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Cape May, N. J. Mar 23-1923.

My dear Mr. Fogg:

I received the notice of the Botanical Club meeting last week and it reminded me that I owed you a letter and not only a letter but an apology for not writing sooner. I could not get up last Thursday evening as so many things happened on that date to demand my attention, maybe I will get up to a later meeting when the greenhouse fires do not want so much care. Glad to hear the *Lobelia* plants came up all right, they were so tall I had to bend them to get them into any kind of a mailable package. I was at the A. N. S. some time ago and spent an interesting hour or so with Dr. Pennell who had recently returned from South America. It certainly must be great to have the chance to collect in an unexplored country, where the possibility is to turn up entirely new things at any time.

Long informs me that the big *Panicum* from the Bayshore sand dunes has been positively identified by Mrs. Chase as *P. amarulum*, which is a new record for the state. I have long known this grass and have noted it as far north on the bay shore as Reed's Beach above Deer Creek; but I always thought it to be one of the many variations of *P. virgale*. until a closer inspection last summer made me suspicious that it was something

else, as near as I could make it the *P. Amarum* of Gray's manual. What is supposed to be the difference between *P. Amarum* & *P. marulum*?, Long also said that Mrs. Chase had identified another small dichotomous *Panicum* from East Creek, this County as *P. tuberosum*. That is a new thing also and well worth hunting for.

If you are down at the Point anytime in June we might make a try for it. for altho I was present the day it was collected, I did not get any of it. East Creek is always full of possibilities anyhow and I would like another trip there some time.

I suppose you are busy at the University. I think Pennell was very sorry to lose you from the academy. Anytime you have the time and feel like it, write for I am always glad to hear from you. Hoping we may again have a tramp together I am

Always sincerely

Oleway H. Brown

Cape May, N. J.

Cape May, N. J. May 22, 1922.

My dear Mr. Fogg:

I noted your little note on the corner of the Botanical Club letter and have been going to write to you but have been sick in bed nearly all the week with the Grippe. Feeling better now and hope to be around in a day or two. I am afraid I will not be home next Sunday as owing to some previously made plans I expect to be out of Cape May on that day; but if by any chance things should happen that I would not have to go, let me know how I could telephone you on Sunday morning and I would let you know. If you did not hear from me by 7 o'clock you would know that I was not in Cape May. I certainly wish that I did not have to go away on that date as there is nothing I could enjoy any

more than a little trip with you; for the woods and meadows are getting very interesting by now and I haven't had a chance to go out botanizing yet this Spring; but if I don't see you this time, trust that you will be in Cape May this season again and that we can plan a few trips together. I want very much to get into the upper part of the County among the pine barrens, as I hope to add a few more new things to the County Flora. Owing to the fact that I have been engaged every Thursday night this winter I did not get a chance to attend any of the Botanical Club meetings this winter and was up at the Academy of Nat. Sci. only once all winter. Let me know how I can reach you next Sunday morning if I do not have to go away.

Always Sincerely,

Olinde Brown,

Cape May,

N. J.

Cape May, N.J. May 29-1924.

My dear Mr Fogg:

I was very glad to receive your very interesting letter regarding your Summer at Words Hole. My own botanizing last Summer was rather neglected as there was no visiting botanists down and where people who love nature are not around I seem to lose interest, as there seems to be no one around here who cares for that sort of thing and I rather missed you. If you get a chance to come down before you go north this Spring, let me know and I will try and get in touch with you. Sorry I missed that hot dog you saved for me, it would have tasted pretty good a day like that was. I was over to the Point one evening recently and collected some fine specimens of *Arabis glabra* which grows fairly abundant over there. I guess the only place in N.J. I have some friends from Buffalo N.Y. coming down in midsummer to take photographs of our Native Orchids and look forward to a few pleasant days with them. I have about exhausted the botanical possibilities of Cape May Co. as far as the higher orders of plants are concerned and sometimes think if I ever get time I will try and

Collect the Fungi, particularly the larger ones. I have never found any very good way to preserve them as specimens as even when carefully dried by artificial heat, they have a habit of absorbing moisture from the air and get covered with mildew. However, I am so busy that I am afraid I will not get time to do much with them. But I have always thought that they would make an interesting study as some of our woods after a rain in August are literally covered with them in all colors and sizes.

Dr. Stone was in the other day. He is coming to Cape May again this summer but he is now almost entirely absorbed in the study of Cape May Bird life.

Hoping that you get down and that we may have a tramp together

I am

Always Sincerely

Otway H. Brown.

(Cape May, N. J.,

Cape May, N. J. July 3-1924.

