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June 1, 1936. #107

Dear Mildred:

Am sending your Osmonhizas under separate cover on this date.

I'm very sorry I was snagged so badly on Saturday morning so I didn't get over to say farewell. I was over slightly after noon but you were out. The next time you are down I shall make a point of seeing you before the weary end of your visit. That's a threat!

Went up to the Island the next day and brought Killip back to civilization whereupon we celebrated his return by going to the "Volga Boatman" with the usual result.

I expect to leave on the second part of my field trip on Saturday and Morrison will go along at least part of the way. He hasn't made any comments on your bid as a botanist here, but we haven't had much opportunity as yet. He is at present up in Connecticut.

Good luck and regards,
Carl Erlanson

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March 3, 1938

Mrs. Mildred Mathias Hassler,
1156 Keeler Avenue,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mildred:

At last we have the labels typewritten for the Nevada material collected during the summer of 1937 and I have selected out the Umbelliferae which amounts to 12⁴ collections. I have thought it best to send you all of the material of each collection in order that you may note any variation and for the trouble to which you will go in naming this we would be happy to have you select out a set for the University of California, which would be set number 3. By our agreement with the University of Nevada, we are to have set number 1 and the University of Nevada set number 2 so that these we are already obligated to withhold. If you prefer, you may send all of the material back and we will pick out a set for you.

I am sending the material in care of Professor H. L. Mason, Botany Department, University of California, as I presume you will work on the material at the herbarium there.

We still do not have our new botanists but I understand the register is now complete and we can call for them at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. O. Erlanson

C. O. Erlanson,
Ecologist

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May 1, 1939

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler,
1156 Keeler Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mildred:

Many thanks for your trouble in naming the Umbelliferae collected in Nevada, which are now returned to us through the Herbarium of the University of California. There will probably be some collections made in 1938 and possibly in 1939 which will stick us although we have this material to refer to. I trust that if there is such material you will want to see it and we shall set it aside to send you.

I received a post card from Buddy who says he is leaving Colombia about this time. He has had a very successful trip and collected some 2,000 sheets of material.

With friendly greetings, I am,

Very sincerely yours, *Carl*

C. O. Erlanson

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June 19, 1939

Dr. M. E. Mathias Hassler,
1156 Keeler Ave.,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mildred:

I am answering your letters of May 8 and May 24. I have met your friend Miss Schrieber and we have had the pleasure of her company to dinner along with Miss Bomhard and Buddy Killip. I understand that tonight Miss Bomhard is holding a mild shindig so that Miss Schrieber can meet some of the other people here in Washington.

I am sorry to hear that you feel that you ought to give up the Umbelliferae but certainly realize that having children uses up so much time very little else can be done. We shall be glad to send any of our problem Umbelliferae (which is most of them) to Doctor Constance.

The best of wishes and congratulations.

Very sincerely yours, *Carl*
C. O. Erlanson
C. O. Erlanson,
Ecologist

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1631 Shatto Street,
Los Angeles, California
December 10, 1932.

#111

Dear Miss Mathias:

My situation is peculiar. I know that you are married, but don't know your married name, and since Ray Fosberg, in whose behalf I am sending today a package of Umbelliferae, always refers to you as "Mildred", why I'm just about under obligation to address you, as indeed you will probably continue to be known professionally, Miss Mathias.

The bundle contains 31 sheets of umbellifers, including four sheets of my insertion about which I am undecided. Ray has left a goodly number of duplicates with me, and so I would appreciate a list of determinations, and suggest that you make a carbon copy when you type the list to send to Ray direct in Honolulu. The three sheets of I.M. Booth are included through me and seem to me to be of unusual interest. As you recall from your visit to this region, Orange County is a littoral county south of Long Beach with Balboa as its chief town, a pleasure resort. The discovery of these three interesting umbellifers in this relatively well known area and bordering the coast or about the margins of the tide marshes is remarkable. I shall be very appreciative of whatever notes you can offer as to their previous collections both in this state and in the country as a whole, since the publication of Coulter and Rose's monograph of the family, since I am preparing a paper of extensions of known ranges of southern California plants and should like to include these records, if they are of merit.

Personally, I haven't worked over my collections of the past season as yet, but shall lay aside all duplicates of the family for you as far as possible, if you would be so kind as to check the determinations for me in turn. I fully realize that there must be many such demands made upon your time and willingness, and so would not urge unusual promptness. Dr. Epling says it isn't a habit with botanists anyway!

Just now, you might be interested to know, I am working over the Delphinium situation in Southern California with a view of clearing up some difficulties, or, as Marcus Jones as said upon a past occasion, to make some additional mistakes. I am carrying on the problem under Dr. Carl Epling at Univ. of Calif. at L. A. (UCLA), as a problem in the taxonomy course. Material has been borrowed from several herbaria. I should be interested to know if in your Umbelliferae studies you have come to find the Mt. Pinos-Tehachapi Region as peculiarly difficult to dispose of in relation to speciation. The genus Delphinium is a snag in that area, with essentially every sheet representing a different form making key characters weak and wobbly, and it seems to be a freely hybridizing clone (or cyclone?) which partakes of all streams about the base of the ranges. Note this condition if you haven't already. It's comforting to have partners in misery---even in the botanical world.

Of course I shall be happy to hear from you whenever you have opportunity to write. Let me add that I regret that Ray's plants weren't in your hands long ago. Maybe again----.

I, personally, thank you sincerely for your work in my behalf.

Truly,

Joseph Ewan

3000 Life Sciences Bldg.,
University of California,
Berkeley, California,
20 November 1936.

#112

Miss Mildred Mathias
R.D. Shingletown, State College,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss Mathias:

Yes, I recall that it is now "Mrs. Hassler" but I've never learned the initials so I continue to address you in the well-known professional style. I trust that this has caused no "difficult situation."

Under separate cover I'm sending you a small lot of Umbelliferae, 6 sheets in all, from my recent Californian botanizing. I trust there may be something among of them of interest. If you note any misdeterminations, or doubtfully labelled collections among these, I shall appreciate your notes upon the matter.

Have you seen the type of Peucedanum Hassel C. & R.? It may very likely be among the Hasse Herbarium at New York Botanical Garden, or again, at U. S. National Herbarium. I should like to know if there is any indication on the original label as to place of collection; is "San Gabriel Mts." there stated? Could you give me the date as it appears there? I'm working on a survey of the San Gabriel Range and am anxious to include notes on all species described from the area.

Cordially, as always, J. Swan

#113

Department of Biology
University of Colorado,
Boulder, Colorado.
11 September 1937.

Dr. Mildred Mathias
c/ Dept. Botany,
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Friend:

Dr. Carl Epling has asked me to collaborate with him in the preparation for press of his Flora of Northern Idaho. Since you have read the typescript of the Umbelliferae in the past, as well as determined doubtful collections, we are wondering if you might not wish to look over the treatment once again for recent changes in names or specific limits as there delimited. I have the entire typescript here and can send on to you the pertinent part as early as you wish.

