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from Fogg

October 17, 1928.

Dr. A. S. Hitchcock,
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Hitchcock:

You may perhaps recall that when you were here for the Christmas meetings two years ago, you kindly offered to look at and name some grasses from the western and southwestern United States which had come to this Herbarium. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of forwarding to you a package of plants of this nature, by Parcel Post.

In the present lot there are two collections which came to us for identification from Dr. H. S. Colton, who is located at Flagstaff, Arizona. One was made in 1925, the other in 1927. Doubtless these grasses are, for the most part, the common species of that region, but I did not feel sufficiently familiar with that flora to essay naming them myself. As Dr. Colton desires these specimens returned to him, and as he will be in Philadelphia on a visit this winter, I should suggest that you send them back here when you are thru with them. I can then see that he gets them. Please feel free to extract any duplicates from this lot that you may care to have, or if there is anything of especial interest, even tho it be only a single number, you are the one who should have it.

The other lot of material included in the shipment consists of numbered sheets from California, Colorado, etc., which were collected by Dr. Kelley, formerly of Rutgers. If this collection has any value in your eyes, why not keep it for the National Herbarium, sending me the determinations merely by number; I can then pass them on to Dr. Kelley. If, however, they are too common to possess any critical interest for you we can put them to good use in our small collection here.

I trust that the Newfoundland trip was a pronounced success and hope to see some of its results in publication soon.

Most sincerely yours,

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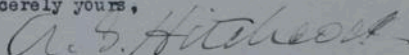
October 20, 1928.

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Fogg:

I have your letter of October 17th and have today received the package of grasses. Just at this season of the year we are in somewhat of a jam from the numerous specimens sent in. It may be a month before we can get at the specimens to identify them. I take it that you are in no especial hurry for the names.

Sincerely yours,



A. S. Hitchcock, Principal Botanist
in Charge of Systematic Agrostology.

Office address: Smithsonian Institution.

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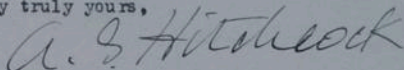
November 8, 1928.

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Fogg:

We are returning the grasses sent with your letter of
October 17th. We have sent these in two packages.

Very truly yours,



A. S. Hitchcock, Principal Botanist in Charge
of Systematic Agrostology.

Office address: Smithsonian Institution.

November 10, 1928.

Dr. A. S. Hitchcock,
U. S. Dept. Agriculture,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Hitchcock:

Thank you for your letters of October 20th and
November 8th. The two packages of grasses arrived today
and I feel deeply indebted to you for the trouble which
you have taken in naming them as well as for the prompt
response which you have accorded my request.

With gratitude, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Instructor in Botany.

Oct. 22, 1932.

Professor A.S. Hitchcock,
1867 Park Road,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Ever since receiving from you, some months ago, your interesting pamphlet entitled "Grass", I have been meaning to write and thank you for having included me in your mailing list and also to tell you how I enjoyed your treatment of our most important economic family. The work has many new and interesting facts for most of us, I am sure, and I, for one, shall find it a great help in teaching.

May I take this opportunity, also, to ask you to forward to me at this Laboratory your "Manual of Farm Grasses" and your pamphlet on "Field Work for the Local Botanist" as announced by postal recently received from you. Enclosed you will find my check for \$2.10.

Yours very truly,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

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October 26, 1932.

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Botanical Laboratory,
University of Pennsylvania,
38th St. and Woodland Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Fogg:

I showed your letter of October 22 to Mrs. Chase and we both wish to thank you for your kind words of our publication on grasses in the Smithsonian Scientific Series.

It is just possible that you might find of interest another article in that same volume of the series of which I am the author. This is entitled, "The world of plants." This was not distributed widely because of the cost of reprints. I suppose your library has the complete series.

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Hitchcock

A. S. Hitchcock, Principal Botanist in
Charge of Systematic Agrostology.

Office address: Smithsonian Institution.

Nov. 7, 1933.

