

found it on his first visit. I am sorry
that I am out of *Hypericum adpressum*
and *Ascyrum Crux-Andreeae*; visiting
botanists are always pleased to find *Stachys*
hypolepis and *Baccharis halimifolia*,
but Mr. Churchill collected them so they
may not be unknown to you.

I send two specimens of *U. clauseniana*; the
one with the name at the top is for you, the
other for Mr. Churchill if he would like it.
The full and good specimen of *Corema* is for
you, the imperfect one (no pistillate flowers)
for Mr. Churchill, but he had better not
mount it yet; I will try to get some more
next May and send him a good speci-
men. You will know the *Erythraea spi-
cata*, Pers. but I send no ticket, for
I want no credit for such miserable
things. I always give away the best I
have and I am heartily sorry that I
can give you only the poor remains of
what has been an excellent collection.
The *Spiranthes* & *Dracopis* are good however,
the *Halmis* is a peculiar form from

Spring field
Mar-7. 1885-

My dear Mr. Deane,
I am extremely pleased
with the list that you sent me; Mr.
Deane will no doubt give it to me in
time, but I am very glad to have it now.
Let me comment upon it. *Trifolium pro-
cumbens* - I found what I am very sure
was var. *minus* in the Milton region. *Coronilla*
varia, I should like to see; I am not
sure that I know it. Where was it? *Epi-
lotium hirsutum* is ^{also} an introduced ^{and escaped} plant -
brought in within my memory. *Opuntia vul-
garis* - they say it is all ^{Dr.} Rafinesquin on our
coast, but I know better, and so do you, it
seems. But why did you not see the latter
also? they grow together. Where did you
find *Mertensia maritima*? I know three
localities, and hope you can report another.
And where - where, does *Onosmodium*
virginianum, DC. grow? In Dr. Hitchcock's
Catalogue of the Plants of Mass. he puts this

plant
name - *O. hispidum* Mx. is what he
and credits it to Nantucket.
Calls it, ¹ that list was published in
1883, and from that day to this as far as I
know, you & Mr. Churchill are the only
human beings who have seen it. Dr. Hb.
says *Ceratophyllum demersum*, L. grows there,
but it has not been reported since. I
have been on the lookout for years, for *Til-
læa simplex*, Nutt. which Mr. Oakes found
there in Nantucket; I have sought ^{it} in vain.
But hope that you may yet find them
both. I am glad that you report *Typha*
angustifolia; I thought it must grow
there, but I don't go into cat-tail swamps
myself. I am going to send you *Utricularia*
claudectina, Nutt.; there are cisterns in Polpis
that I have seen full of it, from the sur-
face to the bottom of the waters, and for
as many root up and down their course
as I had time to examine, but I have
seen the flowers with the yellow corolla only
once, and thow a man brought to me from
the softest and most dangerous bog that I

ever came upon - Men can certainly collect
things that are beyond a woman's reach.

My list is very weak in grasses and
sedges, and I shall be very much obliged
for specimens of any of the smaller ones
that you can spare. I am in care for *Cal-
canadensis*, *Sp. cynosuroides*, *Sp. stricta*,
var. *alternifolia*, *Holcus lanatus*, *Danthonia*
spicata and *Agrostis alba*. I shall be very
glad to see *Festuca Myuros*, L. which
you discovered yourself, as I saw in the
13th. Gazette of last August. What is the
locality where it is so abundant?

You need not try to get Mr. Churchill's
former list; he kindly sent it to me in
1881.

I will send you the nicest things I have
on hand now, but my stock is low, I find,
and worse than that, the specimens are poor -
that is, some of them are. I advise you not
to mount *Erythraea spicata*; there are too
California specimens, and Pocono is the place
to get the plant in perfection. Mr. Churchill

a bush that has always flowered in this way. Dr. Gray mentions it in the Am. Naturalist of August, 1870. I send the seedlings of the Floating Heart - Have never met any one who had noticed them or could tell me anything of the development of the cluster of spurs on the petioles. I hope there may be something amongst them all that will be of some use to you.

Is not there anything in this part of the State that you would like? Our region is very rich in ferns. But whether it is ferns or something else that you would like I should be very glad to send it to you now or try to get it for you in its season.

Yours very truly

Marion L. Owen.

P.S. I ticked my *Sabbatia* *S. gracilis*. Mr. Churchill called it in his list *S. stellata*. Dr. Gray says it is between the two, but in the Syn. Flora, he calls it

S. gracilis and mentions the Nantucket plant as "an ambiguous form".

I ought to have mentioned before that I can add to my Catalogue about ten new names from your list for which I shall with pleasure give you due credit.

M. L. O.

I have a few specimens of *Aristida lasiocarpa*, Engelm. described in the Bot. Gazette of last May, given to me in the summer by the discoverer, Mr. Warren Upham of Minneapolis. If you have none I will share with you.

M. L. O.



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