We are comfortably situated here in Boulder and already are very fond of the place: its panorama, the people and the prospect. The campus is truly beautiful. A fine new museum building is nearing completion; this is of course a fireproof building and will house the herbarium in the future. Dr. Ramaley, the only staff member I've met as yet, is very cordial and I feel our association will prove a very happy one.

Sincerely yours,

J. Swan

P.S. Did Ray Fosberg locate you on his brief visit to Berkeley recently? He was on his way to Philadelphia to accept a Morris Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. I did not have your address to give him (I was in Los Angeles when he stopped in to see us) but did have your phone number; of course I could tell him the location of your home, etc. We were surely happy to see Ray again and to meet his charming wife who had never before left the Islands.

J. E.

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12 October 1937

Dr. Mildred Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Friend:

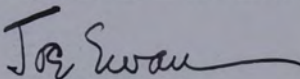
At last the Umbelliferae mss is ready for your perusal and goes off to you today. Will you please make your suggestions and corrections on snippets to be clipped to the pertinent pages, then I can make the alterations to fit the general format of the whole without first having to erase any annotations made by reviewers. I can't be sure from your letter (of Sept. 16th) whether or not you expected to borrow the herbarium material involved; all the umbel colls. are at U.C.L.A. I only brought here to Boulder certain species from a few families to be critically studied in light of recent monographs and the like. Hence, should you want to see any doubtful coll. cited it will be necessary to write directly to Dr. Epling for its loan. You will notice that it has been necessary to eliminate throughout the citation of colls. ---this was simply to make possible the publication of the flora and we had to lop off at some place in the whole, the bulk of the mss as it stands prohibits its publication. There are exceptions to this rule of striking out citations of colls.: when the species is known from only three stations the localities, without collector's name, are given; when known from but a single collection (or when the coll. is important historically in a very few instances) both the station and collector's name are given.

You should know the limits of the flora in order to know about possible omitted species that should be included. The south limit is the North Fork of Clearwater River (north of and including) and to the westward the Latah-Nez Perce county line is the boundary. In short, it will be a flora of the "Panhandle".

The post office closes at five o'clock and in order to get this off today I shall have to stop here. Another day I shall write of my position, etc. etc.

Many thanks for your aid in this matter,

Cordially,



Joseph Ewan

Instructor in Biology.

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12 December 1937

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Friend:

This is Sunday and since the tempo is a trifle slower I shall undertake to write a leisurely letter. I surely enjoyed your three page letter of last September and reread it several times because it did have so many news items in it that I wished to keep in mind, or refresh my memory again. I sent you the typescript of the Umbelliferae for the Flora of northern Idaho some weeks ago and hope you received it; it was registered.

Of course you will want to know how the baby is getting along. And Nesta. Well, the youngster came on Nov. 16th and weighed 6lbs. 11oz. and has now come up to 7lbs. and 8oz. so you see Kathleen Kilburn Ewan is progressing according to the approved charts. She is assuming little personal traits by now and will soon be really interesting. I'm surprised how fast time flies---it will be four weeks next Tuesday that Kathleen arrived and I cannot imagine where the time has flown. Yesterday we took her downtown for the first time to visit the doctor who presided at her nativity and he pronounced her doing nicely and "getting along just fine". Nesta is getting stronger every day and by Christmas she will feel pretty much all herself again. She is looking forward to the days when she can take Kathleen out for a walking ride about town and there are several sideroads hereabouts that will make that pleasant. We live on the western (i.e. foothill) side of town and it is a short walk up to the hills from here. They start straight up and Flagstaff Mt. above us is 2000 ft. above Boulder or ca. 7500 ft. We are fortunate in having a very generous landlady who does all she can to help us and has made our stay here very pleasant indeed. We have a cosy small apartment upstairs, well heated with furnace heat, large enough to house our "household gods" and not too big to clean. Also it is not crowded up against neighbors as many places are since the house stands on the corner and has two vacant lots on the other side. And across the street we have, as they say, "quiet neighbors", a spacious cemetery. We live seven blocks from Hale Scientific and perhaps 1 1/2 miles from center of town. The town, as you perhaps recall, is nicely planted with shade trees and good care is taken of yards so that the whole community looks comfortable and contented.

As for the campus activities: I'm located in what is called the "attic" of Hale, a sandstone building dating from ca. 1890, and have commodious accomodations for the general crowded conditions of the department as a whole. This room housed the University herbarium prior to the completion of the new museum building on

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another side of the campus. Accordingly, there was room for my rather large quantity of herbarium material (which shipped from Berkeley by freight quite satisfactorily packed in shipping cartons and roped together in groups of four or six). And this room is next to the Biology Library (of which I am the departmental librarian) so that makes it handy. Dr. Ramaley has showed every courtesy in providing equipment and making things convenient for working. The whole staff are very genial. My association with Dr. Edna Johnson, as assisting in freshman botany, has been very enjoyable. She is still interested in problems of irradiation of plants as related to growth. Her latest subjects were wheat plants and, I believe, *Salpiglossis*. She gave a short neat paper at the Colo.-Wyo. Acad. Sci. annual meetings here at Boulder during Thanksgiving week-end. Unlike some physiologists I have known she is broad in her interests and teaches a popular course in the botany of garden and greenhouse plants. She is president of the local chapter of Sigma Xi and an officer in the Acad. of Sciences aforementioned.

I've seen rather little of Shope. He and his wife are often intercepted going in or out of the building but I have not had a chance to get very well acquainted. He teaches freshman botany and I have audited his lectures to see how the materials are presented here. He seems to me a studied speaker with precise choice of words and saying little or nothing when he has had scant chance to "think before he speaks". This is of course a valuable asset and I admire it thoroly but it does make one a trifle behindhand. His wife is quiet, quite a "dresser", and yet very pleasant and always speaks. I have yet to see his shots of Colorado wild flowers. I cannot say what he is working on now but did report on a native fungus at the Academy meetings.

The Cockerells are genuine folk. We have been their guests on two occasions at suppers at SaddleRock Inn up Boulder Canyon. They seem to completely enjoy life together and radiate it to others. They spent the past week lecturing at Colorado Springs I understand. Mrs. C. is a motion picture enthusiast, that is, movies given with a small room projector and she has quite a library of films which she shows on and off the campus. There is a "Cockerell Natural History Club" on the campus, composed of most of the local biologists. Lectures, teas and (I'm told) fieldtrips are features of the club. He is actively working over his bees and his office is one of the most interesting on the third floor of Hale--the biology floor. One of his current interests is a correlative survey of the flora and fauna of the Santa Barbara Islands of Calif. with respect to their origin. I think this will be a good piece of work and provocatively interesting reading. He spent last summer at Santa Barbara and visited San Miguel Island. Next spring he plans to visit others. He is delightful conversationalist.

I should say a word or two more about Ramaley. He is very general in his interests though an ecologist by choice. We have good times discussing herbarium methods (I have charge of the h. now), library methods and books that have just appeared, field trips and personalities of past and present. He came to Boulder in 1898

and has been a careful observer these past forty years. Consequently I appeal to him for historical matters and find him very willing to elucidate. He is a success as a departmental head and I think the general spirit of the place is due to his goodwill and eagerness to have things please if it can be done with honesty to his convictions. We had a pleasant two-day trip to the sand-dune country to the east of here, about Ft. Morgan and Brush (Weld Co.), with profitable collecting, last September. He is preparing a survey of these dunes for Ecological Monographs. His maps of the distributions of the dune species over North America are very interesting. It would seem that many species have their geographic centers in eastern Colo. but of course these facts are sometimes more coincidental than significant.

