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H. HAPEMAN, M.D., F.A.C.S.
225 BROWN AVENUE
MINDEN, NEBRASKA

October 10th 1925.

Prof. John M. Fogg,
Univ. of Penn.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Prof. Fogg:

Would you care to exchange herbarium specimens?

I have a large number of duplicate specimens to offer and in return wish to secure the missing numbers to complete my list of the Britton & Brown territory. I can send list of those I desire also list of what I have to offer if an exchange is arranged.

Yours truly,

H. Hapeman

October 21, 1925.

Dr. H. Hapeman,
225 Brown Ave.,
Minden, Neb.

Dear Doctor Hapeman:

Your interesting letter of October 10th is at hand. In reply, permit me to state my purpose in desiring to exchange herbarium specimens. I have no private herbarium, but seek entirely to build up the herbarium of this Department of the University by adding to it correctly named and well preserved material from all over the United States. I should therefore be very glad to receive from you a list of what you have to offer in exchange.

We have considerable duplicate material here, much of it representing the type of collecting presented along the entire Atlantic Seaboard and in Texas, and if you care to forward me a copy of your desiderata. I shall see how many of them I can supply. We have also some ~~few~~ very fine material from the Swiss and Tyrolese Alps, which I can offer you if your interest extends as far as the Old World.

Yours truly,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
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Curator of the Herbarium.

H. HAPEMAN, M.D., F.A.C.S.
225 BROWN AVENUE
MINDEN, NEBRASKA

October 27th 1925.

Prof. J.M. Fogg,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Prof. Fogg:

Enclosed is a list of my duplicates for exchange from which please choose such as you may have use for. In such a herbarium as you must have at the Pennsylvania University it is not very probable that my list will have much not included in your herbarium.

I hope however, that you will find something of interest to you and that you will check freely from my list. After you have ordered what you wish from me I will send you a list of my desiderata

I am especially interested in completing the list of plants found in the region covered by Britton and Brown's flora but also am collecting some foreign plants.

Yours truly,

H. Hapeman

From Fagg

November 14, 1925

Dr. H. Hapeman,
225 Brown Ave.,
Minden, Nebraska.

Dear Doctor Hapeman:

I have gone over the list of duplicates for exchange which you kindly sent me, and find that there is very little material which we do not have represented in this Herbarium. In a collection such as ours, in which the great majority of indigenous American species is to be found, our chief aim is to have these species represented by as many specimens from widely differing localities as possible. That is to say, the ideal of a large Herbarium is to have each species collected from all possible stations within its range, at as many different seasons as would suffice to exhibit all its variations in form and habit. So that, while we have here the greater number of species included on your list, most of your localities would doubtless prove new and interesting to us, and practically all of your material would be highly acceptable. Therefore, it seems to me that the best plan would be for you to forward your list of desiderata, since your lacunae are of a specific nature. I could then satisfy your requests as far as possible and you could send me an equivalent amount of material selected almost at random from your own stock of duplicates.

I shall be glad to know whether this suggestion meets with your approval, and shall hold your duplicate list until hearing further from you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DR. H. HAPEMAN
MINDEN, NEBRASKA

November 18th 1925.

Prof. J. M. Fogg Jr.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Prof. Fogg:

Your offer is very kind and I am very glad to accept it. I am enclosing my list of desiderata and will be greatly pleased to receive anything on that list. In return I will endeavor to send you the best I can and hope that I may add at least something which you do not already have in your herbarium.

Very truly yours,

H. Hapeman.

March 9th, 1926.

Dr. H. Hapeman,
Minden,
Nebraska.

Dear Dr. Hapeman:

This is just to inform you that progress is actually being made on your list of desiderata which has been so long in my hands.

The press of teaching work leaves me but little free time herbarium activities, and going over duplicates is a slow process at the best. Added to this is the fact that you seem to have a remarkably complete representation, for most of the things that you desire are rare for this region, and I am having but indifferent luck in finding specimens that I know you want.

In a former letter you expressed interest in some foreign material which we have for exchange. Just as soon as I can get around to it, then, I shall forward you those specimens which I have been able to fill out from your list, together with a series of plants from the Swiss-Tyrolese Alps which I feel confident will prove interesting to you.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

from Fogg

June 14th, 1926.

Dr. H. Hapeman,
225 Brown Ave.,
Minden, Nebraska.

Dear Dr. Hapeman:

The package of plants which I promised you in my letter of March 9th has finally gone forward Parcel Post today. I regret that the great pressure of academic activities has prevented my giving this matter the attention which it deserved weeks ago.

I am sending you twenty (20) local specimens which I have checked from your list of desiderata and about a hundred plants from the Swiss Alps which I hope you will find of interest. Many of the genera are familiar to the American botanist, but the species are all different and show interesting adaptations to alpine regions.

Any material that you may care to send in return will be acceptable, especially if it represents your own localities of which we have but a poor showing in our Herbarium.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding both of your lists to Mr. Robert R. Dreisbach, 612 W. Olney Ave., Philadelphia. Dreisbach is a vigorous collector and will probably have many of the things which you desire to fill out your list. He is also interested in exchanging and will doubtless be keen to get some of your duplicates.

Another week or so will see me in Massachusetts for six weeks collecting on Cape Cod, and then I hope to get up to Newfoundland on what will doubtless prove a very exciting botanical trip.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

H. HAPEMAN, M.D., F.A.C.S.
225 BROWN AVENUE
MINDEN, NEBRASKA

June 24th 1926.

Prof. J. M. Fogg Jr.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Prof. Fogg:

Your plants are here but I have not yet had time to examine them very thoroughly; enough however, to know that they will prove to be good additions to my collection. I am sending you a package of 126 sheets to day. I have adhered strictly to your instructions about sending local plants although I have a large number of duplicates from Mexico, Texas, Utah, Cascade Mts. of Washington and British Columbia which I am sure would interest you.

I have included two specimens from other regions and wish to call your attention to them and one other because I think them of special interest. They are *Langlosia setosissima campyloclados* Brand from Zion Canyon, Utah, *Sullivantia Hapemanii* Coulter of Big Horn Mts., Wyoming and *Lathyrus Hapemanii* A. Nelson of Minden, Nebr.

The *Langlosia* was determined by Rydberg who says the species was in doubt before receiving the specimens which I sent in.

The *Sullivantia* is given in Rydberg's Flora as occurring in ~~xx~~ Colo., Wyoming, Minn. and Wisconsin. The Minn. and Wisconsin specimens are *Sullivantia renifolia* Rosendahl and differ decidedly from the Wyoming specimens. *Lathyrus Hapemanii* A. Nelson has never been ^{found} outside of Kearney County, Nebr. The published description gives the corolla as white but in the fresh specimens it is slightly tinged with lilac while the veins of both corolla and calyx are distinctly lilac. I write you these points because they are as yet not incorporated in the manuals. I am very glad you have sent my list of exchange plants to Mr Dreisbach and shall be pleased to send

specimens if he wishes me to do so. I expect to collect at Lake
Chelan in August and will be glad to send you specimens this winter
should you care for them.

Yours truly,

H. Hapeman