My dear Jack:

I received the package of plants all right & in perfect order and I am delighted with them. The Gulf states stuff was all new to me and the Texas plants, which you sent me a lot once before, contained but very few duplicates of the former lot and when I send you up a lot of plants I will return them to you; there ~~are~~ only about a dozen or two but what were different from the first lot. I am still collecting a representative lot of Cape May Co. plants for you and hope to have a fine lot for you when you get back to the University this fall. I will ship them to you as soon as I hear from you. The pamphlet on Pinkise Island was also read with much interest. A comparison of the flora now and 25 years ago, on any

of our sea Islands would probably show similar changes, an extermination of many original plants and the introduction of many weedy ones. I never got around to it yet but I have often thought that it would be quite interesting at this time, about 20 years after the work was done, to list all the plant life that has taken possession of East-Cape May; just back of the place here you know. This is all land filled in by suction dredges, most of the material coming from the bottom of the harbor and was practically bare of vegetation for a year or two, after it was filled; now it is entirely covered with grasses, shrubs and other vegetation from the seeds distributed no doubt largely by natural means.

I suppose you are settled for the next six weeks and hope you will have a successful and interesting summer & shall look forward to seeing you again next fall.

Always, Sincerely

Otway Brown, Cape May, N.J.

Cape May, N. J. Nov 2 - 1924

My dear friend Fogg:

I was glad to receive your letter & hear from you again; it also reminded me that I owed you an answer to your card sent last summer from Woods Hole. Hope you will excuse me this time as my intentions were good (you know the old saying about good intentions) but somehow I did not get around to it. I guess I have been trying to do too many things this summer and was bound to neglect some, including the prosecution of my usual botanical research in Cape May Co. and the only new records I have made so far this season have been merely southern extensions of the range of some rather common plants inland such as *Apreynum medium*, *A. androsaemifolium*, *Agimonia Parisiflora*, *Coralorhiza maculata*, one lone plant, also a few introduced weeds of European Origin.

During August some friends from Buffalo & Peterboro, Conn. spent a week in Cape May, taking pictures of American Orchids and we had several pic trips around the county and they secured fine photographs of *Gymnedioneopsis integra* + *G. nivea*, *Tipularia discolor*, *Gnostochys praeox*, *G. Beckii*, *Blepharisthella ciliaris* + *B. cristata* all of which were new to them & on one of the days they were here we were joined by Mr. Ludlow Eiscorn from the American Museum of Natural History, New York who made a special trip to see *Gymnedioneopsis integra* in bloom as he had never seen it before.

I should think mistletoe would be rare in Pennsylvania. It is decidedly rare in So. New Jersey. I saw three fine clumps on a big *Myssa* last fall. in the S.E. part of Cumberland Co; but as the tree was about as big as a sugar barrel and nearly 25 feet to the first limb I passed it up & contented myself with a view of it from the ground as I was equipped with neither firmness Creepers or an aeroplane to get up to it. I have

seen it occasionally in past years in various parts of Cape  
May Co. - and always on *Nyssa*. Altho my impression is that in the  
South it grows on most any kind of trees.

I went down to the Swamp back of my house this  
afternoon and gathered you some seeds of *Lobelia puberula*.  
Most of it was ripe and fallen from the fruit but I found  
several good spikes and if only a small percentage of  
them germinate, I guess you will have plenty of plants as  
they are quite small. If you get an opportunity to come to  
Cape May; let me know, and I will try and meet you some-  
where. Most everything is pretty well ripened by this time tho' we  
have had no frost in the lower part of the County as yet. Write  
whenever you feel like it for I am always glad to hear from you  
and if possible I would like to get out to some of the Club  
meetings but I am afraid it will be increasingly difficult  
for me to get away over night as the man who assisted  
me, & looked after things in my absence, died this summer  
and so far I have no one in his place.

I will enclose the *Lobelia* seeds in this letter & trust  
they will arrive all right and that your friend gets a good lot  
of plants from them.

Always Sincerely

Othway H. Brown.

Cape May, N. J.

Cape May, N. J. Jan. 26 - 1925

Dear Friend Fogg:

A notice of the monthly meeting of the Botanical Club reminded me that I had not answered your last letter, but I have had so many things to do with the necessary correspondence of several public and private organizations of which I act as secretary that my own private correspondence has been very much neglected. I was glad to hear that "Barborea" was to appear again and as soon as it is out I will send for a copy, it will certainly be fine to have the nomenclature of our local flora brought up to date, for there seems to have been many changes of late years. A copy of the Botanists' report of New York that I was looking over recently, contained many names, that if it was not for the synonymy accompanying each one, to me. If you have use for Cape May County specimens at the University, I have a good many unmounted duplicates that I would be more than pleased to send you, for I do not get much time to work on them any more, and can send you quite a lot of specimens of the past few years collections and if you have any thing that you have no particular use for, of course I should be glad to get them, as I am always ready to extend my acquaintance with plants, to the ones outside this locality; and have a very good lot of plants from different portions of the United States as well as Central America and Europe, which I have obtained by exchanging with others, who were interested in the local South Jersey flora.