A few more news items, just to exchange with your notes of wider interest: I was working in the Rocky Mt. Herb. on Tuesday before Thanksgiving and met Aven Nelson for the first time, and his charming wife. The herbarium has had two important acquisitions: the gift of the Osterhout Herbarium, some 22,000 sheets, and the Shear collection, if I remember correctly, of some 4000 sheets with a good representation of eastern U.S. plants. I'm very glad that the Osterhout Herbarium has been kept in the intermountain region for it is surely the most important collection formerly in private hands of plants of this region. The library of Geo. Osterhout has also gone to Laramie. Osterhout was in the lumber business at Windsor, Colo., and apparently a warm friend of Nelson's thru the years. Nelson is 79 years old and still active and looks in excellent health. He has acquired eight new steel cases for the enlarged collections which will number now some 125,000 sheets. I find it will be very valuable to me to live within visiting distance of Laramie for there are good representations of the oft-cited exsiccatae in that herbarium, like Heller, Sandberg and Leiberg, Plantae Exsiccatae Grayanae, M. E. Jones, Munz, Hall, and Dudley Herbarium distributions.

Alan A. Beetle, grad. student from Dartmouth and last year at Gray Herb. is at Laramie this year. He is interested in Cyperaceae, esp. Eleocharis and Scirpus. He is an herbarium enthusiast. Fosberg writes that his position at the U. of Pa. is interesting and he seems happy to be near centers like the Phila. Acad. and Washington. He says that Sherff's monog. of Bidens is in press; he saw Sherff at Chicago. Wiggins stopped in at the Phila. Acad. en route to Calif. from Europe at Thanksgiving time. You spoke about Delphiniums & Kearney's flora of Arizona; I have the Sacaton collection here now for study. Kearney had invited me to write for them last winter. Although he stopped in at U. C. more than once I never met him. Yes, I have a copy of Hitchcock's key of Montana grasses; his sketches are like fine steel engravings. I teach agrostology this winter quarter and can learn how it works at that time. Ynes Mexia is in Mexico again this winter. Munz was collecting onagrads in northern Mexico this summer.

Many thanks for sending the list of localities for your Delphinium collections. And I appreciate your offer to collect wanted items for me. You were very kind and I thoroly enjoyed my trips with you about the Bay region. I shall be pleased to look out for umbels for you here in Colo. and shall have some dupls. for you. Remember us to Gerald. I shall look forward to your letters.

Nesta joins me in sending season's greetings. *Jos. Swan*

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12 May 1938

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
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Dear Friend:

I've mailed to you eight "Umbels" as follows: Ewan 8167, 9860, 9980, 10051, 10531, 10668, 10657 and Hutchinson 7316. They are chiefly from the San Gabriel Mts. of southern California. I shall appreciate your determinations on these specimens.

Everything hums along busily with me. By the way, I've not seen your monograph of Lomatium as yet; should the Mo. Bot. Gard. have mailed these out yet? You have a letter of mine to reread and answer one of these less crowded days. Do let me know about the Cal. Bot. Soc. dinner and what was done and said.

As ever, Joe Ewan

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22 February 1939

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Friend:

Your full letter of last month was a rich one and much appreciated. I was sorry to learn of your illness of last fall. I hope you will be "fit as a fiddle" for fieldwork this spring and that you have a successful season.

I was glad to get the determinations on the umbels. As for the "retention of Deweya", I'm prepared for any change in that genus. But I thought that Macbride had some other reason for discarding Deweya (?). Would the Kew Rule save the name Velaea as a conserved name? I believe I would favor that action; it could be introduced at the Congress next year. But what of Oreonana? Does that go into Deweya? Of all the collecting I've done in the San Gabriel Mts., finding several unrecorded stations in that range, I have never found it in good fruit. It seems to me to represent a dying out species. I've wondered if it might not be closely related to a genus quite out of California, perhaps representing a relict of a migration from Asia. Did you get fruit on that trip with Ray Fosberg? I would dearly appreciate a pocket of mericarps if you could spare a few. It is not, as sometimes reported, "rare" but mostly highly inconspicuous on the gravels where it grows. Most often on saddles or ridges rather than on the immediate summits of the higher peaks.

I'm very pleased to have the addimentum on Anderson's Larkspur. And the photo is useful to me too. You have, it seems to me, observed and collected more material of that species than all other persons put together. I shall welcome the Delphinium material when convenient to write the labels. I know very well how those sidejobs take the time; this afternoon, a holiday with us, was spent in sorting out some duplicates and returning longtime loans.

Write us about the Eastwood dinner; we have heard only a dribble, viz. the number present and that it was a tremendous success. Tell us all. No one has mentioned Calypso Club for over a year at least--did it die out? Who is the Commonwealth Fellow in the Deptment at Berkeley this year? John Wilkinson, from Armstrong College, Newcastle upon Tyne, was working on the cytogenetics of cricket-bat willows--jolly fellow who brought his tea with him and served it on very special occasions. Nesta and I, I fear, failed to recognize its strain as anything apart from good Lipton's or Ridgway's.

We are having a snappy winter here in Boulder. Much more snow than last winter and longer cold spells. But it is crisp and fun and we both enjoy it. We are living in a fearfully small place, complete house in the rear of a lot next to the Cockerells, but it is our own and quiet; that is, we don't share noises or schedules with other people. Kathleen is growing apace.

With thanks and best wishes,

Joe Swan

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11 November 1939

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Would it be possible for you to return the typescript of the Family Umbelliferae for the Flora of Northern Idaho in the near future, say within the next few weeks? I understand that this is a sudden recall but I plan to have the entire typescript together and completed for the printer by the Christmas holidays. Finish off any small suggestion that may be/progress and mail to me at your earliest convenience.

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As you remember I did not request you to furnish the treatment of the family but rather to glance over the treatment as it stands and let me know of any prominent corrections that occur to you. On behalf of Dr. Epling and myself may I express my sincere thanks to you for your part in this work.

How is Berkeley these days and your work there? This fall has brought a change in Department headship here and some major moving and readjustments but all to the best for me.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Joseph Ewan

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9 December 1939

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Mathias:

Under date of November 11th I wrote regarding the possibility of your returning the Umbelliferae typescript for the Flora of Northern Idaho which you had kindly consented to look over for conspicuous omissions or errors. I'm still hopeful of getting the whole typescript off to the press this month and should be grateful for the early return of the portion which you have at Berkeley. I understand from Mr. John Morrison that you have recently welcomed a baby girl into your home--Nesta and I send our best compliments and good wishes to the both of you. I am not anxious to cause you trouble in locating the needed papers for the Flora in progress but am wondering if perhaps Dr. Constance might not locate the typescript for us among your papers?

