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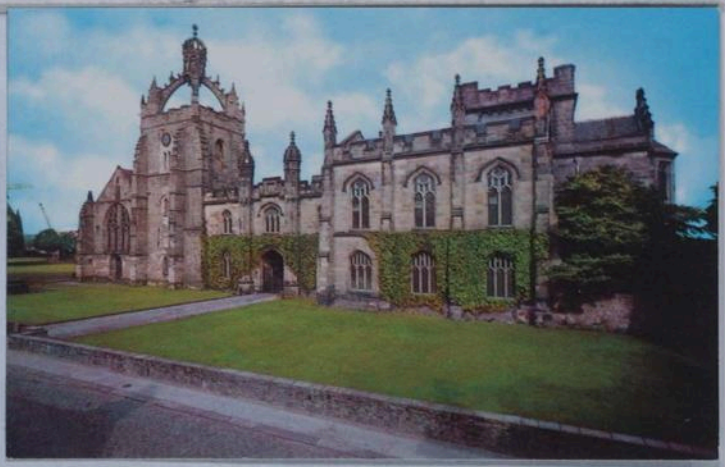
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Dublin, 25 Oct 1977

Dear George! –

Here are 4 versions: This is an old-time library and what a collection! You would glow to see the shelf of Matthioli editions. Here I was taken into stacks and had a chance to look at each tome (rather hurriedly & the sure). Found some were gifts of Lord Bute. Library is hardly used by botanical community. By contrast is the Cambridge

KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN

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At Hondo, Texas
9409 miles from New Orleans
Sat. September 13, 1969

Dear George:

We have been en route, now nearly two weeks since we bade you farewell in Seattle and seems like another year but we shall be home in a couple of days. So far no delays of any consequence.

This Pine Valley motel is very nice — we stayed here in 1967 en route from California. Again we took detour over Chiricahua Mts. which is one of the choice unspoiled spots in US. It had rained night before and country was fragrant, esp. cercocarpus bush.

We had a good visit in Berkeley area, inc. a visit to UC Bot. Garden all run by Helen Mar Weller who has been Benedictus from Goodspeed's years. Also saw Dillon at Bancroft Library & again looked at Lord Petre's Bartram Diaries & made notes for English colleague. Huntington Lib was its usual joy and Boating, young taxonomist here (HEH BotGard), is very knowledgeable. Jake Zaitlin in Env. Engineering but Josephine & and Michael Thompson, asst to Jake, here & found some good items.

So good to see you in Seattle & we hope WTS visit a rally success. Cheers!

Jake

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

November 12, 1969

Dear George:

I know you must be busier than others have been busy in other years! Hope you are not o'ercome by it all. This fall has gone so swiftly with a trip to West Chester State College, Pa., in mid-October and all sorts of lectures and committees and such that I have not yet sorted the stuff from summer's trek. Just got the books listed and put on shelves, with Nesta's dear help. Really got some nice books this season. Last weekend Michael Thompson who is high on staff of Zeitlin's shop in L.A. visited N.O. and spent all day Sat with us. He had a look at the RBR of Tulane and of course we had fun going over some items of mine. He left Belon, 1551, on marine fishes, t.p. ill in Cole, History Comp. Anatomy, 60, 1949, priced $2250 and Cuvier's copy of L. Syst. Nat. ed. 9, with his notes, priced $1350 -- obvious showpieces but the first very seldom seen and this a very fine copy. I have yet to find the funds but cum spiro spero.

I shall write again on West Chester, etc. but I did want to return the key you kindly made available to us last summer and apologies for keeping it so long--of course it was covered up around here.

Berkeleys' Alex Garden and Alice Coats, Quest for Plants have arrived--both good reading,

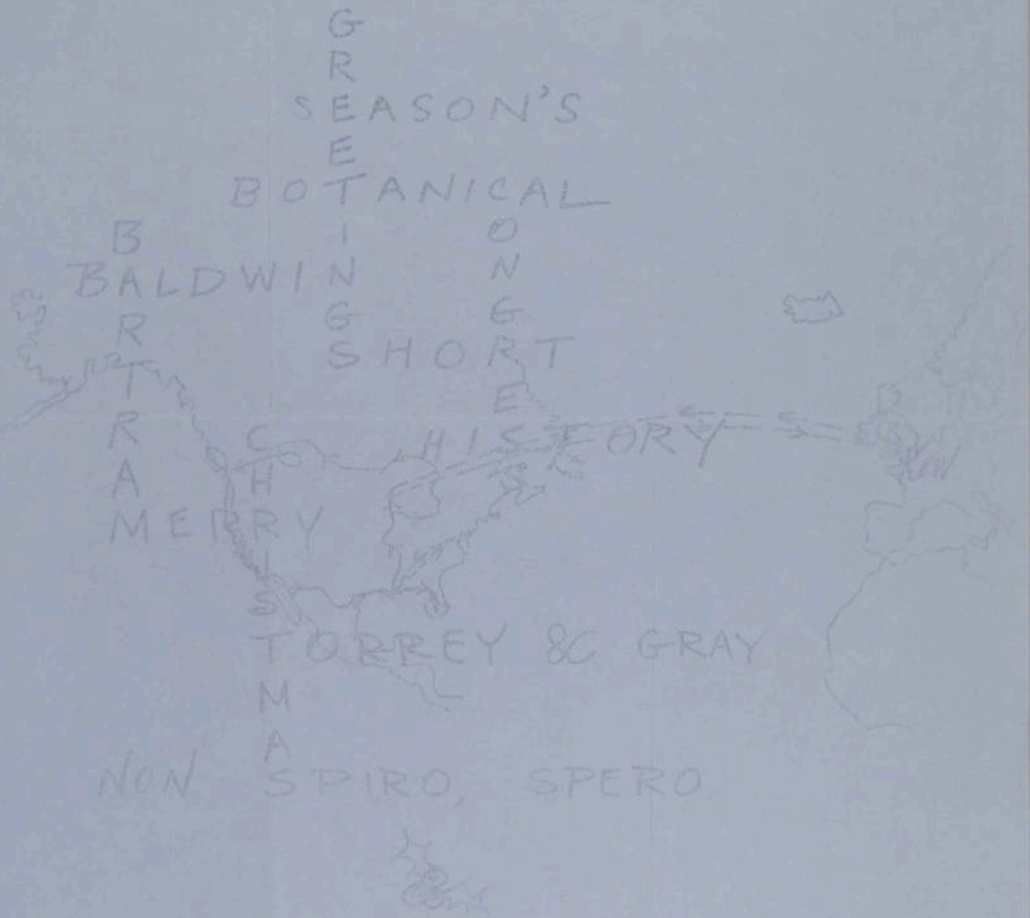
Cordially,

Joe

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Twelfth (almost) annual greeting sheet off at New Orleans, Louisiana, at the mouth of the Father of Waters, on the Gulf of Mexico, in a limited edition . . .
Christmas, 1969

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March 22, 1970

Dear George:

Yours of 18th with critique of Science on Russell. Perhaps it doesn't occur to me to expect too much in Science but surely a knowing party could have been found to write on BR. In view of the enormous circ that it has it is a special pity . . .

I wanted to say that you should think of Russia for 1971. Ewans and Nemeceks are planning to go and you should join us! What a boot and a tail that would be. I am sure there are tours where you would be returning perhaps via Vienna or Rome--D&S will surely not be going on across Siberia as we think of. Depends on how much time you may have. D has now completed three terms of Russian at U Okla and won three "A"s so that would be good fun, and with your sprouts of Russian it would be worth while. I want to see the archives there for Western letters that may be saved, Fraser, cronies of Fischer etc. etc.

Machina ex Deo is on its way. You will find this Bulletin of HSNY of interest. N.B. the article on Matthioli's works, a beginning and clearly shows you should do all the editions, here and abroad! pick up the wanted eds. next summer in Europe. This is your copy -- a dupl for your use.

Best indeed,

Joe

Joseph Ewan

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15 March 1970

Dear George:

Since you do not take the NEW YORKER I xeroxed this page for your Russelliana collection.

Banister galleys are coming in smartly now. The page looks very good, remarkably clean of typo errors -- one of those times when you strain to seek them for living fear they are hiding out among the serifs.

Visitors are coming in smartly too. Dick Howard arrived last Sunday and left Wed monring; Delzie Demaree came on Monday and left Wed eve; Elizabeth Power of Boston, who is working on biographies of naturalists with George Gifford, M.D., of Cambridge, came Wed. afternnon and all day Thurs and Fred Meyer and Jean arrive tomorrow morn for a three days' stay. Good fun of course and informative, but it does steal time away from the

bot explor of South Florida, for Long and Lakela, Flora (U Maiami Press) etc etc.

Lynn White's Machina ex Deo (MIT Press, 1967) is very perceptive and I have read the book aloud to Nesta. If you do not have it at hand let me post this copy to you for crepuscular reading. Not so discouraging at that. White is a mediaevalist, former pres of Mills College, and now at UCLA.

I do hope you decide to go to Europe this year!

Primavera to you!

Jos

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Ash Wednesday, 1970

Dear George:

Dear Don arrived and I am delighted to have this variant. So nice to show the students just one more tidbit of bibliosophia. It will be given to the Tulane Library to stand beside the set we have, as I remarked.

Item of interest: Charleston Museum Leaflet no. 28, Thomas and Elizabeth Lambell: early Charleston gardeners, by Eliza Pinckney. Nov. 1969. no price indicated. address: C.M., 121 Rutledge St., Charleston, 29401.

The U Va Press--Folger Library publs arrived and I have been reading them. They are sad in spots, for the author evidently does not know his biology too securely and makes some curious remarks passim. His humanism, humanist and humanistic emphases are vastly overdone. I wonder what he was in his last incarnation? He should read Lynn White (who writes so well!) and stop preaching. I wonder who the authors may be? Let me know if you learn. But I am grateful, indeed, for your alerting me of the publs.

This Xerox is sent for 2 reasons: 1, to show how 1833, Belon, is priced in W&W and that Jake Z asked$2250. for another Belon, rarer to be sure, but as GHML says in his last letter, beyond the fair price range. 2, I put on the Graustein parody of my Xmas card, which I thought you would enjoy.

No, there is no question, by all means see Europe this year. I am so happy for you, and know you will be thrilled with it all. Only life's yearns are just bigger than its years. We are so happy, so happy, that the librarian wants you to stay, and I cannot things will fly against that promise, in the rosy sense of the word. Which way are you working, north with the Spring? That could be a good idea, to fly to Rome and return with the birds to the banks of the Cam and the gentle face of England.

Though I shall have four years here, maybe five, I am still cogitating on where we shall set up a workshop soon. I would like the Phila area for several reasons. N.E. would be too grim under foot for me, I would fear the ice and chance of slipping with a bad knee. Perhaps Phila area is even worse but I might be free to avoid the worst of it. Really a thought--to move books and bio-records and yet it is the life. I surely cannot blame you for liking N.E. and the beauty of winter, say in Conn R Valley of Vt or NH.

Must stop here but thanks for everything!
These Zeitlin offers are hardly bargains but rather signs of the times, none are of interest to me.

Cordially,

Tod

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1819 **Kreig** (M. B.) Green Medicine, the search for plants that heal, pp. 462, with 22 plates, 8vo, cloth, 1965 £2 ($5)

1820 **Lonicer** (A.) **Kreuterbuch. Kunstliche Conterfeytunge der Baume, Standen, Hecken, Kreuter Getreyde, Gewurtze** . . . item von furnempsten Gethiern der Erden, Vogeln, Fischen und Gewurm etc., edited by P. Uffenbach, pp. [xvi], 750, [24] [1], with numerous woodcuts, roy. 8vo, half parchment (Ulm, 1679), facsimile reprint Munich, 1962 £7 10s ($18)

An excellent facsimile. The woodcuts include animals as well as plants.

1821 **Maplet** (J.) A Greene Forest or a naturall historie, wherein may bee seene first the most sufferaigne vertues in all the whole kinde of stones & metals: next of plants . . . lastly of brute beastes etc., reprinted from the edition of 1567, with an introduction by W. H. Davies, pp. ix, 184, [2], sm. 4to, original buckram, Hesperides Press, 1930 £4 10s ($11)

Scarce. Edition limited to 500 copies.

1822 **Northcote** (R.) The Book of Herbs, pp. xi, 212, with 18 illustrations, 8vo, cloth, 1903 15s ($2)

Handbooks of Practical Gardening XII

1823 **Oudemans** (C. A. J. A.) Aanteekeningen op het systematisch en pharmacognostisch botanische gedeelte der Pharmacopoea Neerlandica, pp. xi, 111, xxvii, 661, 31, with 37 anatomical plates, 8vo, boards, Rotterdam, 1854-56 £7 10s ($18)

1824 **Pharmacopoea Internationalis,** published by the World Health Organisation, 2 vols., 8vo, cloth, Geneva, 1951 £4 10s ($11)

Scarce. Bulletin of the World Health Organisation, Supplement 2.

1825 **Rohde** (E. S.) A Garden of Herbs, pp. ix, 224, 8vo, cloth [1922] £1 10s ($3.60)

1826 **Tabernaemontanus** (J. T.) **Neu vollkommen Krauterbuch** darinen uber 3000 krauter mit schonen und kunstlichen figuren, etc., pp. [xii], 1529, [96], with numerous woodcuts, sm. folio, parchment (Basel, 1731), facsimile reprint Munich, 1963 £17 10s ($42)

1827 **Takatori** (J.) **Color Atlas of the Medicinal Plants of Japan,** pp. xii, 80, with 80 coloured plates, 4to, cloth, Tokyo, 1966 £18 ($43.50)

Text in English and Japanese. The plates, from paintings by the author, are exceptionally fine. They illustrate 113 species.

1828 **Teetgen** (A. B.) Profitable herb growing and collecting, pp. xi, 180, with 13 text-figures, small 8vo, cloth, 1916 £1 ($2.40)

1829 **Triana** (J.) **Nouvelles etudes sur lesQuinquinas** d'apres les materiaux presentes en 1867 a l'exposition universelle de Paris, pp. 80, with 33 plates of Chinchona, folio, original half cloth, Paris, 1870 £22 10s ($54)

Rare. The plates are numbered 2-31, 20 bis, 22 bis, 24 bis. Plate 1 was not published.

1830 **Watt** (J. M.) and **Breyer-Brandwijk** (M. G.) **The Medicinal and Poisonous Plants of Southern and Eastern Africa.** Being an account of their medicinal and other uses, chemical composition, Pharmacological effects and toxicology in man and animal, 2nd edn., pp. xii, 1457, with 286 illustrations (many coloured), roy. 8vo, cloth, Edinburgh, 1962 £12 15s ($30.60)

ADDENDA

1831 **"Adventure" and "Beagle". Narrative of the surveying voyages of H.M.S. Adventure and Beagle, between 1826-36,** describing their examination of the southern shores of South America and the Beagle's circumnavigation of the globe, by P. P. King, R. Fitz-Roy and C. Darwin, with 10 maps and 46 plates, 3 vols. and Appendix to Vol. 2, together 4 vols., roy. 8vo, original cloth (neatly repaired) 1839 £120 ($288)

A complete copy of this rare and important work. 8 of the maps are inserted loose in pockets in the covers Vol. 3 comprises Charles Darwin's "Journal and Remarks 1832-36".

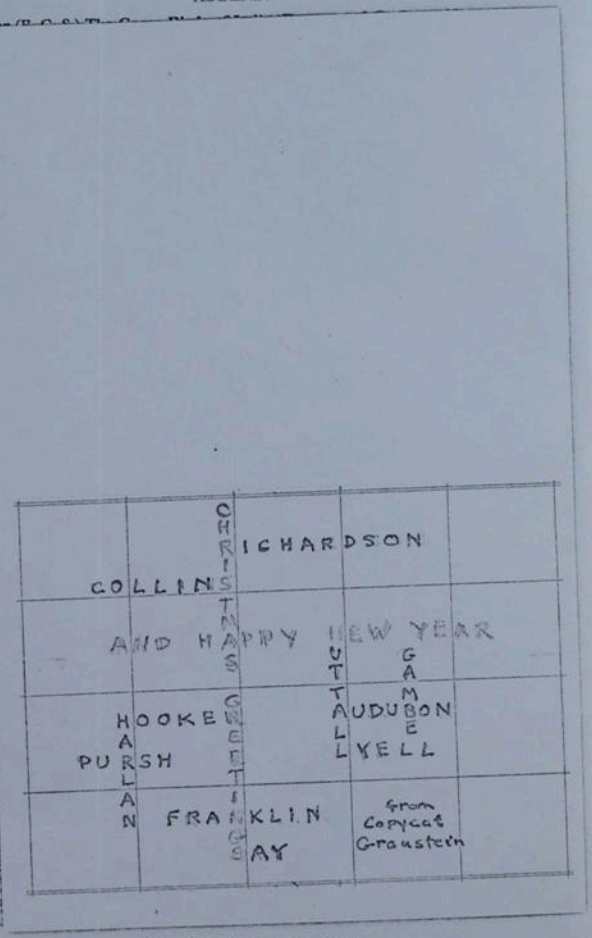
1832 **Allman** (G. J.) **A monograph of the Gymnoblastic or Tubularian Hydroids,** pp. xxiv, 450, with 23 coloured plates, folio, new buckram, 1871-72 £25 ($60)

Scarce. Published by the Ray Society in 2 parts.

1833 **Belon** (P.) **L'Histoire de la nature des Oyseaux,** avec leurs descriptions, et naifs portraits, pp. [xxviii], 381, [1], with a portrait of the author (on reverse of title) and 160 woodcuts of birds, folio, nineteenth century half calf, Paris, 1555 £320 ($768)

A rare and important work and one of the earliest dealing entirely with Birds. Dr. Casey Wood notes "On pp. 40 and 41 are the portraits of the skeletons of man and bird to show the affinity between them. This is one of the earliest illustrations of comparative anatomy. Belon was the first to attempt to identify the names of birds given by Aristotle and by Pliny with those current in France".

A hole . . inner blank margin of title-page repaired. Some worming in last two leaves which appear to have been inserted from another copy. A piece torn from lower blank margin of pp. 99/100, otherwise a nice crisp copy.



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New Orleans
17 June 1970

Dear George:

Much enjoyed chatting with you the other evening. Nesta picked up the mail last night at campus and brought the Henry Stevens cat and your note. Yes, I have followed the Stevens catalogues -- keepworthy for their notes. Thomas P. MacDonnell of the Larchmont, N.Y. office comes to Tulane once a year, in spring, and this year he came with a trunk full of 'goodies' rather creamy priced but that is the diet of the antiquarians. Small wonder perhaps when the business world cannot dismiss the chance of a deep recession from our crazy over funding of undeclared wars. Items seem to sell at the high prices, judging from the "sold" reports that come to us. MacDonnell is a genial obviously informed person, long on lit and hist, understandably for that's where the money is. In a recent cat there was a broadside hort saleslist c. 1785, publ by Rev. William Hanbury, quite unfamiliar to me. Descr as having American items, vernac names of course, but fitting in with Bartram 1783 broadside. So I bought it. Proves to be little known virtually unknown, I should say. Desmond finds nothing. I have offerred to photocopy it for Kew. It is c. 20 x 30" (from the distance of home to campus) and will have to be done professionally by photostat to accomodate the creases along folds. Might be worth reproducing (something like Systema Naturae, ed. 1, 1735, with commentary) if I can discover the backgrounds of the item.

This leads me to wonder what is going to happen to some of the Hunt programs, e.g. reproducing Bartram catalogues that GHML set off with horto gusto some time back. He wanted me to do commentary and pu t all in a single book.

Yes, I know the Humboldt cat. I ordered for Tulane and for myself. My copy came (from Lilly) about three weeks ago. Disproportionately priced for sure, and at first I was amazed and dsiappointed to see how few, nonexistent, were pre-1800 titles, as you noticed. But I have been browsing day to day from the relaxed recumbency of a Barcolounger and find the cat really quite a purring creature. Notes on the presentations are often jolly. I am glad that it was reprinted simply because this kind of lit is in short supply at best. Interesting! that we both looked for the Forster items -- in vain.

My copy of Taxon is OK.

Did you get a "Memorandum on Three Books" from me, dated 15 May, about Cole Library cat, Alaska books before 1868, and Nissen, zool. buchillus. If not, I shall send you one after I have a copy run off.

I think we both mentioned the Fern craze by Allen (Taxon 19(2):280)-- which you want for the Morton library.

Good wishes, as always, from

Joe

Dict Sci Biog -- first 2 vols -- publ in May and really handsome vols they are. Be sure to order for the Library ($35. each, 10 more to come over 4-5 years). Fine book making aside from highly readable sketches of all sorts of notables (perhaps sciatables?). Yes, I'm in both vols as contributor, and so is George Taylor, etc. etc. Cherrs, cheers, eers,

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We shall bring key we carried off with us to Seattle—

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motor hotel

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MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1445

AT Patricia Lake, Jasper Nat Park
14 August 1969

Dear George:

Wonderful indeed to hear youwill be at Seattle(!)--that means an embracing exclamation! We had a quite a stack of mail at Edmonton, yours the most exultant, and came here last night. Wilbur Duncan, wife and youngest son, were at Edmonton and came on up here before us, en route to Seattle. I met John Packer, phytogeographer at the University, and Mr. Seymour, a Scot who is in charge of the Univ botanic garden. We garnered some material for RMNats ed. 2. Univ Ill Press asked us to phone collect and discuss bibliographic matters with them, which we did for some ten minutes at least, and so we still have some work to do before the ms goes into galley but they are evidently quite anxious to see the book* in print next year.

Max Meisel died last June so this means I shall inherit his work on the supplement to vol one, for such a year as I can tackle it, having made no promises to him in life but I hope to see it done by one or another hand, preferably my right one.

That great year 1949 when we five came here to Patricia Lake we stayed in tentcabin, hlaf boarded and very musical for we could/hear/early monring bird song. Now they are swept away in the full tide of civilization and modern cabins replace them, very cosy but unmusical. We do so appreciate the view of the lake and the eternal quiet apostrophed only by the call of a chickeree or woodpecker. There are three loons on the lake subaquaticking about. Moose droppings on the shore record past visits and looking down on all the happendings for a very long time is Pyramid Peak, edging its way into the sky.

Nesta and I will be arriving Sunday sometime, after lodging in Victoria on Sat eve, and booked for McMahon. Al Dimond, treasurer of the Congress, says SHBUS printing set at 4500 copies, down from 6000 of last Jan, but I predict there will be a deal of last day decisions to come and final enrollment will be 4865 with some folks (not all of course) bashing about for a foreSHORTened HISTORY.

* J. Bannister of course

Have a good flight and look out for the sleeping volcanoes as you come in for a landing,

JK

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September 19, 1967.

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for your letter of Sunday. No word yet from Ann Arbor, so either I am being completely ignored or seriously considered--only time can tell. The only reason I did not put your name down was because the job relates to cataloguing specifically rather than to general rare book interest--Iam, of course, taking a rain check.

The Mattioli is perhaps the most prized of his editions since it is the first in Latin to have the beautiful large woodcuts--these did occur in two earlier printings in Czech and German. We bought a copy lacking the first thirty or forty pages (all indices and preface) for $ 25 some years ago which had been found in an attic here in St. Louis. I have always intended to have the first leaves photocopied and the whole thing bound, but it is now passed the time when I can do it.

Your Lambert is pretty certainly Nissen 1127 not including the last line and a half which is an 1838 printing. The copy Nissen described (very obscurely) would seem to have 11 plates while yours has only 101. This is one of those major bibliographical puzzles never to be completely described. It is treated at some length in Journal of the Linnean Society of London. Botany. Vol. 48, p. 439-466. This notes the edition of 1837 in which all the title pages are so dated, with the publisher's name as George White. They specify the plates to be numbered as follows: 1-103, none numbered 6, 52-66, 69; additional plates numbered 1*, 14*, 22*, 35*, 42 a, 42 b, 45 a, 45 b, 45 c, 45 d, 46 a, 46 b, 47*, 50 a, 50 b. Howell's prices are not low, but I do not think that this price of 2250 is too high. I wonder if the plates have been properly counted. I think you should get your fairy godfather to buy this for you--except for one reason, the climate which deals rather harshly with this type of book, but may be you are providing good storing. The article in JLS says 'a complete copy of the 1837 was offered in England for £ 50 forty years ago, that would have been nearly $ 500 then--a long time ago in rare books.

I can't find anything in our library which could be connected with Pritzel's p. 470 'Nachrichten ...'. Neither can I find out anything about St. Louis' Hortus Botanicus of 1874. C. Rau seems to have lived here about that time (his dates are 1826-87) and to have written a number of papers at various times on fish and fishing, anthropology, etc. Both the Missouri Historical Society and the Mercantile Library

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have two or three publications of his, apparently not identical. Neither of them seem to have any other information about him.

This seems to answer all your points for the present, without however brining up anything new, for which I am rather too tired at the moment. I started teaching a course at Washington University at the evening session last night during which I stood for two and a half hours. After that I went to a reception and stood for two more hours. Old like people like me should go to bed at nine o'clock, I am sure, the extra sleep would do them good and they would be out of society's way for several hours longer.

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September 17, 1967

Dear George:

Well, it was good to have a chat last Sunday evening about many things. You will of course let me know if I may do anything useful toward that Ann Arbor job--I assume you have a panel of referrees rather closer to the call than I am but on the other hand just know I am very happy to say what I think about a potential Rare Books' librarian.

This Zeitlin description may interest you--"the valued edition" Jake says. Need not return.

I am thinking about a Lambert, Pinus, fine set in three vols. for $2250. the first 2 vols,=ed. 2, v. 3=ed. 1. in all 101 color pls. "All three title-pages dated 1837" whatever that can mean? Pritzel 5010 is not esp. helpful. Morton Arbor. Lisle has the 3-vol. ed. and this descr. of their set gives an Appendix to vol. 2 of 8 pls. of which 7 are angiospemrs. I had never noticed this before. Five of pls. in Morton Arbor. copy are said to be orifinal watercolors without any engraving. Their set has 103 pls. in all. Warren Howell of SF has this set. We looked at it rather hurriedly when we paid him a visit Aug. 14th.

Next Oct. 13th I am a panelist in Washington, D.C. reporting on an overlooked item (Pritzel p. 470, "Nachrichten . . . Georgien" 1756, there listed way out of chron. position!) Does MBG have it? I may have asked this or checked but seem to have no record of what I discovered. 80 spp. listed = first Ga. local flurula of the Ebenezer colony; for many years I have been gathering info about this item and I decided it was foolish to sit on it any longer but say what I know which is unsure but not feeble.

Incidentally, Pritzel p. 456, sub"Saint-Louis in Missuri"mentions a catalogue of its Hortus botanicus of 1874 -What is this?

I don't know how you can manage to leave on Oct. 15th even--is that when the annual symp takes place, 13-14th? Perhaps you can plan to appear at Ann Arbor immediately then come back for Thanksfiving week to pack and complete the job in Dec.?

Must stop and yet with
very best to you,

Jos

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December 23, 1965.

Dear Joe,

I wonder if you have heard about the new Lexikon der Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften, Biographien, Sachwörter und Bibliographien which is currently coming out having started in 1959. We have just received the first five Lieferungen (1959-1965) totalling some 700 pages. Originally projected for only 900 pages, the Dees begin on page 70 so I predict there will be at least 3000 pages. It is relatively inexpensive, sixteen pages for DM 1.60, i. e. 2 1/2 cent a page. I feel sure you will want a personal copy, for it is essentially a condensed encyclopedia of the history of science covering all authors from classical times to the present (five to twenty lines of biographical data, lists of major works and major works about each, scientific terms (axiom, Bärlappgewächse, i. e. club mosses, Bakterien, Ballistik, Ballon, Barisches Windgesetz, Barium, Barometer, Baumwolle, Bauteknik, Beleuchtung, Benzol, Bergbau, Bergkristall are the entries on pages 341-420 scattered among about 75 biographical entries. Each of the terms has a bibliography of two to fifteen items.) We have ours on continuation order from Carl-Ernst Kohlhauer whose advertisement is entry 205 in catalogue No. 24 as follows: Lexikon der Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften. Bearbeitet von J. Mayerhöfer (Wien) u. a. Biographien-Sachwörter-Bibliographien. In Lieferungen. Wien 1959 ff. Subskr.-Preis pro Druckbogen DM 1.50. Vorzüglich gearbeitetes Werk, u. a. mit ausführl. biobibliograph. Material, Topographien usw. Die ersten ca. 600 Seiten (Liefrg. I-V) sind erschienen. Es wird emphohlen, die noch laufende Subskription zu nutzen! Kohlhauers address is Windmühlberg 26, 88 Ansbach/Mfr., Germany.

I dictated the above without having checked any entries, but have since done so and find they are very helpful although necessarily sometimes incomplete. For example, there is no mention under Clusius of his important role in putting into Latin a number of accounts which had appeared in various vernacular versions. But on the whole it seems to be extremely useful.

Tom Buckmann, librarian at K. U., was here yesterday to examine our copy of Linnaeus' Syst. Nat. 1, of which he says there are only six copies in the United States. He was interested to see our Redouté Liliacées which you perhaps recall is one of the first five volume

eby's last month a set without the proofs

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in a mid-to late-19th century binding so dratically trimmed as to remove some of the platenumbers and some of the engravers' names, sold for $ 16 000 he said that he suspected our copy was worth $ 60 000--I had thought of only $ 25 000. Next month it is going to be sent to Mr. Tribolet in Chicago for complete rebinding in as nearly a duplicate of the original as possible, the original being too completely wrecked as to be worth restoring. The director has asked me to prepare for the middle of February a grant proposal to NSF for a program of rehabilitation of our whole book collection. I think we shall have to shave this down somewhat, for I believe we should eventually need half a million for this. Of course, there may not be any point in writing the proposal, bedause there seems to be much uncertainty about any money being granted for non-defense items--if what we are doing in Vietnam can be called defense.

Sorry, no more time just now. I hope you and Nesta have a very merry Christmas. With best greetings,

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Ewan

TULANE UNIVERSITY
Department of Botany

Date November 30, 1965

To George

From Joe

Subject: Mixed bag -- no tricks:

Remarks: Such a long long time without a word from you? Hope you are well? and even prospering! Few notes:

Did we tell you Yseng-Chieh Huang and his wife paid us a visit this Fall en route to Taiwan? They spoke most appreciatively of what you had done for them.

Did not get the Richter tho I cabled that night you kindly phoned. Shall keep trying.

The Verdoorn Festschrift went off to Holland on 15th--ran to 91 typed pp. but still had to drop a good deal in favor of some new material on Houstoun from Sutro Library! where the Lord Petre hortus ~~hortus~~ Siccus came to rest.

Elder (Harvard UP) much appreciated my critique of Graustein's Nuttall bookscript.

Hyder (Kansas UP) likewise very appreciative of my report on the nat. hist. symposium of 1964 June--I am sending a carbon of my notes for your perusal, since you have an uncommon interest in the persons and papers. Hyder is not sanguine the Press will undertake the book --not alone from report--and I take it the other Reader also turned in a negative report.

Yale says the Banister book is a reference book and not historical in nature, so unless we will rewrite it is not for them. We decline to rewrite so I think I shall let Elder look it over; Reed Rollins is pro-Ewan so it may stick. Also he knows me from conference last Sept on the Nuttall bookscript and from my report on it.

Did you see the Stechert-Hafner BOOK NEWS?

Kathleen and family will probably be assigned to Honolulu so you know what ~~that means!~~ for her parents!

Ira Nelson of Lafayette, horticulturist, killed in highway traffic collision--one of our few able men hereabouts.

Very best to you, George!

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November 22, 1965

air mail

Clyde K. Hyder
University of Kansas Press
114 Flint Hall
Lawrence

Dear Mr. Hyder:

I have finished the reading of the nine essays on bibliography of natural history and the mss are returned separately today.

My report is herewith: p. 1=general remarks concerning the group as a whole, following more or less the guide sheet sent to readers.

pp 2-5 = specific remarks for each author.

I have not undertaken to remark on certain irregular practices in citing of references; absence of publisher's name in book references, which are omitted by most authors of the nine; sequence of each reference: date follows name or date falls last in the reference, etc. These matters I presume will be brought into harmony by your office.

Of course I shall be happy to expand any particular point raised in my remarks.

You asked about my own present program: I have a ms in hand on the drawings of William Bartram, with biographical commentary, notes on his collections preserved in London, etc., to appear as a Memoir of the American Philosophical Society. The ms of the paper on American plant collectors: backgrounds for Linnaeus has been mailed to Holland. It comes into my larger work on Naturalists of the Old South which is slowly taking shape. It will something like my Rocky Mountain Naturalists (Univ. Denver Press, 1950) but with connected narrative on themes rather than individual sketches of prominent persons; there will be a very full roster.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

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EWAN on Bibliographia historia naturalis:

1) The nine essays composing this symposium only loosely cluster about the theme of the bibliography of natural history. They are highly diverse, all have been more or less hastily written, and in sum do not make a very promising volume. The subject matter is novel--I know of nothing exactly like the attempt but, in short, the result is not very encouraging. It is true that any collection of essays of this nature are diverse, they are inevitably so, but there must be an overall quality to the collection as a whole. I find this wanting here. It is also true that if there are one to few notable essays the others will be rather handily carried along without too great a loss or disappointment. Here there are nine essays and truthfully two are both scholarly and readable. The remaining are here: likely pleasant to listen to, there: really amusing, here: undoubtedly interesting when illustrated but without ills. rather impossible, there: topic viable but the text would have to be recast.

2) This point will be covered by authors individually below.

3) Why do readers buy books of this nature? The reader wants the book a) because it will be a useful reference to have handy, b) is so intrinsically delightful that he will want to have it for pick-up-and-read moments when it will always prove refreshing, or c) external motive: an instructor requires or strongly recommends the book and not yet convinced of either of the first two reasons for buying the book the title is bought per force. (This last reader group would comprise graduate students in history of science, biohistory, or plant systematics or ornithology, etc.). Here the book is so diverse that any single reader group would be unrewarded, I think, for the other essays in the collection aside from his special interest (ornithology, etc.).

4) See individual essays reported on beyond.

5) Essay by Stearn has style without doubt; some of the others would make good listening when fortified with the personality of the speaker, but most of the group do not have that essential lubricant for easy reading.

6) In toto, I am doubtful that the collection should be published. For some of the essays, e.g. Stearn's, its publication elsewhere is only a delay not a question, for others, e.g. Stannard's, careful checking would make a highly useful guide to botanical biohistory particularly if the materials were rearranged as a roster for easy reference, and others, e.g. Mengel's, have nicely served their entertainment role in June, 1964.

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STEARN: p. 2, line 14 up/ "the publication of important books in three fields in" BETTER

p. 5, line 15/ "They are found in copies . . . " (They) refers to what? Which peculiarities?

p. 9, line 22/ INTENDED? "is by no means a reliable deduction!"

STAFLEU: p. 2/ since artistic quality of Redouté is first evident quality, should it not initiate the discussion? Begin with paragraph 4. One point not mentioned is the role of illustration in recording fleeting cultivars that may disappear from cultivation which were pictorially recorded quite apart from their beauty or pleasure as pictures.

should be

p. 8, line 3 of paragraph 2/ complete information from Univ. Kansas copy.

p. 8, line 6 up/ Dombeya is African and Madagascar genus, none in New World!

p. 14 line 8 up/ ADD "was to be" following "1854)?

p. 21 line 6/ FOR "smaller" READ less

p. 24 line 7/ italics needed ?

p. 25 line 2/ delete italics

p. 29 "Blunt 1957" delete italics

p. 25 line 5 up/ "Three more originals are now known to exist" Better? : Three more originals have since been reported.

p. 23/ Who wrote the introd. to Choix de soixante roses of 1836? "well known writer of those days" = ?

LINDROTH: p. 8 line 8 up/ delete "Agardh" etc. as indicated by pencil square brackets in margin.

p. 13, line 5/ CORRECTion: Linnean Society misspelled in typescript

pp. 22-23/ better? moved to earlier position in essay.

p. 25 line 8 up/ italicize "artificial" since "natural" is italicized in same discussion.

View that Linnaeus came to a position of "undisputed pre-eminence" is rather overdone; rather there was a reluctant acceptance of L. but nothing so hearty and embracing as stated.

Better: In England Linnaeus at first met with coolness and little enthusiasm, as from Hans Sloane, Dillenius, and Philip Miller, but there eventually developed a sympathetic appreciation.

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STANDARD: (these are not in exact sequence, sorry!)

p. 15, line 12 up/ Pursh was not first gardener at Hamilton's; John Lyon preceded him.
p. 16 line 13/ after "which can" ADD be found
p. 45 fn 105/ "many distinguished Southern floras" Not accurate: there were not "many" and they were seldom "distinguished" in fullest sense. Shecut never has had a badge of merit; Walter was important, almost by accident, hardly "distinguished; Elliott, Sketch, almost alone was "distinguished."
p. 25 line 1/ "the door was open to further branching out" poor choice of word
p. 27 line 8 up/ "Thomsonians and neo-Thomsonians" though covered in papers noticed in the fn should carry an explanatory phrase for the unitiated.
fn 10/ reference incomplete; would be difficult to locate in most libraries from this alone
p. 7/ "St Louis Botanical Garden" SHOULD READ Missouri Botanical Garden
fn 32/ also published in translation
p. 13/ Smallwood devoted some attention to the history of biological textbooks and should be mentioned in this connection.
fn 6/ ADD Arizona to list of states more or less covered by bibliographies: "Bibliography of the botany of Arizona" Amer. Midl. Nat. 17: 430-454. 1936.
ADD Oregon: "A Contribution toward a bibliography of Oregon botany with notes on the botanical explorers of the state" by Katherine Whipple Hughes, Oregon State College, thesis series, 1940, 93 pp.
fn 62/ Walter's Flora not published in the U. S. but in London.
fn 87/ Sargent ref. on A. Gray is rather insufficient for easy finding.
fn 89/ For "Hime" READ Hume. Ref. is incompl.--vol. and pp. wanting.
fn 103/ ADD San Francisco to Texas and Rocky Mts., viz:
Ewan, J. San Francisco as a Mecca for nineteenth century naturalists, with a roster of biographical references to visitors and residents. in A Century of progress in the natural sciences, 1853-1953(San Francisco: Calif. Acad. of Sciences, 1955).
fn 105/ Question of first public museum in the U. S. is not certain: Charleston may be set at 1773 but DuSimitiere's in Philadelphia was perhaps earlier (?) and at least must be mentioned.
p. 26/ DELETE Elias Durand from list of "physicians-turned-botanists" for he was a pharmacist and not a physician; he did not take an M.D. degree though he held a quasi medical post.
p. 28/ "herbals which abounded particularly in rural areas" These were not herbals but their descendents, a kind of herbal-gone-almanac. Something in B. Franklin tradition but inaccurately termed a herbal.
p. 2/ Before [illegible] bibliographic essay, there was, by [illegible] a

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p. 2/ Before WM. Darlington there was the remarkably full survey, a bibliographic essay: Mitchill, S.L., 1814: A concise and illustrate and comprehensive account of the writings which the botanical history of North and South America (Colls. N. Y. Hist. Soc. 2:149-215).

N.B. 44 naturalists as fit subjects for biohistorical investigation are mentioned, with biographical helps, in "Scientist on the Frontier" by J. Ewan in Research opportunities in American cultural history, ed. by J. F. McDermott. (Univ. Ky. Press 81-101, 1961).

Some readers may wince at a phrase or two, e.g. "botanizers" (p. 19), "datedness" (p. 22), "upped" (fn 33). At best they are infelicitous.

In view of the very large number of persons mentioned I believe it would be worth while to consider a roster of names with biographical references given for each; this would make quick consultation of the essay much easier. There is a multiplication of sections rather beyond the optimum. Fewer sections would eliminate the overlap of the discussions now evident.

Rudolph: p. 7 line 7/up/ "recluses" may carry an interpretation?
p. 9 line 3/ fn 16 has been left out. Should it follow "illustration" (line 3) or "by him" (line 5)?
p. 13, line 2 up/ Is "Iwasaki copies"? or edition? meant.
p. 13, line 3 up/ "Circium incomptum" is not a well known name and it would help to add the author citation: Nakai, who dates the name to one familiar with botanical literature of country.
p. 19, line 7 up/ DELETE reference to "time permits"---this is not a spoken paper.
p. 19, line 3/ It would be helpful to ADD Okura Nagatsune here, repeating name which by now has been perhaps forgotten. At line 11 "by the same author" would then be deleted.
p. 24 fn 19/ Dawson's book shop cat. 354 (1965) item 33 is of particular interest in this contect for it relates the copying of J. Jonston's work of 1660 by the author Morishima Churyo, 1787.
p. 6 line 13/ For "pumelo" READ pomelo.
Text is rather diffuse and could be tightened to advantage. Illustrations should certainly be planned here.

MENGEL:

p. 17 ADD Joseph Grinnell's notable bibliog. on California ornithology, with supplements.
p. 17 ADD "Dr." before Lisney, if Dr. Coues, etc. for Lisney was M.D.

Refs. intended? Title should READ "Facetiae of Ornithological Bibliography" esp. for one who admires the redoubtable Coues! But this paper is not up to the rest of the essays. Pleasant listening for a captive audience but hardly bird seed in this repast.

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BOYDEN:

p. 1 "Friday-noon-discourse" should be changed for a written paper where no captive audience is involved.

This is interesting but mistitled "Un-natural" because that conjures up other essays on unnatural history (amounting to quite a literature) and this essay concerns scientific vocabulary and standarization of terms. I do not believe this topic is pertinent to this anthology.

GREENE:

p. 6 line 8/ It is true that Palisot de Beauvois completed only that portion of Peale's Museum Catalogue describing the quadrupeds but it is rather misleading to infer that the project came to nothing. French translation, undated, may have preceded the English imprint of 1796.

p. 3/ "Rev. Mr. Kirtz" --Baltimore beetle collector-- is very interesting problem. Not mentioned in the usual entomological histories and it would be interesting to know if Baltimore city directories yield any clue?

p. 1 line 14/ role of DuSimitiere's museum in Philadelphia and the Charleston museum in relation to Peale's museum would be worth notice.