Last summer Mr. E. A. Eames of Buffalo spent a week here photographing our native orchids and a few weeks ago sent me some prints of them among which were two splendid pictures of *Tipularia discolor*, in bloom, also of the various *Habenarias* in flower at that time. I hope you do get down some

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Week end. Let me know any time you can come and I will meet you and I know we can have an interesting time, even if it is winter. I cannot get up to any of the Club meetings while the weather is so uncertain and cold, as I have the greenhouse on my hands; but perhaps by April or May I can leave for over night, and come to at least one of the meetings. I should have liked to have been to the last one, and renewed my acquaintance with Dr. Wherry, for I have recollections of two fine trips with him several years ago and found him a fine fellow indeed. If you want some of the Cape May specimens, let me know, that is if there are any special ones, or I can send you a lot; representing the native and introduced flora of the County, just as they come. I have sent collections to many institutions in the country, and will be more than pleased to send some to you.

Hoping you can work in a tub to Cape May soon, as I should be pleased to have a visit from you. I am,

Always Sincerely

Oleway H. Brown.

Cape May.

N. J.

from Fogg

Mr. Otway H. Brown,  
Cape May,  
New Jersey.

March 27, 1925

Dear Friend Brown:

Your interesting letter of Jan. 26th is before me, and raises several points to which I want to respond in detail. First, in the matter of exchange: I am sending off to you by Parcel Post today a collection of Swiss plants bro't back by Dr. Macfarlane in 1906. These I think you will believe to be of great interest as representing one of the most unique floras to found anywhere in the world. The Ranunculaceae, Gentianaceae, and Compositae are of particularly spectacular nature, and denote very remarkable adaptation to severe cold and conditions of high wind and extreme exposure. There are, I believe, some 145 of these sheets; you can make a more exact count after you get them mounted. Let me know if this is the kind of material you desire, and if the arrangement is satisfactory, I can forward you some other lots. We have on hand for exchange a great many Aubrey Smith duplicates of North American plants, including much interesting material from the Rockies and the Southwest. Albert Ruth's Texas collections you may already have, but if not there is much therein that you would find of value. Another valuable lot of material is represented by Pennell's collections from the Southern states and the Serpentine Barrens. Much that he has written is based upon these specimens of which we have duplicates. So, consider the matter and let hear what sounds attractive to you.

Now, about your stuff in exchange: Almost anything reliably named, from your part of the country, will be most acceptable. The manner in which I view things is this: We have not, and probably never shall have, a very large Phanerogamic Herbarium here at the University, where most of our energy is going into building up the Cryptogams. There has been little taxonomic work on the Flowering Plants done here of late, and as a result, many of the important groups are in a rather dismal state. I feel, then, that it is above all important for us to get in lots of accurately named local plants, to be used for reference in setting things straight, and I therefore welcome any material that you may have to offer, representing as I know it does your splendid knowledge of a most important region.

In the matter of labels: It is admittedly desirable that the collector's data appear on the label in his own handwriting. I wonder, therefore, if, in the event of your not having extra labels, you would be willing to transcribe your data on our label, sample of which I am enclosing. Of course, if you have your own printed form so much the better.

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I look forward with vast pleasure to seeing you in about three weeks time. Our Naturalist's Field Club from the University is planning to take its Easter Trip to Cape May Point. We shall go to My Aunt's cottage, which will constitute our headquarters, and make trips to the adjoining regions each day, going up the Bay shore one day, up to the Inlet another, and back across the woods and meadows a third. Our plan is to leave here Monday, April 13th, and stay three days. Do try to keep some or all of this time open and join us in our rambles. If this extraordinarily early season keeps going we ought to see something exciting. At any rate, the outing will be a welcome one. I may get down a day or two ahead of the party to have things in readiness, and if so shall let you know in advance.

Let me congratulate you on your election to active membership in the P.B.C. I only hope this means you may get up to some of the meetings. We had a splendid talk last night from Dr. Seifriz on The Flora of Java. Wish you could have heard it.

Well, sufficient for the present, I think. Let me know how things go, or, better still, save up and we'll have a right good chat about affairs in general at Easter time.