Thank you again for your kindness in this present request and for your interest in assisting with the Family Umbelliferae.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
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21 December 1939

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Mathias:

The typescript arrived the other day and I am grateful to you for your prompt attention to my request for its return. I shall go over the suggestions you offer with considerable care. Again I thank you for your interest and assistance.

I cannot feel the same way toward the present publication of a Flora of Northern Idaho as you have expressed in your letter. As a pioneer flora of the region it will inevitably have its share of errors and omissions, yet I feel the work as a whole has been carefully worked up, from the field standpoint by Dr. Epling, who has visited the entire region over a period of six years, I believe, and by me from the standpoint of bringing the whole down to the findings of the many recent monographers and checking a great many additions and loose ends. From Epling's introductory account of the vegetation of the region one can easily discover his close familiarity with the region. We have solicited help from a great many specialists. Some of them feel that the plants of their group are fairly completely known but others, such as Dr. Pennell and yourself, know of the many problems still to be worked out. To wait for all the groups to be equally well known would mean that the flora could not be published, no more readily fifty years from now than today. Such is the unevenness of our scientific progress. There are groups within the present flora which are satisfyingly complete, some large groups like the grasses (the account worked up by Swallen) being rather perfectly known.

I believe Mr. Christ borrowed the entire typescript from Dr. Epling some months ago. I have been inserting several records from his collections which he generously loaned us for the purpose. Most of these constitute extensions of the more xeric flora of southern Idaho into the area under consideration or immigrant species. It has been necessary to compare these sheets with the colls. at Laramie of the pertinent species to verify identifications and in order to prepare descriptions of the species added.

As for Dr. Constance's work in the region we shall have to permit his publishing such additions to the work as arise, in the manner of Dr. Daubenmire's supplement to St John's recent flora. It is impracticable to further delay the whole for the addition of a few species which may have been omitted. I should remark, however, that I have noted some additions to the flora of the region from exchange material sent me by Constance during his residence at Pullman, though the bulk of his collections fall in the area to the south of our region.

With best wishes and the season's greetings to all the Hasslers,

Sincerely,

Joe Swan

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3000 Life Sciences Bldg.
Univ. of California
Berkeley

Dear Miss Mathias:

Recently I mailed you a
small bundle of \pm 5 nos.
of Umbelliferae which if you
have not received I should be
pleased to be informed. Your
letter of Jan. 9th was much
appreciated. Pardon this card
but my college program hardly
permits me to write normal letters
y^{et} I did want you to know
I still bear your interests in
mind. Most cordially, J. Ewan

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIOLOGY BUILDING

July 29, 1938

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Dr. Mathias:

If your field work takes you into a patch of *Rubus parviflorus*, would you be kind enough to make a collection to help me in a study of variation in that species?

What I most need is a set of from 30 to 40 pressed specimens from a region, each specimen consisting of an inflorescence with one or two leaves.

Sincerely yours,

N. C. Fassett

N. C. Fassett,
Assoc. Prof. of Botany

2365 Oahu Ave. Honolulu, T. H.

Sept. 6, 1932

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias

5854 Maeburn Rd. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mildred:

I guess I am the one that owes the apology. I climbed, or thought I climbed, Sugarloaf when I told you I would, but found no Podistera or any other umbel. Then I found that I had merely been on a little spur on one side of it. So this summer I tried again and got to the top all right. I spent some two hours and a half crawling around looking for your plant. I found something that answers your description as far as leaves are concerned, also checks with specimens from Mt. Dana, except for the inflorescence which is tremendously elongate. I collected it a month later than I was supposed to, so perhaps it had a chance to grow up. I only found a couple of little scraps which I asked a friend, Joe Ewan, to send to you along with a few other umbels which I picked up this spring. Dr. Munz looked at it with very desirous eyes, but I gave him a little collection of Pellaea Breweri which I got on the same trip and which belongs up in the northern Sierras somewhere.

I suppose you are wondering why the exotic address etc. Well, the taxpayers of the richest county in the world could no longer afford to keep so many botanists(2) on their payroll. Miss Templeton cost less than I and also, I presume, caused the director less embarrassment in the way of asking for mileage, civil service position, books, equipment etc. Therefore she is at present the Botany Dept. of the Los Angeles Museum and I have migrated over here to become Dr. St. John's assistant.

Of course my work on mosses has long since come to a temporary halt. I didn't get your mosses determined. I could have named them tentatively, but did not think you wanted that, so I have sent specimens of them to Mr. Bartram, who does most of the determining that is done in America. I am sending your material back to you, after having had the nerve to keep a set for myself. There was ample material for three sets. Mr. Bartram will send you the determinations soon, I hope.

This place is a botanist's paradise. Flowers and trees everywhere. The city looks like a forest with houses scattered through it. We have a few umbels here which I shall send you when I get them collected. Something that is supposed to be a Hydrocotyle grows in Dr. St. John's back yard. Another grows in the hills. I accidentally stumbled upon Halophyllum (Hydrocharitaceae) which is supposed to be very rare here, while on a beach picnic yesterday. I am just getting settled so have not done any collecting as yet. I did a great deal of collecting this spring and am having my difficulties now

trying to sell the three remaining sets. Everyone is broke. I certainly found a lot of good things. I was over in Arizona, Sonora, Baja California, and all over Southern Calif. The crop of umbels was poor this year though. I asked Joe to send what I had to you. You may have them by this time. Of course, those I collected while at the museum are not mine to send any more, but I hope Miss Templeton will send them. Joe also has some of his own that you will probably get.

I am working on a number of papers which were unfinished or unwritten when I left. Some time may be I will get caught up.

I like Dr. St. John very much. He is certainly energetic. Marcus calls him a splitter, but he doesn't seem to be. He and his family have been very good to me. In fact that seems to be a general thing here. I never saw people so friendly.

I am certainly glad to hear that you have such a good position. If you can't figure out how to spend all the money you get, come on over and take a few collecting trips with me. From what I have heard, collecting is a real undertaking here. One cuts his way with cane knives etc.

Now I must go home and cook my own lunch.

Aloha,

Ray Fosberg

July 17, 1933

Dear Mildred:

As usual I have been extremely busy and haven't had time to write letters, but will drop you a note now. I got your note with the data on the mosses and appreciate the same very much. I told Mr. Bryan, the curator of the Museum, to send you any duplicate Umbelliferae that the Museum happens to have. They are distributing duplicates to various institutions, and I am speaking for my various friends who have specialties.

I have collected a few Umbelliferae myself and will get labels written on them sometime and send them to you. I have collected two species of Hydrocotyle myself; one of them being the common H. asiatica, the other being a species which resembles the mainland ones and ~~was~~ under the name H. verticellata. It, however, is always sterile as far as I can find out. Perhaps I just have not collected it at the right season. What is the status of the genus Centella, including the above mentioned H. asiatica? Dr. St. John seems inclined to accept it, and it does look different from the rest of the Hydrocotyle that I have seen.

I am working at the Bishop Museum this summer and am intending to visit the other Islands later on. As I told you before, I am working on a genus of Rubiaceae called Gouldia. It is a horrible mess with all the species, if they are species, running into each other, and so far I have found not a single constant specific character. Field work is the only thing that seems to clarify it at all, so I am intending to visit the Islands where it grows. On some it is a major part of the vegetation. I will collect Umbelliferae whenever I see them and will send them to you as soon as I get time to label them.