Documentation is anticipated here (?). This would make an interesting article for Natural History (American Museum of Natural History monthly) and would need only a few illustrations. Peale's Museum is a very significant topic of which this is a beginning--an unsatisfying one-- and for which there is rich commentary from visitors, etc.

SEITLIN: = mostly errors in typing:

p. 2 line 2/ FOR "Coue's" READ Coues's (or Coues')

p. 2 line 6/ FOR "Ridgeway" READ Ridgway

p. 2 line 13/ ADD before "Long" William Joseph, since the other names carry first names.

p. 3 line 5/ For "Papers of the American Bibliographical Society" READ Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America

p. 4 line 8 up/ For "The New England Natural History Society collection" READ Boston Society of Natural History collection.

p. 5 line 4 up/ For "$8,00.00" READ $8,000.

p. 7 line 1 FOR "Gatesby" READ Catesby. ADD ed. 2 to the reference.

p. 7 line 18/ For "A monograph of the Tetraoninae" READ Tetraoninae.

It would be useful to the reader to ADD Swann, C. Kirke, 1956, Natural history books from a bookseller's point of view" Jour. Soc. Bibliog. Nat. Hist. 3: 117-126. This could be cited against Swann, p. 1 line 7.

November 18, 1965

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September 17, 1965.

Dear Joe,

One of the enclosed will show you that botanical gardens seem to be a bristly subject.

I am looking forward to hearing word of you, for I hope you did not suffer from the storm.

I got out of the hospital yesterday morning and have been here a few hours yesterday and a few more today. Also stopped at the bookshop at the University this noon and noticed that the Clerk Landscape into Art which you want has been published by the Beacon Press in paperback--larger size and larger price $ 1.75. I suspect you will find it in your own bookshop if you look among the art books which, I am glad to find in our shop, are greatly increased in number.

Well, you have seen the grass herbarium here as I set it up for the last time. The collection, of course, will be kept in its systematical order, but everything else will leave the room which will be made into Dr. Lewis' office. I cannot object to this too much, for I don't use it myself and there seems to be no other arrangement which has occurred to them (I do not make suggestions). At least, finally I must dispose of my herbarium and quite frankly I am loathe to send it in your direction, for I do not think it is worth your attention and so many other things are. If you agree with me I think I shall send it to Hugh who will, I believe, begin using it at once and who has money for processing.

I have a letter from Miss Raphael who did find the little book of Linneaus among the Secretary's papers. It is unannotated except to be identified as Linneaus's property although it bears the name of Browallius on the tp. The library does not have the German translation of the later autbbiography, so I think I shall see thaitit gets our duplicate.

All for today. I shall look for good news. With best greetings,

Sincerely yours,

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Kirkland Inn
Cambridge, Mass.
Wed. 8 Sept 1965

Dear George:

This is the Annex at 24 Irving (see folder) & no trouble getting a room, small but adequate & not private bath (but plenty of "conveniences" near hand) at four dollars a night ($4.00), a notch for YMCA, I would say but getting a little used by now. Convenient, cheap, & friendly management. Crickets! sound like USA and, in daytime, blue jays scolding - interesting how you notice things in their absence.

Well, a good stay here & a lot of people about, and several away at moment. Reed Rollins is deeply concerned about Sydney Gould's latest misconception, his own authors & genera. Try to see a copy if you can - & out on spot reviews (McVaugh, Rollins, Cowan, etc.) for report to NSF on continuance of program. Reed showed me his copy and it is a menace, including persons who have had nothing to do w/ establishing genera, replete w/ errors,

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lack of understanding of plant taxonomy etc etc NEEDS A CATHARTIC REVIEW — hope Lewis takes a hard look at the production. Sad to say Reed tells me GTHHL made affectionate remarks about it (surely w/out examination of same) before AIBS audience! PITY, oh the pity. Rollins deeply concerned reviewers will not take the time to scrutinize it.

A.C. Smith's wife here at Gtt checking Portia quere bot. Cit., will be here a month altogether. No chance to ask her about family plans. But she is a very intelligent woman, as I have known apretime.

Met Elder, Assoc Editor of HUPress, who has asked me (last summer, again this year) to read Grausteins Nuttall bookscript. I saw it this AM & it looks very good from t. of c. alone.

Also met James, Editor of NAW (= Notable American Women), companion volume to DAB — who called on me for estimates of what women in Bot. & Zool. to include. He remarks on how difficult to secure facts on women, who tend to cover their lives w/ oddments of raiment of-

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fiction or fancy. Perhaps they serve to cloak the men who on surface are open sesames but in truth secrete their own juices of guile. James was classmate of Hunter Dupree at Harvard, and is now ½ time Editor of DAB Supplement. I told James that Alice Eastwood, who died two years ago break-off date for NAW, should be in DAB, next suppl.

Incidentally, there is a good deal of interest in doing a biography of SARGENT for upcoming centenary of AA founding. I told Dick Howard of large number of letters in Sargeantman Corresp. at MBG from Sargent.

Well, hope you had a good finish to your Grand Tour and, again, I am so pleased you took the flight into history and hope another year perhaps we can do it again.

With best,

Cordially,

Joe

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May 17, 1965.

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for your several enclosures of late which I shall give back to you next time except for the one from Gates which came today. In any event he is talking a good new director and I am continuing to believe that may things will be accomplished to the good albeit they may be different from what we had in mind.

No, I have not seen Heard's book, but shall try to do so. I hope it will prove fascinating--the little I know of him has always seemed rather precious instead of fascinating.

Sixteen years are bringing their changes with Dorothy getting married next month and little Margie going to Switzerland for the summer. I am sure I should know who Bodmer is, for there is a little bell ringing, but I don't.

My plan is to be in Holland August 1st to such time as I should be able to meet you in England--presumably Wednesday, August 11th. I plan to stay there as long as you are there (as it turns out), for I had thought of staying through the 22nd. I assume you are making some reservation for a place to stay. If it is possible for you to make such for the two of us at the same time I should much appreciate it. Just how I shall proceed from London I do not know--I had thought of going to Italy as I told you, but I understand it is very hot there and after my difficulty with the heat last summer I have decided not to try it again in a strange country. My alternative at the moment is to rent a car in Amsterdam about the 23rd and to drive to Switzerland seeing something on the way and then spending the rest of my time there. Much as I should wish to meet you and Margie in London at the end of the month, I fear it will not be possible, for I have promised my friend in Lausanne to stay around as long as I could and that happens to be the day before Labor Day which is September 5th--I shall probably fly from Geneva to Amsterdam on that day and from there to New York.

I am much interested in being able to go to Woburn with you on the one hand and am greatly looking forward to the Meridan Engraving Company representative of whom you spoke in your last letter, on the other hand.

Best greetings to both of you,

Sincerely yours,

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Please return Gotts' letter in due course

TULANE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

May 15, 1965

Dear George:

Dorothy weds Stephen Nemecek, son of Vivian Nemecek, mathematician of Kansas State College, Pittsburg, on June 19th. Details are not settled at the moment but probably wedding at 7508 Burthe by the gesture of the Unitarian minister of the First Unit. Church. She has the job as staffmember of catalogue dept. KU beginning July 1st, and Stephen begins his architecture degree there in the Fall.

Have you seen Gerald Heard, Five ages of man, Julian Press, N.Y., 1963? Alan Riddeford, tutor at Lowell House, Harvard, showed me a copy; looks fascinating. I was luncheon guest there on 5th.

Karl Kramer writes that he looks forward to seeing you in Utrecht. Send me your tentative plans (at least for London) soon. I shall be in London from 11-21. APS is interested in my looking into Woburn Abbey for the Duke of Bedford's library catalogue to have it microfilmed. So we shall have to plan on that; can take in Warren Dawson's home on the same visit. Marge leaves June 1 for Zurich for summer's job of caring for four children of Bodmer family; she will be returning about Sept. 1 and perhaps we can meet in London (after my return from Poland) and your return from Continent.

Cordially, VOS

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

Sunday, March 28, 1965

Dear George:

Nesta and I have been joyed to hear that you are encouraged at the MBG and we can only wish for you the best! Cum spiro spero! and from the letters you have lately sent it looks promising. Thanks for sharing them with us.

Your letter on the Tulanian was passed on to the new chairman, Peter Volpe, and he appreciated your wit and wisdom. The world is so full of devices and this is one more of them: "posture" of the University looks better when the bot. and zool. depts. are merged and the image presented to the NSF for a bid for a new building, no more nor less than that fillip does all the mischief. Time in meetings is the annoying things, George, with 24 persons in the newly constituted dept. People don't care to discuss, think they must discuss(cuss it all) and so on they disc thru the thickening air of fusion and confusion of issues and remarks, to small ends.

One of the banner lines is what is dubbed an "open-ended lab" (as if all things living are not open-ended after all is said and done it), with the notion that the student, all supposed to be anxious to seek knowledge, will want to come on off hours and fest the lab, so keep open house for all. Short of it is that pitifully few of the students have any motivation to come in scheduled hours let alone the unscheduled hours, and so this makes small sense. Truth is, we watch with peregrine eyes for the chap who may wish to linger about the labs and so this is not really an innovation.

Your letter to Mr. Coman, UC Riverside, is a wonderful document and thanks so much for sharing it with us! Any sequel?

Delzie Demaree is back in Hot Springs; postal from him the other day. Howard Rock found dead in his bed on March 16th, no details; Stanley Caine is up for Asst. Sec. of the Interior. Herb Wagner down for a field trip in Ozarks for a fern coll. by DD in 1932 but no luck in rediscovering it.

Thanks, I have a Dudley Mem. Volume, gift of Mrs. Samuel B. Parish back in 1935.

Good! I shall put MacFayden, Fl. Jam. in my little BBA book. I shall also look at the copy at the BM(NH) or you shall with me!

George M. Sutton, bird artist and author, was here Thurs. evening for a talk on Victoria Island, Canadian arctic, and had fine 2x2 pictures and spoke very well indeed. Loss of the old esquimaux culture is a sad spectacle, and so it goes around the world, with vestiges of mankind who might prefer to live out their lives more slowly more disconnectedly.

With best greetings,

Joe

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TULANE UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 18

March 29, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:

Every once in a while I wonder why this University moves so slowly with its library program in yielding again and again to other projects for who can question that the book collection is central to every lecture, every assignment, every experiment, every field trip, --and then I reflect that three steps play a part in the advancement of a library program. Books must be used, must be known, and then they will be loved. After that, people will have concern for their survival. This seems too simple an explanation but I believe it is the inexorable sequence. I have used the Missouri Botanical Garden Library many times, and every time I leave I only wish I might come more often, and this is because I have come to know and to love its richness and excitement. I am not sure that many scientists know how rich the MBG Library really is. They miss the fact that its pre-Linnaean collection is second only to Harvard's and that the collection of floras and monographs and bibliographical materials is superlative, with the tingle of association copies here and there. And Harvard's resources are scattered over the campus. If the MBG Library had a fair chance to deploy its collection, with its essential unity preserved, then the opportunity to compare the various editions could be easily carried out. For the books are there! So few investigators realize that editions vary so widely, and accept just any edition in their institutional library as sufficient unto the day. But in the fullness of the Garden's Library the reader can check the devious changes in text. In this fast world I am an antiquarian. I only hope that the Missouri Botanical Garden can find a way to cultivate its Library, providing room to flower, funds to grow on, that its treasures may be used, and known, and loved for what they are, one of America's precious assets.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

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March 19, 1965.

Dear Joe,

You cannot fail to find the enclosed of interest. Under direction it could have been written by anyone and could be as empty as it may well be, but even from my ~~brief~~acquaintance with Dave I have a suspicion that he speaks here from a genuine belief although I happen to know he is not entirely untutored at this particular moment. I cannot be more explicit here and should prefer to have you make no mention of even what I have said. I want you to see this statement, but I should like to have it back and enclose an envelope for its conveniently early return.

I cannot imagine you don't have a copy of the Dudley Memorial Volume, Leland Stanford Junior University Publications, University Series No. 11, 1913, but if you don't I have a copy we could send you.

Now that you are editor of Biblioteca Botanica Americana may I present a first suggestion for reprinting; this is McFadyen's The flora of Jamaica, London, 1837. I am sure you know all about it, but just in case I should have found the one gap in your knowledge let me report from the note in our copy of volume 1 (all we have). That of volume 2 there are only five copies of which four have 216 pages and the 192 pages. Since there are copies available to the public and in them previously undescribed species, volume 2 should be more generally available. There is a copy at the British Museum, two in Jamaica and one in the possession of the McFadyen family.

No more time. Best greetings as usual,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN 2315 TOWER GROVE AVE. SAINT LOUIS, MO. 63110

These were being processed & in basement
t Brush

1. I did take with me to New Orleans Yes No
in February 1964 2 volumes of Abrégé
Trans. Phil. Soc,, Section Botany
We talked about it but decided against it.

2. I have finished using these volumes

3. I have remailed these volumes

4. I shall remail these volumes approximately

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March 15, 1965.

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for the return of the postcard. Confronted with your definite statement I was perplexed, for I had remembered it otherwise, but I immediately set out to look for the volumes concerned. Of course, I found them in the most unexpected place—on the shelf exactly where they belong. Are you sure that you have not needed them, for I seem to remember your having noted several things you thought Nesta ought to see. If you wish them sent please let me know.

When I was at the University on Friday, Matt Roberts handed me his copy of the February Tulanian which I read with what interest you can imagine. It would certainly not be fair to judge Dr. Volpe's ideas by the report there made of him unless he actually read the final proof. If he did and subscribes to the representation of his feeling that 'descriptive biology must yield to conceptual biology' he might be asked exactly how he intends to arrive at such 'things' as the 'concept of a species', for example, and a considerable number of other concepts which simply cannot be developed in some of their facets without the lifelong attention of people whose primary concern is descriptive biology. At least that is what I think.

The courses in the new curriculum sound as if they make a good coverage of basic material and if they do, there would seem to be nothing particularly wrong with this core, except that it tends to look something like Horn and Hardhart's and doesn't leave any room for individual specialization.. I wonder, for example, what will become of your course in the history of biology—perhaps this remains for those who are not majors (I hope so) and perhaps it will even be available for those who are (more hope)—for the earlier group it is most important as something in which they will learn the background of civilization while they would forget most of what they would learn in developmental biology, for example, and for the latter group it is most important that give them some idea of their own studies' place in civilization, so that the Commoners and Volpes of this world won't be quite so inflexible.

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I have a letter this morning from Harry Lubrecht asking me a question which, I suspect, he did not ask you just to save your time. Nor do I ask you--I merely report what I am going to tell him, if you think I tell him wrong, please let me know. The matter concerns the reprinting as a single work of E. A. Burt's The Thelephoraceae of North America which appeared in the Annals over a period of a dozen years. It has been suggested to him that he should print the 15 parts repaged continuously, but I am glad to say he is now far enough along in his education to realize that this might be anything but wise. It would, of course, be insanity. I have it in mind to tell him that it must be reprinted in absolute facsimile with a specially designed title page, on which it is stated that the material of the book is a photographic facsimile of the original papers which were issued as shown in the list below and that any reference to this work is not to be made to Burt, The Thelephoraceae of North America, but to Burt in Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden, volume number, page number, date; finally that the Hafner Publishing Company's imprint date be clearly marked as date of reprint and not as of original publication. In fact, I think I will write this title page for Lubrecht and send you a copy.

Finally, my apologies again for having bothered you over this Abrégé matter which I completely misunderstood. With warm greetings to both Nesta and you,

Sincerely yours

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS/cl

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March 11, 1965.

Dear Joe,

I was pleased to receive word from the American Geographical Society this morning that you have been informed as well as seems to be possible about the probable meaning of Mariae in the connection you wrote of last time. I have examined the Caruel and there is no clue. I do not locate the official report of the Melbourne Botanic Garden, but doubt they would give the answer. Since there is a range in the general area with the name Marie one is certainly tempted to suppose the specific name is therefrom derived (the volume of Moehner's Fragmenta, however, dated 1872-1874, earlier than Giles reached the range).

The enclosed offer from Heller came in this morning's mail. Perhaps you would like to get the first item for the Tulane library. It will be considerably reduced in size as are the other facsimiles which had come from Munich, but I think it is probable worth $ 45.00. I paid Andy $ 57.00 last year for his copy of 1841-24 (?) facsimile, but this is life size and contains a long appendix dealing with the work and its bibliography—even this facsimile is now practically never to be found for sale.

I find we have just purchased a copy of the 1804 english edition of Barton. It has the same remarks about Bartram in the preface as those I wrote you the other day.

I hope you won't take offense if I send the enclosed card, which I do since I want the information and realize you may not have time write—all you have to do here is mark two or three x's. Many thanks.

Last evening's paper carried the announcement of Gate's appointment as director. The release had been written by the University's (?) press agent and gave no clue that he is known largely as a physicist nor even that his last twenty years have been spent in an physical institute of one kind or another rather than in botanical institutions—as of February 1 he was made professor of natural history at the University of Colorado, which was most convenient for the University's purpose in covering up the facts. Many worse people could have been appointed—the regret has to be that at least one very much better person was available.

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Further to my point about Brittonia; I had not examined the matter carefully enough. Each issue of Brittonia carries in bold face at the head of the cover a day date—for example, the first issue for 1964 is headed 30 January 1964. But each succeeding issue contains a contents item which 'cancels' this date. In the second issue for 1964 (buried deeply within this fascicle itself' is the statement 'Brittonia, volume 16, No. 1, pages 1-94, i-xvi, was issued February 14, 1964. The day of mailing from Baltimore is taken as the date of issue'. If you believe what I have just written and don't check it by looking for yourself, I should be disappointed, for this kind of monkey business is not to be believed on hearsay alone.

I am glad to hear you are making progress with various matters, but hope that neither one of you is working too hard.

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American Geographical Society
BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10032

ADIRONDACK 4-8100

March 9, 1965.

Professor Joseph Evan
Department of Biology
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Professor Evan:

We have received a request for information on the specific name of the palm, Livistona marise, discovered by Ernest Giles and named by Ferdinand von Mueller, from George B. Van Schaack, Librarian of the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

We have checked the following works by Ernest Giles on his travels in Central Australia for an account of his discovery of this palm:

Giles, Ernest. Geographic travels in Central Australia from 1872 to 1874. Melbourne, M'Carron, Bird, 1875. 223 p.

Giles, Ernest. Australia twice traversed; the romance of exploration... London, Sampson, Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington, 1889. 2 v.

The discovery took place on August 31, 1872. Unfortunately, there is no reference to any Mary in Giles' relations in either work. In volume 2, p. 24 of Australia twice traversed, the following account begins:

"Soon after leaving the natives, we had the gratification of discovering a magnificent specimen of the Fan palm, a species of Livistona, allied to one in the south of Arnhiem's Land, and now distinguished as the Maria Palm (Baron von Mueller), growing in the channel of the watercourse with flood drifts against its stem."

The description continues, accompanied by a picture of the palm. In Giles' Geographic travels, there is a section entitled "Plants collected by Mr. Giles during his geographic exploration of Central Australia in 1872, 1873, and 1874, examined by Baron Ferd. von Mueller". On p. 223 of this section there is a note:

"A preliminary enumeration of the plants of Mr. Giles's First Expedition appeared in Caruel's Nuovo Giornale Botanico Italiano, 1873, pp. 127-129. Additional localities of many Central-Australian plants from John MacDouall Stuart's collections are recorded in the Official Report on the Melbourne Botanic Department for 1862, pp. 11-15."

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We can only suggest that you check the Caruel list and the Official reports of the Melbourne Botanic Department for the 1870's for any possible information.

One additional point that we wish to bring to your attention is that Giles very much wanted to reach the Alfred and Marie Range during his early explorations, and finally did in 1875. Although nowhere can we find any specific connection between the palm and this range, we give you this information as a possible clue.

We hope that we have been of some service to you.

Very truly yours,

Lynn S. Mullins
Library Assitant
American Geographical Society

cc: George B. Van Schaack
Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden.

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March 12, 1965.

Mr. Lynn S. Mullins
Library Assistant
American Geographical Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y. 10032

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Dear Mr. Mullins,

Thank you very much for your prompt investigation of the question regarding Livinstona Mariaea about which I wrote you last week. I have checked the Caruel and there is no clue. My suspicion is that your last remark about the Alfred and Marie Range may give the answer.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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March 3, 1965.

Dear Joe,

The fat envelope which has just come from you is, I regret, almost without message from you directly, but the indirect messages are both interesting and concerning. I am very glad you have agreed to edit the series for Stechert-Hafner--except, of course, for one thing; the fact that you will certainly have to cut down on some other activities and I don't know whether you will. I hope you have not been too modest in your estimate of proper remuneration--I am so tired of seeing incompetent people overpaid that I should like to see at least one competent similarly rewarded. You ought, of course, to be doing that job from here and it is a shame you won't--but that is probably not in the cards, although the books are in the library.

The copy of your letter to the Southern Illinois University Press gives me the shivers (for about the fourteenth time today along lines of the bibliographic variety). But where is one to look for the proper approach to this reprinting business. Are you aware that even Verdoorn, when he reprinted Ingen-Housz's Experiments upon Vegetables (1779) in Chronica Botanica in 1952 or thereabouts, not only did not do a facsimile, but cut out the elaborate contents leaves and, I believe, some leaves at the end. As you so rightly know, no one should even try to be slective here unless he is writing nothing but a piece of ephemera. If this reprinting of SIUP is to be worth buying it should at least be facsimile of the first edition with an introduction regarding all other editions, including varied readings of any scientific material and the complete story of the botanical appendix. Actually, as I suspect you know, this last was printed earlier as a separate in 1811, I think. I don't think there is complete copy in the United States--there is a damaged copy at the Library of Congress and we have somewhere some type of photoduplication of it, but I cannot locate it just now.

Long ructions this morning over whether our reprints from the Annals should be dated and how the date of publication of our fascicles should be reported. The new editor is well aware of the importance of dates and is, I think, diligent in trying to discover correct dates about priority in so far as concerns his own papers using the commendable principle that he accepts no date which he has not found in an original publication (or equivalently a date verified by such a person as Stearn, etc.), and says he expects everyone else to do the same and that accordingly any dating on a reprint should be ignored. This last since, quite as we know, reprints have borne incorrect dates--but my point is that this is one reason for not dating the

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reprints with an explicit statement that the date given is that of initial issue--this he rejects as unnecessary. I am not making a fight over it, of course, because I have no chance doing anything but stirring up displeasure. As for the dating of our fascicles he is determined to adopt a practice which seems to have crept in recently and is now found in the American Journal of Botany, Brittonia, Journal of the Arnold Arboretum, etc. This is to make a publication statement for each issue in the next issue. In the AJB and the JAA, at least the statement is made either on the first page of the succeeding issue or on the inside cover (a dangerous place!), but in Brittonia--the official publication of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists--it is stuck in anywhere throughout the text that seems to be handy and is referred to in the cover as a contents item (about the last place one would look for a publication date). Just take a look at your own copies of Brittonia and see what I am talking about. It was no surprise after I had seen this to find the editor is Peter Raven, another of our brilliant young men who may know something about their particular field of biology, but nothing about the documentation of it, and accordingly the more intolerant of anything which has been done before to try to make things clear rather than make them scure.

The Annals editor insists he is on the right course, on the one hand, and on the second, a traversable one--he claims he simply cannot date each issue as it appears (by the way, his interpretation of publication date--and that of Brittonia also--is whilhailing date, in direct disregard of international rules). He has, however, agreed to "gather" the publication dates for each volume and print them somewhere on the title leaf--I am sure he has not realized that this will involve his dating the fourth édition at the time of its appearance unless, of course, he holds the title leaf for distribution at a later date.

For about an hour this morning André Robyns was in and out of my office over this matter making a lot of positive and negative statements with some vehemence. Shortly thereafter he came down to say that he had just learned from the herbarium secretary that the Garden has a new director, David M. Gates. Let me assure you he forgot all about dates in favor of Gates and went around like one of the most shocked Belgians I could imagine, muttering to himself "how is it possible, how can a thing like this happen, it could not happen in Europe, I don't understand it," etc.

Thanks for the blur about Rees' Cyclopaedia--we have the original although it needs new covers.

Also in the mail today came a small package from you containing an extract from the Abrégé des Transactions Philosophiques, Matière Médicale et Pharmacie. Frankly, I had not recalled your taking it with you, but recognize it as our property and shall see that it gets catalogued both under Camelli and the Philosophical Transactions. I do recall, however, you took with you as well the two volumes of the Abrégé: Botanique,

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for it was those in which there were so many references which you wanted to check with the Banister manuscript and these about which I have inquired two or three times. Please let me know if I am incorrect here.

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

March 1, 1965

Dear George:

So many things to talk about? Verily! First, your plant collection: I have talked this over with Tom Earle, Head of Dept, and we agree that if you would like to see it come here, with delay in putting it into the University Herbarium, on a sort of faith in the future of this University playing an important role in botany of Deep South and Caribbean, we hope you would decide to send it to us. Honestly, there is no immediate chance of getting the labels prepared. This is due to conversion of Dept to a Biol Dept and consequent budgetary uncertainties, but we are all hoping things will go along (on the usual deficit spending basis), with 'good luck' in gifts and the grants. But, we shall not feel wronged if you decide to send the collection elsewhere where in truth it may be put to use sooner.

If you decide to send it here, on such a vision-of-the-future-basis!, we would appreciate some estimate, guesstimate, of the cost by motor freight. Again, this seems rediculous to ask you to trouble yourself with this, but the 1965 budget must close without the usual carry-over since we are changing management. Sorry for this chore. Number of cartons weighing average 6 lbs each would give us the figure we need to make motor freight inquiry.

The Sowers catalogues are finally mailed; they were loaned to Mr. Howard, our genial patron, who is quite a bibliophile and thoroughly enjoyed the introductions. You will, I hope, receive the Abrege in a day or two. Thanks, so much, for its loan. I have a xerox copy of the botanical portion.

Lawrence has had a real pile up judging from his last letter with lost records on the materials to be copied, for and by whom, etc. I had several items to be done from last summer's various stops and it will be some time before the records are back together again. He wrote a very penitent letter and I am sure he is distressed at the situation. In any event, he is genial and from all evidences without arrogance in the face of the patent over-extensions that have transpired at the Hunt.

Welden says Corner (of Cambridge) has done a wonderful job on his Life of Plants (Weidenfeld, London, 55s) 1964. I have ordered a copy but have not seen his.

Long interesting letter from Melzie Demaree from Heraklion, Crete! His d. and s.i.l. (chaplin in USA) have been stationed there. Says goats are competitors!

FLASH! Pomfret letter just came as I typed: "Thank you for your letter of February 20. At the present time there is no vacancy for one of Mr. George B. VanSchaack's qualifications at this institution. Sincerely yours,
signed/ John E. Pomfret
cc: Mr. Kimnach "

Army Medical Library, Chevy Chase; Mellon Library; but I think you should keep an eye on Hunt, for after all there's where your special talents would play a fruitful part. Things may be realigned--have to be--and a year might do it. Duane Roller, librarian, DeGolyer Library, Oklahoma, is in Hist. Dept. as a faculty member. See it by all means.

On separate p. are some queries. We shall be so grateful. . .

Tom

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Hafner Publishing Company ------- 31 East 10th Street, New York, N. Y. 10003

January 27, 1965

Professor
Joseph Ewan
Tulane University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Botany
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Professor Ewan:

I just finished reading your edition of JOHN LYON, NURSERYMAN AND PLANT HUNTER, AND HIS JOURNAL, especially so, since you mentioned on page 5 Humphry Marshall's Arbustum Americanum, a copy of which was given to me recently.

As you probably have noticed, I have been extremely interested in the early history of botany in America. The thought occured to me then, if we could not start a series of reprints, perhaps with the title of "BIBLIOTHECA BOTANICA AMERICANA". The question of course arises, whether you would be willing to put your name to this series as editor. I am thinking of titles like Torrey & Gray, Pursh, Elliott, Marshall and others. I believe that the value of these reprints would be enhanced by the addition of a preface by you.

I would be happy to hear your thoughts on this proposition including of course a financial arrangement as to what you think you are entitled to. I know of course that you are always extremely busy, but believe, judging from conversations with other botanists, that this could become a fine series which in my opinion is long overdue.

With kind regards and best wishes for a happy New Year,

sincerely yours,
HAFNER PUBLISHING COMPANY

Harry Lubrecht
Editor

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Dictated by Mr. H. Lubrecht,
signed in his absence.

George: I have agreed to edit the series — Joe

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

24 February 1965

Dr. C. Harvey Gardiner
Southern Illinois University Press
Carbondale

Dear Dr. Gardiner:

Your Press brochure has just come to hand telling of the reprinting of H. Koster's Travels in Brazil. I hope that there will be a bibliographic introduction providing some notes on the various editions? I have a set of the second edition, London, 1817, and the French edition, 1816, translated by Jay. You are no doubt aware that the botanical appendix by Dr. Manoel Arruda da Camara and its history carries a good deal of interest for the student of tropical American economic botany. The footnotes in the two editions before me differ considerably in content.

Very sincerely,
Joseph Ewan
Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

Postscript: Your announcement that "the books will be completely reset in modern format and will be abridged, if necessary, for the modern reader" alienates my interest at once. In my confessedly antiquarian interests I should like to see a faithful reprinting of the first edition, with introductory matter set in modern format, and thereby providing the materials of the very rare original and values for the modern reader who does not know the backgrounds of the period in question. J.E.

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STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE COLLEGE

Nacogdoches, Texas

January 11, 1965

Department of Biology

Curator, Herbarium
Department of Botany
St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I am writing regarding some new locations of Paspalum minus, Fourn in the United States. Last summer I picked up some of this in Louisiana near Abita Springs and also in Mississippi, near Vancleave.

I am writing a short article about some new locations for this species. Do you know of any other locations in Louisiana? If so, if you would give me the information about them, I would be glad to include them in my article and of course acknowledge you.

Thanks very much. Please let me hear about this soon.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald J. Banks

Donald J. Banks
Assistant Professor

DJB/kw

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Department of Botany

14 January 1965

Dr. Donald J. Banks
Dept. of Biology
Stephen F. Austin State College
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Dr. Banks:

What I know about Paspalum minus is minimum but I wish I knew more. Unfortunately there is no time for me to identify the several unidentified sheets of Paspalum in our herbarium to determine if your grass is among them. In another sense, I should be very skeptical of an identification of P. minus that appears on a random sheet.

If you would consent to looking over our Paspalums with a view to picking up range extensions and the like I shall be pleased indeed to send them along. Moreover, if you have a duplicate of the grass you are interested in and could send it ~~mine~~ us to learn more about thespecies that, too, would be most acceptable. We are in the field toward collecting a good representation of the Louisiana flora for our herbarium and we shall be glad to watch for special items of interest to colleagues.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

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January 7, 1965.

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th and your appreciative remarks about the box I had sent. Where is the Lantern in the United States which would or could produce such a copy as I sent you? But it will take more than this Lantern to light the way in South Africa. I spent the evening recently with Dr. and Mrs. Comte (retired chemist, Monsanto, who with his wife has helped me in the grass herbarium for some years)—the had been for three months in the eastern part of South Africa last summer with her family. He found it a most beutiful country, but in most depressing civilization. It is essentially his belief that either the white people will have to leave which they can't, of course, there being no place for them to go, or there will some day be a tremendous massacre, for the blacks are just as implacable as the whites and several times as numerous. I am glad to enclose the information which Nesta needs. I am sorry to have to admit that I do not recall asking for anything about Kamel or George Hunter—if you know the request and have the information, perhaps sending it along would refresh my memory. My memory also fails me on Clarence Schultz.

Your report of Lundberg's offer tempts me to purchase this object myself, for it is certainly worth more than $ 75.00. Thre are 400 lithographs of very excellent drawings about 6x8" in size and the work must become more useful as time goes on. It will surely have a reprinting some day for two or three hundred dollars which will be very inferior to the original. I don't think it is of much value to you, however, for although the plants are arranged somewhat systematically, there is no connective text, merely descriptions, not even so far as I recall any key.

I am sorry to hear about Delzie Demaree's misfortune, which is really in the future and not in the past, for I can imagine just how he feels now about going away again.

Jerry Stannard comes on the 18th—I have had no answer to my invitation that he stays with me a day or two before that, but I shall see him at dinner that evening before he speaks—on the derivation of Greek science from Greek philosophy instead of on Dioscorides as earlier announced. By the way, did I tell you we are going to get the 1549 Dioscorides which contains the first edition of Valerius Kordus' Annotationes? There is a copy at Harvard and also in the McKinzie Library, but it is a very scarce book.

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Yes, what a library--but more of that at another time. I wrapped the Bartram for you and am sending it to you personally because I should not trust Tualne to return it in suitable wrapping--you will be able to save the original wrapping and re-use it, but Tulane would lose it and send it back in ordinary corrugated cardboard. You know, of course, I break my rule here in sending on personal loan, but you are a special case and surely this object cannot very easily be lost to sight. One object we have not mentioned now for a long time may, however, currently be lost to sight and I should like to know about it. This is the 1 (or is it 2?) volume Abrégés of the Royal Society Transactions (botany) which you took back with you last February just before you were ill. I think this was for Nesta's use and wonder whether she has finished with it, for I should like to have the several volumes of our copy of the Abrégés repaired and catalogued so I can forget about them. And while I think of it, though it is quite minor, I wonder if you have Sauer's catalogue which you took on the plane available without looking for it. I have a set of these and should like to keep them, but if you cannot locate it immediately don't worry about it.

Your letter about Smith and Turner is most excellent and was greatly appreciated by Henry. He read it tandem with one from Harlan Lewis which more largely is devoted to Turner, his remarks following a short paragraph to the effect that Al was the obvious proper solution. He did not damn Turner, but he called a spade a spade and ended with the sentence 'he simply could not do the job'. Henry's letter of yesterday caused a great deal of flurry and work only to be cancelled by his telegram of this morning (that is, the letter not the worry and work!)--Barry had misreported to the selection committee chairman, the real fact being that Pierre would not touch the job with a hundred yeard dash! How the choice can go to anyone other than Al except by pure disregard of competent advice it is difficult to see, but the tension for the next two weeks will not be easy to endure--however, I am going to try to survive it.

With warm greetings to Nesta and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

4 January 1965

Dear George:

Hail the New Year! I have just watched and listened to Lyndon Baines Johnson on tv and it was good. The state of the president is imaginative and I am very hopeful for the fate of the union.

Well, thanks, George, for the book of wonders, the facsimile from Goa, and for the autobiography of the English publisher--hardly had time to taste that one--and Lantern, pleased not to have missed that issue. Thanks, so much. Had not heard of Lantern before this and esp. celebration number.

I believe you said Jerry Stannard is coming this week? You will find him very interesting indeed. Fine skills with languages he has; perhaps if you have a chance to see ISIS you may wish to glance at the last issue, Sept. 1964, for his article on a Huntington Library 15th cent. bot. glossary. He is now at Rutgers and I wonder why he left Yale? Suppose salary.

Poor Delzie Demaree found his house had been broken into during his stay in N.O. and the little was actually lost or damaged--teenage theft--it was sad to see the upset and threat of it all. Now he feels unsure to go away again. He had silver dollars (from Nevada chances) stashed away here and there about the house and they missed all of 292 but one, a graduation present of 1908.

I cannot find that I ever wrote Clarence Schultz re Palmer's colls. made on Longs Peak. You wrote me in 1962 about his coming to MBG and I wonder if anything ever came of his quest. There is little to say but that the colls. are in the USNH but without loc. and what may have come from Longs Peak cannot be vouchsafed. Colorado and the year is on the label in each instance and that is all. Field book evidently lost.

Gordon P. DeWolf, Ga. Southern College, Statesboro, is issuing ELLIOTTIA, nos. 1 and 2 having been distributed. You must write for them if he has not sent them. They are most unfortunate, wretched mimeo job and will not outlast the century, yet have his decisions on genus Ficus. No one will give a fig for his word on the face of this fruit.

See note from Chamonal's cat on Prtizel 5738--what a library!!

The ref in Francis Harper's broadside on Caribou and eskimos to fallout verdict from Commoner caught my eye. Quite the plant physiologist, barry none. No need to drop the leaflet in the mails, let it fall out wheresoever it must.

I find an old note: send George biog. ref on Kamel, and, 2, on J.F.McDermott(s George Hunter--did you get them? If not they will follow in next letter.

Nesta asks: CAN GEORGE look up L., Sp. pl. ed. 2 (not here) and copy off entry for Gouana domingensis. Many thanks.

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One thing I would like to borrow is the photostat of the WILLIAM BARTRAM materials in the BM(NH) arranged for by Fred Meyer. Could it be borrowed on regular interlibrary loan basis with Tulane Library or directly? I would like to work thru my notes against that record for about 90 days, or less if possible.

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Eric Lundberg offers us ICONES BOGORIENSIS, 400 pls., in parts, 1897-1914, 4 vols. for $75 but I cannot recall what it could do for us? What do you think? Would be find it useful for questions on trop. botany?

Well, this is all for this evening, and

so,

with all the best from both of us,

Joe

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November 18, 1964.

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for your letter of last Thursday which, I suspect, you wrote after you got home from work that night. I am glad to know that you seem to be feeling so well and are getting so much work done, for I realize how this last perks you up.

I am afraid you misunderstood my question about Mrs. Eisendrath--all I wanted was the names of one or two antiquarian book shops she could visit in New York if you happened to have them in mind; I didn't want you to put any effort into it, and since she is now back from New York, I don't want you to think about it again.

I enclose the horns which you have asked for. Rereading them, I regret the more that I hadn't written the piece so that their goring at least could have been present. To-date, no one who did not already know about the article has sent in any re-action, at least to me.

I cannot remember when I wrote you last, but I don't think I have told you that Herb was here at the symposium, looked above him and threw in the towel. He did, however, strongly recommend our going after Al Smith, which action, quite confidentially, is being vigorously undertaken. My hands are stiff from keeping my fingers crossed over this, but I have good reason to believe Al is interested and I have been most successful in selling the idea to Henry. Of course, the more difficult hurdles are ahead: first, Henry's having to sell the idea to the Board with whatever ticket Al may put on it and second, getting Washington University to accept the appointment which carries with it a full professorship at the university which, however, does not mean that the university must pay any of the salary--how the university could make a refusal here is difficult to see, but many of its actions have not been easy to understand. Should all this come to naught, I don't know where we should go next. I believe, however, we should have to invite Cronquist to come for an interview, for he has been very strongly recommended by Herb and mentioned by several other people. My own opinion is he could not do the job and would simply mess us up even more, but whether this would be clear to the Board from an interview, I do not know. I have a distinct recollection of five or six people making strong recommendations to me against his candidacy during the summer.

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Well, I must get back to work which involves continuing to try to clear out enough of the stuff sitting around so that other work can be done, but there seems to be no end of that.

With all good wishes for you as well as for a safe return of Nesta,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS/cl.

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

12 November 1964

Dear George:

Yes, I am alive and well. Just o'erwhlmed. This noon I put Nesta ón a Delta jet for Los Angeles. She is visiting her mother, aet. 83, who is still very chipper but Nesta has not seen her since 1960 and feels so earnestly that she would rather see her quick than dead, so she is taking a holiday with her and with Harris unit in Monterey, incl. Bcott Harris, aet. 5 mos. She returns day before Thanksgiving.

Today I mailed 210 pp. of Banister bookscript incl. biog. and accessory parts, which Nesta and I numbered with numbering stamp this morning before I drove her to the plane. This is the revision. It included the new info we picked up this summer--which was impressive if only bits and oddments.

This morning I posted the first four galleys of Bib. La. Bot. to Bill Reese, so this is getting under way. Bill is a tyro with bibliographies and I hope he will not insist on some of his ideas which are unfortunate; I am trying to be firm but sweet.

This afternoon Bernice Schubert's batch of galleys arrived for Sargent-Cocks letters, for Jour. Arnold Arboretum, Jan. issue. They look pretty clean and it will be a nice looking account, with portr.

This evening I have just finished my Thurs. class in Pl. Geog.--we meet Tu and Th 7-8:30, with five students in the class. It is always fun but takes time for I want to show them illustrative material, etc. Tonight it was a report by one of the class members on Arbuckle Mts. of Okla and their affinity, etc., floristically, history of its flora. I have two soph labs in general botnay, with lab assistants to help me. But it keeps you busy.

Well, all this is not intended to dissuade you from writing but I shall have to catch my breath on the Eisendrath call for refs. but I shall make it. I am glad you are sending the books for HTMemLibrary, as per your letter today. Many thanks indeed.

The MBG Bull has been polled but it is a beautiful bull from Minerva's pasture. Sometime give me the horns, George, that lay at your feet after EA's dehorning for I should like to keep that little chapter in American botany for the archives.

Oh! I do take a break now and then: this evening Marg and I had supper at the Tulane cafeteria--we both had 7 o'clock classes so could not escape far--she is living ina dear little apt in the French Quarter, working in a Spanish restaurant three days a week, taking four classes at Newcomb College, and evidently enjoying herself. She is taking 2 philos. classes and liking the whole deep dish. Yes, she lives alone, and cooks her meals, with some meals at the pizza chili tienda near Brannan's.

All for the moment, but with every good wish!

Joe

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November 10, 1964.

Professor Joe Ewan
Department of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Dear Joe,

Here is an earnest of the copies which ou would like to have and which will be sent when they have reached us. You will note I have incorporated most of the things which you suggested--I hope it will not irk you that I did not change Oviedo's title to read "de las" instead of "delas"; I was retaining the spelling of the title page, however incorrect it may be. There is another earnest enclosed in the form of an invoice--the books are packed and will, I believe, be mailed today.