Dr. H. D. House, State Botanist,
New York State Museum,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Dr. House:

Under separate cover I am sending you a specimen of Euphrasia condensata (E. stricta) which I collected in Essex County, N. Y. during the summer of 1932. I am wondering whether this species is known to you from any but the one station cited in your "Annotated List". Pennell, who has a duplicate of the Phelps collection from Waddington, says he has no other evidence of its occurrence within the state.

My locality, which is near Mineville, is certainly not a natural one. The plant was growing abundantly on open pastureland at the foot of Belfry Hill, where it might easily have been introduced. It was so plentiful at this one spot, however, that I believe it quite capable of extending its range over a wider area.

Mr. Rogers McVaugh, who has one of my graduate students has told me of your interesting method of recording the plants of your state and I am led to inquire whether you would care for such duplicates as I have from New York. They will not be numerous, for my collecting there has usually been done en route to New England, but such as they are I should be glad to send you a set.

Very truly yours,

John M. Pogg, Jr.
Asst. Prof. of Botany
Curator of Herbarium

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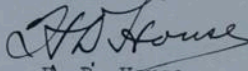
Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Botanical Laboratory, Univ. of Penn.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Fogg:

I want to thank you for the specimen of Euphrasia condensata mentioned in your letter of the 7th. This is interesting because we already have a specimen of the same species collected at "Four ponds" which appears on the map to be not more than half a mile north of Belfrey hill at Mineville (Collected by Muenscher et al No. 512, Sept. 1, 1929.) The species is also mentioned (Rhodora 31: 167. 1929) as occurring at Missisquoi Bay on the Vermont side of Lake Champlain. I suppose only additional collections and observations may establish whether native or adventive in this state. Muenscher also found Odontites rubra east of Chateaugay village and Frank Dobbin found Rhinanthus oblongifolius so plentiful in a meadow near Shushan, Washington county last June that he had no difficulty in preparing nearly a hundred specimens for me.

I shall be particularly glad to have any New York duplicates which you may have to spare and shall begin laying aside such duplicates from our flora as I think may be of value to you in exchange.

Sincerely yours,


H. D. House

Jan. 18, 1934.

Professor A. S. Hitchcock,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Hitchcock:

I am in possession of a request, from one of the members of our Department of Anthropology, for information concerning the northern limits of Eizania aquatica. He says that he has found it growing in the mouth of the Berens River (about Lat. 52 N.) and wonders whether it is to be expected even farther north.

It appears that the Indians who live in the Lake Winnipeg drainage depend largely upon the Wild Rice for food and they tell my colleague that this plant is not used north of the Berens River. He is anxious to ascertain whether its use to the north is impossible because it occurs there only sparsely, if at all, or whether its distribution in that area has been limited by the practice of harvesting.

If you can shed any light on this problem, I shall indeed be grateful to you. I can find only the vaguest statements as to the northern limits of this species in the works I have consulted. It may be, of course, that the area has not been sufficiently well worked to admit of an answer to this question.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

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January 19, 1934.

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Botanical Laboratory,
38th St. and Woodland Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Fogg:

I have your letter of January 18 concerning the northern limits of *Zizania aquatica*. So far as our herbarium shows the distribution *Zizania aquatica* gets well into Quebec in the northeast but is found in the west only so far as Minnesota and North Dakota. Var. *angustifolia* ranges a little further north in Quebec.

Professor Fassett of the University of Wisconsin discussed the range of *Zizania aquatica* and its varieties in *Rhodora* 26: 153. 1924. I do not find that he mentions Manitoba in this range.

Mr. Charles E. Chambliss of this Bureau has given much study to the distribution of wild rice and I think could give you more information than anyone else.

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Hitchcock

A. S. Hitchcock, Principal Botanist in
Charge of Systematic Agrostology.

Office address: Smithsonian Institution.

*Received
1/28/34*

fossil plants
Magnolia
Sassafras
etc

Alfred S. Wallace

Split began in Upper
Carboniferous
by Cocaine N.A. & Eu
were still connected
as far north as Nova
Scotia? or Nfd.

Even in Pleistocene
a continuous land (?)
bridge is provided
via Greenland

Relationships of floras
of N.A. & Eu seen
in 3 large classes.