Very sincerely,

Ray Fosberg

P.S. The mallow was a Hibiscus, they are the commonest cultivated plant here, with some thousands of cultivated varieties, hybrids, etc.

F.A.Z.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Urbana

November 4

Dear Mildred:

What ho! And what for? What are you doing? Any botanizing? What of Gerald? What's he working on?

Things are moving well here, aside from a certain vacancy in the financial department. I have charge of assistants in the elementary courses, give a botanical course there in Bot. I and give two courses all my own - one in the physiology of growth, response and reproduction, the other (gird up your loins, square your jaw!) in taxonomy of the angiosperms. And if you cackle or fidget and say "I told you so" I'll scratch you off my list. Nevertheless I enjoy the taxonomy and I am indebted to Jesse and you. By the way, in connection with taxonomy, can you

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tell me where I can get one of those
gadgets that you showed me at Horner's on
that wonderful evening last Christmas?
Remember, the periodic-table-ish chart of
wild flowers, etc. I'd like to tell my class
about them. I'd appreciate knowing, if
you have the name and address of
the company making them.

What of Martha? I hear she is
no longer at Sioux Falls, what is it -
a better job, or holy matrimony? Have you
heard of her, she seems to have vanished
completely. I caught a fleeting glimpse of
her last Christmas at the St. Louis Union
Station - she was on her way back to
Sioux Falls, hadn't looked up a single
person at the Garden or the University.

Mary and I spent August at
Cassius' ranch. Collected some,
mountain-climbed, horse-rode, etc.
I suppose you have heard of George's
great satisfaction at Oklahoma-

Sears is a good man to work with. Here there are mostly has beens - Stevens in Mycology, J. T. Buchholz in morphology, genetics, Hottes in physiology, Vestal in ecology. However, I enjoy some of them and we don't fight much.

Are you going to be in St. Louis this Christmas? If so, there must be

a. Remington
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Be good. Give our good wishes to
Small, Thanks for the dope on the gadget —
Best from
Osca

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191 Smith Avenue
Sato Lake City, Utah
July 15, 1935

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler,
P. O. 1
State College, Pa.

Dear Dr. Hassler:

I have a dozen sheets or so of
Umbelliferae that I should very much like to
have you determine for me, if you can spare
the time. These have practically all ~~to~~ been
collected in Utah, Idaho and Nevada.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I
remain,

Yours truly,
A. S. Garrett

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January 23, 1936

Mrs. Mildred Mathias Hassler
Shingletown
State College, Pennsylvania

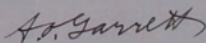
My dear Mrs. Hassler:

The package of plants was received safely and in good condition several days ago. I thank you very much for your determinations and for your information in regard to Cogswellia Cottami.

Have you come to a decision yet as to whether the accepted name of the genus should be Cogswellia or Lomatium?

Johnston in "The Proceedings of the Gray Herbarium", says that Jones made the transfer on account of the fact that another genus antedating Lomatium was called Lomatia; that since it was not the same name, the transfer was unjustified.

Yours very truly



A. O. Garrett

AO:MJ

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January 27, 1936

Mrs. Mildred Mathias Hassler
Shingleton, State College
Pennsylvania

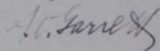
Dear Mrs. Hassler:

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In my letter to you of a few days ago, I forgot to enclose a money order reimbursing you for the postage you expended to return my package of plants. Please find the same enclosed herein.

Again thanking you, I remain

Yours truly



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~~Alice E. Rowe, Ass't Principal~~

C. O. Wilson, Ass't Principal

Salt Lake City, Utah

October 18, 1940

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkley, California

Dear Dr. Mathias

I have a small bunch of perhaps twenty or twenty-five Umbelligerae which I would appreciate very much if you could determine for me.

Some of them are mounted and I should like to have the mounted ones returned. All unmounted ones you may retain.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Very truly yours

A. O. Garrett
A. O. Garrett

AOG:JR

791 Ninth Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah

#129

Mrs. Mildred Mathias Hassler,
R. R. 1, State College, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

I mailed to you yesterday by parcel post a package containing some umbellifers about which I wrote some time ago. I enclosed a specimen of fruit of *Fragelia dilatata* S. Nelson from the type locality. Since Nelson "described" the fruit without ever having seen it, I thought you might like to see this specimen. You may retain any or all of the unmounted specimens that interest you.

Do you consider *Cogswellia cottamii* Jones to be a good species? And, by the way, the name of *Cogswellia* the correct name? One of the Harvard botanists called attention to the fact that Jones accepted the name because another genus of plants had been named *Lomatia*, and this invalidates *Lomatium*!

Thanking you for your assistance, I remain,

Yours truly,
A. S. Garrett

Desert Laboratory
Tucson, Arizona.
December 20, 1937.

Mrs. Mildred Mathias Hassler
Life Science Bld.,
University of California
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

Dr. Shreve thought you might be willing to determine my rather scant collection of Umbelliferae from the Rio Mayo country of Northwestern Mexico.

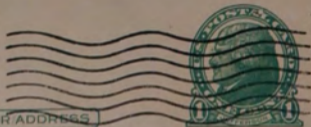
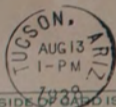
Unfortunately I cannot offer you any exchange, though you could retain # 2913, in case it and # 2141 are identical species.

I am working up a commentative list of Rio Mayo Plants and the specimens with their labels are of first value to me.

Yours very truly,

Howard Scott Gentry

Box 471
Tucson
Arizona.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler

Department of Botany, LSB.

University of California

Berkeley, California.

#131

Dear Dr. Hassler:

In conjunction with my Rio Mayo paper I would greatly appreciate having your determinations of the Umbelliferae next month.

With many thanks I am yours sincerely

Howard Scott Gentry.

Box 471
Tucson
Arizona.

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Extension Service
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January 30, 1930.

Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Miss Mathias:

Thank you for the reprint of your Umbelliferae studies, which has just come to my desk. I am interested not only in your new genus and species, but also in the record of Pimpinella saxifraga L. sub-species found on the Pacific Coast.

Very truly yours,

Helen M. Gilkey.

H. M. Gilkey,
Associate Professor & Curator of the Herbarium,
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY.

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G-P

The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx Park

New York, N. Y.

Telephone Sedgwick 3-3200

January 22, 1932

Miss Mildred Mathias

California Institute of Technology

Pasadena, California

My dear Miss Mathias:

In planning the allotment of space to future numbers of "North American Flora," it becomes desirable to get an estimate of the number of species in North America for certain families. Would you be good enough to give me an estimate of the total number in the family Umbelliferae? The region to be included takes in the West Indies as far as, but excluding, Trinidad and Tobago, and as far as and including Panama; north it includes Alaska, Greenland, and the Arctic regions.

A stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience, and I express my sincere thanks for your reply.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. Gleason

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Leaf

The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx Park

New York, N. Y.