How much there would be to talk about if only you were here, too much to take on ina letter just now. I do hope you are keeping well and not working too hard.

Best greetings to the family and yourself,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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September 29, 1964.

Dear Joe,

What do you have to say about the Lion and Unicorn Press' publication of Captain Cook's Flora--that is, its purchase by this library? Frans Stafleu was quite angry over it and was very critical of Stearn's having anything to do with it, since it is obviously, whatever its botanical importance may be, a snob item. To publish seven extra copies with additional plates is simply to complicate future scientific work rather than otherwise. If this were a matter of publishing esoteric material of interest only to its possessors it would be a different matter. The price too seems to me to be outrageously snobbish, particularly since the whole thing is an exercise for students in the Royal College of Art who are paying for instruction rather than being paid for exercising their craft. It seems pretty clear we shall have the money to buy this (and it certainly simplifies life if $ 300.00 brings in only one book instead of hundred books), but I still question whether it is something we should buyout for. Incidental query: I wonder why the announcement should have been sent to me by the Peabody Institute of Baltimore, the name "Filby" written on the outside of the envelope.

The enclosure is getting somewhat old but may still be of interest. Otherwise nothing further to report so far.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Captain Cook's FLORA

The Lion and Unicorn Press is proud to announce a new venture. It is publishing an out-of-series limited edition of a selection of plates engraved after Captain Cook's first voyage.

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The engravings were in fact never published and the original plates are in the Natural History Museum in London. It was felt that it would be a unique opportunity for the Royal College of Art to co-operate with the Museum in producing a fine book of great botanical and historical interest.

The plants were named by the botanists of the time, but it is interesting to note that because these plates were never published, the names of the plants have been altered in the intervening years. The publication will therefore be of great interest to botanists as well as lovers of fine books as the drawings are extremely beautiful.

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If you would like a prospectus sent to you, please write to Lion and Unicorn [illegible] S.W.7

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Written at Park House Hotel,
126 Queen's Gate
LONDON, S.W.7 30 July'64
but from Aug. 1-18 at
Tait Guest House
22 Glenorchy Terrace
Edinburgh 9
AFTER that back here in LONDON

Dear George:

Nesta and I were beginning to wonder if you were ill and so esp. glad to have your letter of July 15th. Our concern was based on W. T. Stearn's report that you had a very hot trip into the Ozarks verging on heat prostration--the first report centered on WTS's feelings but a week later it had shifted to GBVS and his discomforture. WTS has had very little to say about the meetings, almost nothing. We (and Mildred Mathias) were supper guests at their new house in Kew and little was mentioned at that time and he seemed so little impressed with the papers. I do hope they were more worthwhile than this evidence would lead me to believe. I have wondered if they considered the problems of the bio-bibliographer in any session? They asked for answers to a considerable question sheet and I filled it out fully on the score that something was to be done with the reports recd. Perhaps too little response to make it worthwhile.

We have had a very good visit, very full, and rewarding. Lots of things to see and too little time to indulge in the fullest attention. But we have had some excellent fortunes in finding mss material, conferences with librarians and the like. Mr. Desmond, Librarian at RBG, Kew, --now in his third year there--is a very good fellow. Knows the problems and has a lot of keen interest, you would very much enjoy him. Of course Phyllis Edwards, Bot. Dept. Librarian, at BM(NH) is ten years' wiser than when I was here before and she was very sharp then. Alec Townsend is most genial, in main library, BM(NH), and Sawyer, speciliast in zool. lit. retires next Jan.--this will be a loss for he knows an immense fund of lore about voyages and like, sales catalogues, etc. Last Sat. we were at the Chelsea Physick Garden library and that was fun. Small but very rich coll dating from Isaac Rand and his coterie. Past two weeks we have spent pretty solidly at BM at Bloomsbury over the Hans Sloane letters, and checking the Banister mss there in his own hand. We have written to Webb at U Wisc Press to see if he will be at Madison on Sept 11th, for conference on the book, and thus return that way. Not a word from Hugh Iltis since last April so no idea what is going on. He may be at Edinburgh? No, WTS did not mention the MBG fate but perhaps that is not to be wondered at, but I am glad to hear of the latest move to organize a statement from the former students at the Garden. I think should influence Palmer rather deeply but hard to tell.

We have had a postal strike over here and your letter only arr. day before yesterday, 28th, when mailed on 15th. So of course we did not know of your sister's arrival. We have heard nothing from her here at the hotel. Of course shall check the message board at Edinburgh.

I picked up some bug about three weeks or so agao and that upset my plumbing for a time but I am nearly back to normalcy except some weaving when I am tired and try to hurry in catching a train. Good appetite and folks say I look better.

Had a good day about three weeks ago at W&W, Codicote, with the Swann brothers. They were most cordial. Bought 1743 and 2070 from cat 103 for Tulane. Last Tues. spent day at T Thorpe at Guildford, which is a hodgepodge, and found some things but nothing really tremendous. Have yet to see John Maggs. Fletcher did not have anything new for us. We are going to Dublin and I hope we may find some th

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things there; but going to see Wm. Harvey corresp. and T Coulter items from his Calif. Mexican journey, if any.

Richard Scott Harris was b. June 27th to Kathleen and Dick at Monterey, two days after they arr. from transcontinental journey by auto. Doing fine. They are very happy there, D is in graduate school for Navy officers, and they like Monterey. Marjorie is working at Pacific Grove, in a restaurant. Dorothy has just finished summer session at Norman, Okla, and may visit Monterey in Aug. She goes on with library school classes in the Fall.

I hope the BM publ on printing and the mind of man finally arrived. Let me know.

Many have asked what we think about the Republican nomination, and there is very general concern over here I would say. Several excellent analyses on wireless.

We shall write again soon and we both send our very best wishes for your health and good fortunes,

in hopes for a rising star for MBG and GBVS riding on its tail, *

Joe

* Nesta says cambe precautions!

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J. Ewan

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Dr. George B. VanSchaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
St. Louis 10, Missouri, U. S. A.

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August 3, 1964.

Dear Joe and Nesta,

Many thanks for your letter of last Thursday which came in this Monday's morning mail. It reports many interesting doings in which I wish I might have accompanied you--with more to come! I hope you will run into my sister in Edinburgh. I have heard nothing from her but I believe she is probably getting along allright, for she is keeping intouch with a physician in Eltham Gardens, London S$ 7, I think--I cannot find the addres right now--and I have had no word from him either. I wonder if this would be the site of Hortus Elthamensis.

I am not particularly surprised about Stearn's meager report of the conference. I sit here now looking over the program and must confess that I find it quite difficult to remember much about most of the papers. This, of course, should not be considered as a criticism of the papers, but merely an evidence of one of my characteristics, namely hot to remember too much of what is read to me when I am sitting in a too comfortable chair. I think most of the speakers were well above the level of "not incompetent", but on the other hand they were not very exciting. Without doubt Stearn was the most erudite there and I think turned the best phrases and spoke most closely to the real business of the conference. Stafleu's paper was interesting and well given although, as he whispered to me afterwards, he hoped he would be able to add something to it for the printed version since everything he said had already appeared in his paper given at Pittsburgh. Most of the papers were unillustrated which,for a paper nearly an hour long and not enlivened by good anecdote and spicy phrasing is,to my mind, a mistake in general. Probably the best paper was given by the youngest speaker, Miss Lee, "Pursuing the strawberry through literature". She is still only a graduate student (in literature) but seems to be very able and had been sparked by Henry Wallace to trace the history of the strawberry. This she did with just the right amount of detail interspersed with humor and very well illustrated. Her partner on that particular program was Dr. Lindroth of Uppsala whose topic was "Two centuries of Linnaean studies". I am sure it was most correct but frightfull dull. Etc., etc., etc.

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The panel discussion had little to do so far as I could see with what I think you referred to when you used the word bio-bibliography--in fact I thought the whole conference had little to day about the problems of bio-bibliography, despite the fact that such people as Jerry Stannard and George Lawrence spoke. In my own mind and to several persons I have criticized the whole affair for not having invited the people who use natural history books in scientific work (Iltis, Rudolph, Beaman, DeWolf, etc.--perhaps they were invited but none of that type of person was present), but perhaps it is just as well, for there was really very little of a practical nature to assist these people in plowing through the difficulties which you and Stearn and a few others know exist. On the other hand, the whole affair was very pleasant, very well organized and provided all of us with the chance to meet old friends and make new ones. Please don't miss the opportunity to get Stafleu's reaction, not because I suspect it will be particularly good, but because I should like to know what it is. He and Stearn are almost antipodal regarding Kelly's recent book on the families of South African plants. I cannot take space to discuss it right now, except to say after I saw our copy I sold it, although perhaps we shall some day buy another as an exhibit of one of the worst books ever published. Stearn agrees with me while Frans gave it quite a little puff in Taxon.

No answer from my letter letter to Mildred Mathias--I hope it was forwarded to her at the British Museum and that she looks favorably upon the suggestion. I should appreciate your talking to her about it if you have a chance. Nothing particularly new to report in the Garden affairs except that Mr. Hitchcock has been in town for a week and suggested to me that he did not expect any appointment to be made at this time, whatever that means. I have been glad to see him and to talk with him, but I am a little concerned at his long stay, for it has been wholly spent at the hospital undergoing a series of tests. I should be much distressed for him and for us should they reveal any serious trouble. He has been doing a very excellent job and I pray we may be able to continue to lean on him until we are safely in the hands of a good director. One piece of news he did have of importance, namely that one of the more influential trustees who has always been opposed to spending very much of the income on the scientific program at the Garden, recently told him that he believed we should markedly decrease the amount of funds spent on display and particularly the culture of masses of common flowers in favor of more scientific staff and more scientific activities. This, he said, he had never expected to live long enough to hear.

I am sorry to hear you have had a period of feeling badly, but hope that the whole thing was just a bug that you caught and that you now are feeling fit again. As for my own health, it continues about the same, although some new medicine the doctor has recently given me has considerably improved my energy although it has not very much raised my blood pressure as he had hoped. But if any medicine can do anything

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for anyone here this summer it is not to be ignored. We have been suffering an extremely difficult period of heat which is unlikely to terminate for many days or even two or three weeks. My air conditioner goes continuously for at least sixteen to eighteen hours every day, but even then I cannot get the temperature below 80 degrees, and on several nights the outdoor temperature has not gone as low as 80. It was one hundred here yesterday and already this morning by 9 o'clock it was 88.

Many thanks for sending me BM publication which reached here a couple of weeks ago. Speaking of publications by the way, you have probably heard of the forthcoming facsimili in color of the now completely restored Anicia Juliana Codex of Dioskurides which will come out in some 5 Liferungen per year at three hundred dollars each—I am glad to say that we are able to place an order for this,work this time—when it was done in black and white sixty years ago we did not buy a copy,which I have regretted, but for which I am now more or less glad.

I hope your projected stop in Madison ends your difficulties with that particular publication, and hope equally that it will make possible your putting down for a day or so (or more, of course) in St.Louis on you way south. Just when I shall ever get away again I cannot imagine, for Mrs. Gregory has resigned as of the end of this month and I see no immediate prospect of replacing her with anyone worth hiring. I know of one person who would do very well for us, but I happen to know she is very happy where she is and that if I were to try to capture her, my action would be very much resented. Just what the ethics in such a situation may be I am sure I don't know.

I hope the Congress will be thoroughly enjoyable and that you will not find it too tiresome. All good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Ewan

TULANE UNIVERSITY
Department of Botany

At Lomo, Mon. pm

Date 27 April 1964

To George

From Joe

Subject: MBG exempli gratia

Remarks: Yours of 23rd was most warming and I am supposing by now you're pretty well feeling California spell & be good fellowship of friends.

First off, you have done a most versatile spightly job on the blurbs and they read arrestingly! I hope you will keep as much of the wit and freshness as possible. A mere 100 words for leaflet will be a trying experience for you will cut, rewrite and bleed before it is over, so rich are the themes of the subject.

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Of course it is so true that the conventioneers will have small time & ± passing interest in the whole drama and you will be at the Madison Avenue desk diverting them from one or another escapism to leaf over a few leaves. In short, 1000 words must do it, for like the chap on the throne way you read in a hurry or miss the turn.

I have made some few comments – no corrigenda – and can only say you obviously should do more of this blurbing!

I am grinning slowly, it seems, but just anxious to see one of Nestor's broiled lamb chops before me at once!

Surely hope your stay is Rosa & its fragrance staying –

Cordially Joe

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AS-3 "William Hooker — no relation of the Director of Kew — "

AS-6,7 "1805 Michaux the Younger traveled extensively"

"Robert Owen's ~~Associa~~ experiment"

communitarian

Beatrix word, and a good one

I-9 Allen's folio should be noted for being in tradition of Audubon's elephant folio 2d. I Rush Allen may have been influenced by Audubon and tried his Victoria plate but its production proved too difficult. Bateman's Orchids of Great. is only botanical folio comparing w/ Allen in size to my knowledge.

L-V Clifford may have had herb. Linnaeus calls. before Linnaeus met him but I would predict this followed

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study of living garden material when a permanent record seemed desirable.

"and also (preserved as Herbarium"

(at least later)

L-7 "Linnaeus introduced the (binomial naming" (first consistent)

Bauhin used hundreds of binomials but passim.

Am-2 "botanical Americana, (containing"

(by one who never visited America,

Am-5 "to collect plants and seeds, and to determine the feasibility of such worm culture in Swedish colonies in America."

To be checked

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Am-7 Marshall was a businessman, among other things, and his Arbustrum was printed to expedite exchange of American spp. w/ German or European correspondents. Hence alphabetical arrangement. There were previous lists of American trees, e.g. van Wangenheim's. I am not sure Marshall is first in "American hemisphere" though upland cannot refute. I know positively 1st imprint of US origin I devoted to trees. I suggest you delete reference to work of a key because that was not his concern in remotest way.

Am-8 Hosack spent much of his personal fortune as a practicing physician to support Elgin Garden but had to desist for he was generous in other ways as well. He lived to about 1835.

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Am – 9 "Jacob Bigelow, Boston physician, produced"

R – 5 Perhaps worth stressing that Fuchs insisted on study of his own flora and illustration of it and came to recognize errors stemming from trying to make classic authors dealing w/ Med. spp. account for northern European plants.

R – 6 Two separate titles bound together? as in my copy (1575 & 1585) – perhaps this should be clarified in description since copy can be opened at only a single position (?).

R – 7 Perhaps (?) some allusion to Royal Society and brilliant quartet of decade 1660–1670 – Hooke, Grew, Malpighi & Leeuwenhoek – might find a place. Hooke's being nudged out by discoveries of others due purely to fervent of the times scientific

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R-8 "to the person who bore the expense of the engraving" = not exactly correct. Petiver dedicated the plate *before* receiving patronage *on hope* he would win favor of patron! It is evident he did not always win at his game. Doubtless on several instances he had tacit ok he would be helped and surely many were flattered to be so honored. He irritated some persons in this device.

These are suggestions and of course no attempt has been made to compose phrase in every instance.

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
Department of Botany

Date 11 May 1964

To George

From Joe

Subject: Eisendrath memo, etc.

Remarks: Yo Semite sounds superb! What good companions! I am very happy for you getting in this trip. We are framing the color photocard - as you surmised we would.

I am glad the blurbs will not have to be trimmed much (if at all) and that Bill was "entertained" (which means, to us, something he was not expecting! In short, positive compliment if coy).

I am sending carbon of my list to Erna Eisendrath for such carry-on help as she may call for.

Best to you!

Joe

Still weaving as I walk but cum spiro spero!

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Tool Kit for the Graduate Student in Botany, or Books to own and to know intimately:

) Pritzel, Thesaurus of Botanical Literature (1872) available in good reprint Milan edition for about $20.
) Daydon-Jackson, Dictionary of botanical terms (latest ed.)
) Wettstein, Handbuch der systematischen Botanik (1935) available in good Spanish (Madrid imprint) transl. for those who find that language more acceptable. The plates have come off rather poorly in some instances in the Spanish ed. Bibliography of this ref. work is excellent. Ills. are unsurpassed for detail and helpfulness. One fine feature is summary of lit. for any given plant family appears as footnotes adjacent to the treatment of the family in question. Coverage is up to 1934 or just before going to press. Original German ed. is difficult to obtain and usually brings at least $45. today.
) Bailey, Manual of Cultivated Plants (ed. 2 essential).
) Fernald, Gray's Manual of Botany for ne. U.S. (1950).
) Sargent, Manual of Trees of N. Amer. (ed. 2) available in good Dover paperback 2-volume ed. for less than $5.00.
) Candolle, Alphonse de Origin of Cultivated Plants Now available in Stechert-Hafner reprint ed. for $5. Nothing has surpassed it.
) Merrill, Plant Life of the Pacific World. Useful for checking tropical plant questions for neotropics and world generally. Line drawings are very useful.
) Standley, Flora of the Panama Canal Zone (USNatHerb. Contrib.) This is another regional ref. work of wide usefulness.
) Fairchild, World was my garden (try to get the first printing for the superior quality of the photographs--1943(?)--after which the reprint runoffs are less desirable. Delightful narrative that has been rarely if ever surpassed for its refreshing informative style.
) Carter, ABC of Book Collecting. This seems out of place but to know books, it is essential that you know their anatomy. This will instruct you sucessfully in this important subject. Collecting is merely the final happy precipitate of this activity of learning to know books.
) Barlow, Nora Charles Darwin's Diary of the H. M. S. Beagle. Refreshing bedside book for the worn out biologist.
) Christensen, Fungi and Men. Exceptional for its wit and wisdom.
) Lawrence, Principles of Plant Taxonomy. Best text for the subject. That it covers plant geography, rules of nomenclature, etc., which may be outside the usual course in Plant Taxonomy is but langniappe.
)Foster, Practical Plant Anatomy. Excellent handbook for answering many everyday lab. questions in this important field.

Joseph Ewan
9 May 1964

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

11 April 1964

Dear George:

Pleased to hear from you, twice in fact, and I may not have acknw the arrival of the parcel of Iltis items and the nice surprise! Withering and all that 19th century coterie put out the "introductions" and the prodromes. Thanks for the set.

Return to Touro Wed. next, patched up on 20th and home, D.V., around the 1st This should not be such a long incline. The peripectolin keeps me wobbly and that is a great discomfort. Only this week have I ventured to type and focus none to good. But I am putting back some weight and now I go up and down steps, one at a time of course. Nice to see the birds around the house--migration brings quite a number: Parula warbler, summer tanager, tufted titmouse, white eyed vireo, yellow warbler, and so on.

Bill is not a rare bird among librarians, I should say, for the library school graduate pretty much sounds like Bill. Incidentally, the APS and some other folks select their librarians from outside the ranks you may have noticed? They take a historian, medical historian, or such. Huntington swarms with historians in all the more important posts.

Hitchcock sent me a copy of the report which looks very well said indeed. I do hope that Walter Hodge considers for it seems to me more and more that he is the the man. His orientation with physiology thru NSF calls puts him in a sparring position with Barryages that will be flung at him.

Will be happy to read the blurbs, for exhibit, perhaps I said.

Lindley's Outline (1830) is a nice pluck. I have present. to his daughter Sarah, you recall. This is his later text of early 1850's. Wm. Stearn is or was stirring away on a life of John Lindley.

You will have little trouble in getting the folks engaged with old Matthioli if you show them his visage, his place in history of herbals, the lifting and borrowing and all that flourished in the right-to-copy days. Talk on the pop side and put the onerous details into the printed acct for the Stevensons and their kin. Use a lot of reprod from tp's and like.

Eric Lundberg sent me a homemade get-well card in shape of Carles A. White's memori of Geo. Engelmann, Mem. Nat Aacd. Sci. 1896, a present. to Dr. E.A. Mearns, the ornithologist and USArmy surg who was in the West. Collotype portr. is the best I remember seeing--old familiar one in later years but very good detail.

I presume you do not now plan to go off to California? In the fall perhaps.

With all the best
from Joe

P.S. Need full name and mailing address for Mrs. Eisendrath--find I have that list I promised to send her on student book needs. Just a postal will do, George, for I know how busy you are and save your strength! Do hope you get to Santa Rosa! So nice to have known those old gardens.

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Department of Botany

At Touro, Wed. am,
11 March 1964

Dear George: Feeling much stronger today and hope to go home. Your letter was wonderful and told me just what I was curious about. I see there is little doubt as to where the "Barrier" is going to set toward progress along essential lines. It is indeed a sombre vista, and I see no candidate exactly able to cope w/ the man. Rollins could but I really cannot think of his leaving Harvard (though there is some bedeviling intrinsecus wan there which he might try to escape) Baker is weak and would not hold leaderships; Stewart you accurately appraise and must not be considered; Wagner is far away the best.

Yes I was asked to participate at Kansas and suggested you. I fervently hope you will take it on. Your letter is not at hand but your plan is good and all knit on the grass ill. (if possible) would give unity w/ diversity. Should make a good story! (I had nothing to do about grass iconography as a theme & do not know where that entered the plan but rather a natural suggestion). I think you will have cooperation in getting full illustrations for the published paper. It seems quite unthinkable that the ills. would be restricted.

All for now, dear friend,
— my sincere best
Tom

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HERBARIUM
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
DALLAS 22, TEXAS

LINES PENNED IN RETALIATION FOR J. EWAN'S
DUBIOUS VERSES PENNED ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS SUBSCRIBING TO S I D A

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of saucy SIDA's early career!
On November 23, 1962,
Two issues were mailed - no less would do
To hold its omnium-gatherum chatter
On botany and culture - unprintable matter!
From Siberia to Bolivia plants now bear
New names most recklessly published there,
While botanists smile, or mostly berate
From Harvard clear to the Golden Gate
The effort to make of simple history
Something worse than a murder mystery.
The name is ancient, but Greek though it be,
Please don't say that "It's Greek to me" —
You've two meanings to choose between, you see:

Shinners' Infamous Damnable Activities
Shinners' Interesting Delightful Activities

Is worse to come? Just wait and see!

26 Nov. 1962

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April 16, 1964.

Dear Joe,

Your very welcome letter came yesterday to confirm your good report on yourself on the weekend conversation. I hasten to improve the report on myself by telling you that the next day I remembered my trouble might be coming from my neck and so,at least, I believe most of it was, for as soon as I began using traction every morning I felt much better. However, this does not give me any more time really and I am not sorry I cancelled the talk.

Your suggestions regarding the latter are excellent, I feel, and perhaps some day I shall get around to putting them in effect. I should, however, like to have a somewhat better thread to use and I was just working on the matter from the standpoint of trying to explain the continued success of the very small (postage stamp-sized) cuts, first made in 1561 and apparently last used in 1806. After a century of use they were picked up for the so-called "Petit Bauhin", under exactly whose doing I am not sure, if it is even known. This was a guide to the plants of Europe,a sort of pocket flora, and appeared in at least eight editions from 1650-1766, later replaced by Gilibert's Histoire des Plantes d'Europe of 1790- and again 1806. It seems this work was always in demand and always going out of print. What I began to note about the cuts was that small as they are and not too far from crudely done, as I leafed through the work my eye was caught by at least a hundred which I felt I was pretty sure of at a mere glance, and this for a Flora of Europe not of the United States. The matter makes me think of Andy's search for the answer to the question 'how does everyone tell an apple from an orange', which of course, everyone does, and never from any relatively inconspicous technical characters. In the same way there are certainly no inconspicous technical characters in these cuts so that recognition, even a certainty of it, is based on a certain indefinable "grace". This needs development, but I think it might come out to say something of botanical illustration.

I am trying to get along with writing the blurbs, but there are so many interesting things to look at that I proceed very slowly. Last night and today I have been working on the group of Linnaean items and have taken the time to examine at some length the so-called autobiography which Linnaeus wrote. It is a remarkable and amazing document which should have a full scale exposition some day, for what it is actually is his personally written resumé for immortality in the same way that the Orbis Eruditi had been for his getting the job at Uppsala forty years before--the order for the latter version was vastly bigger and so is the resumé. There are several hundred pages of it of which only about a fourth exists in an English translation

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in Pulteney's second edition and doubtfully more than a half in a German translation. As a probably unparalleled human document it really should be translated into English in proper flavor of language and without a single comma left out.

Mrs. Biesendrath will be very pleased to receive the list. It would reach her if you addressed it ot her at the Botany Department of Washington University, for she has a desk there and is teaching there this semester.

Fifteen minutes after we talked the other night, Hugh Iltis called up and wanted to know if I ever talked to you! He wanted me to convey the message that there is no final decision on the manuscript yet and that he has every hope to push it through the way you want it. I told him you were on the way back to Touro and he wanted you to know this to bolster you while there. I am not just sure what I can bolster you with except my good thoughts and best wishes—I feel sure you will not stay very long and must soon be back to regular if not normal operation. Better not plan on normal operation for some time.

With best greetings to all,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS/cl

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April 9, 1964.

Dear Joe,

I hope that by the time this reaches you your second ordeal with the surgeon will be over and you will be mending for permanency. I have been wondering about you since last hearing, but have assumed that you must be very busy when you have the strength do so and that at other times you are resting.

No word from Walter since he left here a week ago, although it was quite clearly indicated to him that the Board would be pleased if he would show his willingness to consider an offer. I got to see him for only a few minutes, this directly after he has spent some time with Barry Commoner. They had had a very frank talk and Barry had not masked his intention to press for much more extensive graduate study of physics and chemistry for all doctor degrees candidates in botany. Despite Walter's very dim view of this intention and his conviction that Barry has to be "contained", I seem to feel that he was interested enough in the Garden problem to keep the way open to be given an offer. I don't know what the state of tenure in his present position is. I should doubt it was very secure and he does have three children yet to go through college, so that a position from which no one has ever been fired does have a certain attractiveness it would seem to me. Well, more of that later.

We received an interesting little book item today, a copy of Lindley's "An outline of the first principles of botany" 1813. It had been advertised in Gurney's catalogue where it was noted that it was a presentation copy to his wife. But the person who examined it for listing did not notice that the four plates are not engravings of the trade copy but Lindley's original drawings themselves. I had thought £ 4.15.- rather high, but now I think it rather low, for the drawings are really excellent. Despite the book having had six editions not including five translations, we had no edition of it at all.

I suppose you have received a copy of the second preliminary announcement of the meetings at Lawrence and Kansas City. I have had rather cold feet since receiving my copy, but perhaps that is because of the weather which has been particularly bad ! As I become more familiar with the whole matter it becomes difficult to believe that anybody could be interested in it, so I am trying hard to think of some way to make it more acceptable than I momentarily find it.

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Well, all for today since I want this to get into mail this afternoon. Hugh has just passed by and when I told him I was writing you, he asked me to send you his greetings. Shall we look for good news from you soon.

With best greetings to all of you,

Sincerely yours,

George D. Van Schaack
Librarian

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April 2, 1964.

Dear Joe,

Very glad to have your two letters and their enclosures this last week and especially to hear that you seem to be making good progress. It is indeed too bad you go back for further repair, but there is every reason to believe that this should not be very complicated and that your recovery will be rapid. Just remember not to get too restless and to give yourself plenty of rest.

It must be most upsetting to both you and Nesta to have had this trouble with the Wisconsin press. I regret I don't understand all the details, but I feel you have certainly borne with them overpatiently long enough and that you are justified in withdrawing the manuscript. They are understandingly dismayed at this, but it is certainly their own fault; if a press does not hire an editor to make done what it seems to want done, it is their responsibility and not the author's responsibility and I do not see that they can hold you for a single penny--their present insistence on still a third editor is open admission that they have failed in their first two, not that you have failed.

Your suggestion for an exhibit title I I consider to be very good indeed, more than that, most appropriate. It does not, however, "speak" to Bill and what we shall have I do not know. The selection of items is now more or less completed, but the blurbs have still to be written. There will be six groups; rarities, association copies, Americana, Linnaeana, Engelmanniana and illustrated books. These overlap, of course, and on considering my situation with Bill several were moved in position. I thought the most amusing objection was with regard to myhhaving placed among rarities the little Bartram I copied for you several years ago and Alverson's catalogue "let's put the Bartram in Americana and skip the Alverson; we don't want to appear not to know what is really valuable".

Yes, the intention is to have a numbered list and then a running account of 1200 or 1500 words.

Walter Hodge is here today and I expect that within a couple of weeks an offer will be made to somebody, very likely to Herb or Walt. She shoe will then be pinching on the Univeristy's foot, for were the situation not the mess it is, I think either one of these people might well accept an offer and if either refuses an

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offer because of the situation there it must put the University in a considerable spot.

Well, I must get to work, so no more for today. Please let me know when you can how you are getting along and if there is anything I can do for you.

Best greetings to all,

Sincerely yours,

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March 8, 1964

Dear Joe,

The last word I had on you, last Monday evening, was very good, and I hope I should have even better were I to call this evening. Now that you are mending I trust you are not going to get restless, of course, you simply must not! This mishap is a frustrating setback just when you were so well-planned ahead, but you must not try to make it all up right off. I can't imagine what this may have done to your summer schedule, but I hope you can retrieve some of it. But, if not, there will be any number of other things which you can do. If your going to England will only be delayed, perhaps you can get a lot of preliminary work done by using the photocopy of the Bartram which we have. I think I remember which it is, but I'm not sure--as I remeber, it isn't very easy to read in the white on black copy which we have, but perhaps you could read it slowly and dictate it to someone who could type while you deciphered. Just let me know when you want it.

I got to see the various council members for varying lengths of time--Rog and Arthur for dinner the night before, Jonathon for a few minutes the next morning, George Lawrence for breakfast and dinner on Saturday, and Lewis just a handshake in Henry's office. There is no report as yet, but from Arthur's remarks just after the meetings closed, George's guarded statements at dinner, and Henry's confidences the next day, plus a talk with Herb after he had talked to Jonathon and Rog, I have a fair idea of what went on. After the council had met with Commoner, Nichols and Went at the University Friday afternoon, it seems the whole business more or less boiled down to a consideration of how to get anyone to take the job of director as long as Barry continues with so much power in botany at the University. Before that meeting the council had selected a list of possible directors (I don't know who was on it), but afterward it changed the list, apparently to a selection of those who it thought would be able to push just as hard or harder than Commoner. I don't feel the list is very good taken straight through, but there are good names on it, and there is, of course, the question of how many names can be found to fit the condition and at the same time that of wanting the job. The names are: Wagner, Rollins, Baker (Berkeley), Hodge, Stewart (LASCA), Thompson (Henry, at UCLA) and Schultes. I don't think Herb will tangle with this matter (though from a distance I believe he will continue to oppose Commoner), Rollins is bull-headed enough to sit Commoner out and perhaps get something done meanwhile, Baker I don't know but doubt very much he would come or that the Board would like him, I think Hodge would be pushed around although he would try to find ways to control Commoner, Stewart, I'm afraid, would easily slip into LASCA ways of showing the garden ladies how to herb their patios, and would re-found the jeep train, if he would even consider leaving Calif., while Schultes might kill Commoner, or might join him. The whole thing is not very pretty. As a beginning, Rollins will be here on Tuesday as a candidate, he should, but will not, stay longer than one day. Etc., etc. George is writing up the report--he told me it would speak for one more trained professional in the library for at least five years, and for a full time book binder and repairer for five years. But, so what, if we aren't running a garden, that is, a botanical garden. Well, we shall see.

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On Friday I had a letter from the Librarian at University of Kansas containing an announcement of the rare book conference for the end of June, (poor copy enclosed)--what has become of Wolfie boy--neither hide nor hair to be seen! Who is being expected from Tulane,--in particular, were you asked to speak,--my suspicion is 'yes' and that you refused and then gave Buckman my name,--so, or not? Anyhow, in the letter he asked me to read a paper '..on grasses, pointing to their historical sources in the literature, or perhaps ... dealfing] with, some one or a group of early American botanists.' Whether I could do either of these is an academic question because of the very small amount of time I shall have free enough before the end of June. The only thing I could work up in the time is something on the five sets of illustrations for Mattioli. But I'm not at all sure this should qualify--at least 95 per cent of whatever I might say, when all boiled down, has already been said in print,--true, in Latin or German and mostly 100 to 300 years ago, and sometimes rather confusedly, and always, almost, without sufficient, if any, illustration,--it would be instructive for me to bring this together and organize it, and it might even be interesting to listen to on a June morning, but does it fit the paragraph at the bottom of page 1. To help you think about this, if you believe it's worth concentrating on, let me sketch what I have in mind: at some point probably near the beginning discuss the priority of the pirated edition of 1549, which is apparently so rare that Bissen knew nothing of it, and the origin of its cuts; discuss the two well-known sets of M's cuts, many of them pretty to look at as patterns, but not too useful botanically, the French miniature set which kept going until 1800 plus, and the Gesner-Camerarius set, by far the best for scientific purposes, reflecting Gesner's genius, and itself probably one of the prime reasons why books illustrated with it could continue to be printed through 1744, despite the fact that engraving had come into botany a hundred fifty years previously. I take note of the fact the paper would be published--I should not want it to be so unless it could be well-illustrated, and I wonder whether money for that would be handy.

Well, it's time for me to get home. Busy times are coming. Roma has to go to the hospital on the 22nd for a tumor operation and will be out a month. However, much as I regret her time, as does she, I can probably stop my regular work more easily with her not here just now than the opposite--between us we get lots of work done, <u>but</u> we do keep each other busy!

With best greetings to everyone, and high hopes that you will soon be back home.

As ever,

Gerry

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March 29

Easter Morn, 1964

Dear George!

Thanks so much for your long letter which brought a great lift of spirits. I was much interested in MBG council of course and really Walter Hodge would be a very good choice, for good reason he is really interested in gardens, public use and education in plant study, would appeal in certain important ways to John R. Public for his concern w/ gardens, total biotic relations (pollination, dispersal, w/ animal vectors, living plant, top flight photographer — all these are + points for Walt. Happily, he is very bookish, rather more than Hub, would support library cause and in toto if Walt will come you will be fortunate. Walt also has close knowledge of finances aids on national basis and could be very helpful on that score.

Good, I am glad to see doing Matthiola for symposium. You need not worry about new info — you will have more fresh insight on your topic than Stafleu surely could come up w/ on Redouté. This will put you in the arena and I am awfully pleased!

Re Wash. U. AAA exhibit: Let me know if I can assist in any way. Title: "Facets of MBG Life" seems telling. Perhaps a little more decorative would be ["Exempli gratiâ" M— B— G— I—] on 2 lines Sort of fits in w/ scientia amabilis theme which is nice to remind folks. I presume you will tie in items of exhibit into running account in manner of Hunting for Lib. brochure on Americana, interpolating numbers of item into paragraphs where they come in for discussion.

We will know you are very busy so don't think of writing when you are making progress. I am gaining and that is encouraging — will take it easy —

Best! from Jo

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carbon for George

TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Saturday, 28 March 1964

Department of Botany

Dear Hugh: It was very encouraging to hear you voice the other night and to know you were going to bat for Bamston. Today a letter arrived from Webb saying he was dismayed at our decision. Hoped we would reconsider but that the Press stand on the issue had not changed! Well, we haven't either, Thompson and you will have to give way I'm afraid if you want to keep the job. We appreciate considerable investment has been made on Press's part, etc, but so have we invested (and University for typing, etc) & thought we acken the ms. has been improved by editorial suggestions. Be it known, too, we have gone over and over points that my another Editor who accepted our judgment a little more liberally would not have been called for.

But crux of argument is simply: Stuart's ms. is a good version of bringing together JB's whole natural history, using the Bamston BM ms to check (and correct) S's rendering. But no need to slavishly follow S when he now capitalizes, now decapitalizes, interpolates out of position, etc etc. Botanists need a working text done by a botanist and not by a paleographer!

We had hoped Press would get the book to galley stage for August Bot. Congress ⊛ you know galleys often interest visitors even more than finished book, and I do hope we can press on W/ job and, Hugh, too, we can help W/ photographing B's drawings personally this summer. Jim Crabbe is a good friend at BM(NH) and all helps.

Get 'tis off the hook, Cordially! Joe

⊛ My present disability would likely mean this impossible at best.

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26 March 1964

Dear George;

Still unsteady on my feet, wobbling down Rehall but I am surely gaining poco y poco. Appetite good. Colostomy is of course a nuisance but fortunately this will not be permanent. I go back to hospital about April 10th for putting me back together; in ca. two weeks. I hope I recover with some speed.

Well, day before I went to hospital Webb wrote from Univ. Wisc Press as per my answer herewith. I have written to George Lawrence, who you recall read ms for Webb, as to suggestion(s) for next move. Also wrote to Ilitis who will have a few words for Webb if I am not mistaken. Hugh was so hearty in his approval of the Press taking it on.

I still find it hard to keep going on a writing job but I know I should not be discouraged. So many good folk come around to visit, too, I am called off a job often.

Thanks for Pringle lists in particular. I am very pleased to add them to botanical archives: portraits, handwriting, etc. of the botanical worthies.

Miss that note in Garden Tour. (NYBG) on onion paper.

How book prices are going up! Hughes, N.H. Barbados, 1750, in British catalogue for £85.00 rebound in modern buckram.

Dorothy is very busy at UOkla. One instructor grades on curve, so someone having to take an F, which seems hard to accept in graduate school procedures. So far she has made 84 (=C) or better.

Well, hope you decided to take on U Kansas paper for June. I know you will overloaded w/ assistance wanting in library, etc.

Nesta joins in my best

Cordially yours,

Joe

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Department of Botany

March 22, 1964

Thompson Webb, Jr.
Director, University of
Wisconsin Press
430 Sterling Court
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Webb:

We regret our delay in answering, but Mr. Ewan became seriously ill on February 22 and was operated on the following morning. Only now are we able to take up matters hastily put aside.

It all boils down to the fact that we want to publish "John Banister's 'Natural History . . .'" as nearly as he left it as we can, using Sherard's copies as a guide. Our choice of the word "basis" was, it seems, unfortunate: "guide"may have been better. It is ludicrous for the audience we think of as consulting the catalogues, mostly informed readers in the natural sciences, to decapitalise sentences that Banister capitalized, to change punctuation to a no more consistent form, and to put undue stress on differences in letters. Deviations of significance have been noted, but to note every difference in spelling (Banister the singular, Ichnaumonas, Sherard the plural, Ichneumones) would make tedious reading. We cant bring ourselves to a verbatim ad literatum reproduction of Sherard where Banister's original manuscript exists. Banister's contribution must stand out above Sherard's and the unknown copyists'. In all the concern for orthographic niceties this essential emphasis on Banister seems to pale. As we have said Sherard copied Banister's manuscript in some haste, did some editing, added contemporary bibliographic references; it has seemed proper and even desirable that we edit the manuscripts to make them intelligible to twentieth century users. This, you insist, is no longer Sherard's work then if we orient the text to illuminate contemporary records. This is so in a narrow sense, but Sherard's manuscript is not a wholly unrelated de novo creation where strict adherence to the text (or detailed explanations of deviations) are called for, and paleography does not seem to us to be the core of the problem.

We are grateful, indeed, to Miss Yerkes and Miss Krager for their many notes and suggestions and corrections: the work has profited immeasurably from their talents. Since you insist on the ~~fff~~ editorial assistance of another person to bring the book to print we must withdraw the manuscript.

Regretfully, but Sincerely

Nesta Ewan (Mrs. Joseph Ewan)

cc: Miss Yerkes
Miss Krager

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March 25, 1964.

Dr. Joseph Ewan
7508 Burthe Street
New Orleans, Louisiana.

COPY

Dear Joe,

I hope this finds you very much strengthened since my last conversation with you, enough so that you have been able to do some work to keep you from becoming too restless. But you must remember you promised not to get going too rapidly again.

I think I told you the report of the council had been delivered on the 13th but that I had not seen it. On last Monday when Mr. Hitchcock returned from Williamsburg he mentioned his intention of having a copy of the report sent to you and Reed Rollins, the two people who have been asked to serve on the council but were unable to attend. There may, however, be a delay in this because only ten copies were supplied and there were ten board members to receive them. I believe the report will come up for discussion at the Board's meeting today. Since I talked to you I have had an opportunity to read the report and must say that it seems to me extremely well done. It was written by George Lawrence who obviously can do this thing very skillfully. It is not too long for any of the board members to read straight through and what is there is very clearly expressed. As for the council's accomplishment that too is noteworthy, for the report takes up all the really important matters it seems to me and has very definite statements to make about them. I think it is remarkable that they could cover so much of the ground in the short time they had.

The situation is slowly chrystallizing and I believe that after one or two more candidates have been interviewed here in St. Louis, (in particular Walter Hodge whom Henry and another board member met in Washington and very much liked) some definite action will be taken. I believe this will consist of the Board's making its first choice, fixing a salary and presenting this to Washington University with the request that the administration there "co-operate" to make it possible for the selected candidate to accept. You can guess that the quotation refers to the situation

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created by the almost complete disappearance of organismal botany at the University and the difficult personality of Barry Commoner. What the University and or will do about this is not clear, although I know it is recognized there that our difficulty to obtain any interested candidate is putting them on the spot and that they must find some way to deal with the situation. Henry and I had lunch yesterday with Dean Palmer. His frankness regarding this matter was rather unexpected and I feel sure that he is taking this very seriously. Before lunch he visited the library and herbarium and seemed to be impressed with both collections. With regard to the library he noted in passing that they were proceedings with plans for setting up a history of science, philosophy and medicine program and that he could realize this library would be very important in such an undertaking. The plans have gone so far as to include the visit of some one from the history of science program in Wisconsin to come here as a consultant in getting this thing started.