1. Alleghanian plants
similar to spp of
unglaciated Eu.
2. marginal floras similar
or identical -
3. W. N.A. & Medit.
basin
4. glaciated areas to N.
where many spp
are identical or
nearly so.

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February 5, 1934.

Professor John H. Fogg, Jr.,
Botanical Laboratory,
38th St. and Woodland Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Fogg:

You recently reported *Leptoloma cognatum* from New Jersey. As this is an addition to the range as represented in our herbarium I am writing to ask if you could send us either a duplicate specimen, or a fragment from the one you have, to represent the species in the National Herbarium.

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Hitchcock

A. S. Hitchcock, Principal Botanist in
Charge of Systematic Agrostology.

Office address: Smithsonian Institution.

Feb. 13, 1934.

Professor A. S. Hitchcock,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Hitchcock:

In response to your letter of a few days ago, I am forwarding you, under separate cover, a specimen of Leptoloma cognatum from Absecon, N. J.

I am sorry that my material is not more copious. I had already distributed specimens to the Gray Herbarium and the Philadelphia Botanical Club and have therefore divided with you the sheet which I am retaining here in the University Herbarium.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator of Herbarium

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February 15, 1934

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Curator of Herbarium,
Botanical Laboratory,
38th St. and Woodland Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

Your letter of February 13 and the specimen of *Leptoloma cognatum* from New Jersey have been received. Thank you very much for dividing your specimen with us so that I may put a dot on the distribution map of this species from New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

A. S. Hitchcock

A. S. Hitchcock, Principal Botanist in
Charge of Systematic Agrostology.

Office address: Smithsonian Institution.

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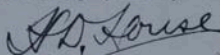
November 10, 1934

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Dept. of Botany, Univ. of Penn.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

Under separate cover I am sending you 52 specimens of plants, selected from duplicates of recent collections, for the University herbarium, in continuation of your valued exchange. While our herbarium is devoted mainly to plants of New York State, I am glad to have selected material from adjacent states, such as the New Jersey pine-barrens, coastal region, New England mountains, etc.

Sincerely yours,



H. D. House,
State Botanist

November 14, 1934.

Dr. B.D. House,
State Botanist,
N.Y. State Museum,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Dr. House:

The package of 52 specimens has arrived safely and I have just finished going over the material. I am delighted with what you have sent us and wish to thank you for having selected such a uniformly interesting series.

My own specimens from New York, which I promised you some time ago, are being held until I can incorporate with them material from more recent collections. This last summer, for example, I spent a week at Elizabethtown, Essex County, and collected about 300 numbers from the adjoining area. I kept off the better mountains, visiting only the less-frequented, and it may be that you will find some of my things acceptable. Or is Essex County so well known that you need absolutely nothing from there?

On the way home I stopped off at Whitehall to collect material of Butomus from the west shore of Lake Champlain. If, by any chance, you do not have specimens from that particular locality, let me know and I shall send you a sheet. Judging from the extensive area occupied by the plant at that place, I should suppose you to be already swamped by specimens from visiting botanists who must cross over the bridge into Whitehall.

As soon, then, as I can get labels printed I shall send you off a package.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

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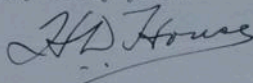
Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Botanical Laboratory
38th St. and Woodland Ave.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Fogg:

I am pleased to learn that the package of plants reached you safely. I shall be deeply interested in any duplicate material from your recent Essex County collections.

We have two or three collections of *Butomus* from near Whitehall, but if you have abundant material I shall be glad to have additional specimens of your collection there.

Very truly yours



H. D. House
State Botanist

HDH:MMC

to Fogg

December 19, 1934

Dr. Homer D. House,
N.Y. State Museum,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Dr. House:

There went forward to you today, by insured parcel post, a package containing 144 specimens of New York plants, in continuation of our exchange agreement.

This shipment includes, (A) 22 specimens collected by McVaugh; (b) 19 miscellaneous sheets, largely R.H. True, R.P. True or Katherine R. Guest; and (c) 103 of my own numbers, principally from Essex County.

