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Society for the Bibliography of Natural History

EASTER MEETING

at

THE LINNEAN SOCIETY OF LONDON

BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY

2 - 4 April 1975

Society for the Bibliography of Natural History
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TULANE UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70118

April 18, 1977

Office of the President

To: Jesse B. Morgan

From: Sheldon Hackney

It is Tulane's intention that the legal agreement with Professor Ewan granting $25,000 in loans over a five year period in exchange for equity in his library and first right of refusal at time of sale does provide for his continued use of the library for as long as he may wish until its actual sale. Mrs. Ewan likewise should be extended the courtesy of using the library to complete the editing of manuscripts due for publication if the payment of loan should become involved in the settlement of Professor Ewan's estate.

Sheldon Hackney

SH/bls

cc: Professor Ewan
Deputy Provost Birtel

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The College of
WILLIAM and MARY
in Virginia



EXERCISES
On the Occasion of
THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

SUNDAY, JUNE THE FOURTH
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO
THREE O'CLOCK

COLLEGE YARD AT FRONT OF THE
SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN BUILDING
WILLIAMSBURG

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1 Nov 1978

Dear George,

Well, the smoked salmon appeared safe and soundly tinned, put away from some other items which resembled the loot.

I'm saddened to see my cable to W&W for a copy of Dillenian Herb. (cat 144/195 arrived too late tho my copy came by airmail and I acted same day. So somebody somewhere wants it too. I have the companion vol on Morisonian Herb but have never succeeded in getting the Dillenian commentary.

We are having extenuated summer, with temp every midday around 80 but not too bad for humidity. Dry! dry! pittiful for the plants, no rain for over a month.

We often think of you and the jolly times we had together,

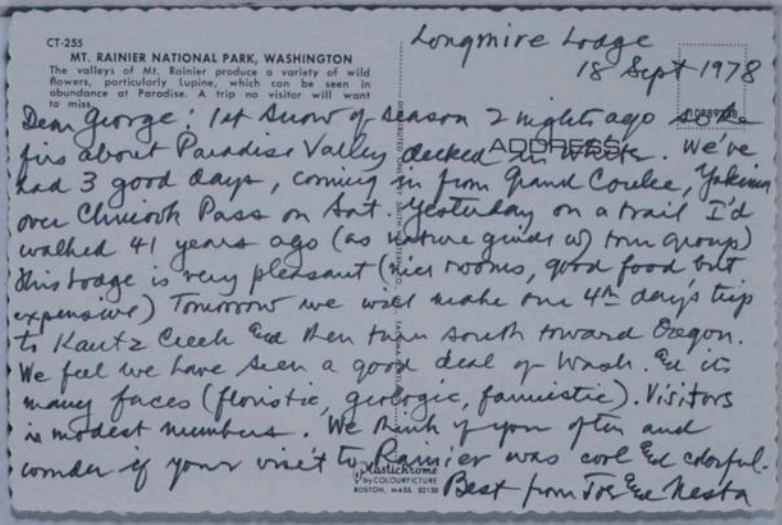
Joe

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Mount Rainier, Washington

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MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON
The valleys of Mt. Rainier produce a variety of wild flowers, particularly Lupine, which can be seen in abundance at Paradise. A trip no visitor will want to miss.

Longmire Lodge
18 Sept 1978

Dear George: 1st snow of season 2 nights ago ~~on~~ fir about Paradise Valley decked in white. We've had 3 good days, coming in from Grand Coulee, Yakima over Chinook Pass on Sat. Yesterday on a trail I'd walked 41 years ago (as nature guide w/ tour groups) this lodge is very pleasant (nice rooms, good food but expensive) Tomorrow we will make one 4th days trip to Kautz Creek and then turn south toward Oregon. We feel we have seen a good deal of Wash. in its many faces (floristic, geologic, faunistic). Visitors is modest numbers. We think of you often and wonder if your visit to Rainier was cool and colorful.

Best from Joe and Nesta

ADDRESS

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16 October 1978

Dear George,

So good to talk with you the other evening. We hope the rest of Eva's visit went well. We know what a quandry you have with the kinfolk each with problems.

Here is the ad for Sargent, Silva, at bargain price of $2250. I'm glad the UOre Lib has a copy, thanks to your action.

All the book parcels, seven of them, arrived. But we did have a curious loss: after we are home over a week we ask what happened to the smoked salmon? We had bought a dozen tins at Forks, in the Olympic country, and somewhere the box was left out of the packing everything so snugly fitted in the trunk of the Mustang. Where it was left I guess we shall never know. We hope it is appreciated.

I must taken action on bookshelving. I hope it can be arranged with a minimum of time and monies. This is for the campus room which is now pretty full of books, rest you believe.

Your living room will look so nice after you finish the work in hand and someone should take a polaroid of your room and send us a print. You, of course, in the midst thereof.

If you are down by the main p.o. I wish you would check to see if any owl issues may be unsold. It is a beautiful issue and we missed what would have been two sheetsworth. I'm stuffing a check herewith (*) snd my sincere thanks. The sheets may be folded and wax paper laid in for easy posting.

I think I suggested the Miller be shipped United Parcel Service to me Dinwiddie Hall, TU, and I will then take your bill (carbon if you can easily manage) with the book to HTMem Library for payment and so forth. Bill the University (Howard Tilton Memorial Library) Koch Botanical Fund.

Do you see the Sierra Club Sierra? Sept issue has a great photo of Sandy Tepfer, p. 30, which reminds me -- please send me Sandy's Frech address. Thanks.

All the best,

Tom

(*) $7.50 x V + postage. Univ. p.o. is not likely to have such issues but main p.o. I found to be rewarding.

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15 June 1971

Dear George:

Elbert Little was here last Saturday and I showed him the weird Pseudotsuga. All these years I carried the illusion the genus was only New World but said he, must be one of the Oriental spp. Sure enough, P. japonica (Shiras.) Beiss. from ~~me~~ all I can tell!

Two more reviews of Bamister herewith for your record.

The four of us will be in the O'Hare 'port on Monday afternoon July 12th, arriving from Okla City and offbound for London, arr. 5:15 PM lv 8:00 PM. I do not imagine you feel equal to coming into to see us but we shall phone you at home to say greetings. Only wish you were going with us! What fun, my friend, that would be!

Que lastima,

Joe

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Thurs. noon
13 May 1971

Dear George:

I hope this note is not unduly delayed. I tried to clump my errands to town and just came back with plane ticket for just what we have been looking for:

Mon. 17th

lv. Phila. 5:50 PM on TWA arr. O'Hare 6:55 PM on a dinner flight. I hope this is convenient for you. On Monday I shall be at the APS Library -- phone= (215) WAlnut 5-9545 more or less with Whitfield Bell, Librarian.

I just learned today that the USSR hotel and Intourist arrangements went thru for Nemeceks but Ewans had to wait. Lovely that they know a Slavic name when they see one. Cables so say Thos Cook must be sent separately with cross refs to alternate cable, a nice way to spread the wealth. So, it looks as if the younger half of the entourage is on its way.

Cheers!

and see you with much anticipation,

Joe

Joseph Ewan

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December 6, 1969

Dear George:

It was very heart warming to talk with you and your sister over the phone the other evening. We appreciate you thinking of it. And remember that you must plan to come down the river in the Spring and then go west to California.

First, thank you so much for the LP record. We shall have to have some work done on our player because the turntable is still not satisfactory but we have this on our agenda just as soon as we return from the Florida jornada. But we look forward very much indeed to this pure delight. Thank you, George.

We shall be driving to Miami Beach to pick up the reliquiae Meiseliana, lv on 18th and returning on 2nd 3rd I presume. We look forward to seeing the Fairchild Tropical Garden again. It is so satisfying as a garden and of course there is a good library and genial staff, incl son of Popenoe as director.

I think you said you were going to be in St Louis at Christmas. I presume that Jake Zeitlin's son -- would that be right? I met a daughter but have not met a son -- Joel Z. is at Washington U in Math! would be back in Los Angeles but you may wish to inquire of Joel. Nesta and I had luncheon with Jake's wife and Michael Thompson, asst with Jake, last Sept. when we were passing thru LA from Seattle.

Would you look at this rendering of Banister's two lines on mussels as per copy herewith and let us know if the transl. is valid? Many thanks.

I am not sure I ever thanked you for the items you sent us last October: Stebbins program, and other memorabilia from Seattle. Very pleased to have them! There will be at least two archives with"Please bus your trays to scrapping window!" for I carried off a copy too. Priceless, I say.

Last July en route to ~~Ann~~ Ann Arbor from Columbus we stopped at Midland Book at Mansfield, Ohio, to see Mr. Wesson. He had a copy of what seems to be a very interesting book, which I bought for Tulane. Three Xeroxads herewith, "title page", verso of same, and last p. or colophon. I have found very little on this J. J. Manlius who seems to have some bearing on Brunfels--I do not know what the f° 167 refers to: Vivae icones? Also, I find Venetian eds. of this work in 16th cent printed books, Durling, 1967, 2937 et seq. but nothing from Modoetiae (=Monza) Italy. Question: are we reading this imprint correctly as ~~1566~~ 1556? I know you have been interested in Brunfels and I thought perhaps this may prove of some association interest. You may know the work from MBG days but nothing in Trelease checklist. Need not return the Xerroxads of course. This copy has been bound in late 19th cent in 3/4 morocco, a library binding as if the book were to be circulated! amazing.

No 1506

No doubt you have seen this Bro-Dart binding system? yours for $495 speed, boy, no more "frustrating weeks of waiting . . . at the bindery, unavialable" Boy! Cheers, oH yes, I have been reading Desmond Morris' Human Zoo aloud to Nesta. It is very well written.

Joe

Joseph E. Laferty

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October 1, 1969

Dear George:

Hope you have had a great gratifying month with all kinds of bright promise! we have been simply o'erwhelmed with the accumulac of the past four months. But I did want to pass along the query from George Corner thinking you might have a suggestion that I had missed; I am sure he would be pleased to have it from you.

Then, Floyd Swink sent me a long list of corrections for the SHBUS, lots of them trivial but some sad lapses in giving different dates in different parts of the text etc. I am sending this blind carbon in the event you should have need for this knowledge in any connection. I should not think so but I feel as a friend it might prove pertinent.

Cheers!

Cordially,

Joe

Joseph Ewan

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29 September 1969

Dr. Floyd A. Swink
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Ill. 60532

Dear Dr. Swink:

After nearly four months' absence from campus, two months in the UK and over 10,000 miles saddled in a Mustang across America, I am only barely catching up . . . but I do want to thank you, very sincerely, for your time and trouble in making the list of emendations and corrections, a distressing number of them important, for the Short History. Scant recompense that some of these were victims of the galleys being corrected at the time of our departure for England and that page proofs came when we were out of touch of the mails away from London on a visit to liberies in the north. If we have the response that is expected for the Short History and the publisher is "encouraged" I feel sure we shall be able to put out a second edition, with several improvements, perhaps some additional diagrams and charts and the like, to make a satisfying book. Meanwhile I hope you and others will be sending in your suggestions.

The hardback edition is supposed to be off the press now. It is priced at $7.50. Here again I should like to think of the second edition as a paperback forsabout half that price.

Hastily but most sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Biology

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September 26, 1969

air mail

Dr. George W. Corner
American Philosophical Society
104 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia 19106

Dear George:

On returning after nearly four months away from New Orleans and sorting second class mail I find your letter of July 31st that failed to be forwarded to me along the way! Sorry for this and wonder if from my silence other queries were dropped that might have been put to me?

Fothergill's mention of an Essay on the Generation of Plants seems to me was a lapsus for the Experiments, as I think you concluded. I cannot suggest any "Essay" to which Dr. F. might be referring, prior to 1750.

Jonas Dryander, Catalogue of Jos. Banks Library, 1797, 3:390, mentions James Logan's "Experiments concerning the impregnation of the seeds of plants" published in the Phils. Trans. 39 (no. 440): 192-195, prior to 1747 London trnsl. by Fothergill. Possibly this earlier publication came to mind and confused the memory? on the correct title?

Hunt Botanical Catalogue, 2:213. item 529, mentions that Logan's work first appeared in Latin in Leyden in 1739 as 8° pamphlet.

It is gratifying to read the reviews of the Bartram album, mostly laudatory or approving (e.g. Blunt's review in J Royal Hort. Soc. 94: 367-368. August). (*)

Perhaps I have the wrong attitude in the matter but I have real reservations for aspirants (e.g. Dr. Rauschenberg) applying for several grants for the same project (APS, ACLS, Fulbright, and NSF).

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan

(*) Though I received an invitation to the New York presentation of the awards for 50 Best Books of the Year -- and could not accept -- I never read of an announcement of the winners but it is not so easy to keep track when you are in England and as busy as we were.

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so that he had no more left than were sold for betwixt 3 and 400 £ at most.

I am still of the same opinion in regard to the origin of Amber that I formerly mentioned.[4] I am obliged to thee for pointing out a passage that would not otherwise have fallen within the compass of my reading; but I hope to explain the affair in such a manner as to obviate every difficulty. It is agreed on all hands that the facts contained in the Essay on the Generation of Plants[5] are curious and well conducted; in regard to the theory built upon them, people doubt whether it will hold good. In some of the Latin academical dissertations printed lately at Upsal, I see the Experiments are oftener than once quoted, which makes me think it is well received by the botanists of that country, Sweden, who are at present the most industrious of any in Europe.[5]

I have sent by Jonah Thompson, a Friend in the minstry of good repute amongst us, and I think well worthy of regard, Knight's Discourses,[6] a number of the Philosophical Transactions which contains the only copy I have of an Account of Siberia,[7] and a little tract[8] upon a medical subject which I laboured hard at the winter before last. The disease of which it treats has committed great ravages in some places where a different method of managing it was pursued; it is not yet wholly extinct, but

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AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
held at Philadelphia
for Promoting Useful Knowledge

104 South Fifth Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

July 31, 1969

Dr. Joseph Ewan
Department of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, La. 70118

Dear Joe:

My wife being unable because of illness to see the Corner-Booth Letters of Dr. John Fothergill through the press, and Booth being in England, I am doing the best I can to answer editorial queries.

In a letter to James Logan, 4.30. 1750, a page of which I send herewith, Fothergill mentions an Essay on the Generation of Plants, and later the Experiments. The latter is of course Logan's book. I should think that the essay is the same, and that if Dr. Fothergil had not capitalized it, there would be no problem. But the Harvard editor is puzzled.

Do you know of any Essay on the Generation of Plants to which Dr. F. might be referring here?

Your Bartram book continues to receive highly appreciative reviews, and many compliments on its appearance.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George W. Corner
Executive Officer

GWC/bf
Enc.

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THE VIRGIN AND CHILD WITH ANGELS

RELIEF IN MARBLE. BY AGOSTINO DI DUCCIO (B. AFTER 1418; D. AFTER 1480). FLORENTINE; MIDDLE OF THE 15TH CENTURY. H. 22½ in. W. 19¾ in. (57 × 50 cm.)

Victoria and Albert Museum

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POST CARD

This space may be used for CORRESPONDENCE

Here to be written the ADDRESS

Dear George! I am not trying to be angelic* in sending you this tome but it contains a good deal of botany (vidi Bock, Brunfels, Fuchs and esp. Matthioli!) and you will have something a little unusual in a botanical library - inter-disciplinary and so on.

Very best from Joe

March 9, 1968

* See Phoenix dactylifera stylized palmification motif!

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10 May 1970

Dear George:

Thanks so much for the Beal, Bessey, Cockerell, etc. you so thoughtfully sent along from the Coulteriana at Field. Very happy to have these ephemera for they are so fragile in this world.

Did you go to the Conference of Bot and Hort librarians at Hunt? Of course I am anxious to hear all about it. Florence Roberts wrote that Gilbert Daniels will be taking over from GHML in the near future. Any idea what is to happen to Huntia?

I wrote a letter to George Taylor to urge John Beard's being considered for Kewdom and he wrote a nice letter saying it was open competition this time -- not when he went into the directorship -- and in short not his decision though I think he will have a say and not slight at that. I think he was pleased to have my letter supporting Beard.

Well, things are moving along: Tulane has closed, not exactly as Princeton etc. but the students may leave and take a grade from the work completed. Faculty divided on university's position against the Cambodia catastrophe though strong feeling of many that it should speak out. Opposition insisted that once the univ speaks out it loses its impartial position of free expression and would be subject to 'handling' as other anti-govt groups. In any event, things are sad sickening sad. Many students went to Washington but Tulane is not the same as the ne colleges.

DICT SCI BIOG, first two vols due this month from Scribner's -- they will have several of my sketches: Barton, Banister, Clements, etc. MALibrary will want to subscribe for the whole work.

Did you see this review of Wm Bartram in New Phytologist? You may wish to lay in this copy in your Bartram.

Must sign and write again soon
but very best from both of us,

Joe

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21 April 1969

Dear George:

Good to hear from you the other day and I am now sure (D.V.) of our program so I can answer your query on our program dates:

We shall be leaving New Orleans by Mustang
Sat-Sun MAY 17 or 18th and
arriving Lisle
evening of MAY 19th or morning of 20th
departing from Chicago, via BOAC for London
6:30 PM, MAY 21st

returning from London to Chicago, arr. July 17th.

Since we are due to confer with Muntyan on Banister Book at Urbana on Friday, 18th, we shall not be able to visit long with you, or we might leave early, say six or six-thirty for Urbana on Monday, 21st. In that event we could linger a few days on our return -- which would please us, I assure you -- how is your program likely for that part of July? We are due in Columbus Wed. 23rd but I am sure we could make it easily from Urbana if we conferred on Monday and left thereafter.

We are going to be pinched for time to linger with you in any event but surely hope we can manage to see you more than just a fleeing glimpse. Of course there are some biblio problems to talk over, etc. etc.

We are driving from Columbus to Ann Arbor to Douglas Lake (arr. for fireside chat on July 30th) -- any chance to taking you in that direction? How long since you have seen the Clements Library? I look forward to that very much indeed. I have never visited Doulas Lake and that has always been an object of interest. Then we head westward, at the moment without any fixed plan, to arr. in Seattle(via Can. Rockies)Aug. 24th for the Congress.

We move from 7508 Burthe May 1st -- with some deep regrets -- the house going up for sale. After that we shall be domiciled, most of the year, at 4320 Pitt St., N.O. 70118.

Thanks, so much, for the gifts you have for us, George, but why not hold them until we come? This will eliminate the packing etc. So grateful!

Cheers, and in fact
Two cheers for demencrazy,

Tod

This New Yorker article is super!

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2 February 1969

Dear George:

Certainly good to have the visit with you the other evening!

We are esp. pleased that the folks about the Morton are friendly and evidently really are glad to have you around, and how sensible of them.

Harry Lubrecht was here for Mathematics conclave -- some 4000 registrants -- and spent Monday with us. We had a good time. Talked of many things, as you may imagine, incl. the possible, even likely, merger with Macmillan. Macmillan wants S-H to undertake a multi-volume Encyclopedia of Botany. I argued against it; chief points: lag in publ with so many authors that materials will be stale by the end of the enterprize, number of contributors would have to be numerous because scientists insist in competence in narrow fields and so the panel would be most extensive, really the value of the encyclopedia over individual short dictionaries for separate subjects would be small in last analysis. Anyway, he may ask your opinion.

Here are the sample 3x5 cards from the Association File you asked for some weeks ago.

I do not recall that I sent copy of letter to Mea Allan regarding Tradescant. Here is a carbon. I think I sent her answer to this letter.

Fagus story is interesting. I write out these reports but hear nothing more. I think the folks decide that they have waded into something deeper than they are suited for, and drop the matter.

My review of Willman Spawn's edition of John Goldie's journal in last Rhodora. The Arboretum Library should get a copy.

I hope that perhaps you may be able to fly over to London while we are there. We hope to leave May 24th or 25th from Chicago and return July 20th. I am on the Summer Inst program again in Columbus that week of July 21-25th. Your suggestion that we drive to Lisle and leave the mustang stabled there is appealing and we may do just that. After the Columbus Institute we hope to drive to Ann Arbor and on to Cheboygen summer camp--have never been there--and then on west to Nesta's old home and across the Canadian Rockies to Seattle. Perhaps you can join up somewhere along the line . . . we hope so . .

Most cordially,

JOE

Joseph Ewan

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5 December 1968

Miss Mea Allan
Westwood, Walberswick
Southwold, Suffolk

Dear Miss Allan:

Season's greetings to you and Miss Woodbridge! from both of us.

My good friend, Dr. George Van Schaack, Bibliographer at the Morton Arboretum, is scrutinizing the rare books in its Library and has come upon an interesting copy of Musaeum Tradescantianum of 1656. I am sending a Xerox copy, unfortunately not very clear, of the title page and of the bookplate mounted on a free flyleaf.

The copy bears the signature of Sir George Wharton, 1617-1681, on the upper righthand corner of t.p.--identified by Dr. VanSchaack.

My immediate question concerns the bookplate: do you think this may be Tradescant's own copy? The frontispiece of your The Tradescants (1964) illustrates the memorial window based on the arms but it does not agree precisely with this bookplate. Do you have an idea on this head? You mention the arms (p. 175) being crowned with fleur-de-lys and two leaves--is this heraldic for what look to me to be wings? The burden of my query turns on identifying a Tradescant arms from an authentic example; I have wondered if the Garden Clubs of Virginia idealized the original design.

Incidentally, how common are copies of the Tradescant bookplate? Do you know of one in the U. S. from your research on the family?

What are you working on now that the Hookers is well known by review and generally seen around libraries in this country?

Next summer the XI International Botanical Congress meets in Seattle and nearly 600 persons are expected but it will surely be expensive for your countrymen to make the trip, and to live there after they arrive! Some may be able to take in the Congress en route to a stay in a Commonwealth appointment, travelling across Canada (at a more reasonable sum) and dropping down to Seattle from Vancouver, B.C. I hope that your publisher will have your books in the exhibit for I think this is often effective and I know the attendance is generally brisk and helsp with sales in the long run.

With very best to you both,

Joseph Ewan

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23 November 1968

Dr. Larry E. Morse
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

Dear Dr. Morse:

Apropos of your inquiry of July 15th, which unfortunately had to wait until now to be answered, the problem of the botanical name of the American beech has not really been solved, and that some authors have not understood the taxonomic history is also evident,

e.g. to say Muenchhausen (1770) produced an illegitimate name when he created Fagus americana latifolia is both true (it is a phrase name and not a binomial) and an incomplete answer (there may another publication where F. americana was proposed prior to 1770--I am otherwise not able to understand why Muench. did not let F. americana stand?).

Hohenheim's Catalogue (1780) provides no basis for taking up F. americana, and I have the 'feeling' that the name in that arboretum list, for that it was, is based on an earlier use of the name, which evidently has yet to be located in bot. lit. Unless, the name is so self-evident that its prior basis was not thought needful. I have not seen Muenchhausen's Hausvater (1770) nor Du Roi, Harbk. Baums. (1771), either of which may give us a clue. Hohenheim's names are nomina nuda as published in 1780.

That Linnaeus in Sp. pl. did not credit the beech to N. Amer. is most singular inasmuch as Clayton, Fl. virg. 1739, and Kalm, see Benson, etc. mention it without question. This must have been an omission on L's part attributable to the speed with which he wrote the Sp pl. for he had, teste Savage, catalogue of Linn. herb. (1945) a specimen from Kalm which likely came from N.J. or Pa.

As for Ehrhart see Stafleu, Tax. Lit. item 334 where there is a suggestion (to me) that what Ehrhart published in 1788 may have differed from the Hannoverisches Magazin earlier--could this earlier publ. give a clue or are the papers simply reprinted without change--Stafleu intimates this but does say so flatly).

As you know W. H. Camp studied the beeches and I have not pursued the chase in his papers; he may have some suggestions.

Just in passing Bolzius accounts for beech as item 11 in his 1756 ! list of woody plants in Ebenezer Colony near Savannah, in German without binomial provided; see my paper in Jan. issue (1969) of Agric. Hist. on Bolzius.

I have slight "findings" as you see . . .

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Ewan

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Tues. eve. 5 August 1969

Dear George: Well, we have had a lot of scenery since we talked to you from Columbus — lakes, islands, forests, sky, clouds (such dramatic skies up here) and birds now and then to fill them; plenty of Chickadees and Cheers of song sparrows, portent of storm and Commentary of the gulls (who seem to be critical most of the time). We had a good stay at Ann Arbor, visits w/ Roy and Ruth, Herb Wagner, and sessions at RBR and Clements (never really enough time) and a good visit at Douglas Lake. We ar. Wed. AM and left Sat. early. Frederick Sparrow took us around country to see sights, bogs named for Frank Gates, Bessey and Gleason, etc. etc. Guest houses are very cosy (lodging is gratis, food is $4.00 a day) and what a lovely walk on the shore (huckleberries are good picking). Quite a winning place.

Sat. AM we set out following Ed Voss and his 13 students who had signed up for "Bread Flora"

p.t.o.

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Ed had made the checkup trip two years ago and so we had a guided tour to see rarer spp. Sat. night the party camped out but we took a motel because we had no tent and joined up Sunday AM. In all we had a day and half more or less w/ Ed though we came along after he had passed before us (handouts w/ plants to be seen kept us informed). We parted Sun. noon after lunching together. The road around Lake Superior is very good, gas supply etc. not really difficult w/ moderate caution to watch gas gauge.

Now we are here in beginning of prairies after hundreds of miles of coniferous forests. We shall pay a visit to Univ. of Manitoba tomorrow and then on to Regina and Nestor's home country.

Thanks again for a great respite and we hope the coming months will bring increasing personal happiness which you so much deserve

Sincerely, All for now,

Joe

PS. Joe climbed mountains, paddled rivers, negotiated rapids and canoed lakes, portaged with Ed and they got me exhausted!

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Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Ill. 60532
October 1, 1969

Dear Joe & Herta – Many thanks for your two reports en route to New Orleans – glad to hear your trip was going nicely & was continuing to turn up plenty of interest – I hope you found matters at home in good condition, with no storm damage to anything – I am so glad we were able to be at the Congress together – without your initial push in May I should doubtfully have gone through with delight nation in July. And how much I should have missed! I found the whole thing one of the most interesting two weeks of my life – immensely stimulating (a lot of this directly owing to you two, and the many people you introduced me to – so many thanks) I regret I failed to see Dear Lloyd-Brinn again (if you think of it, send me her address, for I'd like to send her a message) I did see the Beards for a nice long talk on Monday morning at breakfast – they are so friendly and so interesting. – I'm sorry you couldn't have been at the dinner Monday evening, for it was a thoroughly enjoyable affair. I enclose a xerox of the program and an original of the complete – there were 1200 present. The address by Senator Jackson was very good; not having that of the Governor on the 24th in attention to world population problems. – Gilmour related some amusing anecdotes from each congress 1930 + (re 1930 he said: "I suppose I am the only person here who was connected with 'operations' at the Cambridge Congress – I was a young

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student and my assignment was to arrange the bus schedules for the arriving members' transportation from the station to the site of the Congress.) Rodriguez gave a very clever comic relief piece on pain (algos (Gr.) = pain), substituting the pains endured in attending congresses + other large meetings — from the soles of one's feet to the soul of one's body — created by all sorts of trivia on the one hand, as well as major matters like having too many papers on a single program, too many programs going simultaneously, etc., etc. — all done in colored drawings he had made himself and accompanied by elaborate mathematical formulae for calculation purposes — a tour de force which, in an earlier day, would have found publication recognizing the real worth of such friendly but genuine criticism. Sklebbins was in absolutely top form, and Hurley in full force [by the way did you see Hurley — he looks awful, and I would think is on the verge of a breakup.] When Gloriana came to 'A ballad of pollution' he introduced it as a parody on a parody, the latter of which he had so often heard a distinguished botanist, usually noticed that evening, sing lustily with the refrain 'All that she could find was oysters' — 'my dear friend, whom so many of you have known & admired, Edgar Anderson'. It was this ballad which was most lustily sung of them all, and the spirit in the singing of the line 'All that she could find was oil slicks' [illegible] to encompass what I think will be the most lasting effect of this historic meeting.

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My trip to Victoria was very pleasant. I found my two friends (he, 80, and she, 70) in very good health, living in a perfectly ridiculous house out on a promontory NE of Victoria — a beautiful view, and a quiet retreat. But the cliff back has been undermined by a previous owner and there is the erosion of a foot a two a year — however, as they pointed out, from the cliff to their house is well over a hundred feet, so unless gets much into the sea some dark stormy night, won't be they! — We went about three hours at Butchart's — interesting for once, but not anything I shall ever return to — much too artificial. Did you see the fountain, — also artificial, of course, but quite a delight. Much more interesting was Beacon Hill Park, where we walked for some time (the Cayeut Lagunaria glaucescens I have seen in cultivation) — and Douglas Mountain, north of the town, and finally a long hour we lay ourselves in a magnificent rose garden — the home of two of their friends who were away — beautiful plants + trees most charmingly planned + lovingly cared for. —

Back to Seattle on the 4th, having flown over 2000 miles almost unbroken cloud cover reaching at times to over 32,000 ft — we had some good rain out of them during the next two or three days —, and then a most beautiful week from William Steere to be with me. It

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good time here, and left some good remarks lying around. In particular I have learned he backed to Hall about the library, which I said was certainly a fine collection in the worst week he could imagine!

Work things on to today - the mss of Mac Phail. The last day of Moulton was an ordeal - she has shoved away from the library since Sept. 15 (a week in Phila. + a week moving out that came to a bonanza she has bought in Downers Grove) But Monday PM she called on Hale and asked for a meeting yesterday afternoon at which her new title would be selected - members of committee Hale, Mac Phail, Moulton, Van Schaack. When I heard this, I thought it set out and maligned this was to be her first attack on Mac Phail - so fixed him with a request for a room or two important title implying the residence of a librarian, and to get it granted before she knew what was happening (Mr. Davidson (Purdue) had suggested librarian to Hale (who took warmly to it)) + I got myself up to Hale + told him just what I thought, + that, beyond her actions being outrageous, if he granted her demand he would settle his little fight. He said he knew it, but he hadn't figured out how to manage. I can't write in detail, but can only say he did manage to prevent the thing & us with a joker containing a tentative announcement (in a single paragraph just to look like blank lines for Mr Mac's new title and my new title) locked

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at once to know that Longpath decided unfair. We took a good fish of circulation and the whole thing went through without committing either Hall or Miss Phail to anything regarding her. We walked out, Hall + Miss P ahead to go look at a desk - suddenly she turned on me and berated me over and over, blaming the whole thing on me, which I admitted, progressively breaking down more + more and finally saying how much she regretted having been rebuked for having recommended to Hall the worst person ever to have come to the Arboretum, the one who had in two years created the most damage, etc., etc. I simply had to leave her, since anything I said, and even my presence, irritated her more + more. She will surely hang herself (I trust only figuratively) - but as if her warning that collection is in what I did couldn't be excellent humor, and both the director and two or three others have expressed to me their (till now) entire approval of my selection. — Time to get dressed + go to work.

Again so much thanks for all the companionship at the Congress.

Cordially
George

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was a little crammed, but so stimulating - one day in the arboretum (while I took care of Mary Paul who arrived 24 hours after Wm), two days in Field Museum, where he looked at practically everything, always with pertinent comment - astounded to learn that the wonderful plant models were likely to be put in dead storage (the new 'exhibition' not intended in that shift) - he got an appointment with the new director, Mathias, and, leaving a. scrapbook with him, made him see that this accession is unique and important - at present very badly presented, but capable of existing arrangement and labelling - when I saw W T S immediately afterwards he was feeling very set-up, for he felt he had really done a fair job for society in what had been for him, to him, an out-of-the-way place. Two long (too long!) lectures - one on Linnaeus & his plant naming (and his system), the other on the first Cook voyage - what a mine of knowledge. A meeting with the staff when he spoke standing from the shoulder (e.g. - You have a very fine skeleton of Hesperornis - all in correctly named; your blossom is already very unfortunate, but it must have much more on tree in it, and you must buy, buy, buy monographs.) I dashed to on the field trip Saturday (down to a 400 acre low prairie in Lake Co.) - too much strong sun, besides which, ten minutes with Hazel Swank bores me enough to last for three days. All in all I think Wm had a

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Plant Geography

Association quiz

In each of the following 25 series one word or phrase of the series of several concepts is irrelevant and should be crossed out to leave a series of related concepts on a single topic:

1) epiphyte/ halophyte/ hydrophyte/ mesophyte/ xerophyte/

2) climatic/ edaphic/ gypsum/ pedology/ podsol/ loess/ serpentine/

3) geminate species/ D. S. Jordan/ catchment basins separated by a barrier/ species-pairs/ Willis/

4) Continental Drift/ Wegener/ driftless areas/ midatlantic ridge/ Ascension/

5) W. D. Matthews/ Age and Area/ Ceylon/ hollow curve/ J. C. Willis/ genus Colous/

6) gene flow/ life form/ Raunkaier/ perennating organ/ growth form/ hemicryptophyte/

7) nunatak/ driftless area/ Fernald/ Gaspe and Mingan/ Gaspe and Anticosti/ aponiots/ life zone/

8) diaspore/ zoospore/ propagule/ migrule/ dispersal unit of a flowering plant/

9) freely interbreeding population/ apomict/ parthenogenesis/ apogamy/

10) sore/ sima/ sial/ du Toit/ Laurasia/ Tethys/ Glossopteris/ Gondwana/

11) Africa/ archaic diploids/ recent tetraploids/ positive land mass/ little or no diastrophism/

12) zoogeographic realms/ A. R. Wallace/ C. Darwin/ Arctogaea/ Neogaea/ Ethiopea/

13) isostasy/ diastrophism/ geotropism/ Bailey Willis/ land bridges/ isostatic equilibrium/

14) microspecies/ physiologic infraspecific race/ coenospecies/ jordanon/ D. S. Jordan/

15) homoplasy/ parallel evolution/ epharmonic convergence/ J. P. Lotsy/ amphidiploidy/

16) "center of preservation"/ sanctuary for displaced species/ nunatak/ refugium/ epicenter/

17) Turesson/ genotypic response/ species moving north after glaciation/ Raunkaier/genus Poa/

18) ecesis/ ecotype/ temperature control/ 5° increase in temp./ Setchell/ "waves of anthesis"/

19) "Climate and Evolution"/ W. D. Matthew/ ungulates/ peripheral distribution of primitive species or subspecies/ M. L. Fernald/

20) Stebbins/ Crepis/ apomixis/ chromosome doubling/ limited or no sexual fusion/ not mictic/

21) migratory tract/ flyway/ bird-disseminated propagule/ episodic dispersal/ photoperiodism/

22) cordilleran and arctic species/ Glossopteris/ Ginkgoites/ Sahni/ Gondwanaland/

23) gigantism/ insular floras/ flora of individuals rather than populations/ apomixis/

24) polytopic origin/ Corsica and Alps/ point evolution/ Briquet/ disjunct distribution/

25) anemophily/ bats/ Polynesian rat/ zygomorphic sympetalous corollas/ ornithophily/ aneuploi

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Plant Geography
Biol. 623

Association Quiz

In each of the following series ONE word or phrase is irrelevant and should be crossed out; this will leave a series of related concepts centering about a single topic:

1) Lyman B. Smith / tank epiphyte / Tillandsia / Malaceae / Bromeliaceae

2) Wallacea / T. H. Huxley / zoogeographic realms / Arctogaea / Lemuria

3) arborescent forms of herbaceous families / Casuarina equisetifolia / Pritchardia Loxia, crossbill / Kokia (Malvaceae) / Malvaviscus (Malvaceae)

4) only 145 mi. across ocean / Schuchert / depauperate faunas of islands / Milton Hopkins

5) Solenodon / Sierra Maestra / crossbill, Loxia / Hispaniola / P. J. Darlington / Puya

6) palm "boot" / rafting / Puerto Rico / Jamaican tody / toddy of Timor

7) neotropical pineapple family / Puya / Cohesion Ratio Hypothesis / Sherwin Carlquist

8) Island Life by A. R. Wallace / Weber Line / bird of paradise / Strait of Lombok

Heliamphora (Sarraceniaceae) / emu and cassowary / Bali

9) tepuis / Roraima / Bassett Maguire of N. Y. Bot. Garden / Fernald of Harvard / Duida

10) Edwards Plateau / Chisos Mountains / northward movement of Mexican complex of Quercus Trudecacantha oaxacana / Juniperus mexicana / Casuarina

11) paucity of gymnosperms on oceanic islands / pachycaulous growth forms / high endemism Gaspe Peninsula / high mountains of New Guinea / Dendroseris of Juan Fernandez

12) Castanea ozarkana / Cercis / redbud / Milton Hopkins / Nothocestrum, d.b.h. 12 in.

13) Ozark-Ouachita Highlands / calciophilous spp. / Arbuckle Mts. / white-crowned sparrow

14) South Brazilian Highlands / world's largest ant / Zonotrichia (passerine bird) / Puya

15) Guayana Plateau / Roraima / subspeciation of Zonotrichia on vertical escarpment / Schomburgk, British explorer on Guiana-Venezuela boundary survey / Tillandsia

16) flora of individuals rather than populations / Kokia (Malvaceae) / Liboceadrus / Guppy, Observations of a naturalist in the Pacific / bromeliads

17) paucity of orchids / paucity of annuals / high endemism / calciophiles / Fiji

18) Delphinium of Sierra Madre Oriental represented in Ozark-Ouachita Highlands / tepuis Heliamphora / Dinornornis, giant Formicidae / Duida / mammalogist Tate / old (geologically) landmasses of "table mountain" character

19) Cohesion Ratio Hypothesis / tank epiphyte / "Spanish moss" / Puya / Solenodon

20) epifitic / "boot" of palm / difference of geotropism / [illegible] / "bridge"

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Season's Greetings!

= Xmas items

Christmas helter-skelter: which ONE of the words is out of kilter?

§ Joel Poinsett — Hellebores niger — mistletoe — Lilium candidum — cone of fir tree

= N.O.

§ Jackson Square — St Louis No. II — "Desire" — Shaw's Gardens — Canal Street

= U.S. pres.

§ Abraham — Adlai — Harry — Richard — Ulysses — Woodrow — Zachary

= states

Louisiana — Georgia — Jefferson — Maryland — Virginia — Washington

= pls.

Lamb's quarters — scarlet — horsetail — sheep sorrel — cowlip — goosefoot

= females of univ.

Paul — Benjamin and James — John — Elihu — David Starr — Leland

= birds

+ Redbird — kea — Kittiwake — kiwi — knot

= Wm Bartram

+ Billy Bertram — bellowing alligators — Old Cheyenne — Evanidinia — Pug-Puggy

= Xmas goodies

candy cane — fudge — Lebkuchen — mulled claret — plum pudding — sand tart

= birds

widgeon — millet — wheatear — wryneck — wren — woodcock

and a Happy New Year

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

King Court, Clayton Road,
St. Louis, sat. morn, 16 S 61

Dear George:

First off, I want to say how sincerely Nesta and I appreciate your generous arrangements of last weekend--the whole visit was a wonderful memory right now. The little walk in the woods to the thumping session on the Banister ms., how valuable they were therapeutically.

Marjorie is not too far from here but Dord seems nearer. I suppose it is the image of pain on her face, poor child, and now she is feeling better, a little each day, but, as Dr. Moe told Nesta, he is pleased with the results, much better realignment (something Fernald did to Panicums you remember) than he had hoped for. Moe said that ~~xxxx~~ the operation was producing satisfying cosmetic effects. The hospital proves to be very satisfactory, short of the poor prospect out the 27.60 window, on the building's roof top. Nurses match their pulchritude with their patience but what pityless parties to the act.

Yesterday was a valuable day: Thurs. I drove down to Madison and spent the evening with Hugh and associates at the herbarium. His wife is delightful and I think this match will be a success, if only the details of living can be worked out: rinsing egg dishes first in cold water, to eating a balanced set of meals. She's a doctoral candidate in hist. of science under Stauffer, working on Leibnitz, and not at all domestic. They have moved into a crowded apt. and yet Hugh, in his characteristic generous good nature, invited me to stay with them. Of course it was very good fun since we had a long talk, esp. on Banister ms., etc. They invited Stuaffer over for ten o'clock refreshment and this was highly successful. Then Hugh made appt. with Webb, Director of the U W Press, and we met for about an hour, with highly satisfying results. Webb wants to see the ms for a longer look, remarks favorably, and with Stauffer and Iltis behind it there is good hope for its gestation down to birth.(†)

I've not yet phoned John but I shall and hope to pay him a little visit.

All for now,
with thanks to you for a
wonderful weekend,
most sincerely,

Tom Ewan

* Correction: definitely interested in decor of their home for they have some most attractive Rugs, & too, Hugh has had heavy expenses.

† Did I tell you I'd written to Lawrence to see about Cornell U Press doing it? His answer awaits my return.

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Summer address:
Friends Arch St. Centre
304 Arch Street, Phila. 6, Pa.
August 18, 1958

Dear George:

Yours has been flying around the country and finally came to rest at this old pigeon roost here in Philadelphia, hard by the Friends' Meeting House built in 1804, and flagging distance from Betsy Ross's house and praying distance to the still more ancient Christ's (Episcopal) Church. My habitat has been determined, as you may imagine, by more Mammon than all these blessed events, the patronage of the Am Philos Soc for working--this time at their behest--on 18th Century Fr. mss. acquired last year and in need of sorting, describing and identifying in botanical terms. The mss. were the property of Duhamel du Monceau and his nephew, Fougeroux de Bondaroy, who were terrifically interested in economic botany: better spars for the French navy (an upright cause if there ever was one!), better charcoals for the dimlit homes, more kinds of fruits and veg for the table, esp. promising items that might enlarge the splendor of the King's kitchen. In all these mss. are quite interesting and though I expected to be rather bored with the task it has proved more than lively; two artists are involved, one whowas cricket and drew from life and the other bloke who drew from his English colleague, changing only occasional leaves and twiggery to gayly deceive. All this detective story has been fitted together this summer (since mid-June) at the call of Gilbert Chinard, emeritus prof. of French at Princeton, and W. J. Robbins. With such an illustrious bid I could hardly refuse. I'm here two more weeks then back to Tulane. Nesta was planning at first on coming up; when shesurveyed the costs of the girls making a holiday in San Diego, where they are visiting Kathleen this month, she decided against it. The location is very good, four short blocks to APS, and prices extremely modest for board and lodging. (One need not be a Quaker, ½ Quaker, or earthquaker ovvel aff. to get in).

Wish you might see it possible to pay us a visit here but with the trip to AIBS it is unlikely; I have too much to finish to make the trip this year. I'm very close to making the schedule if I watch the days. I had a fine trip to the good Gray, MCZ, Boston Public, Worcester (Am Antiq Soc), New York (Bot Gard, NYPL rare book room, NYHist Soc) and a few days in Washington; I'll stop off for a few more on my return at first of September. There is room here should you be travelling toward Conn. for any reason . . .

I'm saddened by your melancholy report of the coming regime at MBG. Have you had a chance to modestly present your own views to Went? Seems to me that you have that right and should assert it. You may be right and more aware than I but I have the 'impression' of persons who knew Went in Calif. that he was fair and cooperative. I think perhaps he may be influenced more than you are aware. Try, anyway. It is gross stupidity to set back all the gains that you have instituted at the Garden for the vanity of one man. If the present arr. is workable, Gramineae room as you have it, nooks for workers at intervals among the cases, etc., it is important to state your case emphatically. In short, I would see if the swing is going to be so drastic as you visualize. If I'M quite innocent and uncomprehending I'm not doing much good, I know, but just perhaps things may break for you there after all. The 18 months leave from the Univ. is encouraging and may represent the most important incident of all. To sum: put you case to Went, hold firm, watch the woods for new clearings and be ready to fly if you hear a shot.

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What new field to land in? That is, indeed, a difficult question: the combination of teaching as practiced up to now is almost wanting elsewhere but of course you would know the math picture and I wouldn't. I'll surely check up quietly with Wallace at Tulane; you would not be moving this Sept. I feel sure but may in Feb. He was going to need some more help last I knew and what field, if topology or whatever, I do not know. Wallace is a very interesting independent minded person--stands up at Fac. meeting when he feels fac. rights are being jepodized and tells the dean so in short words. Personally, I think he is good; has a keen interest in the library (Nesta knows this because she handles the current math journals in her room). The graduate students are coming along, too, and quite a succession of them. Bill Duren, who built up a good dept. here, went to NC as grad. dean. Bill is a really outstanding person, and you should meet him. Has a lively interest in science, incl. botany. Chapel Hill may be worth a check up.

USNH is certainly a rich spot for you, and if you wish to give up teaching this would be the goal. GW Univ. might offer a challenge, I know little about the place except that the botany has never been esp. strong. Sort of make shift spirit there. Math may be better for it is closer to the essential practical curricula they foster. Jason is now working MTu and ThF, with all day Wed. at home. He had an apendectomy in mid-June and is recovering from that OK but the heart attack has taken quite a bit out of him. He looks worn, and Morton told me --I stayed with CVM last time I was down--that he would not be surprised that Jason retires soon; he comes up at 30 years of service wicket soon and hence eligible. I would surely keep my eye on the spot. Do you know Lyman Smith at all well? How does he treat you? Do you know that Egbert is on year's leave at his own planning--they call it scheming for he took them unawares--and working on NSF grant on Pacific bibliog. for year with his foot in the door to go back to the job if needful. Egbert does not wish to return, and few want to see him back, I take it. On the other hand, it is clear that he has already found it extremely difficult to learn of an opening anywhere up to how to hie himself off and set up business. Quite a dilemma. (Lemma and a gloom would be a more accurately analysis).

In short, there will surely one or two openings at USNH in foreseeable future. (Egbert went off as of July 1st). Lyman will likely become head curator if Jason retires soon. Dick Cowan is now there doing S. Am. botany, and of course Emery is still scuffing about in his bedroom slipper mind.

If you do take a holiday come south and amuse yourself with us! It would be wonderful to see you, collect Grams with you and othwerwise invite our souls.

Have you considered pressing for that grass flora of Mexico thru Rockefellar Foundation at this juncture? Seems to me that would be just the ticket, field work to see strombboli in action, maybe, new spp. and fresh horizons? How about teaching bot and math at Universidad de Mexico, D.F.? Reasonable living costs, etc.

Sorry I shall not be seeing you at AIBS but perhaps you may decide to come to Phila for a check-up? Do you/Jack Fogg at Penn? I'm meeting him for first time Friday eve at dinner at Ida and Oscar Langman's here in town. No one has filled in Wherry's place and last I knew scant interest in doing so but then may be misunderstanding. I'll kind of check up.

With warm persoanl regards and good wishes,
hastily but most sincerely,

Joe Ewan

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Biology

March 6, 1968

Dear George:

Patently we were were thinking of each other! by number I would say

one, yes, I would like Norton, Story of California. I look on these books, tertiary sources often, as clue books.

two, My Endeavour copy has not arrived but I shall look forward to seeing it of course. This is a gift non-subscription 'benefaction' of Imperial Chem Industries, and a great medium indeed, in five languages! I always tell the students about this for during WW II when matters were g r i m in England they kept the journal going -- all the correspondnece and engraving etc. against odds and few evens and this spirit is great to contemplate.

three, Scribner's sound fuzzy. I wonder if 'editorial' comment would be permitted if transl were done? That is, fn on page when you might comment on the author's stated views and lapses? perhaps this could be raised if the whole moves to contract stage.

fourth, BY ALL MEANS DEATH VALLEY would be fine this time of year. You would find it cool enough I'm sure and at night downright chilly--take sweaters for after sundown. Terrific temp fluctuation. I am sending Chalfant's Death Valley, the facts for you to take along. You will understand why I am not giving but loaning . . . a sound guide. I hope you can make the trip.

Edward Murray from Penn State Univ came in Monday pm and stayed a day -- has been around Europe, worked on Iran flora with Rechinger etc. and at the Morris Arboretum in woody plants during summers. I wish he might meet you, for he deserves encouragement and is not getting a thick brew at PSU that he yearns for. He is en route at moment to Mexico to looka at Acer (sect. Negundo) and will return via California and eastward. He might stop at Lisle in April.

I am getting back to Baldwin, Reliquiae intro for Lubrecht so with very best!

Jos

Midwest Junto, Hist Sci Soc, meets here on 29th-30th, and about 45 persons will be around, inc Jerry Stannard, John Greene, Rauschenberger (Solander, Banks, etc, student of Stearns of Urbana History Dept), etc. etc.

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Biology

December 18, 1967

Dear George:

Nesta and I have mentioned you several times lately--wondering how the move went off and hoping that some kindly soul has invited you into Christmas supper and so on. You are no doubt pretty tired by now and this is just to say

A Happy Christmas and even Happier New Year!

In the long view we think you will be very content at Morton Library. After all, when Morton adds the salt of the earth to their staff, as they have, what more can they put into the shaker?

Here is a Mattioli item for sale by Traylen. I thought you should put it into your folder for that study you have so nobly begun.

Dorothy and Stephen will be here for Christmas--last year it was Marge and year before Kathleen, so it year by turns, in a three year cycle.

Last month I was in Boston for Mass Hort Soc--good fun--and a visit with the Tryons at Lexington and folks are ticking along at AA=GH. The successor to LS is a hard-working chap but has grave limitations; I suppose he will eek along but a good course in history of botany would help him a lot. Miss Campbell has resigned after many years. Reed seems spry and Dick Howard is the same tall timber. The Tryohs give the impression of being really happy and successful--all the rest of the folk more or less weary of it all. Weather is kind of rough.

Best of Season's greetings, George. We look forward to seeing you sometime in 1968 at your new habitat.

Cordially,

Joe

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70118

Department of Biology

Sunday, Nov. 27, 1966

Dear George:

Certainly enjoyed talking with you tonight and sorry we were unstoppered as we were but a few items were left unsaid,

We shall be talking at OSU at Rudy's invitation last week in April, 27-- and rather think we may try to stopover in St Louis en route. You might like to come with us to Columbus? In any event, sort of hold the week in mind.

