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The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York City

March 28, 1929.

Professor Rodney H. True, Director
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor True:

We sent the day before yesterday a box containing the specimens of *Helianthemum*, asked for as a loan for study by one of the students of Mr. Pogg. I enclose herewith a list of the specimens contained in the box. We have kept the duplicate of the same. Would you kindly use the list as a check list when the specimens are returned and please return the specimens in the same box, if possible. I hope the specimens will be of use for your department.

Yours very truly,

P. A. Rydberg

PAR:AGR

from Fogg

Dr. P.A. Rydberg,
N.Y. Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park, N.Y.C.

April 20, 1929.

Dear Dr. Rydberg:

I desire to thank you for the loan of the Helianth-
gum material requested by me some time ago. The box arrived while
I was absent on a visit to the Gray Herbarium but I have had one of
my assistants open it and check over the specimens.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that, in-
stead of the 104 sheets which your voucher calls for, we have been
able to find only 103 sheets. The specimen designated on your list:

1 Carolinianum Wright Texas Torr. H.

is apparently missing. I hope you will have us checked up at your end
and let me know if you fail to locate this discrepancy.

Sincerely yours,

The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx Park
New York City

April 29, 1929.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator, Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
38th Street and Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

I have received your ^{letter} specimens regarding the loan of *Helianthemum*. I have spoken to Mrs. Mitchell regarding the missing number and she stated that she can not understand why that number should be missing as she herself laid out the specimens. She also suggested that the specimen might have been removed from the box with the white papers that were between the sheets. The specimen referred to was an old specimen from the Torrey Herbarium and many of those old numbers were mounted on very thin paper and it would have been very easy to pick it up together with the white papers, as the sheet also was of a smaller size than our regular herbarium paper. Will you kindly ask the student who unpacked the box to see if the missing specimen didn't happen to be among those white papers? Anyhow, there are no sheets left in the species covers of *Helianthemum* and the sheet must have been lost either in packing or unpacking the specimens. Kindly make another effort to see if the specimen was not actually included in the box sent. I shall keep your letter for reference.

Yours very truly,

P. A. Rydberg

PAR:AGR

from Fogg

May 4, 1929.

Dr. F.A. Rydberg,
New York Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Rydberg:

The "lost" sheet of *Helianthemum* is found! Following your suggestion I went personally through the stack of white papers which had been used in packing and there, just as you prophesied, was the missing number. It had been overlooked doubtless because of the thinness of the sheet, although my assistant who unpacked the shipment assures me that she had already twice gone through the papers. I am certainly sorry to have caused you unnecessary annoyance in this matter.

Miss Briggs will soon finish her examination of these specimens, which she has found of inestimable value in her investigation, and I shall personally see that they are returned to you as promptly as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

from Fogg

June 24, 1929.

Dr. P.A. Rydberg,
New York Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Rydberg:

There is going forward by prepaid express a box containing the specimens of Helianthemum kindly loaned by you a short time ago. This material has been of great value in a study of the genus which is being carried on by a student of mine and we are indeed grateful to you for your kindness in negotiating the loan.

The sheets have been carefully checked against your memorandum in packing and I think you will find that the shipment is intact.

Hoping to have the pleasure of returning your favor, I am,

Yours sincerely,

March 25, 1935.

Dr. C. O. Rosendahl,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Rosendahl:

I desire to express my grateful appreciation for the 15 specimens (10 of them on mounted sheets) of Lobelia received as an exchange from you and transmitted thru one of my students, Mr. Rogers McVaugh. We are indeed pleased to have these duplicates for our collection, the more so since McVaugh is working on Lobelia for his doctorate.

There is going forward to you a package containing 15 sheets as a return for this exchange. It occurs to me that if you are interested in receiving additional material from eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey you might care to enter into a more extended exchange agreement with this herbarium. I suppose, however, that this area is already well represented in your collection and that such an arrangement would be of little profit to you. The only other region from which we have at present copious exchange material is Maine, where Dr. True has been doing extensive collecting for several seasons. We have some Minnesota material in our herbarium, but would be glad to have a great deal more.

Sincerely yours,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

April 5, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Fogg:

In reply to your letter of March 25, I am pleased to say that we welcome your suggestion of a more extended exchange agreement between your herbarium and ours. At present, our exchange stock is low, but we can make up a fairly respectable set of Minnesota plants as a starter. By next fall, we should have some very desirable material since we are planning to make rather extensive collections of the Cyperaceae, Gramineae, and aquatics in Itasca State Park and the region of the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

We shall be glad to get any plants from your area, and Dr. True's collections from Maine will be very acceptable because that part of New England is not very well represented in our herbarium.