November 22, 1932

Dr. O. E. Jennings
Carnegie Museum
Pittsburg, Penna.

Dear Dr. Jennings:

We acknowledge the receipt from Miss Mathias of a part of our

loan [9] and note that she has retained 359 sheets of this loan.

The time of this loan is extended to March 1, 1933, in respect to the

remaining 359 sheets.

Very truly yours,

Halsleas

H. A. Gleason
Head Curator

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October 3, 1935.

Miss Mildred E. Mathias
Shingletown State College
Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Mathias:-

I have been going through part of our correspondence in order to take it up more intelligently now that Dr. Merrill has left, and notice from your letter of April 1st that you wish to discontinue work on the North American Flora for a period of about six months. May I now ask what your desires are for the continuation of this work through the coming winter and also for an estimate of the length of time which might probably be necessary to complete your manuscript on the Umbelliferae.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

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Head Curator and Deputy Director.

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October 15, 1935.

Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
Shingletown,
State College, Pa.

Dear Miss Mathias:

I am glad to learn that you will be able to resume your work on our North American Flora by November first and even more delighted that you look forward to completion of the work in another six months. I believe we shall be able to give prompt attention to the publication of your results. I have discussed with Dr. Howe your reappointment as a Research Associate and find that he approves of it. He will doubtless write you an official letter in the near future.

Kindly bear in mind that we are always ready to forward any of our material to you for use in this work.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. GLEASON,
Head Curator and Deputy Director.

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February 6, 1936.

Miss Mildred E. Mathias,
Shingletown,
State College, Pa.

Dear Miss Mathias:

I have written to the Gray Herbarium for
the type specimens which you wish and trust that
they will be here within a few days of your arrival.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. GLEASON,
Head Curator and Deputy Director.

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JOHN L. MERRILL

March 24, 1936.

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias,
Shingletown,
State College, Pa.

Dear Dr. Mathias:

I have here waiting for your examination a small package of specimens from Kew and a much larger package from Brussels. I also have heard from Paris that they have no specimen of that species which we had succeeded in borrowing from Geneva. Lastly, Berlin writes me that they are sending a loan of Umbelliferae for your examination. This one has not yet reached us.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. GLEASON,
Head Curator and Deputy Director

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JOHN L. MERRILL

September 29, 1916.

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias,
Shingletown,
State College, Pa.

Dear Dr. Mathias:

We have recently made a change in our general plan of publication of the parts of North American Flora under which various families may be published without regard to their normal taxonomic sequence. That means that your own manuscript when completed can receive prompt publication so far as our funds are available for that year. It also implies that we will prefer to publish the entire family in one part irrespective of its size so that we would appreciate receiving the entire manuscript at one time, or if it must come in parts at fairly close intervals that it can be printed at once.

I am now trying to make an estimate of the amount of printing which will be required of us in 1917 and wish to inquire of you as to the general progress which you are making on the Umbelliferae.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. GLEASON,
Deputy Director.

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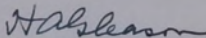
Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Mathias:

I was glad to get the report of your work on NORTH AMERICAN FLORA in your letter of October 12th. So far as I can foresee, funds will be constantly available for the publication of this article quite promptly after it is received. Editorial review will, of course, demand considerable time, but the delay will not be great, even when we make allowances for that. We are interested in getting this important family published as soon as possible and trust that you will make every effort to get the manuscript to us at the earliest possible date. We expect to publish it as one part of NORTH AMERICAN FLORA. The editorial work could be facilitated, however, if any fraction of it were sent to us in advance to be edited.

With best regards, I am,

Very truly yours



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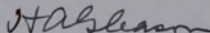
October 19, 1937

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Mathias:

I appreciate very much your detailed letter of recommendation for Dr. G. N. Jones. I have already had similar letters from other western botanists and even from Dr. Pennell, who seemed to be highly impressed by Dr. Jones's good qualities after only a very short contact with him. Unfortunately, there is at present nothing we can offer Dr. Jones except the very small benefits of a research scholarship. I have written him in regard to this, so that he knows that our hearts are in the right place at least.

Very truly yours



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Acting Director

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June 29, 1938.

Miss Mildred B. Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley
California

My dear Miss Mathias:

How is the work going with the
Umbellifera?

So far as we can see at the present
time, we shall have ample funds to publish this work
in the early part of 1939. I should be very much
obliged if you could arrange to complete the manuscript
before the close of the current year and still more
indebted to you if the part which you have already
finished could be forwarded to me at once for editing,
so that the total manuscript can go to the printer with
the least possible loss of time.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. Gleason
Assistant Director and
Head Curator

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May 1, 1939

Dr. Mildred E. Mathias
1156 Keeler Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Mathias:

Congratulations on everything, including the approaching completion of your past work, the present improvement in your health, and future expected happiness. We shall be glad to send any of our material which you may want to see, and can do it on short notice at any time. Dr. Constance will certainly be a great help to you in the work. I have never had the pleasure of meeting him personally, but everyone who knows him seems to have a good word for him.

As to publication, we can take care of your manuscript immediately after it is received. Those two words, "take care", involves considerable time however. I doubt if there is any botanical publication in the country which receives as painstaking editorial scrutiny as does North American Flora.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. Gleason
Assistant Director

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BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD,

LONDON, S.W.7.



Telephone:
WESTERN 7115 & 7119.

Telegrams:
NATHISMUS,
SOUTHKENS, LONDON.

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Dear Madam,

Thank you very much
for your letter of Jan. 13. I
was very pleased to receive it because
it is your the sort of letter I hoped
my list would bring me!

I am much obliged to you
for the information re Phellopleura
as have added the data to my
corrected lists. When I announced the
figures as represented here I was not
at all satisfied with it and circulated
it rather doubtfully hoping someone would

be able to put the matter straight
as you see done.

Re S. Anala - Pacific America
genera mentioned are under Ad.
I did not make a separate category
because their importance depends so
much on latitude, ~~the more~~ Re genera
become less discontinuous as they
approach the Bering Straits.

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any more details of discontinuity
you may come across.

Yours sincerely

Ronald Good

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LABORATORY
GATUN LAKE, THE PANAMA CANAL

DRAWER Z, BALBOA, CANAL ZONE

March 20, 1934.

Dear Mildred and Jerry:

We have thought about you a great deal and missed having you drop in on us. For your sakes we have hoped that the Tenn State matter has been settled satisfactorily, but we will be desolate if we see you again next month only to part in August.

We can tell you very little about tropical beverages. We landed at Cristobal on March 6, were met by Mr. Zetek, and rushed to the island that same afternoon without a chance to buy anything. Yesterday we made our first visit to town and I purchased a pint of White Label Scotch for \$1.50. If visitors come now we can entertain them.

It has become almost a tradition to read the Seminar letter on Monday evenings unless collecting occupies all evening. The Museum crowd has always been fine to departing members, but this last farewell was so damn touching that I feel certain that the outside blood was somewhat responsible - you and Van. ~~Van~~ In spite of my appreciation you might tell that damn Dutchman that he got the first letter from me partly because I consider him at the receiving end of the Pitt and Museum grapevine and I hoped for a letter full of news from him. To date it had not arrived. I have not seen a paper for days so the Revolution may have come for all I know, or he may have two or three more jobs to occupy his non-existent spare time. Or he may have gotten a photo in the show and be spending his time standing in front of it in admiration.