We shall be commencing here on Monday, May 29th and likely set out rather immediately, for Lawrence and westbound as it looks now. Chances of getting a freighter out of N. O. for S.F. and Honolulu are remote. The AIBS meets last week in August in College Station, Texas. I have not decided about putting in an appearance for the Hist. of Bot. section, for presidential "message" which may be delivered from other lips in any event. We do not wish to hasten back from the paradise of the Pacific!

At the Arnold Arb. in Cambridge, Lazella showed me (or I found) an item which may be worth your noting for St Louis content,

Lenz, T. W. Reise/ nach/ Saint Louis am Mississippi. Weimar, 1838.
chap. Iv, 124-175, covers wild animals, birds, snakes, insects, flowers, etc.
author a student in Schnepfenthal in Mo., Ill. during 1836-37.
What Schnepfenthal is I do not know. Not in dict. at hand. This may be at Mercantile Library or Mo. Hist. Soc.? In view of scarce refs. on St. Louis before Engelmann this may be worth notice.

Well, hope you decide to come down in Jan. for a little visit. We shall of course pick you up at the airport, etc. and great fun to see you here!

Vale!

Joe

Marshall, Arb. Amer. ✓
Darlington, Memorials
due out early in 1967. Have returned page
proof to Lancaster. Looks very good.
Working on Rep. Fl. Ludovic. and Mexico sketch
for Notable Amer. Women — will be off in week or so.

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Interdepartmental Correspondence

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Henry E. Huntington Library
San Marino 9, California
30 June 1960

Dear George:

If it is the last thing I do this month I'll write you tonight, first to say, YES, and add, con mucho gusto! Nesta is jubilant, I'm delighted. So it is a date for at least the Yosemite portion of the trip. Possibly, too, we may be able to add in the Mt. St. Helena pretrip, but this may depend on the Sutro Library situation. Dillon writes that they will be moving about that time, and we may just have to stay close to take care of that large job, but we'll keep in touch and will join up if we can see our way to do so.

We brought blankets so if you can toss in those sleeping bags that will be cinched. We were pretty well loaded since we brought M with her goods for a month's stay. She returns in about ten days.

Well' we shall exch. thots on the decline in botanical neophytes, I guess that would fit down to the nodes, when we conclave next month. You would be heartened to see the L. A. County Arboretum out here at Arcadia under Bill Stewart, our old classmate at UCLA. He has done a fine job in arboretum education with classes for the youngsters, oldesters, and all sorts of worth while ideas, e.g. tree pruning demonstration on April Sunday with some 700 persons appearing for the how-todo-it-myself session. He has a fine spirit of dedication and what a collection; donors, too, coming along with all sorts of ideas, greenhouses, fountains, plants and seeds from ends of earth. This is the idea that Went and Verdoorn worked on last 1948-49, and you should see what ten years has accomplished.

I'll look up Zeitlinger for certain. I've bought some books from him from time to time; he has handled some of the items from the Kofoid and H.M. Evans' libraries out here, I know. Thanks for mentioning it, for I would likely not have made the effort. I know Muir Dawson whose father was a pioneer dealer here in L.A. and Frank Bassett. Incidentally the HEH has a nice little scheme of selling their dupls. on a open two-bit a piece basis, with a steady turnover. Mostly lit., esp. Engl. and Amer. lit, but some few items have come along in the three weeks we have been here. First ed. of L. Agassiz's Geology, with the criticism of C. Darwin, in the orig. binding.

Tomorrow we all go out to see Phil Munz, and that will be fun. Tues. we saw UCLA--Nesta's last visit was in 1954 --and Botany has just moved into a new building Jan. last. Some class. Harlan Lewis is head and thoroly enjoying the fun, I take it. F. M. Scott, anatomist, retired last year, satyed on this year, and goes off for sure now. Carl Epling retires and so does A.W. Haupt next year. M. Mathias is in Peru and will not be back til Aug. We went out to check on early titles, like your Sturt. prelinn. line, but no one, verily no one has been interested here. Setchell, I know, was and his stuff is at Berkeley. So we shall have to wait. I made a trip out to the W. A. Clark Library, operated by UCLA, world famous for Dryden collection, on West Adams--Clark made his fortune in Mont. copper--for a copy of Pluk. Opera. I bought a copy of Pluk. complete for all the plates but lacks the text, so we had to check the Almag. and Mant. having not known enough when we were at MBG to know what we did not have.

After Aug. 1st write c/o Dept. Bot., U.C., Berkeley 4, but we shall be glad to hear how the trip opens up for you. Have a wonderful time! Thanks, too, for the royal suggestion and we shall surely enjoy the Sierras. Camping in Tuolumne, I suppose? With all the best,

Joe

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DELTA NEWS

Cunia Flourit

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S E A S O N ' S G R E E T I N G S ! !

I'm asked to do a little ditty -- what a pity!
A kind of 'news in perspective' retrospective and selective
Of what has happened at seven five e eight
In particular with comment on the world appendicular.

In China we're told it's been the year of the horse
But we pronounce it Mustang! Thanks, America,
For the good roads e'er which we sped
From New Orleans to Marble Head.

Cheers for the biologists at College Park
Who came to walk and talk then walk and walk
And through the papers listen, sweatin'
To topics, microscopic, enigmatic and genetic.

For all the pleasure of talking books and parting with a measure
Thanks to Jake Zeitlin, Walpole Kolwoord, and Bennington Johnson
To Ashton Lundberg, Pottstown Kane, and Natchez Leisure.
And cheers, too, for librarians too numerous to mention
Goodman and Mason, and In zealous Schwarten
In Lawrence, Salem, OU and SMU, far and near, Good Cheer!

God speed! Norman Cousins! Keep the vision!
We follow Atlas to trying to elevate the stars.
Out of all the profusion of confusion
Thanks for National Educational Televidisca
There's chipper Tom Wicker, Julia Childs with
These knives in the kitchen and oddments from Rediffusion.
'Two Cheers for Democracy' Hear both sides
Better all sides for these problems global, 'specially Severeid.

Inter familia: Ahoy! to Lieutenant Richard Harris, USN, of Honolulu
And K and their little outriggers Leslie and Scott.
To Marge in the City of the Golden Fifties, the mantua
The rantan for Stephan and Dorothy in the expansus of Kansas.

Only two lines left to say: Have a Yuletide gay!
And Good Fortune to you the whole year through!

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Omnia flourit

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Stephen and Dorothy Hancock (Norman, Oklahoma, and Lawrence, Kansas)

Marjorie Ryan (New Orleans and San Francisco)

A V E R Y M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S !

"I DO!" SAYS STEPHEN "I DO! SAYS DOROTHY

New Orleans, June 19—Dorothy and Stephen Hancock were married today at home at four o'clock with 54 guests onlooking and infielding and Rev. Jack Cook, Carrollton Methodist Church, officiating. The bride's dress was made by her schoolmate of many years, Mrs. Barbara Bonnal Coleman. Marjorie was bridesmaid. The mothers appropriately wore Stephanotis floribunda. Stephen is completing his last Bachelor's degree. Stephen's dad calculates who will dig-it Computer Math at Kansas State College, Pittsburg.

FOUR GENERATIONS PICNIC TOGETHER Alhambra, Calif., July—Mother Dunn and daughter Nesta, and her daughter Kathleen and her daughter Leslie Carol, and a whole genealogy book full of sibs picnic together. Scott Harris, the latest great grandchild of mother Dunn, had a good appetite.

"BY THE PACIFIC'S ROLLING WATERS ! ! "

Westwood Hills, Calif., July—Joe and Nesta revisit UCLA with a roadmap to find their old haunts. Yes, Michael Faraday's words are still there! "Nothing is too wonderful to be true" but the Corsage no longer blooms at night on the roof.

"SWEET CITY OF THE DREAMING SPIRES" Oxford, Aug. 19—Up from Paddington station for a short visit to see once more the Sherardian Herbarium and so many exciting herbi picci. I jot down in my notebook at the tube station: "Wood, dogs, sausages, honesty, sweets, patience, and the right "to reign and consider," —these are the stuff of England."

JOE TAKES A SHORT LOOK BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Warsaw-Poland, Aug. 23—Eleventh International Congress of History of Science opens today. Joe presents a paper on "Hidden Role of Millian Bartram in the Beginnings of Natural History in the U. S." Thursday we leave for Cracow—what a lovely medieval city! City square softly lit by night will never come down from the memory's gallery.

HARRIS FAMILY WILL SAIL THE SOUTH SEAS TO HAWAII

Alameda, Calif.—Dec.—Dick has received his next assignment: Honolulu. The family sails in January. Two years [illegible]

MARJORIE GRADUATES FROM NEWCOMB COLLEGE

New Orleans, May 31—Marjorie takes her first Bachelor's (A.B.) and second diploma (First from Stephens College) at Newcomb College today. Now she sets on a western course.

BIOHISTORY PART OF DANTE CELEBRATION

Wellesley, Mass., May 4—A Century Plant blooms right through the greenhouse roof at Wellesley College while Joe extols the "Transit of Biological Ideas from Europe to America in the Seventeenth Century" to the girls.

DOROTHY GRADUATES FROM LIBRARY SCHOOL

Norman, Okla., June 6—Under a cloudless evening sky Dorothy takes her M.L.S. at the University of Oklahoma. She has accepted a position in the Catalog Dept. of University of Kansas effective July 1st.

THE ARGONAUTS WOULDN'T KNOW THE SKY

Lake Tahoe, July—"crystalline atmosphere, waves of the deepest colour, and a pine-hung lake which mirrors all beauty on its surface. Lake Tahoe is before me," wrote Isabella Bird, Sept. 2, 1872. Nesta and Joe, eastbound, pause at the overlook coming down from the rest of the Sierras.

HURRICANE "BETSY" WRECKS NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Sept. 9—Havoc blows thru the dark night as hurricane Betsy topples chimneys, trees, unroofs houses and yet the university section is spared a good deal that delivered total ruin to down-river New Orleans. —Dec. Hackberry trees still green and leafy with Flora quite confused! A second spring came after the big blow.

DOROTHY APPOINTED ASST. SCIENCE LIBRARIAN

Lawrence, Nov.—Dorothy promoted from the Catalog Dept. at Univ. of Kansas.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

DOROTHY ENROLLS IN LIBRARY SCHOOL Norman, Okla. Jan.--Dorothy begins her graduate study at University of Oklahoma with four courses.

MARJORIE SENIOR AT NEWCOMB COLLEGE New Orleans, Feb.--Marge works part time in Fine Arts and Science room of University Library. She enjoys living in an apartment in French Quarter.

JOE ADDRESSES SYMPOSIUM AT BICENTENARY OF FOUNDING OF ST LOUIS. St. Louis, Feb. 13--"French Naturalists in the Mississippi Valley" was part of two-day symposium.

JOE DODGES GRIM REAPER TO TAKE NEW LEASE ON LIFE New Orleans, Feb. 22--Joe was hospitalized today by baffling disorder (AMA Journal to report). Recovery satisfactory with Nesta's patient nursing.

MARJORIE SERVES SANDWICHES ON CANNERY ROW. Monterey, Aug. --Sandwiches were meaty and the customers merry at a popular restaurant.

NESTA SWORN IN AS BODLEIAN READER Oxford, Aug. 31--Nesta and Joe revisit Botany Dept. and Bodleian to see Morisonian plants and mss.

JORNADA IN MEXICO FOR MARJORIE Mexico City, Aug.--Falconing down from Monterey to see Acapulco and the sights.

DOROTHY AT NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR Aug.--After summer's classes and tour of Monterey Dorothy has a quick look at world of tomorrow.

RICHARD KENT BORN TO KATHLEEN HARRIS. Monterey, June 27--Kathleen and Dick reach Monterey by car 3000 mi. from Norfolk, Va., only two nights before Kent comes into the world! A happy landing!

LESLIE AND MOTHER KATHLEEN VISIT GRANDPARENTS New Orleans, Jan.--While her daddy cruises the Mediterranean with the United States Navy Leslie Carol visits her grandparents at Burthe St.

NESTA VISITS FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA Los Angeles, Nov. 12--Nesta arrives (2:17 PM) via non-stop Delta flight 959 from New Orleans (leaving 12:35 PM) to check on her family: her mother, hale and active, brother Murray and Lynne, sister Edith and Fred. Then on to Monterey to see the Harrises f o u r !

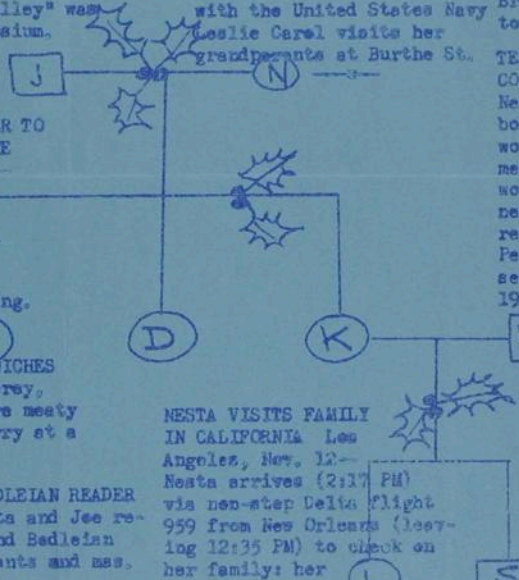
NESTA AND JOE ARRIVE IN ENGLAND FOR THREE MONTHS' STAY. London, June 11--Arriving BOAC from Chicago, Nesta and Joe find traffic, city noises and new buildings (many very imaginative) the big changes in London since their last visit in 1955. They enjoy their convenient lodgings (at Park House Hotel while their study of William Bertram's manuscripts and drawings proceeds at the British Museum (Natural History) on Cromwell Rd. nearby.

TENTH INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS Edinburgh, Aug. 2--Nesta and Joe join 3123 other botanists from all over the world to listen, talk, eat, meet, shop, and ogle the wonderful Botanic Garden and new library. Old friendships renewed (John Beard now at Perth Botanic Garden last seen in Merida, Venezuela, in 1945).

CAJOLING WITH IRISH FOR FIRST TIME Dublin, Aug. 19--Visit Trinity College (Botany Dept. where Wm. Harvey's specimens preserved) Royal Irish Academy, Glasnevin, National Museum, bookshops, and and evening of "Finian's Rainbow" at Gaiety Theatre.

CANALS AND OLD WOODEN SHOES Utrecht, Sept. 2

Nesta and Joe visit new Biohistorical Institute, meet Dr. Verdoorn & staff, check bibliographies, etc. That lake eel was delicious!



New good fortune be yours from Jan to December!
With time to garden and time to wander
With the warmth of friendships, a year to remember!

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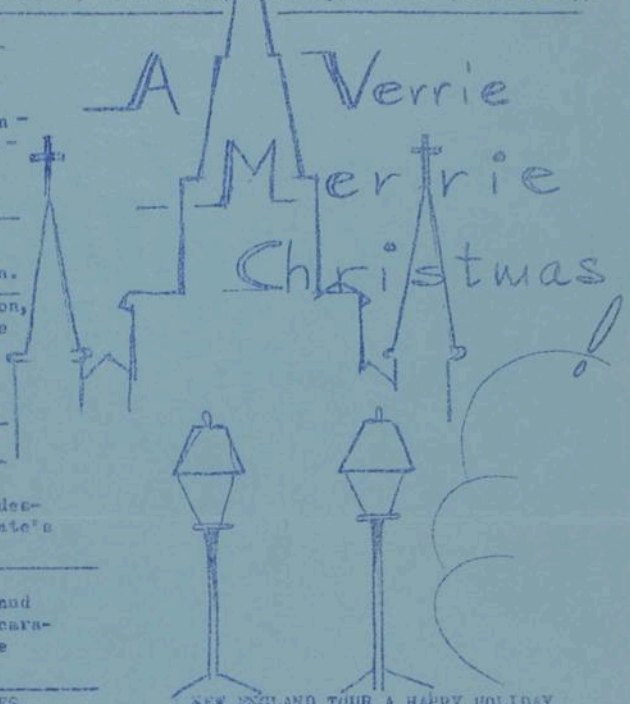
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Quiet plaza of my thoughts –
Lit by the lamps' faint glow –
How I wonder what you were
Three hundred years ago . . .

Moonshoot manshot year between –
Pierced by the siren's scream –
How I wonder what you'll be
Twenty three centuries A.D.



DOROTHY AND MARJORIE IN MIAMI
April-May—Visit with National Air Hostess Thelma Tarleton.

DOROTHY FLIES TO JAMAICA Kingston, Aug.—Arrived with Noel and Dukie Gibbs for ten-day visit. Tour of Carib isle included Montego Bay and over the Blue Mountains. Mama: Look at that limbo!

MARJORIE MAKES FLYING TRIP FOR JANE'S WEDDING Worcester, Ohio—Aug.—From New Orleans by jet on a week-end Marjorie walks as bridesmaid for Stephens College classmate's real commencement.

DICK SAILS THE SARGASSO SEA! Boston, May—Home from the sea (and hours on the bridge) let not by caravel but aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Albany.

LESLIE CAROL HARRIS AT TWO CANDLES Quincy-April 2—Cake and tricycle too!

NESTA AND JOE et al CELEBRATE ADANSON'S BICENTENARY AT HUNT BOTANICAL LIBRARY Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug.—With great pleasure and much profit we join 112 bookish botanists for a three-day program.

KATHLEEN DRIVES OLDS FROM BOSTON TO NORFOLK Sept.—While Dick is on sea duty Kathleen and Leslie watch the big and little ships slip in and out the "roads"

JOHN LYON'S JOURNAL PUBLISHED AFTER 149 YEARS Amer. Philos. Soc., Phila., May—Nesta and Joe edit Appalachian plant hunter's journal for the Society's Transactions.

JOE DEFENDS RIDDELL AT AIBS MEETING Amherst, Mass., Aug.—Plight of Dr. John Leonard Riddell in trying to publish his Index of Louisiana Iris [illegible] conventionneers.

NEW ENGLAND TOUR A HAPPY HOLIDAY Quincy, Mass., Sept.—Pausing at Kathleen's home from visits to Amherst, Walpole, Dartmouth, Mascoma Lake, Bradford, and Peterborough, Joe and Nesta carry memories of wonderful friends.

JOE ATTENDS BIOSYSTEMATICS SYMPOSIUM AT MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN St Louis, Oct.—Pollination mechanisms is theme this year. Betty Sprague disquisitioned on her pet Pedicularis and visitors.

DOROTHY SPANS CONTINENT THIS YEAR Pasadena, Calif., Oct. 30—After Miami in spring, Dord arrives with Diane Lingle in Diane's Chevy 2 to reach the "continent's end"—San Francisco, Yosemite, Las Vegas, and Tia Juana.

A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

FIRST GRANDCHILD FOR EWANS OF NEW ORLEANS New Orleans, Easter, 1961--Leslie Carol was born this morning to Kathleen and Richard Harris, arriving with a crown of dark brown hair, blue eyes, and a charming smile!

DOROTHY GRADUATES BACHELOR OF ARTS Baton Rouge, June 3, 1961--With hundreds of parents apparent we crowd the Stock Arena for LSU's commencement and the first degree of Ewan's F_1

DOROTHY TWICE BRIDESMAID New Orleans, July and Sept. 1961-- [see Society pp. Picayune]

COLDEST WEATHER OF CENTURY FOR NEW ORLEANS Jan. 1962--Subtropical plants (camphor trees, palms, potted ornamentals) were chilled then killed by 63 hours of continuous below-freezing temperatures--worst in 20th Century here.

DICK ASSIGNED TO MISSILE INTERCEPTOR. Boston, Sept. 1962--The Harrises travelled north to bring Dick close to service on the Albany.

NEW ORLEANS PLANS FOR BOTANIC GARDEN Feb. 1962--Three directors (Fritz Went, Bill Stern, and Bill Stewart) of 3 great gardens (St Louis, N.Y. & Arcadia) review plans and enthuse plant lovers. Question: Can N.O. support a symphony, an art museum, and build an opera house and a botanic garden and still go all out for Mardi Gras?

NESTA MOVES HER WORK--This past year and a half Nesta has enjoyed closer family ties with a bedroom turned study a pleasant working place over the crowded herbarium.

VISITORS IN RETROSPECT--Parade of memories! Biebl from Vienna; Mary Weeks, Arlington; Leonard Hall, Caledonia, Mo.; McDermotts, St. Louis;

DOROTHY'S SURGERY A SUCCESS! Minneapolis Minn., Sept. 12, 1961--Spinal fusion operation carried out today at Fairview Hospital. Three stainless-steel rods by a new technique aids scoliosis correction New Orleans, Nov. 21, 1962--What a real Thanksgiving! for last plaster cast came off today to climax a year and a month's fight against staphylococcus infection and fortunately the grafts and bone fusion seem unharmed. Now 2½ in. taller and hips even the months of hospitals, transfusions, and dispair fade before the victory. Having Kathleen and Dick near, Patsy's faithful friends and a 'swinging' physician as m.c. all lightened the misfortune.

MARJORIE GRADUATES FROM STEPHENS COLLEGE Columbia, Mo. May 28, 1962--Joe and Nesta 'commence' with Marjorie as she finishes her second even-more-rewarding year here.

MARJORIE ENTERS NEWCOMB COLLEGE Sept.'62 There's no harp at Newcomb (that she played at Stephens) but many friends, drama class, etc., and ACP41

¿Se habla Espanol? N.O. Oct. 1962--Dorothy loves Mexico, wants to travel, and so with Marjorie to make a threesome they talk Spanish for 1½ hours five days a week, at Berlitz

JOE ON RESEARCH LEAVE OR ABSENCE FROM TULANE July 1,1962--From this day Joe is free from teaching to concentrate on writing 'to put mss. into hard covers.' Banister's Nat. Hist. Va. 1670 will appear in 1963, Univ. Visc. Press.

VISITORS: Paul Allee, Lancetilla; Pennak, Boulder; Reid, Roger [illegible], Greensboro.

What can match a hearth glow
For lighting coals within?
Who can track a rainbow
For chasing away the gloom?

So off our burning Yuletide
Our greetings dance tonight
To spell a happy Christmas
Of a New Year's fortune bright!



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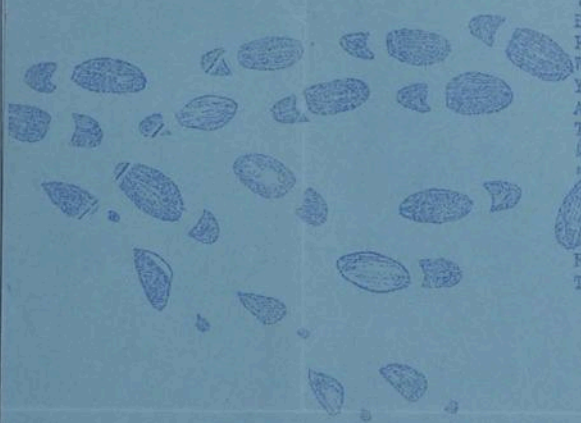
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! S E A S O N ' S G R E E T I N G S !

Change Things!



It all began with Shalamar we're told
But change, like chance, is very old:
Faces change, but not the eyes.
Woodlands vanish, but ne'er the skies.
Yet hot mince pie is still delicious
And tail fins are still in style--for fishes!
Tomorrow we lay a cornerstone on the moon . . .
"The world is too much with us: late and soon"
". . . it moves us not" Come, pause with me,
Just please, Think, Plan desperately!

First: Cheer! patience's fleeting
To one and all: our Season's Greeting!

HEADLINES OF THE YEAR
(no scareheads)

June 4--DRIVE OUR AERO-WILLYS INTO BOHN'S
AND FLY A FALCON (Falco babasl-fordii subsp. azureus) OUT

June 10--MARJORIE GRADUATES FROM FORTIER HI

June 13--NESTA AND JOE ARRIVE AT HUNTINGTON LIBRARY FOR SEVEN WEEKS SEARCH INTO EARLY VIRGINIA HISTORY

June 13--DOROTHY JOINS TURISTAS FOR SEVEN WEEKS IN LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SPANISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN MEXICO CITY

July 1--Lt. RICHARD HARRIS MOVED FROM SAN DIEGO TO NAVAL STATION IN NEW ORLEANS

Kathleen and Dick take a long look back into Archaeozoic Era from rim of Grand Canyon on stopover en route from California to Louisiana

Aug. 23--NESTA AND JOE BEHELD YOSEMITE, MARIPOSA GROVE, TUOLUMNE MEADOWS--GRANDEUR IN GRANITE, IMMORTALITY IN XYLEM, TRAILS OF MEMORY

Sept. 8--DOROTHY STARTS OFF HER LAST YEAR OF COLLEGE (LSU)

Sept. 12--MARJORIE ARRIVES AT STEPHENS -- THAT THRILLING FIRST DAY AT COLLEGE!

Nov. 10--PEMORAL FRACTURE BELOW GREAT TROCHANTER NO 'BREAK' FOR JOE

Dec. 15--SNEAK PREVIEW OF "LIFE AND TIMES OF REV. JOHN BANISTER, 1654-1692" COMING!
STARRING NESTA QUESTOR -- A GREAT TITLE ROLE!

AND A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

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S E A S O N ' S G R E E T I N G S ! ! and M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S ! !

NESTA TURNS NSF BICHISTORIAN

New Orleans, March 3--Today begins a new program of the study and editing of old botanical manuscripts under a National Science Foundation grant. Sir Joseph Banks, Frederick Pursh, and Rev. John Banister and their journals to Newfoundland, backgrounds for a history and a fascinating account of Virginia dating from 1679!--all come into our lives. Some exciting new finds!

DOROTHY SPENDS FOUR MONTHS AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, May 30--Dot leaves for "Sunset City" after four months mixing a job with the San Diego Union-Tribune Circulation Desk, with a sun an' sand an' surf spell at the shore. With four friends from Louisiana, all [illegible] the task a sophomore break, worked a little, played a little, and rested a lot.

KATHLEEN LEAVES BACK TO SAN DIEGO IN THUNDERBIRD

New Orleans, Sept.--Kathleen returns to San Diego to ready a home for Bucky coming home from the Orient, driving their turquoise blue MG along the [illegible] spend half a continent the scenic time, loaded with baggage and [illegible]

DOROTHY ENTERS SENIOR YEAR AT LSU

Baton Rouge, Sept.--With a summer session and work in Botany Dept. at Tulane behind Dot begins the last half of college.

JOE APPOINTED ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF BRITTONIA

Wash., D.C., Oct. Effective Jan. 1st Joe joins the editorial panel of botanical journal Brittonia.

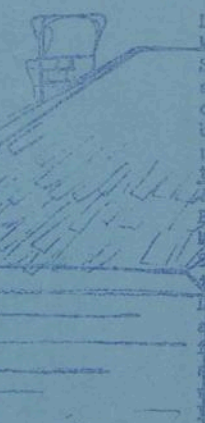
WEEK-END ON GULF COAST FOR THREE SISTERS

August--Just a memory that short sweet week-end together with some girl friends--who knows? perhaps next year in three states they will be, so swiftly pass the years

MUFFIN'S HIS NAME--A SOFT BLACK KITTENISH MUFFIN

October--Born in the laundry of a snow-white mother, you may see the likeness of Muffin if you look at Francisco Goya's painting "Don Manuel Osorio" where his ancestor with round yellow eyes ogles the magpie!

AND AS A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL



LIEUT. HARRIS RETURNS FROM SIX MONTHS' CRUISE IN THE ORIENT

San Diego, Nov. 23--From as far away as the sea off North Borneo comes Lieut. JG Richard Harris back from six months' duty in the ports of far Cathay. Home from the sea!

JOE AND NESTA TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Aug.17--Flying in from Syracuse and points south--[illegible] in archives and libraries at St Louis, Madison, Ann Arbor, Ithaca and Syracuse--Joe and Nesta arr. for two weeks' sessions. Great to see friends from overseas, and a wonderful walk feet on McGill U's lawn; banquets, speeches, teas, and walks up Mount Royal--what a week! McGill's great library of ornithology was a special treat.

MARJORIE'S LAST YEAR AT PORTIER

N.O., Sept.--Senior year for Worg at Portier High School opens with a little physics, a lot of English, squeak of Spanish and a spell of history, plus some SAE parties at slis!

JOE PARTICIPATES IN CULTURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE AT ST LOUIS

St Louis, Oct. 23--Joe arrived today for Conference on "Research Opportunities in American Cultural History" at Washington Univ. His topic: "Scientist on the Frontier"--one of 12 invited.

FOUR DAY FIELD TRIP AROUND STATE

April--North to Monroe, west to Saline, Alexandria, and so to Welsh, [illegible] botanize for spring flowering species

[illegible]--COOL THANKSGIVING

To a "long hot summer" was added extra inches of rainfall this year and Thanksgiving brought a fire in the hearth, but now it is ten foot Poinsettias at Christmas.

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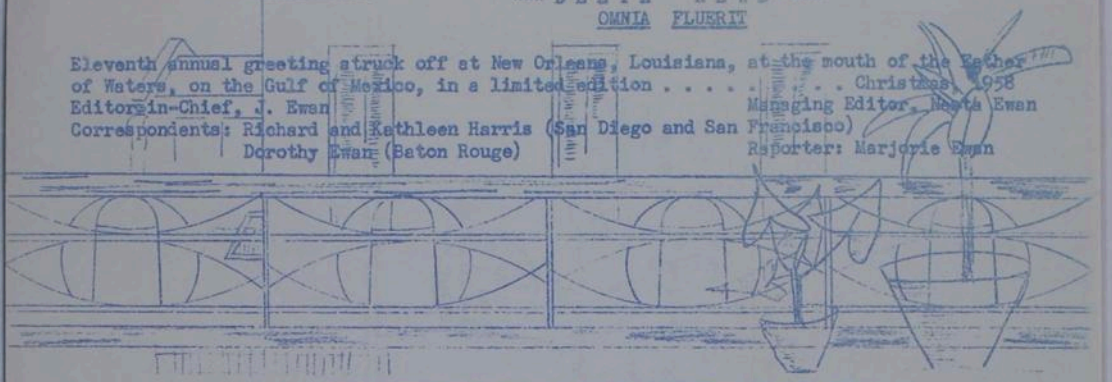
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GREETINGS! and A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

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KATHLEEN FLIES TO CALIFORNIA

San Diego, Calif., Jan.--Via Delta to Dallas and American Airlines to Los Angeles, Kathleen arrived here to join Dickie who left Norfolk, Va., and took in a Caribbean cruise (via US Navy luxury liner) and Canal passage en route to this fair city.

A N D A B R I G H T A N D H A P P Y Y E A R T O Y O U A L L

SAN FRANCISCO THRILLS KATHLEEN

Vallejo, Calif.--Sept.--With Dickie moved here for a spell at Naval Base there is time for some sightseeing in the Bay Region. Mt. Tamalpais, Muir Woods, Golden Gate Park, Berkeley, etc., and, before returning to San Diego about Dec. 1, visits to Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks, all in their speedy space-shrinking MG! "How I love San Francisco!"

NESTA SERVES ART & SCIENCE FOR SEVENTH YEAR New Orleans, Sept.--This Fall term opens with freshly painted reading rooms, more shelving, and some new subscriptions, with Nesta as Head of Fine Arts and Science beginning her seventh year.

DOROTHY STARTS SOPHOMORE YEAR AT LSU. Baton Rouge, Sept.--This Fall term it will be West Hall as home instead of Evangeline for the college year, with classes in history, psychology, English, education, and gym term divided between golf and tennis. "Golf is great!"

MARGIE GETS HER DRIVER'S LICENSE

New Orleans, Oct.--"Using the car to Date?"

LSU TOP TEAM OF NATION!! "Great!!"

DOROTHY AND MARJORIE VISIT KATHLEEN IN CALIFORNIA

San Diego, Calif., Aug.--Weary and greyHOUNDED, Dord and Morg arrived today from the Crescent City, accompanied by Thelma Tarleton, Bunny Harrison, and Barbara Becnal. They plan to visit Kathleen and Dickie now stationed here at the U.S. Naval Base.

Chilled by the Pacific waters but warmed by the California sun, five visitors from New Orleans and Kathleen visited Tia Juana, in Ole Mexico, Disneyland, and the Magic Isle, Santa Catalina, and relatives in San Gabriel, to return wearier and GREY-hounded to Home, Sweat Home.

IT'S FRENCH MANUSCRIPTS IN PHILADELPHIA Phila., Sept. 1,--Joe left today after 2 1/2 months' stay here studying 18th-19th Century French botanical manuscripts acquired by the American Philosophical Society. The collating and identification of the collections, drawings, persons, and places was carried out in collaboration with Dr. Gilbert Chinard, Emeritus Professor of French, Princeton. The study was divided between Fougeroux de Bondaroy and C. A. Lesueur, and included examinationnof materials at Harvard, American Antiquarian Society, N. Y. Historical Society, and N. Y. Botanical Garden, in addition to the rich Philadelphia sources.

MARGIE BEGINS JUNIOR YEAR AT FORTIER HI New Orleans, Sept.--Chem, Math, English, History, Girls' Chorus, and Gym jostle with DBS Sorority doings this Fall.

TULANE CHAPTER SIGMA XI ELECTS New Orleans, April--"Joseph Ewan, Professor of Botany, . . . " was elected President of the Tulane Chapter of the honorary scientific fraternity of Sigma Xi today . . . "

NESTA MAKES LOUISIANA RECORDS FOR FUNGI

Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, La., Sept. 21--The pretty little fungus, Calostoma Ravenelii, was found near here today; Dr. Arthur Welden, mycologist at Tulane, assures us this is evidently the first state record. Girl Scout Camp, Bogue Falaya River, n. of Covington, La., Nov. 29--A species of Hericium brings a second record for the state!

JOE TO ATTEND AAAS MEETINGS AT WASHINGTON THIS XMAS

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Sediments of the Season from the Delta
by J. Ewan

'Tis not a Rhyme to be Traded for Bread
Just puppy doggerel right out of my head--
So 'bide a wag or two and I'll be thru
And then we can all go back to bed.

For all of us here at Thirty Five C
There's hardly a day that'll be scot free
For Nesta of late fell to a librarian's fate
Counsels, ferrets, and files aard-vark to zebree

Questions and answers, and lexicons rife
Fine arts, folios, words and bindery strife
Isis and lysis, Parke, Rhodora, and Chemie
Bookish and busy, you see, is my two-handed wife.

Marjorie at her spinnet; Kathleen, the cello
Freshman Dorothy in high school--all fond of jello,
It's football 1-2-3, and McAlister movies to see,
Potsy, Lilly, and Carol, Kada, and Mo.

From the state of the pelican, praline and Pontchartrain,
"Shrimp boats are comin' and plenty of rain,
Bayou, molasses, batture and passes,
And a "Street Car" with a perfumed name,

A Sugar Bowl and pretty campus called Tulane,
Streets Canal, Eros, Bourbon, and Dumaine,
Soft winhes warm and subtropic, if a bit polyglottic
To friends near and far, all the same.

Greetings, too, Quaker quiet, rich in lore,
Gleaned from book, and garden, and open door
Of awfully good neighbors who lightened our labors
Of a summer serene at Number Four

On Whittier Place in Swarthmore town
Hard by sweeps of lawn and tall trunks brown
Crowned with leaf years of green all shimmering sheen
Fairly vibrant in June with bees all around.

Clear down to Crum Creek and its big black crows
Cawing and calling from the tallest rows
Of elms and oaks,--black humorless folks,
Who take off with slow flaps, cornwise, suppose.

And down at the Academy on Logan Square
Where Leidy stands with a professorial air,
Crowded inside all over the place are birds 'n carapace
Trapped in trays or sporting over there

In dioramas alive like Tibetan snows,
Wyoming's pronghorn pastures and rows
On rows of flat-topped acacias and Africa and Asia's
"Zoögeographic realms" to the man who knows.

Then to the Society Philosophic on Independence Square
To search their archives faded and rare
For overlooked letters, sketches and maps
From journeys far when few where there.

There was Charleston, too, and Folly Beach,
Fiddler crabs, and grevestones that preach,
Bachman's church, steamy days, soft nights and balustrades,
June bugs a-wing and stars out o' reach.

To our friends just now, both old and new,
We send the Season's best and true--
Join we all, from the short to the tall,
In wishing good fortune the New Year thru!

Postludo:
Allusions confusing--
I have a notion,
But I second the motion!
N. E.

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Friends near and far, neotound and old--
Here's a round of remembrance, full, fresh and true:
Though the blue geese are here and robins look cold,
The Magnolia's green and the live oaks look new!
So back up the river, over flyways of thought
Go our right good wishes straight from the heart!

FORESTERS TO THE FRONT. Bogalusa, La., Dec. 5--Glow of pride in the accomplishments of our foresters of Southern Forest Experiment Station as the New Orleans Botanical Society visits plantings near here. Phil Wakeley explained the role of disease and "controlled burning" in growing pines for wood pulp, variations in plots seeded by hand and by nature, and tree habits.

EWANS SUMMER AT SWARTHMORE Swarthmore, Pa., June--Driving north from New Orleans the Ewans took up summer residence at 4 Whittier Place, the home of Prof. Winthrop Wright and family, as Joe prepares to work at Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia on historic old plant collections preserved there. Nestled in cool grove of Swarthmore College's own arboretum our house was delightful and we all marvelled at the stillness, the birds in the spruces in the backyard, the praying mantids in the roses, and the dying visit of an opossum --not to forget the cordial hospitality of the good neighbors who made our summer so memorable! Imagine a fire in the hearth in July! with suppers on the backyard lawn the next day, croquet and shooting basketball after dinner. Have you ever tasted Rubus phoenicolasius? [wine berries to you]--they are delicious, Try some;

COLUMBUS MEETINGS OF BIOLOGISTS BRING TOGETHER FRIENDS. Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 11-The Ewans return to Tulane via AIBS meetings here, with George Proctor en route to Science Institute, Kingston, Jamaica, and Gordon deWolf, to Tulane for graduate work, as passengers. Goldschmidt's lecture on fiftieth anniversary of rediscovery of Mendelian genetics was high point for meetings. Fun to meet our oldtime UCLA, Berkeley, Washington, and St. Louis friends

GIRLS FIND BOATING IN CONNECTICUT REAL SPORT --Have you ever loaded sleeping bags in a boat, pans and grub, and rowed out to an island in a lake for camping? The girls found it great fun, especially when two ply the oars in close oven strokes! The water was warm, too; you guess!

"HIT A SENSE OF AFFLUENCE COMES WITH THAT SEASON TICKET! New Orleans, Nov. 12--Sir Thomas Beecham and London Symphony Orchestra lead off the season for the two oldest Ewans today. Vera Appleton--Marshall Field, duo-pianists, and Tossy Spivakovsky, violonist, come this Fall. Great.

"KING SOLOMON'S MINES" IS A GREAT SHOW! Nov. 24.--All agreed that this was a real picture, well played and full of interest; exciting for those who know an aard-vark and those who don't. And those twin peaks of Kenya!

"ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURALISTS" DUE OUT BEFORE CHRISTMAS--After two sets of galley proofs and two sets of pageproof we can only hope that there will be very few errors in what we hope will be readable and useful--fun to write, too! What the reviewers will think? Quien sabe?

NESTA VIEWS THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI--Pilottown, La. Seeing the Delta Wildlife Refuge from lookout tower, live otter on riverbank, glossy ibis, blue geese, at Dead Lemon Pass

WINGING OVER LOUISIANA. New Orleans, Oct. 27--Flight over the lower Mississippi marshes shows the dark brown ribbon, scars of old distributaries, the long thin plantations, Baccharis bushes all abloom, and terra firma fading out to the Gulf, as Nesta thrills to her first plane trip with science convention.

A DUSKY SCHOOL IN PINEY WOOD Piney Woods, Miss., June--We visited Mrs. T. B. A. Cookerell at the Piney Woods School for negroes and what a wonderful place it is! To see classrooms and a fine new library in midst of pine woods to bring opportunity to colored boys and girls is a heartening experience.

GIRLS SEE BIG CITY sights in New York, Aug. 18--Over the Pulaski Skyway, thru Holland Tunnel travel the Ewans to see New York for first time for girls. Doubledeck bus ride, harbor trip to Statue of Liberty, Great White Way, Metropolitan--all thrill to the feel of the big city. That room in Barbizon-Plaza will be a nice memory, with its view over Central Park by night Kathleen; "Gee! I hope we can go back to New York real soon!"

PEEPS AT A PLATYPUS New York, Aug.--We all watch real live Platypus at the Bronx Zoo swim, dive, and go to bed in his earthbank

P.P.Y.S, quo lastima, GET FROSTED Tulane campus,--What bid fair to be golden papayas didn't have the chance this year for a low temperature spell but will be planted out next year.

Joe's FIRST BROADCAST TO COME IN JAN.--WNOE's program [Tulane University] "Looking at Books" takes up G.B.Shaw's "Back to Methusclah" with Joe on discussion panel.

"KISS ME KATE" AND "CHERY ORCHARD" BILLS OF SEASON IN PHILADELPHIA AND REDGERON

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The tune is familiar, the words are not new
The year fades out and we've much to do,
But it gives us great pleasure, just the same
Though there's no time to write each party by name
We still warmly wish and hold the thought dear--
A Very Merry Christmas and B right New Year!

MANY MERRY MYSTIC MAIDS

New Orleans, Feb. 25--Kathleen attends a Mardi Gras ball in a new blue formal, the material bought and the dress made by Nesta and her mother all in a day

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EWANS ZIG-ZAG UP TO JASPER ALONG CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ON 8200-MILE TRIP BY JEEP New Orleans, Sept. 20--Home after 59 days away in the Great West, by Willys ("Conchita") Jeep Station wagon from here to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Alberta, and British Columbia, camping out in the Rockies studying and collecting the vegetation. In addition to five Ewans, Dr. George B. VanSchaack, mathematician and agrostologist, Washington University, St. Louis, and Ko Ko Lay, of Rangoon University, Burma, traveled with us in George's new Plymouth station wagon. George and Ko Ko tramped up the peaks, collected grasses, photographed the vegetation and scenery, and shared in the fun,--and work.

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

AZALEAS AT AVERY ISLAND, LA.

New Iberia, La., Mar. 18,--Showy azaleas and camellias were abloom at McIlhenny's Avery Island gardens today upon the visit of Mrs. T. D. A. Cockerell, Nesta and her mother and Joe to the famed estate near this town. Like Mobile's Bellingrath Gardens, which we had visited in March of 1948, Avery Island is open to the public and draws hundreds of visitors at the azalea season. Out of a fortune built of tabasco and salt, gardens and a bird sanctuary have been developed on the hilly island.

OLD FRIENDS MEET ON SPANISH PEAK! Cuchara Camp, Colo., July 29--Coming down West Spanish Peak from a collecting trip on the scree slope we meet four biologists, the Alexandors of Boulder (Dr. Gordon, Marian, daughter Ann, and son Douglas) coming up to hunt high mountain grasshoppers!

PRESIDENT SPROUL VALEDICTATES AT TULANE, New Orleans, June 1--His manner the same, his words familiar, as University of California's President Sproul addresses the Commencement audience today.

MARJORIE LOSES TOOTH ON INDEPENDENCE PASS AND, FOR INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL, ANOTHER ON CROWS NEST PASS! Fernie, B.C. Aug.--We just crossed the Continental Divide for the 29th time and Marjorie lost another tooth.

CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS SHELTER EWANS IN RAIN AND SHINE Banff, Alta. Sept. 5--It is our last night in the Canadian Parks after two weeks camping from Waterton to Jasper Park. How good the hot lunch at Waterton tasted after a rainy night at East Glacier campground the night before For cordial welcome and nice facilities Canadian Parks can't be beat, down to waiting axe for your wood chopping!

TRUMPETER SWANS AT REDSTONE LAKE, MONTANA Monida, Mont., Aug.--Just came across from West Yellowstone by way of the Trumpeter Swan refuge. A fine flock of the big white birds was on the foreshore of the lake. We had a nice campsite at the lake and unforgettable were the calls of the birds next morning. This is old Centennial Valley homesteaded in 1876--wonderful wild country

TORRENTIAL RAINS AT GIRL SCOUT CAMP Covington, La., April--It is difficult to realize how rain can roar! Five Ewan and Nesta's mother take cabins at Scout Camp previewing for coming overnight trip with Nesta's troop. Rains descended until the floods came and cabins nearly floated in pools of water but we had a nice campfire the night before.

TRINCHERA PEAK OF CULEBRA RANGE CLIMBED! Cuchara Camp, Colo., July 30--Just to north of Culebra Peak is Trinchera Peak, 13,550' elo. climbed by Ko Ko and Joe while party botanized on tundra about timberline lake.

GEORGE AND JOE MEET TWO MOOSE IN TETONS String Lake, Grand Teton Nat. Park--Two moose endeared themselves to George and Joe on their way down Indian Paint Canyon. It may be said the two Homos hedged a bit as the moose went awillowing thru the Salix.

GOTHIC BASIN A TWO-NIGHT STOP ON 59-DAY TRIP Gothic, Colo., Aug.--Magic beauty of Gothic Basin, last visited by the Ewans in 1938, holds party for two nights in sweep up the Rockies. Minor event: weasel bites Joe's ear as he sleeps beneath white firs.

CALGARY VISIT THRILLS NESTA Calgary, Alta. Sept. 7--Leaving this pleasant Canadian city today after a quick round of visits to Nesta's old home, to two playmates last seen in 1921

LEATHERBACK TURTLE STEAK DELICACY FROM GULF OF MEXICO New Orleans, Dec. 7--Dermochelys coriacea steak proves tender and tasty! Rare turtle destined for Audubon Zoo comes to our supper! "This isn't steak!" Kathleen, & 2 other

VISITS WITH FRIENDS WARM MEMORIES OF THE YEAR To the Harold Roberts's, Erl Ellis, McCallas, Kathleen Marriage, Penfounds, Geisers--THANKS!

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The Ewans five now all connive *
To send you merry greeting! *
Through all the year be days of cheer *
Their very best bequeathing! N.E. *

SUMMER'S GREAT CIRCLE TOUR OF 8345 MILES BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR FOR THE FIVE EWANS
New Orleans, Sept. 19--Returned tonight from eight weeks' trip from here to Pacific, across to Atlantic, and return. It was a combination of study at libraries and museums and of visiting relatives and friends. "Conchita", our faithful Willys Jeep station wagon, brought us home in good spirits, without a mishap and riding on same tires. Westbound Conchita gave 21.3 miles to the gallon; drank almost no water, very low on oil consumption.

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY GIVES A GREAT THRILL
San Marino, Calif., Aug. 9--Work on a bibliography of botany of Colombia, involving examination of rare early editions of travel narratives brings thrills to Joe. The Huntington Library is admirably administered, staffed with genial assistants, and such book riches as one has never dreamed of! Scores of visiting scholars at work.

SAN GABRIELS SEEMED NATURAL AFTER 15 YEARS
San Gabriel, Calif., Aug. 8,--Home after a Sunday in Santa Anita Canyon with Nesta's grandmother and her seven grandchildren! Happy reunion of three families, Dunns, Gunnings, and Ewans in dear old mountains of memories for Nesta and Joe. How dry! How very crisp dry they seemed after years in Rockies and Eastern woods!

LAUREL ELLISON RESCUES CONCHITA IN OGDEN
Ogden, Utah, Aug. 30--Using her years of motoring experience Laurel Ellison pushed Conchita across Ogden's streets today to garage when motor would not turn over. The gas line had become disconnected and most miraculously had not ignited. All's well.

PLAY PRODUCED ON FLAGSTAFF MT., COLORADO
Boulder, Colo., Sept. 2--With Dorothy Ewan as Goldie Locks the Three Bears was managed, directed and produced among the rocks of Flagstaff Mt. tonight by light of flashlights. Douglas Alexander, David and Ellen Lewis, Kathleen and Marjorie Ewan and the Phil Andrews' girls. Tradition of Central City Operas was carried out with lights, stage directions and promptings. A fine production! Booked for another season.

SO MANY FRIENDS MISSED ALONG THE WAY!
Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 18--Thinking of the many many friends we would like to have seen and talked with, we just hope that it will be understood that our schedule was a tight squeeze all along. Do come and see us down New Orleans way!

AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU! [illegible]

UNSEASONABLE SEASON IN CRESCENT CITY
New Orleans, Dec. 16--With thermometer ranging around 70-80 degrees this past week and azaleas abloom along St. Charles Ave., can it really be snowing in Colorado? in those High Sierras?

IDAHO SPRINGS, COLO., HAS STEEPEST OF ALL HILLS ENCOUNTERED ON CIRCLE TOUR
Idaho Springs, Colo.--Sept. 2,--This mountain town has stratified streets, and the intervening blocks are real lifts! Last morning in the Rockies Nesta spent ironing with a view of the Clear Creek country out the window, while Joe checked through a superb collection of Americana.

CHIRICAHUA MTS. OF SE. ARIZONA UNIQUE
Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 2--Just down from Rustlers Park where we spent a last wet night in a ski shelter loan-to. Three nights in the Chiricahuas, camping in lower oak-sycamore canyon and pine-fir park, with trips to Chiricahua Peak and Fly Peak, collecting plants along the trail. Vegetation very unlike Central Rockies, heterogeneous in its genera, with notably large veteran trees.

ANDERSON'S RANCH IN TOPANGO HIGH SPOT
Topango, Calif., Aug. 16-Leaving this morning for Berkeley after 4 days with Harvey Anderson's family. Such a grand ranch site among live oaks. Swimming in Pacific, milking goats, campfire with Haines and Anderson families, not to forget an evening with W. Lee Chambers, Alice's father, bibliohile that he is!

FORT BRIDGER VISITED ALONG PIONEER ROAD
Ft. Bridger, Wyo.,Aug. 31--Oldtime wagons, stables, bathtubs, and first Wyo. schoolhouse were examined, as Ewans relived early days across Red Desert.

MEDICINE BOW MTS. CROSSED--HIGHEST SPOT
Laramie, Wyo., Sept. 1--Just crossed the Continental Divide via Medicine Bow Mts. which were beautiful today. Lunched beside lovely tarn at foot of cirque. On way down east slope paused at Univ. Wyo. Summer Camp but all staff, including Geo. Goodman, left for the season.