The fifteen sheets you mention as being sent in exchange for the Lobelias have not yet arrived in the herbarium, but it is possible that they may be at the University storehouse.

Very sincerely yours,

C. O. Rosendahl

C. O. Rosendahl, Chairman,
Department of Botany.

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April 25, 1935.

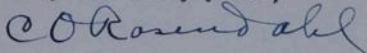
Professor J. M. Fogg, Jr.,
Department of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Fogg:

We are sending you by express a package containing approximately 300 specimens of Minnesota plants as the first installment on the exchange we agreed upon.

Many of the specimens are from earlier collections in the state and, consequently, they don't make as favorable an impression as newer material would. From the standpoint of record, however, they are probably of more value than recent specimens. One shortcoming of the early collections is that the notes as to habitat and locality are not as full as they ought to be, but that appears to have been a common failing of collectors.

Very sincerely yours,



C. O. Rosendahl, Chairman,
Department of Botany.

COR:AB

May 10, 1935

Dr. C. O. Rosendahl, Chairman,
Dept. of Botany,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Rosendahl:

I desire gratefully to acknowledge the arrival of a package containing 300 specimens of Minnesota plants, received as the first installment of our exchange with you.

These plants are uniformly interesting and are more than welcome in our collection, where they will help to fill in a painful blank. Minnesota has been chiefly represented in our herbarium heretofore by specimens sent us by Oosting and L. W. R. Jackson, both, I believe, former students of yours.

I have been laying aside for some time duplicates which I thought would interest you, and hope, by the end of the academic year, to have a shipment ready for you.

Very sincerely yours,

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

ROSENDAHL, C. O.

April 4, 1940.

Dr. C. O. Rosendahl,
Department of Botany,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Rosendahl:

In continuation of exchanges, there will go forward to you in a day or two a box containing one hundred seventy-five herbarium specimens.

This lot includes most plants from Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and a small set of my specimens from Giles Co., Virginia, on which I intend to publish soon. I trust that this material may prove of some value in your collection.

May I ask you to be good enough to examine the one half dozen sheets of Heuchera of my collecting which are in the top cover. I suppose these all belong to two species, but would be grateful for your critical opinion of them.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JMF/LV

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Ass't. Professor of Botany

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April 11, 1940

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

Dear Doctor Fogg:

The collection of herbarium specimens arrived safely yesterday. We are greatly pleased to get such excellent specimens and hope that we will be able to reciprocate with material approaching yours in quality, although that is not always possible. As soon as I can find time I will check the Heuchera specimens and let you know my findings.

Very sincerely yours,

C. O. Rosendahl

C. O. Rosendahl, Chairman
Department of Botany

CCR/mr

From Fogg

ROSENDAHL, C.O.

October 10, 1941.

Dr. C. O. Rosendahl,
Department of Botany,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Rosendahl:

You will recall that some time ago I wrote you with reference to examining our material of Heuchera. At that time you expressed the hope that you would be able to see this material later on. I am now wondering whether you or Miss Lakela would be willing to have me send on our specimens of this genus for study and annotation.

I am also wondering what headway Dr. Burns is making with Saxifraga and whether you would desire the loan of material in connection with his studies of this genus.

I suppose you know that Dr. L. C. Wheeler is with me now and plans to continue his studies in Euphorbia. It may be that before long I shall write asking the loan of specimens in certain sections of that genus for his examination.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

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October 21, 1941

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

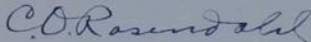
Dear Doctor Fogg:

I was away last week and haven't had a chance to reply to your letter until today.

Mr. Burns is limiting his present studies to the polymorphic species of Saxifraga pennsylvanica, and he really ought to check your entire collection of this complex. He is spending the next four or five weeks getting the paper in shape for publication, so if you can send the material at your earliest convenience, I am sure he would greatly appreciate it.

We shall be pleased to go over your material of Heuchera, but I may not be able to give much personal attention to it until later in the fall, since I am trying to finish up a paper. Miss Lakela is located at Duluth, but she comes down now and then to work in the herbarium, and if the material were here we could manage to get in some joint sessions on it. I would therefore suggest that you send it along as soon as you can get it assembled.

Very sincerely yours,



C. O. Rosendahl, Chairman
Department of Botany

COR/mr

October 27, 1941.