Did Jane write you that we looked up Esther Cargen at Phila. and had a delightful luncheon with her? She would be a good person to add to our Seminar if she were in Pgh. The next Sunday night open house will be held on Apr. 22, I believe, so don't make any conflicting days. There are only 3 Umbrells here and I don't believe Jane has collected any as yet.

Love,
Erskine

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BARRIO COLORADO ISLAND BIOLOGICAL
LABORATORY
CATUHI LAKE THE PANAMA CANAL

March 22 1924

Dear Mr. ...

The first thing I should mention is that I have received your letter of the 15th and am glad to hear that you are interested in the work of the Institute. I have been thinking about you a great deal and would have been glad to see you in person. I have been very busy lately but I will try to find some time to see you. I have been thinking about you a great deal and would have been glad to see you in person. I have been very busy lately but I will try to find some time to see you. I have been thinking about you a great deal and would have been glad to see you in person. I have been very busy lately but I will try to find some time to see you.

Relayed thru me
Ed. S. ...

Hasslers

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Verual, Utah
June 7, 1935.

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Dear Mildred:

Ever since leaving Pittsburgh I have intended writing you but we didn't want to miss any early days in the field. We have now come to a stopping place and are shipping back our first batch of specimens etc. May has been an exceptionally cold, cloudy month but the moisture has developed a crop of flowers we thought impossible in the Basin before. We have extended our collecting localities considerably to the east and southeast ends of the Basin and should get well around, if all goes well, before the season ends. We have several species we had not before collected here and many numbers in fine shape.

We were very sorry to hear, just before leaving, that your difficulty was not thyroid. Let us hope that you will have no complications and that the summer's rest will clear everything up. Being here hasn't changed my condition much, though it isn't any worse, fortunately. I am expecting great things from the summer - also. I suppose you have heard about Jennings - he must have had quite a difficult time of it for a while. Roy Kay, who got here recently, said he was definitely improving.

I have run across Susan Erty's new book "The Proselyte", a tale of Mormon hand cart expeditions and polygamy and the early days in Utah among the Mormons. You would enjoy it greatly and I recommend it for summer reading if you haven't already seen it.

Has Gerald seen the note in Reader's Digest concerning the up-to-the-minute improvements in

the new steel fabricated houses? One gadget is a toilet seat that automatically weighs you when you lift your feet. Tell him that's one to sit and ponder over.

Intermission now June 20th

Since penning the above we have been into the extreme west end of the Basin and as high as the aspen zone - good collecting and interesting country. I wish you could be here with us for a while. Getting in yesterday we found letters from Van and Netting, telling of the grand Seminar at Netting's June 8th. I certainly wish we had been there. Netting says you are looking well, and I am glad to hear it. Drop a note telling how all goes with you and what you are planning for the summer.

So much for this hectic piece-meal note - at least it lets you know we haven't forgotten the rest of the "Seminar gang".

There will be lots to tell when we all get together - I feel we haven't had a decent talk for a long time.

Sincerely,

Ed.

CARNEGIE MUSEUM
DEPARTMENT OF
THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, U. S. A.

A. AVINOFF
DIRECTOR

May 8, 1937.

Dear Mildred:

I have been very inconsiderate not to have answered your two recent letters before this. I was glad to know of the new plant record but Holiday Park is not within the Uinta Basin area. My paper went to the printer before we left for Mexico and it is still bouncing around. I have finished page proof on one-fourth of it and the printer has at last gotten around to some more of it but I don't know when it will finally appear. Because it is long and will occupy an entire volume of the Annals it must be laid aside when smaller routine jobs come along. I am hoping, however, that it will appear during the summer some time. I finally got 1104 species from the region.

I am still waiting for a job to materialize. Government routine must be even more cumbersome than I thought. However, I now have three decent prospects in view and if I don't pull up stakes before very long it will indeed be a peculiar affair.

At the moment Jennings, Prentice and Avinoff are in New Orleans at the Am. Assoc. Museums meetings. Henn is at Chicago at Issac Walton mtgs.; Doult is at Mammalogy mtg. at Washington D.C. and Netting at herps. mtg. at same place. Our new bird man, Twomey, one of Shelford's students, is in Uinta Basin, and Doult goes out there next week, to be followed by Wallace from Entomology, Koutchka from Brook's lab. and Burke from Paleontology. Ruth Trimble is planning to drive to Grand Canyon and the Uinta Basin with Heppenstall and Bown (two of Doult's girls) in June. Peg Doult will join K in the Basin as soon as school is out. Brooks goes to Newfoundland next month. He is taking the family and maid, and Betty is going to pay expenses by collecting sets of plant specimens. She has orders from N.Y., Nat., and a few other places for sets at 12 1/2 cents per sheet. A set will go to Gray in exchange for determinations. It will be interesting to see whether she succeeds or not. Mary and I are planning our canoe trip this summer if nothing interferes but otherwise will probably not do any field work. Eller will go to New York as usual as soon as the baby arrives, which should be in a week or two. So you see the Museum outfit will be scattered to the four winds this summer.

Regards to Gerald and to Herband Ruth when you see them. Write and tell us what you are doing or planning to do. We were very glad to hear about the new house; Mary and I have house-fever now too and may do something drastic before long.

Sincerely,
Ed.

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Dear Mildred and Gerald:

I see that Mary has covered the field pretty well in her note but I just wanted to add a greeting, and send my special regards to you both, and to Karl also. Why don't you write and tell us how you are and what you're doing these days! Some of my efforts culminated recently in a paper entitled "Legumes for Soil and Wildlife Conservation" which I gave at the 4th North American Wildlife Conference at Detroit Feb. 14th. As you may know, I'm planning to do for certain of the herbaceous groups the same thing Van has done for the woody plants. The legumes are pretty well in hand and I'm now writing up a mimeographed treatment ^{for SCS distribution} which I want to send to you for review and suggestions. It will eventually be printed. All of this has ~~to~~ be done in time robbed from routine and administration so it's slow for the actual value of the results achieved. I'm also trying to figure some way to get funds to enable me to stay in Europe next summer after the Stockholm

meetings in order to make a survey of "wildlife in relation to agriculture" there. I'm working on prospectus now and if USDA won't help I'm going to look elsewhere, though I'm not sure where yet. Any suggestions? This subject hasn't been studied by an American in Europe.

When Van and I were laboring through a long annotated list of literature published by the Journ. Animal Ecol. we come across this which seems priceless, and which I thought you'd enjoy.

Watson, G. L.

1938 The Jump of Fleas

Nature 141: 923.

A flea after jumping off turns and travels tail-first through the air, thus placing the heavy end foremost. On landing, the flea faces the direction from which he has come. "If the landing place proves uncongenial, I suppose nothing could get away more quickly than a flea, already facing as it is the way it wishes to return."

I'm planning a trip to the northern great plains in June (Dakotas, Mont. + Wyo.) but, unfortunately, will probably not get to the coast.