I do not know whether the paper about Mattioli will be given or not. Buckman finally answered my letter and asked for a period of ten days further in which to consider it since he had in the meantime asked some one else to present something on botanical illustration. Although he expressed interest in my outline, my honest belief is that he did not approve it and only after receiving it made a specific request for a botanical illustration paper from some one else. I say it not because it hurts my feelings which it does not but just to explain what I believe. Actually, while it wouldbe fund to prepare the paper if I had sufficient time and enegery, I really don't seem to have enough of either one of these available before the Ist of July to make the preparation more than a job which I should find perhaps more demanding than I could deal with. To date there has been no time to spend even on the exhibit for Washington University except to have one conference with Bill and to prepare a list of titles grouped somewhat as we discussed them. All the real work remains to be done although I hope to start on it today or to-morrow. In addition to the cards which must be prepared for the exhibit, we shall probably have an eight page leaflet with the 40 or 50 items listed and with a 1500 word running account of the exhibition as a whole.

I have not forgotten that I promised not to forget to send the box of stuff which Iltis left here. Honestly, it is now wrapped up and I intend to take it to the post office today.

Is there anything I can do for you up here besides continue to warn you not to over exert too soon. Please let me know if there is.

With best greetings to all,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Department of Botany

Monday, 27 Jan. 1964

Dear George:

It is very warm and wonderful to hear you up the line the other evening! These are odds and evens of bibliographia:

Yes, know and have Wightman, Science and the Renaissance, 1962, and pleased to note the Egerton 2020 which may well be game for the Hunt.

Alverson, Cactus Cat., was not in the catalogue when I looked for it in summer of 1959 when en route to Montreal Bot. Congress. I was then snooping for information on the item and made the check along the way; took it with mm me to California in 1960 to check there--indeed sorry to have overlooked MBG's copy but again, what a Library! How many times a day need we be told it is exceptional?

Indeed I agree with you on your thinking about the BOOKS FROM THE LIFE SCIENCES THAT HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD. Their very unpretntious garb should be perhaps the best antidote to Twentieth Century undustable jackets,eye-traps thatthey redesigned to be! Advertising has changed the face of the world, given its false face the mask of reality, and all about us are strewn traps, mouth traps for the gastric juices, eye traps for the cerebral exercise, and man traps for those rising testosterones. Give the visitor the sense that here is a subject im somehow different, offbeat and a little out of tune . . . "late and soon getting and spending" etc. have we laid waste our powers.

Yesterday I mail this letter to Nijhoff and today comes a note that Tschudi is on its way and payment will be appreciated!

Mrs. Clokie's item will be a must of course. I did not check the British book outlet directories but perhaps rather less if bought from England, though perhaps not a great deal of difference judging from past experience.

I met Carter in Edinburgh. He is intensely interested in Joseph Banks, knows Banksiana well, and the book should be in St. Louis most likely at Wash. U Library. Ryden, again, is one of the many now shoring their Banksiana. Beaglehole admits him to the inner circle.

With all the best naturally from Nesta and

Joe

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THE HAGUE, November 22, 1963

List No. K 20

RECENT IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

BIOLOGY

HACKER, C. A., R. C. BAKHUIZEN VAN DEN BRINK JR., and collaborators. Flora of Java. 3 vols. Vol. I. Groningen. 1963. XXIV, 648 p.

Cloth $ 16.60

BALTHASAR, V., Monographie der Scarabaeidae und Aphodiidae der palaearktischen und orientalischen Region. 3 Bände. Bd I. Prag. 1963. 408 p., 137 ills.

Cloth $ 7.40

BREMEKAMP, C. E. B., Sur quelques genres de psychotriées (rubiacées) et sur leurs représentants malgaches et comoriens. Amsterdam. 1963. 184 p.

$ 3.75

= Verhandelingen der Koninklijke Nederlandse akademie van wetenschappen, afd. natuurkunde. Tweede reeks, dl. 54, no. 5.

BURBIDGE, N. T., Dictionary of Australian plant genera. Gymnosperms and angiosperms. London. 1963. 256 p.

$ 15.—

= This dictionary represents the first attempt tot catalogue the Australian plant genera since von Mueller published his "Second Census of Australian Plants" in 1889.

CLOKIE, H., An account of the herbaria of the Department of Botany in the University of Oxford. London. 1963. 278 p., 12 pl.

$ 9.90

CLUSIUS, CAROLUS, Rariorum alliquot stirpium historia. Nachdruck der Ausgabe Antverpiae, Plantinus, 1583; duzu Stirpium nomenclator pannonicus (auctore Stephanus Beythe), Antverpiae, Plantinus, 1584. Graz. 1963. 800 p.

Cloth $ 20.25

EASTMAN, W. R., and A. C. HUNT, The parrots of Australia. London. 1963. 160 p., ills.

$ 8.90

= A complete and comprehensive work with full information, indentifying plate and keys to all the species found in Australia. The plates are full coloured photographs.

FRÜHDIAGNOSE IN DER ZÜCHTUNG UND ZÜCHTUNGSFORSCHUNG II, DIE. Beiträge zur statistischen Behandlung und Beispiele der praktischen Anwendung. Hrsg. von W. Schmidt und H. Stubbe. Berlin. 1963. VI., 74 p., 45 ills. 4to.

$ 5.30

= Previously publ.: I. Beiträge zur Methodik der Züchtung langlebiger Pflanzen. Hrsg. von H. Stubbe und W. Schmidt. Berlin. 1957. IV, 96 p., 85 ills. 4to.

$ 5.30

= Der Züchter. Internationale Zeitschrift für theoretische und angewandte Genetik. Sonderheft 6 und Sonderheft 4.

GEBHARDT, L., Die Ornithologen Mitteleuropas. Giessen. 1964. ca. 300 p.

Cloth $ 9.60

= Ein Nachschlagewerk, welches eine Lücke in der ornithologischen Literatur ausfüllt. Das Buch enthält in knapper Form Angaben über den Lebenslauf und die Arbeit von über tausend Ornithologen Deutschlands, Österreichs, der Schweiz, Ungarns, der Tschechoslowakei, Rumäniens, Jugoslawiens, Polens und der baltischen Staatten. Gedruckt in zweispaltiger Satz.

GENERA SIPHONOGAMARUM AD SYSTEMA ENGLERIANUM CONSCRIPTA. Ab auctoribus C. G. de Dalle Torre et H. Harms. Reprint of the edition Leipzig 1900-1907. Weinheim. 1963. X, 637 p., 4to.

$ 32.—

GREENEWALT, C. H., Hummingbirds. London. 1963. 276 p., ills.

$ 29.75

= The book is profusely illustrated with black-and-white halftones and line-drawings, charts, diagrams and maps, and contains seventy life-size colour plates hand-tipped on to special art paper.

GOTTSCHALK, W., Die Wirkung mutierter Gene auf die Morphologie und Funktion pflanzlicher Organe dargestellt an strahleninduzierten Mutanten von Pisum sativum. Jena. 1963. ca. 370 p., 87 ills., 33 tab.

About $ 21.—

= Botanische Studien, Heft 14.

HEYN, C. C., The annual species of Medicago. London. 1963. 166 p., 5 pl., ills.

$ 5.10

= Scripta Hierosolymitana, vol. XII. This revised study deals with the annual species of the section „Spirocarpos" and „Orbiculares" of „Medicago", paying particular attention to the morphological variability of each species.

HIORTH, G., Quantitative Genetik. Berlin. 1963. ca. 560 p., 52 ills.

Cloth about $ 23.—

HOVORKA, J., Helminty a helmintohostitelské vztahy u domacich prezuvavcov. Praha. 1963. 576 p., 119 ills. In Slovak. With summaries in Russian, German and English.

Cloth $ 6.30

= Epizootological characteristics of Czechoslovakia in relation to helmithoses of domestic animals. Presents a wealth of new ideas on the spread of worms on the territory of Czechoslovakia and on the conditions enabling this spread.

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Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana
26 January 1964

AIR LETTER

Martinus Nijhoff
p. o. box 269
The Hague

Gentlemen:

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Please send me a copy of

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CARTER (H.B.) His Majesty's Spanish Flock. London, 1963. $ 14.80

List K20

Please send me a copy of

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CLOKIE (H.) An account of the herbaria of the Dept. of Botany in the Univ. of Oxford. London, 1963. $ 9.90

at W. Un? no

Under date of 3 August 1963 I ordered from List C51 RYDEN (STig) Banks Collection, an episode in 18th-century Anglo-Swedish relations. 1963. $8.65

but I have rec'd not a sales Report from you regarding the item nor the book.

ord. at W. Un? no

I rec'd a Report dated 19 Dec. 1962 to the effect that TSCHUDI (J. J. von) Peru. Reisekizzen aus den Jahren 1838-1842. 2 vols. 1962. $11.70 would be delayed but, again, I have not rec'd the books. Coming as per ltr. rec'd 27 Jan.

I am aware that these may not have been published as announced but I am writing to say that I am still interested in their purchase. Thank you.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

↑ please

Ret. Un. mss. pl.

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8 January 1964

Dear George:

What a relief to get your letter! I am pleased on several counts and really have hope that things will brighten at MBG.

Herb Wagner is just about the only person I can think of for the position. I have gone over the persons I know of say the ASPT membership and there is no one candidate so well designed by genes and by ginger as Herb.

Perhaps you may be lucky and get Mrs. Gregory to take the position-- I take it she is still with you, on a stiptic appointment as it were.

Really, not a frightful rush about the Iltis items except sometimes there is some question to follow up with the source.

It is my present plan to come up the a.m. of Feb. 12th by Delta jet and return Mon. evening, 17th, or perhaps Tues.am.if there is a good connection. I have a class Tu afternoon and would have to give a little cushion of time before class. Nesta is planning to go to Calif. in April to see her mother and so she does not feel she should come up. It is possible she may decide to come, to help in checking the La. bot. bib. items but it is not too likely. She will decide well in advance, of course. She is working on the last stitches of the Banister biography and seems well pleased with the new version, with some backgrounding that we intentionally omitted before. She is really very well versed in 17th cent. natural history now!

Did you get the Werdermann, Brasilien . . . , which I bought from Schippers? Let us consider it an exch. item and forget the $2.

By all odds the Matthiòli story should be written up--it is its own excuse for being if something less than beautiful and what you have learned should be fastened down.

I am afraid that Bob Hecht did not get the hang of my conversation last Oct. re Martha Heartman when I chatted with him. It seems to me he should have confirmed the phone conversation with her, if he meant business, which he could have profited by his very initiative. Now she has other plans, I am afraid, and some of the local dealers have bitten into the stock I think, but it may be as well in the long view. But, again, I am not thinking of all fields as Hecht must think, beyond nat. hist. titles. Anyway, it is important that he write to revive the transaction if he is interested. She has had some renovations done fot rent out the house and the books are stacked, she tells me, in one of the back rooms. Pity he could not have acted when I had them out in the open for him last Fall. I persuaded her to leave them for a while, which she did, hoping day to day he would tell us what he planned to do. But, no friendship lost;just puzzlement.

I have ordered the Winterthur Portfolio I--it has not arrived yet. Swets of Amsterdam had advertised the Scopoli, which I have ordered, and the Clusius, which he hmmmmmmm had passed over but I agree we should have it. Many thanks.

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(This paper is Bernice Schubert's report that the Arn Arb folk are taking it up to save eyesight, esp. for nightwork over white paper)

I'm sending a blind carbon of letter to Bill Reese re the newly launched journal of SLU, Lafayette, which I would like to see named for some distinctive point of association. Perhaps my suggestion is a little 'teched'! but I am wondering what you think.

More important is the title of the series which he calls "Flora of Louisiana" --this is really a misnomer. I am curious to see what he replies.

All for now,
most sincerely,
Joe

I forgot to say we have
Candolle, Alphonse de Intro. a la botanique. Bruxelles, 1837,
so I think this is adequate for our needs.

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5 January 1964

Dale L. Morgan
Bancroft Library
University of California
Berkeley 4

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Dr. Van Schaack has forwarded your query relative to Joseph Burke to me and I can reply as follows:

The largest increment of information on Joseph Burke is to be found in Susan Delano McKelvey's Botanical exploration of the Trans-Miss. West, 1790-1850 (Arnold Arboretum, 1955), pp. 792-817. (Incidentally, I believe that the Bancroft would find this book a highly useful reference to have at hand, though there is likely a copy in the LSB. It was in print at least lately and sells for $25 but is kohinoor in the botanical cabinet). Mrs. McKelvey gives a good deal of heretofore unpublished material but the last years of Burke's life are still unknown. R. Kent Beattie has supplemented McKelvey in a short article in Madrono 13:259-261. Oct. 1956.

"Wagner-three"--Plains and Rockies, ed. 3-- refers to a "Dr. Burke" meeting with a Dr. Elijah White near Ft. Hall. I have surmised that this is our botanical collector (cf. A Century of Progress in the Natural Sciences, 1853-1953, Calif. Acad. Sci. 1955, 45).

It is my sense that Burke avoided Engelmann and other professionals from his misfortunes in years past with Hooker though he evidently did make some efforts to establish contacts in this country. It is singular that he made no effort to work with the St Louis enthusiasts, esp. when we know that George Engelmann was particularly warm-hearted and understanding.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

c: G. B. VanSchaack

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28 December 1963

Dr. William D. Reese
and Dr. John W. Thieret
University of Southwestern Louisiana
Lafayette

Dear Bill and John:

Thank you for yours of 13th. I am returning the make-up for vol. 1 no. 1 of the "Southwestern Louisiana Journal. Scientific Series" which I hope may be baptized rather

THE TECHE
Journal of Southwestern Louisiana
Series A: Sciences
volume 1

while during fearful and wonderful gestation there is yet time to remember the librarians of the future, many unborn, we hope. My thesis is simply that we need "one-name periodicals" (cf. E. D. Merrill in Brittonia 1:1-5, 1931) for ease of citation and ready reference. No single word so accurately denominates your geographic unit than TECHE. Since it is to be a journal of more than the sciences it must be a regional or organizational name. Second, do take up, again for easy reference, "Series A, B, C,"etc. for the several divisions of the journal, humanities, etc. This "Scientific Series" says more is to follow; so, why not help the future by giving the Series a denomination.

Vital, too, is changing the title "Flora of Louisiana" to "A Catalogue of the Flora of Louisiana" for such it is planned, or am I wrong? It is not fair to the chap riffling thru the cards at the Brit. Mus. (N. H.) at South Kensington, to encounter a FLORA OF LOUISIANA in the catalogue only to discover it is really not a FLORA but a CATALOGUE of a flora. You may find precedents, I know, but they are not to be emulsted. E.G., Hymas once wrote a "Flora of North Carolina,"--copy before me--but it only a naked checklist with only author citations to hide its nudity.

I am making good headway with the Bib and this long holiday helps a lot. There will be annotations, you may be sure, and much ancillary information to keep the interested reader away from his work. . .

Very very best for the
New Year to you all . . .
Cordially,

Joseph Ewan

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December 31, 1963

Dear Joe,

The enclosures are self-explanatory.

We have turned up with two copies of de Candolle's Introduction à la Botanique, 1-2, 1835, the two volumes bound in one. The binding is new, the sewing unfortnuately oversewing, but well done and flexible. We paid £ 4/10 a year ago. Doubtfully something for your personal library, but should be at Tulane. I have seen it quoted again at the same price so this seems to be the going amount. Would the University want it for $12? It has not been marked, i. e., stamped.

Have just called Bob Hecht to ask about the Heartman matter. He says he has been waiting to hear from her. I told him he better write you a note to get things going again.

Akademische Druck- u. Verlagsanstalt, Graz-Austria is announcing two reprints (facsimile, I take it) which I think you may be interested in, though perhaps not. These are Clusius, Rariorum aliquot stirpium per Pannoniam, Austriam, etc, Antwerp, Plantin, 1584 ($19, subs. $14) and Scopoli, Flora carniolica, ed. 2. Vienna, 1772. 2 v. ($24.60, subs. $18.80) The announcement cameonly yesterday and the terminal date of subs. is 31.12.1963. !!! It is not unlikely they would still accept the subs., but in any case the prices are far from high. For example, the Clusius is 800 p. and the sale cannot be expected to be very large. ---- I have ordered both, for our copy of Clusius presentation copy of the publisher, Plantin, and our Scopoli is very fragile, and as Dr. Engelmann's copy should not be used as a working copy. I am enclosing the announcements but would like to have them back when you find it convenient.

Still getting farther and farther behind, so I must quit. But not before I quote from UCLA Librarian. At the recent seminar on history of botany there GHML spoke on 'Herbals:their history and significance'. He said: 'Library collections of herbals in this country were rated by him in the order of Harvard, National Library of Medicine, Missouri Botanical Society [Garden], and the Hunt Library, with the Hunt pre-eminent in herbaliana.' Somehow or other we simply have to keep going!

When are you coming up?

Happy New Year to all, and other best wishes and greetings.

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November 21, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.

Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday with its expression of concern. Matters did move rather rapidly here for a few days, but things have now not only quieted down but slowed down and the long period of waiting for renewed direction has begun. Mr. Hitchcock who has been President of the Board since last spring has taken over the direction of matters personally until such time as a new director is appointed. And I feel that he is devoting himself to the problems of this position with energy and intelligence if, necessarily, with rather less background knowledge than most of us including himself would wish that he had. But he is very anxious to listen to all sides, especially to have advice from people who have been concerned with this type of institution but have not been concerned with this particular one. He has made a public statement that the Board wishes to continue the scientific program of the Garden, especially along the lines in which it has been traditionally important (taxonomy, floristics, ornamental plant breeding, cultivated plants) and I believe that this is an honest statement, insofar as what this means is clear to the board. What concerns me really more than anything else is that I don't believe they are aware of what even such a limited botanical program will cost if they are to staff this place quantitatively and qualitatively to take proper advantage of the investment in library, herbarium, growing houses and experimental plots already established. They are consequently confronted with statements from this one and that one involving the phrase "future development of the Garden" by which the people making these statements mean (if they mean anything) additions to the program involving new investments, or more accurately investment in new (and different) facilities. "Development" is, of course, the standard 20th century rallying cry when funds are sought or support is enlisted. But for us it must be realized we already have an investment without any doubt properly evaluated as worth several million dollars, perhaps even as much as six or seven million dollars, which currently and in the more immediate past has yielded very little return and which would require, were it to yield a proper return, use by at lease eight or ten and better twelve or fifteen more or less permanent staff. We can not possibly think of obtaining such a staff without a refunding and I can not see how there can be such a refunding in any way but by the action of a large foundation which realizes the seriousness of the problem. As I have pointed out to so many people in the last three weeks, we belong to a group of institutions, the financial structure of which seems to me not to have been studied at all, namely those without a constituency. I wish I knew where to turn to get someone higher up working on this problem. I intend to write to Keck and I have written to Lawrence about it. George has expressed deep interest in the matter but has indicated that he will not make any statements or take any action until the "proper time" and I gather with what might be called the proper solicitation.

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Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Well, I could write several letters on this subject if I had time, but I can only mention one more item at the moment. Mr. Hitchcock has privately said that a new director must be sought outside the Missouri Botanical Garden family, thus attempting to terminate the inbreeding which has gone on here over 50 years. I do not know what names have been suggested to him except two, one of these from within the family which he then rejected, the other Herb Wagner. In fact, Herb has been mentioned by at least six people and one extremely commendatory letter regarding Herb has been sent to Hitchcock. Do you have any thoughts regarding Herb which you should like to express or do you have other names you should like to suggest with or without comment?

No, we did not get the Tussac, in fact we did not even bid on it. I shall be interested to know what it may have gone for, for my guess is not less than $1500.00, perhaps $1800.00; as long ago as 1941 or '42 a set was advertised at nearly $400.00 and such items have tripled if not quintupled since then. It would have been utterly impossible for me to obtain approval of such a purchase at this time. It won't be necessary for me to buy the Nicholson for we have only two copies of it already! These are not quite identical in their title pages, but are probably otherwise the same and perhaps we should consider getting rid of one, but in general I don't like to do this as you know until we have a better arrangement about the funds which resulted from such a sale.

I am sure there are many things I ought to write to you about, but I think I have to stop at this point this time, for your word "overload" is not misplaced. But I can say that beyond that I don't think you need have any concern.

No requests for recommendation for Dorothy in library school yet received. Best greetings to all

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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20 November 1963

Dear George:

The past month has been off again, on again, foolagain, and I only hope all is only overload with you (?) but have no word for some time and I just don't feel at ease!

Your trouble in making the copies of the several letters for me from the Englemann collection, etc., is very much appreciated. They are key items in several projects in progress. Chief difficulty is keeping off more jobs: Radcliffe's Notable American Women, 1607-1950, asking me to write sketches of women botanists and naturalists, but the ones I am really interested in are assigned (e.g. Kate Brandegee, Amy Lincoln Phelps, etc.) so I shall only make a few suggestions. I have provided several sheets of names of women who should be considered, on two ranks, important and worth listing, but they feel nothing can be arranged for the second lesser names, which bibliographically are the ones we need to know something about. In any event, the case is not closed.

I hope you got the Tussac from the Sotheby sale! I notice that there are some irregularities in listing Tussac's work: O. Rich, Bib. Americana Nova 2: 41. 1846 -- perhaps at Wash. Univ. Library and well worth knowing being a sort of pre-Sabin, shorter of course but with useful commentary, arr. by year of publ. with indices --gives the French title and says only 150 copies printed! 138 pls. Pritzel 9586 gives the Latin title, and says 138 pls. Mass. Hort. Soc. Cat. 317 says "v. 1 has a title-page in Latin" which helps on this puzzle; then says "col. pl. 140" which unhooks us again. I think Tulane should watch for a Tussac from the several refs. I have seen to it now that I know you did not own a set at MBG!

Nothing of McDermotts yet in this city. Delzie Demaree is due (overdue by his own info) and Bob Hecht telephoned Martha Heartman about buying out her book stock and told her he was coming down, would call me, but he evidently changed his mind on that head.

Mr. Swets of Swets and Zetlinger of Amsterdam was on this morning for a little visit. He sells only periodicals but is surely worth knowing on that line for he has a very wide stock and seems most obliging.

Of course I wonder about the post-Went (or the who comes after Went is gone)?

In haste, with
very best from

Joe

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Evans

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2 November 1963

Dear George:

I have now checked the HTMLibrary for the titles that you offered as duplicates and find that we are rather better off than I had predicted.

✓ We have La Naturaleza, vol. 5., 1882, suppl. bound in with the whole vol.
Emerson, Trees and shrubs of Mass. 2 vols. 1846, and also later ed.
Tayler, J. E. Flowersand their origin, etc. 1878.

I cannot recall now what the decision was concerning ONOMATOLOGIA, =Soulsby 657, and if the copy was complete? $20. ?? or am I wrong? HTMLibrary should have it.

"Gualt. in Lam. Sanvitalia" Best I can suggest is that "Gualt." is Nicholaus Gualtieri, author of Index Testarum Conchyliorum quae adservantur in Museo N. Gualtieri. (Florence, 1742), and
Catalogus omnium Animalium Testaceorum, quae in Musaeo Petri Paulo Scali adservantur. (Geneva, 1746),
from which it would adduced that he was a conchologist--and Lamarck was much interested in that subject--and likely Italian. This from Dryander, Biblio. Banks 2:319. 1796. Certainly in none of the usual indices of authors' names, as I think you commented. I have glanced at Hamy's life of Lamarck, which has no index, but no mention of Gaultieri therein in most likely spots.

✓ Tulane owns a set of the Arnim, Intern. Personalbib. 1800-1943. Glad to learn of its appearance.

Could you favor me with the purchase of a box of stationery from the Book and Card Stalls at the Garden gate? Nesta hinted that she wanted me to get some for her but not quite vigorously enough to lead me to get it when I was there. Flower or print note paper, or whatever looks rather nice. Audubon Society, and like, make a little feature of it now-s-days. Many thanks for your trouble; perhaps the garden will mail it for you from the shoppe? I am sending $3.00 which I hope may cover.

All for now, with very best greetings,

Joe

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Ewan

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Department of Botany

28 October 1963

Dear George:

Yours of 25th came this morning and I am naturally interested in the recent reports of the Board of Trustees and others. Smith, I take it, is not for a cultural center (?). I am delighted to see that the present president is evidently quite firm about the point.

I'm very sorry about the Jour. ANSP which I last saw on the table in the cage; it did not come home with me. Or was it pushed back on the table in the library 'office' (where the visitors were using the books)? Could it have been set aside for some minor repair (from brittle paper)?

Michaux is very interesting, and like many another MBG item, worth a bibliographic vignette sometime. Perhaps the Bull. MBG could set off a series of Bibliog. Miscell. from your pen? The New Harmony edition is noticed in Arthur E. Bestor, jr., Backwoods Utopias, Phila. 1950, 200, where it says the School Press printed an ed. with colored plates in 1841.

It would be interesting to know if the original plates are still at the Academy? John Jay Smith, who borught out the Michaux-Nuttall five-volume ed. was evidently the last to use them.

Incidentally, the Phillips and Phillips Guide to Mss. at the ANSP appeared late in Sept. and will be a must for the MBG Library. I cannot tell what the price is for this Guide but I shall know soon from Venia T. Phillips.

I am sending along my copy of Gudger's paper on Marcgrav(e) and if you think it advised you can disbind it and copy on xerox. I was going to do this and then thought perhaps it was too borderline for your Library. However, there is a good deal of material in Gudger that bears on the 1648 and 1658 titles in your Library. I presume you are not seeing that second copy of the 1648 ed. crudely hand-colored?

Did I not hear you say that you had a dupl. Adanson Familles des Plantes (1763)? and that you wanted an offer? This was back at Pittsburgh. I think that Tulane Library should have a copy.

By the way I sent for a copy of the Sotheby auction of the n. h. library "The Property of a Lady" and along came an illus. copy with 12 plates--rather nice, for $1. I'm thinking of bidding for 67--we have 68. There are many items of affectionate regard but rather few of need.

With all good wishes,

Joe Ewan

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October 25, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

I hope your trip on Sunday was with its rewards and that you reached New Orleans the next morning without too much fatigue, after what I suppose was a sit-up night in the train. In some ways it has been quiet here this week, but in some others not quite so quiet. I refer in the latter to a series of three interviews in one of the papers, the first with the recent past president of the Board of Trustees and (separately) with Dr. Tent, the second with the present president of the Board of Trustees and the third another with the past president. In the first Mr. Smith's resignation from the Board was announced, accompanied by two or three of his statements, one at least quite reasonable to the effect that he believed the Board should take on rotating membership so that it would not become too fixed in constitution or idea. It is doubtful whether this could come about without some court action and, accordingly, doubtful whether that will be pushed. I think it would help to solve some of the Garden's problems. Frits' part of the interview largely concerned the resignation of Dressler, Duke and Gillespie, with remarks that they had left because of salary reasons and that salaries were low because we were poor because the Board had not supported him in building a cultural center which he explicitly stated would have supported the scientific program. In the second interview the present president stated flatly that the Board had absolutely no interest in the cultural center but was determined to carry on the scientific program of the Garden. In the third interview Mr. Smith reported that wherever the cultural center might be located it seemed to have ground to a halt, for no one was ready to advance money for it. I think you can make your own comments.

I wonder if you recall using vol. 7 of the Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. This was the volume you asked me for and, when I took you to its location, you put in a dummy saying that would remind you where to return the volume. The dummy is still there, but the volume is not, and I am wondering if perhaps you may have mixed this volume with your own books since it was not very large. It is bound in a medium bright red lettered in black. I feel sure it is not lost, but I have been unable to find it around here, so am inclined to believe you may have taken it unintentionally.

I recall telling you that we did not have the French edition of Marshall. I find this to be false, for we do possess the volume, charmingly bound in Trelease yellow. I find also that we have not only the New Harmony edition of Michaux which you examined but another copy put out by a firm in Cincinnati in 1842, identical with the one you examined so far as the text is concerned being printed from the same type, the plates, however, being colored. How rare this New Harmony

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edition may be? I wonder, for Sabin says he had never seen a copy. I find no record of either of the copies which we have, but AA has one in three volumes with the same pagination as our two volume set as does also the Library of Congress. Our 1842 set was Engelmann's copy brought to him from New Harmony in the winter of 1845 when David Dale Owen gave a series of lectures here on geology. All the editions at least through 1865 use the same illustrations, the plates originally made in Paris for the French edition having been bought by William Maclure for the New Harmony edition and thereafter made available for the printers of the other editions. I wonder where they now are, the last owner of them I know of being Samuel George Morton, president of the Academy of Natural Science in the middle of the last century.

I think this letter has reached the length where I should stop so that it may be typed today and you will have it on Monday. If you do have the journal volume, please give it theb best wrapping and send it by insured parcel post.

Tell Nesta I am still enjoying the salad dressing and wish you were both here to have a salad with me.

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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October 10, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Thanks for your word today. I am glad to know you will get here so early on Wednesday. It is the Chase where you should get off and phone me. I should be able to pick you up in about ten minutes. Sorry to have you leave so early on Sunday, but I am sure you know it to be necessary and at least I shall be up that early to play the guardian here at the library for the rest of the day.

With much anticipation

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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4 October 1963

R. B. Becker
Dept. Dairy Sciences
University of Florida
Gainesville

Dear Prof. Becker:

It is possible that Chapman's diary (if it existed) was either a prize for the archivist interested in Civil War history or so delicate and personal in the view of the family that it was destroyed. I refer to Chapman's Union sympathies in the face of his wife's strong Confederate feelings. It is evidently true that Dr. Chapman was excluded from his own home during some of the bitterest days of the War and slept in the pews of the Episcopal Church in his home town of Apalachicola. Though there is no helpful clue in Dupree's account of Asa Gray, you might be interested to look at Chapter XVI. John Torrey put Chapman's Flora (first ed.) through the press and the author did not see his own brain child until after the War .

I have examined copies of letters written by Chapman to see if any mention of a diary appears therein but none is found. You should check the rich colls. of the Florida History Room of your University for it is the kind of object that an archivist would treasure. The Coker Collection at the University of North Carolina may hold some clue for you but I am rather surprised that if a diary exists its presence has not come to my notice. Bruce Levin, when he was alive, might have known about it. I do not know what has become of any notes of his on botanical history. I was in touch with him re Dr. Blodgett of Key West, who was a correspondent of Chapman's.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

c: Dr. G. B. VanSchaack

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October 4, 1968

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

I was very glad to get your letter with the news that you will be coming for several days soon. I hope you will be able to get here on the 16th, for I have already arranged to have a small dinner party for the 17th, the only night you will be here when matters will be more or less relaxed. Many thanks for the suggestion that I pick you up at the hotel — it is less respectful, perhaps, but definitely much more doable than making the long trip out to the airport.

I am looking forward to hearing all about your travels after you dropped me in Danbury; you seemed to have turned up a group of interesting places.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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September 26, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Have you seen Hui-Lin Li's ORIGIN AND CULTIVATION OF SHADE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES? I think it is a very excellent job and fascinating to read. How accurate it may be, of course, I don't know but I believe he is usually fairly careful in his statements. I was especially interested to read his account of the plane trees in Philadelphia. He mentions that, at least so far as the city plantings are concerned, of the 50,000 trees only two individuals are not the London plane trees which is the hybrid. I don't think he includes here Chestnut Hill, but I suspect the two trees we marveled at are Londons.

I am looking forward to your coming next month and hope that you will be able to arrange for a decent stay with days before and/or after the meeting, though after is likely to be more comfortable. Too bad it is so far or the two of you could drive for the price of the ticket. I wonder if Don is planning to come. I am going to write him a note to say that I shall be happy to have him stay with me as last year, or rather not quite as last year - if you know what I mean.

Not too much news around here, -- sort of like sitting in a prairie camp, however, having heard there are Indians not so far away. By the way, don't spend your money for tickets to 'How the West was won' if you expect thus to buy high class entertainment, but the tickets are definitely worth whatever you pay for them as a passage to four of the most exquisitely tense movie sequences I have ever seen (one of them involving a buffalo stampede with several thousand beasts) -- the tension in the first one not even destroyed by having a portion of the quite placid Ohio filmed in Montana and Idaho and spliced between two other portions filmed in Ohio.

Best greetings to all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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30 Sept. 1963

Dear George:

Five weeks away from Dinwiddie 311 is near tto overkill as I hope to come in this incarnation: "ANSWER NOW" IS NOT EMPTY YET and "Answer soon" is just waiting, with I am sure some annoyed chorerespondents. This business of helping your fellow manywith his problems in biobibliog. is fun but what it does to your plans is bird shot on a cold tin roof, plesant to listen to but gets no birds.

Thanks for the postal. I own Edwards' life of Sir Joseph (1911) and yet it just might be needed, as you very well know. But I must say, circumspectly, looking over my 'beholdings' after a saunter thru several estimable libraries, I have a good share of the biobib lit that has been written, t.k. and this helps when it comes to settling a problem. I came back with a nice lot of bits and pieces, too, and esp. pleasant was a visit with Eric Lundberg--who keeps a neat nifty house full of books, sound in spine and richly varied enough to wheddle the most penurious to gaining loftier penurity. Also visited Koorders at Walpole, who deals in general bookdise, and Zimmie at Peterborough, who is not exactly in business but has a stock bulging out all over the 12 rooms in his large MacDowell relict house of great charm. Zimmie is an entom. and not yet decided to go all out in entom. at BM(NH), moving to London to live, or live the life beside Manodnock's side and sell great goods from large minds. Also visited Pangloss himself on Mass. Ave. in you know where, and of course found some lovely loot. But cannot go on with this vainglorious prattle, and anyway, D.V.,I hope to see you shortly.

Gene Newcomb has taken over Don Stone's position here--Stone went to Duke you now recall--and Newcomb's schedule is such as to not permit both of us taking off to come to St L together by car. I could come Wed. 16th and should return Sun. 20th, and guess it will have to be by air (but let me jog along to downtown hotel where the customers are distributed, as I did on any earlier occasion, George, and perhaps you can pick me up there?). It is very kind of you to bed and breakfast me and needless to note (yet I shall) it will be bibliomaniacal to see you again.

Yes, in a very reverent way it may be fairly said, Agnes Chase is a warm and wonderful memory, yesterday she belonged to you and me and many more, but 'now she belongs to the ages.' She did much to make the National Herbarium more truly international, to diffuse knowledge in a way that made friends not only for the USNH but for all America. Soon one learned not to underestimate the power of a woman, swift to speak, to botanize, to conserve, to share, to spread. Candidate for DAB, next suppl. -- Chase, Mary Agnes Merrill, 1869-1963. Botanist, humanitarian. . . .

Paul Allen's illness saddens me greatly. I hardly know what to answer re his books: Tulane may, might, most likely (check 1) would have most of the titles, since we have esp. tried to pick up neotrop. bot. but as you say there would be a good chance not here. Suggestion: sell as a lot, with first refusal granted to Tulane (at prices to be set by dealer, e.g. Hecht) before listing in cat. If he wishes set up an Allen award for best bot. paper in neotrop. bot. to be admin. by ASPT (like Cooley award), from income from sale of his books, to which we might contribute.

Vale!

Joe

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8 August 1963

Dear George:

Sorry to learn you cannot join us but we understand you will know. We, too, look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh. No word yet from Lloyd Library anent their hours in August but if they are open we shall stop otherwise may look in at Transylvania University but unsure.

Thanks for Canner cat on Americana. An item which you did not mark is 751. GARDNER(George) Travels in the interior of Brazil. (London, 1846) 562 p. frontis. map. 1/2 vellum, boards. $20. This is something the MBG should have if not in your coll. GG was important in Brazilian botany and I tried 3 times before stopping a copy. Verbum sapienti . . .

Many thanks for the copies of the Ludwig accounts, etc. Feel I must move into high gear on Nats. of Old South pretty soon now and gather together the rich harvest of materials, but so many strokes. But I have the stuff--the photocopies, books, etc. to do a dgj

So, D.V., we shall meet on the beautiful shore of the Ohio, soon,

Tom

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3 August 1963

New York Public Library
Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street
New York 18

Attn. Reference Department

Gentlemen:

I'm unable to trace the following bibliography in typescript, referred to by Mallock, the medical historian, as being compiled by

Rogers, Harriet (Miss) "Books in medicine, botany, and chemistry printed in the American Colonies and United States before 1801"

which Mallock used in 1944 and praised, remarking that it deserved to be published. I would be very pleased if you can trace this for us and give us such finding numbers as may be used to inspect the title on a visit to the Library or to have a photocopy of it prepared.

Thank you in earnest for what seems to baffle others to whom this query has been put,

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

Miss Rogers was not identified beyond that she was of New York.

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August 6, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

I should like indeed to be with you at the Lloyd Library but don't believe it will be possible. For one thing, I haveaalready accepted an overnight with the Rudolph's in Columbus for the 16th and, if I can get there, for the 15th. This I could probably change without too much trouble but the drive from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh in my machine could well take me beyond 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, if I even got there on Saturday. I would gladly not drive at all but that would take arranging which I am not anxious to do just now. I think we had better just regret and meet as early as possible in Pittsburgh.

I don't find anything more about Ludwig than I note on your sheet. The description you want is on another leaf, the paper from which it was taken having been communicated by George Engelmann under title NOTES ON SOME FERNS OF THE UNITED STATES, by Prof. Kunze of Leipzic, 1846.

So sorry about Cincinnati but believe I must not try to make it this trip. I look forward to seeing both of you at Pittsburgh.

As ever,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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4 August 1963

Dear George:

Very pleased indeed that you will be coming to pittsburgh! And now since we wrote I have been thinking that perhaps it would be possible to add in the Lloyd Library at Cincinnati which, as you know, I have yet to see.

I amd writing to learn if the Library may be open during August and if so I shall let you know for we might meet there and travel on together to Hunt? Nesta could ride with you pro parte for the news and views and I should be pleased to see that much more of you. We plan to reach Pittsb. Sat. eve before 6 pm (the hour when Hunt Library would like registrations to close for the day). Friday at Lloyd? arriving sometime Friday morning, I presume, our itin. being from Nashville, etc.

With Red Camp and Kobuski gone the New England meetings will be a bit paler.

Carroll Wood wrote a very appreciative letter, which I shall bring along to show you, anent the review I sent him on the Sidney Gould catastrophe.

Dorothy is in Jamaica today; Marjorie is in Wooster, Ohio, as bridesmaid for a Stephens College roommate who is to be married at four of the clock. Jane, a Protestant, is marrying a Jew with Rabbi officiating, and has three bridesmaids, a Protestant (Marg), a Roman Cath. and a negro girl. Kathleen, is bidding her husband good bye as he steams off into the Boston harbor for a cruise in the sun, Carib isles you may guess. He will be gone for about nine months. Med. tour of duty to follow the Caribbean. K and her Leslie will come douth with us in Sept. and stay in N.O. until Dick returns next Spring.

With very best wishes,
with redletter days ahead
when we see you in the ohio
river valley someplace,

Joe

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August 1, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of Monday with its generous offer to fit your plans to mine. I am happy at the thought of spending a little time with you and Nesta. My own plans are so amorphous that they could scarcely be said to 'fit' anything. For physical reasons which I can explain better when I see you, I believe we should not make arrangement to meet before the symposium but rather take your suggestion of spending a day or two in central Pennsylvania after it, — although I must say I don't see exactly how you can afford that with your announced stops in Philadelphia and new Haven; so let us leave further arrangements until I see you in Penn., — as for myself I shall not make any commitments immediately following the symposium.

Apparently you know Sidney McDaniel, and you or someone has apparently guided him in making good collections (perhaps just his own intelligence), for his earlier specimens were rather poor. He has just sent me a package that I have not had time to open, which he wrote me contains grasses and other things for the herbarium. It is certainly a scientific tragedy that because of personal reasons, which it is not necessary further to specify, the study of taxonomy in the middle west instead of centering in St. Louis is essentially unconnected with it, so that much of it is carried out where both herbaria and libraries are rather small.

Yes, so far as I know, Jim Duke has left permanently, but his ultimate destination remains unannounced, — I shall be interested in hearing what your apparently more sensitive ears picked up.

Again many thanks for the letter and best greetings to all. I look forward with anticipation in seeing you. I have too much to do just now to write further.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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29 July 1963

Dear George:

I'm much encouraged to learn that we may indeed be seeing you jaegering about next month, and hasten to assure you that we shall happily change our flyway at the slightest provocation to take roost at the watering place of your choice. We now plan to

lv NO Aug 15, pause at Roland Harper's at University, Alabama,
and overnight somewhere not far from there
Aug. 16, arr, about Lexington,
Aug. 17, arr. Pittsburgh; have sent word of our intent to lodge at dorm.
as per GHML's question sheet, now returned.
Aug. 21, lv. Pittsburgh for Phila.
Aug. 23, lv. Phila. for New Haven.

I have written to Ida Langman offerring her transp. from Pittsb. to Phila. but as to rest of program it is subject to your suggestion(s). I think that we may even change the postAdanson schedule, with Langman's easy acceptance (in the event she is interested, which I rather think she will be from overt and covert remarks on that head). There are many spots in Penna. hills that we don't know and then we might do some attic snooping again--remember the nice time at Vassar?©--in one of the older colleges littering the hills of Penna. Perhaps there is something in Ohio? Have any old hankering notions?

Thanksfor the Bornstein ref. for I am indeed always glad to know about these items; someone asks me about it, good or bad, etc. I appreciate your thinking of me in this connection.

Things sound pretty weedy in the beloved MBG at the moment, but more of that in Ohio or Penna. or whreever . . . With one heathen Chineé in the herbarium and one bibliophilic heathen in the library you will really need a Shaw sermon next spring! What a pity that Sydney McDaniel, who is now at Miss State, and going to Vanderbilt in the Fall cannot come under a good stimulating teacher surrounded by challenge of a tiptop library. He's just sent us a batch of superb Miss colls. of his own, well done, with good data, carefully labelled, --all the marks of promise. Perhaps he sent some to MBG?

Really losing Jim Duke for keeps? He sounded promising (if in low decibels).

Dorothy left Sat. morning for Miami to take off by plane for Jamaica. Two friends driving to Miami, then to visit with a sibling in Kingston at near nothing, so she is really in luck. The cousin who lives there has been here and seems a very alert and funful chap; anyway, two weeks in the ferniest spot in the New World. I am happy for her; she has been working here in Dept. part time this summer. All are well and looking forward to hearing from you,

JOE

Joseph Ewan

© Bob Hecht had a nice little memory volume written by a Vassar graduate with some quotable quotes on good Professor Orton, who, I learn, taught sunday school and made it interesting!