FIRST "GAWK" AT TELEVISION!
North Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 15--First television ever seen was a baseball game seen and heard on Joe's brother-in-law's set here today. Let's have basketball!

AAAS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AFTER WEST
Washington, D.C.Sept. 15--Centennial of AAAS was lofty with many symposia but good old Bot. Soc. Amer. meetings best after all! Nice to visit Smithsonian [illegible] Bot. Friends, and the Fosters

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Tulane University,
New Orleans, La.,
U.S.A.

Dear Joseph,

On the occasion of my 60th birthday (now already a few weeks ago, it was just before I went on a vacation), a truly stimulating and unexpected homage was rendered to me. During an intimate gathering of staff members, friends, colleagues, and students, at our Institute, I received a variety of kind gifts, incl. an album with towards 700 signatures and — the surprise of my life — an advance set of bound page proofs of the "Essays in Biohistory" dedicated to me.

I cannot tell you in this inadequate way — per epistolam — how grateful I am for your contribution to the dedicatory volume on "Plant Collectors in America, Backgrounds for Linnaeus" which I read and reread with much interest.

The "Essays in Biohistory" are not yet entirely ready. The index is still being set up and of part of the volume, we need still a set of revised proofs. As soon as possible thereafter, the volume will be printed off and a copy will be sent to you (as well as the reprints of your contribution).

That you and so many other old friends and colleagues joined forces in preparing such a fine volume has deeply touched me.

T. Semper ex Animo,

Frans V.

F/I

Frans Verdoorn.

Dear Joseph - Your article in the "Festschrift" gave me such a pleasure as your valuable article on the (±) "Linnaean Period in America"!

Yours

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Department of Botany

May 2, 1958

Dear George:

Yours of the 22nd April and the two parcels, Piso and Marcgrav, and parcel of oddments, came the other day and delighted my soul. I'm very grateful to you for your part in bringing oil to the lamps of Luzianna. I had quite missed the little separate, LeConte's paper based on David Hosack's collection--this is very useful in my work on Pursh! Thrill to see C. H. Merriam's Life Zones in the original wrappers. When I arrived in Washington in 1945 his reprints were being sold by a dealer who soon went out of business thereafter and I luckily picked up a good number of scarce early items by E. L. Greene et al. at that time--all nicely labelled by Merriam as to source of article. Very few of the items you selected were dupls. in my library.

I'm sendi ng a carbon of a memo to Dr. Taylor re the two unlisted items, Engelmann and Rich, missing from the purchase order from the Library. It is barely possible that funds which were set aside (yea in oral communication at that time) for these two items failed to be recorded and that Dr. Taylor faces an overdraft but I hope not. New budget funds come up July 1st.

Al Smith was here last week-end and left Tuesday for Knoxville on his NSF look-in tour. I remarked on the happy intelligence that the MBG Library was getting a grant from NSF. His comment was that he hoped that the Board of Governors (who whoever it is that determines policy) will be alerted by this grant to the seriousness of the situation. If they do not go forward with further support along this line it will be the decline of the Garden in a tragic sense. He says that MBG must acquire a nationally prominent botanist to serve as a Director--who is in the waiting room for that call I cannot guess! I told him that your work on behalf of the MBG was of the greatest functional importance as a devoted servant and that it would be a real setback to lose your services. It is of course always difficult to tell how deeply Al is impressed at the time but I believe in his impartial fair deliberations.

Hastily but with all good wishes!

Josepj Ewan

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Department of Botany

February 28, 1958

Dear George:

Yours of the 21st was pleasant to receive, esp. that intelligence of the awarding of the NSF grant! I hope that details of contact hours at the Garden can be worked out advantageously toward the optimum yield of the benefits to be won from the grant, but anyway you are far ahead to have this prospect of bettering the lot of those wonderful old books. Your plan to use horizontal shelving for the folios is good. Then, too, I hope there will be a pair of hands to rub down the leather bindings before they splinter and chip off. With a little attention they should pass into the next hundred years better off than we shall, George, and so quietly too.

Haven't seen the Lloyd Library but plan to visit there perhaps next August on return from AIBS meetings. It has a good tradition in bibliog. esp.

Fred Cagle, chairman of Dept. Zoology here, has been informed by USNatMuseum staff that the Directorship will be open by the upgrading of Remington Kellogg in near future, and he asked me what I thought of the prospects of the place, etc. He says that the place will not/filled from within the Museum but from the outside. There is just one excellent reason, as I see it, why perhaps you and I should advoacate Cagle's ~~been~~ being given the post. He is sympathetic to botany and its needs and place in the sun and would I think play fair in granting attention to the Dept of Botany's needs in any Museum planning. Many zoologists are very disparaging of botany but he is appreciative of its virtues. His record here has been good in that connection and he has been on powerful committees where his influence could be seen and felt. Cagle is at heart an administrator, with quite a political twitch to his everyday living as a biologist. Loves to do things in a grand menner and numbers always count high with Fred. Quite the reformer, too, and when I reminded him of how many forms he would have to sign a day for the loans, exchanges, etc., etc., he came back at once, "Oh, we shall have to change that." I'm not sure if Carmichael will 'go' for this spirit but he may like it--if so, Cgale's the man. Fred tells me that Carmichael is toying with idea of bringing in man with a physiological slant, experimental biologist, and that, George, must be not permitted to happen!! Hence, this letter in the face of a full agenda this Monday morning. You and I know that Waldo Schmidt was so right when he said the USNM must be staffed with 'museum men'--who have a fondness for collecting, for labelling, for naming, and describing, and know when trinkety things have value and when to discard, and the like. Cagle is a pretty good fellow in that sense, if weak on the antiquarian accent, but dearly loves to plan exhibits for the public and real talent there. This is mighty important. Has missionary spirit in getting the due funds from Government for biology in a warring world. He says that he knows his way around on the Hill now, and amkes an effort to meet congressmen whenver he's in Washington. Well, do as you see fit. Perhaps you may be in Washington for a Congressional Investigation--Heavens forbid!- and could catch Carmichael's ear. The museum folk seem rather worried and I cannot blame them.

All for now, and with all the best

Joseph Ewan

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[Pine Valley is a delightful place to loiter]

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Austin, Texas, 1 Sept. 1967

Dear George!

Thanks, so much, for 1907 leaflet on Madison meeting (Newcombe-Jeffers-Crooks). Our mail has finally caught up w/ us. We are now looking at brawny books in another of these history seminar cumulae of which we both despair in a way. But perhaps to spread over USA may insure a survival into future (?) not otherwise assured.

Miss Nelson is on leave next year and no one to catalogue Bot. books so they will wait. In a way you could have fun here but collection very uneven. Nice place to work! 3rd floor of tower of Univ. Library.

We had a good trip from SF. Supper w/ Dick Dillon which was of course very good fun; short visits to CAS, Bancroft, Stanford, UCLA, and Huntington. Saw Edith Clements who gave me copies of letters which should add to my projected chapter in Rocky Mt. Nats. ed. 2. Had wonderful visit w/ Jake Zeitlin & wife & Lawrence Powell & long session over Zeitlin's

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stock and warehouse. Also visited Glen Dawson in LA and Joseph Rubinstein in Tucson — he was at Lawrence as RBR librarian some years ago. We had a good drive over Chiricahuas to Cave Creek Rch and also nice stopover at Clondcroft, N. Mex. en route to AIBS.

Moderate attendance (ca. 3000) but proved a worth while meeting. Reed Rollins, Dimond, Hurlbut Baker, etc. of Botan. Bot. Cong. committee here and we have arranged w/ Hafner to publish the Short Hist Bot in US. This is very satisfying. The presence of Harry Lutrell here of course helped.

Hugh Iltis here and he tells me he told Dave Gates what a mistake to let you go in musical strong language. Gates here for meetings. Finally met Walter Lewis after all these years.

Well we are filled w/ notions, notes, and some noteworthy acquisitions from all this touring since May 18th! How we did enjoy those 10 July days you shared w/ us. Take care and of course you will be simply overwhelmed these next few weeks.

Nettie joins in Every good wish from

Joe

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Department of Botany

May 9, 1967

Dear George:

We arrived Monday evening, 1st, in good bonyfied condition. Thanks, so much, for your wonderful hospitality! good talk, good food, good wine, and such good companionship. Pleased that you travelled with us to Urbana, and I think it was inspiriting.

Few items: this reprint is perhaps second copy? You should order for MBG for only 500 copies printed I am told and selling, in spite of the very many defects in its writing and bookmaking!!

Wadsworth Publishing of Belmont, in Bay region, is another possibility; see brochure fragment herewith.

We shall see Dick Dillon, Librarian, Sutro Library, in SF, and you should plan to visit him there. I think it is a contact you should make; Dick is not the painstaking scholar but fast thinking and jolly and very well informed in many things, but not botany. Has written a lot of readable books, often into second and third printings!

I wonder if you ever directed your Director to read MBG Bull for Nov 1964? it is very well written and he should know that article of yours by heart and by head -- if he <u>really</u> believed the content of that article he would as you so rightly say forego some of the fringes on his big thnking and settle on the essentials. Hitchcock should remind him of that article. This is beyond the mortality of you and me that the books be keepsought.

George Engelmann portr. -- Wittrock, Cat. Ill. Iconothecae Bot. 1905, Bd. III, Tafl. 147 is a portr. I have not seen elsewhere. It has always interested me that GE is recalled by that one familiar over-over-overused portr. but here is another version (?) or really another portr.?

Please note the mailing schedule herewith.

With warm personal greetings, as always,

Joe

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Honlulu, Hawaii
June 27, 1967

Dear George:

Your letter came this afternoon and I am answering your query about the temperature: it is warm but breezy, the temperatures have been in the 80's for the last several days but it is not like southern California for the breeze is so steady that you are not bothered by the daytime highs.

The local botanical society has a trip into the hills on Fourth of July which the members say is a modest one and I plan to go (my knee is not equal to stiff climbs) Dick is quite anxious to join the group and of course you would be so welcome. It is should be a good introduction to the local forest flora.

I am pleased that you have gotten acquainted with Dillon for we think he may be helpful from his long residence in the region in finding some attractive opening.

Hugh and Carolyn are here and we have seen them several times. They now plan to stay until about August 1st. Tonight we shall be their guests for hammerhead shark which Hugh describes as out of this world, which well it may be. Cheers, and we shall look for flight 185 on the 3rd unless you write contrarily,

Very best from both of us,

Joe

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Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel New York, N. Y. 10001

At Woods Hole, Cape Cod
27 Aug. 1966

Dear George:

What lovely country this! Our first visit to the Cape and we found one quiet place to lodge in this Mad Mad World, West Falmouth, at Mrs. George Weeks' and reasonable too. Marsh nearby w/ horseshoe crabs, glaucous winged gulls and scudding clouds. We had a visit at NYBG and the new library over which Harold Rickett exudes pathetic praise. Word Mr. Reed is no food and they are very fortunate to have him for he is a rare person in bot. bibliog. Remember you w/ sincere appreciation, I am happy to see, and when Nesta asked how he liked NYC he said the excitement of the job overrode the negative side of living here.

We are going to AA tomorrow and spend a few days there then start southward w/ another pause at APS. We mailed Barbara mss before we left & it has arrived so we hope to have a chat w/ Conner returned from Pacific about format.

Saw Harry Lubrecht in NYC and seems very pleased w/ events. First proofs will be coming in about month for Marshall Arb. Bmen. and Darlington, Memoriam.

Hope you are feeling much better by now and Nesta sends her greetings too,

Joe

Had a swell lunch w/ Bates at College Park. I plan to be in St L on route from Columbus in Fall.

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3 August 1965

Dear George:

Your letter of 26th from St Louis was awaiting our return last Saturday evening, 31st, and so I am hoping this will catch you in Utrecht before your departure. We had a very good trip, returning via Boulder, Denver, Dallas, including short forays into the countryside and of course some visits with libraries, museums, and booksellers (Fred Rosenstock, a very fervent fellow who knows Americana and most of the historians in that field).

I suggest 17th or 18th would be a good choice for Dorothy Wadham, who surely sounds like a most congenial soul. My reason for avoiding Sunday, 16th is to save it for some excursion away from London and I assume you have in mind a London meeting place. We will find the days very full.

I suppose that WTS is spending the weeks prior to Warsaw in a holiday on Continent? It turns out that I cannot profit from a 21-day excursion fare during August--airlines have the season set up with weeks of peak traffic when they have no disposition for bargains like that--so I shall be in no pressing hurry to return in 21 days, and shall return to London from Poland for a few days, now planning on flying back to Boston Sunday Sept. 5th.

Yale U Press seems rather keen on doing the Banister (froma casual inspection by the Press Editor) and so I shall likely be stopping at New Haven to talk about that.

I note that you are returning from Geneva on 6th? I hardly think you would wish to stopover at London en route home, if WTS was to be there, but if this be true perhaps we could juggle schedules to include a get together with WTS for at least a long talk. (I hope to see him in Warsaw, where he is on the program as prelim set up). Indeed, I may not make Warsaw! if the housing falls down, for I still am waiting from Orbis for confirmation, and shall pick up a Polish visa in London, in any event for there will be no time left to do it (Chicago and return to N.O.) before I leave here next Sunday evening.

I shall see Bill Steere next Monday 9th -- also Harry Lubrecht.

Dorothy and Stephen are settled at Lawrence; D finds the library job rewarding; Marjorie is in SF and her acceptance at SFState College for creative writing course and teaching certificate in Calif. schools is pretty well assured say the admissions office there-- they are waiting for one more transcript or such.

Nesta joins in very very best remembrances of charming Utrecht! Greetings, too, to Frans and all the folk we have so much cherished there.

Be sure to visit Leiden! Jos

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2 January 1965

Mr. Henry Hitchcock
President, Board of Trustees
Missouri Botanical Garden
St Louis 10

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:

A progress report on the search for a director of the Garden comes from Dr. Van Schaack, and as an original member of the advisory committee on that search I am writing you some thoughts on this important appointment. I understand that Dr. A. C. Smith and Dr. B. L. Turner are currently under consideration:

Dr. Smith is a "botanical garden botanist," that is, he has the tastes and talents for directing one of the great botanic gardens of the world, from his long interest in and contacts with persons, plants, and programs concerning institutions like the MBG. First with the New York Botanical Garden, then with the Arnold Arboretum, and later with the Smithsonian Institution, he has an intimate acquaintance with the operations and concerns of what the director must face in St Louis. He is international, too, in his interests and experience. He has travelled in the tropics of both hemispheres where the botanic gardens of tomorrow are growing today. As a member of various committees on the needs of institutions in the tropics, and of affiliates with the International Association of Plant Taxonomists, he has met in European capitals and around the world, to discuss not only herbaria and library needs but of horticulture and living plant problems as well. He has had field experience in South America (Colombia, Peru, Brazil), in New Caledonia, and the South Pacific islands.

Then, too, Dr. Smith is a known, producing botanist, whose papers are acknowledged in the fields of systematics (of Ericaceae, Compositae, etc.), plant geography (of Polynesia, Andes, etc.), and floristics (of Fiji, and South Pacific). His name and work are familiar to botanists all over the world and this fact would facilitate his dealings with them on a personal basis on behalf of the Garden.

Moreover, A. C. Smith has exceptional experience in administration. He has served in the administration of the Smithsonian Institution and on important panels with the National Science Foundation. He is known and respected for his sound judgment and absolute fairness where many disciplines are involved, from morphology to physiology and the newer techniques in numerical systematics and cytotaxonomy. Withal he holds an historical perspective that is today rare indeed. In a practical connection Dr. Smith knows the men and manners of the various foundations operating in this country, and their interests and sympathies for botanical research. His knowledge could be worth a great deal to the Garden. In a personal context, Dr. Smith is a man of poise and quiet persuasion--a man who would excellently advance the interests of the Garden at the council table.

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Dr. Turner, a botanist of undoubted abilities in cytotaxonomy, is a leader in one facet of botany today, numerical taxonomy. Though he has done field work in the United States, he is not known for his interest in horticulture or living plants of worldwide families that must be the concern of a botanic garden of the character of the MBG. Aside from his papers and his participation in the International Botanical Congress this past summer in Edinburgh, he is not well known to European workers or to many botanists of this country. He has never been associated with the important botanical centers of the Atlantic seaboard. His experience in administration is not extensive and has not involved decisions on the national level.

In short, Dr. Turner just does not compare with Dr. Smith in the very attributes of most importance for the directorship of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

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Book News

Reference Tools for the Botanist

By JOSEPH EWAN

THE botanist's bookshelf has two sections based on use: primary tools or the elbow-books and secondary, usually multi-volumed, reference books. Which books he will choose varies as the botanists themselves. This inventory includes selections of colleagues active in the plant sciences though inevitably it must stand a personal selection. Moreover, there is no intention of repeating the "Bibliographies of Botany" of J. Christian Bay, published in volume three, pp. 331–456, of J. P. Lotsy's *Progressus Rei Botanicae* (1910), though that topically arranged bibliography will still prove rewarding today.

Elbow-books

Whatever flower bed the botanist may cultivate, Pritzel's "Thesaurus of Botanical Literature" (1872–[1877]) remains the single most useful answerbook for tracing a botanical title before 1870. Fortunately Pritzel is available in a good Milan reprint (1949). The chronologic topical indices provide a reference list of short titles not easily picked up elsewhere. Too often current research fails to verify the roots of its flowering, voluminous in many instances, and Pritzel lays bare those roots. "Pritzel, as well as being no mean botanist, was a professional librarian, and his work was founded upon personal scrutiny—the 'autopsy' of the earlier practitioners—and upon a careful comparison of copies and editions, all this information being summarized and set out with great skill." Thus wrote the librarian of the British Museum (Natural History), the late A. C. Townsend, himself a *rara avis* in the aviary of bibliographers. Supplementary to Pritzel is Daydon Jackson's *Guide to the Literature of Botany* (London, 1881), recently reprinted, adding nearly 6000 titles and rather copiously annotated with lines of comment. Another tool Daydon Jackson sharpened for the student is *Glossary of Botanic Terms* (1928, being the 4th and latest ed.). This is *the* standard dictionary notwithstanding a noticeable British accent.

For queries like "What flora has been published for Ecuador?" "Is there a checklist of the plants of the Azores?" there is the *Geographical Guide to the Floras of the World*, part 1 (142), by Blake and Atwood. The late Dr. Sidney Fay Blake, a rare scholar, was assisted by Dr. Bernice G. Schubert in completing the *Guide* with part II (1961). E. D. Merrill, energizer of so many worthwhile botanical enterprises in this country and abroad, joined Egbert H. Walker to produce a *Bibliography of Eastern Asiatic Botany* (1938). A handy feature of Merrill-Walker is the conspectus of world serials of botany. Though patently labelled for eastern Asia, the subject indices will lead to answers for subtropical plant questions around the world. Dr. Walker published a Supplement in 1960. Another bibliography of wider use than the title would suggest is Ida K. Langman's *Selected Guide to the Literature on the Flowering Plants of Mexico* (1964) with its 156-page index to subjects, fully cross-indexed.

The best all-round introduction to plant classification yet written is G. H. M. Lawrence, *Taxonomy of Vascular Plants* (1951), with its literature references appended to each chapter. Students keep their copies after the course is over. What better recommendation? But the real kohinoor of your cabinet is Richard Wettstein's *Handbuch der systematischen Botanik* (ed. 4, 1935), reprinted in 1962 after the original issue became unobtainable. There is no English translation but there is a Spanish Edition (Madrid, 1944), with inferior reused half-tone illustrations. It is the greatest single twentieth century compendium of systematic botany, containing concise beautifully illustrated accounts of all plant groups, and footnotes to monographs and critical papers concerning each. Milton said a good book is the life-blood of a master spirit: Wettstein documents Milton. More recently Alfred Gundersen drew the plants as they came into flower at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and assembled these drawings and much original commentary on them into his *Families of Dicotyledons* (1950). Finally there is Arthur M. Johnson's *Taxonomy of the Flowering Plants* (1931) with its unsurpassed line drawings. Planted in the parterre of old Englerian concepts, Johnson's compendium features subtropical plant families (and thereby favors the frostfree taxonomy classes) but unfortunately the text is marred by too frequent errors arising from hurried reading of the proofs over a Christmas holiday.

There is always the need of plant identifications. The physiologist or geneticist no less than the morphologist or taxonomist will find Bailey's *Manual of Cultivated Plants*, ed. 2 (1949) the most useful, with its terse descriptions, line drawings, and excellent keys. Not to be superseded soon is Bailey's *Cyclopedia of horticulture* (ed. 2, 1917, or later printings) in three folio volumes generously illustrated. Incidentally, Karl M. Wiegand's 78-page "Synopsis of the Plant Kingdom" in volume one succinctly summarizes plant families. Picture books give a mischievous sense of success in questions of identification. Confessedly

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March 23, 1967

Dear George:

You will call it seduction! and you will be right in a real sense. I do not believe that "the management" had any notion of my views on the Wild Flowers of the United States, for they had no basis of knowing to the best of my knowledge. In any event, Paul Cranefield, medical historian of RU and Bruce Voeller, who represents the botanical window box of said University, put together this exhibit at the behest of Detlev Bronk. DB's sentiments are printed for all to see--vertible perfume--and as Sir George Taylor and I concurred the whole shindig is a sort of mirror for Peggy Rockefeller. In any event, I was invited to the celebration, as was Sir George and Frans Stafleu. The two imports each gave a talk on Monday last and it was interesting, esp. Sir George's. I shall tell you details when we see you in about a month.

The book exhibit is very nice, beyond a doubt, made up as it is of loans from the Lenox, NYBG, APS, Library Company, Harry Lubrecht, and of all things the BM(NH) itself! That is quite a story, again details later, but in short the Bartram album is in NYCity now having last been on this continent in 1766 (with some drawings long before that, etc.) !! Sir George brought over some original Redoute's given to Hooker by Francis Boott. I sent up Banister photographs and Cranefield got permission from the BM to exhibit four of them. They enlarged our prints and they do look fine beside the Plukenet with its three B drawings on one page!

MBG Library should have a copy of the catalogue and you will want a copy for its nice printing effort. Biemiller, who designed the catalogue, is a very sharp chap. Of particular interest to us is the fact that the RUPress is a possible outlet for the Banister book, still with Lottinville of UOkla Press. Cranefield and Voeller, who were brought into this arranging the exhibit and writing the catalogue from quite foreign parts, have been really biohistorically bitten. Voeller is esp. sincere fellow and learning fast. John Reed gave them a lot of help. I went over their list in a formative stage and made a couple of suggestions as to items to add "by all means" etc.

I had a very short chat with Stafleu but nothing was said about the criticisms of the Wild Flowers, nor did the word come up with Rickett in any context. Only Taylor's delightful reference in his little speech that the botanists would huddle round and dissect the book, all to good purpose, he said, for the future volumes. This seems unlikely for HWR is going ahead, he says, working on all the volumes simultaneously.

Well, I must close but

Have a warm and happy day of Adonis!

Cordially,

Joe

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Aug. 6, 1966

Dear George:

Likely we have been o'erwhelmed! In any event we have phoned you twice but missed catching you home. We are leaving for AIBS next Wed. 10th--see schedule. I hope you can drop us a line and tell us what is news. Esp. about yourself. We hope you are feeling MUCH better.

Bartram goes to APS Monday or Tues. next and what a job that turned out to be! But it is full of new and lively matter.

Joop Verdoorn wrote us that Frans' birthday, July 10, was a great successful! that the Festschrift was ready, with some rough edges, but bound and winsome. And he did not know of what was in the making, so everyone pleased. Contributors copies will be coming in Sept.

John Beaglehole wrote from London that after a long hard struggle the Hakluyt Society has made up their mind to go forward with Cook III, in two parts, and that he has made good progress on life, = Cook IV. Oxford gave him an honorary degree.

Forms to fill out from U Hawaii today to finalize next summer's stint. They pay $2100 for session June 19-July 28, and $400 for transp. I shall teach 2 courses: History of Biology and Botany of Capt. Cook's Voyages. This/will be a salad course with bits of leafy lore, meaty bits of interest from Banks' Jounrals on beasts, and all garnsihed with a historical dressing.

last/

I think I have numbed Harry Lubrecht; sent Marshall, Arb. Amer. and Darl. Mem. and only a sec.'s ackn. so far.

Jerry Stannard is now at U Kansas, Dorothy tells us, in some connection with the Library, she was not sure of the details.

Roland Harper d. April 30, aet. 87; Yale Dawson, June 22, aet. 48, this a grevious loss indeed. No details.

U Okla Press wrote that they had heard of ms and would like to see it! So if the Va. Hist. Soc. dod not like Banister I think I shall let U Okla Press have a look. With all their emphasis, and Goodman's prod, maybe they might take it. I had thought of letting them have RMtNat. ed. 2 which must be done in next two years.

I see your Chief is on the AIBS program so I shall have a chance to meet him--Fine!

If there be anything we may check for you along the way let us know -- by all means.

Frank Egerton is asst. to Lawrence at Hunt! He is an ornithologist by disposition so HM is adding a rara avis to his rookery! With best,

Joe

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27 December 1963

Dear George:

When our circulation of messages ceases the way it has of late, I become worried. I hope that you are A.O.K. I know that it has been a difficult stretch for you in many ways, and do let me know if you think I could be of any help.

The McDermotts came down for a couple of weeks and we swapped news and views and had some good days together. One morsel that Stephanie mentioned was ear-tingling: Woodson's death of a heart attack!? I was of course amazed, and I can only say,rejoiced with the angels in heaven as they welcomed him to the milkweedy shores of the vales of asphodel, for Bob was a weary soul, you must admit. But the absence of any notice in the usual media (Science, etc.) adds to my questioning heart.

Of poor Paul Allen's death there is no doubt, forsooth, and I was saddened though of course prepared for it from your notes on the disposition of his library. I presume that Bob Hecht will assist in its sale? (Incidentally, I have yet to hear of his intentions, good or better, to come down and what his verdict has been for the Heartman book stock).

Don't forget to put the parcel of stuff frmo Hugh Iltis left for express collect shipment, you recall, into the pick-up-man's hands. It was left with the other reliquiae in the "cage" that Sunday monring I left for Roland Harper visit. It was reprints, etc., that Hugh brought down with him.

It looks as if the Harper stuff will stay where it is for the present. Francis Harper writes of his unhappy estimate of GHML and that is that. In any event I have a very good knowledge of Roland's collection and only hope for the good of bot. history that I am called in to help in the interpretation of the lots and tons of his cumulus.

I have sent in the forms for X Intern. Bot. Congress and we begin to plan. I hope to leave (necessarily by air) in time for the RHS Chelsea Show. Thst comes the last week in May and we of course plan to stay over to Sept. So make up a dossier of your queries for the way . . .

At the moment I am working away on 2 jobs at once: bib of La. botany and Fr. nats. of Miss. Valley for February jubilae. I am pleased with progress so far but wish I could check some items in your beloved Library! I insisted that this be the first bib of La bot and that it be planned for First Suppl. etc. in due course, say a decade, in the manner of Joseph Grinnell's excellent bib of Calif ornithology. This way you can carry the unchecked items for the next brew. Nesta is making good headway on the redo of the biography of Banister, done with more attention to the period and his bot. contemps, as per request.

I got a nice copy of Morin's 1655 account of the Paris garden with (unannounced) Tradescant intorductions among the plants noticed. Vellum copy from Paris.

With sincerest good wishes!

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January 31, 1965

Dear Joe,

George Lawrence is back from his trip and has read the several letters I had sent him while he was away. He made no comment except to say he read them with interest and concern, and that he has filed all the correspondence away in a sealed envelope as source material for the eventual account of this debacle, which probably won't be written before we're both gone.

He then took up my question about employment after July 1 and began by saying that as of now, he saw no prospect of a permanent position for me with the Hunt. It would be pointless to give an analysis of the

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correspondence which, to me, seemed clearly to say that upon my accepting a temporary position plans for a permanent one would be made. In fairness I must say the offer of a temporary position still holds and, in fact, at $8000 instead of $7,000 — the terminus is not clear but I take it to be July 1, 1966.

His reasons are clear and understandable and, I think, in no way imply that he wishes to get out from under (i.e., that he thinks any the less of my competence than he did before) but simply that the whole operation at Hunt has become so large that it is neither enough money nor enough space for it. He is committed to taking on another German bibliographer next year if the Advisory Committee approves that rapid expansion;

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any further expansion would require decreasing the program for the Hunt Monograph Series and/or the Hunt Facsimile Series; and the space problem is critical — any new employee, as well as any of the two or three now working in foreign libraries, would have available in Pittsburgh only a desk in a corridor!

The third condition alone, is almost enough to make me back out right here and now — Im sure I don't have to elaborate, but that you see at least as many objections on this score as do I. — In fact it looks to me as if the operation is getting out of hand there. Way back in November I asked George if he would like to have me send him relatively rare material

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(such as unbearably forged reprints - of which we have many - descriptions, etc., etc.,) for study and copying for Bibl. Hunt. He expressed his interest and desire that I do so and said that they could handle six or eight of them every week (or perhaps it was every two weeks) I sent a first list from which he chose six or eight, and I sent them off - they have not been returned nor have they sent-tered correspondence now for six or eight weeks, nor has any reply been received. I wrote to two other lists I sent him. Again, I don't think I have to retract my conclusions here.

I certainly have no hard feelings about them, for I feel no lack of personal concern on his part, - but I think I must have some kind of laughter

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about it all. I cannot see that I would be much ahead to leave here for a year to work at a desk in a corridor and from there try to locate another position - I should be out money and advantage, and would very doubtfully be, on the whole, in a situation any less disturbing to my health than what I might well have here - here at least I have several dear friends and a comfortable home and a better salary - even if I just kept back and let it ride it would be several months or a year before they'd fire me!

However, I think I should look about elsewhere on a continuing basis I predict that as soon as a new dictator takes office, if he be a university candidate,

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he will insist on having Barry made a member of the Garden staff, and that then Lewis will be made curator of both herbarium and library with me to sit at his discretion - again, this could be tolerated with passive resistance for a few months, but not indefinitely.

George mentioned both Harvard and NYBG as places he thought I might investigate, and, by the way, Dave Keck has twice suggested the latter. The only thing I can see at New York less likely to be difficult than here is personnel - at least initially I would be on friendly terms with all of them - but there is more responsibility, more administrative work, and equal frustration, and for me, living in New York is impossible I believe.

A bibliographer's job at Harvard would be attractive (if I could stand the climate and find a place to live) but the librarians

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job would not be so if one were to follow Mrs. Schwarten - she has no help, to speak of (because, I was told, she couldn't get along with any one) and her successor isn't going to be expected to do less than she did. I would not want her job without three full-time assistants at least - I cannot believe they would permit there until a long trial period had shown no one is going to do all the hard work there by himself as Mrs. Schwarten has

Dave Keck suggested I apply at the National Medical Library. I haven't done so, but it has several advantages not to be overlooked - a good collection, a new building (presumably adequate), in Washington, not downtown (or so I believe)

Jake Leitlin made several suggestions:

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Paul Mellon, Mrs Bliss, Lilly Library (Bloomington Indiana), Linda Hall (K.C) and University of Texas. He also said he was going to write to Robert Vosper (Libr of U.C.L.A) and Donald Coney (Libr Berkeley) I have heard from neither of the last two — way last May another friend spoke to Coney for me — Coney replied to him: the kind of work he wanted done and in kind would extract the most value from his background is the kind we are less and less able to afford as the pressures to deal in quantity rather produce quality grow. This from the librarian of the university which is shedding the most (currently) or acquisitions (just for Berkeley) The great universities should continue to spend money on what has made them great and resist to the death the pressure for quantity

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Perhaps I shoved afloat Texas - it is trying to develop the history of science seriously I am told - and it must have money. I'm thinking I might take off for California in March for a long holiday there and look around - I could go via Austin early enough.

I'd appreciate your mulling some of this over in your subconscious for a while and then giving me a ring (post 9 P.M. collect (please! - I will not have you spend time writing, and I don't know when you are home and/or ready to talk)

Have I told you I have had a very excellent apprentice at book repair for some six weeks now? A recent graduate in painting from W & M who wants to earn some money for graduate school next year. He is obviously very in -

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Fellizzi and is most interested in all the details of book-making and book-remaking. Tomorrow we start putting Redouté's Liliacées back together. The covers are in such bad state that it is doubtful one should save them for a real restoration, so we are going to study restoration in restoring them as best we can — I think they will have a semblance of their former attractiveness if not of their beauty and the volumes will be usable and available — and I shall have each in box. By the way, I have an excellent box-maker — a very pleasant, cogent & earnest young negro, a regular on the university basketball team — he works for me fifteen hours a week — and tomorrow I start another one (about 18 by 24 sheltered) — I may not be able to have the collection catalogued or shelved, but I'm going

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to try to get all the precious stuff in good hopes - at least it will then look enough cared for not to throw away.

Within the last six weeks Andre (Robyns) has twice brought me material which proved to be torn from our own books. One piece was a page from an 1880 Gardeners Chronicle, the other two were plates and text from old volumes of Curtis' Bot. Mag. All of this related to orchids and was found on bookstalls last used by Calloway Dodson. Have any suggestions? Andy recommended at least making a report to Roehm, Sherr and Leng (Rancho Santa Ana), - which I did.

No one has come forward with a million dollars yet, nor even two million! One woman who could do so has made it pa-

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vaguely known (to Mr. Hitchcock) that she won't give another penny if Gates is appointed!

It is pleasant writing to you but it seems a shame not to be able to expend equal time on more interesting matter — By the way, have you seen the Clusius 1567 Aromatum et simplicium aliquot medicamentorum apud Indos nascentium historia facsimile = vol VI. Dutch classics on history of science. Publ. by B. de Graaf, Nieuwkoop, Holland, 1963? It is Clusius' sketch of the da Orta. I sent you one & I think you will want it. It comes for about $14, very well done, with 64 p. of introductory material on da Orta, & Clusius and on the book.

Warm greetings to Berta + yourself

George

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Edinburgh, 11 VIII 64

Dear George;

We met Eva last Sunday evening on bus quite by accident and had a little visit – we were both on way home. She was weary at moment but cheerful and had plans to return to London and was going to try to contact us here. We have left notes at "Enlisted Mail" desk but no reply – thinking we might see her again for luncheon or something like it.

Today I asked Mildred Mathias if she got your letter but she had not. Then later today we saw her again and she told us K. Jones has accepted MBG directorship. She is heartened by his decision as

x) thinks he is ideally fitted by temperament (social awareness and outgoing personality) and firmness to stand up against Commoner, and that they at ACLA liked him when he visited them for three weeks or so recently. I am hopeful but hardly enthusiastic about this for I, too, have doubts about a cytogeneticist as a Director.

The Congress has been very worth while in persons seen — some for first time in a long time (John Bond was kept in Manila, Ken. in April 1945 after the 9th his wife and I WJ guide 9th Congress had climbed Pico

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Botwin together). Papers were often poorer than A1BS standards, as Rolla Tryon observed, but some were well done. Mostly too long, 30-45 min., when 20 min. would tell all that really matters. Raven gave a curious performance, so amateurish, in ways & of good findings stuffed in between sheets to the wind. Etc. Etc.

Tomorrow is our last day here - we go out to RBG Library again for patent reasons. This weekend we shall be in Glasgow next week 2 days in Dublin and back in London on 30th We

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may go to Utrecht to see Frans Verdoorn, who is not well.

We do appreciate your kind invitation to stopover upon Madison. If Watt says come and talk it over, we shall accept your invitation to stopover arriving either Friday eve 11th or Sat. 12th Sept. but more of course later.

We send you our best from this lovely city amidst hills and fjords, and wish so much you were here for you are just the person to share it with as everyone I come[illegible]

Sincerely, Joe

Love Lotte & Doris & Hagerup arrived - more later

December 23, 1964
New Orleans 18,

Dear George:

Day unto day I have intended to write and tell you at least why Iwas not writing! Things so many things have piled up this Fall and then Thksgvg Day Dorothy was operated on in Norman for exacerabation of staph infection. It went along very well, Nesta went up on Monday 30th to help with change of dressings when she was due to go home, which she did on 5th. She has made a fine recovery and came home yesterday (with many hours of air delay from ground feg and flying on to Atlanta, etc. etc.)and looks very well indeed. Fortunately, she did not lose her semester's library curriculum by the absence and the library folk br ught her books to hosptial, etc. so it was really a warm friendly occasion for all that. It was sort of a mistake, evidently, to have plastic surgery put her back together again. But in any event all's well that ends well or so they say.

Last Sunday I slipped off a stepladder and pulled the periostium of heel bone but this is getting along nicely. I am glad it was not something bedridding.

Well, I do hope that ACS is appointed. Could we do anything with the Board? Could Lawrence? I hope we can BoLT, hex, hamper, handicap and otherwise obtrude ourselevs in the way of BLT getting in the position. What a dastrad spectacle to think of going down from a Hodge, or a Wagner, or an ACS to one who just is so misbegoöten for the job. I suppose BLT has been up to look over the prize? I should think Henry would see the polish and prestige of picking up an ACSmith? Gosh! I hope he gets it.

Well, we are now back together as one dept. of biology here and zoologist Peter Volpe, is head. I think it will work out in the end but of course the adjustments of budget and all sorts of details are amazing to behold! This has taken time, lost time, this Fall for meetings and greetings . . .

Gertrude Hess of AFS writes that Willman Spawn suffered a hemorrhage at base of brain, was hospitalized, but now home (1529 Summer St. Phila. 2), recuperating to doctor's satisfaction. Fortunately no paralysis but deafness and continuous buzzing in one ear. Mrs. Hess says doctor suggests he come to library for short time each day but he is very weak.

Proof of McDermott's FRENCH IN MISS VALLEY chapter came this past week and it looks fine. U Ill Press does nice work. Donald Jackson is very genial and I look forward to meeting him. WHEN THE R MT Nats. is to go into a second edition I think I would like them to do it. It will have to be done soon. We are getting along merrily with Banister, nothing to report from Madison exceptthey are working on it. Geologist White of Urbana is very affable and evidently has a nice private library. He is much interested in Banister and bought personally ! a Lister conchology item that had belonged to Banister! This came on market this Fall. Sargent's letters to Cocks look nice in galley. They will make a tidy publ when they are all printed in 4 installments. The bib of La botany coming out from Lafayette is stuck for the moment but this is not serious. The medium is new and there are problems of format which I have pushed for to the consternation of Bill Reese.

Delzie Demaree was here for over two weeks, mostly staying at our house, and though he left a wonderful lot of colls. for exchange etc it did slow things down a bit for usual arrangements domestic and alimentary.

Now there is a whole folder of notes for you somewhere but I shall fly this on for now and take them up later, for in true Napoleonic manner they can wait for eve of next year. With WARMEST WISHES FROM Nesta and Jo

Could you come down for a bel Day this winter? PINDA

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CALIFORNIA QUAIL (*Lophortyx californicus*) **No. 10**

MALE, FEMALE (HELEN, ROSE SHORTER)

Resident from southern Oregon and western Nevada to Baja California. Introduced into Washington, southern British Columbia, Utah, and elsewhere. New Zealand, Hawaii, and Chile. Prefers gardens, well-wooded parks, woodland edges, and brushy country. Its most familiar call is a loud, 3-syllabled *How are you?*

I like these good old Fuentes!
What a talent!

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Department of Botany

25 October 1963

Dear George:

Many thanks again for a fine visit and your many many kindnesses. I am pleased with my notes collected and of course with the new acquaintances made and, I hope, some small benefits that may accrue for you from the talks I had with particular persons. There is no doubt but that the Hodge conference was the most valuable event for you. I certainly hope that conditions improve before you must cut free from the Library there; personally, I am hopeful at the moment from the Keck-Hodge axis.

Well, I had a pretty good visit with Roland Harper. I'm not at all sure that Hunt will get the Harperiana at the moment, but things may shape up with some patience. Roland is a skeptic and thinks of all the negative sides of such an arrangement. Matters set off at a sort of low with his remark that Wherry did not have a very high opinion of Lawrence for his attitudes toward L. H. Bailey. But after some hours of talking and looking things brightened. He took me to Smith Hall where he occupies two rooms and told me the gist of how his notebooks, etc. are arranged. Very likely I know more about RH than any other person, and I wrote down my interview while waiting for the "Pelican" that arr. an hour late Sunday evening, at Tuscaloosa station.

I've written to John Francis saying I would participate in his colloquium on the Founding of St Louis. I appreciate your kind invitation to be your guest next Feb. Perhaps we should wait and see how the program shapes up, for though I cannot overstate my pleasure at visiting you I do feel that with this two-day session it might be inconvenient for you to house me, unless of course you will be free to join in the occasion as you did in 1959--that would be excellent. The McDermotts evidently plan to come down to N.O. in a couple of weeks for some more work in the Public Records Office.

Monday afternoon, after the botany lab. I was putting away the 2x2 projector when the handle slipped and the projector dropped on my left big toe. It is not broken but it has taken me off my schedule a bit, for I have to keep it elevated for a while. This will delay my getting to Library to check on those items for purchase from MBG. But another week will bring me back to mormalcy.

Frank Kingdon-Ward's last book is Pilgrimage for Plants, Harrap, London, -/18/- and with its intro. by WTStearn and bibliog. of W'd writings is most worthwhile. Ward wrote 23 books; I should be interested to know how many MBG owns. This last one is really quite lively in style and how much is due to the help from Ann Bridge in polishing it off I should like to know.

Again for all your favors and cargoes of friend's ship,
Thanks, sincerely,

Joe

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Fr George

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Department of Botany

2 January 1965

Mr. Henry Hitchcock
President, Board of Trustees
Missouri Botanical Garden
St Louis 10

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:

A progress report on the search for a director of the Garden comes from Dr. Van Schaack, and as an original member of the advisory committee on that search I am writing you some thoughts on this important appointment. I understand that Dr. A. C. Smith and Dr. B. L. Turner are currently under consideration:

Dr. Smith is a "botanical garden botanist," that is, he has the tastes and talents for directing one the great botanic gardens of the world, from his long interest in and contacts with persons, plants, and programs concerning institutions like the MBG. First with the New York Botanical Garden, then with the Arnold Arboretum, and later with the Smithsonian Institution, he has an intimate acquaintance with the operations and concerns of what the director must face in St Louis. He is international, too, in his interests and experience. He has travelled in the tropics of both hemispheres where the botanic gardens of tomorrow are growing today. As a member of various committees on the needs of institutions in the tropics, and of affiliates with the International Association of Plant Taxonomists, he has met in European capitals and around the world, to discuss not only herbaria and library needs but of horticulture and living plant problems as well. He has had field experience in South America (Colombia, Peru, Brazil), in New Caledonia, and the South Pacific islands.

Then, too, Dr. Smith is a known, producing botanist, whose papers are acknowledged in the fields of systematics (of Ericaceae, Compositae, etc.), plant geography (of Polynesia, Andes, etc.), and floristics (of Fiji, and South Pacific). His name and work are familiar to botanists all over the world and this fact would facilitate his dealings with them on a personal basis on behalf of the Garden.

Moreover, A. C. Smith has exceptional experience in administration. He has served in the administration of the Smithsonian Institution and on important panels with the National Science Foundation. He is known and respected for his sound judgment and absolute fairness where many disciplines are involved, from morphology to physiology and the newer techniques in numerical systematics and cytotaxonomy. Withal he holds an historical perspective that is today rare indeed. In a practical connection Dr. Smith knows the men and manners of the various foundations operating in this country, and their interests and sympathies for botanical research. His knowledge could be worth a great deal to the Garden. In a personal context, Dr. Smith is a man of poise and quiet persuasion--a man who would excellently advance the interests of the Garden at the council table.

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Dr. Turner, a botanist of undoubted abilities in cytotaxonomy, is a leader in one facet of botany today, numerical taxonomy. Though he has done field work in the United States, he is not known for his interest in horticulture or living plants of worldwide families that must be the concern of a botanic garden of the character of the MBG. Aside from his papers and his participation in the International Botanical Congress this past summer in Edinburgh, he is not well known to European workers or to many botanists of this country. He has never been associated with the important botanical centers of the Atlantic seaboard. His experience in administration is not extensive and has not involved decisions on the national level.

In short, Dr. Turner just does not compare with Dr. Smith in the very attributes of most importance for the directorship of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

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Department of Botany

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20 December 1955

Dear George:

Yours of Nov. 25th has been waiting for my reply some weeks now and you might justly conclude that there was slight interest in my ever commenting upon it. This semester seems to have been particularly swift and I have a feeling of having accomplished little in the big job of sorting and organizing for publ. the loot that I brought back from Mother Europe. Of course this is not entirely true for I have managed to get things in some semblance of order and feel ready to get to work. First, there are some mss. to finish oddments and get them off (e.g. Vismia in S. Am., etc.) but Veg. of Rocky Mts. must be completed this spring for sure. It will be summer, I suppose, when all the pp. are off to Verdoorn in Utrecht--sounds queer that he should have abanodoned his Waltham stand. But it is no doubt the best course.

Well, I heard about you all going out of the cryptogamic business (Dodgeing the lichens for the present) and I was a little 'shook' as the girls would say. But it seems to me that the important question right now is simply: will the staff of the Garden in 2055 A.D. or those who work at the Garden as serious scientists abhor or approve of the decision of 1955? Perhaps it is impossible to tell what another 100 yrs. will bring and so you will throw out the question altogether but I still believe the heart of the problem is in the future program and not the immediate present Andersonian Era. We all sincerely hope that the MBG will live on in its scientific position of importance, and in that growth of the Garden the size and scope of the 'plantings' must be given serious thought. Botanic gardens, like other growth phenomena, pass through their prime and decline--Kew is certainly on the decline in that sense--but I do not think that the MBG is at the stage. If this is true, then it is important to plan for possible developments in the future which may indeed be financed (and therefore housed and staffed properly) by unforseen funds from unknown donars. To go out of the crypt business now when some chap may step in and take a liking to the crypts and underwrite them would be both folly and loss. I could imagine, though there is no hypha of evidence to support it today, that some St. Louis 'magnate' fond of gardens and so a visitor to the MBG precincts now and then might take a liking to reading "Molds and Man" (an excellently written book by the bye), stop around to talk over setting up some program in this field of botany, underwrite it handsomely and off you go sporulating cyypt papers through the years! Could be! If, then, in 2055 you surveyed the row of crypt publs and thought how close you came in 1955 to turning this out for want of funds at the time, it would give you a queer feeling akin to admiring a certain cat which you almost drowned but decided could after all live on kitchen scraps.

I suppose all the hints and squints on getting additional funds for enlarging the herbarium, for both phanerogams and to allow the crypts to stick around, have been explored? Having read the recent issues of the New Yorker with the profiles on 'philanthropoids' and the Ford Foundation, I naturally think of such things. Dr. Anderson's close touch with the Guggenheim Found. would naturally give him some intimate knowledge on possible sources.

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But, then, there is another side to all of this: what is happening at the MBG is part of a pattern the world over, namely, the inevitable specialization of institutions to follow up one or few lines of work to the exclusion of others. It is 'sure as fate' and there is small chance of turning the tide. What is coming to pass at MBG not exceptional but wholly in line. When you abandon the crypts your decision is in tune; Dr. Woodson's choice is unrealistic. Another generation, about 1985 will ask: "Well, now that Tryon is no longer active here and there is not likely to be a successor it would be well to ship all this fern material to USNH. There in Washington is the largest collection in the New World, and it is the logical place for this important herbarium, that Dr. Tryon has critically worked over all these years, to be housed and studied." Then, about 2025 it well may be necessary to consider moving the grasses, for by then they will have filled a lot of sorely needed pastures in the hortus siccus. To abandon crypts today is not a drastic move at all but the inevitable. Other men and other programs will dictate the reliquum herbariorum shavi --I pass the form 'shawi' chosen by Dr. Engelmann.

This only leaves us to ask 'who shall it be?' and 'how much is the asking price?' This is rather beyond my talents to suggest, but I would think the folks at MBG would like to see the crypts go to an active institution where work in this field is likely to assume some cumulative importance-- again, for the foreseeable future. Surely the U. of Cinncinnati has a name in fungi; U. Michigan, in algae. I should expect that an enthusiast at some campus would be more likely to beat the drums for a good buy among the 'big chiefs' than to just peddle the crypts to anyone who will . . .? In short, I would arouse the specialists, and work from that angle. Dr. Yale Dawson, of Allen Hancock Foundation, algologist, is a worker and eager as they grow in those waters, and yet his very position is in doubt for the Foundation considers pulling out of the botanical field altogether. But Yale is a fine fellow and might have some ideas. He spent a lot of time collecting notes and fragments of algal types in Europe, has had a Gugge for field work off Mexican coast, etc. Cranbrook Institute is another thought; seems to have money and might like the crypt-ic field?

I'm sorry that McNeill did not get to come to America. It would have done him so much good, and you would have liked him I feel sure. Most sincere chap--they call them 'blokes' over there--and I wonder if he mightcome over on a National Science Foundation post-doctoral grant? I would warmly suggest that that be attempted. He is bright and eager and would diversify the student contributions at the Garden I'm sure. The British have some emphasis on the greenhouse tactics that the American student does not so often exhibit--part of that deep love of gardening I guess.

Nesta enjoyed the job on d'Orbigny and there is some bibliographic tidbits in the problem that would warrant a short paper in the Jour. Soc. Study of Bibliog. of Nat. Hist. or the like.

How we should love to see you down here this Holiday? We would have so much to talk about! and I could show you some interesting stuff in the bookline that I brought back from abroad. Acquired about 200 new titles this trip mostly in line of bibliog. of nat. hist., travel narratives of naturalists, and the like, some of them little gems at sparklingly attractive prices. I now have a choice library by any reasoned standards. Dearly love to see you--better come.

