

K Pittsford Mills. Vt.

July 31. 1905

My dear Mr. Darw. post.

Your very kind  
letter is just received,  
and I want simply to  
say a word to convince  
you that I am not really  
as stupid as I seemed —  
I will not of course for  
a moment suppose that  
four kinds of ferns all  
grew from one stock —  
I do not know why I need  
the word — They were in  
one clump so closely inter-  
red, that to an ordinary

obscure it had the  
appearance of being true -  
The three species I was  
sure of - but we both  
spected that the fourth  
might prove to be a  
Pittsfordense - and when  
the perfect fronds are  
sent to you, it may  
prove to be so - Certainly  
I hope it may - Certainly  
the two sponsors are in  
the clump all right, and  
what has happened once  
may happen again -  
I have three fronds from  
Miss Lorrain's plant, but



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only one is fertile - and  
that barely so - only  
a very few fruit dots -  
much to my disappointment.

I go to Dorset Tomorrow,  
and hope to be as  
successful there as I  
have been here - In  
the course of a few  
weeks, I think you will  
hear from me again -  
I hope I shall be able  
to get for you some good  
roots of *Spinalium dilu-*  
*tatum* - I wonder if you  
like the very large ones,  
where the fronds are

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three or four feet tall?  
They are in profusion  
on Donel Mountain,  
and I will get a man  
to dig them and bring  
them down, if that is  
what you wish —  
Are there any other  
living fossils you would  
like from there, if I can  
also to get them?

Very sincerely —

Emory Hitchcock Ferry,

Adams for August,

Donel - Vermont.



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