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July 25, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter and enclosures which will get filed in the right place, — although at the moment I have no place to put a vertical file.

When I saw Zeitlin in Chicago he asked me if I were getting his catalogues, which I 'weren't', except by taking Sadler's out of his mail. But now he has put me on the list, and I have this morning his Western Americana catalogue which I am sending you separately. I'm too ignorant to read it and doubtfully would find anything which I knew enough to buy, but it may contain something for you. Of course, you may already be on his list.

Sometime ago, that is last winter or fall, a Dr. Bornstein from El Paso stopped here to say that he wanted to write a note about Engelmann for a medical journal. This has just come and I am asking him to send you a copy of it. Not that it's anything you will ever need to refer to probably, but you may see it mentioned sometime. It is frightfully full of mistakes of one kind and another, the bibliography fails to mention a number of things he must have looked at and he blightfully presents all of this without any acknowledgment of the material which he consulted here or which we sent him on interlibrary loan.

The situation here continues to be perplexing. As you know, Anderson is not any longer doing serious work, Dodge retired in June, Dressler has accepted a position with the Smithsonian in Balboa and leaves this week, the Assistant Curator - Jim Duke leaves in a few days for an unannounced destination, Gillespie - the orchid grower takes a position at the Junior College in the fall, and the other orchid taxonomist - Dodson gives every indication of being about to fly off. This leaves a current scientific staff made up of the two directors (upper and nether), Woodson, Andrews, and Dwyer. Andrews is only very marginally a member of this staff since he does all his work at the university and Woodson, whatever work he does, does at the university, and Dwyer is doubtfully a scientist of any great promise but again he must spend most of his time at his own university. The only graduate student I have been able to find out about is a young Chinese from Taiwan, via Iowa I believe, who will shuffle loans in the herbarium. There are a few other names on the staff list, but their status is either cancelled or of only very tenuous association. Somehow or other, this of course ought to mean balancing the personel budget if nothing else, but that should be the least concern. With Dressler's going the ANNALS lacks an editor and at least my lates information is that none will be appointed, although exactly how we can go on publishing without one I don't know.

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I wonder what your plans about reaching Pittsburgh may be, or alternatively leaving it; that is, is there a possible cushion of a day or two at either end, when we might meet somewhere somewhat as we did in Minnesota two years ago. If this were possible, I should find it most agreeable to spend two or three days with you. Whether I shall return to St. Louis without going further East, I simply don't know at this time; in fact, I am not able to see at the moment how I can get as far East as Pittsburgh, but I am determined to do so, so ways and means will be found.

All for now. In great haste. But with best wishes to each and everyone.

As every

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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23 July 1963

Mr. Sydney W. Gould
123 Huntington Street
p. o. box 1106
New Haven 4, Conn.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Certain pertinent questions for the "International Plant Index" are raised in the course of this book review of the second edition of the Flora of the British Isles.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

Postscript to a blind carbon:

Dear Carroll:

I feel sure you will be interested in the inclosed xerox copy of a recent review of mine.

We must carry on this important 'loyal ppppsition" from the back benches! Though there seems to be strong support (Bill Steere, etc.) for the IPI it is hard to believe that the majority of taxonomists believe this is a wise program at this time, in this century.

Too 'controversial' for an AIBS symposium?

Hastily but very sincerely

Joe Ewan

PS II:

Dear George:

How about this for Library bulletin board? I should be interested to know what Andy thinks of the IPI? What about symposium topic for October 1964?

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"The Compositae etc"

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GENERAL AND SYSTEMATIC BOTANY

FLORA OF THE BRITISH ISLES. *Second Edition.* *By A. R. Clapham, T. G. Tutin, and E. F. Warburg. Cambridge University Press, New York and London,* $13.50. xlviii + 1269 pp.; ill. 1962.

The hard part of making good is doing it again the next day. Two hundred years ago the London apothecary William Hudson sailed into print in his octavo *Flora Anglica*. Last year the second launching of the Clapham-Tutin-Warburg Lines left the ways, and a right good ship is she. Like the first edition of 1952 (*Q.R.B.*, 28: 177. 1953), this handbook of the British flora commands our genuine admiration.

Those features inaugurated in the first edition have been kept and reinforced. Matters of phenology, pollination, dispersal, perennation, and chromosome complement are provided for most species. Here, then, is an introduction to the total biology of British plants. Upon the basis of the information supplied, the cytologist, anatomist, or biogeographer —all botanists,—indeed may construct their plans of study. This edition has more matter than the first one, yet it is more than 500 pages shorter, is more compact for handling, and weighs less than Fernald's *Manual*. Perhaps the most conspicuous improvement is in the running heads.

This is a model identification handbook for several reasons: (1) there is no attempt to advocate this or that system of phylogeny, (2) there is no stooping to alphabetize, even for large genera where the temptation might be hard to resist, since affinity is held paramount and accordingly related species are placed adjacent; (3) there is no resorting to arbitrary numbered districts or citing of distributions by fiction; (4) there is no attempt to invent "common" names when none exists (some misbegotten names have been perpetuated from earlier authors, a gesture of dubious merit); and (5) there is still a frank reporting of problematical genera, and uncertain taxa are so labelled.

The commentary is often dynamic with its notes on plants that are aggressively spreading (*Buddleja*), disappearing (Corn cockle), or extinct (*Senecio paludosus*), on plants that furnished former remedies now obsolete (Blessed Thistle for gout), that exhibit heterostyly (Buckbean), protandry (Foxglove, Jacob's Ladder, etc.), or protogyny (Cuckoo-pint, etc.), or on cases where the soil-obligate relations of tetraploids differ from those of octaploid infraspecific races (Valerian). There are records of those species whose male plants are wholly unknown in Britain (Weeping Willow), or whose flowers of any sort are unknown in the islands (*Wolffia*), or, by whacky, the best wood for cricket bats (*Salix alba* var. *caerulea*).

The Compositae has so many members that authors are very hazy on just how many species make up the family. Our authors say "over 14,000 species," but Cronquist, probably the leading American compositologist and a man who seldom sees double when he looks through his revisionary lens, says "certainly more than 15,000 species." George Lawrence, in his widely used *Taxonomy of Vascular Plants*, (*Q.R.B.*, 28: 58. 1954) says "probably 20,000" species. Here, as in many another plant family, is the most serious indictment against premature machine codification of our knowledge of the plant kingdom. Punch cards, perhaps tomorrow; just more and careful systematic studies today.

On the basis of detailed cytotaxonomic field studies the Knapweed, *Centaurea nemoralis*, was recognized as a species by Marsden-Jones and Turrill (see *Q.R.B.*, 32: 64. 1957) in 1954. But the authors of this new *Flora* maintain their earlier conclusion that this plant should be classified as *Centaurea nigra* var. *nemoralis*. Here, then, are two panels of competent workers reviewing the problem and finding different answers: which shall the codifier select to feed into his machine and on what basis?

The taxonomy of *Hieracium*, with 260 "species" recognized, is certainly the most difficult problem in the British flora. It poses an interesting conclusion: here is a mobile genus that will never be known precisely, for by the singular structure of its breeding system (apomixis) some taxa more or less accurately described a century ago have become extinct, not necessarily through man's intervention, and newly evolved taxa are populating the British landscape, while none of the individual plants living when William Hudson wrote his *Flora Anglica* are living today. Omnia fleurit.

Name changes, reflecting recent disquisitions, will be noticed: the watermelon, from *Citrullus vulgaris* to *C. lanatus; Pyrola secunda* of many authors, *Ramischia* of first edition, now *Orthilia; Paeonia corallina* becomes *P. mascula;* out of *Bromus* has come *Anisantha;* two intergeneric hybrids are *Festulolium* and *Ammocalamagrostis;* our North American *Cornus stolonifera* becomes *Thelycrania sericea; Erigeron canadensis* becomes *Conyza canadensis; Thelypteris oreopteris, T. limbosperma;* changes have been made in *Galium* and *Euphrasia*, etc.

Nor will the changes cease—we hope. Here are some suggested realignments for the third edition. From pollen studies, etc., *Ivа xanthifolia* of West America is properly *Cyclachaena xanthifolia*. *Sedum rosea*, about which Fernald wrote incisively in defense of capitalization of the specific name (*Rhodora*, 49: 79.) merits an etymological note. Catnip and Jimson Weed might well be indexed as American folk names for immigrant ruderals. The Big Tree of the Sierra Nevada should be admitted as the genus *Sequoiadendron*, to distinguish it from the coast Redwood, *Sequoia*, following Buchholz's panoply of criteria. Then there is the orphan in our floras: when Cocks, engrossed in detail, wrote an account of Louisiana trees, he missed the beloved Live Oak. The London Plane, missed in the first edition, loyally joins the British flora.

JOSEPH EWAN

ECONOMIC BOTANY

CROP ADAPTATION AND DISTRIBUTION. *Agricultural Science Series.* *By Carroll P. Wilsie. W. H. Freeman & Company, San Francisco and London.* $9.00. viii + 448 pp.; ill. 1962.

It is now some thirty-five years since K. H. W. Klages argued so persuasively, in the *Journal of the American Society of Agronomy*, in favor of an ecological orientation being given to the teaching of agronomy. It is also over twenty years since his book, *Ecological Crop Geography*, first appeared, receiving in 1958 its sixth reprinting. And it is, perhaps, rather sad that in December, 1961, in making his apologia for the book now under review, C. P. Wilsie has to invoke the high degree of specialization currently adopted in training students in the biological sciences as justification for presenting the science of crop production from an ecological point of view. Of course, in a way, he is right. Specialization has underlined the need for an ecological approach to agronomy and agricultural botany in general, but the same basic reasons for such an approach still remain those set forward by Klages 35 years ago. Unfortunately, it is not only those institutions given over to highly specialized forms of training that need to be reminded of his arguments.

Few persons concerned with the teaching of agronomy would deny that, for some time, the need has existed for a book dealing with ecological crop geography that takes into account the results of agricultural research over the last twenty years. Wilsie, in accepting a similar scope of enquiry to that pursued by Klages, has attempted to fill this need. His book, like Klages', has grown out of a course in Crop
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June 20, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your recent letter with its most generous proposal. But I feel I must point out two things:

1) It is not possible to siphon off without the object so to be treated having been liquidated. (!)

2) Your plan would entail buying a first rate tourist attraction to save a third rate bibliographer.

Besides which, all joking aside, you and your committee should realize at once that any stated cost would be a mere approximation to 40 percent of the actual.

There are no firm plans for any immediate change, but the results of scouting are always interesting. As for the gaps in knowledge at Hunt, something I found last night is to the point. You probably haven't yet received the Redoute catalogue because they seem to be slow in sending them out; the copy I have is the preliminary unbound copy hastened out to be available for the exhibition itself. The thing to come will be bound and will contain the index within it. The main article which is by Stafleu is rather disappointing in failing to make some of the most important points about Redoute's development of technique, at least as I see it, and making several gross misstatements. He speaks at length of L'Héritier's Stirpes Novae, recording the fact that the plates were printed in black and white, some of them later colored by hand. The fact is that at least some of the colored ones, in particular the one reproduced in color in the book, was printed in color and then retouched by the brush. Moreover, the whole book was done before Redoute took up stiple engraving, while the plate reproduced in color says baldly 'stiple engraving in color, retouched', the text saying Redoute only took up stiple engraving years later in Paris; in other words, the whole thing is about as balled-up as you can make it in so few pages.

I had not taken time to look at the Jane Colden, but now that I have it is certainly disappointing as you say. Not to have the complete thing after so much money is a shame, to have it so messed up that you never know whether the transcription is opposite or over is annoying, to have no proper description of the original object is pure superficiality and to put in all those damned apostrophes is to show the grossest ignorance. These last associated with the several capital letters were not apostrophes at all but parts of the letter; if Rickett has just looked a little further, he would have seen that Jane was extremely careful to make apostrophes look like apostrophes.

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OH dear! What an awful world it would be if there weren't anything to criticize.

I had not heard of the book about Clayton but shall get a copy. Two books I wonder whether you have heard about are on my desk. One of these comes from North Carolina also, namely No. 32 in the University's 'Studies in the Romance Languages and Literatures'. This is Stoudemire's translation of Oviedo's Natural History of the West Indies [1526]. We do not have the original so I can not make any comparison, but, on other grounds I can't entirely recapture at the moment, I am sure the original has a considerable number of illustrations, in particular one of pineapple. This translation has three facsimile pages and four illustrations. The item is only $2.50. The other item was unknown to me until I saw it in a recent Wheldon & Wesley catalogue 'New Series 100', Item 252. It is Piso's De Medecina Brasiliensi of 1648, that is the first 122 pages of Pritzel 7157, translated into Portuguese and with many, presumably all, of the illustrations in actual or approximately actual size. Appended is the original Latin text, an extensive biographical account by Affonso de E. Taunay, very extensive notes by A. Correia on the whole work and another set on the first two books by Fernando São Paulo and two or three other appendices. It is only £ 9/0/0, and I am sure you will want to have a copy if they are still available, as I expect they are. The title page does not reflect the contents reading Guilherme Piso, História natural do Brasil illustrada, published presumably in São Paulo by the Companhia Editora Nacional in 1948 as a commerative edition for the first 50 years of the Museu Paulista.

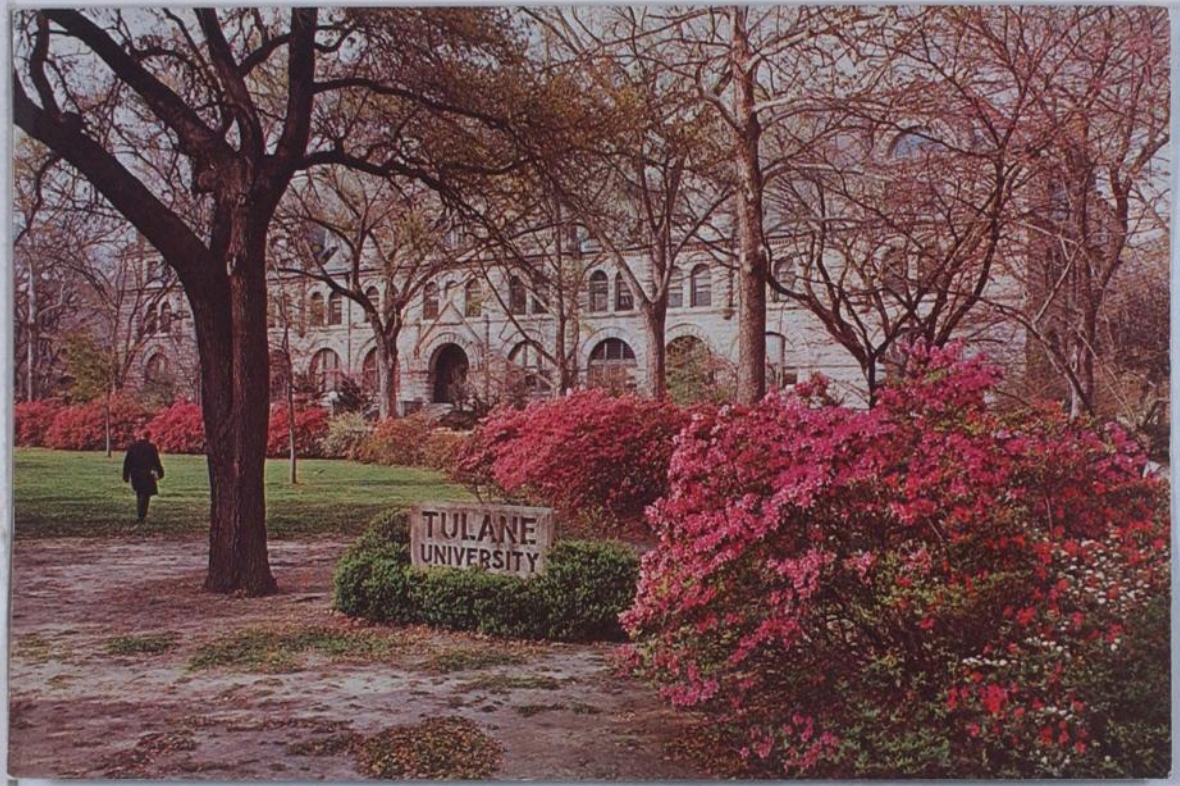
Now I must get down to work. Greetings to all.

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Can you find them?
Q. virginiana
Platanus occidentalis
Ginkgo biloba
Cercis canadensis
Ulmus americana
Spiraea van houttei
Rhod. (3) Azalea
var. "Formosa"
Pinus strobus
Podocarpus macrophylla

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
ST LOUIS 10
MO.

Dear George: Addendum to my litt. of this day: Your comments on W2 & W3 seem wholly correct & valid to me. I put some notes on Dragon Tree in Beaglehole, Banks Endeavour 2: 57 fn 1. W3 is impoverished as dy. and in legends. Gramineae def. is fistulous! and fittingly Calochortus nissa Mariposa in W3 and also Stipa which in view of "Sego Milk" as schoolboy asst. should be related. You, George, should do a BOTANY OF WEBSTER THREE for Rhodora — they might be a restriction on words. Would be a good thing for Spring '64! Order 500 reprints for sure, you and me. Thom. Did you know Fred Hermann who visited WEBSTER MERRIAM staff back in 1946? Decided too confining. Even my employees.

Best,
Joe

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18 July 1963

Dear George:

Well, by now you have returned from the Chicago conferences and I hope it was gratifying.

We simmer along, only a little less liquid than you there up river -- I note your temp. was eight degrees closer to dissolution than we were today. I have a girl working in the herbarium, Dorothy is typing labels and 3x5 records of sorts, and Nesta is toiling away on the footnotes for JB for UWisc --nearly done with this part. Finds one crumb here another there. We think this will have some answers, some wrong, but answers I am sure. Yerkes is toppled by our commentary but then that is only one smart girl who finds the notes too complete for easy reading. We say that contrasting typeface there is no compulsion to read anything we have said. Hell, it has been fun to do it, anyway, and I hope we live to do something else . . .

I am working on the usual variety of tethers: Banks in Newf-Lab is not foundered but it is extremely complicated and I have encountered shoals of discrepancies in the literature on hist. of exploration, etc. that make my voyage more uncertain without launching frequent dories to check reefs and take soundings along coasts where historians have lazily drifted. I am supposed to be giving a paper on Riddell at Amherst and shall have to turn to that soon. Then there are the delectable reviews; morsels but I take such a long time to chew before swallowing that that, too, takes inordinate hunks of time.

Floyd Hall of Chanute, Kansas, is quite a fellow. I'm sending along a carbon of a letter of mine re LEWIS CALEB BECK that I had missed as being in St Louis. Along comes quite a bib of refs, copy herewith for your vertical (for possible future biohistorical fecundations). Hall seems to have an exceptional memory, and wrtes full and flattering letters that either have me dazed with glory or do represent a most knowledgeable person. He is really bent on doing a history of plant hunters that went forth from Kew in the past 200 years. He will be here in midwinter for a couple of weeks. I am very curious . . .

Ida Langman's Mexican bib is progressing and what a monument that will be!

Did Edwin Wolf II ever send you a copy of the Ann Rep Library Company of Phila.? Unusual that you have not a peep but I guess we should not expect bookworms to have voices.

Plukenet's Amaltheum (1705), good vellum copy, arr. from Quaritch, this filling out the incompl. copy we have had to work with.

With cheery greetings,
and still hoping to see you
in c. month at Hunt!

Joe

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1 July 1963

Dear George:

Thanks for yours of some days ago, with notes on Marcgrav edition publ. in Brazil, which we had acquired some years ago from Verdoorn--sorry it is difficult to use in its organization, when you know the 1648 edition and hope to find it reproduced here. We have checked it against the 1658--joyfully acquired from you you will recall!- in connection with Banister and so know it rather well.

The Oviedo(Stoudemire edition) I bought some time; venture to think I mentioned this to you when you were here. I have not had occasion to use it yet so cannot comment on its merit.

I am really quite disgusted
discouraged
with the Wisconsin Press on the Banister project. We are getting letters for more explanations of editorial decisions common to this discipline and when we send two mended pages of typescript for details of Plant Catalogue, etc., they send back two pp. of questions! Roberta Yerkes is reader, lives in New Haven, and confessedly does not know the botanical field in a conversant way. Now Joan Krager at Madison has not kept up with memos, in spite of sending everything in carbon to both, and asks for explanations! The crushing thing is the loss of time, tedium of writing these damned letters that really are not needful. So Banks chapter is hanging for want of time to get to it. The attitude is one of rechecking every turn in the twisting history of that Sherard ms. when I insist we shall carry that onus of blame or glory, they are not after all writing the book! It is imbecilic and infuriating at the same time. Pursh commentary waits, Banks waits, Naturalists of the Old South waits, Riddell commentary waits, all for the nitwittisms of confounded and confused persons. In June 1960 we had completed the ms. and with the passing years we have profited from editorial suggestions, incl. yours (which are buried ten feet under by this layer of editorial deposition), and at this stage there is no sap left in forlorn Banister.

This chap Floyd Hall is quite a fellow. He seems really very well informed. Worked at MBG on Engelmann letters, etc. many years agao, and had made a long stint on a Plant Hunter history for the layman when Susan Mc"elvey took his breath away. He seems to miss the point that McKelvey's opus is not in his road to print, as a great big slug of type, but perhaps I have convinced him on that head. In any event, he has done a vast amount of reading--judging from his weekly letters!!--and has very good criticisms of books in print (e.g. Dupree's Asa Gray is longer than need be for the subject, etc.). Well, he will be down in the Fall.

Don Stone is going to Duke at a large increase in salary ($1100 more), and we are all sorry to see him go. Need a cytologist-biosystematist. Asst. prof. rank. $7000.

Did you get your copy of John Lyon (APS Trans.)? I hope it was not lost.

With all the best from both of us,

I enjoyed seeing the Lubrecht letter!

Joe

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25 June 1963

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your delightfully provocative letter of 20th contains its turgid capsules of interest and I can only afford the luxury of one locule's worth at the moment:

That Lewis C. Beck was in St Louis was indeed news to me and sent me in the usual peregrinations around the room, proving this and probing that and altogether admiring you for a neat perception. I think, rather lamely perhaps, that the reason that Susan McKelvey and others have overlooked Beck's presence in that city is due to his a) youth at the time of his visit, and b) the scant evidence that he pursued botany with collecting pick and press, or am I wrong? Unfortunately, Lewis Caleb Beck's biographer in the DAB was a chemical engineer and obviously more conversant with steel than sepals, potash than perigyny. So, it is hard to know really what Beck knew at the age of 21-22 when in St Louis, and what was connate and what merely adnate of his several interests. His years at *Union College (A.B. 1817) may have been more geologically oriented than botanical (?). I wonder how much influence Hosack exerted over Beck? Amos Eaton, surely. I notice that Meisel mentions that Beck's Gazeteer of the states of Illinois and Missouri (Albany, 1823) "contains considerable botanical and geological matter." Mary J. Klem (Trans. Acad. Sci. St Louis 23(2). 1914) is silent on Beck in the "history of science in St Louis."

Well, all of this is very interesting, for as you say this is early St Louis--pre-Engelmann and his coterie. I shall watch for Beck plant records from Missouri.

More . . . and more will come.

Most cordially,

Joseph Ewan

*/ I notice that Beck's ~~father~~ maternal grandfather, Rev. Derick Romeyn, was a founder of Union College. That Lewis took his M.D. at College of Phys. and Surg. in N.Y. in 1816 tells us that Hosack did indeed play a part in his formative years!

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—Copied from my Work Sheets

Perley Spaulding; Smallwood
--Others over

Beck, Lewis Caleb 1798-1853

--first to use Natural System in extended Bot work for popular use (in his 1833 Bot Nthn & Middle States: over)

--at St L 1820-22: coll 200 sps: friend of John Bradbury

--He and his brother T Romeyn B. helped Eaton found Rensselaer Acad 1824; State mineralogist NY 1835-41: elaborate Rpt in multi-volumed Nat Hist State of NY 1842(?)

Corr with Jefferson: J's long letter thanking Beck for his "recent pamphlet on the climate of the West" (July 1824) quoted in Martin: TJ the Scientist p142-3.

At St Louis: If his corr is preserved at Albany (State Archives it should be interesting. Perhaps went to estab Medical practice--all the world moving West then. Re-read Spaulding for this. Did he by chance know Bradbury during B's Ny period?--Bradbury got around and in the simple Am scene of that day it wld have been possible: & wld explain choice of St L & interest in collecting.

Would in any case meet B on arrival: B had been building his house on the outskirts summer of 1819 when poor Baldwin was there (Long Expd) and Bradbury showed him around. Almost certain Beck coll with B: in his 1st paper in Silliman's he dedicates a plant--

Monarda Bradburniana: from the Barrens N of St L; " I have name this beautiful & very distinct sp in honor of the late John Bradbury, FLS., as a tribute to the memory of a highly valued friend and distinguished botanist."

Query: Is the sp still valid? (Other dedications over)

The Silliman list: 1st instalment of 50 plants (only 5 new!!) in v10:257-64 1826 (dated Albany 11-1-25; by the "Prof Chemistry etc. Rensselaer); "Hopes it'll be particularly interesting to geographic botanists." Spaulding says publication continued in 1828: Check. "First extended list from St Louis, for Bradbury hadn't published all his finds."

--Indeed he hadn't!!! Of Baldwin to Darlington (in Bradbury, Fate of Colls): He'd pub nothing since Lambert pirated his Mo river colls (& note it was Lambert, not Pursh, whom Bradbury blamed.) B. offered Baldwin all his undescr plants: did he extend same offer to Beck? Read pref to Beck's 1834 Bot: & check for comment if any on "only 5 new": Drummond complained 10 yrs later that there was little diff betw the St Louis flora and that farther "north".

Baldwin was of Franca now Neal: and Beck named ba Rich Logical Encyclopedia

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The 1833 Botany: pub Albany; 2d ed when? Read preface; how many p? Oct? No of spe etc. Full title:

"Botany of the Nthn & Middle States: or a Descr of the plants found in the US north of Virginia, arranged according to the Natural System. With a synopsis of the genera acc to the Linnaean System, a sketch of the rudiments of bot and a glossary of terms."

--Presumably the T&G Flora crowded it off the market? Did T&G give him credit? & accept his Monarda Bradburniana? See Torrey fldr for Smallwood on priority in use of Natural System. (And Rafinesque's bitter remarks on Torrey's reluctance to adopt it, despite R's urging.) (NB: Did any of these writers notice that Correa de Serra had been using the Nat System at Phila ~~1818~~ c1815?)

Re Beck's dedication of Monarda: in True on Bradbury mention of attempts by Rafinesque and Baldwin to name a genus for Bradbury --Rafinesque's wld probably be disallowed from force of habit!! by R's fellow botanists; and Baldwin's never published?

Need: Meisel; DAB; the Eaton biogs; Rodgers' Torrey; is he in Youmans? Albany State Library published indexes of archives and publications: ought to check--and look up the Nat Hist Series for Beck's Mineralogy.

--Any history of Rensselaer? Any 1853 obits?

Beck's Manual of Chemistry (date?) went thru 4 eds

Have a look at his 1823 Gazeteer of Ills & Mo: written to catch the emigrant trade? (Bradbury's book had an appendix on inf for emigrants). It should contribute to the picture of the period. Of Timothy Flint, Edmund Flagg et al a little later.

The Jefferson letter: Was the "pamphlet" on the climate of the West a chapter from the Gazeteer repr as a separate? or an individual piece of work?

{Floyd Hall, June, 1963}

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4 May 1963

Mr. Edwin Wolf 2nd
Library Company of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wolf:

A copy of the Library's Annual Report sent to the University Library here was loaned to me for perusal and I must say that I have enjoyed the "Report of the Librarian" to the fullest. It is a charming report and very informative.

The note on Prof. Benjamin Smith Barton and Capt. M. Lewis (p.51) is particularly interesting to me and I shall make reference to this letter in my forthcoming bibliography of the botany of this state to be published next year by Southwestern Louisiana University, for, as you may know, Du Pratz's History contains considerable material on native and interduced plants. The bibliography will be annotated and this use of Du Pratz by Capt. Lewis will be an interesting sidelight on the book and its reference value.

Since I am obliged to return this copy to the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library I should like to ask if I may have a copy of the Annual Report for my own? And while this plea is being made may I say that Dr. George B. VanSchaack, Librarian, Missouri Botanical Garden, St Louis 10, would, I know, be pleased to see this Report, unless, indeed, a copy would be routinely sent to that Library. He will warm to your comments on page six as to the true function of the working library, "sometimes lonely," dedicated to the proposition that "working not with immediate reference to the bulk of the people," supplies a real need, for the "teachers of the people."

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

c: Dr. VanSchaack

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5 May 1963

Dear George:

Well, this has been a busy fortnight. Friday, just to end off the week, I went over to Mr. Scott's house here in city to help sort, wrap, box, twine, and label 17 cartons of books and reprints of his desmid library to ship to G. W. Prescott. Kent Rylander, zoology grad student, went along and it went along pretty well. Sad spectacle you may be sure, for Scott, aet. 75, is very much an invalid and his nursing costs and such necessiate sale of his collections, of books and specimens, but he is too ill to work longer at the microscope and must draw his work to a close. Like William Mann of the National Zoo, and some others we have known the human body sometimes goes to ruin in a hurry. It is a fine collection on desmids and I am happy that I could be around to help in the transfer. Prescott will have perhaps 3/5 of the coll. but he can turn the dupls. to good exchange value. The coll.fetched $500.

Don Stone and I had a very good trip to the Sabine country, with good returns for the time spent in the field. I am anxious to keep the local flora manual pot from sticking, you know, and one fairly long trip in spring and another in the autumn makes me feel that we are carrying the program.

Yours of 25th April with the copy of the Orbis eruditi is a little gem. I am delighted with the gallery of referees that Linnaeus gathers to his cause. This should make grounds for a nice approbium.

I am pleased to have the note on the Evelyn, Kalendarium hortense. We examined so many editions of the Silva at the Huntington!--I thought at the time what a sensation this book made in its century! By the way, I had priorly noted the Nicholas Monardes item by Francisco Guerra, and your note on that item pricked me to get off the order ere it was too late. It is well worth having but priced rather too high for the product, as you say. These Walter Johnson reprints seem to be spiking the market. I hope Lubrecht keeps his sanity on prices.

No, I had not noticed the N. Am. Fl. lapsus, perhaps because we have a set of original issue as published, but I am pleased that Bill Steere sprang to his bibliographic senses.

I'm very familiar with ed. 1 of Thornton and Tully, Sci. books, etc. and recommended it to students in my research methods course here, but ed. 2 sounds much expanded over ed. 1.

Regret I never knew Lindmark's book store. Surprised that you hadn't mentioned him aforetime. Sickening loss to all of bookdom. I suppose poor man lost his mind after that catastrophe?

Jan. 22, p. 2, you asked about Wm P D Wightman: His Growth of Scientific Ideas (Yale U P, 1951, first publ. in 1950 in Engl.) like many others of sort is pretty long on physical sciences but short acct. of nat. sciences if good.

With very best for now, Yours

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* Emeritus Prof Geology now

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13 May 1963

Dear George:

Thomas Mack Serrett is quite unremembered by me or anyone around here that I know to ask; Prof. Steinmeyer*, chairman of geology at that time, may already have been sought out. If so, I am at a loss to know where to turn. There were some temporary appointments in geology during that period but they have rolled on into new basins of deposition and though I have some interest in past faunas I can hardly meet this problem.

Harry Lubrecht has written to ask if I would write an editorial for BOOK NEWS, house organ of the Stechert-Hafner Inc. This interests me a little bit, primarily because the folder goes to persons with some bookish interests. I could write a headitorial of four-five printed pages on "Twenty tools I use in botanical bibliography," with personal notes on my experience in their use down the years. HL says "Our usual fee for such an article is $ 25.00" but I think in view of the commercial nature of Book News, and that this little credo may very well stimulate sales, that I would come in for a larger sum. I suggest (to myself) fifty dollars worth of credit with S-H inc. on whatever they can offer in the future or currently. I would be pleased to have your thoughts on my views. I would not entertain the matter at all except I think for the time invested it would be quite worth while. Perhaps not?

Lubrecht wonders where they might borrow a copy in view of their deciding to reprint the Brackenridge fern item. In a sense this is all the most reason why a reprint should be done ere it is too late to keep the book alive.

You have heard no doubt that Greene, Landmarks, vol. two, is to be published by Hunt Library, with Robert P. McIntosh doing the sketch of the author? He has written to me for help and at long last I have gotten around to answering him on this head. I put him in touch with Erl Hubert Ellis of Colorado and he has opned his archivia of Greeneana for him; Ellis was interested in his Episcopal years in particular and also what was revealed of his reasons for changing to the RC faith as shown by the documents opened lately. I hope he is doing a sound job on Grenne who has had so many attempts on his life.

Well, I pesume you have the brochure on Jane Colden and her botanical mss to be published in Newburgh, N. Y., this month? $8.50 plus 25c postage is not cheap I lament. More do I lament that Eric Groves, who is on the staff at the BM(NH), Dept. Bot., to whom I introduced the parties concerned with the transcription seems not mentioned in the ad for the book. I have written to ask Eric of this from his side of the ocean that doth so easily separate men and their manners. In the event you did not receive the call for orders: Address:Jane Colden Botanic Manuscript, p.o.box 389, Newburgh, N.Y. (after June 1, $10). What annoys me is this ostentation about limited editions and then to tell only the chore woman how many copies were actually printed and evidently no one else. You may guess I have aksed them to come clean on this bibliographic nicety. Will communicate such info as they proffer.

Cheerio,

VOE

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Prof. Reinhold H. Steinmeyer
123 Nicholson Avenue
Waveland, Miss.

Dear Prof. Steinmeyer:

Greetings and salutations!

My friend, Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian, Missouri Botanical Garden, St Louis 10, has written me regarding my general impressions or other pertinent (or impertinent?) information regarding Thomas Mack Serrett, who graduated from Tulane in geology in 1950. I have no recollection of the fellow but Dr. Vokes naturally suggests that you may indeed recall him and would assist the Garden in their quest for an assistant librarian, for Serrett has pursued training in library science beginning sometime in 1957. In the event you may know his occupation(s) between 1950 and 1957 that information perhaps may prove useful to the Garden friends.

We were all saddened by the swift decline and death of George Penn, for as you perhaps have heard he died of infectitious (?) hepatitis on Friday last, the 10th, and the funeral was held Saturday at the Episcopal Church at Carrollton and Zimple streets. Exactly five weeks before he came to Dinwiddie Hall and told the girls in the office that he was going to Touro for a few days for a check up.

Thank you for your trouble on Dr. Van Schaack's behalf and with best greetings to you and your wife from Nesta and myself,

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

c: Dr. Van Schaack

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May 22, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the copy of the letter from Hendrickson, which assures me of not having to disturb one dusty corner that we don't have room or time to take care of if disturbed.

Thanks also for your offer to look for the Fries Linné, but we do have a copy. It is certainly not easy to read and I have only been able to use it to piece out a few abbreviated statements in Jackson's translation.

Have you heard about the Redouté exhibit at the Hunt Library? It will be on until the end of July or so, so you may get to see it, but you should order a copy of the catalogue straight off (unless you have been sent one, which I haven't), plus making a special request for an index (what a shame not to have got the index printed with the catalogue!)

In haste -

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

PS. Have you heard about the flower painting and illustration exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art? There was a man showing me the catalogue here last night and it would be a most interesting thing to see if one could get there before June 9th, the last day. In any case you should get a catalogue of this too, for it contains a great deal of information about a number of things in flower illustration not otherwise easily come by, -- so much of it that I only hope it is not full of errors. The price of the catalogue is $2.50.

Thank you for returning the forms for the Americana Institute which I shall send to Dr. Camp.

Yes, you did say you were going to the Adanson Symposium, and I said I hoped you would go or come to it via St. Louis. How about it?

No, we do not have the Dunal. You had seen it at another place and taken a contact print of the phylogenetic chart which I still have. I note you frequently find things at Dauber & Pine. They seem not to have found us a good customer, for they don't send us their catalogue.

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

16 May 1963

Dear George:

Hendrickson's letter will set your mind at rest, as it has mine. This is your verifax copy to close the matter.

We have acquired Fries (original) edition of life of Linné and a right good thing it is. I do not recall seeing a copy heretofore and the first impression was the rich selection of portraits that were lost in the Daydon-Jackson transl. There is a roster of persons in back of vol. 2, etc. etc. but no index! If MBG does not have a copy I shall watch for another to come to market. Wish I might read Swedish.

Cordially,
Joe
Joseph Ewan

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MacMurray College
COLLEGE FOR WOMEN FOUNDED 1846 JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS COLLEGE FOR MEN FOUNDED 1955

DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

May 13, 1963

Dear Professor Ewen,

Thank you for your kind letter of April 16, concerning the Engelmann Papers. Your thoughtful remarks have satisfied me that the collection is safe, and that you and other scholars have your eyes on them, and that when the occasion arises, they will receive proper attention.

I attended the recent meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Omaha where the Indian paintings of Catlin, Bodmer, and Miller were on exhibit. It was a great treat to be able to compare originals of the work of these three men. I also got a quick look at the Maximilian collection described in the enclosed announcement. The Bodmer water colors were charming, and the mass of Maximilian manuscript material was astounding. Here was another man, who, thank goodness, never threw anything away!

Yours sincerely,
Walter B. Hendrickson
Walter B. Hendrickson

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Department of Botany

21 May 1963

Dear George:

Thanks for your genial letter of 16th and esp. for the kind invitation to join you in the West Americana conference in Chicago. It would be valuable for me, I know, but I must not undertake it this summer. I am too far behind to take the days off, and if we go to Amherst (and on to Montreal) this August I shall have to guard the treasury. (I do not think it would be cricket to ask Tulane to aid in this hegira to Chicago.). But I would really like to listen to some of the papers, I assure you. The person of biological interests who should be there is Dr. Charles L. Camp, Dept. of Paleontology, U. C., Berkeley 4, and for the cardinal reason that he revised the Wagner volume Plains and Rockies. I suggest that you send on these forms to Charles Camp and perhaps he may participate. I have never met Camp, tho I have corresp. with him. Friends in California think very highly of him and he is very conversant with the literature.

Perhaps I wrote that we are going to the Adanson conference in Hunt Library en route to Amherst. I think you said that you were going--I do hope so. One more firm date for summer. George has written very cordially re this and other matters. Stafleuis coming over; also, John Gilmour and Wilfrid Blunt.

I appreciate your view on the penny-a-word headitorial for Lubrecht. I shll not decide on this now in any event.

I did not mean to say that the Stechert firm is going ahead with the Brackenridge reprint for certain. It is still undecided but looks I would say likely. Lubrecht was vague, as on other matters--I have written that fellow about no end of suggestions etc. and he manages to comment on a few. Of course he aks for them, and of course I have some candidates for consideration from time to time.

We bought Dunal, Anonacees, 1817, from sale of Wm. Beebe's Library dupls. (presumably) from Dauber & Pine. 22.50. The plates are good, a few at back waterstained on edges only. This is that interesting work with phylogeny of genera, you will recall, which I suggest is very early for a thing of its kind. I believe you had a copy that we looked at on a prior visit? Beebe Library went to Princeton, fide Lubrecht.

~~Very sincerely,~~
Joe
Joseph Ewan

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May 16, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

I don't know your plans for the summer and you have probably already made plenty for the period in which the Institute meets, — in fact, I suspect you may already know about this, but in case you don't I am sending the papers along (extra copies so I don't need them back). I hope to go myself largely, of course, because of the people I shall see, for my own knowledge of this area is very limited. And then I shall be staying on several days at the ALA Conference which follows. In a right world there would be time and money to have you sent there, but today our world is only partly right. I am sending in my reservation as soon as the director's office may sign it, asking for anhalf double room without assignment of anyone to share it. Some days ago before realizing the nature of the conference I had suggested to Harold Bachelor of Tampa with whom I roomed in Overland two years ago, that we share a room. I may hear from him, but then again I may not. Should I hear from your first that you could go, I should write a follow-up to attempt to have us assigned together.

Quite annoyingly I have just had the 36 hour flu which has rather damaged this week. Next week will not be exactly damaged, but it will be curtailed, for Fred Sadler is coming to spend four days with me from Thursday on. He is on his way from England via the United States and Canada.

The exhibits in Chicago should be very interesting and you should meet quite a lot of people who might know of material you hadn't run into, so there ought to be a budget!

Greetings to all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

Encl.

PS. Many thanks for your letter of the 13th and your attempts to find the matter regarding Serrett. I wish I had saved you the trouble, for the librarian who apparently fired him about a year and a half ago has written me that he is quite able but impossible and that she would not have him on her staff again.

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PS(cont'd)

It seems to be a sufficiently strong statement to swing the balance.(At this point my secretary shivers and says I don't know a decent metaphor when I hear one, and, of course, I agree. But she has consented to type this up nevertheless.)

As for your query about the 'hediatorial', I agree $25.00 is not much for gathering the data on 20 titles and commenting on each. I would expect they regularly pay office help more than $25.00 for the time this will take you. I think you should get paid as much for it as for an equal amount of time spent working for Tulane at least (actually probably more, for I often think that many teachers of all academic levels, no only professors, receive a salary split in two, one part paid by the institution, the other in uncashable IOUs which they write themselves.

I am glad to know they are going to reprint the Brackenridge. There are two copies of the text in New York, both at the Public Library, and one copy of the atlas at the NY Botanical Garden. To make a really useful bibliographical copy they should make sure that any differences between the official issue and the unofficial issue are represented by copies of each version. Did I tell you this whole expedition is written up in the BULLETIN of the New York Public Library, vols. 46-46, the pertinent pages here being vol. 45, pages 839-842. I know I did tell Lubrecht and wonder why he didn't look this little item up, for there is a list of at least some known copies there.