Nesta sends her best with mine! As ever Tom Swan

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March 15, 1957

Mr. Joseph Ewan
Department of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

I am delighted to hear from you so speedily after my letter of Monday, especially since you say that you may be able to meet me somewhere in the South at Eastertime. Unfortunately, our vacation periods are not congruent but they do overlap by several days. I expect to reach Dallas on Sunday, the 14th. If it were possible to meet you in Shreveport on Wednesday evening, the 17th, I would plan to stay in Dallas just Monday and Tuesday. We could then spend Thursday and part of Friday in the area south of Shreveport that you speak of, getting back say to Monroe Friday evening in order that in the two days I have left the distance would not be greater than 500 miles. Perhaps you might like to drive north with us a ways on Saturday, or perhaps you would like to go back directly on Saturday morning, but that you could decide afterward. I am assuming you would come with your own car but we should, of course, have room for you if you came by train or bus.

I think you should assume that Sydney W. Gould will get his information no matter what, so you should help him as little as possible. I am glad he has not asked me for any help because I am completely out of sympathy with him. I am rather annoyed that it is grass genera he has landed on, even a little more annoyed that it is Dr. Anderson's fault that it is this group he has chosen first. Dr. Anderson has supported him in this crazy business and thinks he is a much misunderstood man. My own feeling is to change the phraseology to a much misunderstanding man.

Harvey MacCaleb has been here this week and told me of his recent meeting with you and of the wonderful library you now have. I should certainly like to see it and congratulate you on having it. As for M'Mahon, we have editions I and II. By the way, we happen to have a duplicate of edition I. What would it be worth?

Keep your sights trained on Shreveport.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Acting Curator of the Herbarium

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

March 13, 1957

Dear George:

Yours of the 25th of February with its wonderful inclosure came to hand, and I was really thrilled to eee the Gulf Fauna and Flora Bulletin, all 3 pts. In the first place it was good to hear from you, after such a long silence, missing the October meetings at the Garden and you at New York. I did see Andy briefly at the Statler one day, and he told me of his latest doings and particularly of Cutler's coming in to take the Hughlm at the Garden, I guess one would say. Well, Tulane acquired 2 pts. of the GF&FB in 1952 and these have waited for processing some time now. I'm going to check up with the Cat Dept. and see what their response may be to adding the third and final pt. to the item, but I'm telling you quite honestly I've never coddled the throwing-of-pearls-gesture and if the University Library is indifferent I'll just curate them here in Dinwiddie for now. (The English word 'Keeper' is so apt). I had found the Chapman sketch at Gray Herb. and made a Contoura for mysel f

There are all sorts of things to talk over with you; better come down with Ray Fosberg when he comes south to talk to us after visiting in your pastures early next month. He will be going out on field trips and the like and I am sure that you will so easily put yourself out to grass while he is botanizing in his usual turions of enthusiasm. Then we can go over recent literature and I can instruct you on useful bib tools and that sort of thing. I really have a choice library now from the beginnings that you saw. By the way I captured--raptorial behavior patterns intrude themselves in book collecting these days--the 10th ed. of M'Mahon's AMERICAN GARDENERS' CALENDAR from Old Author's Farm, a dubious chap up in Ontario. I now have the 1st, 9th, 10th, and 11th eds. and wonder what you have? I've just about promised the editor of the Jour. Soc. for Bib of N.H., A.C.Townsend, of BM(NH) that I'll do a paper for the Journal on Bernard M'Mahon and his Calendar. Fascinating chap, Mac, pal of a good many polymaths in old Philadelphia. Knew Wm. Hamilton out at the Woodlands, employed F. Pursh to work on the Lewis and Clark colls., etc. His Calendar--only 1st was his the later eds. mostly done by his wife--was the first American book on gardening as a separate subject, 1806. Well, many many other items . . .

Sydney W. Gould, Thunder Mill, Opening Hill Road, Madison, Conn., is doing a bibliographic job on grass genera, coded, e.g. PRE791 is J. S. Presl, 1791-1849, etc. which doesn't warm the glumes exactly. He has written me for over a 100 vital dates for authors of genera, and were I more sympathetic to his approach I think I would work faster. Just now I think, autobiographically, 'a willing ass is readily loaded'

Now yours of 11th came in mailbox. I would be pleased to have the Woodson essay for I have the pl. tax. folk read it for pure pleasure, along with a required essay, good one too, by Wm. R. Maxon, the old gander. Hutch's Brti Fl. Pls. would be a nice personal acquisition; I ordered it when it came out for the Library and I use it a good deal. Mighty thoughtful of you, George. I like the idea of seeing you at Easter and wonder if we might not meet in no. La. and take Texas from the East? Not that I ever expect to outflank Shinners, he's terrific, but I need to learn about the country so. of Shreveport esp. Perhaps we can work out a schedule: I can't lv. N.O. until 10 a.m. Wed. 17th, classes resume for me Tues. 2 p.m. 23rd. I'll see what I can arrange from here.

Again, 'bundant thanks.

Cordially yours,

Hugh Iltis

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March 11, 1957

Mr. Joseph Ewan
Department of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

Did you ever get a copy of Bob Woodson's paper, "Why I Like Taxonomy", which you remember hearing read at the Wisconsin meetings several years ago? I should have thought at the time it was printed several months later to send you a copy, but it slipped my mind and suddenly the thing was out of print. Recently I ran across a spare copy of the Bulletin containing it, so far as I know the only copy left. If you do not have this interesting essay among your papers I think you should have this copy and I would be glad to send it to you. Also, do you happen to have a copy of Hutchinson's British Flowering Plants? Last fall I purchased a bunch of these at a very low sale price to give away to my friends. One was intended for you but I never got around to asking you if you need a copy. Please let me know.

When is your spring holiday and what are your plans concerning it? Ours comes this year from the 12th to the 20th of April, and I am planning to go to Dallas and around about to see the spring flora. My Argentinian assistant, Alfredo Cocucci, will go with me and unless something happens Helen Rider will make the southern trip with us, staying in Dallas after we leave. If you are off the same week how about crossing trails at Dallas? Time is running out and we should do something about it.

Best greetings to all.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack
Acting Curator of the Herbarium

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College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

7 August 1956

Dear George:

Hello! Helen; greetings and wish I might see you after the passing seasons and have some more chat about fine illustrations and the like!

Well, George, I'll not be able to make the Storrs meetings, and this I very very much regret for I should really like to see you and talk of many things, as you say, but this double-header I'm playing means the bases are really loaded on both diamonds and I can hardly tell which is big-league stuff and which vacant lot fun. Anyhoo I'm trying to get as far as possible in Veg. R. Mts. this summer--so long overdue, and it is getting there slowly it seems, but I'm past halfway mark in the 14 chapters and now the multitudinous details: red tags for library errand, yellow for reprint, and so on. My critic on the hearth chirps away, too, and Dorothy has done some typing for me. Next week the five of us hie over to Fort Walton, Elorida, and swim, sun, wade, walk, sit, write, read, and eat bream--of bream fried in butter there is little to go to heaven for. I'm getting definitely less interested in the place as I grow older anyway; I'm the solitary sort and I'm skeptical of the heavenly bodies I'll meet there.

You may see George Cooley at Storrs; he is most genial, energetic, restless as business men emeriti often are, but I like him very much indeed. He has revitalized the bot. depts of South for taxonomy and roused a lot of interest in the brining together of new colls. for a revised Small's Manual. He works out of Gray Herb. and Rollins is M.C. for brining in the sheaves, as it were, centering the project at Harvard down the line. There is talk of a meeting next April here in South on the modus operandi of our several universities, sharing equipment and getting together for discussions on tax. problems. Perhaps you could sit in next Spring--I'll let you know when and where. The session will include a short resume of what has been done, and then what needs to be looked into, particular genera, areas, etc.

I leave N. O. by air Sept. 7th and arrive Paris Sunday, 9th, 8:50 AM. Week there then over to London for six nights and fly back to N.O. arr. Sun. 23rd. I return via Chicago and I tried to break the flight with stopover at St. Louis but the arrangements were made out of Paris and the local agency was reluctant to change them. I'll be in Montreal Sat. 8th from 10:10 AM to 3:20 PM but I hardly suppose you will ~~not~~ be in that quarter?

All for now, George, but with very best wishes from both of us,

Joe Swan

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March 2, 1956

Mrs. Joseph Ewan
7508 Burthe Street
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Nesta:

I enclose several packets of seeds taken from herbarium sheets. For a long time we have been removing these from the herbarium, and it is not considered that it is necessary to keep them. Since I remember your onetime interest in seeds I am wondering if you would care to have these sent to you as they are discarded. Please do not be bashful about saying "No".

So far I have been able to get around to looking at only one of the bibliographical reports you sent me - namely, the one on Pardé. I have now had the number bound up so that our copy is taken care of. While you were still abroad I found a complete set of Todaro for sale which we were able to buy so that our set is now no longer incomplete. Some day I hope I shall find time to look at the other two items again.

We are having some very fine warm days lately, and I am beginning to think about the summertime, especially since night before last I showed a lot of slides of Gothic Valley were we had such a good time. There seem to be a great many things to do around here and I am not yet able to make any very definite plans about this summer. I do wish it were not so far between here and New Orleans so that I could see you and Joe more often.

Best greetings to all.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack

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July 5, 1956

Mr. Joseph Ewan
Department of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

I have not had time to look at your Cynodon specimen with any critical eye for your letter just reached me and I am answering it at once at the thought that you may be going to Storrs. I have plans to be there myself but have rather dreaded the thought of not finding some of my best friends there too. So I am delighted that there is a chance to see you there. It happens that just last night I wrote to Iltis, trying to persuade him to make the trip, if possible, with the thought that since I would be driving westward toward Chicago immediately after the meetings I could perhaps help make it possible. I regret I cannot also drive southwestward also and help make it possible for you too. When I wrote to Hugh I suggested to him that I should like to go to the foray at Peterborough, but did not want to go alone. I should hope that if you can find the time and resources to get so far in August you too would want to go to the foray. I think we are probably too late to be included in the regular registrants, but I should have camping equipment along and I think we would have no trouble in making our own bed.

In about ten days I am leaving here with Emanuel Rudolph (young lichenologist whom you may remember from Madison three years ago) for a few days in the Smokies, on to Mt. Mitchell perhaps, possibly to the Carolina coast and then northward to Washington and New York, reaching there early in August. For a time I had thought of trying to induce you to meet us in the Smokies, but when I looked at the map I saw that such a jaunt would be a major undertaking without commensurate reward, for it is doubtful we should be able to stay there more than a very short time if I ever get ready enough so that we can go at all.

I am very happy to hear that you can finally look forward to having your herbarium set up in steel cases. It will greatly simplify your storage problem and certainly make using the herbarium vastly easier for you. I regret my ignorance of George Cooley who has made you such a fine gift. My heartiest congratulations on your invitation to speak in Paris in September. How I regret that you must be doing all this interesting writing sandwiched in between so many duties and, good as your own library is, without the easy access you could have in one or two places I know of. Of this and many other things I have a great deal to talk to

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you about and I certainly hope we may be able to meet in Connecticut or New Hampshire.

My address will be here through delivery time on Monday, the 16th. Next address c/o Walker in Washington on or about the 27th, and following that early in August in care of your old friend, Helen Rider, 24 Farview Ave., Danbury, Conn.

My greetings too are warm, but cooler today than last week when we too had 93°. I should like so much to see all of you and regret that 800 miles cannot be covered as quickly as thought.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack
Acting Curator of the Herbarium

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3 July 1956

Dear George:

What do you know about Bermuda grass (Cynodon dactylon)? Are you cynical?

The supt. of the City Park plantings, including the maintainence of the golf course there, Mr. J. E. Bush, is bothered by a particularly coarse form of what seems to me to be Bermuda grass that slows down the golf ball or just 'spoils the game' for a goodly number of Republican hero worshippers. I'm sending along a sample herewith; you will see the flowering shoots are just pushing out of their sheaths in some tips. Notice the curious reaction to repeated clipping in the frayed edges of the grass blade, with vasc. bundles persisting!

I've just looked over our folder of the sp. and it looks as if you just have a job uncut and blooming away! A glance at the lit. looks as if the sp. also has its problems in names, incl. the 'var. maritimus' of the Fla. coast which may also be here. In short, the sp. must be extremely polymorphic, with a long "homologous series in variation," introgressive hybridization between spp. one of which is not now recognized, or so given to intraspecific races (unnamed or untagged?) that what would pass for spp. in other grass genera are given scant notice here??

Well, we have entered a new era here! George Cooley, well known to you by reputation for good works I'm sure, has given us $3250 on a matching fund basis for steel herb. cases, $2000. for a few essential ref. books to be shelved in the herb. (I.K. and suppls.--now incompl., etc.), etc. Also it included reimbursement for the transp. costs and supplies bought by me. There is now no room to expand into for the 20 new cases butin another year perhaps that will be worked out, following some moves in Depts. Geol. and Zool. here.

I'm working on the Veg. R. Mts. ms. this summer, plus a paper for Paris Sept. meeting: "Role of France in the devlopment of botany in the Americas," I'm doing "French naturalists in the SE. U.S. to 1860" I shall fly to Paris in Sept. as gueast of Fr. govt. (one of 4 or 5 so invited, incl. Robbins of NYBG, Schramm, emeritus of UPa., Chinard of Princeton).

I may be able to get to Sotrrs--are you going to be there? Frankly, this would strongly influence my trying to attend.

Nesta would want to be included in our warm (93 degrees F) personal regards,

Cordially,

Joe Ewan

Joseph Ewan

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PARIS, Décembre 1912

Monsieur,

Par dé ICONOGRAPHIE DES CONIFERES.- Je suis heureux de vous annoncer que le nombre des souscripteurs à l'Iconographie des Conifères est actuellement suffisant pour permettre la mise à exécution de la publication de l'ouvrage.

Nous vous adressons le premier fascicule dans le cartonnage façon bois que nous vous offrons pour conserver dans toute leur fraîcheur, les fascicules parus, en attendant la fin de l'ouvrage.

Le dos du cartonnage est calculé pour contenir les 10 premiers fascicules, chemises comprises; un 2ème cartonnage vous sera envoyé avec le fascicule 11, et un 3ème avec le fascicule 21. Les fascicules suivants suivront régulièrement tous les deux mois.

J'espère que reconnaissant le caractère artistique de cette publication, et le soin apporté à la reproduction des planches, vous voudrez bien nous aider dans cette entreprise par toute la propagande que vous pourrez faire autour de vous.

Nous vous prions également de prévenir vos amis qui seraient susceptibles de souscrire que, vu le nombre insuffisant de souscripteurs pour couvrir tous les frais de cette publication, nous nous verrons forcés de porter à 600 frs le prix de souscription aussitôt le 2ème fascicule paru et de les engager à ne pas attendre cette date pour nous adresser leur souscription à 560 frs.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, avec mes remerciements, mes civilités empressées.

L H O M M E, Editeur
3, rue Corneille
PARIS.

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November 25, 1955

Mr. Joseph Ewan
Department of Biology
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

I am very sorry I didn't write you back in October and urge you to come to our Symposium. In the first place, I think you would have enjoyed it and I should certainly have enjoyed seeing you. Besides which, there are a great many things I should have liked to talk over with you. And since you didn't come, one of these I am going to pester you with by letter.

A year ago last spring Dr. Anderson appointed a herbarium committee. Naturally, Dr. Woodson was made the chairman; at Dr. Anderson's suggestion he appointed everybody at all interested in the herbarium as members of the committee. The committee was charged with a number of things; in particular, it was told by Dr. Anderson that the Trustees had decided to go out of the cryptogamic business (except for lichens, at least as long as Dr. Dodge is here) and that one of the first duties of the committee would be to find suitable disposition of the remaining cryptogamic material. By suitable disposition he said he meant either sale, if that were possible, gift, if sale were not possible, or burning, if necessary, which last he expected would probably be the fate of the fungi since he didn't believe we could find anyone who would even allow us to ship them the fungi. He defended his directive on several points:

1) (which, at that time, he seemed to consider most important) that all parts of the Garden had to curtail their activities to some extent in order to balance their budgets, and that the only "piece" of the herbarium that could be lopped off without damage to the rest was the lower cryptogams.

2) that, barring a very substantial windfall to the herbarium directly, there would be no additions to the space currently occupied by the herbarium, and since that space was already pretty full, removing the lower cryptogams would be essentially the only way to enable the phanerogamic herbarium to acquire any more space.

3) that, in so far as it might be possible to find anyone to purchase or accept parts or all of the lower cryptogamic collection, we should be advancing science to the extent that presumably the people who wanted this material would put it to some use, while we, who have held it for upwards of a hundred years, had, at least during the past fifteen to twenty five years, given it practically no use - in many groups definitely none - except, of course, to send it out on loan, a distinct liability.

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This directive was met with considerable consternation in certain parts of the committee and at no time do I remember that the committee, as such, endorsed the objectives, although it did undertake to carry out the directive. Its efforts in doing this resulted in no sales but did spread rather widely over the country the rumor that the Missouri Botanical Garden herbarium was going to pieces. The nearest we came to a sale was an offer by a group at the University of Illinois, subject to the inevitable confirmation from above, of $40,000 for the fungi (approximately 100,000 numbers), the algae (approximately 15,000 numbers), and the bryophytes (approximately 25,000to 30,000 numbers). The confirmation was not forthcoming and we were later informed that the University had no intention of spending any money on cryptogams because on one would use them if they got there, which latter may or may not be true.

So I am left holding the bag in one hand and am expected to hold aloft the banner in the other. Dr. Woodson, who was most opposed to any sale, did, however, as the chairman of the committee, try to effect one, but now, as merely another member of the committee, he feels it his obligation to oppose the sale or other disposition. I had a very long talk with him the other night, quite amicable, but the only place we could arrive at was that we disagreed. We disagree because I am inclined to feel that as "crazy" as some of Andy's ideas often sound and sometimes are, he isn't far from right in this instance (although I don't intend to burn any fungi!), while Dr. Woodson, understandably not loathe to oppose such a proposal from this director, would oppose it from any director because he is the kind of many who has never had to face practical consequences. He is an idealist and, for good or for bad, he has always had enough money to be able to remain so. I do not think he believes that we are as financially hampered as I believe we are and he is idealistic enough to believe that some time in the next hundred years somebody may leave us a couple of million - that is, leave the herbarium a couple of million.

I do not really believe there is much possibility for altering the directive even if it were desirable to do so, but I should like to know from two or three of my friends how far off the beam I may be in believing that in carrying it out I should be doing more good than harm. In our discussion the other night we reached a point where Dr. Woodson permitted himself to be faced with the question, "Which should we do (if we had a choice): sell the cryptogamic herbarium for what we can get for it and thereby, at least for a few years (as I see it, fifteen or twenty at least) obtain such expansion and working space as we need for the phanerogams and, to a certain extent, some financial assistance in taking care of the rest of the herbarium; or, close our doors to all new material, simply sitting on what we have, fumigating it and loaning it?". He didn't hesitate for an instant in saying that we should do the latter rather than the former, even if we had to wait a hundred years for more money.

Well, all of this letter was written just to put in the background for these last two sentences and what I want to know is, what do you think about it?

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I should have written you long since to tell you that we tried very hard to get young John McNeill from Edinburgh to come here. He seemed like an excellent candidate and he wanted to come. But in the end he had to give it up because he could not get the Military Service Board to grant him a release early enough for him to work out plans. I am very sorry he could not come because I think we should have enjoyed him as near as I can tell from what you wrote of him, and I think we would have received better value than we are getting. We were able to get someone to come on short notice - a fellow named George Eiten, who was finishing a monograph on Oxalis with Keck. He is not difficult really, but he is extremely slow and forgetful and, despite his thirty two years, lacking the kind of initiative that would be very helpful in an assistant here. However, we are fortunate he is not a menace as he might have been. He gets on with everybody, he is interested in plants, and some of the work gets done. We were undoubtedly very spoiled last year in having Karl Kramer here. Conservatively, he did in one day at least as much as Eiten does in three weeks. I wish there were a chance of getting McNeill next year, but that is not possible because he has now started on his program at Edinburgh.

Please tell Nesta I am very glad to have the bibliographic information which she sent and I am sure it will be helpful as soon as I can get around to using it. You may suspect that I am not without employment most of the time around here and cannot always get around to such things in a hurry.

I am glad that everything went well with the girls while you were away and that Kathleen is thrilled with Louisiana State.

Very best greetings to everyone.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack
Acting Curator of the Herbarium

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7508 Burthe St.
New Orleans 18, La.
Nov. 19, 1955

Dear George,

Enclosed are notes on the books which you requested while we were in Europe, but which reached us a bit too late for us to look them up in Paris...your letter had been forwarded to Pavia and met us there, and so that is where we began. The D'Orbigny got us quite excited, and sometime we shall look a bit further into the story of its publication. I am sorry for the delay in sending these notes, but I went to work at the library the day after I arrived home, and you can well imagine how much there was to do at home for awhile. Then I find it a little hard at home to get down to outside activities, and am somewaht of a procrasinator anyway.

I wish Joe might have come to the recent meetings in St. Louis, but he feels overawed with the materials he has accumulated to get worked upon. You instead will have soon to make another trip down into this delightful country to have a reunion with the Ewans. Besides you must hear allabout our trip. We had two really nice botanical field trips, modest but nice: one to the "Vienna Woods" with Ehrendorfer, and one along the stream near where the pilgrams used to cross near Guilford on their way to Canterbury.

Kathleen is going to Louisiana State and is quite thrilled with all the new experience. She was just eighteen and quite touched at the thought of being so mature. She is quite in so many ways. She really did a very good job at running things while we were away--drove the car, shopped, and banked. She seems quite happy that Thanksgiving is meaning a few days home. We have found it a nice experience to have the other two girls without competition at home, too. And Joe and I find ourselves alone together to pursue our own ways, which might be more botanical if the library did not take my time... there are always complications with life!

Three weeks next summer, and know all four of us girls would like to make directly for the mountains and some camping out. I cant speak for Joe. He always wants new places, but I seem never to get enough of the places I love. Perhaps you feel like the Rockies too!

I hope these notes are not too late in arriving. That someone else has already found out the material for you, or that you have gone ahead and bound up the items anyway is what I fear. For what use they are, here I send them.

Sincerely,

Nesta Ewan

Notes in form based upon your letter of notes.

P.S. Did you employ the young man from University of Edinburgh interviewed last June? How's Re Semecta progressing herbarium-wise? Best, as Ever, Tom

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D'Orbigny, Voyage.... COPY IN BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY)

Typed notes bound into the vol before the title page of Vol. 7 (which is bound in with Volume 6, relating to fascicles of plates:

"II(1) (Sert. Patag.)
Text. pp. 1-16 (no data; ? 1839).
17-19 Livr. 48. 1840.
Plates 1-3 Livr. 45. 1859.

II (2) (Flor. Boliv.).
Text pp. 1-16 Livr. 44. 1839.
17-40 45. 1839.
41-72 46. 1839.
73-104 47. 1839.
105-119

Plates 1 Livr. 16. 1834.
2,4,5,6 19. 1835.
3 21. 1836.
7 22. 1836.
11- 16 24. 1836.
8, 9 39. 1837.
10,11 40. 1839.
13 45. 1839. "

"(Some of these plates belong the the Sertum Patag., but it is not easy to disentangle them.)"
" June 1933"

Typed notes bound in in front of Title Page of Vol. 7 Part III.

"Botanique

Palmires

Text pp. 1-16 Livr. 68. 184-
17-40 69. 1843.
41-64 72. 1844.
65-104 75. 1844.
105-128 77. 1844.
129-140 90. 1847.

Plates 2 Livr. 1. 1834.
1,3-5 64. 184-
6,7 65. 1842
9,10 66. 184-
8 67. 184-
11-20 70 1843
12,19,21 71 1843

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13 80. 1845
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24 83. 1845
28,29 85. 1846
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27,30 87. 1846
25,26,32 90. 1847"

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d'Orbigny, Voyage dans l'Amerique Meridionale, vol. 7, Botanique.

Copies examined in:
Conservatoire bot. Geneve — Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet. Stockholm
Nat. Hist. Mus. Vienna — Private library, Lord Derby, Knowsley Hall.
Bot. Lib. Univ. Pavia — British Museum (Natural History)
Copy in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) the most complete copy of those examined, and notes based upon it:

1. Binders t. p. 'Voyage dans...' (half page) as in MBG copy 1.

2. T. P. ' Voyage dans...Tome septieme, 1re et 2e part.: Cryptogamie, Paris, etc. ....1839. as in MBG copy 1.

3. Half title: 'Sertum Patagonicum, Cryptogames, etc., ...1839. as in MBG copy 1.

4. Text. Voyage etc., Botanique. Intro. p. 1-2. Botanique 1re partie. Sertum Patagonicum. p. 3-19. as in MBG copy 1.

5. British Museum copy plates are not bound here, but in Vol. 8 with rest of plates and with Atlas. Only in Knowsley Hall copy are they bound here. At Vienna, Stockholm and Pavia they are bound at the end of Part II.

6. T. P. 'Florula Boliviensis, etc. 1839' as in MBG copy 1.

7. Text. Botanique. Seconde Partie, Florulae Boliviensis, etc. pages 1-116. Only the corrected sheet, 71-72, has been bound in.

8. Index generum et specierum, p. 117-119. as in MBG copy 1.

9. PPlates not here, but in Vol. 8 with atlas.

Pars 3.

1. Binder's t. p., half page 'Voyage dans...' and verso: 'Strasbourg, Imprimerie de Veuve Berger Levrault'

2. Title Page: 'Voyage dans L'Amerique.... 1847'.

3. Half title: 'Palmetum orbigianum/ descriptio/.... Martius.' and lower left, 'VII Bot., 3e part. page 1.'

4. Text. p. 3-134.

5. Tabulae explicatae, 135-140. and that is all. [140 is errata]

Vol. VIII is the "Atlas historique, geographie, geologique, paleontologique et Botanique" and Vol. IX for Zoologie was proposed (on back of title page to Vol. VIII) The plates are bound in this volume.

The plates so far as I can judge:
Plate 12 of Pars I was missing in all copies examined! It was almost certainly never issued.

Part I: Lithos: 1, 2, 8-11, 13 in all copies I saw.
Copper: 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.
Part II: Copper: 1, 2, 3.
Part III: Lithos: 25, 26, 32
Copper: 1-24, 27-31. [2 looked like a litho to me, but was not so labelled, and was done by same artist who had done copper]

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Todaro, Hortus Botanicus Panormitanus.

BM. copy has a portrait. MBG in vol. 2 lacks pp. 33-64 plus index and plates 33-40.

At Bm vols. I and II are bound together. There is a slight descrepancy in size, Vol. I being about a half inch smaller in size of page and the plates are slightly larger than the text of vol. 2.
BM Portrait of "Augustino Todaro/dei B.ri della Galia/ senatore del Regno/ [born? illegible] 12. Gennaio 1818: m 18 April 1898./ Lithograph signed by Blackman.

V. 1 Binder's T.P.

T.P. "Tomus Primus" etc. dated 1876-78.
Index generalis
[no extra T.P.]
Text
Index generum, specierum et synonimarum
Index tabularum
Plates 1-xxiv

v. 2 Binders T.P.
T. P. "Tomus secundus" etc. dated 1879-1892.
Index generalis
Text (Il Genere Agave) pp. 1-60
Monitum ad lectores p. 61 [sgd Antonius Todaro Galiae]
Index generum, specierum et synonimarum p. 63-64
Tabulae [and verso]
Index tabularum
Plates 25-40
and end paper.

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Cosson, Illustrationes Florae Atlanticae

Vol. I. which you have complete
Fasc. 1 Plate 1 The cancel is "A) "the one with figures in two columns".

Vol. 2. MBG lacks Fasc. 7.
The order in this volumn is:
Binders T. P.
T. P.
Avertissement p. [3]-4
Conspectus Tabularum 5-6
Text 7-119
Index alphabeticus 121-125
Plates 199-175.

Pardé, Iconographie des Conifers fructifiant en France.
B. M. has Livraisons I-VI, but has them out in numerical order, and has preserved the covers and keeps them in a bound box with the letter from which the following is excerpted:

"Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey, June 30/30
"Dear Mr. Ardagh
We have the same number (6) of parts of Parde's Iconographie des Conifers. I have made inquiries about this work two or three times and have been informed that normore has been issued, and I've gathered that it will not be continued. I have been told that L'homme, the publisher of it, went out of business and treated Pardé and other authors rather shabbily." Sgd S. A. Skan.

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Innocents Abroad

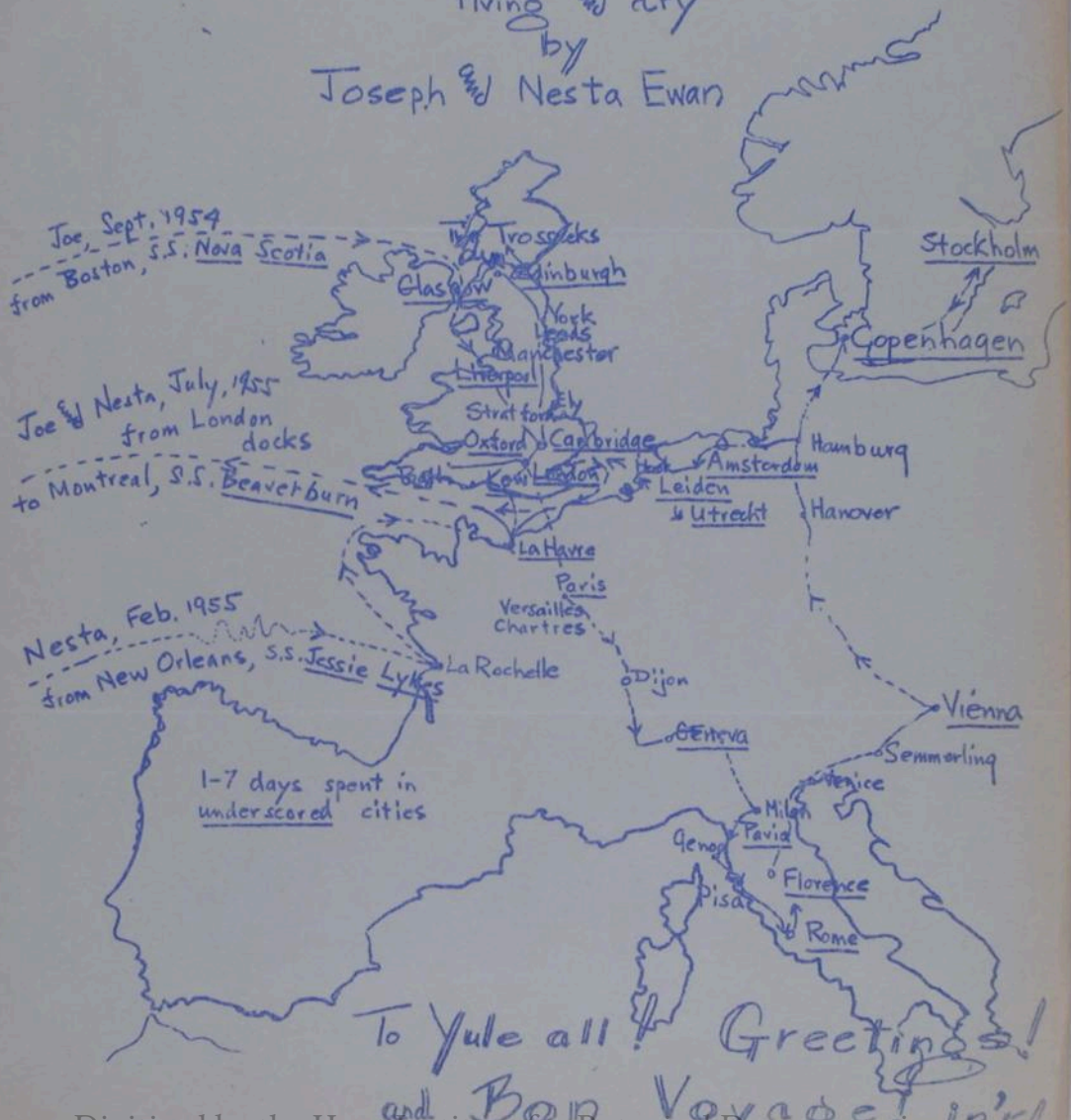
or

residence and travels among museums, cubicles, and gardens

living and dry

by

Joseph and Nesta Ewan



To Yule all! Greetings!

and Bon Voyage in '56

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Mr. Joseph Ewan
25 West Park Road
Kew (Richmond) Surrey
ENGLAND.

Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for your long and detailed letter from Edinburgh. Within a couple of days following your letter we had applications from Miss Buchanan and Mr. Chow Dhuri, but neither one of these seemed to fill out for them the case you had already made sufficiently for us to make an offer before we heard from McNeil, so we waited for a letter from the latter which came after several days. It reflected a personality much more vivid than that of the other two, as you had indicated, and appealed to all of us very much. We have accordingly offered him the assistantship, promising him not only the $2,000 originally mentioned, but also passage in both directions, adequate though not sumptuous free living quarters, a kitchen in which to cook his meals, and a possible half tuition scholarship. I think he should be able to make out on these. It is my hope that he will prove good enough to be kept for at least two years. During the second year he would, of course, be worth three times as much as during the first. I am keeping my fingers crossed that he will find no reason to refuse our offer.

Fred Meyer left here today and goes, I believe, directly to England where I suspect you will be seeing him within ten days. I am leaving here day after tomorrow for a five week trip in the East, first to Massachusetts to help my sister with some household matters, then for a visit in Danbury (you remember Helen Ryder, of course?), and then for a few days in Washington. After that I will be back here for a couple of weeks and then I hope to have two or three weeks in Wisconsin before the new semester begins.

When are you and Nesta getting back? I wish I could look forward to seeing you but I think you will have to plan a trip to St. Louis if I am to see you at least before another year.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack

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Friday eve. Edinburgh, 17 June '55

Dear George: "Permanent" etc. I'm writing at once so that you may have my notes when letters arrive (as I'm sure they will) from the three candidates here: In order interviewed they were: (1) John McNeil, about 20, who graduates in July, B.Sc., who has submitted "an excellent thesis on variation in Solidago virgaurea" (Peter H. Davis, his "major prof") McNeil plans to go into Syst. Bot. as a career. He is very affable, in evident good health and spirits, evidently liked by his fellow students and most anxious to study in USA. As with other 2 candidates, I've told him to write at once giving details on his training, nature of his Honors work and plans for future. I should say he's a good "bet" likely to prove successful. He has had experience about the herbarium here and is definitely interested in herbaria for their own sake. He would be a useful assistant, I have no doubt.

(2) Miss Buchanan, about 20, finishes her Second Honors (Geology) next week, having taken Botany Honors (B.Sc.) last year, "produced an exceptional thesis on British Lueulas" (Peter H. Davis). She plans to go on, take a PhD, and teach botany. She is a very quiet lass, has done evidently a thorough job on cytotaxonomy of Luzula with preparation of her own materials for chrom. counts, made field studies (mass collections, etc) some attempt at habitat studies), and has won scholarships from Univ. for her past performance. She is an only child and she is hesitant to come from her parents' probable disfavor but could be persuaded. Does not seem to be spoiled in any sense; a rugged type. Interested in paleobotany. Certainly a much stronger candidate than Miss Littlebury of Oxford — no doubt of that.

(3) P.K. Chowdhuri, aet. 30, native of Assam, here for

She has had very little experience in herb. procedures.

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1½-2 years, completes his PhD in Nov. Could be at St Louis Dec. 15th. His thesis tests Davis "a most excellent revision of Oriental Silenes – has received world spp. Did prepared a key to all sections. Hard worker; speaks English well but not as well as Ko Ko Lay; plans to enter tax. as career & return to work on Assam flora. Happy to come for 2 years or so. Well prepared in tax. procedures, better background than other two candidates tests Davis.

All three have one or another drawback, you see, but I personally think you would find McNeil very satisfying. You would want to have a report from Davis on his sci. aptitudes. He is interested in floristic work and would (if he stays here) work or study if need. plan toward his doctorate. Let me know if you want any further info. and best wishes from Nestor and Joe

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BY AIR MAIL
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AIR LETTER
AIRGRAM

Dr. Jorge B. Van Schaak
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Sender's name and address
J. EWAN
25 West Park Road,
Kew, Richmond, Surrey

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Friday, June 3, 1955

Dear George:

Just a memo to say that Mr. X at the BMNH is not in the list of candidates. I was not fully aware of his limited scholastic record when I thought of his qualifying for the position but it is quite clear that he cannot be considered, I regret to say, for he is a good fellow who came to mind so naturally when you brought the matter to my notice. I've written to Edinburgh, with the just bare hope that a possible person might be able to meet me when we plan to be there in about 15 days or so. This may be too late to be of use to you? I wrote to Dr. Peter Davis that the position would be effective Sept. 15th to July 15th, for three days' service per week to the Herbarium, following your letter of May 5th. I think it is going to be difficult to interest a person in England for the amount stated unless funds from Fulbright Travelling Fellowships, or the like, are made available to the candidate. The average Englishman is terribly frightened of reported living expenses in the U.S.

I presume you (or Tryon) wrote to Prof. Manton, and to Dr. Corner or someone else at Cambridge--I think you mentioned Oxford as having been approached. We shall be at Oxford next week, June 7-8-9th.

In any event Dr. George Taylor of the BMNH is very genuinely interested in finding a man for you, that is, he is sympathetic to your needs, to the person who should prove valuable and who in turn would profit from the opportunity. He will surely keep the matter in mind these next few weeks. We are keeping in touch about possible developments.

All for the moment,
very sincerely,

Joe Swan

Thanks, too, for the notes on the Bartram photocopying job done by Dr. Meyer; will we see him in England or is he to be only on the Continent this summer?

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May 30, 1955

Mr. Joseph Ewan
25 West Park Road
Kew, Richmond
Surrey, ENGLAND.

Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter of earlier in the month. With regard to the William Bartram materials which Dr. Meyer photographed, the answer to your question is that as far as we know no one is doing anything with them here. The photographs were made simply because money was available for this sort of thing and since Meyer's return they have just been reposing in the library.

With regard to the young man at the British Museum who might wish to apply for the assistantship here, I write to say that we are all very interested in the possibility of his being acceptable to us. Since it is important that we make the decision soon, if for no other reason than to permit the appointee to commence making his own arrangements, we are anxious to have Mr. X write us at once. If it is possible for you to see him would you please ask him to write me in detail regarding the extent and nature of his training, his present activity, his interest for future work and, in particular, what type of study or investigation he would propose to carry on here when not discharging the responsibilities of his assistantship. I think I told you that the assistantship pays $2,000 for such part of a year as it may be held. In the case of the person in question this period would presumably run from mid-September to the first or the middle of the following August. But if his arrival here should be delayed it might be expected he would continue here somewhat later during the following summer. There is no provision explicit for defraying traveling expenses, but this is not to say that some defrayment might not be obtained in an unusual case.

If, by the time you receive this letter, you have not already written me about this fellow I should very much appreciate your doing so, giving me your opinion of the desirability of our making this appointment and some clear idea of his personality.

Thank you very much for the other names, but I am afraid it is too late for us now to make additional second hand contacts, so many thanks in great haste.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack

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Address until July 13th:
25 West Park Road,
Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England
24 May 1955

Dear George:

Yours of the 5th was waiting for us here in England when we arrived yesterday from Holland--again it was just a little too bad that your message did not reach me until we had quit Copenhagen and Leiden where there might have been some candidates for your position upon a little inquiry. There is at Copenhagen a very able professor, Dr. Tyge W. Böcher, Botanical Institute, Univ. of Copenhagen, who might have some suggestion as to a possible person. I believe he knows Dr. Anderson from his remarks, and I am sure his judgment would be sound on any likely person he would suggest. Prof. Lam at the Rijksherbarium, Leiden, is another able and understanding person of excellent judgment and would I'm sure be a good judge of persons. I'm only sorry that I did not have a chance to ask about this matter personally.

I'm going to do a little checking here in London immediately on possible persons who might be good candidates and I'll no doubt write you again soon anent this matter. I have one young man in mind who is at present on the BMNH staff and very able and genial, and also anxious to visit America for more botanical orientation. I'll see what the circumstances may be for this fellow at once.

We have had a really excellent tour on the Continent these past 7 weeks and I shall bring back a rich harvest. I hope, D.V., I live to see it organized and in print. I'm in very good health but at best we are so mortal.

What can you find out for me about the state of knowledge of the WILLIAM Bartram materials that Dr. Meyers had photostated at the BMNH in 1951? I notice that the original drawings of plants and animals, the original ms. descriptions of new plan ts, etc., were entirely photostated that year, teste a note in the front of the books in the Library: also the original two volumes of narrative of travels written out for Peter Collinson. My point is if Meyers or some other person at MBG is working up notes on the specimens in the Wm. Bartram loose volumes of plants against the ms. notes written by Wm Bartram with the intent of publishing on them, I should like to know about it. If it is not in progress or planned I think I'll try to make a tally of the Bartram plants against the ms. descr. and come up with at least a guide to what is here. It would be useful to monographers tho I cannot possibly name all the specimens to species. Can you let me know at once so that Nesta and I can begin the job? Dr. Francis Harper knows of no published acct. on these specimens. I suppose you know there are two volumes of ca. 350 specimens of JOHN Bartram plants here as well?

Nesta is so tickled about the Chevrolet carry-all and prospect of the Rockies, those wonderful wonderful Rocky Mountains. Of course I think to myself that you have not seen the Andes! and should turn the windshield to the south the next time, for the breathtaking Andes of Ecuador, where Asplund is collecting now. Tonight we heard first hand of the Likiang Snow Range of western China from one who has mapped them, Jos. Francis Rock, now staying at this same guest house near Kew Gardens. He has great stories to tell and a wonderful memory of it all, and we are happy to have made his acquaintance. He is publishing his acct of western China in Rome, staying in a villa in northern Italy to read proofs, pausing here for the Chelsea flower show put on by the RHS every year in late May. Thurs. he flies to Vienna, his birthplace, for two weeks' visit and later this summer drops in to see friends in Iceland before going back to Seattle via New York and Washington.

Shall have to stop now and Nesta joins me in wishing you the very best,

Sincerely,

Joe Ewan

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25 West Park Road, Kew
13 June 1955

Dear George:

Yours of the 9th came this morning and I'm replying at once for whatever use these notes may serve: We returned from a three-day visit at Oxford last Thursday, with an evening at Stratford for Olivier and Leigh in 'Macbeth'--a very memorable occasion.

I've spent some time at Oxford (a day in Dec., 9 days in Feb. and this visit) and have seen Miss Littleboy about the herbarium, she has taken me to Halifax House and I've taken her to the Paris Cafe [an innocuous effigy]. I'm not impressed. I may be underestimating her powers but she seems to have small ambitions which is I suppose unthinkable to me in the midst of the historic riches of Oxford. In short, I think she suffers from lack of self-winding 'drive' but I know I must be cautious in judging Englishmen for they are natively modest and retiring and it is not so easy to gain an insight into their work and methods as perhaps it is with Americans. Dr. Warburg seems to be favorably disposed toward her, though I did not question him directly about her merit, feeling it better to form an independent judgment in this instance. He does seem anxious to have her questions answered but that is easily understood. She is unable to take the position unless some supplementary funds for transportation to and from England may be found. I told her to inquire of the Fulbright Travel Funds: application dates for this summer may have closed before now of course.

This morning Dr. Peter Davis writes from Edinburgh to say that 3 persons are "definitely interested:" and Nesta and I plan to go up Wednesday and will meet the possibilities Friday, 17th. I'll let you know at once. If one of these sounds like xyour person perhaps it would be worth while to cable for any urgently needed information from the University of Edinburgh staff. I have no personal knowledge of these Edinburgh candidates at present.

I had hoped to visit Cambridge before now, but it has been difficult to plan trips of any length out of London for the train strike which has disrupted many activties from flood-lighting the Regent Park zoo at night to posting parcels and burning coal out of next winter's ration.

All for now and we shall keep you in touch. Nesta joins me in sending our very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Tom Ewan

Postscript: Quite apart from Oxford's candidate alone, Dr. Warburg thinks it will be impossible to secure an Englishman for your position without transportation allotment supplementary to the stipend of $2000. This was almost his first remark to me when I began chatting with him about the matter. You will recall that Dr. Taylor was likewise concerned about this. Does the University offer a Graduate Fellowship (to accompany the MBG job) to be held withwaiver of fees? This would amount to how much? Or is there part of the university fees defrayed?

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TULANE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

9 August 1954

Dear George:

Many many thanks for your letter and for the photos which came together this morning. I'm sure you spent a scandulous hot session over those negatives for me! I'm deeply grateful but feel badly that with the hot weather and poor subjects here and there it was unsatisfying for you. I'll follow your directions on the glossing and I appreciate the spares to possibly save the day here and there. With the maps and drawings, the whole batch of figs. is quite impressive--I hope not depressing for FV when he opens the parcel. It looks to me, dressed as I am in my mortal coils, "that it is good," but this is perhaps only the genesis of criticism that will flow down the columns of the book reviews. In any event, some persons hereabouts tell me I'm creating something so if I speak in a tongue unbecoming of my passing position bear up and share with me the fun of having tried to do a book well with good ills. Herewith a check for five to cover postage and a small sum of your incidentals in all of this creative energy. I'll post the Tamayo in a few days; again my thanks. And do take up the Mex. grasses--it identifies you. Cordially, Joe Swan

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7508 Burthe St.
New Orleans, 18, La.
Oct. 19, 1954

Dear George,

Think what you will of my shameful delay in answering your letter, but time will on without half that should being done by me. Joes adress, which you may have direct from him by this time is:

Mr. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany,
British museum of Natural History
Cromwell, Road,
London 7, England

He is staying at a small hotel in the neighborhood, but we decided it would be best to send mail to the Museum since he will move over to Kew area in a short while.

I have had a number of very nice letters from him... that being the best part of his being away--his nice letters which I otherwise would not have. He is enjoying almost everything but the tea and coffee. He was thrilled with a visit to Maggs, when Maggs himself spent a couple of hours showing him his treasures. It was easy to tell how definitely in paradise he was. He has been out to several homes and has enjoyed the conversation and associations.

I hope your Geografica arrived safely, and that the delay did not inconvenience you too sadly.

I am glad I have the library to keep me busy during the day. The girls are lots of company, but not the kind that is always satisfying. Still, I shall be sorry to leave them...this is one of the very interesting periods of their lives.

Joe and I both enjoyed your visit to New Orleans very much, and I hope you shall find another occasion to come down. I am going to work toward a vacation in the rockies when we get back to normal again. Maybe you will be in the mood for another jaunt too. Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Neste Ewan

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London,
Sunday, 10 Oct. 1954

Dear George:

I'm covered with embarrassment that this review was not returned to you, and indeed I subconsciously thot it had been until this morning I was sorting over letters to lay away as answered and ccame upon yours which had been dropped into the same cover quite by mistake. It came of course on the eve of my departure and I intended to mail it back from Phila. In any event perhaps the review will make the next issue of the Bull.

I feel quite at home here by now. The work at BMNH is progressing nicely and I feel as if I'm getting somewhere. Evenings I've been enjoying several books that I've lately acquired in the city: one that seems pretty well done is

Norah Gourlie, THE PRINCE OF BOTANISTS: CARL LINNAEUS. London, 1953

another: Eleanor Bor, ADVENTURES OF A BOTANIST's WIFE, London, 1952

and finally: G. R. DeBeer, SIR HANS SLOANE AND THE BRITISH MUSEUM; London, 1953.

CVMorton is here, working on photos of fern types, and staying at this same private hotel on Queens Gate hard by the BMNH, so that we see something of each other though he does not take his suppers here as I do. We are going over this afternoon to hear Myra Hess play at the Royal Municipal Auditorium across the Thames.

In haste, but with abundant apologies,

Cordially yours,

Joe Ewan

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Everyone interested in the Colorado flora will want to have a copy of this book, for it is the only recent complete guide to the plants of that fascinating state. Its nearly 700 pages are almost all devoted to keys and descriptions in a courageous attempt to fulfill its 'primary purpose . . . to provide a means of identifying the plants of Colorado'. In so far as such devices can accomplish such a purpose the book is adequate; the dichotomous keys, conveniently indented, are moderately detailed with clearly stated characters, and the descriptions are reasonably complete. A meritorious feature, almost an innovation, is the strict parallelism in the descriptions of species within a genus; if the presence or absence of a character is noted for one species it is noted for all. No attempt is made to present a revisionary treatment of any group, and the author has commendably not included a single new species (undoubtedly a record!). In many of the groups the latest monographic treatment has been followed but without trying to equalize the meanings of the terms 'subspecies' and 'variety' between various writers; one must check the application of these concepts in the original monographs.

Such additional information as there is the author gives, as he says, with the thought that it may be helpful to this one or to that one. The only quarrel one can have with this attitude must regard the actual helpfulness of the information. The citations of original publication of names have admittedly not been checked; it is certainly unfortunate to print in yet one more place nomenclatural mistakes. The general distribution of each species is given on the basis of various published accounts; the distribution in Colorado is stated in terms of specimens checked by the author or by specialists who assisted him. But so may of these statements are far from helpful. The author has arbitrarily divided the state into nine rectangles of equal area, labelling them 'northwestern', 'northcentral', 'northeastern', etc. It is scarcely of much help to be told that the new and only collection of Alisma geyeri in Colorado is in the northwest corner at about 6000 ft. Much of this area is at about 6000 ft. and there are thousands of square miles of it. The state has counties and towns. It is doubtful that the continuance of Alisma geyeri in Colorado would have been seriously threatened by stating its known locality to within, say, ten miles of some town and to within one or two points of the compass.

David F. Costello, range conservationist, has supplied an account of several pages on the vegetation zones of the state. This is well done, and if carefully read in connection with a knowledge of the geography of the state and the identity of the plants it gives a very excellent picture of the plant cover of the state. It is a pity that Mr. Harrington did not work more closely with Mr. Costelly and integrate his distributional data with the clear descriptions given by Mr. Costello. It is not clear whether the habitats given for a species refer to its whole distribution or only to that of the state; to cite Alisma geyeri again, 'wet places' can scarcely refer to a single collection. So where does Panicum virgatum occur in Colorado: 'Prairies, open ground, open woods, meadows, marshes and riverbanks, often in sandy soil [all of these in Colorado?] . Quebec and Maine . . . and Central America. Our specimens distributed over the eastern half of the state at 3500-7000 ft.' Apparently just about anywhere, which is doubtful.

