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KOBUSKI, C. E.

THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
JAMAICA PLAIN 30, MASS., U.S.A.

December 1, 1949

Mrs. Morris C. Valentine, Jr.
3943 Locust Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Valentine:

Since the Arboretum has so many requests for loans of herbarium material, it has been necessary for us to limit our loans to institutions, thus making the institution responsible for the return of the borrowed material. We do not lend our specimens to individuals, and hence cannot send you the Linnaean prints which you wish. This rule may appear trivial, but experience has taught us otherwise.

I suggest that you ask Professor J. M. FOGG of the University of Pennsylvania Herbarium to formally request the loan of the two prints of OphioGLOSSUM scandens (1243.3) and OphioGLOSSUM flexuosum (1243.5), and we will mail them to him.

I am sorry that time is lost for you in this way, but I will send on the prints as soon as I receive Professor Fogg's request.

Sincerely yours

Clarence E. Kobuski

C. E. Kobuski
Curator

CEK:U

from Fagg

December 7, 1949

Dr. C. E. Kobuski, Curator,
The Arnold Arboretum,
Harvard University,
Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.

Dear Dr. Kobuski:

One of our graduate students, Mrs. Elizabeth Valentine, desires to borrow Linnaean prints of Ophioglossum scandens (1243.3) and Ophioglossum flexuosum (1243.5). I quite understand and applaud your policy of not lending specimens to individuals and if Mrs. Valentine had only spoken to me about this in advance, I would have been glad to request this loan for her in the first place. If you are willing to make this loan in my name, I shall undertake to see that these prints are properly handled and returned promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany
Curator of the Herbarium

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
JAMAICA PLAIN (30)
MASS.

December 8, 1949

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator of the Herbarium
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Fogg:

In accordance with your request,
we are sending the two Linnaean prints
which Mrs. Valentine wishes for her study.
We hope she will find them helpful.

That we may avoid as much as
possible the Christmas rush of mail, the
prints are being sent you at once and by
first-class mail. I hope they will reach
you promptly.

Sincerely yours

Clarence E. Kobuski

C. E. Kobuski
Curator

CEK:U

December 19, 1949

Dr. C. E. Kobuski, Curator,
The Arnold Arboretum,
Harvard University,
Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.

Dear Dr. Kobuski:

I am returning, by insured mail, two Linnaean prints which I borrowed from you recently. These have been very helpful to our graduate student in her work and I am grateful to you for having made them available.

Very truly yours,

Professor of Botany,
Curator of the Herbarium.

THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
JAMAICA PLAIN 30, MASS., U.S.A.

March 20, 1951

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Curator of the Herbarium
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Fogg:

The material consisting of the 527 sheets of Azalea lent for Mr. Skinner's study has arrived in excellent condition. We are especially pleased to see how well the sheets are annotated.

I hope that the return of this material was not hastened by the form letter we sent inquiring as to the status of loans. Our check was intended principally as a show-down for very old loans, many of them behind the so-called iron curtain. It seemed necessary, however, to carry out the check for all loans, even the most recent.

Sincerely yours

Clarence E. Kobuski

C. E. Kobuski
Curator

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KOBUSKI, C.E.

January 12, 1955

Dr. C. E. Kobuski, Curator
Gray Herbarium and Arnold Arboretum
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Kobuski:

I have just learned, to my chagrin, that Dr. Jonathan Wright, for whom I requested a loan of Picea glauca some weeks ago, returned this shipment without informing me. I am therefore enclosing the shipping notice with my apology for not having sent it back with the specimens.

Thank you very much for making this material available.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

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LIBRARY AND HERBARIUM

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY — ARNOLD ARBORETUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY
22 DIVINITY AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.

February 1, 1955

Dr. John M. Fogg, Director
The Morris Arboretum
Chestnut Hill
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Fogg:

In your letter of January twelfth you remarked that Dr. Jonathan Wright had returned the shipment of Picea glauca (57 sheets) on his own. I checked with our Receiving Room immediately and was informed that the material had not been received - nor has it arrived since.

Will you check with Dr. Wright to make certain that the material actually was sent, and also that it was correctly addressed to us? It is possible that the specimens were sent during the Christmas rush season and are lost.

Sincerely yours

Clarence E. Kobuski

C. E. Kobuski
Curator

CEK:U

February 4, 1955

Dr. Clarence E. Kobuski, Curator
Gray Herbarium and Arnold Arboretum
Harvard University
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Kobuski:

Since Dr. Fogg is out of town, I have looked into the matter of your failure to receive the 57 sheets of Picea glauca.

When Dr. Fogg wrote you on January 12th he had been informed by Dr. Wright that the material had already been sent. Today, when I told Dr. Wright that the shipment had not been received at Harvard, he immediately checked with his office at the Northeast Forest Experiment Station and found that for some inexplicable reason the material was still there.

Dr. Wright asked me to extend his apologies in this matter and to tell you that the shipment will go out on Monday, February 7th, without fail.

Sincerely yours,

Janet L. Bowen
Administrative Assistant

Kobuski, Clarence

January 24, 1962

Dr. Clarence E. Kobuski
The Arnold Arboretum
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge, MASS.

Dear Ko:

I have a feeling that you are not the person whom I should be bothering with this matter, but take comfort in the thought that you will help it reach its target.

Mrs. Edith Gall, a graduate student who was with us on our visit to the Arnold last spring, is working on Juniperus. She has prepared a key to the species hardy in our area which is so superior to any previous key that I intend to publish it in a future number of our Bulletin. She now needs to see more material of certain species than we have in our herbarium and I would like to ask for a short-term loan of the following:

J. Ashei	J. formosana
J. chinensis and several of its varieties	J. procumbens
J. conferta	J. rigida
J. excelsa and var. stricta	J. Sabina

J. squamata

We certainly do not need all of your sheets of these, but I would say that in those species which are dimorphic (that is, which bear both needle-like and scale-like leaves) it would be very helpful to have at least one sheet of each.

I shall be very grateful for anything which you can do to expedite this request.

Best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

P.S. May we also please ask for material of J. macrocarpa.