Yes, I did see the notice of the Jane Colden item and ordered a copy. Many thanks.

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April 18, 1963

Professor Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

I am sending you a blind copy of a letter to Bill Steere concerning a matter which you may have already noticed yourself, but which I blush to say I did not notice until this morning. I am full of words over this, but I am sure you can fill in all the blank spaces I am going to leave.

By the way, have you looked at the article by Carroll Wood, et al, in the recent TAXON ~~AHSH~~ Gould's misconceived and misexecuted scheme. I don't think Carroll needs any more moral support, but he was most appreciative of the letter I wrote hime, and I think would be so at hearing from you.

Both Peckham and Shryock were kind enought to answer me. Shryock's little item, which is about twice the size of our proposed piece, came to $876.00 for 1200 copies. Peckham's, much less ambitious in size, came to $100.00 for 800 copies. I guess the Sequoia Press just puts on the charge, so we will have to settle for something not quite so fanch. I think we'll be able to get the thing done for about $350.00 or $400.00, so I am not worrying about it. I have the first draft of the translation nearly finished, having been off of it now for some two weeks doing other things, and shall hope to send you a copy in another three or four weeks, for it will take me some time to make a decent copy and add some extras.

I am sending you a copy of the recent BULLETIN including the annual report which may interest you. The whole thing was, of course, composed about three months ago. Since then, in fact only two weeks ago, there has been a marked change in direction here. One faction in the Board of Trustees being completely replaced by another faction. The interest and slant of the new control are such that many of the Director's remarks fall rather flat now. In particular, this whole business of cultural center is completely dead. At this point I again let you fill in some blank spaces. The new faction has its sights on getting some of the more important things done and, though some conservative, seems to have every intention of supporting genuine scientific activity. My own report yielded me a luncheon engagement with the new president three days after his election and a long audience with the daughter of one of the new vice presidents later. I couldn't see but what both of them talked very good sense and seemed to be genuinely concerned about the reputation of the Garden and its possibility for recapturing some lost esteem. You know there hasn't been really a single good yound appointment made here now in so many years one can scarcely remember the last - 20 years anyhow, which is certainly a serious matter. Woodson has a semi-trained successor who is not very good and will doubtfully stay anyhow. Anderson had no successor. Nell Horner's editorial successor is a complete washout as an editor. He admittedly hates it. What he may be as a taxonomist I don't know, but he is not the dynamic person which taxonomy needs here. Cutler's ~~interests are rather~~ spe

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interests are rather special, could well be followed here in the future, but he has no understudies. Of course, he is still only 50 himself. As for the library, there is apparently no one remotely interested in understudying the librarian position. What may be going on in the so-called lower garden, I don't know, but I certainly haven't seen any evidence of young enthusiastic, intelligent understudies, so scientifically, administratively and horticulturally we are much over age, the average age of the staff being probably 55 or better and it should be 40 or less. I don't think the new faction on the Board of Trustees has realized the probable impact of this, namely that the change of the average age to under 40 will cost them $50,000 a year at least.

Are you acquainted with G. O. Arlt's FERINAND DEPPE'S TRAVELS IN CALIFORNIA IN 1837. Los Angeles, 1953. G. N. Jones was here the other day and had this much information, but I can't find anything else about it in any of the bibliographic material at the University, which is usually adequate for American imprints.

Hope you haven't had to go to class to many times while reading this letter. Anyway, I am going to sign off. Best greetings to all.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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P.S. Your letter has come just before I mailed this, so I will add to it. Many thanks for your thoughts about a possible position for my sister. I hope she will not be too uncompromising in her demand regarding a new position. When I talked to her the other day, she said she could not go to a small college because there would not be enough botany to teach, i.e. she would not wish to have to teach anything except pure botany (no frogs, worms, pigs, etc.). The fact that she would know much more about this than anyone else who is likely to be around, would not be a support to her. However, I see no reason for her backing down on the idea, for I feel sure when she once got to such a position as Arzeni and had the satisfaction of being appreciated, she will forget about her insistence.

No, I am not sure that Bob Hecht knows his way around in the publishing field, although he has I think published one or two books, reprints in falconry. But don't think I wouldn't keep tract of him, so I don't think you need worry about it, except as you worry about anything I might keep track of.

Many thanks for the information about Hendrickson. Your letter is wonderful and I hope it has stopped this nonsense. I am sure Frits would like nothing better than start in on a half-baked project such as Hendrickson has in mind.

I think you paid $15.00 for the Koster (Gosh!). Just now we'll have to pass up copying any of it, but many thanks for the offer and we may take it up later.

I think you are perplexed about the Adanson celebration only because the invitations had not yet been send out. Mine came this morning, and I suppose yours was probably delivered today also. I certainly intend to go if I can, and I am returning the card requesting further information. I don't know where you'll be at that time, but perhaps in one direction or the other we could ride together, thereby making your attendance in St. Louis [illegible]

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

17 April 1963

Dear George:

Yours of 3rd came in midst of reading page proof and retyping a index for John Lyon. What a stake of letters from this respite!

Well, I wish I could suggest something for your sister in the South. I'm pretty sure I know her interests and I agree with you on the small college angle, with accent on personal contact with students, out of competition with the young doctorates that would not wish to stay and therefore never sit in with satisfaction but just on edge of jumping to something bigger and "better." We shall let you have a few names of private colleges, from Tom Earle, in next day or so. Charles B. Arzeni, student of Bill Steere's in moss taxonomy, was at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo, Miss., and loved it. (Negro). He was warmly appreciated, too. It might be worth looking into. Arzeni is now in west Africa but I could check his address if you like. Arzeni came to Tulane for summer course in radiation biology and we came to know him at the end of his stay. He did a Botany lab manual which Burgess put into 3rd ed.printing, 1960. He gave us a copy, which gives notion of the course content there, which I can happily send to your sister if she would like to follow up this lead.

Little suprised that Bob Hecht thinks of tackling publishing--I hope it will work out. You are sure he knows his way around this field?

I have written to Hendrickson as per blind carbon herewith. I feel you should know his intent, so I have sent a verifax copy of his letter. I hope I have swerved him away from disaster. Historian who knows too little exact science of the inexact sceinces! Lots of them around . . .

Rog McVaugh says there is to be an Adanson celebration in Pittsburgh in mid-August and wonders if I can manage to attend? George Lawrence has written twice inpast two weeks or so, asking me questions for his needs, etc., without mentioning this affair--seems a bit odd? I know what is behind the Adanson celebration: Hunt Library bought a large chunk of mss. via Stechert-Hafner from French heir of the Adanson, and they now have association copies of several Linnaean items, etc. I shall be pleased to go; can you be there too?

Rob is going to Europe next month: May-June in Geneva, working on Sesse and Mocino colls., June in Florence, early July in Madrid, and few weeks in London before getting back in time for Adanson in Pittsburgh. I have just bought the last complete set of Asa Gray Bull. for Tulane and set lacking one number for myself.

Weel, what you think! Argosy Bookstores,NYC, had a Koster, Brazil, ed. 2, 1817, for guess how much? and I bought it! It is really a most interesting item, full of bot. refs. all thru the two vols. and the Camara appendix is esp. important for econ. bot. Now, I shall happily send you this set if you would like to photocopy the Camara suppl. but the pp. are cockled and may present some trouble in focus. I am happy not to have missed Koster; I had misjudged it all along. All for now,

with very best

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16 April 1963

Professor Walter B. Hendrickson
MacMurray College
Jacksonville, Illinois

Dear Professor Hendrickson:

Yours of 8th was much appreciated with its report on the History of Science meeting which you attended. I shall keep track of Stannard's work on the 15th century botanical glossary--perhaps I may have a chance to examine the original at the Huntington before too long. I know thier collections rather well but did not see that item when I spent seven weeks there in 1960.

Now as to the important matter which you raise in your letter: the arrangement and calendaring of yhe Engelmann papers at the MBG:

I feel there is no hurry about the project, worthy and needed as it is for the historian of botany. In the first place, the call made in Isis and elsewhere, by many of us from time to time, is for the presevration of the papers of scientists. This has meaning for the public at large, and is not too widely heeded--only recently I discovered that a mammalogist of prominence in this country had not saved his father's papers when his father had been a pioneer in Baja California and knew the country when it was a true wilderness. This happens all too often, even in informed circles. But the MBG has taken pains to save and house the Engelmann papers, though true there has been little effort to organize the collections. I believe very firmly that the history of science must be patient in these days of quiet excitement when more and more colleges are expanding their course offerings in this area, etc., libraries are being amassed and the like. We must procede with plan and best use of our powers. There are plenty of projects in great need of attention, esp. in realm of bibliography and organizing our knowledge, that we can well afford to wiat for the optimum environment for a task like translating German script, in a subject of intricate complexity with changed plant names and language since the materials came into being. Engelmann would be a sterling subject for a biography--few figures in American botany are more honest and high in humanitarian attitudes, generous and tolerant, prodigious for work accomplished, good travellers, and good tasters of the wine of life--but all this must wait for the biographer who fills several requisites familiar to you, I know.

Engelmann was a sun in the St Louis firmament. Around him whirled lesser twinkling figures (Fendler, Riehl, Lindheimer, etc. etc.) that will make excellent studies for the Englemann biographer to warm up with. . . From this you may think I am just as negative as Dr. Van Schaack proved to be to your proposal, and in truth I am. Above all, do not propose a plan to the Garden administration short of thorough

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consideration of ways and means for this would be a flask of misfortune, for the progress of the scientia amabilis and the happy history of science congress of minds.

I must end on a positive note: at a St Louis conference devoted to research opportunities in American cultural history--see J. F. McDermott's symposium published by the Univ. Kentucky Press--there was accord among the tweleve participants that the most urgent need was not so much that untilled fields be plowed now but that we know where the fields are, their content and how fertile may be the crop when the scholar takes up his tools and works them. We just know so little of what the other fellow has done; we need topical bibliographies, bibliographies of bibliographies, in the natural sciences. Max Meisel reincarnate.

Most sincerely,

Joseph Ewan

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DEPARTMENT OF
HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

April 8, 1963

Dear Professor Ewan,

Thank you for the reprint of your reviews of the travel accounts. The History of Science meeting was very interesting, but heavily weighted toward the physical sciences. Stannard's paper on the 15th century botanical manuscript was entertaining. The manuscript was a botanical glossary, not an herbal, and it is presently in the Huntington Library. I came into the meeting late and did not get the title, but of course Stannard could give it to you. Stannard's paper was mostly concerned with the identification of the plants named and described by the compiler of the glossary. Except that the compiler seems not to have copied from already known manuscripts, there was no new information about medieval botany.

I want also to mention another matter with which I have been concerned. This is the arrangement and calendaring of the Engelmann papers at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

You probably have seen the issue of Isis (March, 1962, vol 53, part 1), in which the matter of collecting and preserving the papers of American scientists is discussed. It was this that got me started on trying to get something done about the Engelmann papers.

I made a trip to St. Louis a few weeks ago to talk to Dr. Schaack, the librarian there, whom you know. I also had talked to a member of the Board of Trustees of the Garden, but I have not approached Dr. Wendt. I know, and Dr. Schaack confirmed this, that there is a project on foot to arrange the books and papers of Henry Shaw.

What I ppoposed to Dr. Schaack was that the Garden also undertake to arrange, translate and calendar the Engelmann papers, which, as you know, are mostly letters to Engelmann from his collectors, from Asa Gray and other botanists, and from European museums to which Engelmann sold specimens. All this with the idea that a first class biography of Engelmann might be done. I suggested, too, microfilms and photostats of letters written by Engelmann be obtained. There are many of these at Harvard, at

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the Smithsoniam, and, of course, in Europe.

If all this material could be brought together, the Missouri Botanical Garden would become a major research center in the history of botany, since it already possesses such a fine library.

But Dr. Schaack was very pessimistic about doing anything. I think it is pretty well known that the Board of the Garden, and Dr. Wendt have gone all out to promote the Climatron and the Garden Clubs.* In other words they have gone for popular rather than the scholarly, and horticulture rather than botany. Schaack pointed out that there was no one at Washington University who was interested in the history of botany, and Schaack said that he did not have the time to do the job himself, nor did he have sufficient funds. He said that it would take a good German scholar to translate the letters, and to do the job right, such a man should also be a botanist.

I am not competent to do the job--my German is weak, my botanical knowledge is practically nil, and I already have more research underway than I'll ever finish. So my interest in this matter is completely that of the scholar who is distressed when he sees important material unused.

I thought perhaps, because of your wide acquaintance among botanists that you might have some suggestions about what can be done. Perhaps the NSF or some foundation could be interested in supplying some money. Schaack felt that I should not approach Wendt about the matter since I had no concrete proposal to make about how the project could be carried through.

Yours sincerely,

Walter B. Hendrickson

* As I re-read this, I think I should make sure that it is understood that Schaack said nothing to me about this, other than to say that Wendt already had a great many things underway.

WBH

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Department of Botany

22 April 1963

Mr. Harry Lubrecht
Stechert-Hafner, Inc.
31 East Tenth Street
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lubrecht:

Dr. George Van Schaack of the Missouri Botanical Garden has mentioned the possible issue of Brackenridge's beautiful work on ferns, being vol. 16 of the U. S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842, as a reprint.

Since the inimitable Merrill was interested in this project and indeed tried to arouse interest in its reprinting I thought you would be interested in the prospectus that he mailed out in 1946, a verifax copy herewith of my copy from Dr. Merrill at the time. (You will note my record of the size of the edition of Gronovius, Flora Virginica, and of Walter, Fl. car., jotted in the margin from my on-the-spot questioning of the matter). As for the Brackenridge project he found insufficient interest from returns of this form to warrant the reprinting. This was 1946. I think matters have changed: there is a live interest in such reprint projects today, I hear general approval of the program (that seems to be budding and flowering on three continents), there is more financial support for these purchases than in 1946--altogether I would not be too discouraged from Merrill's defeat. You will note his little history of the book and its extreme rarity. It would be interesting to know if, indeed, any copy is held privately at this time. Conrad Morton might know the answer. Also, Morton would be a telling referee for possibly going ahead with any reprint program.

With best wishes,
most sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

c: Dr. VanSchaack

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April, 1946

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Rafinesque, C. S. Autikon Botanikon, pp. 1–200. 1840. Philadelphia. (*Not in Pritzel*). Lithoprint reproduction 1942. Price $3.00.

Rafinesque, C. S. Sylva Telluriana, pp. 184. 1838. Philadelphia. (*Not in Pritzel*). Lithoprint reproduction 1943. Price $2.50.

Rafinesque, C. S. Flora Telluriana, 4 parts. 1836–38. Philadelphia. (*Not in Pritzel*). Lithoprint reproduction, 1945, the four parts of a single volume, about 450 pages. Price $5.00.

Rafinesque, C. S. New Flora and Botany of North America, 4 parts. 1836–38. Philadelphia. (Pritzel no. 7402). Lithoprint reproduction, 1945, the four parts in a single volume, about 404 pages. Price $4.50.

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April 3, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of the 30th regarding various items. I think you will find the commentary for Orbis eruditi an interesting thing to do and I am glad you can consider doing it. When I have some sort of English translation, I will send a copy as well as two or three references I have run into, that you might know of. Bob Hecht is anxious to take the risk of publishing this and, with the subscription I already indicated last time, there is no reason why we can not expect to do it. I think you misunderstood what I said about partial reproduction. What I meant was simply that the non-facsimile part, namely the new material, might at least in certain places be lithoprinted typescript, for the notes for example are ragged anyhow. But we shall hope it will be possible to do it all by letter press, except, of course, the 16 pages of facsimile.

I return the letter from Hall, which I am afraid I don't understand anywhere near as well as you do. You asked how he sounds, — well, flurried, if not hurried, and certainly not easy to evaluate. I really think you had better have him come over and see you.

I wonder if you have any opportunity to know about jobs teaching botany in some of the smaller places in the South. My sister will not be appointed again at Hope College and she has spoken of the possibility of looking for a more favorable climate to live in, since she has so many physical trials already with diabetes, colitis, glaucoma, etc. She does not want to live in the city and I see no possibility for her competing for a job with the young wonders or the not so young successful publishers. As you know, she received her degree at Hopkins with Duncan Johnson and Berton Livingston and studied with Dr. Couch, and has taught at Mount Holyok and Wheaton, so her training and experience are adequate. But from now on in (she'll be 59 in July) she should really try for something much simpler, some place of 400 or 500 students, maybe a few more, where devotion to the students will be appreciated if not too generously rewarded financially. And by the way, it is exactly this last which makes me hopeful she may find something in time; like any of us, she can use as much money as may be forthcoming, but actually she now has some constant support, which, supplemented by a few thousand dollars in a mild climate, would make herelife quite easy. I don't know whether she would go to a negro college or not, but one of her closest friends did teach in such a place near Birmingham for many years and she always thought of her as someone to be envied, because of her happiness in accomplishment. If, by chance, you should hear of anything along the line you can guess I have in mind, I'd like to know about it, for she might be able to make an application there.

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I am not surprised to hear that Dorothy and Margie have set their hearts on being air line hostesses, for I think their personalities are exactly fitted for such a job; and with their wanderlust they would be very happy at it.

I must stop and get downstairs, where I am mounting on invisible linen some badly battered leaves of Gerarde, 1597, preparatory to getting the whole thing back into a new cover.

Best greetings

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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April 25, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Enclosed is a copy of Orbis eruditi, which you will want to have at hand and which is for your permanent possession. I apologize for its very casual binding, but I must reserve my efforts for something that would be a little more grateful for what I can now do. We are just finishing today the restoration of two editions of Gerard 1597 and 1636. No, they don't look as if they had been done in the 17th century, but neither do they look as if they had been done in the 20th century. Each has a new leather spine stamped in gold, new boards, covered with cloth, new end papers of old material, title pages mounted on invisible linen, damaged pages at the back repaired and mounted, etc. For the first time since I have been here, these two books can be handled without damage to them. A month ago neither of them had any covers and one of them had many loose leaves. I have been having my boy work at this kind of thing for about two months now, the one who has been with me for nearly four years, you know; but I am afraid this may be his last week for he has, I believe, finally found a job as illustrator in line with his college training. I tried to persuade him to be interested in book binding enough to take it up, but it is not something he could really devote himself to, although he is very clever with his finders.

Enclosed also is a blurb about a facsimile of Evelyn's Kalendarium Hortense. If indeed it a real facsimile, it would be a very nice thing. And I am thinking you might like to get a copy, so I am sending a copy of the blurb. We have the work in several editions as it appeared in folio size appended to his various editions of Silva (alias Sylva). It seems to me that the thing is done at a very moderate price and I am asking the Herb Grower Press to tell me who the printer may be, for we might find him useful.

Thanks for your letter to Lubrecht, and its copy and associated papers to me, which I did not know about.

A note from Bill Steere came today, thanking me for my alarm about the North American Flora. So far as he knew no one had mentioned the matter before, but he set about immediately to have it corrected.

A very interesting book came yesterday from England, Thornton and Tully - Scientific books, libraries and collectors, 2d edition, London, 1962. 68shillings. It appears to be a mine of information and I think you can not plan do being without it. Its bibliography is pages 318-373 and its index 375-406, with some 3,000 entries, mostly names. It begins way B.C. and comes up to day before yesterday. It has an average of three bibliographic footnotes per page and some interesting plates.

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Did you see any account of the destruction of Lindmark's book stock in Poughkeetsie? He had become a hermit, had moved into a warehouse with his books and was open, I believe, only for two or three hours on Saturday morning or something like that. While he was in the hospital recently, the place was set on fire and completely destroyed. The stock consisted of 900,000 volumes, much rare and very valuable stuff, completely uninsured.

As usual I should be doing my work instead of sitting here dictating. Looking forward to hearing from you

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

30 March 1963

Dear George:

Yours of 22nd brought its usual cargo of interest and information.

I'm pleased to know you are taking the writing of W3 for Rhodora under consideration. I hope you tackle it.

I shall be glad to do the intro. for Orbis eruditi following your well said words on the Svenson tack and the thoughts you have on the general plan of such an intro. seems eminently valid.

On the size of edition I whould say 300 might well be enough and that any run over 500 would be only more storage porblem, Thoreau-like, for your garret. Sale price: $2.00 would be very fair--sounds better on today's market than $1.50 and then you might wish to present some copies to foreign bot. libraries where hard currency funds are short, e.g. India, etc. etc. This price might permit you to do this. Stechert-Hafner would likely take on the distribution for you, at what fee I do not know. I hope you can find out about the Wm. Clements Library item I sent for it has pleasing qualities. It would be preferable to have the whole item reproduced in one medium, if possible, rather than part in facs. and only in part, which I feel sure you have in mind, only taking this part facs. course if necessary.

If you have not seen L. C. Powell's ALCHEMY OF BOOKS (Ward Ritchie Press, Los Angeles, 1954) look it up. I wrote to the publisher for two copies--one for you--but, alas alack, and so you shall have to wait for a 2nd hand copy to come to market. Powell is a bookman, heart and binding, and you will enjoy his anecdotes tho they concern lit. and not sci. books.

This letter from Floyd Hall, herewith, is very curious. I'm wondering who he is and what his real backgrounds may be? Sounds knowledgeable and yet odd gaps in his info. Of course I contemplate no co-authorship. I should like to be helpful, as usual, and best thing I could do would be to invite him over and immerse him with the biobibliographic spirit. I dislike to see such persons annoying English archivists, but here again I may be under-estimating the man. How does he sound? Of course I know the Sutro holdings quite well, and also know Dick Dillon is interested in doing a life of Arch. Menzies, etc. etc.

(When conveneint I shall be glad to have the Hallletter back and try to answer the same).

Kathleen and her d. flew to Boston, and arrived in good form, Monday last; Dord and Marg flew to Miami, and presumably arrived in good form . . . but yet to hear from either of them. We wish them good luck for they so have their hearts set on airline hastin-ing. Brainiff may have something that would involve Spanish and that appeals to them even more than domestic flights.

With very best,

Tom

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7 March 1963

Dear George:

Your usual bibliographic prize of Feb. 28th brought me the usual depp satisfaction. I know some persons who would quip that you are making a mountain out of a John Hill to pursue your edition with such vigor. It is great sport, I think, to see how little we really know about botanical literature--and then our George H[is] M[ajesty] Lawrence thinks we are in no need of such tools as Daydon-Jackson Guide. To answer your last query first: Stearn is overloaded; Townsend would take the question upstairs to Bot. Dept. and WTS would then be asked; Wheldon & Wesley would be a good bet, address the inquiry to C. Kirke Swann, F.L.S. My best suggestion is to let it simmer on back of your bibliographic stove until I can take the whole messy pot to England next year and look into the copies there.

Daydon-Jackson, Guide, 111, says of the work "Cumbrous and useless" and that vol. 1 was issued in 8vo. in 1762.

The sale of the copyright in 1782, I suggest, was the basis of the 1824 reprint that MBG owns. See F. W. Oliver, Makers Brit. Bot. 102. 1913. where T. G. Hill writes of Sir John. Lindley Lib. Cat. 203 gives a Family Herbal Bungay imrpint of 1812, which again must be part of this use of the Hill reliquiae or sale of copyright. I feel as you do that we may as well not take Sir John too seriously. One more bit: Mass. Hort. Soc. Lib. Cat. 141 says that "v. 1 and 21 are 2d ed." -- whatever that may really signify.

Before I forget: the parcel arrived in fine fettle and I am most appreciative of the several fine favors.

Nesta is finishing the revised Banister to mail tomorrow. I am reading galley on John Lyon for Trans. APS. Accordingly, I shall report on Orbis eruditi-- most interesting--soon.

As for Henry Koster: MARI here does not own any ed. of Koster and HTMLibrary likewise. I tried for a copy of (as I recall) second ed. some years back and missed. I have never given the work very high scientific importance; Analectic Reviewing. (1o:223. Sept. 1817) says "It is not a scientific work, . . ." There is a nice account of Arruda da Camara in Jour. Bot. 34:242-250. 1896, by, of course, in the great Britten! Britten says Koster was b. in Liverpool; Moraes, Lisbon. NYPL does not own a Koster in English; they own German (1817) and a French ed. (1818). There is a later Fr. ed. (1846) which contains Arruda's catalogue on pp. 442-510. So one need not buy the first Engl. to get the gist of the catalogue. The original 1810 Port. language catalogue should be easily secured in microfilm from BM(NH), etc. Incidentally Maggs offerred first Eng. ed. of 1816 for just £42 in 1953 (cat 818, item 996). Ed. 2 (1817) was offereed by Maggs for &14--such are increment of prices in this area of interest!

One more item of Kosteriana:
Analectic Rev. 9:487-504 (June) 1817 carries an interesting rev. of 1st ed. (?) copied from Eclectic Review.

JCB Fellowship turned down: "substantial number of applicants and only a limited amount of money" but I'm very grateful to you for your trouble in all events.

Hastily, most sincerely,

Joe

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March 8, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans

Dear Joe:

Pardon me! — that is for my ignorance. I discover that there already is an English translation of Linnaeus, Orbis eruditi, which appears in the translation of Stoever. I wonder this is not noted in Soulsby under Orbis eruditi, which title by the way isn't even noted in the index. However, it is doubtful the English translation of Stoever is very common since it appeared in 1794. Perhaps it would be well to have a new English version anyhow, in any case I think it would be well to have an English version appear with the Latin.

I wonder if the Latin American Institute has a copy of Koster, Travels in Brazil. As I didn't but you probably did know this is a most wanted book and quite rare. The first edition in 1816 was advertised in Hammonds Catalogue 138 quite recently at £ 85/-. The second edition 1817 is also currently advertised in Catalogue 270 of Livaria Kosmos Editora in Rio at Cr. $36,000, which I believe is about $90.00. There was a Philadelphia edition about that time or a little later which Borba de Moraes says is the most desired, but I have not seen it for sale. It came up here because he included appendeces of Arruda, one of them on plants from 1810. These are apparently mislisted in the Kew Index as Arruda in Koster 1816 instead of Arruda 1810. Perhaps there is an Arruda at the Latin American Institute. There is one at LC and I have sent for a microfilm.

All for this morning. Greetings. As always

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Frank Hammond, 63 Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire England.
Catalogue 138 Item 278 - KOSTER, Henry, Travels in Brazil, 1st ed., with 2 engraved maps and 8 fine coloured aquatint plates, 4to, contemporary calf, rebacked and gilt, 1816 £85

Livraria Kosmos Editora, Rua do Rosario, 135-137, Rio de Janeiro.
Catalogo 270 Item 1496 - KOSTER, Henry, Travels in Brazil. 2d ed. London, printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, & Brown, 1817, 2 vols. in-8°; (14) 786 pp.; 1 mapa e 1 planta desdobr. e 8 planchas, gravados em cobre. Enc. da época em 1/2 marroquim verm. com cantos e dour. 2ª edição inglêsa. Muito raro! Cr$36,000

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March 6, 1963

Joe Ewan:

The enclosure was composed to support the judgment (in the early paragraph) which the reference librarian at Washington University had asked me for. She said I should do no work to make this judgment but that, of course, was obviously impossible and I actually spent several hours, -- not without considerable enjoyment, however, for you know my faculties really don't glow until I can be britical. If you have time to read it and know any glaring misjudgments, I would appreciate being set right.

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March 22, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your various recent communications. As for Hill, I think we can let him rest until you go to England, so we'll both try to keep it in mind for a year. Your suggestion that I write W3's botany for Rhodora is rather intriguing but, in addition to doubting that I have a broad enough background, I am doubtful too that I could find the time. However, I shall let the idea germinate for a while.

I have still been unable to find any estimate on the cost of doing Orbis eruditi in the way I suggested but, in some way or other, I expect it will be possible, for Mrs. Eisendrath has offered up to $150.00 to make up any differential between the cost and the funds available. For that amount, if we could do nothing else, the item could be facsimiled with a page or two of introduction, at least. I am unable to estimate the reasonableness of your suggestion that Svenson write the matter (non-committal description), which I suggested having you do. I have never met him, so far as I know have never even seen him, nor do I know any of his works, — for some reason or other, however, I have always thought of him as having a heavy hand and if there is anything this 'matter' shouldn't have, it is that. There is also, of course, the fact that I don't know him and, being unable to pay him, could scarcely object to anything he proposed doing or did. The same would have to hold for you, of course, but we understand each other, so that criticism would not be excluded if it seemed advisable. I think of this little 'matter' as a sort of short comment on the ever present struggle for advantage between scholars, the frequency with which the less able nearly or actually outruns the more able, the ingeniousness of Linnaeus in getting out this publication and the fact that it is almost a perfect 18thcentury forerunner of the present 20th century 'resume', — what evidence of any may there be of the use of such a resume at all at that time or before that time. If the 'matter, were to be treated from these angles, I should expect your own writing to be as well suited for the task as any likely to be found; that you may not be in complete possession of all of the details of all of Linnaeus' life as Svenson would not be very important. Perhaps, of course, you have a quite different idea of how this should be treated and, if so, I should like to know what it might be. At any rate, for the moment, let us delay bringing in a third person until we have a more definite thought about this. Finally, of course, there is the matter that this would be published by the Garden, and your association with the Garden is fairly strong, while that of Svenson so far as I know is entirely tenuous, if there be any at all.

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I am sorry to hear about the JCB fellowship but hope it won't prevent you from being able to spend some time there. At the moment I have no plans for the summer, for I still don't know how to get away from this place. I am unable to hire any trained assistant, so I spend such money as I might have for that on boys to repair books, and with them, of course, I must be about all the time. I have recently started genuine restoration. The copy of Museum Tradescantium, which we bought, came with all of the leather off, dried and broken, the boards flapping, the first gathering messed up with paste, etc., and then the whole trimming skewed. I have changed it into a fine little volume, bound in full calf with everything straightened up. Another essay was the restoration of Grew's Anatomy, 1682 - covers off, back broken, plates loose. It now has the same cover with restored corners, a new leather spine, plates replaced, back repaired, and is a very good looking job if I say so myself. Momentarily, we are working on two editions of Gerard's Herbal and several other things. Do wish you lived across the street!

Best greetings to all,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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February 15, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

I have forgotten to tell you about the publication of a biography of Monardes which appeared in 1961, though of course you may well know of it. I recently saw it advertised somewhere as available from Lathrop Harper and have just received a copy, which was still available, although the edition was announced as small. It may not be for you, but it is certainly for the Institute and they mustn't fail to have a copy. It is by Guerra (of Yale) Nicolas Bautista Monardes su vida y su obra. In addition to his life there is a complete bibliography of his writings, covering sixty pages, and a set of 105 photographs mostly of title pages, regrettably rather small but still usable.for the most part. The price is rather high - $12.50; but it would cost at least $14.00 to do it for one's self!

(Economic Note: I have just come from the hardware store where the cheapest good hammer is $3.95)

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

Address of Lathrop C. Harper, Inc.
8 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

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March 5, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

If the Rare Book Conference survives to meet for a fourth time, that meeting will take place in St. Louis in the summer of '64. At the first meeting somebody supplied to the members as mementos a Library of Congress facsimile of one of the Rosenwald collections. At the second conference some sort of inconsquential item was presented by the University of Miami and I suspect that next summer, in Chicago, there will be a rather more substantial piece, perhaps from the Newberry Library. I am toying with the idea of having the Garden make the memento presentation in St. Louis and wonder what you think of selecting the rare Linnaean item Orbis eruditi judicium. I think I showed you our two (!) copies when you were here last summer. It is said to be the rarest Linnaean item there is, and on that score and its intrinsic interest together with its small size, 16 pages about 4 x 5" each, make it a strong candidate. It has been facsimiled before, but I do not believe it has been translated into English and, if it were to be used, I think this should be done. My Latin is not equal to that job. But fortunately Stover contains a German translation and my Latin-German combination would I think be sufficient to supply an English version. There should also be bibliographic remarks and some attempt to list known copies. Finally, I think there should be a short essay on the significance of the object as a human document as much as from any other standpoint. This last I should like to see done by you. The whole thing would run to about forty pages, which would be thin enough to do in a single gathering with a heavy cardboard cover. What such a thing would cost I don't know, but the item should certainly have some other sale. I should guess in an edition of 500 copies it ought not to cost more than $0.40 a copy, maybe as little as $0.25 a copy, for I see no reason why it could not be done by offset. You have a copy of Stover, don't you, -- the pertinent pages are v. 1:241-257. Please let me know what you think of this.

Many thanks for the tear sheet containing the Mattioli items. The list contained five French editions which we do not have, but we do have two French editions already and I have passed up those other.

As ever

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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February 28, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the letter of last week and miscellaneous enclosures. I have not found out very much about John Hill except what you have probably already read in the American Naturalist v. 60, p. 417-442. Without having spent very much time on it, my own guess is that John Hill is a fruitless basket to be ignored in the presence of plenty of other more juicy offerings. I find nothing in v. 1 and 2 where the treatment is morphological or physiological, etc. to indicate that he was doing anything except compiling for the purpose of publishing something which might make him some money. The only reference I found to the plates is on the title page which says that he drew them all himself from nature. As you can see from the one I sent you, they are not too far off wallpaper designs and many of his other pages suggest the same thing. I confess I had not looked him up bibliographically when I sent the copy and now find that our set seems not to be noted bibliographically, the date on all volumes being 1824, the imprint reading 'London, printed for the author and sold by T. Baldwin, R. Jones, J. Ridley and L. Davis'. The original edition of 1762 bears imprint 'London, printed at the expence of the author and sold by R. Baldwin'. Since he died some fifty years before our edition was put out, it is hard to know what 'printed for the author' may mean. Neither Pritzel nor Nissen take any note of this edition. [Several hours later] I have just returned from several hours at the new Olin Library at Washington University, part of which was spent trying to find out about the work I have been speaking of, wholly without success. It is not noted in the British Museum Catalogue nor in the Bibliothèque Nacionale. The Library of Congress does not have any edition. Although all his works are listed in DNB, nothing is there for 1824 etc., etc., etc. I feel sure that Baldwin's successors found enough stuff lying around in the storeroom to issue it over again with some new title pages and that that is what happened. The only thing is it would be nice to know so that when we see a reference to an earlier date we know that it is covered by what we have. I should like to ask somebody in England who could answer the question without doing any work. Would this be Townsend or Stearn or somebody else, -- maybe just Wheldon & Wesley.

I am glad to hear you have received a nice gift for the book fund and hope H.T.H. will continue to help you.

Pesman's book is here and looks very useful. In about 250 pages there seem to be perhaps 300 line drawings which would be distinctly helpful in making field identifications. The plants are arranged by habitat in about a dozen classifications: desert, mesquite and grassland, thorn forest, etc., etc., the whole thing looking something like Jaeger's books. Each plant rates about a third of a page of patter which spreads itself around but seems to be helpful and is definitely interesting. I don't know why it was published in Globe, but a man named Dale Stuart King, who lives there, undertook to do so probably because he liked Pesman. There is a

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map in six or eight colors of the various habitat areas which, if at all accurate, would be to the point.

You will see from my enclosure that I agree with you about Jackson.

Many thanks for the Natural history of nonsense over which I have had more deep laughter than anything else I have seen recently.

I must have misquoted the Dagmar as $100.00, because it has always been in my mind it was $139.95, for the model which seem most useful, namely Model A. I still don't have our machine, our order having got lost in the mail somehow or other but I am hopeful to have one next week.

So far I have not had any serious though about going to Edinburgh. When I saw my sister the 1st of December, she said she was thinking of going. But whether she will carry out her plan I don't know.

Best greetings to one and all.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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21 February 1963

Dear George:

You can surmise my pleasure at your letter of Jan. 30th and the five enclosures. I am very glad that you had the Hill, Veg. syst., and the pictorial aids have made it essential that we learn more about this anomalous umbelifer. Perhaps this summer we shall have access to Morison, Nova distributio umbelliferarum, to study the citations therein and which, if any, connect with L's orig. desc. in Sp. pl. Index Kew. says that Chaerophyllum arborescens is Aralia spinosa ? but this can hardly be so, from the fine character of the lvs. of L's type. To be sure, two taxa may be involved: the pl. going back to Banister, and the Linnaean type, preserved, and described in Sp. pl. Hill's illus. does not help the situation a great deal. I have been trying to learn more about the Veg. syst. and what John was trying to do in that elaborate work but his biographers do not throw much knowledge our way. I wonder what Hill was using as the basis for the ill.? (The dried pls. in the BM(NH) herb. today represent a set made up and sold to help expenses for his first marriage to a dowerless maid; they are Brit. pls. exclusively).

Which Dagmar are you buying? Model A, 16 or 35? Sounds as if Model A is our best bet. You mention a Dagmar costing $100. but I see none in that bracket; $139.95 for models A and 16, or is there a discount? But I shall write the Chicago office and so you may not need to answer these points at moment.

Are younplanning to go to Edinburgh? I hope so for Nesta and I plan to go. I hope we can leave on or about June 1st and stay the summer.

Harry T. Howard, jr. (Henri) was here one day when you were here, I think, but in any event he has just given the Bot. Dept. Book Fund a $1000 for such items as I think a fitting addition, with thought that next year I may see useful journals abroad at good price. He is also going to add to this from time, he says. With two other good potential donors in tow I think we are in pretty good promise . . . One, I hope, will buy the USDA Bot. Cat. for us, and the other some 'color plate books' --this in addition to Howard's gift.

Do you know this Pesman Meet Flora Mexicana, listed in Lundberg 110, item 311? Why published at Globe, Ariz.? I knew Walter Pesman very well in Denver, where he was a successful landscape arch. and conservationist, forester, etc., and you no doubt saw his pop. flower guides to Colo.? He died last Dec.

Eric Lundberg bought W. L. McAtee's library from family for $1400. The son would not answer letters from outside re to his father's library; Morton wrote, I wrote, no reply. This last Ericum 110 seems to have no evidence of McAtee's interest, no asso. copies. I tweeked him on the secrecy or suggested the McAteedom had not yet been catalogued.

Wm. Beebe's library went by sale to Princeton; Dauber & Pine sold us (HTML)

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a nice item, on nat. hist. of Christmas Isl., from B's library with his fine bookplate--again no notice that the sale incl. asso. copies. I asked D&P about this but no answer.

Rousseau-Giradd listed a stock of Matthioli--see tear sheet--which may bear on your study of that herbalist. Or fill in some item for a plump sum!

Haste
with care
and greetings warm

Joe

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Department of Botany

21 February 1963

Mr. Clarence Schultz
Jefferson Expansion Memorial
Market Street
St Louis 12

Dear Mr. Schultz:

Word has come from Dr. VanSchaack of the Missouri Botanical Garden that you are in interested in Edward Palmer and esp. in his Colorado plant specimens. I believe he said that McVaugh's Edward Palmer (Norman, 1956) had been examined without too much success. The information at best is very sketchy.

Since Palmer did not reach Colorado until the Fall of 1860 the trip over the Continental Divide must have been made in 1861. The trip would surely have been made across Rollins Pass, opened in 1860, and in passing from Middle Park to South Park Palmer would have crossed either Georgia Pass or Hoosier Pass, most likely reaching the "base of the mountains" by Ute Pass, the historic avenue of penetration by the Indians long before the arrival of the White Man. From the field notes found at the Smithsonian Institution it can be said that Palmer was collecting in the mountains as late as the 20th of July. Now as to the actual plant collections, McVaugh predicts that if Palmer's Colorado plants are extant from this trip they would come to light at the Missouri Botanical Garden. It is very doubtful in view of the vestigial data on the labels of those found in the National Museum at Washington that any would have been kept at St. Louis. As indicated in McVaugh's Palmer, p. 17, I found Primula parryi collection in the National Herbarium but there is no date nor locality. We know that the plant must have been collected in the subalpine spruce zone and we may conjecture that it came from this very trip but we cannot be sure.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

cc: Dr. VanSchaack

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19 February 1963

Harry Lubrecht
Stechert-Hafner Inc.
31 East Tenth Street
New York 3

Dear Mr. Lubrecht:

Thank you for yours of 6th instant with its inclosures.

I am much interested in Dr. Lawrence's comment on the general availability of Daydon-Jackson's Guide to the Literature of Botany and to his point that much has been published since the Index Society issued the book! These are surprising statements: first, the book is certainly 'SCARCE' I Think I watch the market quite closely and two copies have come up in twenty years, one I missed and one I purchased from Amsterdam by rare good luck. It sold for $45. I have forgotten what the other (earlier) copy sold for but it was at least $35. On the second count, the book is useful as an addendum to Pritzel. Everyone who owns the Milan reprint of Pritzel should have the Dayden-Jackson since that is precisely what it purports to be, a supplement. That perhaps two to three times as much literature has appeared since 1880 is beside the point and not pertinent to the question. The value to the Guide is also that it does 'guide' the graduate student and others (!) to the literaute by subject. It is a useful commentary on the value of the books listed, too, and as such will help the new libraries opening around the country--junior colleges, etc., who should know about its virtues. I think you are wise to check on opinion of others in this connection: perhaps my friend Dr. Van Schaack of the Missouri Botanical Garden Library will have an opinion?

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

c: Dr. VanSchaack
postscript: Clifford Smith, Santa Barbara Museum Nat. Hist., letter of 18 Nov 1961, "Jackson's GUIDE was being reprinted but company folded." No other details.
second postscript: Two years ago this month I suggested to you that you consider reprinting Musaeum Tradescantianum [Old Ashmolean reprint I, 1925] and I'm wondering if you have thought further on this? Ashmolean reprint did not print the pl. catalogue, pp. 74-178, so there has not been, in truth, a full reprint of the Musaeum. Miss Mae Allan, WestWood, Walberswick, Southwold, Suffolkf is doing a biog. of Tradescants, in advanced preparation.