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But one must not be too critical, ~~for this book is a labor of love~~. The flora is large and complex. The 2794 species listed grow from below 3400 ft. to above 14,000 ft. The author has had assistance, it is true, but this is his work and is a monument to ten years'striving. What a shame that after all his devoted labor he had to see his work appear in so inconvenient a format, pages of typewriter sheet size with the text typed! The book is thus unhandy to use, impossible for the field, and wearing on the eyes. To one who knows the waste of government printing, beautifully printed large editions of rehashed bulletins and pamphlets on ephemeral trivia, it cries to heaven that although Mr. Harrington's book was 'prepared with the cooperation of Colorado A. & M. College' the government as represented there showed so little interest in the form of so necessary a volume.

probably have to tone this down!

Or were they disappointed (??) in Harrington's production says Nesta —

Not so! Given freedom from teaching duties, travel acct. to travel to Laramie to verify types, see bot. lit. etc. etc. on good salary!

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Done on my new Olivetti
style Lettera 22, with
Bodoni type--how do you like it?
Portable of course.

Department of Botany
British Museum (Nat. Hist.)
Cromwell Road,
LONDON S.W.7
29 Sept. 1954

Dear George:

Your letter of 21st, directed by Nesta, came this morning. I was happy indeed to hear from you and to learn that the manualamania seems to be spreading from a good inoculum. I have written what Merrill would call a "strong recommendation of your case," and it will go by airletter at once. All best wishes for the early onset of a morbid state!

Possibly you may meet with some antibiotic action from Sohns at USNH but I hope it will not prove serious. I paused at Washington en route to Boston and my departure and chatted very briefly with him. He has been to Mexico collecting this past season and spoke as if Mexican grasses was his chief opus-culation. I did not mention any possible outbreak from MBG, for I felt it quite unseemly to do so, and in fact am inclined to think there is really no conflict after all, for his job is rather more comprehensive, I take it, dealing with whole of Mexico, and yours is a regional effort directed at more important economic and quasi-economic spp. Anyway, that's all I know at the present.

I've posted to you today a copy hardly dry off the press of C. E. Hubbard's GRASSES, Pelican Book A295, issued to be precise Sept. 24th--you may wish to record this date of issue in your copy. Looks like a remarkably good job with keys to non-flowering plants, etc. TRIBUTE to British publishers that they will do such a job and sell it to the public for 60 cents! I Briza to think what would happen to the caryopsis of the idea in the lusty British colony abandoned two weeks ago today.

The author of the GRASSES OF WISCONSIN died on Sept. 14th, aet. 54--a genuine loss to American botany. Genial friend, imaginative scholar, man of worth who never really took himself too seriously, who lived fit to die. I think we shampoo our senses to say death has no sting.

Well, I'm enjoying myself hugely. I spent 8 days in Liverpool at Museum there, looking over largely unworked colls. incl. Nuttall, F. Boott, etc., and Wm. Roscoe letters. Stansfield was very kind and most friendly. Now I've come to the BM(NH) to settle in for some weeks. It takes a lot of time to get at things cubbied in 12 foot stacks around one vast grand central of a la-BORE-e-torium, as they say. Windy and chill, we all seek our little vestibules for such warmth as prairie dogs feel out of the main runway. The library is a happy place; completely new since WWII, beautifully appointed and tho not wholly reorganized it is very compact and excellent. British mauners and the men and women who make them are honestly quite different from American, but that would take a good deal of space and I shall defer my Trollope retrolloped for another time.

All the best to you with fff of good wishes, Joe

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May 5, 1955

Mr. Joseph Ewan
British Museum (Natural History)
Cromwell Road
London S. W. 7, ENGLAND.

Dear Joe:

Very glad to get your letter from Geneva and to hear that you and Nesta are having such a wonderful time. How nice it would have been to be able to be in Europe the year that you were traveling around, for I am sure that you have dug out a lot of things that I should never have found.

I wonder where you are going from Geneva and in particular when you are getting back to London. I wonder because we should like to have you do us the favor, either of keeping an eye out for a person to meet the qualifications I shall describe, or to check such a person should we find one by other correspondence. As you perhaps know, Rolla Tryon is working on the ferns of Peru for the National Science Foundation. His grant contains an appropriation (currently of $2,000 per year) to be used in hiring someone to do the routine curatorial work from which he is relieved while his grant is in effect. This work is currently being considered as approximately three days per week. At the moment the position is held by a young Hollander who was hired for only nine months for the full $2,000. I believe that Dr. Anderson feels it would be better if the person next to be employed in this way were to have a somewhat longer commitment, say from September 15 to July 15 or August 1. The work is, as you suspect, getting out loans, receiving parcels, sorting for mounting and exchange, inserting, keeping track of supplies, etc. It is Dr. Anderson's feeling that we would do best to find someone to do this job not just a beginning graduate student prepared in this country. He feels that an advance graduate student from some European country is much more likely to give us good value for our money while at the same time giving us the benefit of experience in herbaria which are, in many cases, run rather differently from this one.

So far the plan for hiring someone for next season has been confined to asking several taxonomists in England and one in Edinburgh whether they know of anyone for such a post. To date only two genuine applicants have turned up, both of them girls, one from Oxford and one from Birmingham. One of these sounds rather good and if it is decided that we could do with a young woman instead of a young man, we may ask you to consent to have her call on you. However, Dr. Woodson feels that it would be much better if we could find a man to do this work, for after

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all there is a considerable amount of hard work involved, work not too pleasant, which it is not always easy to ask a girl to do. I believe that Dr. Anderson is fairly anxious that the person found should come from the British Isles, if he is to come from Europe, but I suggest that if you happen to have heard of anyone in Geneva, or Brussels, or Paris, of any nationality whatsoever who would do us a good job, he would be very favorably considered. Any help you can give us along this line we should be most grateful for.

Thanks just the same for what you would have done for us in Paris if my letter had only reached you in time. I shall try to get Alicia Lourteig to interest herself in our problems there. You may, of course, still want to make the bibliographic checks in London and I should be interested to hear what may result from them.

Tell Nesta that I have just bought a new Chevrolet carryall - that is, I have paid for it but they haven't started to manufacture the darn things yet - and that I shall take good care of it so we may all make another trip to those wonderful Rockies.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack.

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Geneve, 17 April 1955

Dear George:

Yours of 6th waiting for us in Geneva so your suggestions bibliographique missed at Paris, I'm sorry to report. We do not expect to return from Paris, moreover but go from Brussels to London at end of our swing around the Continent.

I'd be happy indeed to check what I may at all libraries in England and though they are apt to be a "mixed bag" — good British incisin — something may issue.* Fun, anyway, and happy you sent along the info for checking.

Fred Meyer might be able to do the Paris angle this summer (?) for I understand he is due this August. By the way Miss Lueting asked me about Paris hotels and I gave her name of one we were patronizing but at single person rate. Tell Fred $6.00 a day for two is lowest he can

* (will check Geneva (Conserv. Bot. bibliotheque) Tomorrow.

J. EWAN
British Museum (Nat. Hist.)
Cromwell Road
London S.W.7

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expect in the formed city. There are hotels nearer Mus. Nat. Hist. — e.g. Modern Hotel, 3 rue Panat, Paris IV, which Teste Marion Crawley, is good & he might prefer one closer than where we put up out by Trocadero — but Paris is expensive.

Geneva is a dream now with Acer pseudoplatanus in bloom and such a lovely sight. French orchards are in anthesis from Paris south and = pompons of pink and white. Today (Sunday) we walked to top of the funiculars behind the city (actually in France but no border formalities) and down the Telepherique: a cable car that swings out in space in breath-taking and -retaking fashion.

Happy to know Rob Hubbard formed a cupboard with you. I was wondering if it soon arrived.

Tom had no one enough interested in contents of those Geyr letters to let Miss Smyth have photostats to play with. She seems to be keen on tackling difficult German script and such persons with nat. hist. backgrounds are surely uncommon. Maybe if no one will pay her she might translate them on her own to the greater glory of Britain & let Brit. Mus. (N. H.) publish them in their own publications.

I found a copy of d'Orbigny on Seine side bookstalls for £ 1/2 (US money) but space so limited I let it pass. Not, I quickly assure you,

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the Voyage but an interesting pot pourri done by him later in his lifetime of various New World Expeditions. I did bear off a lovely set of Bougainville's Voyage 3 vols., 1771-1793, from another stall at the bargain scoop of about $10.50 this I'm carrying along sort of poring over it as we go.

Nesta is having a good time & we are getting down to work at Geneva with I think good yield. It is a wonderful opportunity to see & study treasures often unopened in scores of years. Nesta wants me to say she looks forward to more summers in the Rockies with you!

With sincere regards,

Cordially, Joe Ewan

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April 6, 1955

Mr. Joseph Ewan,
British Museum (Natural History),
Department of Botany,
Cromwell Road,
London, S.W. 7, England.

Dear Joe:

I know you are even busier than I am so that I understand why I don't hear from you and perhaps you suspect why you don't hear from me. The Book of Grasses by Hubbard reached me last fall and I enjoyed it very much. Many thanks. Dr. Anderson was so impressed with it that he ordered a hundred copies for the Garden, with the idea they will eventually be sold, we hope.

Some time ago Dr. Anderson handed me a copy of a letter which Mr. Van Ravenswaay had written you on February 11th regarding the Geyer letters. Subsequent investigation revealed that the Geyer letters were still on personal loan to John Francis McDermott. When I spoke to Mr. McDermott by phone he told me that he had no current interest in having the letters translated and that as a matter of fact he had been on the point of returning them to the Garden for some time. They are now back here and since no one seems to be particularly interested in their translation and we have so many uses for our funds, we do not intend to do anything further about them at this time.

I enclose several sheets regarding bibliographical matters which have come up here recently. The first concerns D'Orbigny's "Voyage Dans L'Amerique Meridionale". As you will see, we have three copies of part of this work, all different. I thought it might interest you to know about this since you might care to compare these data with copies immediately available to you in England or France.

The second concerns Todaro, of which our volume is incomplete and which I should like to have bound. We could, of course, have natural size photostats made of the missing parts here in the United States but, as you know, this is very expensive. So I am wondering whether you might be able to have this done for us at very much less cost, since I believe that the British Museum quite frequently does photostating of this nature.

The third concerns Cosson, Ill. Flor. Atl. Our copy of this is also incomplete, lacking apparently Fasc. 7 and probably pages 1-6 of Fasc. 5 as indicated in the enclosed. We should like to bind this also and it has occurred to me that perhaps Fasc. 7 is still available in Paris. If you are there now or should you go there we should appreciate your inquiring about its availability. Should it not be available we should be happy to have it photostated natural size along with Todaro.

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Please be perfectly frank about this and don't undertake to bother with these two works if it is any considerable trouble at all. But if it seems to come easily it would be a great help to us to be able to fill in these gaps. Positive photostats would, of course, be preferable but perhaps that would greatly increase the cost. What do you think?

Finally, item 4 regards Parde, Icon. Conif. Fr. I have listed our holding which I believe is complete as far as issued, but I have not been able to make sure of this. Perhaps you could check it for us when you are in Paris.

I trust that Nesta arrived safely and I know that if she did she has been a great help to you and that the two of you have been having a wonderful time. I also hope that you have good news of the girls. Things are going along here very interestingly but I am afraid I can't write anything about all of this just now. The Mexican matter is fairly quiescent. No grant has been made to date and Hernandez, who was to have come here to study the first of February, has postponed his coming to the United States (here?) for at least a year. What I shall do this summer I have not decided.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

GBVS:ep

George B. Van Schaack

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MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 11, 1955

Mr. Joseph Ewan,
British Museum (Natural History)
Department of Botany
Cromwell Road,
London S.W. 7, England

Dear Mr. Ewan:

The Charles Geyer letters are not in the possesion of this Society, but I am delighted to report that they are owned by the Missouri Botanical Garden. Consequently, I am forwarding your letter to Dr. Edgar Anderson, Director of the Garden, and I am sure you will hear from him personally.

It is very good indeed to know of your interest in this material and while the Garden has been fully conscious of their value I think the delay in publishing them has been primarily due to the lack of funds.

With my kindest regards,

Sincerely,

CvH:nc

Cc to Dr. Edgar Anderson

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Cosson, Illustrationes Florae Atlanticae (See Journ. Soc. Bibliog. Nat. Hist. 1:149.)

MBG copy.

Vol. 1.
Fasc. 1. Text, 5-36, pl. 1-25. (t.p. & index included (=text 1-4) apparently placed here from fasc. 4.)

Also included are cancels of 5-6 and 11-12 from fasc. 4 and cancels of plates 1 and 6 from fasc. 4. (It is not clear which plate 1 is the cancel. Is it a) the one with figures in tw o columns, or b) the one with the figures grouped,)

Fasc. 2. Text, 37-72. Plates 26-50.

Fasc. 3. Text, 73-120, plates 51-73.
There are two plates numbered 54, identical except for name. One is Iberis sempervirens L. and so indexed in the fasc. index, the other I. Gibraltarica L. This latter name is also borne by pl. 53 and is so listed in the fasc. index.

Fasc. 4. Text 121-159, pl. 74-98.

Thus volume 1 seems to be complete as published, including the originals of cancelled sheets.

Vol. 2.
Fasc. 5. Text 7-42, plates 99-123, not text 1-42 as stated by Stearn in JSBNH.

Fasc. 6. Text 43-82, pl. 124-148.

Thus MBG seems to be lacking:

Fasc. 7. Text, 83-125, pl. 149-175

and pages 1-6 of Fasc. 5 (probably issued with fasc. 7 and presumably containing t. p. and table.

Pardé, Iconographie des Conifers fructifiant en France.

MBG has livraisons I-VI as follows:

I: species 21, 39, 41, 112, 114
II: " 16, 18, 19, 42, 71
III: " 17, 22, 46, 86, 86bis, 89
IV: " 29, 30, 43, 100, 134
V: " 26, 44, 61, 98, 98bis, 132
VI: " 20, 49, 69, 73, 99.

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Todaro, Hortus Botanicus Panormitanus. Nissen 1969

Description of MBG copy.

Vol. 1. bound.
Binder's title page
Title page. 'Tomus primus', etc. dated 1876-78.
Index tabularum
Index generalis
Title page, (no vol. or part designation), dated 1875
Text, pages 3 (Biancaea Tod.) - 90 (Finis tomo primi)
Index generum, specierum et synonimorum
Plates I - XXIV.

Vol. 2. unbound, fasc. 1-4, 1879, 1879, 1882, no date [1891?].
These contain original wrappers, pages 1-32 and plates XXV-XXXII, but no title pages, indices, etc.

Nowhere is there a portrait as claimed by Nissen.

Apparently there were 4 more fasc. to vol 2. since Britten Bradley Bibliog. credits 40 plates to the work. Thus MBG lacks vol 2 pp. 33-64 and plates 33-40 — as well as t.p.i.

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d'Orbigny, Voyage dans l'Amerique Méridionale, vol. 7, Botanique.
Nissen 1471.

There were three parts only published. MBG has three copies of parts 1 and 2, and one copy of part 3. All three copies are different, the differences briefly indicated below.

Sequence in parts 1 and 2.

Copy 1.

1. Binder's t. p. 'Voyage dans ..' (half page).

2. t. p. ' Voyage dans ... Tome septieme, 1re et 2e Parties: Cryptogamie, Paris, etc.,... 1839'

3. t. p. 'Sertum Patagonicum, Cryptogames, etc., ... par Camille Montagne, 1839.'

4. Text. Voyage, etc., Botanique. Introduction. pages 1-2. Botanique. Premiere partie. Sertum Patagonicum. pages 3-19.

5. Plates. 1, 2, 4, 6, lithographed; 3, 5, 7, copper engravings.

6. t. p.'Florula Boliviensis, etc. 1839. '

7. Text. Botanique. Seconde Partie, Florulae Boliviensis, etc. pages 1-116. (See note on extra page)

8. Index generum et specierum, pages 117-119.

9. Plates 1, 2, 3, copper engravings.

Copy 2.

1. Item 3 of Copy 1.

2. blank sheet

3. Item 4 of Copy 1.

4. Plates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, lithographed; 6, 7, copper engravings, these seven with the same figures as in Copy 1; 8-11, 13, lithographed (see note on these plates)

5. blank sheet.

6. Item 7 of Copy 1. (See note on page stub.)

7. Item 8 of Copy 1.

8. Item 9 of Copy 1.

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Copy 3.

1. t. p. Voyage dans ... 1839. (Not the same as item 2 of Copy 1, much abbreviated, no place of publication)

2. t. p. Voyage dans, etc., (half-page). (Not the same as item 1 of Copy 1.)

3. Item 4 of Copy 1.

4. Plates 1, 2, lithographed; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, copper engravings, these seven with the same figures as in Copy 1.

5. Item 7 of Copy 1, except for the extra page.

6. Item 8 of Copy 1.

7. Item 9 of Copy 1.

Note on the text of Parts 1 and 2, and on the Extra Page sheet

All three copies have the same text except: Copy 1 has 2 sheets numbered 71-72; one of these, the second, is apparently a misprinted page, for the first p. 72 leads directly into page 73.
In Copy 2 there is a stub in place of this misprinted page, which latter has been cut out; on the sutb is pencilled: Pp. 71 & 72 probably replace the sheet cut out.
Copy 3 has only the correctly printed sheet.

All of the copies are tightly bound and it is not evident whether the first sheet is a replacement for the second or whether both were printed together.

Note on extra plates in Copy 2.

These are of phanerogams as follows: 8, Bougainvillea patagonica; 9, Philibertia canescens; 10, Picrosia australis; 11, Chuquiraga juniperina; 13, Spirolobium australe.

These are cited in Index Kewensis, and are all nomina nuda.

In no copy do the plates conform to the Nissen description.

Brief description of Part 3.

T. P. [page 1], undated, but marked 'VII Bot., 3e part.' in lower left. Text: 3-134, Tabulae explicatae, 135-140, Plates 1, 3-24, copper engravings; 2, 25, 26, 32, lithographed.

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Todaro - Hortus Bot. Pan.

We have vol 1 bd.

vol 2 fasc. 1-4, pl. 21-32

pages 1-32.

Whole work had 40 plates, + therefore we seem to lack pages 33-64 of vol 2 and plates 33-40.

This would mean 40 full size 13x19 in photostats

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Check in New York

Coss. et E.
Compendium Florae Atlanticae
1:42

Can we get Fasc. 7 of the
Illustrat.
See T for Bull. N. Hist.
1:149

Pardé – Iconographie
des Conifères fruticiennes
en France.
Mehaut livr. I – VI with
refs. to pp. 21, 39, 41, 112, 114;
16, 18, 19, 42, 71;
17, 22, 46, 86+86bis 89;
29, 30, 43, 100, 134;
26, 44, 61, 98, 98bis, 132;
96, 73, 69, 94 etc

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Orbigny, Voyage dans l'Amerique Méridionale
Bd 7 (only) Botanique Strasbourg 1471
We have 3 copies of parts 1 & 2 all
different and 1 of part 3.

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Part I+V Arrangement

(1) ~~Cryptog.~~ Binder t.p. Voyage dans ---. (half page)

~~(1) (page) t.p. Voyage dans ---~~

(2) t.p. Voyage dans --- Botanique septième
1re et 2e Partie: Cryptogamie, Paris, etc
1839.

(3) t.p. Herbarium Patagonicum, Cryptogames
etc - par Camille Montagne
1839.

(4) Text. Voyage etc, Botanique. Introduction. 1-2.
Botanique. Première partie
Herbarium Patagonicum. 3-19.

~~(5)~~ (5) Plates 1, 2, 4, 6 lith
3, 5, 7 copper

~~(6)~~ (6) t.p. Flora Boliviana, etc
1839

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(7) Dict. Botanique. Seconde Partie,
Nomina Botanicis etc
1 - 116 (two unnumbered pages)
(8) Index generum et specierum 117 - 119
(9) ~~Plates~~ Plates 1, 2, 3 copper

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Copy 2

(1) Item (3) of Copy 1

(2) blank ~~page~~ sheet

(3) Item ~~#~~ (4) of Copy 1

~~Item~~

(4) Plates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 litho
6, 7 copper } Same figs. as in Copy 1

(5) 8 - 12, 13 litho (See note)

(6) blank sheet

(7) Item (7) of Copy 1 (See note on page ~~blank~~ stub)

(8) Item (8)

(9) Item (9)

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Copy 3. Dft.

(1) t.p. Voyage dans ... 1839.
Not the same as (2) of Copy 1,
much abbreviated, No plan
& publ. named

(2) t.p. Voyage dans etc (half title)
Not same as (1) of Copy 1

(3) Item (4) of Copy 1

(4) Plates 1, 2 both
3-7 coffee } same typeface
as in Copy 1

(5) Item (7) of Copy 1

(6) " (8) of Copy 1

(7) Item (9) of Copy 1

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Part I + V. Text.

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leads directly into p. 73.
In copy 2 there is a blank in place
of this misprinted page which has been
cut out and on which is printed:
Pp. 71 + 72 probably replace the
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Copy 3 has only the correctly printed
sheet.
All the copies are bound & it is
not evident whether the first sheet
is a replacement for the second or
whether both were printed together

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Note on extra of Plate in Vol

There are 5 Phanerogams as follows

✓ pl. 8 Bougainvillea patagonica

✓ 9 Philibertia concessum

✓ 10 Picrosia australis

✓ 11 Chuquiraga spinosissima

~~Fig~~

✓ 13 Spirolobium australe

These are cited in Index ~~Lobosomi~~ Kewensis and are all nomina nuda.

Note that in no instance do plates conform to Written description. Vol

R. Britten (Asst)

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Part 3 Kew title page [page 1] unbacked,
but marked VII Bot., 3e part. in lower
left. Text 3 – 134, Tabulae
explicatae 135 – 140, Plates 1 – 32
Cotton 1; 3 – 24
Little 2; 21, 26, 32

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Todaro - Hortus Botanicus Panormitanus
(Nissen 1969).

Me have vol 1 bound
[illegible] t.p., title page tomus primus ~~MDCCCLXXVI~~
~~[illegible] = LXXVIII~~, dated 1876-78,
~~[illegible]~~
index tabularum, index generalis
a second title page (no vol. or part
design.) dated 1875, text pages 3
(Bioncaea Tod.) - 90 (Finis
tomo primi), index generum,
specierum et synonimorum,
plates I - XXIV.

Also vol. 2, ~~[illegible]~~ fasc. 1-4, ~~1879~~ 1879,
1879, 1882, no date [?1891]
These contain ~~[illegible]~~ original ~~[illegible]~~
wrappers, ~~[illegible]~~ pages 1-32 and
plates ~~[illegible]~~ XXV - ~~XXXII~~, but
no t.p., indices, etc.
Nor is there a portrait as claimed by
Nissen.

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7508 Burthe St.
New Orleans, 18, La.
Labor Day, 1954

Dear George:

So sorry to hear about your foot, and hope the bad effects of tetanus and penicillin and pain of wound are gone, and that all will heal quickly. Not a nice way to end a vacation.

Joe sailed yesterday on the Furness line, Nova Scotia from Boston. He left N.O. about two weeks ago and spent one or more days in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and saw a number of people whom he enjoyed very much. Verdoorn was very pleased with the illustrations for Rocky Mountain Vegetation and approved of pubishing all. They did finally decide to eliminate five pictures in order to give full page to five others instead of half a page, but Joe was pleased with Verdoorns' approval. He had to postpone his visit with Verdoorn because that unhappy gentleman had mumps! The Verdoorn house did not suffer in the hurricane, but the yard was blown to pieces.

I shall send your letter on to Joe in London.

Sincere regards,

Reeta Ewan

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Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri
September 21, 1954

Dear Joe,

The people in Mexico City want two or three statements regarding my capacity to undertake the manual job I spoke of to you. I sent them your address and asked them to write to you, but somehow or other they got it mixed up and have not written you. So to save time I am asking you myself. You should already have my earlier letter so that you have probably been thinking about this. Roughly the proposal seems to be that Buller should direct collecting in Mexico, with counsel from me from time to time, that the stuff should then be sent here to be worked over by me and several specially selected graduate students, partly Mexican, with a view to publishing a series of four or five regional manuals of the more important grasses.

What you should cover in your letter is your estimate of my fitness to direct such a study and writing program and the suitability of the herbarium and especially library here at MBG for such a job. Your letter should be addressed to: Mr. Roderic E. Buller, Assistant Agronomist The Rockefeller Foundation, Calle Londres 45, Mexico 6, D. F., Mexico.

The recent reports from Freytag and Buller indicate that the project may well be embraced wholeheartedly, with the collecting to begin at once in the northern parts of the country, that being the first area to be worked over. I could wish I had a year's warning!

I returned here a couple of days ago having made a circuit via Stillwater on the way to visit the grass garden at Oklahoma A. & M. I have my finger in too many pies and am swamped at the moment, so no more, except thanks in advance.

Hope you have had a fine trip and and sure you are already hard at work.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack

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August 6, 1954

Dear Joe,

I don't know how you can get ready to go to Europe for a year,—I can't even get ready to go to Wisconsin for a few weeks. But I am committed to leave sometime within the next twelve hours, and writing to you is one of the must items Before I leave.

I have mailed you the prints today by first class mail. I am very dissatisfied with them, for they are far from my best effort. The chief trouble was that such equipment as we have for putting on the high gloss went haywire, and all it would do was to dament the prints fast to the roller, from which they had to be torn off to be done over again. I thought then that I might put a gloss on with Krylon. That proved very satisfactory when it worked, but it only worked about one third of the time. So finally I have had to send you most of the prints with only a low gloss on them. Packet C is ready for use. I suggest that you take the prints of packet B and try to put the high gloss on them with your machine which worked when I was with you. They should first be thoroughly soaked, an hour or so, then put on the warm drier as you and I did it and rolled down. If this fails, packet A is a spare containing duplicates of the prints in packet B which I think you can use without further treatment. I am sorry this is such a mess. It probably is connected in some way with the heat. I used up all the ice I could get hold of but still I could not keep the solutions cool for so many prints. Some of the negatives were not as good as I should wish,—on one of Iltis's I had to give up entirely, no 84 I think.

It was a great treat to be able to spend several days with you after all these years of fleeting glimpses,—sometime we must increase several days to several weeks and have a good field trip together. I was glad to find you and the family really flourishing and am happy in the thought that you have a whole year of freedom for work ahead of you. I hope it will be as rewarding as both of us wish. If there is anything I can do for you while you are away please let me know.

With many thanks to Nesta and yourself for a delightful week, and best greetings to all,

Sincerely,

P. S. In speaking of you recently Andy took occasion to say that your proper place was Philadelphia. I spoke briefly of your doubts, to which he demurred. You may or may not hear more of this.

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

May 11, 1953

Dear George:

Yours of 7th just to hand, and I'll answer without delay, chiefly that you will if necessary take steps to check elsewhere for the in-know on Dwyer. Sorry, I honestly, do not know him beyond the barest meeting at various national meetings, and observing his practices in handling USNH material loaned to him before and during my years at Washington. Nothing contrary to report from that very incidental contact; all matters seemed in good order. Buddy knows Dwyer rather well; sort of put him up and so on when Dwyer was in Washington; but Killip is in Texas and intends to write me (when I would have his address) having passed thru here about 10 days ago, if he writes very soon I'll give you his Texas address for such inquiry as you or Woodson care to make directly. I'm sorry to prove barren on this call.

Of course Stanley Smith would know him; but you can guess the rest of that one. Personally I've always had a genuine admiration for Stanley, allowing for the customary reservations for permutations.

Tahnks again, in haste,
Sincerely yours,

J O Swallen

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May 7, 1953

Dear George:

Well, it came yesterday, by which I mean of course the official word from Guggenheim! Your advanced notice, which was so exciting, came eight days before, but I told no one except Nesta of your good news for I knew it was best to keep confidences. I'm very pleased all over, and it is all very exciting. Your kind words of reverie are wonderful, George, and I only hope all this investment in human frailty will not fall down. The sum is for $4500. and I shall try to supplement this with a Fulbright Travel grant--little different from regular Fulbrights I understand, and rather easier to win for England especially--so that all of the Ewans can go to England. I feel it would be a wonderful experience for them, and Nesta could help me with the gathering of data for she has a good working knowledge of the task by this time. But we shall see how this comes off. I would like to go over in June in time for Paris Congress; I think it would be most worth while. That, too, will have to be worked out. APS may be willing to help some on travel costs. I found it very hard to get accurate living costs from persons who have lived in England recently, and this still is conflicting. Some persons tell me that England is expensive for foods, and low for housing and wearing apparel; another will say that you must count on high prices in hotels and mm will have a lot of hotels to count in on your itinerary, and so it goes.

I'm on the Linnaeus symposium at Madison in Sept.--Collectors in America for Linnaeus. Will I see you there? Toying with idea of stopping over in St. Louis for a day or so--nothing special, just because I love to look around the MBG and its old catacombs. So you are now custodian of the catacombs? Well, I am pleased for the books' sake for they are fortunate. And I say it very honestly; you respect the book as a treasure and we need that kind of devotion in libraries.

As for the LeConte original drawings of insects: I'm familiar with other cells. of LeConte drawings; I believe Notre Dame owns his violets and ANSP have a few odds and ends of his drawings, likely also from Rheads. Rheads by the way sold the DeRenne Library, U. Ga., Athens, the John Abbot insect drawings and was a real figure in the antiquarian trade of fifty years ago. Must have been a real fellow, judging from his letters. Now as to LeConte item in question, I do not think 1000 dollars too high. This is a <u>large</u> collection, and <u>original</u>. Try them out; Houghton Library might well give a $1000 if APS will not. You will notice from the Yrbk. of APS that their library budget is $25,000. so this then would be 1/25 of their year's purchases--they will meet and ask each other: Is this LeConte item worth 1/25th of our budget? LeConte in question was not a member of the APS, but his relatives were members; the APS is trying at all times to buy examples of everything ever written or drawn, mss. or published, of all its members. DeRenne Library has some money; since of special local interest to them, they might bid high to buy it. Personally, I'm just as happy to see these treasures deployed a bit, in this Atomic Age--and you know why. The DeRenne Library is a very fine collection now, and will be maintained.

All for now, and sending the photos in next day or so for your expert attention, if you will be so kind.

Most sincerely,

Joe Ewan

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Department of Botany

March 4, 1953

Dear George:

This must needs be brief for tomorrow I must leave for California, via Sunset Limited, to take care of my aging aunt who has since 1912 lived at 1631 Shatto Street in Los Angeles, and who only in these past few months is worsening in her health. It is very sad to have to uproot a person so fond of a place as she, and to have to "consign" her to a rest home. But she is quite adamant about not coming back to N. O. and so there is little choice, but she cannot long continue to manage the four single apts. in the house, pay bills, etc. etc.

When I return I shall jump into moving, for we have a house on an older street near the campus, part of Carrollton before it merged with N. O. It is much better for room, high ceilings and summer coolness, walking distance and outside garden, and very reasonable rental. Come down and see us! Likely shall not go to Calif. this summer but to Madison in Sept.

Well, the photos are very fine, George, and I can use many of them in Veg. of R. Mts. Right now I have not yet planned the plates as I intend to do. I've located an artist to do the line drawings needed and this has taken my time getting specimens out for him, but I'll let you know which I should like in glossy print, etc. etc. I'll return the ones with x on the back as you suggest shortly.

I'm very glad you have set aside the monographs for me--that is fine, and so thoughtful of my interests. I'm putting into this letter some stamps to defray postage, and will supplement as needed. Send by book rate of course in cardboard cartons from the grocery store.

No word yet from Guggenheim but should know soon.

Hastily but sincerely,

Tom Swan

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Department of Botany

10 February 1953

Dear George:

Many thanks indeed for recent dispatches. The labels have been checked and data pertinent to my needs recorded; they have been returned first class mail this morning. Many thanks, indeed, for sending them along.

The rice field weeds are quite useful, and we are happy to have them, sans roots and some estimable parts commonly preserved by better botanists. The postage will duly come from the Botanical Kitty, meanwhile my check herewith for same.

Your label for 2568 and another or two read "Bromus inermis (Leyss.)Wagnon var. inermis (Leyss.)Wagnon." The person who proposes the new comb. adds his cognomen to first instance, species category, but the typical repititive var. or ssp. does not carry his name but goes along with [illegible] no name after the Latin name. I think you will find this in Rules. See Lawrence, Tax. of Vasc. Pls. 202 fourth paragraph from top. of p.

2524 = Ranunculus inamoenus Greene
2956 = Delphinium occidentalis (S.Wats.)S.Wats.
--for example, apropos of last paragraph, this runs:
ssp. occidentalis
ssp. cucullatum (A.Nels.)Ewan
yours is D. occ. occ.!

I've not yet checked the Juncus but will shortly do so and report.

I'm trying to finish off the Veg. of Rocky Mts. mss this semester. We will be until July 17th, while I teach freshman botany in summer session. Then to California to visit Aunst Sara who is failing very fast, swing to SF and across to Denver, and to Madison for AIBS. I'm doing a paper in bicentennial of Linnaeus, on "American contacts and sources of American plant collections of Linnaeus" for that occasion.

Next month I shall knew the outcome of my application to Guggenheim for a year in Britain (with some shorter trips to Continent) for more work on the early Philadelphia colls. Several folks seem to like the Pursh paper out last Fall and I have a nice loot to work up for the longer commentary but sorely need to check many details in England especially. Dr. Merrill, who among others, has supported my Guggenheim application, is sanguine that I'll get the Fellowship. Plenty to do,

So with the best from Nesta and myself,

Hastily but cordially,

Joe Ewan
Joseph Ewan

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Department of Botany

October 19, 1952

Dear George:

I intended to ask that you check a ref. for me, if you will be so kind: Vismia angusta Miquel, Linnaea 18:27. 1844. I have entered it as V. augusta, which I take to be an error for "angusta," yet I feel that I copied it correctly with some wonderment at the time. I appreciate your favor. I do not need the description, but the spelling of the specific name is the question.

I think you will find a local booklet of interest to you: Occ. paper 127, June 1952, "Field book of forage plants on Longleaf Pine-Bluestem ranges," O. G. Langdon, M. L. Bomhard, and J. T. Cassady. Write Dr. R. S. Campbell, Southern Forest Experiment Station, 704 Lowich Bldg., 2026 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans 13, La. It is free for asking; edition of 750 copies printed. It contains notes on grasses in burned-over condition. Rangemen call it the "singed plant manual."

All for now, and again my thanks,

Very sincerely,

Joe Ewan

Joseph Ewan
Asso. Prof. of Botany

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Department of Botany

October 16, 1952

Dear George:

I don't know if I mentioned the event or not but we had a fire in the Botany laboratory last May, just before I left for the summer's work, resulting from a refrigerator motor that was neglected for weeks by the campus repair dept. and which finally ignited the stockroom and burned but mostly smoked up a lot of equipment. Fortunately the fire was pretty much localized in three rooms at the far end of the hallway from my office and so was no damage to my own colls. or books. Also, too, the fire did the most damage in replaceable supplies and that was fortunate. But the unholy mess has been months in setting aright. We have been working around this mess this Fall, waiting for the "authorities" to install the various replacements involved by insurance coverage. Only today is the shelving going in so we can put away the reagents, etc. But all this mostly to say I've been unexpectedly busy and your very nice letter would seem to have been ungratefully rec'd. We also have a batch of green assistants this Fall and they take more briefing than usual.

By all means send along the Div. Cereal Crops' stuff, all of it, and I'll be pleased to look it over. A good deal of the selection sounds useful, so ship collect (or if by U.S. mails then we shall reimburse for postage, which ever is most convenient). When one sees some of the wasteful practices from time to time about the campus, I'm disinclined to urge people to pinch their time to save us costs! You know what I mean, I'm sure.

Weeds of rice fields are esp. interesting to me, and I've tried to get weeds from subtropical localities with just that problem in mind--the correct identification of these pantemperate to pantropic weeds. It is a fascinating fact that we know so little, not only re cultivated spp. teste E.A., but about weeds as well. I've lately made contact with the exper. station of the O.F.A.R. in Ecuador, at Pinchilingue, and their field weeds are very interesting, indeed, and what seem like the obvious things are just not what you think at first. Or, to put it another way, the gaping folders at USNH, etc., are catchalls of intraspecific formae, if not more than that.

These remarks lead me to say, yes, we (Nesta and I) read Andy's book with genuine pleasure at Swarthmore, loaned it around, and talked it over with non-botanists, who found it very stimulating. Clearly it evangelizes a good deal in the old reformer spirit, and that has to be to arouse a response among its potential readers. I think, to follow out the metaphor, that Andy's book will stimulate a cultitropic response among thinking persons who are concerned with plant materials. (Maybe "cultigenitropic" is better if there must be a word for it).

I'm sorry to report but I simply cannot think of St. Louis at Xmas this year. I've determined to bring the ms. of Veg. of R. Mts. to some sort of finish, and the Holiday is too valuable to not use it for that purpose. I'm very grateful to you for the kind invitation to lodge with you--it would be great sport, awfully tempting, but literally unthinkable!

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Dr. Francis Harper, R.F.D. # 1, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, will welcome queries re Bartram, I'm sure. The publications were issued by the APS and one of the two on Bartrams has gone out of print but I think Harper knows of a few copies still to be had from John Bartram Foundation at the old garden in Philadelphia. You likely have the Trans. APS at MBG Library??

Yes, I would very much appreciate those notes of your colls. from 1949 season in Rockies. Verdoorn is interested in using several photos of veg. for my book, and I should like glossy prints of your excellent shots for use in that way. You must let me take care of photo costs, though, for I know it counts up very fast.

This letter must be brief for I'm due home soon, and so, with all the best from Nesta and myself,

Very sincerely,

Jos Ewan

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10/47 Cyrilla racemiflora
15/47 Elliottia racemosa coming into flower
Rhododendron alabamense in foreground
Henry Garden
7/10/51

Extend to book

Visited Mrs. Henry's garden yesterday and showed her your Kodachromes, which she admired, and she confirmed just and named second.

J. & Ewan

Sept. 1, 1957

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4 Whittier Place
Swarthmore, Pa.
21 June 1952

Dear Goerge:

Here we are back at the Wrights' nice place just waiting to have you pay us a call! Que lastima, I learn you shall be taking the other direction, and have indeed made considerable progress by this time chasing Zephyrus. I'm sorry indeed that your letter caught up with me too late to be very useful as the basis for suggestions. Were I in N.O. and could have marked a map or two I could have prompted you here and there but you are very well informed, that I know, and I can think only to suggest that if the chance comes to include the fine highway from Durango to Montrose, Colo. via Ouray and Silverton, that you should try to make it--the scenery along that eyelash road is truly magnificent, and quite unlike Colorado in general, with granite heights and youthful topography like the Sierra Nevada. If you get as far as White Mts. of Arizona you will want to hunt up Dr. Phillips, head of bot. at UAriz., interested in ferns, grasses, etc., and he will headquarter you at his cabinsite near Springerville--ask locally where he is located. I've not been there but he was most cordial in suggesting a trip up there, etc. This is very exciting country for it is the southernmost tongue of R. Mt. veg. in ne. Arizona, in the true sense, with the se. mts. of state really more Mexican in their facies.

If you go to Carlsbad Caverns you will find a fine free campsite below the tourist village around its orifice, a distance of perhaps 7 miles south of the village, actually a N. Mex. state park of sorts, not advertised because of the pressure to stay and pay up at the caverns' mouth. Ask one of the Mexican chollos around the place where the free campsite is, what road to take, and don't forget the propina. It is among Populus wislizenii and has a swimming hole flavor. Listen to the mourning doves(and the Bubos at night) for us because it is a nice wildish spot in that fussed up place.

I left N. O. on May 27th and came along alone, the girls joining me about 11 days later at Athens. I worked over the letters, etc., at Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, Athens, Charleston, Chapel Hill and Durham, for naturalists of the Old South, and for APS project at same time. Very good results, esp. at Charleston. Plan to work here, with brief sojourns at Washington, NY and Gray Herb., until Sept. when I'm going to Ithaca en route to N. O. by 20th.

Matters at ANSP are still very unsettled, and very problematical what will be decided. I find I have very earnest friends about the place but funds and factions still present impediments. I'm going to try to talk with Director Roberts and President Linton this summer but I have felt, along with others, that I should be sought rather than that I should seek the position. Mrs. Pennell looks very well but has been harried by much illness in homes of relatives since his death.

News(?): Cronquist and Schubert return from Brussels this summer, he goes to NYBG for a year; Wurdack (PhD, 1952, Columbia, Melastomaceae) to asst. curator at NYBG; Wilbur (PhD, 1952, Mich., Sabbatia) to UGa. ; there is an opening at UNevada, where the present bot. prof. moves to Duke.

I'll have names of kodachromes from Mrs. Henry's garden for you presently. Thanks so much for the fine copies and please let me know costs.

Effective July 1st, I shall be Assoc. Prof. of Bot. at Tulane, for one (?) reason or another. Post a postal now and then, and with all the best,

Very cordially,

Joe Ewan

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George:

Lift out of envelope so I'll send it along by slow freight - this clipping from Bridgeton N.J. newspaper* sent by my aunt will hold some of Reino's comment. Bennett K. Wallach's address is simply Cottage Ave., Bridgeton, N.J. Don't return clipping; Reino may care for it.

* Evening News

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Nature Meeting Attended By 27

Mr. Matlack Exhibits Live Barn Owl, Talks on the Larger Birds

Twenty-seven members of Dallas Lore Sharp Nature Club attended the meeting and social occasion last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett K. Matlack, which was held on the large screened porch.

Mr. Matlack gave an interesting lesson on the larger birds of South Jersey and a very much alive monkey-faced barn owl and a marsh wren's nest were the exhibits. He also told of the Cape May County bird sanctuary, near the Court House, now the home of the Wrights, which, he said, is well worth visiting. Many of the members have spent some time there and others are planning to go. Members hoped that Mr. Wright will give his lecture for the club in October. A special meeting for September is also being planned.

During July the Matlacks have had a number of guests, among them being professional people from a distance. A man from Finland was especially impressed with the birds and wild flowers and took many pictures which will be used at his school in Finland the coming season. Various parts of Cumberland and Cape May counties and The Barrens were visited.

The club was interested in the newly-formed orangization, the Southern Division of the New Jersey Audubon Society. This will acquaint the nature lovers of North Jersey with interesting places in this part of the State.

Felicitations and congratulations were extended to Mr. Matlack on his birthday and Mr. and Mrs. Matlack on their wedding anniversary, Frank Hoagland making the presentation. Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland had returned from a vacation trip to Evanston, Ill., where they were the guests of their son, Donald, and his family. They report Evanston as being a beautiful and interesteing city.

Member Improving

Mrs. J. B. Westcott reported that Mrs. Clara Cossaboon, a Newport member, who is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. Bacon, near Trenton, was slightly improved. A card signed by each one was sent her, wishing her speedy recovery.

The club members were pleased in the return to better health of their popular leader. While Mr. Matlack will not resume his teaching position, he is preparing a talk on South Jersey and arranging some slides in colors of the beautiful and interesting places in this section, some of them little known but accessible to those who love nature untouched. When completed Mr. Matlack will have a most interesting program which he may make available for PTA and other groups this fall and winter.

During the social hour Mrs. Faust, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Westcott assisted the hostess in serving ice cream and crackers.

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March 15, 1952

Dear George:

Few memoranda for you: 1) Have you noticed VanSchaack 756, Attu, Habenaria viridis var. bracteata, is cited in Correll's Native orchids of N. Am. p. 116?

2) Life of Steller is selling for $1.89 from Union Library Asso., as per page herewith? This is nice book and no doubt a pillow for your soul lo these many years.

3) When can you send some bright chaps or chappies down this way for predoctoral thawing out? Then we shall send them back to you for that summation at MBG. Seriously, I think we should take on the U. Wyo. (Aven Nelson) to Wash.U. (MBG) chain reaction, don't you think?

Hastily but with all the best,

Jos Ewan

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March 13, 1952

Dear George:

Your kind letter just came to hand and I'm writing at once for it is patently an important decision. Pennell was interested in my coming to ANSP for my bibliographic assistance while he was still active and made some effort to try to attach me to the Library as a Bibliographer for both botanists and zoologists. In short, I'm sure he would have liked to see me join the staff in one capacity or another. He took considerable pains these past two years in showing me procedures in keeping of loan records, etc., which might suggest that he held the thought of my someday coming to the Academy, quite apart from the great help he gave me in training on the historical angles of the herbarium. The question clearly is: Shall I withdraw from teaching (almost altogether) and take up a curatorial position or shall I continue to teach, and try to keep up with research on the side? I'm inclined to teach and try to keep the research program going along with the teaching. My experience (and observation of others) leads me to believe that actually more research may be possible under this set-up than under the curatorship. That is, providing the teaching load is easy or moderate, as it is here at Tulane (10-12 clock contact hrs. per wk.). With research grants for summers and travel costs helped from college or outside sources, the program moves along rather well. For example, I am again to go back to Phila. this summer, thanks to the good word of you and other loyal friends who wrote supporting testimonials. This will mean a complete freedom of action toward the completion of the Sertum Philadelphicum. I should have in fact more free time than if I were Curator of the Herb. there thru the year. Next Fall I plan to concentrate on Veg. of Rocky Mts. and push it along toward completion this next college year. In free time for such a job I shall have just about the equivalent teaching as if I were to curate the colls. at Phila. next college year. The added advantage in taking the ANSP post would be the magnificent library at hand, the opportunities to check critical mss. easily, association with kindred minds, and stimulus that comes from such "fraternizing." Question left is: Does this list of advantages overtop the loss of these features here? Perhaps so, but hardly enough I think to warrant the move. I may be much mistaken, but the more I see of institutions, inc. the Academy and their politics, I hesitate to enter the arena. You may not know, but I think I am right when I say, that the Academy is right now splitting into two factions, one the old "classical" taxonomy approach of the older curators there and the other the experimental "new systematics" approach of Drs. Camp, Patrick, etc. I shudder in a way to think what may happen to the treasure house of old plant colls. there--perhaps I have a duty to tax. bot.? Or could I be as useful as one operating from the outside, free from institutional bias? I have written Camp urging that the small segregated colls. be scrupulously kept as they are with no present thought of merging them until the studies in progress are pushed along to completion. He writes that he will see to it that these small colls. are not tampered with by any possible new regime. I'll be happy to have a word from you about this view of mine, and what you think, for you are after all well informed, and you know I deeply appreciate your opinions.

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Dr. Pennell had a stroke in January and was out for a couple of weeks, rallied and returned to the Academy with high promise of many years of life ahead, then after a week's work went to the Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, and spoke, I am told brilliantly at the Meeting, and while chatting informally with friends after the gathering suffered another swift stroke and died before a doctor could reach him. I noticed last summer that he had failed over the summer of 1950, and yet I did not expect such an early close to such a useful life. We had become very close friends, and I shall terribly miss his high enthusiasm this summer and his great help in my work. Fortunate, indeed, it is that I have gained as much as I have from him of the historic details of the great colls. there. The pity is that he did not live as much as five more years to complete the "Scrophs. of Western N. Am." and the two or three Andean papers in advanced progress.

I must stop here to get some class material, but know how sincerely I appreciate your kind letter and vote of confidence. I would dearly love to be in Philadelphia, for its colls. and library are really exciting, but I hesitate, perhaps unwisely, in attempting to make the move.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Ewan

Postscript: Nesta reminds me on reading over this letter that I have not mentioned the very low salary that Dr. Pennell earned at Academy. Costs being as they are this unpleasant aspect must be considered. I'M now paid $4600. by Tulane for nine months service or somewhat less than nine months, with extra stipend for summer teaching, etc., and I'm wondering if the Academy salaries have been improved? I would be interested to know what proposition the Academy could offer. I know that Dr. Pennell was paid for many years $3200. and only in late years was his salary somewhat increased. The salaries of all but "favored few" (e.g. Dr. Patrick, etc.) were relatively low. We both know that salaries must never be given undue consideration but we must all face their necessity!

J.E.

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14 January 1952

Dear George:

Tahnk you for your letter of the 11th and I'm replying at once, for obvious reason. First, may I say that I appreciate your interest in and attention to this request for a referendum, and regret this extra letter was necessitated. Of course I am really pleased to hear that Andy has been made assistant director of the Garden! That is indeed good news.

I suggest something like this for that paragraph 2: (this is from my memory of what was called for, in the absence of one of these forms here to guide by remarks):

I believe we must create precision tools for the indexing of our scientific resources. This project of preparing a critique in the form of a taxonomic commentary and bibliographic analysis to aid in the interpretation of historic plant collections in Philadelphia is such a tool-making job. For many years these collections, poorly labelled and yet recognizable for small points of handwriting and history, have rested almost unknown to the workers in systematic botany, primarily for want of a guide to the nature of the collections. It is important, then, not only to arrange and identify these specimens from the taxonomic standpoint, but also that some biographical information be brought together relative to the collectors and the correspondents involved that these specimens may be better understood. It is here that the interests and talent of a specialist in the historic aspects of plant taxonomy be brought to the task.

You will have a reprint of the Pursh opusculum when it comes to print.

We all look forward to seeing you this summer, for if I remember afore times you often started West and then came back to the East for isostatic effect a little later in the season!

Please send the APS form directly to the Phila. address thereon.

With all the best,
sincerely yours,

Joe Ewan

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I am glad at the opportunity to write in support of Mr. Ewan's application. I am not well qualified to evaluate Mr. Ewan's achievements from a technical standpoint, but I have know him for a number of years and have been impressed from the beginning with his scholarly ability and intellectual stature. He married early, before obtaining a doctor's degree. Family responsibilities soon forced him to abandon the pursuit of a degree. In our academic system, bound as it is to the idea of advanced degrees, he found it impossible for years to obtain a post worthy of his ability. He endured this situation quite uncomplainingly, preferring rather to devote his energies to scholarly work, carefully and thoroughly undertaken. The list of his publications attests the diligence of these years. Often, if not always, unable to work under conditions anywhere near ideal, he has, nevertheless, turned to good advantage every opportunity which has presented.