Dr. C. O. Rosendahl,
Department of Botany,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Rosendahl:

By pre-paid express there is going forward to you a shipping carton containing 334 herbarium sheets on loan from this University. These are the specimens of *Heuchera* and *Saxifraga* referred to in our recent correspondence. Seven of these sheets which lack our herbarium stamp are the property of the Carnegie Museum. If you will return them to us along with our own material I will see that they get back to Carnegie after being entered on our record cards of the Pennsylvania State Flora.

I hope that you will find the present shipment of some interest and will let us know in the future of any groups which you or your students may wish to see.

I am enclosing a key for the padlock on the case with the request that you mail it back to me at the time that the carton is to be returned.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

November 1, 1941

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

Dear Doctor Fogg:

The carton containing 334 herbarium sheets of Heuchera and Saxifraga arrived safely yesterday.

Most of the specimens could be checked and annotated rather quickly but some will require more careful study, and for that reason it will be several weeks before the lot can be returned. I am pleased to see such a large assemblage of your local material, since it will help us to get more accurate knowledge regarding the distribution of the various entities.

Dr. Burns appreciates the opportunity of seeing your material of Saxifraga pennsylvanica. He is putting the finishing touches to his paper now, and he should have it ready to send off for publication soon.

I am hoping to get a capable graduate student to tackle some of the other messy complexes in the genus Saxifraga, and in that event we shall want to avail ourselves of your kind offer of the loan of additional material.

Very sincerely yours,

C. O. Rosendahl

C. O. Rosendahl, Chairman
Department of Botany

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January 5, 1942

Dean John M. Fogg, Jr.
 Department of Botany
 University of Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dean Fogg:

The collection of Heuchera and Saxifraga specimens you sent us some time ago is being forwarded by prepaid express.

There is a slight discrepancy between your count and ours on the number of herbarium sheets and the sheets with typed descriptions of new species and varieties. Your figures are 334 of the former and 50 of the latter, (whereas we get 332 and 56 respectively.) ↑ correct

I have counted them twice myself and one of the herbarium assistants checked them once. I am fairly certain that none of the herbarium sheets were misplaced, but I will go through our folders of Heuchera to make sure.

We are pleased to have had a chance to see your collection because it is very rich in eastern material. Some of the specimens are rather puzzling, especially where the ranges of species overlap, as in the case where H. americana var. typica and H. pubescens occur together in southeastern Pennsylvania. These troublesome cases are pretty sure to be due to interbreeding and often it becomes a matter of arbitrary assignment. The varieties of H. villosa also grade into each other and in a few cases the specimens may just as well be referred to one variety as to the other.

When Dr. Butters and I started to check the collection we made the annotations on printed correction slips that we had printed for our revision, but the supply ran short and we had to resort to writing on the sheets. We regret this lack of uniformity and we trust that it is not a serious matter.

Dean J. M. Fogg, Jr.

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January 5, 1942

I asked Dr. Burns to annotate the Saxifraga sheets in accordance with his recent studies, but I discovered after he had left that he had not penciled in his initials. It is fairly certain, however, that where no corrections are made it means that he approved the identification as it stands. He recorded all the specimens so that when his paper is published a check-up can be made.

Some time earlier you sent me a number of duplicate unmounted specimens for identification. The determinations are as follows:

No. ✓ 12793	Heuchera hispida Pursh.	✓ = checked in book & on cards
12855	"	villosa var. intermedia R.B.&L.
13085	"	americana var. typica R.B.&L.
13114	"	villosa var. intermedia R.B.&L.
14649	"	villosa var. intermedia R.B.&L.
		This is on the borderline between varieties <u>intermedia</u> and <u>typica</u> .
14769	"	villosa var. intermedia R.B.&L.
15127	"	" " " "

I did not undertake to resort the specimens in accordance with our identifications, but in a few cases some sheets got transferred from the folders in which they came. In these cases the number of sheets now in the folders differs from the number penciled in the lower right-hand corner of the folders.

In the cases where the flowers are only in the bud stage or where they are so far gone that the sepals and petals have largely disappeared the identifications are uncertain. Fortunately there are very few of these in your collection.

The key for the padlock is inclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

C. O. Rosendahl

C. O. Rosendahl, Chairman
Department of Botany

COR/mr

Enc.

January 14, 1942.

Dr. G. O. Rosendahl,
Department of Botany,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Rosendahl:

This will acknowledge the return in good condition of the carton of herbarium specimens of Saxi-fragaceae, sent to you on loan some time ago. I am indeed grateful to you and your colleagues for having examined this material and for having annotated it so completely. I believe that our original count of 334 sheets must have been in error and am accepting your revised count of 332. If there are other groups in this or any family which you desire to study, we shall at all times be pleased to forward you material on loan.

Very sincerely yours,