Come and see us.

Sincerely Ed.

Greenman, Jesse M.

February 16
1927

Doctor John Briquet,
Jardin Botanique Geneve,
Geneva, Switzerland.

Dear Doctor Briquet:

The original description of Oreoxis
Raf. was published in Seringe's
Bulletin botanique ou collection de
notices originales et d'extraits des
ouvrages botaniques 1:217(214) 1830.
If this publication is in your library
I should deem it a great favor if you
will be so kind as to have someone
make for me either a transcription of
the description, or a photograph of
the entire page on which the description
occurs. It appears that C. S. Rafinesque
in a letter to A. DCansolle included a
description of a plant collected in the
"Rocky Mountains" by James, and the
description was published in the above
work.

I regret exceedingly that it was not
possible for the Missouri Botanical Garden
to avail itself of the opportunity to
purchase the Stuekert herbarium of
Argentina plants.

You may be interested to know that I am
assembling a series of duplicate herbarium
specimens for the Botanical Garden of
Geneva.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

JMG:ER

Curator of Herbarium

April 11
1927

Doctor Alfred Rehder,
Arnold Arboretum,
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Dear Doctor Rehder:

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The Arnold Arboretum library is created with two of Rafinesque's works which we would like very much to consult in connection with a detailed study of certain Umbelliferae. The works are Bradbury, J. and C. S. Rafinesque, Florula Massachusensis, 1817; and Rafinesque, C.S., Atlantic Journal, extra number 6, pages 37-41, 1833. We want particularly to see all that is stated in these two works about *Cymopterus*, *Oreoxis*, *Acorium*, and *Lomatium*. Would the Arnold Arboretum library kindly loan these two publications to the Missouri Botanical Garden for a few days? In case the books cannot be loaned on account of their rarity, or otherwise, then will you please arrange to have photographed or photostated the particular pages on which the above genera are mentioned and described, or, if this cannot be done conveniently, a type-written transcription of the pages concerned would suffice. Please submit a bill for any expense incurred.

It was a shock to all of us to learn of Doctor Sargent's death, although of course it came as no surprise, as we knew of his gradually failing health.

Yours sincerely,

JMG:ER

Curator of Herbarium

April 25
1927

Doctor Alfred Rehder,
Arnold Arboretum,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Doctor Rehder:

Please accept our thanks for your very kind letter of April 21, 1927, and the transcriptions from the "Bulletin Botanique ou Collection de Notices Originales et d'extraits des ouvrages Botaniques" par N. C. Seringe. Geneve. 1830.-('32). Kindly convey our thanks also to your librarian, Miss Tucker, for her letter received several days ago.

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I want to congratulate you on the excellent character of your "Manual of Cultivated Trees and Shrubs." It is going to be very useful to us.

Yours sincerely,

JMG:BR

Curator of Herbarium

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THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

ST. LOUIS

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March
twenty-sixth
1931

Mrs. Gerald L. Hassler,
105 S. Catalina St.,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

It will be quite all right to turn over to Dr. Munz the second set of your 1929 summer collection. In fact that will save time and expense. Let me have at your convenience a memorandum of the number of specimens in the second set so that I can enter the number on our exchange record with the Pomona College Herbarium.

I congratulate you on the excellent work of your thesis publication in the *Annals*; it came out very satisfactorily, and I am delighted with it. I hope that it will be possible for you to continue your monographic studies in the Umbelliferae.

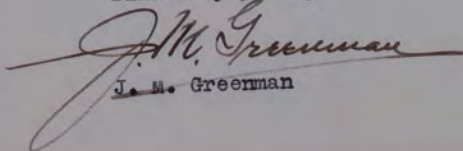
Under separate cover, I am sending to you, by parcel post, (addressed to you, Pomona College, Claremont, California, c/o Dr. r. A. Munz) a small package containing three (3) specimens of an Umbelliferous plant which was collected in Tamaulipas by Dr. H. H. Bartlett. This was sent to the Garden along with other plants for identification. I should be glad to have your determination of it at your convenience, and then please return the specimens to me. In the same package, I have placed a specimen of *Lomatium* whose ownership I can't make out definitely. Do you recall anything about it? Likewise in the parcel, I have placed two(2) specimens of *Lomatium* which belong to the Herbarium of Pomona College. With these two specimens is unmounted material. kindly hand the mounted sheets to Dr. Munz and ascertain the status of the unmounted material.

Mrs. Greenman and I had a wonderful trip in Europe. The first month was rather hectic, but after that everything moved along smoothly. As a matter of fact, I accomplished botanically far more than I had planned or even hoped to accomplish. You would revel in the same herbaria which it was my good fortune to visit, namely, the British Museum, New, Brussels, Berlin, Vienna, Munich and Geneva.

Please remember me to Dr. Munz and to Prof. Jones.

With kind regards to you and your good husband in which Mrs. Greenman joins me, I am,

Sincerely yours,


J. M. Greenman

JMG/VG

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TROPICAL STATION, BALBOA, C. Z.
EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE,
HOVE, SUSSEX, ENGLAND

CABLE ADDRESS
"MOBOTGARD"

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Mrs. Gerald Hassler
Shingletown
State College, Pa.

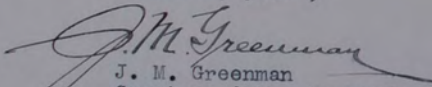
My dear Mrs. Hassler:

The shipment of a box of herbarium specimens, mentioned in your letter of November 21, 1936, is received. We have not as yet had time to check the material against our loan record but I feel very confident that your count is correct. The second shipment to which you refer has not yet come through.

We shall be glad to see you and Mr. Hassler at the Garden whenever you are in St. Louis.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



J. M. Greenman
Curator of the Herbarium

JMG/JMS

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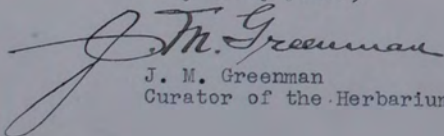
Mrs. Gerald Hassler
Shingletown
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

We have now checked the recently returned specimens of Umbelliferae against our loan record and according to our count there is a total of nine hundred and thirty-two (932) sheets (herbarium specimens) returned in this lot. Even though there seems to be a discrepancy between your count and ours, I am sure the records will check eventually.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



J. M. Greenman
Curator of the Herbarium

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CABLE ADDRESS
"MOBOTGARD"

February
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19 37

Dr. Mildred Mathias Hassler
2511 Hearst St.
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Hassler:

We are forwarding to you today by express collect, addressed to the Department of Botany, University of California in care of Dr. Herbert L. Mason, a carton containing the one hundred and twelve (112) specimens (herbarium sheets) of Umbelliferae which you requested to have for further study. These specimens are being issued on a new loan, and to facilitate checking on receipt, as well as on their return, I have had made an inventory list of the collections represented. We have found that such a list facilitates very much the matter of checking.

Trusting that this material will reach you safely, I remain with kind regards to you and to Dr. Hassler,

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Greenman
J. M. Greenman
Curator of the Herbarium

JMG/JMS

P.S. All previous loans are cancelled. Thanks for your annotations.
J.M.G.