Rather unprepossessing in appearance, Mr. Ewan has only to smile and begin talking to reveal his rare and captivating charm. Living in very crowded quarters he entertains graciously, making his humble home seem a spacious drawing-room. His name is an 'Open Sesame' at many homes and scientific institutions across the country. He is generous to a degree in giving of his time and energy to colleagues and students.

In my own mind there is no doubt ~~as~~ to the high quality of the work he is doing nor of its value to science and society. He is a scholar who will remain one throughout his life. He has, in addition, the ability to use his scholarship effectively in teaching. I look upon him as a typical example of the best among American scholars, able, informed, modest, urbane.

person in field

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January 5, 1952

Dear George:

I've ventured to ask you to send this referendum to the APS, and I hope I have not trespassed on your good nature in doing so.

Actually I have hopes of taking the year of 1953-54 on leave from Tulane and take up this project in England with a check on the Pursh, Poiteau, Masson, Forster, and many other collections as represented in British Museum, Oxford, and Kew, against the Philadelphia series. First, I must finish this Part I to convey my plan for operations, and from this perhaps win some support for a year abroad for all of us. With an inventory this summer of the problems, so far as possible, and a finish off of such a check-list next summer we should be in a position to leave in September (unless, of course, the Intern. Bot. Congress goes thru in Paris, in which instance we would want to take that in in July). Well, right now it is summer of 1952 and to do a good job on this work at hand.

I shall be returning the Kim colls. and the rest very soon now, but the paper on Pursh amounted to 77 typed pages, with 106 footnotes, and such a time-consuming job it was. Everything had to be set aside--lots of letters to answer, etc., but I think the Pursh paper is a really good job. It was such fun, too.

Perhaps if we take up again at Philadelphia, and return to 4 Whittier Place (as we surely would want to do), you will plan to come and stay with us? Who will it be this year? Perhaps Robt. Cooper and his family could come and stay for a spell? Or Jorge Leon et familia? In any event, we shall keep you informed, and perhaps . . . Of course Ding Ho would be jolly fun, ho! ho! Howhow! Mikula sounds curious--is it a genus of Compositae? Must be a range extension north into Virginia?

I, too, George, feel ineffective--like a monandrous androecium in a polygynous gynoecium, I guess. Or, again, would ~~it~~ rather be crassly effective gene flow? Anyway, I wish I had more sense: I came here with the promise to do R. Mt. Veg. for Verdoorn, Vismia for Smithsonian, and local florula for Tulane, then I had these three gestating nicely toward a normal term for each offspring when Pennell felt I really had better get going on the Philadelphia project while he was still there to coach me (and how reasonable?)--so here I am, still trying to do it and keep all happy. Verdoorn is very patient, and I have made a good deal of progress on Veg. of R. Mts., thanks to your spirited interest, etc. Vismia is so nearly finished that is must be done this spring! The florula is still in early germ layer and gives me no nausea yet. And if the Sertum can be pushed along as planned, that is pretty good. Nesta is sweet about it all, and thinks we should stay near the campus so I can work over here as much as possible, knowing so well how bigamous a botanist can be!

That

She joins me, as always, in
Very best,

Tom Eyerdam

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For APS application, 1952

Mr. Ewan has a long record of careful research in early American botany. It is doubtful that there is anyone else quite so familiar with all three aspects of this subject, namely, the lives of the men involved, their publications and publications relating to them, and the plant groups with which they worked. Mr. Ewan is a bibliographer of marked distinction. As a taxonomist hisis able and has to his credit a significant record of taxonomic publications. His ability to deal effectively with such biographical material as may relate to the men around whom his research would center is amply (over)

Mr. Ewan's proposed research is a continuation of that started in 1950. This research has as its aim the critical evaluation of certain early American plant collections to be found in Philadelphia, together with the gathering of material relating to the men who collected them and the uses to which they were put in early American taxonomy. These collections have lain unused in Philadelphia for a century or more and they must remain essentially unusable until research of the proposed kind is done. The importance of the research rests (over)

I have known Mr. Ewan for a number of years and have been impressed from the beginning with his scholarly ability and intellectual stature. He married early, before obtaining a doctor's degree. Family responsibilities soon forced him to abandon the pursuit of a degree. In our academic system, bound asit is to the idea of advanced degrees, he found it impossible for years to obtain a post worthy of his ability. He endured this situation quite uncomplainingly, preferring rather to devote his energies to scholarly work, carefully and thoroughly undertaken. The list of his publications attests the diligenceof these years. Often, if not always, unable to work under conditions anywhere near ideal, he has, nevertheless, turned to good advantage every opportunity which has been presented.

Continuation of 1. attested by the results of similar researches to be found in his recent book, 'Rocky Mountain Naturalists'. I do not know of any one more qualified to undertake the job he is proposing.

Continuation of 2. upon the fact that among these collections are to be found many types and other critical material upon which taxonomic concepts and entities have been based and for the corredt interpretation of which theses materials are essential. Only somewhat secondarily the research is important in that there is now available someone able to carry it out.

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JOSEPH EWAN, Tulane University

Grant No. 95—Johnson Fund (1950), $1,200. Preparation of a bibliographical guide and commentary to the plant collections made prior to 1850 belonging to the American Philosophical Society and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia now preserved in Philadelphia.

Library and herbarium studies begun in June 1950 and carried on for three months in Philadelphia, Washington, New York, New Haven, and Cambridge, on the critical historic plant collections belonging to the American Philosophical Society and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and preserved at the Academy, included:

(*a*) An inventory of the entire series of botanical collections to be studied toward the preparation of a biobibliographical guide and commentary to the collections. This inventory, carried out in collaboration with Dr. F. W. Pennell, Curator of Botany at the Academy, pointed to the advisability of restricting the study to those collections which served as the basis for botanical publications by Pursh, Nuttall, Muhlenberg, Barton, Forster, and others.

(*b*) An inventory of the archive materials preserved in the Philadelphia area which might bear on these critical plant collections, including such items as letters, notebooks, and vicarious memoranda of all sorts existing in the several libraries and museums of the Philadelphia area. This investigation led to the discovery of many contacts between botanists in this country and abroad that had not been previously noticed. Apropos of this inventory the libraries of the American Philosophical Society, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Hospital, and the William Darlington collection at the Pennsylvania State College, West Chester, were checked for possible materials. In addition the Library of Congress (including the Rare Book Division), the Library of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Smithsonian Institution, in the Washington area, were visited for the inventory. After the information gathered from these local libraries was systematized the libraries of the New York Botanical Garden, of Yale University, and of the Gray Herbarium and

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Interdepartmental Correspondence

TULANE UNIVERSITY

New Orleans 18, La.

January 5, 1952

Dr. George B. VanSchaack
Curator of Grasses
Missouri Botanical Garden
Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Mo.

Dear Dr. VanSchaack:

I am applying to the American Philosophical Society for a grant for the summer of 1952 in continuation of the project Sertum Philadelphicum. I'm enclosing a recommendation blank for your word of support, if you will be so kind. I sincerely appreciate your continuing interest.

My plan of work for 1952 includes:

"1) Complete the few remaining identifications of the collections in the Lambert series; 2) organize the information in form for typing the paper for early publication--critical notes on some colls. have been secured from the U. S. Nat. Herbarium, the Gray Herbarium, and the Academy of Natural Sciences at Philadelphia, and these must be collated and brought together into one sequence; 3) several of the 30 collectors involved in the Barton Herbarium, e.g. Enslen, are also represented in the Lambert series, and these colls. must be brought together and checked against each other. In short, the object of the present season's work is the completion of the Sertum Philadelphicum--Part I. Lambert series with special reference to Pursh's Flora, for early publication."

One matter which will take some time is the preparation of a series of photographs of typical handwriting of the collectors involved in the Lambert series, some 42 persons, in the manner of Savage's commentary on the Linnaean Herbarium, for future users of the collection.

Application has been made for a grant of $1200, for "travel to and from Philadelphia, rental, cost of living and incidentals (photostats, supplies for Contoura photocopying, etc.) for myself and family. My wife will continue to assist in filing, typing, and proof-reading of copy."

My paper, "Frederick Pursh, 1774-1820, and his botanical associates," is in press, to appear in the Proceedings of the Society.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan

Joseph Ewan
Asst. Prof. of Botany

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August 22, 1951

Dear George!

Home last night from 10 days in New England (5 at Gray with rich rewarding materials to hand) to find your good letter of 13th and do want to thank you for it if this casually. Hesta and Marjorie accompanied me while K and D went to YMCA summer Camp at Downingtown, Penna., for two weeks. We had to hurry home last night from vicious trappé out of NYC, torrential rain near Princeton, and one wrong turn south of Trenton, to go after them this am. Gray Herbarium seems more settled this year with new steel cases coming next month and a calm if resigned air about the place. Reed Rollins in West but constant Foster 'ficiating, and slavishly filing sheets when Flora of Bolivia sits as high as ever an Altiplano! Wrso much enjoyed Salem (I dug up some Wiscasset data, bearing on T. Prush, at Essex Institute) and Amherst is phenomenal! Herb. here is rich in early American colls. (Parry, Pringle, Reynolds' Fla., Berlandier, Gregg Mexican, etc. etc.) all so little used judging from lack of annotations. Watkinson Library at Hartford was a joy! 7 original Rafinesque titles; much early 19th Cent. botanica. I'll look over your sheets tomorrow when I go in to ANSP and pass my comments along promptly. Again warm thanks for your full and fine letter,

Cordially

FWC Evans

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7 August 1951

Dear George:

We still purr to think of your now mythical visit to Swarthmore and how much we all enjoyed your good fellowship. Come again and again, it is always good to see you.

I'm writing primarily to say that thru a misunderstanding at the Denver Press office the copies of the "Naturalists" went to N.O. and I am loath to reship them here at this rather advanced date in our season's program. You will know, none-the-less, that your copy awaits you there and 'bide a bit, if you will with my apologies.

Hugh Iltis passed thru Monday and Tuesday and I saw him yesterday at the Academy. He was able to put in a full night's work on his Cleomes--shall we say he cut capers?--from Red Camp's being about at unconventional hours at the Academy. It was interesting to see Hugh again, and to discover facets of his personality that I'd not known before. His idiosyncrasies doom him to professional strictures on the altar of academic conventions, as I forsee Iltis. I like him and his brave decisions but esp. do I hope . . . He may be interested in the circular that Stanley Smith sent on from Albany. If not, there may another MoBotGardian interested in it. Do not return it. bc

Nesta joins me in the very best,

Very sincerely,

Tor Ewan

4 Whittier Place
Swarthmore, Pa.
until Aug. 28

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Department of Botany

March 12, 1951

Dear George:

Yours of the 8th deserves a prompt reply and I'm sending this off at once. The photostats came Saturday and I'm delighted to have them for the class. I hope you will let me know if the RR express charges were in excess of the amount sent, that I make restitution, for I don't wish to prey on your kindness after your fine helpfulness.

No, I did not dream of Dr. Greenman's death, though it may have been in Science and I'm behind times in reading the issues I'm afraid. I had always entertained a sympathetic spot in my botanical heart for JMG, from my earliest knowledge of his life and activities related by Carl Epling at UCLA. I often felt that some of his procedures in Annals, which I understand were rigorously insisted on by him for his students, were ill advised. E. g. his listing all the places in the literature where such an such a name appears, in error or not, below each species in the syst. account of a genus. This does small good. On the contrary such an important matter as the clear indication of the type basis for each of the sysnonymn, in addition to the valid and accepted species for the concept, was by-passed. This is lamentable. You will therefore see no indication in many places of the actual type basis for the name taken up, its critical source, etc., and less for the bases of the several synonyms listed, some of which may represent local races and significant to student of Western US floras. Of course Greenman, a student of Engler, was taught in the tradition of the numbered specimen being the ace in the pigeon hole, to be curated, curried and finally solemnly cited regardless of its nativity or the significance bf the regional nature of the problem. Such was satisfactory, necessarily so in the growth of the science, for 19th Centruy tax. bot. in the days of E's Pflanzenreich but wholly inadequate for the 20th century. This is the serious limitation of his botany; he did yoeman service in the days of Robinson on the Mexican flora, and meticulous work on Senecio, but again his very precision left undone the vital keys to the several groups of the genus which he should have done for us. No question of his knowing Senecio, but Pennell as a meticulous worker in another large group, or Epling, in Labaitae, has done much better by his fellow botanists!

Yes, 17513 should read 1947, not "1927"--though I was collecting that year, in three numbers. My serious collecting began in 1928 in s. Calif.

Your reflexions on the new grass Manual are models of poise and clear judgment frankly told. Yes, I know Stapf, and Reeder used to bring around samples of the work of the two men and the differences were at once patent. As you know Swallen is now successor to Killip at USNH, with ACSmith heading up the Div. of Phanerogams, as Morton, the Crypts. It was a decision between the two men, and the poorer scientist but the better administrator won the post, referring to Swallen and Smith; Morton was not a candidate. Matters

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are not greatly changed at USNH since the days we were there I understand. Killip visited us in October and again last month, between sojourns at Ramrod Key, Fla., where he is collecting plants and doing something toward a checklist of the plants of the key which may be wiped out with population pressures and naval activities come a shooting war. The tiny Key Deer is subject of conservation interest just now.

Killip is plagued with the thoughts of the imminent destruction of Wash. and the colls. there if the international situation worsens. I feelingly agree with him, and believe Congress should remove the treasures of the city, scientific, art, and archives, to some rural site, say W. Va.--or might it not be wise to scatter them? It is all very sickening. Killip has not taste for living in the city and rather toys with the idea of taking up residence in French Quarter, though you would get him to admit it likely, so full of indecision is he. I'm delighted that he is collecting plants of the Keys for us, because he is a very good collector, and I know from experience a sharp-eyed one! Most of us do best with pickling the collections; with Killip, pickling the collector seems to work marvels!

Well, time hurries on, and I've yet some errands but suffice to say:

Fosberg is again in the Pacific, or was, on conference in Honolulu, re Pacific surveys. The various Pac. Veg. Surveys are being taken over by USGS in connection with the Pacific Geological work, and will go on their payroll.

Morton is in Honduras this month aferning; Edith Scamman, of Gray Herb., is in Costa Rica aferning, having pasued with us overnight and we had a very jolly visit. She is the Alaskan collector, friend of Polunins. A charming person, full of vitality and for all very modest.

Fassett is due in tomorrow from San Salvador, buying a new jeep and return, to do more collecting of aquatics. He'll have something to say; we had a short visit last Fall on his way, but did not have time to leave the airport; this time he may get to the campus.

Yes, please return the Senecios express charges collect, and my thanks.

"Rocky Mountain Naturalists" seems to have met a genuine need. As one Chicago (newspaper) reviwer puts it: "it fills a secure if an obscure place" in botanical literature--which is just what I should be happy to hear.

With all the best from
all of us,

Jos Ewan

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January 30, 1951

Dear George:

Your postal came some time since and I should have replied more promptly. This is the interim between semesters and I am happy to sip a bit of ease after a very full fall session. But the cup is not running over, I toast, for tomorrow the registration spills out for Spring smenester. I'll be teaching plant taxonomy as usual and this year it will be research methods in the evening on Tues. and Thurs.--that is always a good deal of fun though and the students find it valuable, they say.

Re Eaton, Ferns of N. Am. --it is a very fair price, and the substitution of a photostat of title page for volume one is a very simple matter. Actually the year date is of no conseuquence for the work was published in fascicles anyway. I do not now know of any person in need of a set, even at that price. I have a set which I rather miraculously assembled from one portion purchased in Oakland, California, and the remainder in the original format, in Los Angeles. The owner of the Oakland copy had not kept up his order for the work and his copy lacked the final signatures; these I found a few years later unbound, at a very low price, in L. A. Anyone should check the two vols. carefully to see if the two vols. are complete for the work is not perfectly obviously finished except in the rare copies with indices, issued I believe by Samuel Cassino to a few customers. I have a typed index copied from a homemade index in the T. S. Brandegee copy at UC, Berkeley. Tulane has a set, too. I think it would be worth while to a) check the copy for completeness, b) purchase, c) have a photostat titlepage made by Stobeys, and d) advertise the set for $30. in the AFJ. Copies currently bring 40-42 dollars in the market.

Louisiana grasses are still in Louisiana, but will move concomitantly to St. Louis shortly.

Thanks, all are well and happy, and we often say a prayer, you know, for you and KoKo,

As ever,

Cordially,

Joe Ewan

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BARBIZON·PLAZA·HOTEL
101 west 58th street · · · central park south · · new york

August 21, 1950

Dear George:

Such a contrast is presented by this day over one year ago that I must report a line. First, let there be no doubt that the annoyances here in New York in any way exceeds those days in the Rockies save perhaps in the case of shaving with hot water (at best a dubious calling, Koko notwithstanding) Here we are on tenth floor of this very nice hotel overlooking Central Park — immensely enjoying ourselves.

Nesta came along at this point and we went off to Metropolitan Museum of Art so this note did not get finished until Aug. 24, 1950, when I write from Kirkland Inn in

cable address "barbplaza" . . . . telephone CIrcle 7-7000

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Cambridge where I am of course working at Gray, having left Nate and girls at Candlewood Lake, Conn. [north of Danbury] yesterday.

It is very nice to be again in the charming city of Cambridge but so much building since I was last here in 1946 it is almost unbelievable!

The old Botanic Garden founded by Prof. Peck in 1809, and so devotedly fostered by Asa Gray these many years, is now given over to new modern Veteran Housing with only an old Ginkgo and venerable pines standing among the brick walled apts. Yet, one may but contemplate the botanists nightly conceived in these new

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gardens of man, I suppose, and unborn devotees of the gentle science will rise to call the Harvard Corp. blessed for its meritorious decision.

Fernald was here this morning and seemed very well. He came over and chatted informally with me of Francis Boott and his brother, William, of the entries of Manual [ed. 8] who never sent in the plants for inclusion in the new ed. or wrote about such records. The Gray Herb.

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copy of Manual (ed. 8) was sent July 8, in event you would like to annotate MBG copy as to date of issue.

All for now and with all good wishes to an esteemed friend.

Sincerely,

Jos Ewan

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14 June 1950

Dear George:

Very pleased to hear from you and to have the news. Too, I appreciate your giving time to Goldstein's paper. I really felt skeptical of his propositions in several spots esp. those involving mathematical and philosophical inferences, and was sort of hoping that perhaps you could toss him a refuting reference that would open his eyes to another view. He seems extremely eager to read, read, and argue, but is not the seeing sort. No infant Darwin he, I'm rather thinking he will lose himself in the meshes of his own devising. Anyway, He's doing some actual micro-technique work this summer with T. T. Earle on alligator weed biochemistry. He has gained nearlyna straight A card from his courses and is too cocky but at the same time will listen to a few persons, inc. Joe Ewan. So I'll try to save his soul when I see him in September. Again, thanks.

God Bless KoKo! Nesta asked me if I thought he ever ever wanted an alcoholic stimulant last summer, and I said merely you know the resignation of the Oriental mind. Well, he is a fine fellow, and we, too, hate to see him go back to the turbulent East in these years of conflict. His mind is keen and I hope it is not lost in the petty privies of piddling peroccupations, --shall we include teaching? Give him a Cheerio and we shall write him c/o Kew to brigthen his days.

This job in Pjiladelphia is a very funfull fest and I know it will be filled with a good many surprises. I even think I can do a rather useful service to monographers who will come someday to use these classic materials. I'm beginning with Pursh and this will amount to perhaps two summers. We have a 4-bedroom house in Swarthmore for the summer, until Sept. 8th. Can you shift your program just once moew and come East and join us? How much fun to see you and the girls you know are very fond of you! We hope you have a wonderful summer in Colorado with Helen Rider, with Andy in Calif. and in those unforgettable Olympics--have you ever seen them? They are magnificent and humiliating at the same time, if you foldow me, for the forest is of tropic exuberance. Have a good time, and the memory of last summer warms me at the thought.

In Sept. I'm sending a batch of grasses for your critical determination, mostly La. stuff, and so all for now. Nesta is still the same sweet little morsel and she joins me in very best wishes,

Joe Ewan

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June 1, 1950

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

A small bundle of 21 grasses are going to you in this mail for your naming. These are mostly Louisiana and some Virginia collections and there is no immediate rush for the determinations but I shall be indeed grateful to have them at your convenience.

We leave tomorrow for Philadelphia and in all possible haste,

Cordially,

Joe Ewan

Joseph Ewan
Asst. Prof. of Botany

JE:MLd'A

POSTSCRIPT: February 28, 1951!
You can see from the above that the intention was good some months ago, but you will soon thumb over the grasses long ago set aside for you. I've put into the same parcel some Senecios for Dr. Greenman; I've written to him that you would be delivering them to him--saves packing separate lots you know--and my thanks.

Do you suppose that you could repeat the request for more copies of Pool's chart in photostat? I dislike to bother you for this and please say NO! if that seems the appropriate thing at this time. I'm sending a check in the amount of $12. to cover, perhaps, 12 copies as of last year. If higher prices let me know the difference and I'll remit at once. I'm adding 25¢ for postage. There is so much to be gained from use this chart for the begining student in this latitude. Did you know Lawrence of Cornell and Benson of Pomona are now publishing texts in pl. tax.? Perhaps one or other will serve. In any event, I shall not again molest you, as the Spanish put it, for this favor, if indeed it should prove conveneint this year. Hastily,

Joe

Secretary Grant Institute of Botany, Philadelphia this summer. Don't buy a R.Mt.Nat.--yours will be in your hands soon. Sorry for delay.

What d'you think of Grass Manual?

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May 16, 1950

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

This is just a line to thank you for your very full letter of May 1 with its list of grass determinations.

We are leaving on June 2 for Philadelphia and shall be there until the end of September. Naturally there are lots of last minute jobs to do around the Department particularly in getting together loans of herbarium material for return and the like.

I am sending you at this time a report made by a student in my Plant Taxonomy class on the Phylogenetic Views of Schaffner. He is an unusual student as you will rather easily see from this report and in as much as he has an exceptional interest in mathematics he would like you to glance over it and, if possible, make some comments directly on the sheets if you care to do so. I know he will be grateful for your remarks since I have told him about you and your interest in comparable problems in botany. Possibly Edgar Anderson would be interested in Goldstein's report.

All for now and with best of good wishes for your hilarious trip in the West this summer.

Very sincerely,

Joe Ewan
Joseph Ewan
Asst. Prof. of Botany

P.S. I do hope that you are able to get into the Wind River Mountains again for in my opinion it is one of the truly exceptional spots in the Rockies. Say hello to Koko for us.
No Fulbright! But my deep appreciation for your trouble.
J.E.

JE:MLd'A

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April 11, 1950

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

In a matter of the next several days I shall be sending you under separate cover a collection of Rocky Mountain plants for your critical determinations. I have prepared a list of the numbers sent, a copy of which I am enclosing in duplicate that you may retain a carbon of your determinations if you wish to do so. I very much appreciate your determinations on these collections inasmuch as they bear on the text of my book "Rocky Mountain Vegetation" now in preparation.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this request and looking forward to the results with considerable interest I remain,

Very sincerely,

Joe Ewan

Joseph Ewan
Asst. Prof. of Botany

enc.

JE:MLd'A

Postscript: I want to thank you again for the photostats of the Bessey phylogeny; the students were so pleased and I could have circulated more copies had I had them. I think there is need for a revision of this chart along same lines, with perhaps a few additional fams. added. As for these grasses, none have been sent to Washington, D.C., and I shall not hesitate to credit you with the dets.! You are in a good position to know your oats and cheats apart, after all, and if you think you had better send the Poas along for the folks at Div. of Agrost. to browse over that is O.K. I'll be happy to have your dets. on the other grasses that you took after the Wash. folks send along the names. Do you know of other minor endemic grasses (or vars.) from the Silverton--San Juan Mt. region? Do let me have your list, I want to enumerate such in RMVeg. Senecios in your parcel go to Dr. G. if you will be so kind. Nothing on Fulbright yet!

Best from both of us, Joe

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20 December 1949

Dr. George B. VanSchaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
St. Louis 10, Mo.

Dear George:

This next story wouldn't happen with a bachelor of course but it is true: Nesta asked if I would look high on the shelf in our bedroom for an empty box to use for Christmas packing this noon and lo! I came upon a carton that seemed unusually heavy to be way up there on top shelf. I took it down gently and there on the flap of the carton was an envelope containing a letter, the outside reades: "To be opened only after Dr. Vanscok joins you in New Mexico!" Yes, incredible as it sounds, Miss Lydia Bougere, whom you will recall as a member of the Botany class on that field trip across the Mississippi River on Marrero road that Easter week day, made up a very attractive box for a bon voyage and it was set up there on the shelf in those last feverish days and forgotten. I'm sure Lydia can only feel solaced by the fact, to which you may attest, that the Ewans dashed off without the brand new altimeter acquired for the summer's expedition! It had to mailed on to us at Raton, you will recall. Well, you shall have to make a special visit to New Orleans for the anisette and geranium brandy that still reposes in this box! There was an insecticidal bomb for the trip, a set of cups for all members each bearing a nice initial for ready idneitifcation--Kathleen as mistress of the cups (we can scarcely call her cupbearer to the gods?) would have had a light chore.

I'm enclosing a note, addressed to you, George, which I hope may prove a notable footnote to the hearty expedition at this retrospective week.

In the event you may wish to send a copy of the Delta News to someone, I'm putting into this letter a copy or two as extras.

I'm wondering if this newspaper clipping regarding a new machine with an electric brain and flashing phto heart may not help in this problem of reproduction of botanical books?

Off to New York on Saturday morning, 24th, for AAAS meetings. Wish you were going to be there. How I recall with pleasure the St. Louis meeting when as a fulcrum of tolerance and good sense you marinated the meeting of many minds!

With all the best,

Joe Ewan

The photos are superb in many instances; more later on that.

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DELTA NEWS

Second annual newsheet struck off at New Orleans, Louisiana, at the mouth of the Father of Waters, on the Gulf of Mexico, in a limited edition. . . Christmas, 1949.

Editor-in-Chief, J. Evan — Managing editor, Nesta Ewan
Sports editor, Kathleen Ewan--Literary Editor, Dorothy Ewan--Features, Marjorie Evan

The June is familiar, the words are not new
The year fades out and we've much to do,
But it gives us great pleasure, just the same
Though there's no time to write each party by name
We still warmly wish and hold the thought dear--
A Very Merry Christmas and B right New Year!

EWANS ZIG-ZAG UP TO JASPER ALONG CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ON 8200-MILE TRIP BY JEEP

New Orleans, Sept 20--Home after 59 days away in the Great West, by Willys ("Conchita") Jeep Station wagon from here to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Alberta, and British Columbia, camping out in the Rockies studying and collecting the vegetation. In addition to five Ewans, Dr. George B. VanSchaack, mathematician and agrostologist, Washington University, St. Louis, and Ko Ko Lay, of Rangoon University, Burma, traveled with us in George's new Plymouth station wagon. George and Ko Ko tramped up the peaks, collected grasses, photographed the vegetation and scenery, and shared in the fun,--and work.

HAPPY MERRY MYSTIC MAIDS

New Orleans, Feb. 25--Kathleen attends a Mardi Gras ball in a new blue formal, the material bought and the dress made by Nesta and her mother all in a day

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OLD FRIENDS MEET ON SPANISH PEAK!

Cuchara Camp, Colo., July 29--Coming down West Spanish Peak from a collecting trip on the scree slope we meet four biologists, the Alexanders of Boulder (Dr. Gordon, Marian, daughter Ann, and son Douglas) coming up to hunt high mountain grasshoppers!

AZALEAS AT AVERY ISLAND, LA.

New Iberia, La., Mar. 18,--Showy azaleas and camellias were abloom at McIlhenny's Avery Island gardens today upon the visit of Mrs. T. D. A. Cockerell, Nesta and her mother and Joe to the famed estate near this town. Like Mobile's Bellingrath Gardens, which we had visited in March of 1948, Avery Island is open to the public and draws hundreds of visitors at the azalea season. Out of a fortune built of tabasco and salt, gardens and a bird sanctuary have been developed on the hilly island.

PRESIDENT SPROUL VALEDICTATES AT TULANE,

New Orleans, June 1--His manner the same, his words familiar, as University of California's President Sproul addresses the Commencement audience today.

MARJORIE LOSES TOOTH ON INDEPENDENCE PASS AND, FOR INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL, ANOTHER ON CROWS NEST PASS!

Fernie, B.C. Aug.--To just crossed the Continental Divide for the 29th time and Marjorie lost another tooth.

TRUMPETER SWANS AT KEYSTONE LAKE, MONTANA

Monida, Mont., Aug.--Just came across from West Yellowstone by way of the Trumpeter Swan refuge. A fine flock of the big white birds was on the foreshore of the lake. We had a nice campsite at the lake and unforgettable were the calls of the birds next morning. This is old Centennial Valley homesteaded in 1876--wonderful wild country

TRINCHERA PEAK OF CULEBRA RANGE CLIMBED!

Cuchara Camp, Colo., July 30--Just to north of Culebra Peak is Trinchera Peak, 13,550' elo. climbed by Ko Ko and Joe while party botanized on tundra about timberline lake.

GOTHIC BASIN A TWO-NIGHT STOP ON 59-DAY TRIP

Gothic, Colo., Aug.--Magic beauty of Gothic Basin, last visited by the Ewans in 1938, holds party for two nights in swoop up the Rockies. Minor event: weasel bites Joe's ear as he sleeps beneath white firs.

CALGARY VISIT THRILLS NESTA

Calgary, Alta. Sept. 7--Leaving this pleasant Canadian city today after a quick round of visits to Nesta's old home, to two playmates last seen in 1921

VISITS WITH FRIENDS WARM MEMORIES OF THE YEAR

To the Harold Roberts's, Erl Ellis, McCallas, Kathleen Marriage, Penfounds, Geisors--THANKS!

CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS SHELTER EWANS IN RAIN AND SHINE

Banff, Alta. Sept. 6--It is our last night in the Canadian Parks after two weeks camping from Waterton to Jasper Park. How good the hot lunch at Waterton tasted after a rainy night at East Glacier campground the night before For cordial welcome and nice facilities Canadian Parks can't be beat, down to waiting axe for your wood chopping!

TORRENTIAL RAINS AT GIRL SCOUT CAMP

Covington, La., April--It is difficult to realize how rain can roar! Five Ewan and Nesta's mother take cabins at Scout Camp previewing for coming overnight trip with Nesta's troop. Rains descended until the floods came and cabins nearly floated in pools of water but we had a nice campfire the night before.

GEORGE AND JOE MEET TWO MOOSE IN TETONS

String Lake, Grand Teton Nat. Park--Two moose endeared themselves to George and Joe on their way down Indian Paint Canyon. It may be said the two Monos hedged a bit as the moose went a-billowing thru the Salix.

LOGGERHEAD TURTLE STEAK DELICACY FROM GULF OF MEXICO

New Orleans, Dec. 7--Dermochelys coriacea steak proves tender and tasty! Rare turtle destined for Audubon Zoo comes to our supper! "This isn't steak!" Kathleen, & 2 other

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Dr. Vanecek

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Greetings!
Since it isn't
written in the book
that I should be
along on such a
wonderful trip will
you do the chores for me?
Your arrival is being
celebrated this evening
& I want to be in on it, too

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I understand you are quite a mountaineer so will you climb that one over there & your left & bring down the crushed ice for the drinks. They're really not a bit good without it!

All good wishes for a grand trip & I should enjoy hearing about these good things that have come to you.

Sincerely,
Lydia Bougère

P.S. I'm the girl you loaned your lens to on that field trip. I've wondered often if the iris grew & bloomed its pretty head off for you!

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16 November 1949

Dear George:

By this time you will likely have received:

1) Plant press with "Belcors" kindly loaned to me last summer.
2) Sleeping bag, also most generously made available last summer.

I hope each parcel arrived in good shape. We cleaned the bag with TIDE and found it left a slight stain about the collar. This is from the cleaner and not from the thing contained! Sorry it can hardly be dubbed pristine but so very grateful to you for the favor of letting me use it.

I've written to Harrington as per letter copy herewith. I hope it does the trick. My comment upon the extent of your grass collecting was advisedly guarded, lest you be molested wantonly for colls. arising from your season's labors, if perchance you do not care to be concerned. I hope I have not underwritten the nature of your activities.

Nesta and I have begun to work over the summer's take and last night I presented a talk at the New Olreans Bot. Soc. monthly meeting on the summer's trip, using KoKo's very good slides. He won warm praise for his work and I hope he can hear (if but faintly) the distant ring of applause! I exhibited a series of the Trinchera Peak plants mounted and labelled. I decided that this would convey the nature of the alpine flora of one definite spot--a procedure more significant than to random spread out the theatrical species from Raton to Jasper. About 35 persons seemed to enjoy the talk and I was pleased to have the really fine slides to accompany my remarks.

I've been looking over the Fulbright Act opportunities for research scholars. It seems to me that a year in England, with work at Kew and British Museum, would prove most valuable at this stage in my career. Tulane will release me with considerable encouragement for the year, and the stipend is adequate to take along Nesta and the girls. I'm enclosing a letter to Salisbury of Kew about my intended program of studies. Would you object to standing as a reference for me? I judge they would write you directly in the course of the winter. I should deeply appreciate the favor; your awareness of my interests seem to me to particularly point up your commentary if wanted.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,
Joseph Ewan
Joseph Ewan

11/22/49 Ans. regarding concerning bl rubies photos + grasses to Llewellyn

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
New Orleans 18

Department of Botany

4 November 1949

Sir Edward Salisbury
Director, Royal Botanic Garden
Kew, Surrey, England.

Dear Sir:

The opportunities for advanced research in England afforded by the provisions of the Fulbright Act interest me very much and I am writing to inquire if plans are extant for the sponsoring of American scholars who may be interested in these exceptional research advantages in the field of botany?

I am interested in carrying on studies in the field of phytogeography and taxonomy centering about the floras of the cordilleras of the Western North American continent and of the Andes. As a long-time resident, first of California, where I enjoyed the opportunities of field work in the mountains of that state and and Cascades, and later of Colorado, I launched a number of projects concerning the origins and distribution patterns of the cordilleran flora. Actually I have in manuscript and carried to an advanced stage of completion studies of

1) Rocky Mountain Vegetation--the working title of a full length book to be published by Dr. Frans Verdoorn in his Plant Science ~~Series~~ Handbook series. This past summer I had an opportunity to carry my field work to the Canadian Rockies apropos of this survey, under the patronage of an American Philosophical Society grant for the travel costs. This book will be an introduction to the phytogeography of the Rocky Mountains, rather comparable in its scope to the "Vegetation of the Peruvian Andes" prepared by the late Dr. August Weberbauer.
2) Botanical survey of the San Gabriel Mts. of southern California. A book length account of the barrier range lying between the coastal plain and interior Mohave Desert, its flora, phytogeography and history. Several critical type collections have yet to be examined in this study. Field work completed.
3) "Revision of the South American species of Vismia". Several critical types preserved in the herbaria of Kew and the British Museum have yet to be examined.
4) "Synopsis of the genus Centaurium (Gentianaceae)." Several critical cited collections and types to be examined at Kew and British Museum.
5) "First Bibliography of Colombian Botany." To be published in Caldasia or Lilloa. Opportunity for examination of additional titles in libraries of England would increase the value of the work immensely.
6) "Botanical activities of William Lobb in California." Critical study of the specimens collected by Lobb toward a more definitive interpretation ofthe species described from his collections by Hooker and others. Here an opportunity to examine the Hooker Correspondence against the actual collections preserved at Kew would be invaluable.

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7) "Botanical activities of William Jameson." During a year's residence in southern Colombia with an opportunity to visit Quito and Jameson's collecting areas, I assembled notes on his travels with a view to the more precise interpretation of several critical species first described from his collections.

In each of these instances enumerated above the status of the study impinges on an opportunity to visit the historic libraries, archives and herbaria of Kew and the British Museum (South Kensington). In view of the evident opportunity afforded by the Fulbright Act for study abroad it seems peculiarly appropriate that I should apply for an award for the project outlined above. I shall appreciate learning of your opinion of this proposal, and if in the opinion of the Gardens your institution could sympathetically sponsor such a research project.

Inasmuch a I now learn that all applications for awards to be made for the academic year 1950-51 must reach Washington postmarked not later than November 30th, I must ask for your early reply on this matter.

Thanking you for the favor, I am,

Very sincerely,

(signed)

Joseph Ewan
Asst. Prof. of Botany

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15 November 1949

Dr. H. D. Harrington
Colorado A & M College
Fort Collins, Colorado

Dear Dr. Harrington:

In December of 1946 you were kind in sending me a copy of your syllabus entitled "Grasses of Colorado," then recently issued in mimeograph format, which I have found of considerable interest in checking my collections of grasses collected in that state . I recall that you were apologetic about the syllabus at the time you sent me the copy but it seemsd to me a highly useful contribution. I only wish you had cited precisely (locality and collector with his number) each of the mentioned county records included, generally with only elevation data when at hand. But you no doubt felt it necessary to draw the line at some generally arbitrary point in the make-up of the syllabus.

This past summer Dr. George Van Schaack, Curator of grasses, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis 10, Mo., accompanied me on a reconnaissance of the central and northern Rockies and made some selected collections. I'm wondering if perchance you could spare a copy of your 1946 paper for him? I know he would appreciate the favor.

I hope your work on the revised "Flora of Colorado" is progressing nicely.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Ewan
Asst. Prof. of Botany

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Going South via Little Belt Mts. (Mont.) and Big Horn Mts. (Wyo.)

MEMORANDUM

TULANE UNIVERSITY
New Orleans

East Glacier Nat. Park campground,
Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949 (Mont.

Date

To George

From Jos

Subject: Modus vivendae

Remarks: Bulbo calling in trees here as I write. Only 5 parties in all this campground where we all stayed two weeks (Bob rained out you recall!). Not so cold as Banff and Lake Louise a few nights ago when frost on our tent but no doubt of Fall in air. What a wonderful two weeks in Canada! We reentered USA this afternoon. No trouble at all with plants. Hope same for you. We passed Tues. night with McCallas. They were still purring over your delightful personality and so pleased to have met you. I shipped 3 cartons of pls. from Calgary, so you see what a good catch I made. We travelled as far as Jasper and took one-way auto road over Yellowhead Pass, an old Grand Trunk RR. grade. The Banff to Jasper road is superb, George, simply un-

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MEMORANDUM

TULANE UNIVERSITY
New Orleans

Date

To

From

Subject:

Remarks: Matched in USA, I think – The high peaks are spectacular, glaciers so close and functional – We did get up to Peyto above Bow Pass and Nigel Peak above Sunwapta Pass, each time to 7000–7800' and Dolomite Pass above Bow Lake. Found Botrychium lunaria and Selaginella selaginoides, last above Moraine Lake on Larch Valley Trail – Stormy on Sat. night last but no serious trouble at all, either camping or with Condita. Very quiet around here from humans but all sorts of night sounds from denizens of forest as I write –

Very best to you and so happy we had that wonderful season together.

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Cordially, Joe Ewan

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NEW ORLEANS 18

Biology Department

7 July 1949

Dear George:

Just a brief note for now. I'm sending a check in the amount of $40.00 for tent and postage on parts thereunto, .57 but I've mislaid your letter in which you gave exact cost of the tent. No need about change now.

I'm just wondering if (in the event CoCo cannot go) you were interested in having another fellow along? There is a graduate student here, Leslie Ellis, entomologist at heart, taking an M.A. degree this summer and finishing off before I leave (I'm on his committee). He has a fellowship for graduate work at U. of Okla. this Fall. He is likeable, doesn't comb his hair very often, keen about field work, knows a good deal, has initiative, was a student in my plant taxonomy and did superior work there. He is a "native" and locally schooled. He has spent a whole summer in field for reptiles, collectin in La., Texas, Miss., etc. I have not mentioned anything about the proposition to him and am certainly not in the least wishing to insist on his going along in any event but I just thought perhaps . . . I think he would go if approached and on a fare-paying basis or expense sharing basis.

I think we might plan on meeting in the vicinity of either Capulin Mt., N.M. east of Raton, or perhaps more agreeably on Raton Pass? Your suggestion of hotel or post office is good, too, and we could arrange to meet at Raton.

We aim to make Capulin Mt. and Raton by Tues. July 26, late afternoon. Hope I don't have the temptation to linger too long at Dallas!

Did I send a time schedule? I find we shall have to make some minor shifts in route in Colo. since roads over a couple of spots are blocked. It will be necessary to change plans I imagine pretty often, but I am primarily in getting the veg. data on just as many transdivide passes as possible. Detials may vary.

All for now and best to you,

Joe Ewan

The tent came in good order, and parcel of pulley, too. Have had no time to try your instructions yet, however.

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Localities and Passes in the Rocky Mountains to be visited include:

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Spanish Peaks from Cuchara Pass, Colorado
La Veta Pass (9339(ft.)
Sangre de Cristo Pass (8459 ft.)
Cumbres Pass (10,003 ft.)
Wolf Creek Pass (10,850 ft.)
Spring Creek Pass (10,001 ft.)
Schofield Pass (ca. 11,000 ft.)
Independance Pass (12,226 ft.)
Twin Lakes and Fremont Pass (11,320 ft.)
Loveland Pass (ca. 12,000 ft.); Berthoud Pass (11,315 ft.)
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Pacific Spring to Green River Lakes, Gannett Peak region
9 Union Pass (9210 ft.)
Jackson to Teton Pass (8429 ft.) and return
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17 Craters of the Moon
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Gibbons Pass (6995 ft.)
20 Missoula to Coeur d'Alene via Lookout Pass (4738 ft.) with detour to
Glidden Pass (5200 ft.)
22 Belton to Glacier Nat. Park (inc. Marias Pass, 5216 ft.)
Waterton Nat. Park, Alberta, inc. Akamina Pass (ca. 5200 ft.)
23 Pincher to Crows Nest Pass (4461 ft.)
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and possibly detour to Powder River Pass (9666 ft.)

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7 Denver

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TULANE UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 18

Biology Department

June 15, 1949

Dear George:

I'm not sure that this reply will match yours of 4th instant either in news or a ringing quality of high enthusiasm. If no exuberance is evident alay your fears for 'tis but the blast of the opening of the summer session, with its 1 1/3 hr. lecture daily at eight of the clock, followed all too closely with labs that must be prepared for in a rather demanding way. However, I enjoy the summer session. The tempo is swift, almost mercurial at times, and you feel that in the great drama of living world you can convey some hint of action, reaction, and contra-action that comes to the student too leisurely in the regular academic session, me thinks. Here they must learn or die! Dying out of a summer session course is swift and leaves no twisps of tissue of sentiment as does the slow flunking of fall and spring semesters, but in any event I feel a little tired after each $20. lecture! Think! of pricing knowledge, ugly thought, but in an idle moment of titrating life I came to that unseemly figure as the market value of a lecture.

Well, to move over to your firm factful letter: We are pleased about the tent. We will be pleased to receive same and shall make payment as of July 1st, and we appreciate your efforts in arranging all the particulars.

The camera situation sounds fine. I am very pleased and recognize, too, what an investment all of this has meant on your part. Let us agree now that all costs of films and developing shall be borne by me. It is the least that we can do and keep respectability. Wish my know-how were better for cameras, too, but I've done a little and we shall learn in time to get something printable, I'm sure.

We look forward to the summer with Ko Ko very much indeed. I assure you we feel quite content with his plebian qualifications in the camplife of the summer. It sounds that he has adaptability and that's it. I take from your letter his joining the party is expected but not definite yet?

Go ahead and order 50 corrugates. I'll be glad to have them and shall buy them for the Dept. here. I understand this order is to be for cut down size units, and not the large ones which we now have here, for example. In event Beller will not meet the deal we shall cancel the order and make these larger ones do, cuts and all. The extra fee of $5. (five dollars) would be worth paying to get the smaller size, too, if that alone stands in the way of the purchase. I think 50 would be sufficient with a roof rack, which we are purchasing, but which we do not now have. We're going to check the supply stores but rather incline to buy Sears' model. As I said I'm not collecting in quantity on the trip, except in some special instances, e.g. topotypes or Pteridophyta that are esp. desirable for special exchanges, etc. Even then 5-6 sheets would be "quantity."

Nesta is inclined to disregard spotted fever serums. Not for costs, but for confusion with other disorders with which s. f. may be confused after contraction. In short, s.f. may be misidentified with other esp. children's diseases and diagnosis is difficult when serums have been taken. Perhaps wrong here but this is view of one physician in Colo. whom we consulted. In Colo. the s. f. is local and can be avoided easily by keeping clear of cattle ranges. Also earlyseason proposition. Is it prevalent in late summer in no. Rockies? What do the Idaho fellows say at the Gardens? Do they advise it, regardless?

I'm purchasing an altimeter.

Best wishes for that trip to Conn. and N. E. Hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable time and "meet the most wonderful people" (if you want to) or is this alone in the hills?

With all the best and so many thanks, too,

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TULANE UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 18

Biology Department

May 18, 1949

Dear George:

Pause to answer your two communications, both dated 14th, and concerning:

1) Boise tent. We like the idea that you outline. It makes sense and we concur on all points of consequence. We suggest our buying now one 7x9 tent, and your buying one 7x7 for use this summer. Perhaps you can go ahead and place the orders, requesting billing for June 1st? Sounds to me as if a ventilator built in would be desirable. We are grateful for your interest and taking the trouble to shop about for all this rigging.

2) Burmese voyager: We like the idea that you outline. Nesta, who as you say is inexorably involved, thinks that he would be an asset, if he is willing and ready to lend a hand with some of the chores. The decision, we think, rests necessarily with you in that perhaps you can tell something of his predelictions. Does he comment on chorish work as if it were something quite outside his religion? Has he ever bought a finger-nail brush at the five and dime for personal manicuring? How earthy is his philosophy? I refer to past patterns rather than occidentalization that he has had to undergo to be comfortable in our society. Willing to handle some of the janitor-work, as Marcus Jones used to call it, and to enter into the spirit of the occasion, I'm sure he would be a distinct addition to the trip. Nesta mentioned how the campfires would be improved! Our girls will now meet, not a Great Dane, but a sacred Burmese! How broadening! Incidentally, in the event he goes with us, remind him of our intent to visit Canada--he may have to pick up some visa since he is an extranjero. We shall be in Canada about 2-3 weeks.

3) Your suggestion and demonstration for folding of USGS maps is good and will be taken up.

All for now,
most cordially,

Joe

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Biology Department

6 May 1949

Dear George:

Anticipation swells the tents of memories of camping and tramping! I'm sending pages from the Montgomery Ward catalog of last year and this summer, finding that the Spring 1949 L. L. Bean catalog, which we recd. a couple of months ago, carries no tents whatsoever! (Perhaps they issue another cat. for them??) Also I've marked our views on styles of tents which best serve our needs. It is hard to combine ease of operations and sewed-in floor, as you know, and yet we feel that if we shall continue to use tents in South floor will be needed--floor will hardly be called for in West from menace of snakes, because they are very very scarce in my field experience in the Rockies. Hence, we suggest: checking locally in St. Louis' stores for bungalow tent (contrasted with umbrella tent type) preferably 8x10 ft. with poles with sewed-in floor. This combination seems not to be offerred in MW Cat. To get the floor one must take umbrella tent type, which is easier to erect but less useful. We think that when one can use a tent at all it is best to have a tent which is both roomy and convenient, and these chars. come with bungalow tent, not umbrella type.

Secondly, we suggest that in the event you find some tent that meets these points you proceed on the basis we shall purchase the tent from you, if we may, on basis of half down and balance to follow next academic year. This on the proposition that very likely you would not wish to own such a large piece of tenting. However, this decision is naturally yours; we are now without a tent and the suggestion came naturally.

Army surplus sales stores may have something but likely not in this larger bungalow style. My recollection runs that when Army goes in for size they still use the umbrella type? Perhaps for speed of assembly? New Orleans has no good army surplus stores such as Washington, D.C. at least used to have.

FLASH! I've just reread this MW cat. page (from last year's cat.) and find on page 866, item E, to be almost the very thing we want. It is umbrella type but does not have the nuisance center pole, instead it has telescoping steel corner pole frame, and floor. We would not need to invest in the nylon curtain at this time; Rockies are not badly plagued with insects in general. I notice that an extra room of drill curtains are even available! This seems to be most expandable tent of them all for extra room demands.

Re ventilators: Question: do we need metal ventilators badly enough to warrant the investment? There is the question, too: with top of car rack for drying, like FWPennell uses in the West, where presses dry while driving, do metal dryers make so much difference? I'm willing to invest $20.00 in the made-to-order metal corrugates, however, if you think it wise. Perhaps, so. I suggest having them cut down to 16½ inches x 11 or at most 11½ in. for we have Beller's standard sized 12x18 in. now and show the scars of many battles! Why does the man not change his regulation product? Surely experienced users would urge it?? Be sure to tell him R U S H ! for he may take some weeks to fill the order. We have a supply of nearly new cardboard or pressed paper vents of the old style which will serve if called for. I do not expect to collect quantities of material, duplicate or triplicate in most instances, but situations always vary procedures I guess! Hard to promise.

Our girls are deserting right and left in favor of riding in the new Blymouth! How many miles to the gallon? Cruising spped? all-steel body? functional? Swell! Our friend Erl Ellis had an International Truck chassis station wagon that still is tops for power and durability, with a low low gear that is extremely useful.

No likely time for miscroscope on trip. We are pausing at Flathead Lake, Mont., where U Mont summer camp is in session and will have some chance to use one there perhaps. I'm taking just Hastings triple aplnat hand lens. Glad you have a pair of binoculars.

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We now own a pack frame useful for longer pack trips, perhaps to Union Pass where likely the men will make the trip while girls stay in camp below?? But I think packsack will be useful for general transport of goods and press. You likely have such now?