Most sincerely,

Cape May, N. J. Apr 3, 1925

My dear friend Fogg: Your letter received and the package of herbarium specimens arrived all right and I was delighted with them and have spent several hours looking them over, they are so different from our own flora, and among them I recognize quite a few things that I secured from a specialist in rock plants in England, about 20 years ago and attempted to grow on an artificial rockery here, but there is no doubt that the latitude and altitude of Cape May is not suitable for alpine plants as most of them had but an ephemeral existence, but generally did live long enough to get an idea of what they were like. I had the same trouble trying to establish a lot of plants from the Adirondack Mts. I note that a specimen of *Menyanthes* in flower was collected in July; this plant grows here and flowers in April, a great difference in the time of flowering.

In return for your kindness in sending me these specimens I shall be glad to send you a collection of the plants of South Jersey, and if you prefer to have the University label with my own records on it, send some down, or I can use a similar label of my own, just as you like. I can make up a collection from my present

stock of duplicates, perhaps between 200 or 300, and will collect any that I can this season. I am going to try and get a representative lot of the things that grow in Southern Cumberland and Atlantic Counties, for Bayard Hovey and can easily collect enough for you to have some. I will get a lot together soon and send them up to you. I should be glad to get any Rocky Mt. or S.E. U.S. plants as my collector does not include many plants from these regions, except a few from So. Fla., New Mexico, & Oregon.

When you come down I will try and get time to go out with you on at least one day. - I want to see you and will get in touch with you at the Point. I will be certainly glad to go out with you again as I have very pleasant recollections of the trips we made together, and all my botanical trips are usually made by my lonesome, as there are none of the natives here that seem to be at all interested, and I rarely have company when I have visitors like yourself to go with me. Again, thanking you for that fine collection of plants & hoping to see you soon,

I remain

Always Sincerely

Oliver H. Brown  
Capt. May, N.J.

Cape May, N. J. June 1 - 1925

My dear Jack:

I have mailed you today about 150 specimens of Cape May Co. plants that I had in duplicate, some of them are stuck on papers but you can easily remove them with a sharp pointed knife for mounting on your own sheets, I have made out one of your labels for all of them and if you can send me some more, I will try and get you out some more duplicates, and also make some collections this year. I have already collected quite a number of things for you that I will send you in the next installment - I found one plant new to the County so far this year, Clytemia virginica - a nice lot of it near Willowood Lane.

I suppose that you will soon be leaving the University for the summer. I realize that school years are ending for I am the secretary of the local

Board of Education and one reason I have not sent the specimens sooner was because we have been posing three the throes of a special School election and it fell to me to attend to all the details clerical + legal connected with it and it took about all my spare time, (and some I didn't have to spare also), for over a month, putting the thing over.

The season is very backward and in the lower end of the County extremely dry. Dr. Stone was down Decorative Day with about 30 members of the Bird Club. I did not go with them but took a walk with one of them who stayed over Sunday - + had an interesting time. I wanted to get up to the Club meeting last month but at that time I was not very well.. feel quite "bummed up" yet - got a small boil on my face and have collected some of the active principle of Poisin Ivy and have my eyes nearly closed by the blasted stuff - my susceptibility to poisoning from Plants, really spoils many of my botanizing trips for it is hard to steer clear of it. Let me know if the specimens arrive all right. + I will soon get together another lot.

Always sincerely  
Oliver H. Brown

June 16, 1925.

Mr. Otway H. Brown,  
Cape May,  
New Jersey.

My dear Otway:

The box of specimens arrived safely and in splendid condition. The material is just the sort we most need here, and I assure you will fill a very critical niche in our collections. The matter of mounting will cause us no concern. I shall probably, as you suggest, remove the plants which are already fastened and have them affixed to our own sheets, retaining your splendid arrangement of stems, leaves, etc.

I am enclosing a few labels, and shall be only too happy to have you use them for getting out some more duplicates. I am having a new type of label printed, and so send you only a few of the old ones. I hope to have the new shipment in very soon, and shall mail you another batch as quickly as possible.

According to my count we received from you 165 plants, which, as against my shipment of 145 sheets on March 27th, leaves us still in your debt. I am preparing a lot for shipment to you which I hope to be able to get off before I leave here for good the end of this week. It will be a miscellaneous series, including some of Pennell's specimens, some of Various Western collections, a few of my own, and whatever else I can get ready in the meantime which I think may prove of interest to you. I mailed you also recently a copy of our Penikese Survey, about which I may have spoken to you formerly.