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January 30, 1962

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Yes, just by accident we seem to have a set of Hill's Vegetable system, 26 volumes in 13, 19" tall! I have been able to make some sort of copy from the page containing your plant and send you both the positive and negative, for neither is very good; but I think the pair show as much as you are likely to get from the original. I enclose also the short description which Hill gives. In addition, I am sending you a contact Copease print of the Linnaean herbarium microfiche. Your plant is 365.12. The microfiche is extremely good but the copy extremely poor. In a few days we shall have a new Dagmar reader for microfiche from which excellent prints can be made, and I shall then make you such a print.

Thanks for the note about the USDA Bot. Cat. We purchased a copy over a year ago, so we can't be of any help in pushing the reprint over the line. I have not had much occasion to use it but, when I have, I have found it rather difficult, partly because of the state of the original and partly because of the rather poor printing. In fact, the librarians as a group are quite concerned over the rather poor standard that Hall has set up.

As you already gleaned we did purchase the Linnaean Herbarium in microfiche and, in fact, also the De Candolle. Several more are to be done but I don't know how many we shall purchase. The quality of the photography is fantastically good and the price of any one of the herbaria is less than a trip to Europe to consult it for a day or two, so at least for this type of herbarium it seems to me we should have as many as we can afford. I understand the IDC will sell separate fiche from the collection, so it is possible for investigators in restricted fields to get just the portions which they need. The whole spectical of the IDC is something to wonder about. How does Sweden finance such an undertaking, when in this country it is impossible to buy anything for less than several times as much and then one can not buy pieces. The Dagmar I speak of above is a very excellent solution to the problem of reading microfilm and microfiche and costs only $100.00. The blurb is enclosed.

While I have been dictating this, a Mr. Clarence Schultz attached to the Jefferson Expansion Memorial, Market Street, St. Louis 12, has come in to get some information about Dr. Edward Palmer. In particular, he is trying to trace the location of Palmer's specimens collected on Longs Peak in 1860. I don't locate any such information in Roger's book and suspect you know more about the matter than anyone else. If you know the location of any of Palmer's Colorado material, Mr. Schultz would appreciate hearing from you.

Best greetings to all

Sincerely yours,

GBVS:or

George B. Van Schaack
Botanist

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Hill - The vegetable system, vol. 6, page 55.

6. Shruby Chervill. Plant 43, fig. 3.

Character of the species — choerophyllum arborescens

Description - The leaves are thrice winged; and the stem is woody. Fig. 3 ABC. [I do not find C on the figure] This is a perennial native of Virginia and other parts of North America; a woody plant, very singular in its aspect, flowering in August. The stem is covered with a brown, rough rind: the young shoots are green: the leaves are large, and of a pleasant green: the flowers are white: and the seeds are brown.

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27 January 1963

Dear George:

As youmay guess I was pleased and much interested in the notes on P. Miller and again I'll carry them along and ruminate upon them--how many stomachs for quiet cerebration do we have?

Now I'm discoveringthat John Hill is a more complicated chap than I had thought. Impression was that he was a master compiler, employed several artists at same time to speed along his voluminous output, but I have missed his Vegetable System. Suppose MBG has a copy? Vol. 6, pl. 53 f.3. 1764 is (teste N. Am. Fl. 28b:119. 1944) an ill. of Chaerophyllum arborsecnes L. Sp. Pl. 259, which umbelliferists Constance and Mathias seem stumped right down to the rootcrown to guesstimate. Nesta and I put our bet on C. arborescens being a juvenile Aralia spinosa leaf. C & M say that Moldenke looked at the Linnaean type and pronounced it some sp. of eastern Osmorrhiza. I wrote Harold and he says too long ago to exacerabate all that, sorry, etc. Would you look at the Hill ref. to which C & M refer and give us some notion of your thoughts? Did MBG acquire a microfiche of the Linnaean Herbarium? I've only seen the brochure and wonder if I should tap one of our few philanthopists--there's a difference in how large a bloom they bear!--for a reader, Linnaeus in the fiche, etc.

By the bye the USDA Bot Cat is about to be reprinted for third time by G.K. Hall of Boston and Treleaven of that firm writes to say if anyone is interested to write at once to that effect because it might be the one order which would decide to reprint or not. Presume no increase in price! c. 900 pp

Thanks for the memo on the Archer, Nat. hist. drawings in India Office Lib. I'm surely going to write for a copy. I haveNit heard of Mildred Archer but it reminds me of Lady Elizabeth Gwillim (1763-1807) of Madras (story in Casey Wood, Lit. Vert. Zool. 132.), who did full-length drawings of Indian birds!

I'm familiar with Nissen's Herbals of five centuries only in a passing way. Glen Dawson of L.A. advertised the item but in view of the price, but more I may add because I have a chromosomal dislike of skim milk (Reader's Dig and the like), I passed it by. What you have done is wonderful, George! I'll be mighty pleased to have a set of the color slides--which of course I can use in the hist. of biol. course so handily--and Nissen's text will be most worth having. So I'm very pleased indeed.

I've not had a chance to check HTML on the Wightman but I have a distinct recollection I ordered that, routinely in this instance, for the Library and will let you know details.

Incidentally, I meant to say that you hit the borage on the gynophore when you found that P. Miller ref and sent it on to us. I suggest that the rest of those Pulmonarias were strewn about into other genera following Linnaeus et al. and what were left were true Pulmonarias, not segregate genera. May be more comlicated than this, of course.

Most cordially,

Jack

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January 22, 1963

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

Your question about the Mertensia has prompted a small conspectus of our editions of Miller's Dictionary (including two or three others I have some clues to. A copy of this I enclose, the items in heavy brackets not being here. I have to agree that what remains is at least moderately impressive, if confusing. The numbers in red are the numbers of species of Pulmonaria to be found in the place indicated. The Nos. 4 and 11 are those respectively occurring in the first and second volumes, while the No. 15 is their sum, occurring in the single volumes where the alphabets are integrated. (Undoubtedly the entities are the same throughout, but I simply have not been able to check this, except to note that none of them is the plant you are after, so far as I can see.) The first time this plant is mentioned is in the 1754 abridgment, where it is No. 16, the first 15 being the same as in the folio edition 6 of 1752. So at least in this one genus the appearance of the Species Plantarum added one item to Miller's list (no time right now to find out if this happened in other genera). Just where Miller got the extensive discussion of the plant which first appears in the 1754 edition, I have not been able to discover. Morison does not mention Banister, merely saying the plant was sent from Virginia and Gronovius refers only to Clayton, while Plukenet does not mention Banister. But perhaps all this is clear to you from the many other things you have dug up. Of the long lingo which Miller introduces in the 1754 edition, I send a copy. It is repeated in all future editions practically without change.

But the mystery does not decrease for, as you know note, all future editions have only six species in which the last is the Banister species (except the posthumous edition, where there are seven, five being the Banister species). I have been completely unable to get any clue to what became of the other ten species. In how many general this happened, I wonder; at least in one other, for essentially the same succession of numbers appears in the (alphabetically) neighboring genus Pulsatilla. "Curiouser and curiouser and curiouser", said Alice.

I don't know whether this is good enough for your purposes; it's not very satisfactory, but I don't quite know how to proceed in any limited fashion.

So much to talk about. If you were only here, as, of course, you should be. Do you have a copy of Meyer's Geschichte der Botanik? According to a recent book list from Leipzig, it is soon to be reprinted, presumably in facsimile. No price is given; but the price for Bretschneider, 2 large quarto volumes, is only 180 Marks, so I should suspect Meyer might be only $25.00. I think it has been quoted at $125.00 lately.

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Have you run into Mildred Archer's Natural History Drawings in the India Office Library, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1962. 27 s/ 6 p. ? Devoted to Asia, of course, but it is so full of personalities that I think you will want a copy. It has 33 illustrations, two in color.

Do you recall the Nissen - Herbals of Five Centuries, which was put out in 200 copies 50/50 with German and English text. I don't know whether you ever looked at our copy or not. The text alone is being offered now and I have purchased a copy for you, if you have not already obtained one. In any case, I intend to make color slides of the 50 leaves of which I shall send you a set, so that for practical purposes you will have a copy of this work, which is now being offered for about $400.00. I emphasize the word 'practical', however, for I do not depreciate the importance of seeing an actual leaf from 1491 as apposed to merely seeing such a picture of a leaf, however well produced.

Do you know anything about William P. D. Wightman, whose two volume work 'Science and the Renaissance' is announced by Stechert-Hafner at $13.00 for two volumes. The volume titles are — 1: An introduction to the study of the emergence of the sciences in the 16th century. 2: An annotated bibliography of the 16th century books relating to the sciences in the University of Aberdeen. Presumably it is completely new, but the blurb is for once too brief.

Thanks for the two Ehret sheets, which I shall look at more closely a bit later and then answer your question regarding them.

With best greetings to all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Library

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16. Pulmonaria calyce tubo corollae breviare, perianthiis quinqueparatitis. Flor. Virg. American Lungwort, with a short Flower-cup, which is cut into five Segments, called in in America, Mountain Cowslip.

The sixteenth Sort is a Native of America, and is found in most Parts of North America. The Seeds of this Plant were formerly sent over from Virginia, by Mr. Banister: these were fown in the Garden of the Bishop of London, at Fulham, and in those of some other curious Persons, where the Plants were several Years preserv'd; but when the Possessors of those Gardens died, the Plants being neglected were lost; so that for several Years this Sort was not in England.

The Leaves of this Plant are smooth and intire; the Flowers are produced in a loose hanging Panicle. on the Top of the Stalks: these have long Tubes, stretched out beyond the Empalement; and, being of a fine blue Colour, they make a pretty Appearance. The time of this Plant's flowers in England is in May; and if the Plants are in a shady Situation, the Flowers will continue a Month in Beauty.

The Roots of this Plant are perennial, being composed of many thick fleshy Tubers, somewhat resembling those of Comfrey. The Leaves decay every Autumn, and new ones come out early in the Spring. The Flower-stems usually grow about one Foot and an half high; and the Flowers hang down much after the same manner as those of our common spotted Lungwort; but these are very rarely succeeded by Seeds in this Country, which occasions the present Scarcity of the Plants in England; for they do not propagate fast by the Root.

This Plant should be planted in a shady Situation, but not under the Dropping of Trees; and in dry Weather it will require to be frequently watered, otherwise it cannot be preserved in this Country. In the Winter, if the Frost should prove severe, it will be proper to lay some light Covering over the Roots, to prevent the Frost from penetrating deep into the Ground, which will be a sure Method to preserve them.

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Dear George:

How I wish we had more editions of Philip Miller's Gard. Dict. because it is such a useful clue source for many 18th century introductions. We have only the 7th (folio) and a 3-vol. abrdiged which is not worth much.

Swem (Brothers of Spade, fn. 57,)re Mertensia virginica: says "Miller's sixth species [under Symphytum, or perhaps Pulmonaria; vernac. names are Virginia cowslip, true lungwort, Roanoke bells, smooth lungwort, or mountain cowslip], a most elegant plant, was entirely lost in our gardens . . ." --this a memorandum from Peter Collinson, who evidently quoted from an early ed. Gard. Dict. but before 7th. Also note (from Collinson or Swem's own is not clear) that Banister sent the plant to Bishop Compton from Va. fide P. Miller. Can you supply the ed. Gard. Dict. which gives the Banister ref.? [SUGGEST you jot the answer on carbon and return]

I feel inundated right now. So many letters to answer, with specific questions or answers that take a lot of digging, but this is so familiar to our occupation. I guess we should be happy with our private occupational disease!

I'm going to keep the problem of Trew and Ehret before me and fill out more blanks when opportunity arises. Last September I was too rushed to check the copies that I heard about in flight and will, D.V., see next summer. Did I take down the right information? If not, let me know for future. As you say it is likely we shall never know the whole story but we may find out something interesting.

This carbon of letter to Elliot Evans has been lost some time; in event you are in SF again you would not forget him.

K and her Leslie arr. last Sunday.

With all good wishes,

Joe Ewan

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Department of Botany

10 January 1963

Dear George:

Theophrastus says that the south wind blows fifteen days after the winter equinox and so it has quite some centuries later. In any event, our very best to you in this, at present, warm-hearted New Year!

First off, I shall be most grateful if you would write a few sentences in support of my bid to take in the John Carter Brown this summer; I'm sending a carbon of my 'purpose' sheet as sent to Thomas R. Adams, Librarian, JCB, Providence 12, to whom the letter should be addressed. Stamped envelope herewith. The application is for mm a Fellowship, three months duration.

Banister and the girls are flourishing, all rather slowly it seems, but the apical meristems are quite alive. Dorothy may be teaching second grade this spring, 4 months, but principal has yet to decide. Kathleen and her d. will be coming down for about 6-7 weeks while Dick is on duty on the high and low seas. Also this will miss most of the Boston winter which up to now has been pitched at a somewhat lower temp. than she is used to. Marg thinks she will drop out of Newcomb for semester while she makes up her mind what she is really interested in. This is disquieting (for we know the mortality of such moves) but honest and if she can find some rewarding employment all to good. Both D and M have finished 2 months or more of Berlitz Spanish and eager to use it. M took the classes five days a week while she was at Newcomb 16 hrs. schedule but seemed very happy until finals come along . . .

We have a lot of pp. to retype for Banister to make the Press happy--this is very slow indeed with the Plant Cat. so complex.

Have heard nothing from Paul Allen and wonder if his wife worsened?

Thanks for note on Bartlett's 55 Rare Books, p. 24. Also p. 28 on the Theophrastus ref. to Va. plants. This I had missed and am very pleased you called my attention to it. Re the variation in orthography of Stapel vs. Bodaeus, perhaps the Librarian of University of Leyden, where Bodaeus finished his medical course on May 3, 1625, might be able from registrar's records or otherwise to suggest the best answer? The White and Sloane, Stapelieae, authors, seem to take up"Stapelius (or van Stapel)" without concern over Bodaeus. There's an undocumated ref. therein to Britten. Britten would have an opinion!

I'm going to try to follow upthis Va. ref. in the 1644 ed. of Theophr. It will be one of the summer errands. I have a good batch already.

Re Jameson's third vol. Syn. pl. Aequat.--yes, the Smithsonian Inst. has a photocopy and should have the film from which a dupl. print could be made. It goes back to J.N.Rose's day, as I recall, so there may be some trouble in tracing. Only copy in US to my knowledge. This would be worth reprinting by one of these chaps who are beating bushes for ideas??

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The La. Soc. for Horticultural Research is certainly an item should have at MBG and complete. Their field work in Bolivia, etc., brings to light new spp. and though I'm disappointed often in the way the papers are put together, synonyms are clumsily cited, etc., as if they did not have first class training in pl. taxonomy, they do represent a serious local group. Nearest to a bot. garden that we have! Yes, get the set before any numbers run out of supply.

I really immensely enjoyed your account (7 Dec. 68) of visit to Newberry in particular, meeting with Mr. Wells, etc. I'm also completely in agreement with your diagnosis of the widespread complaint in libraries, namely, that too few of the men in the fornt offices know what is really going on in the Rare Book Room. Talmadge, for example, in our own Library, really is a first rate administrator but does not have sensitive fingers for handling vellum in any knowing way. We have lost much in this vaunted civilization of ours . . .

With very best for now and down the years,

Tod Ewart

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For the past fifteen years I have been assembling materials from over sixty libraries, archives, museums, and private collections, here and abroad, toward what may be called a biobibliographical guide for the biologist and historian tentatively titled "Naturalists of the Old South." The book will follow a modified plan adopted in my Rocky Mountain Naturalists (1950). It will consist of two sections: a chronological account of the explorers and naturalists and institutions in the southeastern United States to 1860, and a roster of persons who have been associated with this history of natural history. For each person is planned a concise biographical sketch (fuller for those having the scant or confused records), and notes on itineraries, writings, plant or animal or mineral collections and their present location, ~~the~~ including biographical references or sources of information. This project is in advanced preparation.

I have a working knowledge of the printed and manuscript materials bearing on this subject at McGill (Blacker Library of Ornithology), Harvard (Arnold Arboretum, Gray Herbarium, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Houghton and Widener collections), Yale (esp. Silliman papers), New York Historical Society (Darlington papers, etc.), New York Public Library (Div. of Mss.), New York Botanical Garden, American Philosophical Society, Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, and the Library Company, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Hospital (B. S. Barton collection), Smithsonian Institution, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library, Library of Congress, DeRenne Collection, Univ. of Georgia, Missouri Botanical Garden, University of California (Bancroft and William Andrews Clark collections), Sutro Library, and California Academy of Sciences, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, and the Huntington Library. The John Carter Brown Library is, therefore, probably the last major collection of Americana including works bearing on the history of natural history, though often in a limited but important content, that I have not examined in some detail.

First I should like to examine certain titles that I have not seen which may contain materials on this subject listed in Thomas D. Clark's Travels in the Old South (1956). Since the John Carter Brown Library contains 93 percent of the 217 pre-1800 titles listed therein, I believe this would be advantageous as a first objective. In a similar way I should like to check certain titles listed in Frank Monaghan's French Travellers in the United States (1933), of which the John Carter Brown Library owns sixty percent. Not to be overlooked are the highly useful research tools available at the "JCB" which I have found from my work at the Huntington Library may be helpful in tracing more obscure relationships.

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December 7, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Herewith your note annotated. Very glad to oblige.

The duplicate copy of Loefling came yesterday. I shall return your copy presently along with several other things of yours which I have.

Glad you found Paul Allen so gratifying and also glad to hear his wife is likely to recover. Please give him my greetings if you are still seeing him as I suppose.

Your poem to L.H.S. was mystifying for two or three days for I had not seen his latest flowering. I hope this exhibition of energy is accompanied by equal accuracy. How he finds time to do all of this I don't know. I regret the name he has chosen for the journal must inevitably be confused with the genus. And why does he not list the names of the contributors as well as the title of the articles on the front page (perhaps, of course, common modesty!). And without a cover for his numbers they are certainly going to be battered before his volumes are ever finished.

I was away nearly all of last week in Michigan and Chicago, the former to be with my sister at the time of the death of her intimate friend for some forty years with whom she has been living for the past eight. She will be rather desolate without this friend for some time I am afraid, but I was glad to find that her health is much better now than it has been for almost as long as I can remember. She asked after you and Nesta and recalled her pleasure at meeting you in Montreal. In Chicago I spent some time with Mr. Tribolet at the Donnelly Press trying to discover whether he would be able to take on any extensive repair program for us. I found that he would not for they are determined to keep that department very small and can accordingly do only some two hundred books a year, which they parcel out throughout the country, accepting only the most worthwhile jobs (and incidentally charging for them at a very high rate) but he will take three or four a year from us and I plan to send him some of our most valuable items which are almost completely unusable at the moment. He took pains to point out that the really difficult problem here is that the step from his own standard of performance to the next best is just too big. Wattioli needs repairing as well as Fuchs, the latter can stand a repair charge of $200.00 but the former can not. On the other hand Wattioli should not be delivered into the hands of the book butchers, who are too often parading under some misleading name. In fact, my visit in Chicago was prompted by our having received seventeen volumes sent to the Monastery Hill Bindery in Chicago in July. These ranged from a Crescenzi of 1538 through an Evelyn and a Bacon to Darwin's Plants and animals under domestication (first issue) and a modern oversize volume on Redoute. All of them, except perhaps the last named, were unacceptable, many of them very badly done indeed. In a book store the next day I met the rare book librarian at the Newberry who asked me to visit their newly refurbished quarters if I had time. I certainly did have time and found they have done an excellent job of putting the old building into beautiful condition. It was quite

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to stand in the main stack area surrounded by I don't know how many thousand incunabula, only one or two of which, however, I had time to look at. When Mr. ells found out that I was a back door boy he confessed to being the same himself and we agreed that one of the major reasons why the care of books in libraries today is far from what it should be is that most of the front door boys don't even know when a book is being taken care of and certainly receive no instruction in it while achieving their front door status. Our own Dr. Brodman here at the Washington University Medical School Library, doctor's degree in Library Science from Columbia University with long years in the Sergeant General's library, has just gone on printed record as enthusiastically approving the repair of seven of their older books which I took the trouble to examine, to find that most of them had been hopelessly butchered. And when I pointed this out to her she confessed to knowing nothing about it.

I think swooning comes near to describing my condition when I received a notice of the early herbals for sale. My first thought (and I regret continuing one) was that, of course, we could not grasp this opportunity to put ourselves on the map in a sort of final way, but there were so many things in the list that I felt George Lawrence must not fail to buy this collection and fill out gaps which he may never be able to fill again. I, accordingly, called him at once. He had already heard of the offer but said that they were unable to consider it because they were concentrating on the 18th century, but that he was going to try to get some of the items. I think he is wrong not to buy it, but I didn't tell him so. He could buy it and sell the items he doesn't need for 5,000 pounds, and he and the people he sold to would then have benefited in ways which the library world will not benefit if this is broken up by some dealer. Who do you suppose the collector was?

Well I must get back to work. It seems impossible to make any real dent in all our problems here. The person of whom Hodge spoke to me as being perhaps a partial solution to our staff problem has just told me she is not interested.

I am glad to hear that Dorothy is finally out of the cast and apparently on the way to excellent health.

Best greetings to you all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
Department of Botany

Date 24 November 1962

To LHS

From JE

Subject: Sat Down Be Side

Remarks: Little Lloyd Shinners
Came Lone in his flivver
To sat his schizocarpic jive
He stuck in his scalpel
And pulled out a carpel
And said what a good taxon
am I!

Now jolly Lloyd Shinners
Replete with new taxa
Locked up his type herb
With plantae nondescripta complexa
Azolla to Zed
Pronounced it well said!
Side! Oh ~~Side for ayl~~ !

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January 11, 1963

Mr. Thomas R. Adams, Librarian
John Carter Brown Library
Providence 12, R. I.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am pleased to be able to write in support of Mr. Joseph Ewan's application for a Fellowship to study at the John Carter Brown Library. The project to which this study would contribute, namely to write an account of naturalists of the "Old South", is certainly a very worthy one. Such biographical material of the men involved is widely scattered and little known. Purely as aiding the present upsurging study of plant distribution and its history in the South alone, the projected publication would provide a valuable tool. In a broader way it would give a basic list of naturalists and an extensive bibliography concerning them of fundamental use in all investigations of a scientific history for that part of the United States.

Mr. Ewan is eminently fitted for the project he has embarked upon, outstanding as he is in the group of American botanists and, more widely, American naturalists who have contributed to the history of natural history in this country. His knowledge of the source material in other areas has always proved exceptional and it is to be expected the same will be true regarding this area. A search of the rich resources of the John Carter Brown Library will surely yield significant additions to the material he has already examined in other libraries.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Date 11 Dec, 1962

To George Van Achaack

From Joe Ewan

Subject: Iconolegium of Colorado Flowers

Remarks: This will interest you I think. Perhaps Van Trump has written you re Jackson's Procession?

Yours came yesterday and much enjoyed —

Everyone well and busy

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15 November 1962

James D. Van Trump
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13

Dear Mr. Van Trump:

Helen Hunt Jackson's Procession of Flowers in Colorado has interested me from my first introduction and so when Roy Kidman, of our Library, very kindly called my attention to the call for information regarding Miss Jackson's little work in the August issue of the Library Journal I knew the frame of reference. Of course first I looked over my own copy of the "Colorado Series" imprint, 6x7 1/4" with a title page

The / Procession of Flowers / in / Colorado. / by/ Helen Hackson. / Illustrated. / Boston: / Roberts Brothers. / 1897.

which belonged to a Boston banker, M. T. Kidder, and is signed with date"22 Oct. 97" and given by him to the New England Botanical Club Library. I acquired it from a sale of their Library, 1 Sept. 1948, for twenty-five cents. It carries a photographic frontispiece of Cheyenne Mountain and ornamental line drawings passim. Bound in yellow boards.

Now I'm aware of your pursuit, not of this edition—which I presume was perhaps 500 to 1000 copies(?)—, but of the limited edition of 100 copies with 12 original water color ills. by Alice Stewart, numbered and signed by the author. Boston, 1886. It is my custom to take note of items of this nature from book dealers' catalogues, and I have such a memo that Dawson's of Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, had one of these copies of the limited edition—no number cited—listed in Catalogue 297, item 18, [n.d.[

Finally, curiosity lead me to check on what I had written about the item in my Rocky Mountain Naturalists (Denver, 1950), if, indeed, I had noticed it. From my record there I judge that this illustrated edition fell between the first (1878) and the last (1897) more modest imprints.

I'm wondering if the appearance of Emma Homan Thayer's Wild Flowers of Colorado (1885), illustrated with rather casual and botanically inaccurate colored plates, may not have been the fillip for the publication of Helens Jackson's illustrated tourelegium [i.e. hybrid between a tourist and a florilegium] of the following year?

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

cc: Roy Kidman
{ Dawson's Book Shop of Los Angeles
but no word from Glen Dawson to date]

= Verify: Yellow cotton bracelet pressed

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The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

29 November, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Department of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Ewan;

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 November in regard to Helen Hunt Jackson's Procession of Flowers in Colorado (1886). This edition has proven rather elusive and even my most extensive inquiries have failed to unearth many copies. I was pleased to learn of the copy which Dawson had for sale and I shall try to learn more about it. Our own copy was bought from Mott in December, 1960.

There is, as far as I know, no copy of the 1897 edition in the Pittsburgh area, but I have examined the Library of Congress copy. The description of your copy agrees with my own collation. Certain copies of the 1886 edition, however, have more illustrations than others, but I haven't seen enough copies to know if the distribution was planned in advance by the artist.

It is possible that Emma Thayer's book on Colorado wild flowers may have sparked Alice Stewart Hill's memorial volume. Apparently there was a kind of trial run of the latter printed at Colorado Springs in 1885 of which the Denver Public Library has a copy.

I think your "tourolegium" is very good and very aptly describes the productions of literary ladies with a taste for flowers and travel.

It was very good of you to write and if you learn of anything else in regard to the Procession, I should be grateful if you would let me know.

Sincerely yours,

James D. Van Trump

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November 9, 1962

Prof. Joseph Ewan
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Thanks for your note. We have the Schubert in a German translation, unfortunately not "very nice" but usable. We do not have the Handel-Mazzetti and shall try to get. Am sending your this catalogue because it has a few things you may want, Natural History on page 50 following and Remainders at the back.

This is all — this is all

As ever

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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New Orleans
7 November 1962

Dear George:

I've still not routed out the stuff on Trew and Ehret but I shall . . .

This memo I made in Montreal last August and it may be worth your attention but I'm not really acquainted with the work--it was quite new to me. It is certainly not a pivotal work but for the MBG perhaps it is something you should have??

Not in Pritzel but see Daydon-Jackson, 46.

I've just rec'd from George's Handel-Mazzetti, Naturbilder aus Sudwest-China, Vienna and Leipzig, 1927, which I highly recommend if the MBG does not have a copy. Stuffed with inter. ills. and well indexed. There's ~~mmp~~ a map in pocket. Should aid in tracing type locs. for his many spp.

Adios,

Joe

p.t.o.

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gives another date

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

MONDAY, 8 Oct. 1962

Dear George:

Don Stone came back from Fla. with a good batch of nuts, bye hickory! and is all set to drive to St. Louis for the Symposium, leaving on Wed. 17th, and would like to have me go along as supercargo. He will be revisiting Carya locs. --marked trees in Ark., etc.--and returning Wed. 24th. I've written to Caroline Dormon to see if she plans to be at Saline for this would make the trip even more worth my taking the week off just now to go. Nature Conservancy is interested in making a Caroline Dormon Preserve and I've tried to help insofar as possible. I went over the probelms with the head office in Washington, with Director Ray Fosberg sitting in, and sort of planning strategy. I would be glad to see how things are shaping up for her in this connection. We would plan to see her Wed. eve. 17th en route north.

Don has yet to hear from Delzie Demaree who has sort of planned to join the party in Ark. but I'm not sure what the details are on this count. Last year Don had a camper you may recall but this year it is a station wagon without all the amenities of kitchen that the camper afforded. I don't know exactly when he plans to reach St Louis but we would surely be there Friday and Sat. evenings. If Demaree decides not to come along there would be just Don and me. If I come--just now it seems likely but rather influenced on Caroline Dormon being at Saline for this would save perhaps another trip later on--I'll bring various oddments, photostats, etc., for our scrutiny. It would be wonderful if I could spend more time at your nook but with the hickorizing going full split I guess we shall have to leave Sunday early for more stations. All this is rather tentative at moment but I hope it works out.

In all haste,

Joe

PS. I forgot to mention the other day that I am contemplating putting in for a JCB Fellowship for next summer to really get acquainted with the truly notable Americana collection there and of course gather pertinent (and impertient) loot for Naturalists of the Old South --that is, the earlier records, before 1800. Would you mind writing a paragraph in my behalf, if asked, apropos of such a JCB Fellowship?

Joe

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November 6, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Joe:

Herewith your congress programs which I was very glad to be able to look at. I am sorry I was not able to go with you. I wonder if you realize that Asger Aaboe was there. He is now professor of the history of mathematics at Yale. I was also surprised to see that Mrs. Sadler's father had been there and gave a paper. He is Ladislao Reti.

Also enclosed is Sallock's catalog for which I thank you, although I had received one myself and been able to read it without finding anything we didn't have and should.

The blankets have arrived and so has the colder weather. I am glad you took them along, since you apparently needed them. Thanks too for the Pursh which came this morning.

You have, I believe, a copy of Bartlett's 55 Rare Books. The figure on page 24 makes me think of the one you asked me about Re Byrd. On page 28 have you noted the reference to Virginia near the bottom of the page? I ran into this while examining the Theophrastus the other night but did not find the plants from Virginia. Whether Bartlett did or not I don't know, although I suspect he did, but the statement was published some 150 years ago at least in Michaud's Biographie Universelle. By the way, do you know that dictionary, for it is full of information. It has a whole column for Bodaeus, more than I have found in any other place. I say Bodaeus but actually the name is there under Stapel. It is a nice question what to use for this man's last name. Linnaeus used Stapel but the man's own father in publishing his book in 1644 used Bodaeus. The dictionaries and library catalogues disagree all over the place.

I have not forgotten that I have your Loefling books; just haven't got around to writing for copies for myself.

Am waving to you from the bottom of the pile which is getting deeper.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

PS. I find Jamieson's Syn. Plant. Aequator. sitting around waiting for action. I remember you said there was a vol. 3 and that I should try to get it, but I seem not to have made a note where. Was it the Smithsonian; somehow or other Blake doesn't say.

PS 2. What do you know about the Louisiana Soc. for Horticultural Research? Sherff has just sent us Vol. 2, No. 2, Bulletin with his paper on dahlias, and I should suspect we ought to have the set. Could you agree?

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
The College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

29 October 1962

Dear George:

Far from caught up but this book cat meowed at my dorrstep today and I thought perhaps you might like to stroke its fine fur before we put it out for the catcher. Four items of some interest. I'll be glad to have this returned but no hurry. I'm not sure what the "big egg plants" are that Salloch identifies in no. 21[?] but I'm going to look into Tulane's copy --if we have such--for Nesta does not recall egg plant in Banister's acct. of Va. pls.

We arrived Wed. eve. at midnight, after a very very loquacious journey of eight sesquipedalian repetitive days when words fell like gentle rain from Delzie. You know, how gentle rains are so soothing . . . so sleep-inducing . . . We paused at Ruston and had a good chat with Bob Kral newly esconced there; at Briarwood, with a good long talk with Caroline Dormon; then a nice visit with George Ware at Northwestern La. campus, Nachidoches, departing at 7:15 for the last long run down to New Orleans. We all agreedthat the St Louis visit was most enjoyable and we are most grateful for the kind hospitality.

I've posted back the blankets, with warm thanks. I'm afraid that they carry an electric charge for it was difficult to remove all the lint tho we worked on it.

Madison, Wisc, moving along on Banister and APS on Lyon, so we have our hands full . . .

In haste, with best greetings

Joe

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October 9, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your generous letter. The news that you might be able to come up to the Symposium after all is very welcome and I shall keep my fingers crossed for the next ten days at least.

I hope I shall be able to send you a copy of the Albertus Magnus. I see by referring to the catalogue that the copy we received was already described as out-of-print and whether the dealer has any more I don't know.

Your 1767 Plantarum item is Soulsby 3822. I traced it initially by referring to Pritzel under Hort. Upsal., which was somewhat easier to do than find our two copies in our own library!

I shall be glad indeed to receive the Clusius item and shall be grateful for any notes on Trew-Ehret. As for Ferchl, I should have told you I have solved that matter entirely, having found a copy of the Kalender at Wisconsin. When it came and I saw that it reported the obviously incorrect information, I finally made another search of Seguier and noted the 1549 edition of Dioscorides , which apparently I had slipped past before. It is this edition which was used for the illustration and is Nissen 496 (1549). It breaks my heart to find yesterday in Goldschmidt's catalogue, just arrived, a copy of this very work for sale for only 265 pounds! I regret a great deal it is not within our present program to buy such an item, but I am hoping that George Lawrence will by it; I let him know at once. By the way, this edition is not the first illustrated Dioscorides however, although apparently a reprint of 1543 with additions of Cordus and Gesner.

Have you seen Lundberg's Catalogue 109? It has Orcutt's American Plant 1-3 for $10.00 (item 353), which seems cheap enough in case you don't have them yourself. By the way, I find dear old Lundberg has become quite unreliable in indicating items as detached from journals, which makes reading his catalogue much more complicated than it use to be.

Your letter was certainly a potpourri with some pretty bad news to balance some of the better parts. I had heard that Swallen had an accident but had no idea it was as horrible as your report. As for Kobuski, I have known of his disease for some time. In fact, a long time ago he was not expected to be here this long.

Glad to hear the good news about Dorothy, though just what you meant by the word 'engaged' without quotes I don't know. Thanks for Killip's address. I will write him at once.

More later. But I hope I will see you before that. Best greetings to all.

Sincerely yours,

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George B. Van Schaack, Librarian

TULANE UNIVERSITY
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NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

5 October 1962

Dear George:

This wont answer all the queries but your good letter deserves a gesture. Verily, I'm loaded. Books (dupls from GH-AA, Spawn, Montreal, Harper, Learys, Swem at Williamsburg, that I can mention right off), photostats (incl. one for you from JCB of the fascinating Clusius item), notes and memoranda anent mss. and matters to follow up and flown thru the aisles of history. I picked up $200 worth for HTML at Harvard and among the items if I follow correctly is something rather special. I cannot locate it in Soulsby and Pritzel of course is less particular, but it is

= Soulsby 382

PLANTARUM RARIORUM/HORTI UPSALIENSIS/ Fasciculus Primus/ sistens/ descriptiones et figuras plantarum/ minus cognitarum / Lipsiae, / Impensis Siegfried Lebrecht Crusii /1767. bkpl "The Gift of Asa Gray" and duly marked dupl. I bought it without knowing it is evidently not to be related to Hort. Upsal. but something quite apart. Do you know it? lo plates (no artist indicated), 20 pp.

Your oddments are most exciting, incl. Forster's De plantis esculentis, not here, and so welcome.

Q. 1. Moliniana, Publ. Inst. de Bot. Univ. de Chile, Santiago, vol. 1 (1955) illus. 27 cm. QK 1.M75 LC Nat. Union Cat. 16:204. 1953-57.

I examined CVMorton's copy of vol. 1, pt. 1. I thought at time that is was an item I should like to have esp. since I have a very full set of Looser's papers. Likely this one too costly to send on gift basis.

Q.2. Draws a complete blank. Pincus sounds faintly familiar but at moment no exascerbation.

Q.3. Six papers, viz.Bradbury; Forster; Roscoe; Royle; Tranquebar botanists; "6. East of Suez. The travels and collections of Lt. J. R. Wellsted, in Southern Arabia, Socotra and Oman (1830-1836)." vol. 7. no. 1. 1958.

I have no more copies of Colo. bot. expl. no. 4 but hold it and I may find one. Walker sent me a batch of my papers for redistrib. and he may have one; when I write I'll ask him. Sam for bot. misc. no. 5, long exhausted. I now know wise to keep a few copies just for such calls as this but I used to send all stock in hand.

Saw Meeuse's story of pollination somewhere along the way this summer and, I, too, was most favorably impressed. I thot at time that Verne Grant had not gathered all the nectar of pollinatary from this sweet sampling! Must followthis up for veg. of R. Mts. where I tackel the problems of obligate spp. of bees and their knowledge of special fls. and like.

Killip's address: 3333 California Ave., Carmichael, Calif. I'm sure it would please him to hear from you and he would likely send a contrib.

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Have you heard about Swallen? He was working in his garden on Labor Day and hammerhead came off flew into his eye with such force as to completely destroy his eye, or in any event when I saw Morton about two weeks ago it was not expected that anything could be salvaged. Even connective tissues ripped away. Morton says this will likely hasten his otherwise planned early retirement.

Lazella Schwarten is very weak, can barely lift heavier tomes. But in good spirits and so happy to be alive. Esp. when others around her are worse off, e.g. Kobuski, who has Hodgkin's disease. Kay looks better than he did for he was too heavy but I'm sure he is very apprehensive, if indeed he personally knows the Damacletian fate that hangs over him. Red Camp is not expected to outlive the year; tumor of brain.

It was wonderful to meet Dr. Swem at Williamsburg--82 years and so bright and eager. I had wonderful letter from him, in strong hand, re T.C.Porter and my little sketch of him. He was in class of Porter's and so much interested. Johnny Baldwin took me around to meet him. I was very pleased with Williamsburg; yes, bricks look too fresh and the whole town has a grown up Disney look but it was worth doing, Mr. Rockefeller, and a century from now, if there's a Va. for anyone to visit, it will be a lovely thing. Very profitable visit there and elsewhere.

I have some few notes on Trew and Ehret fot you. Hunted for Ferchls Apothekerkalender in Phila. and Cambridge but no copies at either place to best of my search. Will write when I get stuff sorted out.

Today, your nice offer of Albertus Magnus (1947) came along and I would be delighted, George, to have it from you.

Very slim chance that I will get to Symposium this year. Don't know if Don is going; if hem were I might easily be persuaded to drive on sharing basis. Hold on this for Don is in Fla. at moment collecting hickories, and just chance we may do this. Again, he may be tied down for classes.

Dorothy drove Falcon home from Berlitz Spanish class the other day, so you see she is (1) ambulatory and mobile in auto and afoot and (2) more or less engaged. She is quite in love with Mexico and hopes to go down next summer. Marj is taking 16 hrs. at Newcomb and taking Sp. classes with Dorothy at same arrangement. M likes Newcomb evidently and seems really nicely adjusted. Harrises live in Quincy, just out of Boston, and so far lonesome but happy. I saw them northbound as I was southbound at Groton, Conn., where they paused to visit with navy friends at sub base there.

Must bid adieu,
most cordially,

Joe

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September 28, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

I don't ever expect to hear from you again, because how you will ever get caught up after such a toot as you've been on I don't know! I am sure you had a wonderful time and have probably come back with 29 new leads for things you want to do.— or is it 129?

I am very sorry to have to report that Colonel Burt let us down. He passed through town yesterday and left word with my secretary that except for some volumes of Annals which he was sending us and a few miscellaneous scraps which he saved for himself he had sold everything to John Johnson. I am afraid his protestations were merely lip services. Had I been able to talk to him, I should have tried to discover when Johnson took possession of the material, for unless they have processed the reprint collection they might be willing to sell it for a lump sum which Tulane could manage. I am afraid from here on in I shall have to let you and Arthur deal with this.

I have a numbers of things segregated to send to you including even a first edition of a Linnaean thesis. One of these is a duplicate copy of George Foster's De plantis esculentis, a dissertation edition of which Pritzel 2976 is the trade edition. If per chance you have this already please drop me a line.

Here is a query. In your recent 'First illustrations of Peru and Chile' reprint you refer to Molininana, presumably a journal from Chile. I don't seem to know anything about this, nor do we have the paper of Looser that you mention.

Query 2. Among the cards which I wrote when I was with you in June is one which reads 'Richard Fox, Dr. Pincus. A.M. Dil. Nat. 34'. I make nothing of this. Do you have any recollection?

Query 3. Our set of the Stansfield papers in the Liverpool Bulletin consists of only 5 numbers. I thought I remembered there were 7. When you write again would you let me know how many are in your set.

I wonder if you have any more copies of you 'Botanical explorers of Colorado'. Nos. 4 and 7 which we don't have at least as separates,—I should like to bind the set of 7 together. Same question regarding the 'Botanical Miscellany' No. 5.

Have you seen Meeuse's The story of pollination put out last year by the Ronald Press? It more than cancels the sin of Humphrey and I have written them to that effect. I think you will find it a most fascinating book.

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These five or six weeks past I've had to give up any attention to the catalogue of early books. We had simply bogged down so much that I had to reclassify and move all the horticulture books in the Linnaean bay, which latter I have now had provided with a screen partition. Into this area I have emptied a large part of the accumulation which was in the folio room, but it must be sorted and put on to shelves so that I know where it is and what with the problems I run into when I sort it (at night) I am still sorting. But I hope to get back to the catalogue soon.

How it came about that I had never looked in Sarton's History I don't know, but I did get to look at it in August and didn't rest until I had sent for a set. It is certainly one of the most rewarding things to read. Do you know what has been the fate of his plans for the remaining six volumes? When I remember how many, many times I saw him, how many times I passed his door under the stair of Widner always in such awe, that I never even attended a lecture of his, I feel I am utterly unforgivable. I am inclined to believe that of all those I might have made contact with at Harvard and didn't (or for that matter did) he was far in the way the one who had the most to say to me.

The big new library at Washington University is finished (+) and I saw it in its usable state night before last. I spent nearly the first half hour running up and down stairs and through the corridors. It seems to be a very well designed building, very comfortable and good looking with practically no waste in unnecessary space or elegance. Just when I am going to find the hours to do it I don't know, but there are a hundred things I want to do over there.

We have collected or have promised $187.00 for the gift to Keng and I expect the remaining $40.00 will not now be too difficult to obtain.