How about altimeter? Do you plan to take one? I'll plan to take one in the event you do not now have access to one. This will be a necessary item for mapping of vegetation.

Glad we bought those USGS quadrangles back there in 1945-46! They will be very useful, in fact indespensible. I've picked up oil company maps for Canada, etc. tour-aides, etc. that are useful. Map carrying case bothers me a bit--what do you suggest? Suppose we should really mount these quadrangles before the trip.

I'll have the necessary guides to flora: Coulter-Nelson Manual, Rydberg, Ulke's Yoho Nat. Park, St.John's flora of se. Wash. and adj. Idaho, Swain's Insect Guide, with antidotal 6-12, and some other helpful local papers like Areta Saunders' Birds of Montana with its vegetation account. Do you have Standley's Glacier Nat. Park flora? I do not own a personal copy but can likely arrange to borrow a copy; it is o.p. and rather expensive for its caliber.

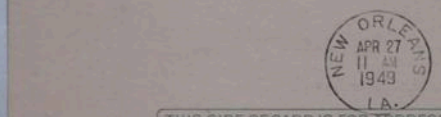
This clears the scratch pad for now, and with all good wishes from us all,

Cordially,

Jor

PS. We now have 1 GI "fox-hole" (one-burner) gasoline stove. You might think it desirable to take another? I know a Wash. store--address at house just now--which sells them for about 6.95 instead of usual 9.95 price. It is a Coleman make like the ones in catalogs.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Mo.

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26 April 1949

Dear George: Thanks so much for yours of the other day. Word has come from Matzke that the grant was denied by committee with many applicants for a limited fund. This equates to my staying on here for summer session--which is politically a good thing anyway with my chief also the chief of Summer Session on campus and his polite insistence that I should teach the summer session freshman botany to exclusion of others about the campus. Actually $550.00 for 27 days of actual teaching is not bad, with asst. for labs. We plan to depart N.O. on Friday, *22nd. Driving nw. to Shreveport and Dallas, and heading for Capulin Mt. N.M., following the program of stopovers as outlined. Where will this find you do you think? Will you plan to be in Rockies before this date? I'm rereading yours of March 16th, with ref. to Kodak 35 being in your satchel now. Sounds as if my acquiring the same would be a jolly smart idea?? Or do you have another preference from your experience with this camera? Let me know that I may take early action on this matter. Your idea of two film types in readiness is excellent. With all the best, and in haste but very, very

Cordially, Joe Swan

*July of course

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TULANE UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 18

Biology Department

15 April 1949

Dear George:

Just a note of Easter greeting. I hope that your Oklahoma trip with Andy was a great success, beset with flower-strewn paths and all kinds of introgressive hybridization--or do I??

Mimus polyglottus sings outside the window of Dinwiddie, Nerium is coming into bloom, the Pancratiums are fragrant, and all would seem well with the world. Hidden from view of course are the myriads of termites slowly consuming the woods of the dwellings of this decadent old city, the wrongs for which expiation is sought in a score and more of altars in the streets of discontent, and, more immediate, the damn dermistids eating their beetling way through the plants in our temporary wooden herbarium lockers that cannot be completely sealed for thorough fumigation! Yes, we are getting four new steel cases, each taking 26 pigeon holes of plant, but so many more are sorely needed. All things human change, but oh! so slowly. It would seem as if administrators felt that by inference to "grind slowly" in their milling about was somehow close to godliness. Not that my phail of patience has been drained to a mere stain in the bottom! but that images of possible efficiency arise so often to prick the wallowing of reality.

Well, actually, George, we do have the American Philosophical Society grant for the Rocky Mountain Vegetation project! This means that Jasper is assured, short of time itself and the impelling grandeur to climb one more peak in Wyoming before we bolt on to Montana, Idaho, B.C. and beyond! Summer session schedule was moved forward one week, with its attendent release of one week later in July, bringing it now to July 22. Of course I've applied for a second grant to do the southern arm of the Rockies, which has yet to be heard from, and that would mean leaving the first week in June for New Mexico. Anyway, we can plan on being together from July 22 to Sept. 20 (to arrive in N.O.) or as nearly those dates as we can make connections.

You asked about cameras. I have none but a Brownie 2A folding, and feel we should do something about the lack. Do you have some kind of camera adequate for vegetation shots, not necessary for publication perhaps in the panorama class but adequate for making records to be studied comparatively later? I'm very green photographically, and must needs rely on your talents. I hope you will let me know what accessories will be needed and their approximate costs. I have in mind haze filters, etc., portrait attachments perhaps, etc. Possibly the rental of a really good camera satisfactory for paroramic shots would be a desideratum? Verdoorn will welcome some plate illustrations I know but will prefer to make line drawings from photos whenever possible.

Incidentally, Tulane Research Council granted $500. to Univ. Denver Press to further its publication needs for my "Rocky Mountain Naturalists," mss. of which is now nearing completion. So that helps morale.

Nesta joins me in sending our very best, and write when your grasses don't need your proficient eye,

Cordially,

Jos Ewan

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March 16, 1949

Dear Joe,

I reckon you must have decided that the itinerary you sent me knocked me out! Well, it is an amazing thing and it did almost bowl me over. It will be a grand trip, so much of it as we can do and I'm looking forward to it with great eagerness. The early summer part was naturally wquite a surprise, but a most welcome one. I doubt that I shall be able to be with you at the very beginning of your New Mexico survey. I must go up to Michigan to see my mother before going west. But if I can get away from here before commencement (the 7th) I should be able to reach you by the 15th at the latest. All this provided I get a new car. My old car is in such shape that I have not dared drive it outside the city all year. I have had a new one ordered since last June 1st but am still waiting for it. I feel sure I shall get it in time,--at any rate I shall get something that will enable me to be with you.

Many thanks for sending the memorial number of the Fern Bulletin (?), which I was very glad to see and to have, for I was quite fond of Dr. Maxon. I thought both of the articles about him very good.

I thought I have thanked you for suggesting to Smith that Andy and I might like to go with him on his spring trip. We would, indeed, but had already made plans to go to Oklahoma for the holiday,--he and a student of his to study Juniperus and I to collect while they study. Wish you and Nesta could be along.

I suppose you are going prepared to take pictures this summer. I shall have a Kodak 35 with range finder along which will of course be at your disposal. Should you have one too we can keep one loaded with color film and the other with black and white.

I suspect you will be interested in the enclosure which appeared in one of the local papers last week,--I don't know how or why. She's a grand old woman.

All for now. Let me know when I can be of help to you. Best to Nesta and all of you.

As ever,

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POST CARD

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Geo. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Mo.

Dear George: Thanks so much for your letter and we are delighted you can plan to go this summer. Am now writing letters for travel grant from Am. Philos. Soc. Am sending Am. Fern Jour. copy (gift of course) which will interest you for which nice Maxon sketch by Cadwallader very well done, I think.

Love

AMERICAN FERNS
Illustration by Seymour Haden
Fern Book (1838-1910) Artists Collection

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS 15, LA.

27 February 1949

Dear George:

Here are copies of the applications just submitted to the American Philosophical Society and Torrey Bot. Club for travel grants for this summer's work. They will be rather evident, I think, though the called-for statements are not indicated in these carbons. I've worked out a day to day schedule for the northern trip, and roughed out a week to week one for New Mexican trip. You can see that I'm trying to plan to take in both legs of the program but if the TBC grant fails to come through I'll still be teaching summer session here and leave immediately at the close of the 6-weeks' session. Looks like quite a trip! I think we can make the most of it, but may have to cut corners a bit. Do let me know your general reactions. You may wish to see the fuller schedule that will follow as soon as we can get it typed. The "assistant" is Nesta in the forms submitted; I know we can handle the field equipment nicely with these grants or one of them. Will write later re your part--your letter is not at hand just now.

Hastily but very cordially,

Joe Ewan

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I felt it might be unwise to involve your name in these names bringing applications, in part, due to thereby bringing some possible obligation upon you which I wished to avoid. Of course I should have sought your permission before doing so in any event. But please know we are hoping to plan this whole season with your valued assistance and will of course share the benefits of any grants-in-aid won, or lacking either, our "common lot," with you, most whole-heartedly.

As ever,

Joe

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS 18, LA.

24 February 1949

Dear George:

I'm now working on the itinerary of our summer trip, and shall send along my ideas in the next days.

At the moment I'm writing re another matter: Stanely Smith has just written to see if might be able to make a trip into three corners' country of Miss.-Ala.-Tenn. this Spring holiday. We have a five day spell, from Thurs. through Monday after Easter, but I'm very sure there are too many other matters at hand to permit such a trip this Spring. I've written him that I should very much like to "do" the trip come another year, when "ROcky Mt. Naturalists" and its attendant chores are not at hand. But perhaps you might be able to make such a trip, and I'm sending along his letter that covers the plan. Reply to him directly since I've indicated that I was writing you at once. Perhaps Andy might be able to join you? (After you are finished with letter you might insert it in a future letter to me, but not the least hurry)

We have a lot of rain this past few weeks. Did you notice that last calender year N.O. had over 84 inches of rain! What a place! Azaleas have been a wonderful sight, and gingers will be good this year from absence of low temps.

With all the best,

Tom Ewan

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February 25, 1949

Dr. Edwin B. Matzke
Department of Botany
Columbia University
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Matzke:

This constitutes an application for a grant-in-aid of $500.00 from the Mary S. Andrews Research Fund of the Torrey Botanical Club for the current year for:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VEGETATION,

being a book length account embracing the following chief topics: Resume of physiography, and geological history, synopsis of soil groups, megaclimates, microclimatic factors (cold air drainage, etc.), floristic provinces (their character and component plant groups), resume of chief crop plants and cultivated species of the region, geographic affinities of Rocky Mountain flora, genesis of vegetation, past migrations and dispersal factors, centers of speciation and endemism.

This project is in progress. Collecting of plant materials basic to the survey was begun in 1937, when I joined the faculty of the University of Colorado, and was continued until 1944, when I left the University to join the Foreign Economic Administration, Cinchona Division, in Colombia. Last year some field work was accomplished in New Mexico and se. Arizona, at the extreme southern end of the Rocky Mountains toward this study. "Rocky Mountain Naturalists," an historical survey of the persons who have explored this area, is to be published by the University of Denver Press this year; it is a book length account.

Of the total of $500.00 requested the following amounts are to be budgeted as follows:

$175.00 for gas, oil, and running expenses for Willys Jeep station wagon, calculated at .07 per mile, over a planned itinerary of approximately 2500 miles chiefly criss-crossing New Mexico over a seven weeks' period, from June 4, 1949 (departure from New Orleans) to July 22, 1949.

$100.00 for 50 days @ $2.00 per day, for food and camping costs for applicant.

$100.00 for same for one assistant.

$125.00 for field equipment (altimeter, hydraulic jack for bad roads well-known to the applicant!, tarpaulins, etc.)

The procedure is as follows: Field reconnaissance of vegetation of ranges of New Mexico which have not been covered by ecological studies in the past (thus, Organ Mts. and some other ranges covered adequately in the past are not included). Selected passes across the Continental Divide at several points have been chosen for preparation of profiles of the zonation of vegetation. These may then be compared with other similar profiles prepared for localities ranging from Mexican boundary to Jaspar Nat. Park, Canada. The time chosen for this New Mexican survey should coincide most advantageously with the blooming season in that state.

Plant collections made from 1937-1944 have been deposited at the Bureau of Plant Industry (First Set), Tulane University (Second Set), and Univ. of Colorado (Third Set), with selected specimens submitted to specialists for naming.

An application has been placed with the American Philosophical Society for a travel grant to make possible an additional eight weeks' exploration of the central and northern Rockies not so far investigated for this project. This would extend from July 23-Sept. 20, and reach Jaspar National Park.

Arrangements have been completed with Dr. Frans Verdoorn for the publication of ROCKY MOUNTAIN VEGETATION in the Plant Science Series of Chronica Botanica.

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The areas in New Mexico to be visited include, in order of schedule:
Sacramento Mts., working out from Cloudcroft.
Tularosa, Hot Springs to Rhodes Pass (5248 ft.)
Hot Springs to Hillsboro and Hillsboro Peak country, inc. Mimbres Mts.
Pinos Altos Mts. above Silver City
Silver City to Beaverhead with side trips to and about Pelona Mt. (9204 ft.) and Elk Mt. (9780 ft.)
Horse Springs, Mangas and Quemado
Highway 32 to El Morro, thence Highway 53 to Grants
U. S. Highway 66 to Thoreau via Satan Pass (7000 ft.)
Highway 56 and Hghwy 84 to San Pedro Mts. (Gallena and vicinity)
Capulin Peak and vicinity,
U. S. Highway 64, to Taos, with detour to Truchas Peaks
Taos to Raton via Palo Flechado Pass (8495 ft.)
other summits in the Sangre de Cristo Range of N. M. as time schedule permits

Papers published by the applicant bearing on this general subject:

a. Sources of the Fern Flora of Colorado. Amer. Fern Jour. 35:114-126. 1945.
b. Botanical explorers of Colorado. (series of 7 papers publ. in)Trail and Timberline (organ of Colo. Mountain Club) 1941-1948.
c. Creosote Bush and Lower Sonoran Zone of the Southwest. Amer. Midl. Nat. 20:334. 1938.
d. Origins and relationships of the flora of a barrier range of California. Amer. Jour. Bot. 26: Suppl. to no. 10) p. 26s. (abstract for AAAS meeting at Columbus, Ohio) 1939.
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f. Vegetation of the Arctic slope of Alaska. (in) Birds of Arctic Alaska, by A. M. Bailey. Denver, 1948. pp. 15-27. illus.

Memberships: Torrey Botanical Club
Washington Academy of Sciences
American Fern Society (Pres., 1948-)
California Botanical Society
Botanical Society of New Orleans (Pres., 1948-)
Biological Society of Washington
Sigma Xi
etc.

Inasmuch as plans must be completed for the Summer Session of this University, I shall appreciate an early report upon this application.

Thanking you for your consideration of this application, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Asst. Professor of
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February 23, 1949

Joseph Ewan

Department of Biology, Tulane University, New Orleans 15, La.

Philadelphia, Pa.; October 24, 1909

Univ. California, Berkeley, A.B., 1934; graduate study, while holding Research Assistantship in Phanerogamic Botany, Univ. Calif., Berkeley, 1934-37.

Assistant Professor, of Botany, Tulane University

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800.00

$574.00 for gas, oil, etc. for Willys Jeep station wagon @ .07 per mile and a planned itinerary of approximately 8200 miles which must include the trip to and from the Rocky Mts. of Colo., Wyo., Mont., Idaho, and Alberta which are under survey this coming summer season.
$112.00 for food and camping (or occasional necessary lodging) expenses for applicant
$112.00 for food and camping expenses for one assistant.

To applicant: Mr. Joseph Ewan, Tulane University, New Orleans 15, La.

One payment of total amount as of July 1, 1949.

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Field reconnaissance of vegetation of Central and Northern Rockies, as indicated approximately on the accompanying outline map, with particular reference to selected passes across the Continental Divide. Zonation of vegetation will be studied at these passes toward the preparation of a series of profiles which may be then compared along the whole Cordillera form the Mexican boundary to the Jasper National Park latitude.

Slightly over eight weeks, or from July 25, 1949, until Sept. 20, 1949. These dates will facilitate the collecting of critical tundra plant species which do not mature until mid-August to mid-September.

Arrangements have been completed (formal contract has been signed) for the publication of this account in the Plant Sciences Series of CHRONICA BOTANICA.

Plant collections made 1937-1944 have been deposited at the Bureau of Plant Industry, Beltsville, Md. (First Set), Tulane University (Second Set) and Univ. of Colorado (Third Set), with selected specimens sent to specialists (e.g. Scrophulariaceae to Dr. F. W. Pennell, etc.). Tulane University supported, in part, my investigation of southern New Mexico and se. Arizona in 1948. (An application to Tulane University for a grant-in-aid toward the publication of "Rocky Mountain Naturalists" is pending).

(Except as briefed above, no grants have been rec'd for this project.) I am applying to the Torrey Botanical Club for a grant-in-aid of $500.00 toward a survey of certain critical mountain ranges in New Mexico (Pinos Altos Mts., etc.) which will involve considerable packing in and camping but less auto travel than the present project of the northern Rockies. This would be undertaken from June 4, 1949 through July 22 and relate directly to the more northern survey outlined above.

Dr. Frans Verdoorn, Editor of CHRONICA BOTANICA, Director, Los Angeles Arboretum, Arcadia, California.
Dr. F. W. Pennell, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia 3, Pa.
Dr. Francis Raymond Fosberg, 212 Holmes Run Road, Falls Church, Va.
Dr. Carl Epling, Univ. of California at Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, Calif.

a. Sources of the Fern Flora of Colorado. Amer. Fern Jour. 35:116-128. 1945.
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TULANE UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 15

Biology Department

24 January 1949

Dear George:

One of those times when Asa Gray commented that delay was invoked for time to write that winsome cozy letter that you have written in thoughts when actually Joe should bite the dirt of reality that there just isn't time to be social even with such pleasant people, close friends, of George's stripe.

Well, anyway, as the counting house will have told you by this time, the girls did enjoy that gift which we trasmuted into books, yes, you guessed it. Your name has a very pleasant air of godfatherliness among the young and if that halo is still in place I8m sure it was duly burnished when the psalms of georgic praise rang to heaven's portals. Of course I might have spent this paragraph telling you what you gave the girls, by proxy, but then that wouldn't have been half as much fun? Anyway, I can barely remember the titles of this non-fiction for children now-a-days. I'll suggest warmly that they communicate info on that score to you directly--a trump idea for the quieting of the young.

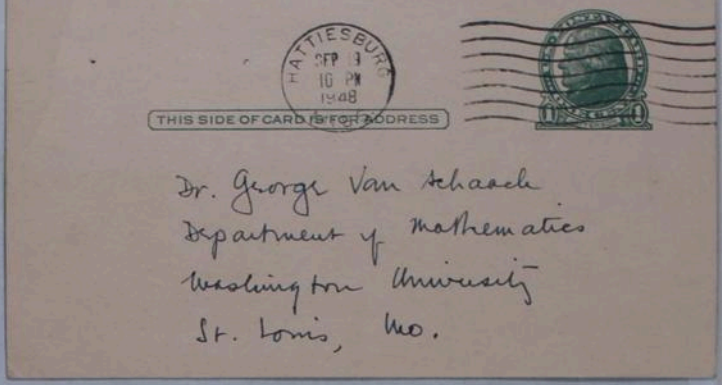
Well, Nesta and I agree most heartily that if you can see your way to join us this coming summer in the Rockies, it will be a wonderful piece of good fortune. I hope you have not been planning something else while waiting for this letter. We now intend to leave here at close of first term summer session, Fri. July 15th or Sat. 16th, and to drive fairly directly to Colorado, pausing at Denver (for check-up on progress of my book, Rocky Mountain Naturalists, thru Univ. Denver Press), and proceeding on northward and westward, with the flowering season, until we reach Jasper Nat. Park. It is not likely that we can linger very long at any one place but I do want to check up on some spots pretty thoroughly--those in fact less done by resident ecologists. I'm getting together the data now and shall send carbons of my itinerary plans as they mature. These you can check and I'll be so happy to have your suggestions. It is thought that likely the girls and Nesta may stay at some points along the way, e.g. Jackson Hole, while I sally off in pursuit of transects that I need of northern passes. In this way we can take the family and yet not give them too much botany at their tender ages. (Marjorie finally asked in California if there were <u>still</u> botanic gardens to see, and MBG lingers as the memory of the last dosage). I'm not going to Texas with Cagle.

Send <u>Viola</u> to Prof. Milo S. Baker, Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, Calif.--I think he can help with even Eastern spp.

My sincere thanks for the very welcome Schweinitz-Torrey letters account and the other items; all will come in very handy and I appreciate your thinking of my appetite for such things.

All for now, most cordially,

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Dr. George Van Schaack
Department of Mathematics
Washington University
St. Louis, Mo.

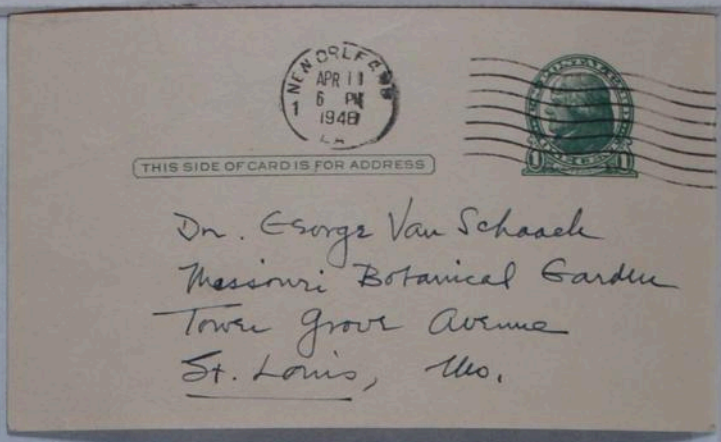
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Laurel, Mississippi, Sunday, 19 Sept. 1948

Dear George: Sorry indeed were we all to miss seeing you! We're now finishing before our final afternoon's jaunt into N.O. (140 mi.) across 20 states! Do come down and see us again and we will be so much better qualified to show you around city and delta. AAAS meetings were fine of course esp. for Bot. Soc. Am. session and really good attendance after all except from west. 54 at Tax. Soc. Dinner and pleasant. Pennell et al wish to be remembered to you, and most cordially,

Joe Ewan

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS
Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

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8 April 1948

Dear Georgs:

Correction: Charles van Ravenswaay =
Director, Mo. Hist. Soc. at St. Louis,
who may know water marks of labels, etc.
Nice to get your letter and to learn you
had a safe trip home. So good to
see you and again my real thanks for
your many kindnesses, As ever, Joe

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Ans 4/7/48

THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS 15, LA.

Tuesday eve., March 23, 1948

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 21st. Nesta and I hope to return north with you some distance, depending on circumstances with the children. Fortunately the girls are more self reliant than one year ago, and we shall see what can be arranged. It is good to think of making a jaunt with you--we are really keen about it. I've not yet seen Dr. Eggler about the idea but shall do so at once. I rather think he will like the idea. We're looking forward to seeing you Tuesday afternoon, then, or will it be nightfall before you drive up? Hope the map will assist you--this is on the nether side of city and that halps.

Could you help me with a reference? I left USNH expecting to find an Engler & Prantl, Pflanzenfam. set at Tulane. We have a fair ref. lib. but no E&P so would you kindly see on what page in E&P the two following refs.:

4 Abt. 2: ? 1895 Lehmanniella (Gentianaceae) p. 101

and

4 Abt. 2: ? 1895 Purdieanthus (Gentianaceae) p. 99

appear? That is, the generic descriptions of each genus, by E. Gilg, as I recall, as contributor--or did A. Engler do this section himself?

Just bring along the information when you come if you can conveniently do so. Dugand has my paper for Caldasia with the understanding that I'll change the pagination when he sends proofs.

With all the best, Joe Ewan

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS 15, LA.

17 March 1948

Dear George:

Here are some notes on the camp sites, etc.:

The Delta Wildlife Refuge of Fish and Wildlife Service is near Pilottown on the Delta, to be reached only by launch or boat from Venice at the end of the auto road on west bank of the Miss. R. The Station staff are cordial enough in welcoming visitors but there is a limitation on when and how often they can send a launch down to Venice to pick up parties. The trip takes about an hour in a motorboat, less time down stream, and this particular week with the national meetings in town brings extra pressures. It is really too early for the best botanizing on the Delta, though the marshes are always exciting to see, and lower Miss. R. is quite a thrill. The best time to visit the marshes and "passes" is Memorial Day week-end. At that time Avicennia, etc., is in good "condition" and the distinctive tidewater algal-like phanerogams are at their best.

I do not know of a good camping spot in the immediate delta area. I've been only twice in that region so far but in general the best chances have to be sought out when in the immediate area concerned, a farm yard here, an abandoned shed here or there--always with some considerable protection from possible hard rains that may interfere with drying plants or wetting those in presses. Carry tarps and rain gear at all times.

There are some fine spots in more upland Louisiana, e.g. Kisatchie Wold nw. of Alexandria, La. or around the Grand Ecore, near Natchitoches. These are more like Ark. or so. Mo. in their veg. character, however, and not at all typical La. country. Beuatiful and rich country is the Evangeline country about Lafayette, but this flowers later, i.e. May-August, as also does the rice lands to west, the La. prairies. Cf. Nat. Guide to Americas.

There are some auto camps near good collecting areas. Honey Island, along La.-Miss. stateline, at small hamlet of Pearl River, is one, and there are some nearer N.O. but the national convention makes it a trifle difficult to capture these. No reservations are taken in advance for these auto camps or tourist courts.

We now have reserved a hotel room* for the Great Dane. No down payment is involved and I am rather ignorant of the details but it is part of the inclusive reservations made for the meetings, and in the event it needs be withdrawn I'm sure there will be no loss on any one's part. It may be necessary for your friend to share a double room, with two single beds and connecting bath, with some Ichh. or Herp. man but we felt no impasse there?

or preferable on financial basis!

I now have your postal with word that you may not reach here in time to go to the Delta Refuge with the party from the meetings. I suggest that you try to make N.O. by Sunday night so that you can go with us--I feel sure you will be glad of the effort. Dr. Anderson will quite certainly be most welcome, of course, and all we need to know is your final intention by Friday morning, March 26th, that the FWL folks can plan on launch trnasportation for the correct number of persons intending to make the trip on Monday, 28th.

Our home address is 35-C McAlister Place, actually on Tulane campus, just off Freret St. between Broadway and Calhoun streets. I'm sending a map with route into city marked, and our house also marked. Home phone: WAlnut 3059J--campus phone: WAlnut 3420, the Biol. Dept., and ask for me.

Important to let me know if you can attend the Sat. supper on the Lake Pontchartrain trip or Mon. Delta trip, or both by Friday morning. This because the committee must know for food, etc.

Hoping to see you all, George, Andy, and the Great Dane (the girls think it great sport to bring a Great Dane and are agog--and magog--to see their good friend of other times and places!)

Nesta sends herm greetings and good motoring to you all until we see you soon.

Tom Eisner

*Sun. night 27 - Thurs. night April 1st

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS 15, LA.

23 February 1948

Dear George:

I've waited until I could say pretty definitely what the week-end of Easter would bring locally before replying to your swell letter of 1st. I'm sending along a copy of the program of the "Ichs and Herps" convention to be held that week-end and from it you can see that Friday, 26th, will be first day, with all-day trip on Sat. around Lake Pontchartrain. I'm not sure but I believe you said that it would be impossible to drive (comfortably) from St. Louis to N.O. in one day, so I suppose you could hardly reach here in time to accompany the folks on the Sat. trip. But, that need not disappoint you too much--aside from an interesting dinner outlined on program!--for we can go with you on Sunday for an all-day trip while the convention listens to papers. Monday's trip will be very good and quite exciting for you and my Delta trip last Nov. gives me basis for saying you will thoroughly enjoy the Monday foray. While others bag the water mocassins (I held the sak while the men dropped 132 into the bags on two days), you and I (and we hope Nesta) can botanize. Then Tuesday will be free for your own devices; I have a class at 9:00 and free after 10. Wednesday will be class day, in afternoon, for plant taxonomy. If you can stand joining the class instruction on that occasion we can all join in a good field trip Wed. afternoon--there are 5 in class. Thurs. at 9 I have the class in History of Biology, as on Tues., but Friday is my free day and we can join in another all-day field trip if you can stay over as long as April 1st. Possibly we can set off for the north, ride up state with you and come down by train, bus, or with Willis Eggler, who has a car and who may be able to join us. So there you have it--a full holiday for you and your Danish friend, and we'll be very delighted with the prospect of seeing you and joining up with you both in a span of days afield.

We have three bedrooms here. One we shall be happy to turn over to you, and with its double bed it may be possible for you to share it with your Danish friend. Hotel reservations are very hard to arrange and not at all guaranteed. If you especially wish me to do so I can make an attempt to engage a hotel or rest cottage room but you know you very welcome to stay with us here in Veterans' Housing Project, where there is room for your car. It is actually on Tulane campus, and conveneint for field trips, etc. You know these apartments are not fancy but livable.

I'll have to answer some of your queries a little later but here are some ideas:

1) No, exchange is by no means always 1-1 regardless of value. Such exsiccatae as Fendler, etc., which you cite, are not equivalent of modern stuff and should be calculated as 1 Fendler to 2 modern; this is a suggested ratio. There can be no question as to the great value to herbaria of having these historic cited exsiccatae. (Can you earmark some of these Lindheimer dupls. for Tulane on 1-2 basis?) You should insist on grass for grass as you say.
2) I would segregate from the general herbarium all holotypes of course--I like to call them simply "types". In absence of types, segregate all isotypes. Mark all paratypes (colls. cited at time species is described) but leave in regular covers. Reason: clutters up type case more rapidly than segregation benefits the user of the types. To segregate first cited coll. arbitrarily is in my opinion artificial and illogical; when a selected substitute type (or lectotype) is chosen by a monographer, segregate the lectotype but do not determine such matters by simple mechanical procedure--it does not make sense scientifically.

More later but its late and I must close, with all good wishes and Nesta and I hope to see you and your Great Dane in late March,

Cordially,

Joe Ewan

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American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists

The Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists will be held

in New Orleans, March 26-29, 1948.

The wives of members are especially invited. A program of entertainment has been planned.

HEADQUARTERS, ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT, TULANE UNIVERSITY

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Feb. 1, 1948

Dear Joe,

Our second semester starts tomorrow, as perhaps do also your years. I hope that by it will not be such a rugged one as the last one must have been, and that you will be starting it much a normal schedule.

When do you have your spring holiday? Ours is March 26 - April 4 inclusive; ~~and I have~~ been thinking ~~that I'd like to make a jaunt down your way~~ How would you & Nesta like to have me head in your direction at that time? I have several friends here who'd like to see New Orleans & the country between here & there whom I'd bring along to forage for himself in the markets & alleys of N.O. for a few days. Should you be free to get away we can plan to some collecting. In fact we could meet some destination north & collect on the way down. Andreas tells me that northern Mississippi & Alabama are totally unknown.

I must get moving so far away, - I have lots of things coming up all the time I'd like you to & share in. Woodson has become curator (as of January 1) and is a little

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spalled by the task. Two items he has tackled to me about I'd like your opinion on. The first is the matter of duplicates. Freeman segregated duplicates almost not at all, taking everything, so that we the cases are full of them. I reckon there are at least 1000 of grasses and certainly 2000 in the whole herbarium. By far the large part of these are sum of the mill stuff, mostly American, but in addition there are some of quite considerable historical interest - Wright, Buckley, Curtis, Scribner, Fendler & Hayden, etc. Anderson thinks the latter should keep most of them in the mill in return - Woodson does not know & is disinclined to trouble over them. Is exchange always 1-1 regardless of value? From my own standpoint I want to make sure of getting grasses in exchange for grasses duplicates.

Another matter regards type material. No type material (even when determined) has ever been segregated here. How much actual holotype material there may be I don't know, but there is a quantity of such type material from holotypes to topotypes (using Blake's terminology). What terminology would you use and how

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and what categories would you segregate?
As you know, US N H, when there is no holotype, segregates only the first mentioned paratype if such is in the herbarium, otherwise it segregates none. This seems illogical to me.

We have hundreds and I believe thousands of sheets from the Chapman herbarium bearing no data of any kind except an MBG label with a number ~~often~~ written in ink, apparently bearing no relation to collection number, locality or any other item except serial order as mounted. According to Freeman it was Fuller who labeled them up, and there seems to be no record of these numbers. I suggest the specimens are of no value until a tie-up can be made & if the record is found — in the meantime I think the sheets should be shared in a few with other herbaria and over-crowded cases.

Insert from over → Do you know anything about Elliott's herbarium. There are many sheets (it) all labelled in the same handwriting, frequently with 'Flora' ~~that~~ as part of the label, but seldom with any personal name — a few sheets bear the legend 'Ell' or 'Elliott' and one is marked 'Pursell'. Freeman says Pursell

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caused you him no help with these.

Some Chapman sheets were distributed by Britton & Rusby. I suppose all marks there were lost in the fire.

Etc., etc., etc. I mean just a few of the things I'd ask you about!

I do make most of my time to working since there is no working on a grass possible until the sorting is over, everything is mixed up. Anderson works with me one afternoon & evening a week on the Cyperaceae — we may have that ready for publication by June — but it forms a small part of the whole collection.

Hope you have been keeping warm during January weather. At least you can look forward to a very early spring.

With my best to you all,

L. —

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

9 November 1947

Dear George:

This delay has not been due for a moment to my slow recovery from the 'body blow' though there is no question but that I did suffer some disappointment, based on my full agreement with you in that I believe I do possess the qualities so much required of the post at MBG.

But rest assured that we do not [redacted] hold an ounce of blame for you in all this recent rise and fall of the tides of fortune. We thoroughly understand the nature of the uncertainties of the case, of the large element of chance all around, and the very great likelihood that, after all, Joe might fall short of the kingdom of Shaw in any event. Cum spiro spero! I'll be waiting at the mouth of the river, screening the gravels for any grains of pure gold that sift through the fingers of the Woodsons, Andersons, Tryons and VanSchaacks panning away at St. Louis. Rivers have so many connotations: they debouch (!) at their deltas, they mercilessly inundate their fat flood plains, they flow on profligately to the sea (which needs their burden so little!) --and all so ceaselessly. There are good reasons why it is more attractive to work away about the springs of the river in the Montes scopulorum, as we have so happily done for several seasons, but the season is short in the highlands, the elk have finished their bugling by now, the golden aspens have cast their leaves, winter buds of Hippuris have long ago formed deep in the mountain lakes that have already iced over most likely, and the Snow-on-the-Mountain has shed its marbled seeds out on to the breast of the plain to mingle with the Niobrara shales of other plantyears. And today we hunted about the Loblolly pines (how in creation they ever came by such a silly name?) and the edges of cypress swamps, yesterday wading out in pools for Ceratophyllum, Cyperus and Marsilea, last Sunday peering into abandoned tombs for maidenhair and tropic braken that fill the chinks of sagging slabs. 'Luzianna' is a great place for field trips, amphibious to be sure, and the essence of dead levelness unrelieved, but it is new and greatly unexplored.

Interesting about the books that I traded with San Diego Gunthorp for some items from Setchell's library that I very much wanted. My very good friend Mimulus Grant, Mrs. Adele Lewis Grant, had several duplicates to share and then along came some other copies from Mrs. Mary Parish of Berkeley. Are you interested in grass literature for your own bookshelf? I may have some duplicates in that field from time to time. Any special wanted titles?

Willis Eggler, botany prof. at Newcomb College (of Tulane Univ.), girls' college, has suggested that I join him in a journey about the state reviewing vegetation types during Thanksgiving Holiday--don't suppose you could drive down and join us upstate?

Nesta joins me in wishing you the best of good wishes,

Sincerely,

Joe Ewan

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

16 October 1947

Dear George:

Delighted to get your two letters and quite naturally I'm answering yours of the 14th without delay. I'm very excited, too, at the possibility. I frankly hope that something finally matures along the lines which you have outlined. It is certainly the sort of position I should very much like to hold, and, as disinterestedly as I could say it, I think I do carry the kind of backgrounds that would nicely fill the needs of the Garden. I'm putting this reaction first in this letter that you may know that I'm certainly interested in the position but I am quite sure, and Nesta (in her excellent good judgment) concurs in this, that the offer should come from the Garden without direct intervention on my part. Just what our correspondence may be called is not bothering me and we need make no record verbal or otherwise of it. Certainly I shall make no report of the matter to anyone at this time. I can, however, make a few suggestions in the line of possible sources of the kind of the recommendations that Woodson needs if, as he says, he really does not know me very well.

Firstly, Dr. Carl Epling, Professor of Botany at UCLA, my undergraduate professor, and MoBotGard doctorate, would certainly give Woodson the information he needs in the way of an anlysis of my aptitudes. Epling, without doubt, would be the single best reference. Both Nesta and I were Epling's students and we both consider he and his wife among our warmest friends; moreover, there is no question as to the permanent value of E's contribution to systematic botany and evolution studies. He is, also, one of the MBG's 'favorite sons.'

The rather few times I've seen Dr. Woodson have left me with small doubt but that we could ferry together nicely. I know some of the backgrounds of the Woodson-Greenman ill-feeling and, altogether, I'm sure I should have no real difficulty in 'getting along' with Woodson.

I should be quite agreeable to Woodson's proposition re the doctorate at MBG. I should be very reluctant to resign here at midyear, primarily on grounds of courtesy to the Department, but I would be available in June. Incidentally, I've found the staff very pleasant indeed, and the department head, Dr. Hathaway, has been most cooperative and cordial. In fact, there are some excellent reasons for staying on here but, on the whole, MBG offers a very rich opportunity. If the offer is made, and proves to be made along the lines you have sketched as to 'job-description' and salary, I should certainly consider it as a move of very permanent nature.

I've had a very busy Fall so far, with additional teaching brought on by the near-fatal illness of the other botanist, T. T. Earle, who will be unable to teach the freshman course this semester. Now I'm wholly responsible for the lectures and lab. management of 176 students, repeating the lectures twice, and running five labs, two under my close supervision, three under immediate eye of a very good lab assistant. The organization of the univ. herb. must wait a bit until I've got a little headway on all this work, but I'm fast learning to feel my way in the dark about the place, if you take the inferences. Really, it is a very interesting job, in a fascinating place, and we are quite happy about the way we have managed to get settled in the vet. housing apt., etc.

Incidentally, if you find it desirable to make any suggestions at all about persons who know of my work, there's Blake with whom I worked at BPI. SFB should be addressed, not at Beltsville (where all mail is read by BYM first and others) c/o Smithsonian Inst., Wash. 25, D. C.--perhaps c/o E.P.Killip. Blake would know more of my biblio-hisorical interests than Epling.

With sincerest thanks, George, and our warmest good wishes, Joe Ewan

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THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
NEW ORLEANS 18, LA.

25 September 1947

Dear George: Thanks for cartons. How's St. Louis?

Dear Friends:

Several good friends will be curious to learn the status of my existence down here, especially in the light of recent meteorological events, and so, very synoptically, I am writing as informally as possible one of those dispicable form letters, using major heads and necessarily recording the news almost telegraphically, as follows:

Locus: a truly nice spot, subtropical in every respect, centering about a quiet venerable campus of buildings dating mostly from the 1890's, Ficus repens (pumila) clad, planted about by hackberries, live and water oaks, Podocarpus hedges, with Canary Island Date Palms, Washingtonias, Cycas revoluta, Hibiscus, Parkinsonias, and several zingiberids set out as specimen subjects.

Clima: ordinarily very pleasant indeed, if warm to humidly hot, extraordinarily given to hurricanes, of which we tasted a weaker sample. It came with such a Damocletian build-up that I was quite ready to settle for a good terrifying earthquake instead. Nights are soft and clean, with no trouble seeing the fainter stars, often hiding and seeking behind swift fleeing cumulus clouds that speed inland by day and by night. Excellent weather, aside from unprovoked showers, for drying diapers, herbarium specimens, or moldy trunks just brought from Virginia. (Note: no special or personal interest in diapers but the exuberance of the commodity in the University Housing Project, of which we are members, quite naturally brings them to pitiful mind.).

Domus: Second floor end, 35-C McAlister Place by number, 3-bedroom apartment, without dining room, but with light airy 2-window bedrooms, workable kitchen, tubless bath with shower, open-faced closets, ample electric outlets, fire-escapes, and both hot and cold running cockroaches. Neighbors are both numerous and agreeable, there being a whole range of 2-story apartments, for couples and couples with one, two or three young. Tenants are mostly "veteran" newly weds, to excuse the inconsistency, in general free from fetters of convention in matters of cooking onions, emptying orts and sorts of ennvise, wearily drawing blinds to hide tediously monotonous torsi, or discussing matters pediatric or personal. Mail comes twice a day, milk is delivered faithfully every other day right through hurricanes and high water, and those persons who wish to be especially conversant may have a 4-party line with the AT&T in two weeks upon application. Nesta and I feel it hard to believe that we are really not lodging overnight in a California auto court, when we look about us and listen inadvertantly through those wallboard walls. Grocery stores seem to be converted into Hill Stores, regardless of early owner desires, so that there is no need for distant shopping--every store near you is a Hill Store with steep prices. Bananas, it is true, are only 9¢ per lb. and are less travelled and better than the Arlington product. Plantains, crowder beans, large weak-flavored avocadoes as large as egg-plants, okra, are the more notable local items.

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Campus: Biology is housed in Dinwiddie Hall, and as usual on the campuses of America, botany takes the third floor. Everyone is a trifle crodded, and halls have been invaded for storage of less needed items, temporarily useless furniture, etc. The herbarium will be installed, when it is brought together, in a smallish but satisfactory room which can be easily fumigated periodically. My office is near by and accomodates my working library nicely, if with little space to spare, and both herbarium and office are convenient to laboratories. The staff in biology is most agreeable and I'm sure the academic associations will be among the happiest I've experienced. A great deal of spade work must be done to put systematic botany on a sound footing but there's a modest beginning of an herbarium here, about 8000 sheets of mostly local material, and with the herbarium that I brought of about 25,000 sheets we can begin to build a truly representative reference herbarium for the South, with a good collateral collection as a back-drop. Like the sign in the flower-bed on the Tulane campus, "Don't pick the Camellias," most of the assets of the situation are in the promise of the Future, but the Camellias are alive, and growing, and buds are forming over the bushes.

Addendum: Yes, we did have a hurricane the other day. We were moved out of the Housing project into the Newcomb College dormitories because it was feared that the roof might blow off of our apartments; the management couldn't tell at first if the big blow was going to be a bad one, but they came around at midnight and told us to pack up and leave. It was blowing smartly then but nothing compared to what came about eight o'clock the next morning and for the next two hours. It did no serious harm to the University district, however, beyond many trees blown down, branches broken, fences down, and some wires snapped. It was pitiful to see the full-flowered Parkinsonias blown out of the ground by their roots, so saturated was the ground from the heavy rains. We had one little window pane bashed in by the storm, sufficient to demonstrate the fury of the wind even here, and we seem to have been on the edge of the hurricane, for Bay St. Louis down the Gulf Coast took a much worse beating. The delta lands were swept by the high water, too, and one district of New Orleans (Metairie) was flooded from the lake water being blown out of Lake Pontchartrain on to the adjoining residential district. This is not so very near the campus. Some of the large avairies at the zoo in Audubon Park were smashed in but a water buffalo successfully brought forth a calf on the following Sunday, though the infant had great difficulty standing in the terrific mud of the corral where it was dropped only a few minutes before we came along in our tour of the zoo.

In short: We are all well and very happy--oh! yes, Marjorie joined her sisters and enrolled in Lusher School, about 15 minutes' walk from our house. She's in kindergarten and is liking it more day to day, though we had not prepared her mentally to the idea of going to school and starting off the first Monday in town, our very first morning, was a trifle jolting for her. All the girls say that the school is not the equal of the Arlington Stonewall Jackson school but there are several variables in that report.

Neste joins me in wishing you a very happy season and we send very best wishes. Dont forget that we are down in "Luzianna" and do come and see us.

Very sincerely,
Asst. Prof. of Botany

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3 June 1947

Dear George:

I thought by this time I should be able to write definitely of my comings and goings but since that seems impossible even at this advanced date I'm hurrying off a line now, attempting to reply to your exceedingly genial letter of May 13th and asking your pardon for this inordinately long delay.

If I stay with BPI, which is ~~likely~~ not likely, I shall be going to Colorado only in a visiting capacity, of this I am certain. I shall be teaching at the Graduate School of the USDA this summer, June 9-August 11, and we now feel that the Ewans must make an effort to visit our families in California. My foster mother, living in Los Angeles, will be 79 in November, and our last trip to California was 1941. So it seems that we should make a real effort to see Aunt Sara and Aunt Ida, both being my father's sisters, my father and my brother and two sisters, before another year passes. Of course Marjorie has not been exhibited, and examined, either, and that still is 'business at hand' for families, you know. So the Roky Mountains and their vegetation must needs wait another year, when--happy thought--we may both be in a position better to make the trip together. That would be indeed a treat.

My sincere thanks for the information on Hertz drivurself and schedule of prices. This is returned with this letter, along with the nice full letter from Mr. James D. Biggs of Danbury, Conn., whose notes made me feel that it was all 'Colorado revisited'.

I'll be very pleased to have the fern collections indicated by the "E" in left hand corner in red pencil. It is very generous of you to remember me in this way and I do appreciate the favor.

I've recently fallen heir to a couple of Rodgers' botanical biographies through the offices of a good friend but it happens that one of the books, the life of John Torrey, is already represented in my library, and so it gives me real pleasure to pass along this copy to you, as one who will enjoy this, in my opinion Rodgers' best biography of the four which he has written.

Looking forward to seeing you again and again, I am

Very sincerely,

Joe Ewan

Nesta would not like me to write you without putting in a greeting from her, and so from another admiring friend, a 'cheerio'

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JAMES D. BIGGS
24 FARVIEW AVENUE
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT

April 25th, 1947

Dear George:

I feel very much ashamed that I havent answered your letter before this, but I gave Donald some information to pass on to you as to why I was waithing until I returned from the West befor writting.

After talking to several people from Colo. It seems that you might be able to get most of the information you need without going to the expense of tryin g to hire a special car. Nearly all the passes cross the mountains at a high elevation and these roads are nearly all paved or at least gravel. There are very few roads leaving the main roads at a high elevation and then only for a short distance.

I have crossed Wyoming at two places and feel that you will get most of your infromation out of Yellowstone Park and Grand Tetons. Togwotee Pass, south-east of Yellowstone is a good road and I think gets higher than any of the third rate roads leading up to ranches and forests. Yellowstone you can drive a car over most of the roads that are open. Grand Tetons has very few roads of any kind and I would try and impress some of the rangers into helping you.

Colorado has several highways crossing the divide, all of which are good roads and I have driven big cars over most of them. Some of these passes, such as Independence a gravel road, are over 12,000 feet and you can walk not too far and get to the top of 14,000 foot peaks. Ivanhoe you can drive your car to the tunnel and then hike over a shoulder of Monarch which is one of the highest peaks, The children all have done this.

Rocky Mountain Park has a great many roads leading up to very high elevations with fair roads. The Trail Ridge Road is paved and runs for several miles at an elevation over 12000 feet. There are many places where you can leave your car and hike a very short distance and be higher. You can drive any kind of a car to the top of Pikes Peak.

I have spoken to my cousin who runs our sawmill at Kremmling Colorado and he is trying to see if he can locate a pick up for you to use around there. They are short at the mill so will have to be some one else. I am sure that you could ride up into the woods around there with some of the logging trucks

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May 13, 1947

Dear Joe,

The answer to your question regarding spring in Schenectady is 'Probably not'. Until the past week-end our weather for a month was almost unrelieved rain, snow, clouds & cold - one week-end had one good day on which I ~~got much~~ had a good walk — else, I spent it down glad to be out of the weather, sorting folders of plants, writing labels, etc. Last week-end brought fine weather & I was out twice, chiefly on small errands to get my mind back. On Saturday I found ~~a beautiful~~ large patches of dog-tooth violet along the road — in collecting some I watch I buried my hands in the roots & what I now realize to have been Rhus Toxicodendron L. — I am not happy! Rambled ~~the~~ the slopes of a large so-called 'gulf' in the Indian Ladder region (classic geologic territory) — they were carpeted with squirrel corn in

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Islam - a comforting expect.

I am of course most interested to hear the developments regarding the Cairo position. I am glad to hear that not all hope is lost for you and trust that if you still want the position it may be yours. I doubt you need have fear of their demanding knowledge you can't possess - merit you need all possibilities would be put at your command - they can't expect a man to know everything including the conclusion of Gunhaven - that knowledge can be obtained elsewhere than $5000 per year.

You make nothing to indicate that you still are considering the possibility of making the trip next if you stay with BPI. I wonder if you are keeping it in mind. To speak quite frankly I am compelled to not hope that you are planning it. I would dearly love to make the trip and sincerely hope that we may make it sometime, but the truth is I find myself so utterly worn out by the term comes to an end that I don't see how I could

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make the effort to get packed up & be ready for mamma to St. Louis, take care of such business my mother or must be attended to and make preparations for the trip – that is by such time as we should start. I'd like to say that if you still want to make the trip I'd try to make the effort to get ready, but I don't want to give you false hope – I have pinned myself down for that spring, staying up until all hours, that I don't have the confidence to believe I could make it. It is much this time I wants will not have to upset your summer.

Some time ago I received a letter from my friend in Connecticut whom I asked to help us defraying transportation. He doesn't do much considering the situation – I enclose his letter, which you may return when next you write.

I enclose also a set of labels for photographic duplicates I collected in various places last year. Most of them I taken would not be of interest to you, but perhaps some few might be, because I located on the site. I'll be glad to [illegible] if you want them.

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the Cables & return them marked according to your wish.

Thanks for putting me on the trail of the Torrey, which I duly scanned & with which I am much pleased. Thanks also for the full information about the Merrill cores.

I am glad to see Ray's letter - he evidently enjoys traveling and ~~[illegible]~~ it appears it so that one shares it with him.

If you remain in Berlin for even the summer I have every hope of seeing you & the family there, for I want to get down for a couple of weeks at least. And when I do we must get out - the whole family & Rachel, of whom I'd like to see many.

With all the best to all of you

Love.

J.

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5632 5th St., N.
Arlington, Va.
May 6, 1947

G. B. Van Schaack
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Union College,
Schnectady, N.Y.

Dear George:

I regret the considerable delay in replying to your letter of April tenth which I was most happy to receive. As you know, we are always indeed, delighted to have you with us, and your last visit was certainly no exception. Perhaps we may see you again this summer. At least we hope so.