I might say that, since my own field studies are devoted primarily to the flora of the coastal plain, I do not feel qualified to pass upon some of the things which I collected in New York last summer. I should therefore welcome any corrections which you may care to make of my determinations. Particularly would I be grateful if you will be so kind as tell me what you think of the following:

- No. 7240 - Solidago sp. does not fit well into S. Randii or S. hispida; could it be var. tonsa of latter?
- Nos. 7267 & 7268 - these two Spargania were growing close together at Cascade Lake, one on the gravelly shore, the other submerged; the former seems to be chloreocarpum, var. acaule, but it grades into the latter.
- Nos. 7335 & 7343 - Calamagrostis from Rocky Peak Ridge. I do not feel that I understand this genus in the north at all, and am hoping you will name these.

I hope this is not asking too much of you. My specimens are in numerical sequence, so the above numbers may be easily found. I trust, too, that these plants may help to fill out your distribution records, although I fear many of them are from localities you already have well represented.

Sincerely yours,

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December 28, 1934

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Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
38th St. and Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Fogg:

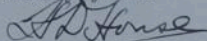
I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the package containing 144 specimens of New York plants sent with your letter of December 19.

I am very glad to have this material as most Essex County collections are from a portion of the county which has not been intensively covered by our work.

I am adding herewith my comments of six of the specimens and I think that the only remarks necessary is that 7240 seems to be closest to what we are calling *Randii*. It is also my experience throughout the Adirondack region that the only difference between *chlorocarpum* and its variety *acaule*, is the depth of the water in which they grow. Neither can I pass very expert judgment upon *Calamagrostis*. I can only offer these identifications in a tentative way.

7343 *Calamagrostis canadensis* (Mx.) Beauv.
7335 " " var. *Langsdorfii*
(Link) Inman
7268 *Sparganium chlorocarpum* Rydb.
7267 " " var. *acaule* (Beebe)
Fernald
7240 seems to be *Solidago Randii* (Porter) Britton
4979 " " " *Carex arctata* not *arcta*

Sincerely yours



H.D. House
State Botanist

HDH:MMC

January 2, 1935.

Dr. H.D. House,
State Botanist,
N.Y. State Museum,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Dr. House:

Many thanks for your kind letter of December 28, with its comments on my specimens. I am indeed glad if this material is of any value to you.

It is gratifying to have you corroborate my own sentiments concerning Sparganium chlorocarpum, and I am pleased to see what you consider Solidago Randii.

The Carex arcta must have been a slip in label writing, for I find that my own specimen is correctly named arctata.

More New York material is accumulating here as a result of the inflow of various collections. I am laying aside everything which I think might interest you and toward Spring shall probably forward you another package.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Foss, Jr.
Asst. Prof. of Botany

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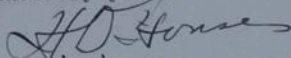
Dr. John N. Fogg, Jr.
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Fogg:

Under separate cover I am forwarding 157
duplicate plants chiefly of recent collections
selected with the idea that they may be of value to
the University herbarium.

While these are sent mainly as an exchange
for the plants received from you some time ago, I hope
that the exchange thus initiated may be continued to
our mutual advantage.

Sincerely yours



H. D. House
State Botanist

HDH:MK

<i>rec'd from:</i>	<i>sent:</i>
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157	
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209	

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THE COLLEGE

Botanical Laboratory
38th St. and Woodland Ave.

Dec. 5, 1935.

Dr. H. D. House,
N. Y. State Museum,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Doctor House:

The package of 157 specimens of New York plants, mentioned in your letter of November 29th, arrived safely three days ago. I have just found time to go over them and desire to express my appreciation of the many interesting species which you included. I am indeed delighted with the entire lot and shall see that they are incorporated in our herbarium very soon. I have a great deal of extra help this year, thanks to the National Youth Administration, and we are getting pretty well caught up in our mounting.

I note what you say concerning a continuation of our exchange relations. I should desire nothing better. In fact, I have for some time been setting aside for you specimens which I thought might interest you. I have not many duplicates from New York, but you wrote me once that you would be willing to receive plants from New Jersey or New England, so I am slowly accumulating a series which I hope you may find acceptable.

Many thanks for thinking of us; we shall at all times be glad to receive as many New York, or other, duplicates as you can spare.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
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