I have finally located a copy of Ferchl's Apothekerkalender (through the aid of Mrs. Simons) at the University of Wisconsin and have it on loan. I believe it is still published and, if so, I think you would like to receive it if it has the same character as before. There are two pages per week for the year, each page containing a reproduction of some item from an old manuscript or book of interest to pharmacy or a photograph of pharmaceutical ware. I am going to find out a little bit more about it, but believe it is still published by Gesellschaft fur Geschichte der Pharmazie, Mittenwald (Bayern.), Germany.

The last and I am afraid utterly useless query. How about coming up to the Symposium before, after, in between or any other time. The date is three weeks hence.

I shall be pleased to hear from you if you ever have time to write. Best greetings to all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

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P.S. I dictated the above while in the midst of trying to get further in the identification of the edition of Dioscorides of which I wrote you. My brain finally got to working and I noticed that there is no evidence that the edition is Greek-Latin as the legend says (Why I did not notice this before I don' know), which prompted me to read again the list of editions in Seguier. In doing so, I noticed one I had missed before - Frankfurt, 1549 Cum iconibus. This is Ryff's edition, the work containing the earliest work of Valerius Cordus, and I realize that this must be the edition I was looking for. We don't have this but we do have a Lonicerus of 1551 from the same press and it contains these very two woodcuts. So that little problem is solved. But it does shake one's confidence in the legends of the Apothekerkalender.

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Ewan

TULANE UNIVERSITY
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NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

May Day, 1962

Dear George:

You are so right, time is bearing us into the 21st century(or someplace or other this side)no matter if we are ready or not. So pleased to have yours of 23rd and the wonderful news that you will here in June! You will be so welcome and stay as long as possible of course. If you/stop both coming and going we hope you will do so. /can

Again, your'e right: I've not had time to pack the Hort Bles. Will do.

Yes, I have Cameron's Sir Joseph Banks. It was actually remaindered before my review of the book was published, rather a pity. But the book has been selling for anywhere from about $1.20 to $2 since 1955. I sent a copy of my review to Cameron but no reply.

Enjoyed the Eisendrath opusculum and pleased to see how much personality she puts into her prose.

Biological Abstracts is a sad spectacle. Have you considered writing a note for Science? I think you should. This loss of eyesight in using a research tool is serious.

Have you seen the Plesch (item 107 in Quaritch 826)? My copy came yesterday. It is something to have not so much because it is a large contribution--it is not--but a record of a good 20th century collection.

Dorothy is improving all the time. She has twice visited K across the river and tho she still carries the 20 pound cast around she is gaining strength. She is off terramycin for present; cast comes off in mid-August. Rods come out perhaps then, perhaps later.

With all the best,
and good to think of
seeing you.

Joe Ewan

Oh yes, we are driving to Columbia to see M hemigraduate from SC on May 28th. All of us, Harrises too, in two autos.

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Ewan

TULANE UNIVERSITY
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NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

Ash Wednesday, 1962

Dear George:

Thanks so much for your notelet on Napaea. I'm returning the GrayLine form, keeping the pink copy myself. These forms are rather useful and seem to bring quick results. Run about 3.5 cents each. Take pencil well and thus save typing time.

Well, Napaea is indeed rare but evidently did not occur in Va. to best of our info and this is why the Banister mention is so fascinating. Gleason and Fernald base their Va. records on an evident error: McAtee Great Fallsof the Potomac coll. which proved not to be that species. No record os Indian use of the plant as trade item either. Sure, there is the possibility that the plant grew in Va. in B's time but no colls. taken anywhere near his territory in existence.

Dorothy is progressing nicely; still a little spot of staph but disappearing and she is well and in good spirits. Dr. Moe is coming next week and there is a real hope that he will remove the rods, the cast and replace with shorter more comfortable one. X-ray on Monday last and a little loss of effects of the operation but not more than expected. It will be six months on 12th. since the operation.

Well, I've had in mind going over the recent Coe Ornith. Library Cat. published last year with a view to giving you concrete suggestions for the how and why of a similar job for your tackling. I'm sending you my copy and herewith a batch of notes; I have made a carbon and so you may refer to my comments by number. Hecht sells the book, as you see, and you may decide to add it to your ref. shelf for the travel titles if not for other titles in the Yale Collection.

We have nearly finsished off the typescript of Banister to send to Madison. The whole text is much improved, thanks to you and to Hugh. There have been many small items and Nesta is very particular and has a good idea on cross checking of which there is a great deal in this kind of thm book.

I plan to attend the Intern. Congress of Hist. of Science at Ithaca in August. Do you expect to be there? I plan to go on to McGill to go over some of the details for the Banks project with the Press Director.

I wish I might be effective in the Bot. Mag. problem of which you wrote to Gilmour. I thought that perhaps I would do better to write in the summer as a kind of exacerbation of the matter, being then more effective than to throw fuel on the fire now? I may be wrong? You are certainly very right in taking up the matter for few bot. titles are more important for the centuries to come. I wish there had been time to go over the matter with Bill Steere who was here for the bot. garden survey (with Went and Stewart) last week. It was very pleasant but no time to go over matters that I should so much have liked to discuss with him. Did not even have time to show him my library and Bill is a fairly active bibliophile. If you know Bill at all well I should surely write him and see if some action might not come thru his part in this NSF sponsored editorial conference agenda.

Cordially,

Joe Ewan
Joseph Ewan

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

24 October 1961

Dear George:

It was so friendly of you to phone last Friday evening! and I was pleased to talk to Hugh, too, and have sent him the Plant Catalogue of the Banister bookscript.

Dorothy is definitely improving but s l o w l y . Dr. Berkett is back from a Montreal trip and he says it will be "a while" before she is home. I predict about Nov. 6th. Her appetite is returning (which for D and for hospital fare is remarkable!). This is the third antibiotic now and still the staph persists. The only change I can see off-hand is that the pills are getting grosser and gaudier, the last about 5 mm. diam. and livid red.

I'm sending the Biogrsphy, pp. 1-170, under separate cover, and Nesta and I will be extremely grateful for your suggestions. This is corrasible bond and so to save your time and trouble we think if you write lightly on the lefthand margin that the item can be attended to easily. Use a numbered p. laid in for longer notes and corrections, etc. Your suggestions of last Mille Lacs symposium, literally, have been incorp. and again our best thanks!!

I'm sending return postage for this and ~~registry~~ at minimum fee.

Certified

With best wishes,
sincerely,

Joe Ewan

Don Stone has a bountiful estimate of his trip to St Louis and came back with a large coll. of hickory ~~butts~~ nutes from so. Ill. and his crosscountry trip.

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August 30, 1962

Prof. Joseph Ewan
c/o Library
American Philosophical Soc.
105 Sixth Street
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Joe:

Since writing you a couple of days ago I realize there are two bibliographical matters you might have time to devote a few minutes to at some of the various stops. One of these regards the Trew-Ehret title pages, an account of which I enclose together with several forms on which you might like to record data, should you have time to consult any copies you might see. The

The other regards an edition of Dioskorides as reported in Tschirch's Handbuch der Pharmakognosie, 2nd ed., 1st volume, 3rd part, page 1294, of which I enclose a copy. As you see the legend mentions a Cologne Greek-Latin edition of 1529 which is obviously illustrated. This is not the well known Cologne edition of 1529 in Vergilius translation printed by Soter, which is not illustrated. No one seems to know anything about any other Cologne edition of 1529, nor of any date which is illustrated, nor of any place of publication which has illustrations like this. The Stadtbibliothek in Nürnberg does not know about this book. So far I have not been able to find a copy of Ferchl's Apothekerkalender.

Well at least these are two little puzzles which you may have a few moments at one or more of your stopping places. Anything you find out will be most welcome.

We have collected or have promised something like $140.00 or $150.00 for the gift to Dr. Keng, so I expect we shall succeed in the end for there are still quite a number to hear from.

Best greetings.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
The College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

8 August 1962

Dear George:

I don't have a very recent address for Killip but I forwarded your letter, with one of my own, to Key West, with request to Forward please and we shall see. (620 Eaton St., Key West, Fla.)

where is Bell

I've posted the Pursh and my copies of the Loefling (in 2 pts.) so that you may check on the matter firsthand. The dupl. of the one portion you sent as not appeared hereabouts and may be hidden for sometime to come. Since I had a copy I did not particularly notice where (of several spots designated for dupls.) I dropped it.

Expect I shall leave N.O. on 17th for Montreal, but Nesta's joining me later on is subject to D's continued improvement. Right now she is healing very well and gaining strength. We hope it will not be necessary to put her back in a plaster cast but only a corsetoid brace of some sort.

Cheerio,

JE

Joseph Ewan

Bill for $ 2.00
Pd by check
8/22/62

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McGILL UNIVERSITY
FACULTY CLUB

3450 McTavish Street
MONTREAL 2

25 August 1962

Dear George:

Came away and forgot to pick up your letter asking about proprieties of copying both which you found to be in JCB at Providence — Write me % Library, APS, 105 Sixth St. PHILA, Pa., and I'll be glad to quietly look into matter when I'm in JCB about Sept 8th — I leave Phila. about 5th

Good fortune at McGill after some setbacks here & there but great riches here esp in Zool. line.

Lake Champlain was truly beautiful Love to meet you somedy and go up Mt Marcy together? How about it? Have to be 1965 I guess because it is Pac. Coast next yr. & Edinburgh in 1964 for Congress — Do plan on going, George, we can have more

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from here you'll ever know in heaven (if you ever find such a Terra incognita). If there's any errand(s) I may do for you at GH, NYBG, APS, LC, or what have you, let me know - With best to you,

Joe

Hunt 140. L'esclusa, ofte Aliquot notae in Garidae aromaticum historiam, Antwerp, C. Plantin, 1582. 43 p.

Chiefly important for descr. of plants coll. by Drake on his voyage around the world.

Only other cited copy is RPJCB.

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August 28, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
c/o Library
American Philosophical Soc.
105 Sixth Street
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Joe:

Glad to receive your note from Montreal and sorry I was not able to be with you on that wonderful trip through northern New York. I have always wanted to go up Mount Marcy, but somehow have never managed it. We must try to do it before it is too late!

The book I spoke of as being at JCB is -

Hunt 140. L'Escluse, Aliquot notae in Garciae aromatum historiam. Anvers, C. Plantin, 1582. 43 p.

'Chiefly important for desc. of plants coll. by Drake on trip around the world.'

Only other cited copy is RPJCB.

If we could get a microfilm of it and it were agreeable to JCB, we could have it run off on Xerox enlarged, waiting however until some time when we should have a hundred feet of want for there is a minimum fee. Of course, there may a copy in Stockholm in which case IDC would send us a microfiche but this can not be xeroxed.

As for the errands at various way stations, many thanks but at the moment I am too tied down to find any specific items, except greetings. Oh yes, this is specific, — perhaps you will see Willman Spawn. Don't ask me why he didn't answer my letter.(!) But if it seems necessary to pour a little oil on the situation, please use high quality, — I have the feeling he is mad at me but I can't tell exactly for what.

Many other things to write about, but I will keep these until you get back home. I hope you will have heard from Burt. When he left here going East, he went into a void from which there has been no echo.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Department of Botany

1 August 1962

Dear George:

Glad indeed to know about the Theophrastus study and I'll write off at once for it.

Ida Langman wrote she thought I was "a little hard on Humphrey"--what would she think of your reaction! She says she likes to mention the good things about a job, and I agree but what in Humphumphrey can we find to like about this miscarriage of a brain child?

Nice letter from George H(is) M(ajesty)Lawrence in reply to my letter sending him (at his request) negatives of photographs of botanists for the Hunt Library. This raises a query: when persons use the portraits I've sent HL what is the procedure (if any) relative to the source of these materials? 'Courtesy of Hunt Library'? Not grudging, but whose efforts brought them together and in the usual priority "rites" who is noticed? He says Batch sent a lot from Jepson Collection and I'm wondering if any modus operandi exists for this large-scale acquisition scheme?

This leads on to Clusius and JCB and rights of copying: I've met the librarian --forgotten his name--and he is genial. I'm going to be in Providence in about 5 weeks and could ask to see the Clusius and what their attitude is re microfilm. Mostly, I've found, it is mechanics and dislike of the rather harsh treatment that process entails. Clements Library is very willing and so it goes; some libraries will unbind for purpose of microfilming--a bit of backbending

So long for now,

Joe

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Backscript:

I'm mailing reprints currently and you will receive a packet; most will be familiar, if not all, but I'm not sure if you have them all. Your disposition of dupls. is fully approved. . .

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

28 July 1962

Dear George:

Certainly good of you to write special delivery on our behalf to Col. Burt and I hope it persuades him to remember us. Many many thanks.

Perhaps someone going out to AIBS (that is, ASPT) meetings this August might announce the plan to send a set of the Chase grass index to Dr. Keng in honor of Agnes Eastus. What a good idea you have, and I can think of few gestures that would so delight her soul! Dollar contributions from several might tip the scales. Walker might be able to interest several of the members of Bot. Soc. of Washington in donations? I suggest asking Frank Gould (Andropogon), John Reeder, Lloyd Shinners, Eula Whitehouse, Delzie Demaree, see p. 203 et seq. in Intern. Direct. Specialists PL Tax for persons working in grasses.

Nesta and I think you should send the letter as written to Ronald Press. It is well written and every time we mentioned a phrase that we first thought of softening then we would say 'it should be said' and put it back. I read it to Don Stone and we all feel it is a much-needed protest. I found it very hard to write the review, because it was hard to find a place to begin and to end--just plain sad bad writing all the way thru. I was asked to do a Science review by Sarah Dees and I wrote her ans begged off on the score that the columns of Science were inadequate to do the review, for if you spluttered and had no room to document the decision that would kick back and look ill for the reviewer. So Miss Dees agreed and Rhodora was pleased to have it. Why the book was ever published I cannot guess! Poor Verdoorn, what he must feel. I wonder why Behnke did not think of asking me to glance at the ms because he knows me, and surely knows my awareness of the subject?, and here I have a contract to do RMtVeg for Ronald and am therefore not unknown to them in a personal, useful way. Very strange this. . .

Do watch for other reviews--I've seen none--and give me a note on any. QRB should have one but no issues so far this year?! I hope QRB is not having publication pains--it serves a very useful function that no other journal fills.

Isis will get around to it. I'll send a copy of my review to Zirkle, who usually does the Isis natural history reviews, botany at least.

Cheerio!

Joe

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July 31, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

I said more later and here is what I forgot. I think the real story of Drake's Western American Plants in not in Clusius' Exoticorum (1605) but in the little book under Pritzel 1757. This unfortunately we do not have, in fact it seems to be quite rare, Mrs. Hunt having a copy and only one other copy being cited. This latter is at the John Carter Brown Library. I should like very much to get a microfilm of this (not possible from Hunt at the present time). Would it be impertinent to ask JCB to provide one for a fee? Quite a number of librarians holding such rare items don't like to think of copies of them getting out. How do you feel about this matter?

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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July 31, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your prompt response to my letter concerning the plan to give Keng a copy of Mrs. Chase's index. I am glad you approve of the idea and I shall certainly take your suggestion of trying to have some announcement of this matter later in August at the AIBS meeting.

I am glad you feel the letter to Ronald ought to be sent. I have softened it just a little now that I read it a week later, but I still feel they need to be chasked up.

I have just run across a study of Theophrastos which I think you should get for the library. It is largely devoted to a detailed examination of his botanical concepts based on an examination of the Greek itself. The part of especial interest to you is the lengthy introduction in which Aristotle and Theophrastos are compared; I found this very instructive and enlightening and I think you would. Unless you have run into the same analysis, I think you would be most interested from the standpoint of your history of biology course. In addition, the work has a very large bibliography covering Greek botany and a bibliography name by name for Theophrastos' plants. The work is by Reinhold Strömbert entitled 'Theophrastos studien zur botanischen begriffsbildung'. It appeared as Göteborgs Kungl. Vetenskaps= och Vitterhets=Samhälles Handlingar, Femte Följden. ser. A, Band 6, N:o 4. Göteborg 1937. Elanders Boktryckeri Aktiebolag. I am sure it is still available from any Scandinavian publisher. We paid about 24 Swedish crowns for it.

No word from Colonel Burt but he may be here this week end.

More later.

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Chief of the Editorial Office
The Ronald Press
15 East 26 Street
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

As one who cherishes the accuracy and beauty of the written word and thereafter its felicitous embodiment in printed form, I feel I must speak out against a book which The Ronald Press has recently issued. I refer to Humphrey's Makers of American Botany which appeals to me as sophomoric in conception, execution and publication. In a series once distinguished for its scholarship and attention to publishing detail this volume marks by far the lowest point.

Whenever an author undertakes to publish a selected list disagreement is bound to ensue, I grant, but "makers" is a strong word; by no means do all of those presented measure up to it and at least some who do are absent. The scholarship exhibited in the wealth of trivial facts recorded, in the misplacement of emphasis in noting the subject's accomplishments, and in the neglect of important bibliographic references make one wonder who more advanced than a college sophomore may have reviewed this manuscript. The author's style, if I do not misuse the word, ought of itself to have disqualified the work for serious publication.

Two more points, publishing matters, please. I have not had time to make an inventory of errors but one recent reviewer (Ewan, Rhodora 64:186-190) known for his attention to accuracy has noted 94 typographical errors affecting matter likely to be copied. No matter who the author, the publisher must be considered responsible for misstatements of fact and typographical inaccuracies. Finally, I must mention the matter of a lack of taste, surely to be credited to the publisher, which relates to the inclusion of the author himself among the "makers". That his measure is as great as that of some whom he himself included is beside the point,— one just doesn't behave this way.

My dear sir, this publication is shockingly bad and the action of your firm in producing it verges on the irresponsible. In my opinion, you have done all of American publishing a disservice in putting this manuscript into print.

I look forward to the opportunity to write you a happier letter at some future time.

Sincerely yours,

Enrolled by Joseph Ewan

George D. Van Schaack
Librarian

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July 26, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Dept. of Botany
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd with its reaction to the sequence scheme I had proposed and with the annotations, some of which references quite frankly I have not taken note of. Hort's Theophrastos we own and it would be listed among the other works of Theophrastos toward the beginning of the list. If we did not own it, it would be desirable to have it noted in the annotations which occur there. And the same would be true for many other writers, though I am not in every case acquainted with the pertinent reference and accordingly shall appreciate your continuing to point these out.

Thanks for the offer of Boussingault, but we already have a copy.

Your letter came day before yesterday and I sent a special delivery off to Colonel Burt that evening making pertinent suggestions including that of his writing directly to Talmadge or you should he wish to make this gift to the Tulane library. I hope my letter will have reached him in time so that he can do something about this right off and not delay it another year. He said he would be back in St. Louis about the 5th of August having wound up in Saratoga Springs such disposition as he will undertake in the next twelve months. At any rate, he will be back here and talk with me and even if he has done nothing by that time perhaps I can persuade him.

Yes, I have already written to Bill Steere about the Barnhart biographical file. I see I expressed disapproval of microfilm in favor of microcard, remarking also that the latter was perhaps better than microfiche because of the smaller likelihood of its being scratched. However I have now changed my mind, because microfiche is so vastly easier to read than microcard and I shall write Bill a supplementary note. By the way, did I tell you about the beautiful microfiche-microfilm reading machine which I saw in Florida,— yes I am sure I did. If not let me know.

A copy of your review which you sent was a powerful stimulant. I had noticed Humphrey's book when the package was opened just to the extent of remarking what a cheap piece of publishing it appeared to be, but I had not had time to examine it. I went to it directly from your review and found it to be an appalling piece of publishing. In fact I did not stop boiling until I had dictated the letter of which I enclose two copies. I am delaying sending this letter until you have a chance to counsel me. If you don't think I can send it

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as is, will you mark one copy with suggested changes or deletions and return it to me.

Sometime ago I wrote to Dr. Keng in Nanking to tell him of the forthcoming publication of Mrs. Chase's grass index. He wrote Walker to say that they would be unable to place an order for lack of foreign exchange. Walker wrote me to suggest our trying to collect enough money to give a set to Keng. I am revising the idea to the extent of soliciting contributions in honor of Mrs. Chase, so that the book can be sent to him as a gift in her honor. The price is $225.00, but I have asked Hall to consider selling us a set at cost. I am going to solicit moderately widely suggesting that a small contribution of $5.00 or less is all that is really needed if enough people respond. I have also written to Hubbard at Kew to ask if they would undertake the forwarding to Keng, better to assure delivery, and he and Sir George Taylor have enthusiastically agreed to do so. If you think of anyone whom I should solicit and am likely to forget, I should appreciate you advice.

I am very glad to hear the news of Dorothy and hope that you can soon write that she has entirely recovered.

With many pleasant memories of a month ago and best wishes to all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

23 July 1962

Dear George:

Yours of 18th was its usual welcome self. I'll post the Loefling along with the Pursh journal reprint, which is still here. Also I'm wondering if you have

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Boussingault, Jean Baptiste (Boussingaultia H.B.K.)
Viajes cientificos a los Andes Ecuatoriales
(Paris, 1849)

not mentioned in Pritzel, Daydon-Jackson, etc. but with several useful bot. refs. on Ceroxylon andicola, wax palm of Quindio; achiote, Bixa orellana; cereal grains, etc. It is mentioned in Royal Geog. Soc. Library Cat. 1893, 61. Seems to be only the one ed. though I've not looked in Sabin on this point. The book is very seldom seen; I have a duplicate: ex libris, binding worn, marks internally but all pp. present and a good working copy. Five dollars.

It is very kind of you to think of Tulane in connection with the Burt collection! I think that it would be a) fitting for you to write on our behalf, and b) to suggest that the collection be considered, insofar as mycology is concerned, as a unit rather than to attempt to eliminate those titles which we already possess--likely not too many out of the Burt coll. I suggest that you mention 1) Tulane's serious interest in systematic mycology, esp. for tropical problems, that 2) Welden has already made five trips to Mexico, Central American countries, and with this season--he is now covering the Fr. W. I.--will have visited all the Caribbean islands, some more than once, that 3) we have a growing herbarium of fungi, esp. Gulf Coast and neotropical and have genuine need for the referance tools that would be likely in the Burt Collection. Also, Welden has remarked that tho he does not contemplate leaving Tulane the University would carry on in this subject area were he to leave. Resources have been built up to the point where another mycologist would be attracted here for them. Very kind of you to write!

I have some notes on the Sturtevant Catalogue plan, sent back herewith. I like the idea you have taken up. I don't recall having seen this exact scheme adopted up to now but it seems to me most worth while, esp. for the instruction of the uninitiated, about which we have already spoken. I mention the Pritzel lists simply to aid in collateral information or notes on editions that may be overlooked. I'm aware you may use it now. Query: where would ref. to Hort modern ed. of Theophrastus, Historia plantarum, come out in your scheme? In annotations I presume. Sometimes these modern editions are what the student is pursuing, as you know. Likely he would go directly to the library card cat. for such an item, but the chap who is interested in the historical items may be glad to know of modern commentary.

Since we own a copy of Hort it would appear. If we didn't I'd have to mention in error.

Dorothy is back in Touro, was operated on for removal of vitalium rods on 11th, and is doing very well--may come home this weekend. She has no cast now and can roll with bedsides to help her. Staph is present but reduced.

Best greetings from all of us,

Joe Ewan

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July 18, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of the 8th which somehow or other got in with the 'second class' mail, and I didn't see it until a couple of days ago. However, I am afraid it wouldn't have been answered until now anyhow, for I am shooting in too many directions already. Which brings me to the first paragraph regarding Alice Eastwood and Drake. It would be nice to follow this up, but just now I simply can not even think of it. I haven't even been able, since coming back, to collate our three copies of Trew to see whether we lack any of the title pages Mr. Lieutaud has for sale.

I am completely perplexed by the Loefling matter. I remember the 1957 item which I sent you, but I can't find anything else here to show why I marked it duplicate, which I am sure it is. If you would kindly let me have it for a spell, I can probably get the matter straightened out in my mind again and find the items involved.

Yes, we do have a copy of John Goldie's journal done in Toronto in 1897, presented to Trelease by Thomas Meehan, no annotations.

I have just been visiting with Colonel Farlow Burt, Dr. E. A. Burt's son, who came to discuss with me the disposition of his father's library, which it seems is still essentially as it was when his father died in 1939. It is stored in some forty cases in Saratoga Springs, New York. Unfortunately, he has mislaid the inventory and this makes it a little difficult to give any sensible advice, but he is hoping to find it when he gets there three or four days from now. The reason I am writing you is that the family is not anxious to make money out of this library, preferring rather to see that things from it go gratis to institutions (not individuals, in general) which lack them and need them. The library undoubtedly contains a significant amount of general material, but it must be largely cryptogamic, especially mycological. I told him at once about Arthur Whelden and Tulane's need for material, and I feel sure he will write Arthur. Now that he has left, it occurs to me that perhaps Arthur is away for the summer and the letter would simply lie waiting. However, that may be, I feel sure he would not take it amiss if either one of you were to write to him, expressing your interest in knowing more about the contents of the library and the terms on which you might acquire some of the material. One item he did mention comes to my mind now, namely three large cartons of separates. I feel sure he would send these to you. He wanted also to know the names of two or three dealers, and I did mention the names of Stechert and John Johnson, but this was before he mentioned his wish to give things away and his expectation from a dealer, he told me, would be little more than five percent of value. He may be

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reached c/o Saratoga National Bank, Saratoga Springs, New York. If you would feel better about having me write him for you, let me know what you would like to have said and I shall do so at once.

I enclose a couple of sheets regarding the matter of how to order the catalogue of Sturtevant material which we have been talking about. I am concerning myself at the moment only with imprints prior to 1601, plus all later imprints of material for which the basic text was already in existence by 1450. If the material actually published non-chronologically were a mere eight or ten titles, it wouldn't matter much, but I think there are some sixty titles at least. To relegate this material to an appendix seems not to be the best way to deal with it. I should appreciate knowing what you think about the scheme I have proposed in place of this.

You didn't say anything in your letter about what the doctor had decided regarding Dorothy. Has she been back to the hospital?

If all goes well, I think my secretary will be able to find a small hole to poke this letter out through the heap. Perhaps someone will catch it as it comes out on the other side and mail it.

Best greetings to all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Hippocrates. c. 460-377 B.C.

1. ——— (publ. 1546)

Aristotle. 384-322 B.C.

3. ——— (publ. 1552)

Theophrastos. c. 374 - c. 286 B.C.

6. ——— (publ. 1552)
7. ———

Celsus B.C. - A.D.

15. ——— (publ. 1529)

Plinius 23-79 A.D.

20. ——— (publ. 1548)

Dioscorides 1st. cent. A.D.

30. ——— (publ. 1529)

Macer 11th cent.

50. ——— (publ. 1490)

Crescenzi 1233-1321.

60. ——— (publ. 1474)

65. Alphita. 15th cent. (publ. 1887)
Crescenzi —— 1474 (See 60)
Apuleius —— 1481 (See 35)

66. Latin Herbarius 1484

67. Gart der Gesundheit 1487
Macer —— 1490 (See 50)

68. Barbarus, Ermolaos —— 1498

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69. Hortus Sanitatis. 1511

70. Camertis (An index to Pliny) — 1514

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80. Brunfels. Herbarium — 1530

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85. Plinius. Liber secundus. (with a very extensive commentary, 1538)

etc.

Plinius. Historiae Mundi. 1548 (See 20)

100. Mattioli. Commentarii. 1554.

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
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Department of Botany

8 July 1962

Dear George:

Yours of 28 June so welcome. Yes, I've owned and much used the AEastwood paper in ¢Calif.Hist.Soc. and what caught my eye was that a transl. had been roughed out of the Clusiusand put aside and that perhaps this might be worth having copied, xeroxed, thru Tom Howell's instrumentality, and perhaps with your recent checking of the Clusius items it might be worth picking up and carrying aloft down to publication ?? Yes, I have the Perennial Adventure; many thanks for your characteristic thoughtfulness. Do you know Howell well? If it would facilitate metters, I'll be happy to put the matter to him and have copy sent to you at his convenience. That is, of the AE's rough transl. of pertinent pp. re Drake in Clusius.

Tulane does not have the Jefferson in Fr. transl. or ny of the Notes in the early editions; earliest is an 1801 with curious portr. I think you are thinking of the R. B. Davis, TRANS. APS on Correa de Serra, not Tj. I showed you a copy of Davis's longish paper, in brown covers, and rec. its purchase as separate issue of the Trans.

I've been too busy to get around to the Bossu, Amsterdam, and Bossu, Paris comparison planned, but I'm going to do this before I write on the new UOklaP edition.

The Loefling you lost track of was Pritzel 2979, Bossu, Forster transl. with Loefling sort of stuffed in to fill out the second vol.

Then you were going to check the recent (1957) Inst. Ibero-Americano Gotemburgo Suecia, ed. of P. Loefling, thru Nils Hedberg, Vasagatan 3, Gotemburgo C, Suecia. Pedro Loefling en Venezuela, 1754-1756, by Stig Ryden, and Plantae americanae, by Pedro Loefling.

I'll find the dupl. of Pursh, Journal of a bot. excursion, and post it. Take good care of the orig. ed.--there could hardly have been more than 12 run off.

By the way Willman Spawn wrote some months ago that John Goldie's journal was to be reprinted--I'm hazy on the details at this advanced date--but you should have it of course. There was a small ed. of Goldie's journal published in 1890's or about the time of his death--he lived to be a very olf man. I'll have a chance to check up on this come Sept. when I'm in Phila. and ask me about this later, if I forget. Spawn was anxious to locate anu ined. materials on John Goldie, or annotated copies of the published journal, etc.

For now, best greetings

Jos

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June 18, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your kind note reporting the safe arrival of all of you so promptly on Friday evening. It was indeed a pleasure to have you here and I am glad to know you all found it so interesting. I feel, however, that I was quite selfish with your time and should have made more effort to give you the opportunity to see other people.

The 'Horticultural Tour' arrived safely and appears to be a very interesting book which we are most glad to have. Remind me to ask you when I am in New Orleans whether you have a copy of the quarto volume 'The Royal Gardens at Windsor', which came out three or four years ago. Hugh has given me a copy which I will pass along to you if you don't already have one.

Everything is set for my going away tomorrow and I shall be seeing you in New Orleans a week from tonight (Wednesday). The plane is National Air Lines flight 251 arriving at 7:45 p.m. Naturally, I shall have had dinner. In Miami 17-20 I shall be at the Continental Hotel, Miami Beach.

Best greetings to all

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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PS. TEARS! TEARS! Both the books were already sold.

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June 28, 1962

Professor Joseph Ewan
Botany Dept.
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Joe:

Thanks for your letter of Tuesday. The packages arrived here already yesterday, which I thought was very good time.

We bought a copy of Carol Wilson's book four years ago, but I've never had time to look at it. She mentions AE having found the reference to Drake on the first page. This seems to be fiction for AE herself in her paper, Early Botanical Explorers on the Pacific Coast, merely says "when he returned to England in 1580 for his voyage around the world, Francis Drake also brought back plants which were named and some of them illustrated by Clusius in Atrobatis [sic] Exoticorum in 1605". In my examination of the book itself, while it reveals several references to Drake, I uncovered none on the first few pages. Those which I found do not seem to have anything to do with the western United States. By the way, do you know the paper mentioned above, which appeared in the Quarterly of the California Historical Society 18(4), 1939, and was reprinted a second time in the 'Perennial Adventure'(1954), pages 23-40? (I can send you a contact copy of this 12 page paper, if you don't have it available.) Do you have this last title? It was a tribute printed by the California Academy, and I would have thought you would have a copy.

I found that we have the same Bossu that Mrs. Heartman had. We don't have the Jefferson, however. By the way, what Jefferson was it that you showed me in a publication of the APS? I thought it was a memoir number about 9x12" and some 50 or 60 pages thick; we don't have such an object, although we do have a thick octavo of 700 pages which is Memoir 22 of the Society and is entitled 'Thomas Jefferson's Garden Book'.

Next question. What was the two volume work containing the Loefling? I didn't take its data and can not reconstruct it, nor find anything to fit what I remember. I found that several of the books set aside for us in New Orleans were needed, but we do have the Freemont and the Jenkins, as well as the two volumes of German garden dictionary, which turn out to be only two from a three series set of 30 volumes in all.

As I suggested we have the original of Pursh's Journal of a Botanical Excursion, but I think we should have the reprint also and we should like to purchase your duplicate copy.

More later.

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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TULANE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
NEW ORLEANS 18

Department of Botany

Tuesday, 26 June 1962

Dear George:

Hope all was well, and floods, calamities of neglect, and all that, passed you by while you were away. And a good flight. . .

Your parcels have been sent.

Today
Wilson, Carol Green. ALICE EASTWOOD'S WONDERLAND. THE ADVENTURES OF A BOTANIST. (S.F. 1955)
came and what had been vaguely noticed--I met the author on one occasion but her zeal was not my meal and I promptly forgot the book's gestation--is now before me. If not in the MBG get a copy from
Holmes Book Co., 274 Fourteenth St., Oakland 12, Calif.
cat. 80, no. 297. $ 5.00
then notice her mention of AE doing a transl. of Clusius Exoticorum and finding mention therein of Francis Drake, "English Knight," collecting plants.* This is most interesting. I'm fairly certain that Tulane has a copy but in the meanwhile this may be of some interest . . . When we say no Pac. Coast plants known in time of Linneaus we must be careful to note this Drake allusion. (Pac. Coast of U.S. that is).
This book is one of those specious biographies that tells a lot and with sugar and cream but never lets you know that some bad berries ever smutched the box.

In haste,
Joe Ewan
Joseph Ewan

*p. 205. The book is full of delightful quotations from AE and laced with poesies of Carol Wilson. AE's memorable lines are worth the price.

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December 1, 1961

Dear George:

Banister arrived this afternoon, in good order. I've just opened the parcel and want to thank you for careful commentary supplied. There is not the slightest question in my mind that points found annoying by the editors who looked over the typescript will be extensively removed by attention to many of the matters you raise. For example, I'm sure there has been too much leaning on qualified sentences, replete with perhapses. I'm sure Nesta may have particular points to mention when she reviews your commentary. We are both most grateful.

Dord is still in the hospital and will likely be there another week, though we did expect she might be home this weekend. Another 'tiny' infection point has been located, so another wait. Dord is feeling very well, looks much better week to week now and only getting very restless, as you may guess. Dr. Berkett says five months in bed after she gets home; this seems like a long long time from this distance and yet when she's home it will be so much easier to carry on. Travel to and from hospital is ruinous for us in trying to edit mss. and the like. We dearly love to see Dord but this driving and parking and walking blocks to and from is very tedious at best.

Still have nothing from Hugh so your sending this Banister stuff is fine at this point; perhaps we can get the book off to Madison come Jan. 1st.

Philadelphia should not present a problem in lodging. Robert Morris Hotel on Arch Street at Seventeenth (might be 16th?) is very convenient and should offer reasonable rates; I've stayed at a small hotel on Arch at about 21st--ANSP is on 19th and Parkway at Logan Circle--which I cannot recall the name. It is rather third class, I suppose, but I found nothing objectiionable about it and rates of course far less than others would be. A sort of reconditioned hotel from the years past. I had a room back off the street which was quiet and entirely satisfactory for 1-3 days. Mr. Wallace C. Olsen is the librarian at ANSPnow. Venia Phillips, PhD, is staying on as ms. librarian and sort of archivist, in perhaps part-time appt. I'm not sure. She retired as librarian in 1959.

When you are in Phila. remember Leary's. (I may send a list of titles which I would be pleased to have you check at Leary's shop if you visit it). 9-5 with open Weds. until ?, I think. =One of the best secondhand bookstores in US for picking up biographies and like.

Suppose you are going around to see the new APS Library? It sounds simply scrumptious! Mrs. Hess, the Asst. Librarian, will be there even if Dr. Shryock is not. Mrs. Hess is top-drawer librarian by all tests.

Sorry that this letter is so ragged but I've put off changing ribbon as you see.

By the way, nice letter from George Frick, co-author of Catesby. Beaglehole writes that Joseph Banks South Sea Diary, from Cook's First Voyage, will not be in print until next year. I corrected proofs of my fns. in June 1960 and returned them to N.Z. by air!

Cordially,

Joe Ewan

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Lyon

7508 Burthe St.
New Orleans 18, La.
Jan. 25, 1962

Dear George:

Your suggestions for corrections and revisions have been most gratefully received and acted upon. Some of them seemed so obvious, I blush that they were there for you to find. I hope you finished with the feeling that now it was in pretty good shape, and not that you merely shook your head and hoped that now it would be a little more readable.

I really think that Banister intended to send his material to Morrison, but when Morrison was killed he sought other support. That may explain why Bobart did not acknowledge him in the intro. to Morison's Historia vol. 3. Bobart was a disappointed man for he was not made Professor of Botany at Oxford, and perhaps Banister disappointed him, when he turned to the London group for support.

I also thought a lot less of William Byrd II after reading his diaries, but I felt sorry for him. He seems to have been a very ordinary person elevated by inheritance and privilege, with perhaps an inferiority complex for being "from the colonies". He didnt quite know what to do with all his time in London, but he developed considerably after his return to Virginia. His father I found quite a person, and I liked Beverley.

Joe and I are enjoying going over Iltis' notes, and perusing Erlanson more carefully. I work but slowly for with my new profession as nurse there are only several hours a day. The work has been a godsend, for otherwise I'm sure I might have lost my balance. I think Joe and I are pretty well adjusted to it all now. Dorothy is taking her imprisonment remarkably well, but now is bothered with horrid itching. She cannot even turn her head, and instead of being able to use a trapeze and sides of the bed to change her own positions, she has been denied that pleasure for fear she might dislodge the rods. She had a second operation here between Christmas and New Years to open her up further to make for better drainage and cleaning out. Dr. Berkett is now more optimistic and says X-rays show no correction lost, and he thinks the bone is fusing well, and no osteomyelitis which is what he feared might develop. Although Dorothy was to have been on her feet in a clean new cast for several weeks, she still must lie in this one for about three more months.

How little did we realize as we sat with you on the shores of Mille Lac how very changed our whole existences were suddenly to become! I am glad I no longer have to make two trips daily to the hospital to find her in a gloomy room, but have her here in a cheerier spot where I can fit a little Banister or Lyon between the bells that call for some sort of comfort. Many of her friends are out of town, but they come weekends, and those nearby are faithful. How nice that Dick and Kathleen and Leslie are across the river rather than in Calif. this year. Friends lent her a TV, and we just returned a borrowed TV with the purchase of our first.

Do come and cheer us up, and take Joe out into the wilds for a change. Thank you again for the time you so generously gave to Banister,

Sincerely,

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Ewan

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Thursday, 31 Aug. 1961

Dear George:

We were pleased indeed to get yous of 25th. The plan now stands that Dorothy will fly to Minneapolis Thurs. 7th arriving 10:15 p.m. or so and this will mean that we can certainly contact you Friday morning by phone which we shall try to do. We all like the idea of spending a weekend in the country, having never seen Minnesota before this, and your idea of taking a cabin for a couple of nights is embraced with enthusiasm.

Yes, we are sorry to miss John McDermott but there is the chance that we may yet meet, depending on the southbound trip of course. Tom Earle tells me not to feel under stress to meet the opening class on Monday, 18th, which is the general botany lab. for me this time. Tues. at 9 is history of biology and that will be initiated without much doubt with my usual question put to the students: take pencil and list with some little space between dates all the 'historic dates' (battles, plagues, ascensions into Heaven and the like, with such purely scientific dates as faintly recalled) in a chronology. The usual list from even graduate studnets is about 12-15 dates (1066, 1492, etc.) Then we procede with interpolation of the important dates of civilization: 1451, 1498, 1520, 1530, 1543, 1551, 1605, 1620, and so, never stressing the date as such but the year as a marker in a great movement, a shift in emphasis. Like the Rocky Mountain Revolution in geological time scale.

Yes, I knew of the Leiden doctorate for Stearns but had not seen the note of the keepsake which I surely will acquire. Everyone was highly pleased around the BM(NH), I'm told, and rightly so, for no one I can think of so richly deserves the recognition.

Have you ever met Dr. Grace Nute of U Minn.? She was a member of 1956 Paris Colloque on hist. of French bot. explor. in America, discussing Lamare-Picquot who came to central U. S. for new root crops. She is a historian primarily and has written on Indian contacts, early voyageurs of Minn., etc. I had thought of calling her up some time while we are in Minneapolis.

It will be a pot o' gold to see you,

Sincerely yours,
Joe Ewan
Joseph Ewan

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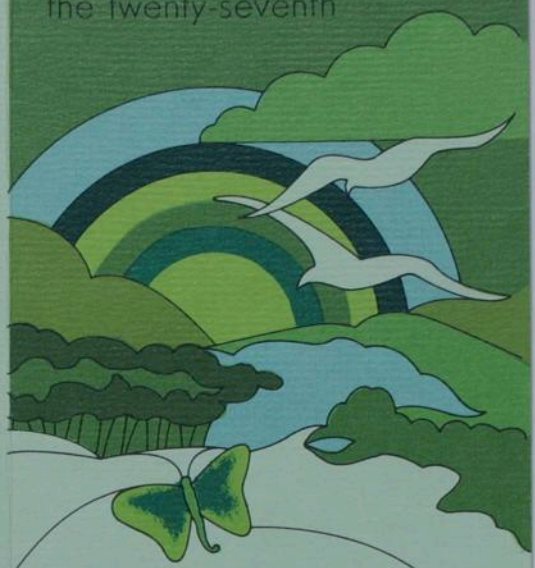
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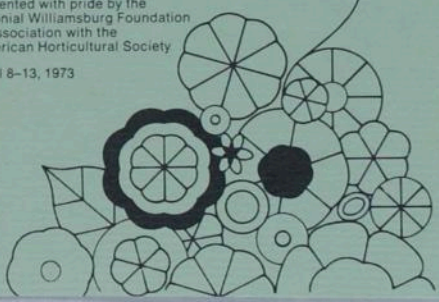
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