Naturally you are curious to know what the developments may be regarding the Cairo position. Since you were here, I have had a conference with the Pasha, and to make a devious story short, I am now the only candidate from the United States, but there remains to be interviewed the British Candidates who may appear. There are some grounds for believing that the Egyptian government wishes an older man overripe with experience who will serve more as a figurehead than as an active participant in the development of a Botanic Garden. This I did not determine from my conference, however. I did learn that the development of the Botanic Garden played a rather more important role against the purely utilitarian economic angle of the job than I had anticipated. For one thing I was asked if I knew of the construction of greenhouses, the engineering side of the job, plumbing, etc. More serious was the demand that I know something of landscape gardening. On both of these counts I had to plead rather more unfamiliarity than pleased him. In short, I am not sanguine about the job as it stands, perhaps chiefly because the Pasha himself was not a very blooded individual. My wife tells me that the Pasha would resent this for, if nothing else, he is a blooded individual! Some notion of the outcome should be at hand before the end of May since the Pasha is returning direct to Cairo by air. Of course I shall inform you of the news; personally I think it is a worthwhile gamble for one friend in the Government service who is not unacquainted with such service is of the opionion that the successful candidate for a position of this character will have a considerable personal choice in developing the job along the lines which seem most advantageous at the time and at the place. However, it does seem as if the BPI will survive beyond July one, and Joe along with it.

As for your question regarding the dealer who can supply the Merrill cases, I am sending you a copy of a letter from Maguire of New York Botanical Garden to Archer of the BPI which contains perhaps the best recent information for you. The original Baltimore dealer, the Reed container Company on Easter Avenue, Baltimore, Md., I understand, can no longer supply the Merrill Cases. Possibly this point may be advantageously checked. The price two years ago was somewhere between fourteen and seventeen cents each complete, unassembled. This simply meant that the two slip sleeves had to be put together and sealed with waterglass which is not, however, a very difficult task. More recent information is to the effect that Mr. Sig. Frank, 1303 North Munroe St., Baltimore Md., may be able to supply them, but I do not have any quotations from him. This information came from Dr. Clyde Reed, whose whome is in Baltimore, but who is now teaching at Union College, Barbourville, Ky.

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I notice that Maguire comments that he does not like the Merrill cases at all, but I cannot agree, for in my experience they have repaid their cost many times over, even in institutions where permanent steel cases might be obtained later. As for private collections, I have yet to see anything equalling them in general usefulness. The greatest handicap, as you may well guess, is that under extreme use, the front door flap may crease and fail to fit snugly. With moderate care hoever, in closing and opening the cases, this buckling of the front door may be avoided easily. An important point in this regard is the position of the little metal ring pull; that is, whether or not it should best be placed at the extreme closing edge of the door or more centrally to distribute the strain. Several persons have held out that it is quite important to put the ring in the central position, but I did not do so in setting up the 120 cases of my own, but and have experienced no particular buckling. One useful thing is the fastening of a flap of paper on the floor of each case about three or four inches from the back with the free edge toward the back wall of the case. In this pocket-like place you can put paradichlor and it seems to evaporate slowly enough to be especially effective. Of course the free edge at the back gives no interference in drawing the genus covers in and out. Not a small consideration in the use of Merrill Cases is the shipping of full cases from one locality to another. My cases were shipped from L. A. to Colorado, and from Colorado to Washington by long distance motor vans tied securely in units of four. They have withstood this transportation very well indeed and of course the reduced weight over any other method of storage or shipment is obvious.

We enclose Ray's letter which you may send back in a subsequent letter. Mr. Webb appreciated the solution of the problem. Another fellow got the same answer with .1 difference! The children have your forty lettered word and will check up on you next time to see that you make no mistake! We hope that classes are progressing well, and that you have completely recovered from the flue. Can Spring be as lovely in Schenectady as it is in Virginia just now!

We hope to go camping this weekend, children and all with Rachel. We wish you could be joining us up on Skyline.

Sincerely yours,

Jos Ewan

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THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
Bronx Park (Fordham Branch P.O.)
New York 58, New York

COPY

March 14, 1947

Dr. W. Andrew Archer, Curator of the Herbarium
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Dr. Archer:

We are sending you separately one of the Merrill cardboard boxes already put together. We have on hand only the assembled cartons. You will note that they consist of two pieces, the narrow long part that forms the door being glued on the inside to the frame of the carton. We find that waterglass makes a very effective and inexpensive adhesive for this purpose. You may wish to place your order with the same company that we get ours from. The address is given below:

Star Corrugated Box Co.
55-15 Grand Avenue
Maspeth, Long Island, N.Y.

Perhaps our experience with them will be of value to you. We have found it best to use them in blocks of 4, glued together with waterglass and then bound on the outside with good heavy craft tape. These blocks of 4's are built up into tiers of 10 high. The entire tier then, 10 cartons high and 2 wide, are again strongly taped together with the craft tape. Setting such units side by side we have extended blocks, then, 10 cartons high and as much as 40 cartons broad. Such a unit is usually backed up against another similar one, the whole thing tied together with tape. We have found that it is best to raise them off the floor and to put board over the top, the weight of which keep the topmost boxes more tightly closed. In turn, each lower box is kept tightly closed from the weight of those above.

I do not like them at all, and believe they should be used only if permanent cases cannot be had. Since it has been our experience that once we get materials housed in these things, it makes it more difficult for us to acquire permanent cases.

The enclosed ring we use as a little handle for drawing the carton open. I do not know where they can be bought and our purchasing agent is unable to tell me. With this sample, however, your purchasing agent will undoubtedly be able to find them or some suitable substitute for them.

I do hope you will find the boxes useful to you. With all best regards,

Sincerely yours,

BM:CK
Enc.
Sep.

Signed Bassett Maguire
Bassett Maguire
Curator

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26 March 1947

Dear George:

Very nice to get your letter and we shall be pleased to have you stay with us. We'll be looking for you sometime Tuesday in time for supper (?). Our phone is GLebe 7998, in the event you might wish to phone us from the north side of Washington telling of your arrival at 5632 Fifth St. North.

The Am. Fern Society has been having some trouble getting its back files of the Am. Fern Journal moved from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, where arrangements for their storage terminate this spring. We are trying to complete a move currently but the completion of the transport has not yet been agreed to by all parties concerned. Menawhile I am wondering if it might be possible for you to stop at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, N. Y., and pick up a carton full of back numbers to fill current orders from the membership. I'm handling the matter of mailing out these orders and if the few copies were at hand the completion of the moving of the whole backstock could be safely postponed if need be. But, George, if this errand does not fit into your trip easily, I beg you to ignore it--it is just one of those gestures which would help a tight spot but, believe me, there are persons in New York area who can handle these requests if necessary and so it is not to be considered a dead-end must. But, if convenient, fine and many many thanks. I'll write the Gardens telling of your possible appearance at the outer gates and asking them to please let down the drawbridge if you pull the rope for pilgrims.

Meanwhile, hasta la vista,
mio amigo,

Joe Ewan

The Brooklyn Botanic Gardens are at 1000 Washington Ave. in Brooklyn.

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5632 Fifth Street North
Arlington, Virginia
Thursday, 6 Feb. 1947

Dear George:

Your very nice and welcome letter came yesterday and I'm writing at once, "to orient" you and I hope provide some "convincing sales talk". I'll write along, entirely unrehersed, and let the chips fall--who knows, perhaps we may yet build up a clitter!

Frans Verdoorn asked me to prepare a volume in his Plant Science Series, to be titled more or less "Vegetation of the Rocky Mts.", and to follow somewhat the plan he has in mind (and on paper) for a series of studies on the larger areas of N. Am. Raup is doing N. Eng., H. L. Mason, California, etc. The aim is to provide a series of handy guides to the major vegeational provinces of N.Am. and their nature, with what amounts to an outline to the subject. By that meaning, not a truly penultimate account but a definitive one rather, that is accurate, comprehensive, not too long, with some appraisal of more important theories of vegetation, comparisons with cognate areas in other parts of the world--Hooker and Gray long ago compared the R. Mts. with the Himalayas and other high areas over the globe--, historical section of extent of exploration, etc. etc. I hope to use the following major headings in my account: [this is of course tentative but it is pretty nearly likely]

Introduction
    Brief history of exploration and settlement, aboriginal pop.
    Historical summary of field bot. exploration in R. Mts.
Physiography and soils of R. Mts.
    Outline of physiographic provinces
    Geological origins of present land forms
    Soil groups of R. Mts.
Climates of R. Mts.
Principal vegetation provinces of R. Mts.
Origins of the flora of the R. Mts.
Speciation in the region and centers of speciation and their distribution
Outstanding problems in vegetation studies in the R. Mts.
Summary
Bibliography

I plan for a series of about 12-15 profiles across the R. Mts. along major transcontiental U.S.Highways, each profile to diagram the distribution of the major veg. types intercepted in crossing the pass, more interesting local phenomena, notable species, and for some at least accompanying plate photographs made with (I hope) some kind of panorama camera that can be tipped in with a tissue overlay that will carry the names and limits of the veg. formations photographed. [illegible] This is of course where I must have the data only to be gained by a least one more season in the Rockies. I've roamed the Colorado, s. Wyo. and no. New Mexican areas pretty well but must see, obviously, the no. Rockies.

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Following this plan it is clear that perhaps the most of the time in the field would be spent more or less along the major U. S. Highways, e.g. South Pass, etc., but I have in mind also penetrating the Wyo. stretch south of Yellowstone across which few passes reach east-west but where many plant formations must shift or fade out. Limits of such shifts and safeguts are my objectives; this means getting into the region south of Jackson Hole, for one, and about Fremont Peak, not so easy. Another region which must be visited, fide Pennell, for its peculiar relations floristically, is Little Belt Mts. of Montana.

Hasta, being a good Canadian at heart and a perfectionist anyway, insists that the Canadian Rockies must not be ignored. This may necessitate another summer in the field. But of this I'm making no commitments at the moment for fear of causing the death in utero of the whole project insofar as getting USDA cooperation hereabouts is concerned. Jaspar Nat. Park really should be covered if the pass along the line of the Can. Pac. RR. is to be considered enough like the passes over the G.D. in Glacier N.P. to ~~not~~ passing it over. That, however, would be an unreasonable slight! considering all the tourists who travel the CPRR.

warrant

Well, these are some ideas. I'll send along a carbon of the Table of Contents as it is worked out in very near future. So far I have a good many half-sheets of raw data, as Joseph Grinnell used to call ~~them~~, and refs. to the lit., etc., which are yet to be put into some kind of connected text.

Again, my sincere and heartfelt thanks. You have given me a good deal of courage to push on with this whole job, which I've set aside for sheer fear of its being stillborn by want of needed modus operandi. Now you have given me a real lift. The very prospect of a summer with you is not to be taken lightly. It will be great if we can make it, for I do think we would be muy simpatico!

Hasta la vista,

Joe Ewan

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Feb. 16, 1947

Dear Jim.

What with a wedding in the family, first of your hands and a two months trip to California coming up you ought really not to be bothered with such trivial matters as the one I write you about. But I know you to be a man of broad shoulders & helpful inclination, so pestered you must be!

Joe Evans
A friend of mine, in Washington is planning to make during the coming summer
a two months vegetational survey of the northern Rocky Mountains, & which I am to be has asked me to accompany him. This survey is essentially the tail end of the job of collecting field data in preparation for a somewhat ambitious volume titled more-less 'Vegetation of the Rocky Mountains' to be published by Hans Verdoorn, a private publisher in New England. Although it will be quantitatively & accurate & scientific it is planned to have a popular appeal
~~covering the~~ the probable value of conifers being something on factors.

Cheers

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By and large, both because of the difficulties
journey far from major highways and
because of the limited help-for me by
to the Rockies it will be
concerned mainly with the area to be easily
reached along some 12 or 15 major trans-
continental routes, 'east probable, the only
along and route

The major difficulty with the remaining
journey is transportation. Evan is
a family
on a small government salary and will be able
to obtain a grant for this work if at
with him
most $600. If I go, I should expect to
take my car, but the need on the
trip will be for something more rugged &
built higher than a modern coupe or sedan -
either an International or Willys Station
wagon or a light truck with good clearance
would be ideal - for there are back 7
highways, at least which must be reached
by pretty low side-roads. It has
occurred to me that perhaps you or
someone in your family out in that
area could give an advice as to
how to go about finding something
out there to rent for the period
spring, June 15 to Sept 1. Is it feasible

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possible that your own family organization might have something we could use? I wouldn't want you to make a major problem of this, but it would be very helpful if you could give us something in the way of a lead. I have the temerity to ask this of you because I know of your family's interest in the area and believe that you are able to help in preparation of such a volume as described you would want to do so.

I had a letter from Betty a day or so ago describing the festivities surrounding the wedding. It seems to have been a gay time, & the beginning, I hope, of a happy life for Anne & Bob.

I trust you will get off to California in good form & that you & Marguerite will have a fine Holiday there — or are you going to Bermuda?

With warm regards to all,

Sincerely

George

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BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

17 December 1946

Dear George:

Nice to get your heart-warming letter and to know that we shall be seeing you down this way in the not distant future! Before I may pass on to other matters let me extend the invitation of Nesta and myself to stay with us while you are in Washington area. We shall be very pleased to have you, I assure you, and you may have the "library-bedroom" which we have set aside for guests the like of you! [Though we have not heard from Ray Fosberg since we invited him to stay with us, and it is possible that he may be with us for a night ot two while you plan to be here, Ray is going to the Boston meetings and there will be no conflict from that direction. We can happily care for both of you, be assured.]

I expect to return on New Year's Day. This will give us a chance to talk over the St. Louis proposition. Indeed, there is a very real possibility that circumstances may have changed somewhat at St. Louis since last spring and we had best reconisder. I shall take the opportunity to check my views with Rog's at Boston, for I think that he plans to be there. I can wager that his opinion rests on the very reasonable tenet that one learns to do by doing; if you are going to take off into botany for earnest, jump in and swim like hell! You'll never learn to swim by sitting on the edge of the pool watching McVaugh and Joe Ewan frolicing about. As the old laundry woamn at Berkeley used to say, "Am I right or am I wrong?"

Hastily but most sincerely,

Joe Ewan

Joseph Ewan
Associate Botanist

Je.

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December 11, 1946

Dear Joe,

Only because I am not completely balanced have I so long denied myself the pleasure of being in the position of expecting a letter from you by virtue of having answered your last. Besides which, it is long past time that you had a report on the state of my affairs as affected by the position you so kindly helped wound be good for me. The position has turned out not to be a bad one from the standpoint of teaching mathematics - the classes are not over-large, the students are pretty good material and in general interested and interesting, and the department head is easy, i.e. there are no factions or cliques. But it is not particularly conducive to making botanical progress. To make ~~a small salary about commensurate~~ large enough so that I would have some freedom + more choice being the vacations in order to visit herbaria and/or collect I took on two evening & extension teaching, with the result that I have found myself terribly busy not to have much time for botany. And my schedule has been such as to keep me in Schenectady every half day would Saturday afternoon, making it impossible to get over to Albany to a library. There is a good taxonomist here, a student of Wiegand's, but he is so overworked at the University

Biology he has written us twice for his own study, Abrams taking w zl me. Another schedule would help some, but New York & Boston would still be rather too far for frequent [illegible] visits. Not that I haven't had quite a lot I was doing this or that, in particular working over my pass collection I last summer, but I don't feel I make progress as I'd like or as I must if I'm to gain any competency before I die.

This is the last journal there you'll get which came another nibble from St. Louis. The department head sent three workers recently ~~who~~ saying he had been talking to Woodson & Anderson again & the three of them had decided I should make a trip to St Louis, my getting the models & that would be some worthwhile activity I could do not in late January, when we have a "between-semesters". Before then I hope to finish myself for the trip so that I can make an intelligent survey of the collection. And during which I would enjoy a good talk with you & Mother & Carl. I hope the way looks clear during the holidays, after your return from Boston. I am hoping for [illegible] to Washington on the 14th

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Dec. 11

to stay for a week, spending my days at the herbarium & my nights getting the dope from you, Walter, Chase, etc. I do hope Jaill be back from Boston before I leave.

I am very glad to hear that you are finding your position at BPI as satisfactory. I noted your appointment in 'Science' and seem to remember that it listed you as 1 assistant rank — I hope that is correct for you deserve it. Are you still living in Arlington? I trust not, for the daily journey must be very wearing.

I saw Roy in Ann Arbor when I was there in August. He seemed pleased with his job. I told him about the St. Louis proposition & his views on the Brandegeana opposite to yours! He thought I should swap as the chance. I respect the judgment I took of you. What am I to do?

I'm wondering if Roy will be in Washington through the year until the 1st of the year. I would like to see him.

I have received determ. 1 Bothychlaena from Clarence — my 998 which I gave you he determ. as B. lunaria (L.) Swartz var. typicum.

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Off & on all fall I have been sending Sheffield cyanides & have filled up some 40 or 50 Graphy books. If they would be of use to Nesta I'd be pleased to mail them to her. Please let me know.

I have seen Miss Roden a couple of times this fall, or had word of what occasions she has asked after you - the classes you & me / the summer & her experience.

All news, with high hopes of seeing you & Nesta during the holidays, and with warm regards to you both,

Sincerely

J.

Anson P.T.

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5632 Fifth Street North
Arlington, Virginia
26 August 1946

Dear George:

Your very genial letter was received some time ago and I was very glad to hear from you. It has been too carefully put away for the moment but I'm writing mostly to let you know that I'm still 'in touch' and hoping you have not given me up completely by now.

On July 15th I began my duties at Beltsville, in Rog's chair, doing his jobs, and bearing, modestly I assure you, his title. I like the new position very much indeed, and hope it will work out permanently --it is now something of a plug position, pending the decision of a prewar staff member to decide if he wishes to return to the Beltsville position. Even then, however, another opening arises next year so that there may still be a chance of my securing a permanent position but of that no more now--sufficient unto the day . . .

Not that 'evil' prevails but rather, B. Y. Morrison, who has on occasion been construed with that quality! I've found him quite livable if at times unpredictable. He has pungent speech, even aciculate at times, or even obtuse, but seldom so monotonous as to be termed 'entire'! I have found out all the McVaughing ways that Rog ran the herbarium by now, I think, and on the whole he did a very fine job--hope my successor feels as happy about the past as I. This summer we have had some additional college girl help with the mounting of plants, with some effect, and happily there is good prospect of my getting the very considerable series of Colombian labels typed up for distributing my duplicates to specialists at last. Ray Fosberg is still away in Micronesia but will be coming back this fall. Then, after an interim here, he goes off on a Guggenheim to S. Am. for survey of Cinchona in the field. Someone asked the other day when Ray expected to 'do up' his South Seas' colls. taken this summer--any thought of the problem had not crossed my mind, so used to the extenuating circumstances have I become. "~~Like~~ the King of Siam said to Anna, it is 'etc., etc., etc." as far as the eye can see.

Nesta and I are very ~~g~~grateful to you for your kind words of invitation to bear in mind New York State for next year. Certainly we understand your inability to plan any visit from us this season. I should like to hear about the trip into the mts. of N. E. Will you be at the AAAS meetings at Boston? I hope so.

John L. Morrison, PhD, Univ. Calif., will be at Univ. of Syracuse, School of Forestry, this fall, and you will surely come to meet him in due time. We knew him and his wife, Florence, in Berkeley very well the last year I was on the campus there, and we four enjoyed some bonny trips together botanizing. Of late we have heard from him/but now that he is in the /little East perhaps we shall ~~xxxxx~~ see each other now and again. He's a good field man, with experience in Nebraska, and for a time lived at Croton-on-the-Hudson, New York. He is, too, a veteran S. Am. collector, having been with THGoodspeed on temperate S. Am. expedition, 1939. He did a good deal for THG toward editing "Plant Hunters in the ANdes"--one of the best chapters in the book was JLM's account of visit to Juan Fernandez Isl. or Robinson Crusoe's Island.

Thanks so much for your kindness in sending along the labels for the valued colls. of Attu Island Pteridophyta.

Next time I'll answer your letter's queries, etc. but for now, our sincere good wishes for your new position which we think will work out happily for you.

With warm personal regards from Nesta and myself,

Yours Ever

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July 5, 1946

Dear Jack.

I was pleased indeed to find a letter from you awaiting me here when I returned a few days ago. The delay in my hearing from you was largely my fault in not leaving adequate forwarding addresses, but the delay was great enough that I was beginning to betray you were somewhat I had dreamt as so many good things are.

I'm sure I don't deserve so detailed an analysis of the MBG proposition, but I realize such analysis is your meat and in these days I scarcely could deny you a simple letter. I shall ponder all these things in my heart and some day in the time before a decision must be reached I hope we can talk them over — for this year the die is cast and as when Hoodoo wrote me offering me the Havana curatorship I had to reply that I would be unable to accept it before September 1947 at the earliest. I think all of your points are well taken, but the one regarding my personal independence particularly appeals to me, — the more so these latter months as I have been baffled over and over in determining the simple forces I have

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found. I think it was Mrs. Chase's letter to Brodeur which brought the flea (she sent me a copy of it) - I think she is inclined to be jealous with me, but, still, it is not to mind be personal as her lack of realizing that things are different in 1906 from what they were in 1906. When she started in there was little competition and relatively little known and apparently not much explored - life has become much shorter since then. It might not be fatal, but it could certainly be unfortunate to accept such a proposition as MBG makes & not be able to determine what was explored - that I want to avoid at all cost.

I am happy to hear that the situation at Harvard looks favorable for you and I shall interest the gods especially to see that the position is filled soon. But I am not happy to hear that your situation at the Museum is still undecided. I had hoped you could settle that by an offer from BPI - what happened to that? Of course I mean that in the end you will land a good position but it is such a waste of time & energy for you to be kept on long on the anxious seat.

I am pleased that you have contacted me a clear enough mind to ask me about the practicality of you & the family coming

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here for a visit later in the summer. But I am even more shocked that I cannot say by all means plan to do so. I leave for Michigan about August 6th to drive my mother out there and shall have to remain there until her return sometime around the 10th of September, at which time I must put in an appearance at Chicago. It would have been a delight to have you here and have been a pleasure to go botanizing with you. But the flora doesn't change very rapidly and I look forward to our making a sortie upon it another year.

Am glad to hear that the extension does promises to be unmarked from the student end, as I knew it would be from yours. I envy each of them individually.

During the few days I've been home I've applied myself largely to label-writing - I still have a long way to go, but have making made progress. Anyhow here are the labels for the photographs I gave you. I trust I have not shortchanged any.

With the best to you & all the family

Sincerely

Jean

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

14 June 1946

Dear George:

Your letter of the 5th instant, written in the usual cordial manner and withal disturbingly provocative, was most welcome I assure you. My silence has not meant "no news is bad news" but rather June is the month of the Annual Report. That Maxon decided to quit the job upon the 31st of May, upon the eve of the call for the Report, did not contribute either to the decorum of Killip Esq. or to the ease of arranging agenda for any of us here at USNH. I'm still here, by a sort of sufferance which does not appeal to me. I seem rather to be wanted and yet no one can quite decide that I am wanted badly enough to obligate the Institution ina permanent way. About a month ago I was informed that the finances for my salary would expire about Sept. next but now there is no mention of my leaving July 1st, presumably just to facilitate transfer to any other desirable job, and so here I am. Harvard looks very favorable for Bibliographer when the combined libraries are housed in a new building. This is about two years off and I am planning on making the move, if I am finally offerred the position. I would thoroughly enjoy the appointment I know, and, if I can possibly speak in a disinterested way, I do believe botanical science would benfit most by my being there doing just that kind of work.

Now I think botanical science would benefit most by your taking the position at Union, and for the reasons that:

a) with a reasonable (ie. not excessive nor "heavy") teaching load in mathematics at Union, you should have a good opportunity to spend your free time upon your chosen phase of botanical study.

b) with a position at Union you should be in a position to visit NYBG or Gray and AA for such library facilities as could not be had at your place or work. Distances are not, I think, too difficult.

c) with your Union position you would be wholly free to determine just what phase of botanical study you would pursue. If you were to go to Washington University at St. Louis you would not enjoy such freedom but you would be nomially expected to devote some time to curatorial duties upon the grasses. Have you decided that grasses are your best liked group for study?

d) your present backgrounds, rapidly developing as they are, are still inadequate to meet the possible expectancy of the MBG folks. To discover you did not simply drip with information when consulted might bring some disappointment. If you quietly build up your backgrounds for a time at least at Union, I'm sure you will feel fit to take over such a position with that necessary confidence that precedes success.

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A few comments about the MBG situation may be in order here. As I read over the quotation from your St. Louis letter—and Nesta feels the same as I do on this point—it seems that MBG would be profiting rather more from your being there than you would in your association. It is unmistakable that the library facilities are perhaps second only to Gray or NYBG but, then, what if your time sorting, filing, wrapping and unpacking bundles—and remember this will be your spare time—is taken up for the 'good' of the MBG, it profiteth you nothing or about as much. Certainly you would be given a place to work but that is not too gilded a prize. You have access to the majority of botanical publications as it is, without benefit of Annals. I would like to suggest that you join the Torrey Botanical Club of NYCity, for it will affiliate you with a grand old Club—the oldest botanical organization in this country—and access to the Bulletin for publication purposes. Also the local field trips in the NYCity area would be of great value to you, or rather many of them would prove worth your while. Join the Am. Soc. Pl. Taxonomists, pay the fee for journal Brittonia, and you will again put yourself in a good position for publication of longer papers. Am. Midland Naturalist is open to you without riders or affiliations.

I do not know Dr. John Dwyer at Union, College of Pharmacy, but I would look him up soon. He is interested in botany of tropical Am., has published a good deal upon Ochnaceae, etc., and often visits NYBG for herbarium work. Perhaps you could arrange some sort of storage for herb. material between you there; possibly the separation of the campuses forbids this, however.

Now just a parting word. Edgar Anderson is an unusual person, possessing one of the most meristematic minds in American botany today, and to work in close affiliation with him would be mentally exciting and valuable for you. Bob Woodson has worked along on the dogbanes until few matters in taxonomy have yet to cross his path as a novelty. He is cordial, thoroughly human, and would be a genuine colleague for you at MBG. Nell Horner is a rare woman, a topflight librarian. All this is added to just set the record straight—you would be missing a good many fine people. But there are other considerations, I think.

Nesta and I are wondering, along the lines of your overly generous invitation to vacation and botanize in the Hudson River Valley country this summer, if you will be at all free between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15, to the point we might drop in to see you, five at a time. This must not be construed as an open sesame of a hint, in fact I'm not at all sure we shall be able to even move from ole Virginny at that time, but it would be very nice to see you for a bit if it could be arranged between us. Don't be rash about rearranging plans to accomodate us, please.

Extension class began Tuesday eve last, and promises to be a nice little animated group of ten people, tagging along after an enthusiastic fool, putting names from a dead language on living trees. All sort of funny and I confess I have for a lifetime been constrained to join the circus.

With warm regards and best wishes, JOE

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

15 April 1946

Dear George:

Truth to tell I've really been thinking a good deal about your provocative letter seeking information relative to the best possible source of teaching in systematic botany in this country. I marvel to think how really difficult it is to give a sound and documented decision upon a topic about which I should know a little more than the college catalogs say! But I shall write you in words as clean as a hound's tooth and true as from the touchstone--if that be possible.

By the time this delayed letter reaches you, you will have gone, and seen, and rather concluded re Cornell and its Botany Dept. My information re Cornell is not as first-hand as I wish it were, for I've always had a good deal of interest in and admiration for Cornell and its botany products--the only disinterested way one may judge a curriculum. If Munz were teaching there, Cornell would be my unhesitating choice for you, since P.A.M. was (at Pomona) the best instructor for those who wished to proceed in syst. botany. Alas! Munz leaves Cornell (rather Bailey Hortorium) this July 1st, without giving Cornell a chance to enlist his talents and will not be teaching at his new stand in California; he is off your list.

Muenscher seems to be a good instructor in syst. bot. and Clausen (whom I know somewhat) is a well-informed, if a little difficult and provincial, instructor. Personally I think you would enjoy Clausen but many have found him too opinionated; he is a man with a wide sphere of interests and, I'm sure, has much to offer the student. Moran, his student who visited the USNH, holds C. in high regard, tho he is conscious of his strong views, sometimes too narrow.

George Goodman (Univ. Okla.) is an excellent instructor for beginning syst. bot. Though young (about 37), he is enthusiastic and informed, broad and intensive, only limited by the resources of the Institution with which he is associated. You would richly profit from Goodman.

Harvard holds a great deal in many ways and, in the over-all view, is the top institution now for syst. bot. training. This due to: world emphasis of Harvard permeating all courses; excellent fundamental instruction of I.M.Johnston (in general syst. bot. survey), in Fernald (for specific problems in North Temp. floras), in Merrill (for comprehensive advisory capacity and his own far-flung experience). AC. Smith (at Arnold Arboretum) is also rich in background, and so far I can judge from contacts by letter, most agrreeable as a person and consultant--he is in charge of important herb. there and for that reason would be often confronted. Raup, again with A.A., would also be valuable to your interests.

In rapid review the following institutions can be eliminated from your consideration: Calif., at Berkeley, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Ohio State, Yale, Princeton, Johns Hopkins. Stanford has strong points and would prove stimulating for a lusty faculty, with good materials, forward-looking attitude; Mo. Bot. Gard. (enrolling under Wash. Univ.) offers Woodson, as syst. bot. instructor, plus Anderson (Edgar), and very fine materials to work with, but just now the place is in transition and had best be left out of consideration.

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It may be hardly to your taste to return to Harvard for syst. bot.--or, again, I may be quite mistaken--but from every angle it seems to me that your richest reward rests with a decision to take your work at Harvard. Faculties change of course from year to year. Just now Harvard has a good line-up, with good outfielder Johnston, head-on tackler Fernald, and the old lineman Merrill who has now come to be the bigtime coach, and it is Merrill's whistle that seems to start most of the big games in the botanical conference over most of this country. In many ways his influence is too great but, again, EDM is a man of great personal power and unchallenged achievements and, therefore, rightly comes in for his acknowledged leadership. All this re EDM since it will be Merrill who will greet you as a student, listen to your recitation of ambitions, plot out you course of study, etc.

I cannot close this midnight communique without a word of personal thanks for your expression of praise as to my very modest judgments and "informed opinion". I am certainly glad to place my experience, limited as it is, at your service and take great personal pleasure in lending you such 'annotations' upon your interest in training in taxonomy as I can give.

If, after all this due consideration, you find yourself in Washington this summer and still hankering after the fundaments of botany with special reference to syst. branches, come around to my course in the USDA Grad. School which begins June 11th--I'll try to give you a kind of personally conducted tour thru the subject in 20 hours! (This is the course which Fosberg, who left today for Micronesia!, was to have taught).

With best wishes and
warm personal regards,

Joe Ewan

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Postscript: I meant to say that Carl Epling at UCLA does offer a viewpoint that is fresh and might prove esp. to your liking, namely, that of systematics with special reference to genetics, origin of species and its broader statistical expression. He has followed the work of, and collaborated with, T. Dobzhansky of Columbia, Sewall Wright of Chicago, and has at same time a real interest in field work. With your mathematical background this may appeal to you. Epling is now in full vigor (53 on April 14th), a strong personality of great personal individuality and meristematic thinking. Again, the field work there would be fresh and funfull for you for its newness. The rest of the Dept. includes: Flora M. Scott, anatomist, and excellent teacher, A.W.Haupt, topflight microtechnician and morphologist,tho stuffy minded in many other directions, O.A.Plunkett, mycologist, and OL.Sponsler, biophysicist and speacial monographer of molecular structure of starch grain architecture; in Zoology there, Bellamy, geneticist interested in fish genetics, would be a resource. UCLA does have its high points in your realm of interest and would, I think, prove an engaging enriching experience. J.E. --UCLA offers advanced degrees now but has only done so since about 1940.

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Holiday Cards That Revive Happier Days

By LEONARD HALL

CALEDONIA, MO.

Another Christmas has gone and we find an hour to review the greeting cards and weigh what Eric Hofer called "The Spirit of the Times." For some it has been a creative year and thus photographer Andreas Feininger announces "a big new color book on sea shells." This will be similar in size and format to his magnificent "Trees" brought out in 1968 by Studio Books of Viking Press.

Andreas is a great camera artist who, during his 20-year stint with LIFE, produced many books. Now he devotes all his time to them and this is his seventeenth. Most are devoted to nature, with text as good as the photography. They are beautifully designed and printed and make a worthwhile bookshelf on their own. Years back, Andreas and I did two Ozark color stories for LIFE — and in his Christmas card, he says: "I often think with pleasure of our days spent working together. How long ago — and what happy times."

Another card comes from Joe and Nesta Ewan of New Orleans whom we first met when lecturing at Tulane where Joe is now emeritus professor of botany. Lining the shelves of his quarters at the university was the finest natural history library we've known — and Joe's researches into the early history of botany in America are unequalled. Now University of Illinois Press is publishing his new book: "John Banister and His Natural History of Virginia — 1678 to 1692."

BANISTER WAS AN ENGLISH clergyman from Magdalen College, thoroughly familiar with the American plants growing in the Oxford Gardens. This knowledge he brought with him to Virginia in 1678 in hope of writing its natural history. Sadly, poverty and the cares of a country parson prevented completion of the work; yet his notes went back to England along with 79 beautifully executed botanical drawings. It is good that Joe Ewan has brought to life one of our earliest naturalists in what will undoubtedly be a delightful book.

Environmental problems are spelled out in two reports One is from the Clarkson's whose beautiful small estate, Wing Haven, is set in the very center of Charlotte, N.C. and who we first visited some 20 years ago. At that time it was not unusual to see 75 ruby-throated hummingbirds feeding in their garden — along with countless other birds. Today due to pesticide spraying, they are fortunate to see three or four.

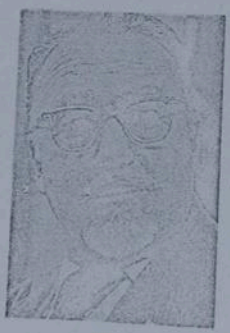
Another friend writes: "For the past two months I've been here in the Lower Rio Grande Valley near the river and the Gulf. I first came here in 1927 as a refugee from the horrors of New York, when I camped at the river's mouth. Now silt has taken over. Gone are the flocks of pelicans and other seabirds and even the big fish that once rolled in the surf, done in by man's stuipidity. But the sun still shines and the winds blow from Yucatan and for one who can people it with the ghosts of yesterday, it still has lure."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat, January 2-3, 1971.

ON A CHEERFUL NOTE we unwrapped one package to find a jar of "Passion Flower Jelly" from our friend Earl May of Johnson City. He introduced us to the paw paw jam which Ginnie now makes each season. The jelly has a delicious exotic flavor and is made from the fruit of Passiflora incarnata, a vine with a small oval fruit with a single seed. It is sometimes called Maypops and we first identified it on a Current River trip last summer.

Finally from Sam and Erleen Richeson comes a greeting enclosing the menu of a dinner Erleen served to the Federated Garden Clubs Judges Council.

The meal began with Sassafras Tea and Wild Grape Wine and went on from there to Wild Turkey with Corn Bread Dressing; Breast of Quail with Morel Mushroom Sauce; Wild Greens with Poke, Dock, Wild Lettuce and Lamb's Quarter; Dewberry Salad on Watercress with Wild Honey Dressing; Home-grown Dilled Beans and Pickled Cauliflower; Wild Plum and Elderberry Jelly; Persimmon Pudding with Ozark Maple Syrup, Garnished with Indian Creek Butternuts. The coffee, sad to say, came from Brazil.



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February 11, 1971

President
Prentice-Hall, inc.
70 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Sir:

On the fifth of December last I wrote your Englewood Cliffs office ordering a copy of

LEES, Carleton B. Carriers, plants and man. 1970, and asked that your bill at the customary educational discount be inclosed. After Christmas a parcel arrives containing

SCHERY, Plants for Man,

obviously an instance of careless work on someone's part down the line. Since I was most anxious to see Mr. Lees' book I returned the unwanted Schery item prepaid postage the same day with my letter explaining the confusion. That was December 29th. To date, nothing has been done. I should be on a rock islet of the Galapagos.
Is this the best Prentice-Hall can do?

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Biology

postscript: Incidentally, it is often commented that individual orders are a nuisance and unwanted by the publishers. If this is really true -- and I cannot believe it is -- then the publishing business has lost touch with one of the lifestreams of education. It must be remembered to order thru a university bookstore is not the answer. It has a role to play with student orders and orders which indeed may come as a consequence of the instructor's interest. Furthermore, it is slow and often several city blocks from my operations. I believe the individual sales contact is a valued and important relation between the publisher and the reader who is also a buyer. J.E.

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C O P Y

16 January 1970 [not 1971]

Mrs. Gertrude D. Hess
Library, American Philosophical Society
Philadelphia

Dear Mrs. Hess:

Your letter came during our absence in Florida where we were attending to the reliquiae of Max Meisel who died last June.

I am very pleased to have your notes on Obadiah Rich as author of the Synopsis of Genera of American Plants, 1814, for that is certainly the inescapable conclusion. Barnhart has given the essential facts in his "file" recently published by G. K. Hall, xerox copy herewith. I have been reluctant to settle on Obadiah Rich as author (see my intro to Darlington's Reliq. Baldwinianae) but Barnhart evidently has traced the "Oliver O." myth to a Boston Athenaeum library catalogue. I own Barnhart's copy of the Synopsis in the front of which he wrote "It is said that the author's name was Oliver O. Rich" but this must have been written before he arrived at the conclusion published in the Notes.

Since your letter came I have found that Obadiah Rich must have had a lively interest in botany. There are 2 letters in the Hist. Soc. Pa. teste Francis Harper, one from Palisot de Beauvois, Barcelona, 16 IV 1807 (Dreer coll., scientists vol. 3) and another, from Aime Bonpland, 1 May 1807 (same coll.) to Obadiah Rich. In a letter from Charles Pickering to John Torrey, 13 October 1833, mention is made that O. Rich has bid $200 for the rest of Collins' herbarium! (Torrey corresp. NYBG).

James Britten (Jour. Bot. 17:275fn 1879) mentions a "Mr. Rich" acting as agent for Benj. Delessert at Lambert sale of 1842; again Rich evidently was acting his part as bibliographer, agent, with genuine interest in botanical matters.

William Darlington, on Baldwin's authority I presume, wrote in Memorials (1849) p. 25 that "O. Rich" was author of the Synopsis.

The problem of the American Botanical Register, mentioned by Barnhart, which I do not know, is another problem . . . I notice that Barnhart does not suggest John Andrew Brereton as editor of the Register under the Brereton entry in the Notes. Someday I shall have to inspect the Register!

With best wishes for gently aging New Year,

Joseph Ewan

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11 February 1971

Dear George:

I hope you have rec'd my postal saying that April 20th is the best date for the talk at the Morton Arboretum. I have no word from the front office but you warned me not to look for any communication for time being. But of course I am pleased with the prospect and appreciate your part in all the planning.

I have written to Whit Bell of the APS -- did so at once -- and find he will be in Phila on 19th, so it is my plan to leave here Sunday evening 18th, see APS folks on Monday, esp the B S Barton papers recently acquired from the Delafield connection in NYCity, and come on to Chicago Monday evening or Tues. morning for the talk that evening. Would it be handy if I came Monday evening from your standpoint? Tues morning better? I can easily accomodate the shift. My class next would be Thurs evening so I could come back on Wednesday plane, to N.O. This is my light term with only the class in Research methods in biology, 17 students, TuTh evenings. Schedule herewith to give you some idea of topics touched.

No, have not seen the Handler BIOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF MAN, but this brochure came some time ago, on BOMonth Club sendout. I had meant to see the book at University Library but have not managed it yet. Keep me informed what you get in response if you decide to write.

Waldo is to have a sort of token testimonial dinner in connection with Biol Soc Wash MMM symposium on Panama biota. This not from Waldo but from a circular from the BSW of which I am a member. I would like to be there but no chance.

Fletcher's History of the Edinburgh Bot Garden 1670-1970 came this week. Not a very lively book but has important ills and you will want to be sure it is in the MALibrary.

Phyllis Edwards is so discouraged about Huntia because they appear not to wish to answer her letters about her contribution and this of course paralyzes action in her doing anything about getting the paper published elsewhere.

Tulane owns a copy of Milbert's Picturesque itinerary in original French. But the transl. of Constance Sherman, text volume, which we purchased is interesting and useful. See description.

Stillwell, The Awakening interest in science, during the first century of printing, 1450-1550. Bibliog Soc America, 1970. is a fine book. $22.50 from Jake Zeitlin.

Galapagos, The Flow of Wildness (Sierra Club-Ballantine, 2 vols, $3.95 each) is a beautiful paperback with color photos of veg and fauna. Interesting and deftly chosen text from Darwin, Beebe, Slevin, etc. Also H. Melville.

Coos Bay map came as an ad. Banister review for your album.

With all the best!

Jack

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MILBERT, JACQUES GERARD

Picturesque Itinerary of the Hudson River and Travels in North America

Translated from the French by Constance D. Sherman from the Paris, 1828-29 edition; 2 volumes (I containing 304 pages of text, introduction, index; II containing 53 prints, 16 x 11 inches, and map). LC 67-29606

Jacques Milbert was Professor of Drawings at the Royal School of Mines, member of the expedition to the Austral Lands commanded by Captain Baudin, author of *Trip to Mauritius*, painter, government traveler, naturalist, correspondent of the King's Garden, and member of the Academy of Fine Arts of the Philadelphia and New York Learned Societies and of the Central Agricultural Society of Nancy. Countless travel books have been written by men with adventurous souls and mediocre talents. But the combination of physical endurance and a love of adventure with cultivation of the mind, a polished wit, and artistic ability are rare indeed. Jacques Milbert had all of these qualities. Milbert came to America in 1815, charged by Hyde de Neuville, the French Minister to the United States, to investigate natural history. He remained in the United States for seven years, during which time he traveled extensively and met many of the prominent men of the day, including President John Adams. Being an accomplished artist, he made sketches of the areas he visited. He covered all of Eastern Canada and New England, went west to Lake Erie, and south to Maryland and Virginia. In the introduction, Milbert makes a moving plea for the preservation of forests, the destruction of which he noted around New York and other large cities which he visited. His attitude toward conservation is so modern that it is hard to realize it was expressed more than 150 years ago. Milbert collected and shipped to Paris 25 cases of seeds of 300 species of plants, herbarium specimens, and 600 living trees, as well as mammals, birds, reptiles, fishes, insects, geological specimens, and other items of natural history. His shipments included a live eagle, a bison, an elk, turtle, and a "crocodile," the last dead on arrival. In a report by Louis Cordier, De Jussieu, and Brongniart to His Excellency, the Minister of State in the Department of the Interior, mention is made of new "species" of oak, elm, maple, poplar, sumac, walnut, chestnut, thorn, pine, cedar, juniper, spruce, fir, larch, and cypress sent by Milbert. One of the most valuable aspects of the book is its contribution to the social history of the United States. Milbert was one of the first travelers to reach a number of new towns, and he gives a graphic picture of what life was like on the frontier. He describes with sympathy the plight of the six Iroquois Nations, whose power was broken by Federal troops. Milbert relates with astonishment how the sky was darkened for hours by the now-extinct passenger pigeon. William J. Robbins, director, New York Botanical Garden, and Professor of Botany, Columbia University, writes: ". . .Milbert must have been a man of parts, one of those individuals whose combination of characteristics makes them indispensable units in man's quest for knowledge." *Picturesque Itinerary* presents an artist's and scholar's unforgettable view of a new land: its culture, inhabitants, and wildlife. It belongs with the classics of the literature of science, travel, and exploration—a book of great literary and artistic merit; a joy to read. (Sabin 48916).

Vol. I, text only, $20.00; Vol. II, prints only, $75.00
The set, $90.00

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OCTOBER SYMPOSIUM - "A NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS SYSTEM FOR CANADA"

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, HAMILTON, Ontario - OCTOBER 22-24, 1971

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22	PROGRAMME
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Open House at the Sheraton-Connaught Hotel Registration, information. Cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres available. (R.B.G. Suite in Director's name)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23	(All events at R.B.G. Headquarters) 680 Plains Rd.W., Burlington
8:40 a.m.	Bus leaves downtown Hamilton for R.B.G. Headquarters
8:45-9:10 a.m.	Registration
9:10 a.m.	Welcome, Leslie Laking, Director, Royal Botanical Gardens
9:30 a.m.	Keynote Address - "A National Botanical Gardens System for Canada" - by Roy L. Taylor, Director, University of British Columbia Botanical Garden
10:15 a.m.	Historical aspects, Allan Chan, Director, Plant Research Institute, Ottawa
11:00 a.m.	Recess
11:15 a.m.	Botanical research at botanical gardens, Warren H. Wagner, Jr. Professor of Botany, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
12:00 noon	Announcements
12:05 Noon	Lunch (on your own - available locally)
1:15 p.m.	University and graduate education at botanical gardens, Walter H. Lewis, Chairman, Institute for Systematic and Evolutionary Botany, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis
2:00 p.m.	Horticultural research at botanical gardens, Robert J. Hilton, Director of the Arboretum, University of Guelph, Guelph
2:45 p.m.	Recess
3:00 p.m.	Botanical gardens and the conservation of species and genetic material. J. K. Morton, Professor of Biology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo
3:45 p.m.	Report from the new Ministry of State for Science and Technology, Andre Desmarais, Assistant Secretary for National Activities, Ministry of State for Science and Technology, Ottawa
4:30 p.m.	Short presentations and open discussion
5:30 p.m.	Coctail hour (Pay bar) 6:30 p.m. Dinner
8:30 p.m.	Public lecture, "Jimson Weed, Maypop, and the Tree of Peace", Joseph Ewan, Professor of Botany, Tulane University, New Orleans
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24	
9:20 a.m.	Bus leaves downtown Hamilton for R.B.G. Headquarters
9:30 a.m.	Tour of Royal Botanical Gardens, conducted by R.B.G. staff
12:00 noon	Lunch at R.B.G. Headquarters
12:45 p.m.	General discussions, consideration of resolutions
2:30 p.m.	Adjournment

October 4, 1971

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12 Sept 1971

Dear George:

Another instance of Walter Lewis' campaign wage a war at MBG. See the letter about the Lloyd Shinners book award herewith. You will see that the details of what is a spirited gesture in its theoretical form are lost in the haste with which the idea was pushed thru the Board of T's authorization. I'm writing him but do not have the letter ready, but will send a copy. Sad, sad.

Thanks for phoning the other week about the Oregon Expedition! best news since L & C went down the Columbia and waded into the Pacific. I think the location is v.g. Better than the SF region. "In Heaven an angel is nobody in particular"

Try to see the New W Blunt THE COMPLEAT NATURALIST. A Life of Linnaeus (Collins, 1971) £ 3.50 and a good buy. with WJS a body gaurd in the rear.

So long for
a short while,

Joe

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Sept 11/71

Dear Joe,

Glad to hear from you again, with inclusion of such a fine and just review of John Bannister by Greene.

Also glad to hear about the English edition of Blues + Steam. The American edition is reviewed in Book World Sept 5, at price $14.95 = £6.25 — published, as they say, by Studio/Viking. I'm sure the American ed. was printed in England from the same type as the English ed. Taken feel confident Studio/Viking invested at most £2.5 in their book. Then are selling it wholesale at 60% of £6.25 = £3.75, a profit to them of £1.25/vol = 50% profit markup. Studio/Viking is nothing but another example of the Establishment avarice. In 1967 the Times published its World Atlas in London for £10 or £10.5. The identical offset made in England here with Houghton Mifflin title page was sold in US for $45 [illegible], as I suppose the American ed. has a circulation of [illegible] and an [illegible] cover.

Taken received by $57.50. (loan)

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July 10/71.

Dear Walter,

Thank you for your letter of July 5 in which you announce the establishment of an endowment in memory of Lloyd Shinners and solicit my comments.

I knew Lloyd for many years and esteemed his unselfish devotion to American taxonomy — although although suitably to appreciate his botany, I could not fail to appreciate his bibliographic knowledge and practice. Accordingly I would heartily approve the idea of a memorial endowment bibliographically slanted.

I don't however, feel any enthusiasm for the particular of the derived income which you mention. In the first place, Lloyd's interest was in the history of the botanical Department Gardens as a resource tool. His

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scholarly appreciation of it shared by relatively few whom I know who used it. I should much prefer to support a program for the benefit of the library, and should probably quadruple my gift. In the second place, even if an annual book purge were appropriate, I see no way whereby it is possible to select the best student of systematic botany in a graduate or undergraduate program in the St. Louis area — "area" is not defined, and "best" is doubtfully determinable, at least as applied to a student, when only a very few students can be known to any one member of a selection committee.

I confess, Lawrence, that the relatively small capital amount sought could scarcely support a very significant program for the library.

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On the other hand, if what rumor tells me is true — that since Miss Maddox's ascendancy only 'new' books have been purchased — the purchase of annually one important older book as a memorial to Lloyd would be a significant contribution. Or again, the proper binding (or rebinding) of an older classic would be appropriate — it is my information that under Dr. Gates' directorship Miss Maddox has abandoned the excellent binding program I had instituted and has adopted the destructive 'economy' binding which is currently damaging millions of dollars worth of books throughout the United States. I would expect, of course that Dr. Gates' successor would

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framed might direct my program; at
any rate, whatever he might do, he would
to Donaldson,
now, be managing on his present
duties to maintain the quality of library operation.

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

July 5, 1971

Dr. George B. Van Schaak
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear George:

Our Board of Trustees has authorized the establishment of a perpetual endowment at the Garden in memory of Lloyd H. Shinners. At least for the immediate future we thought that the derived income might be used to award an annual book prize to the best student of systematic botany in a graduate or undergraduate program in the St. Louis area. We believe Lloyd would have approved of this kind of memorial coming as it does from an institution he loved so much. Your comments and suggestions will be much appreciated.

Our goal is to raise no less than $1,000 for the endowment through those individuals most affected by this superb botanist who never failed to extend a helping hand to anyone searching for truth and perfection in his work. We shall appreciate any contribution you may wish to make by check payable to the Lloyd H. Shinners Endowment, Missouri Botanical Garden.

Sincerely yours,

Walter H. Lewis
Director of the Herbarium

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