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I shall leave for New York on Monday, and plan to get up to Woods Hole about Thursday. I shall be back here for a day or two the Middle of August, and then start west, where I shall remain until the third week of September. If you have any stuff ready to send up before I get back there will be someone here to take charge of it. Or, if you'd rather, just hold it until you hear from me in the Fall. I shall count on getting down to the shore for a visit in Sept. or Oct. and want to learn all about your summer's experiences. I may have something of interest to say for myself, who knows?

I trust that this finds you feeling much improved in health, you really should be immune to the effects of Rhus spp. by this time. With best wishes for the most interesting of summers, I am,

Always sincerely,

Oct. 11, 1926.

Mr. Otway Brown,  
Cape May,  
N. J.

Dear Otway:

It seems like a mighty long time since I last had any word from you but I'm willing to believe that it is my own fault, for I don't think I have written you a real letter for over a year.

If I recall correctly, I dropped you a postal from Ithaca mentioning my plans for a trip north with Prof. Fernald and Bayard Long. We had a great old time of it despite indifferent weather. Our itinerary carried us to the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, where we worked for the first week. We then struck south and east and did the region around Burgeo.

If you have been reading Fernald's account of the 1924 & 1925 trips to Nfld., which is appearing now in Rhodora, you will have in mind the general problem upon which he is at work concerning plant distribution and glaciation. We accumulated this year much more evidence of a confirmatory nature.

Of great interest to me were such things as *Silene acaulis*, *Diapensia lapponica*, *Arctostaphylos alpina*, *Rapetrus nigrum*, *Potentilla tridentata*, *Saxifraga* spp. etc. which I had collected as alpinas at high altitudes in the Selkirks last summer, but which in Newfoundland occur almost at sea-level. I should like to have the chance to tell you more about it some time.

I am still hoping that this winter will find you in a position to break away occasionally and run up to see us. F.B.C. still meets the fourth Thursday of each month, and we'd be only too happy to see you at any time. We enjoyed inspecting your pet Fig at the last meeting, thanks to Joe Crawford. Do drop me a line when you can find the time.

Ever sincerely,

Cape May, N. J. Oct 23, 1926.

Mr. J. M. Fogg.

U. & P.  
Phila Pa.

My dear Jack:

Glad to hear from you again. I have been thinking or writing you for some time as I supposed you had returned to the University, again this fall. I received your postal from Ithaca, and assumed that you would spend the rest of the vacation season on your trip to the North. What an interesting time you must have had! I should have liked to have been along as the little list of things that you noted as having been collected at sea level in New Foundland I find in my collection and are known to me only from specimens from the summits of the Adirondacks.

I have not collected much lately but did get some more of the local things for you and if you have any more labels I will send you some more of the local flora for your collection at the U. & P. My last collecting trip was from Wilmington, Del. to Kennett Square, Pa. and I found about 25 things entirely new to my herbarium, for altho I have received collections from

many parts of the Country, it seems that no one ever sent me anything from the vicinity of Philadelphia, and this flora was very interesting to me indeed. So I can realize your pleasure in going into a new Country and finding new things.

I hope to get up to at least one meeting of the Club this winter or spring, but seems that Thursday is a bad night for me to get away. There were but few botanical visitors to Cape May this summer. Mr. Crawford was around to see me and evinced much interest in several *Ficus* that were fruiting in the Greenhouse. But when he wrote later asking that I send him some of the fruits, only *F. pernila* was available as the fruits of *F. pandurata* & *F. altissima* had ripened in the meantime and decayed.

Write soon if you can find time & send me some more of your labels and I will send you some more of our local specimens.

Always Sincerely,

Oleary H. Brown,

Cape May,

N. J.

Mr. Otway H. Brown,  
Cape May,  
New Jersey.

October 30, 1926

Dear Otway :

Many thanks for your prompt and interesting reply to my letter. I was indeed happy to hear from you and to learn of your collecting activities during the past season.

You are not the only one who has cause to complain at the general lack of Philadelphia material in circulation in recent years. Fernald says that there is almost nothing in the Gray Herbarium from this region of modern collecting. I suppose it is because the region was so thoroly worked over by the early collectors that it has been neglected here of late. However that may be, both Long and I are getting together all we can to send up to Harvard. I am sure they would be glad to exchange with you as well.

I may have quite a bit of local material left after going over my own recent stuff, and on the assumption that you may find it of interest I shall send you a lot. Also, I got many things in southern Delaware and in Maryland last Spring that you might like to have.

You will find enclosed the labels that you requested. I am always more than delighted to receive any material you may care to send up. We are already in your debt I believe in the matter of specimens, but I hope that with some things we have on hand plus what I can send you of my own we can soon repay you.

With best wishes, I am,

Most sincerely,