotyledonous that in respect
to morphology of rhizome could compare
with our famous *Podophyllum*, *Sanguinaria*,
Clethra etc. The ferns and monacots are
as in the temperate zones, but the dicots
are very little interesting in this respect.
On the other hand the floral structures
are grand! complicated and highly interesting.
I studied also the medical plants since I
am preparing a work on them, commenced
some eight years ago, and of course I
needed to see the tropical species of them.
I collected c. 320 species and studied all
of them, and found many points of
interest. Now if you want some of
these, that may be in Gray's manual,

but not in your herb., please let me
know. Also if you need any from
Va. or Md., as I am still in possession
of duplicates of many of these. —

Formerly you wanted only Callitriche *stricta*,
and you got it, but do you not wish for
some others? —

How so long as you desire to continue
our correspondence for a second century,
I would like to ask you a question.

For several years I have had the notion
that Wall. charts showing American
plants might be of use to museums or the
libr. And I have made some, 30 x 40
inches drawn with different shades of
lead-pencil on black background, but
I never found anybody that cared for
them, sorry to say. — I have ample
material sketched out, and several are
finished e.g. one chart showing our



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