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Jan. 7, 1927.

Dr. Earl E. Sherff,
Field Museum Natural History,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor Sherff :

There went forward to you yesterday by Parcel Post the Bidens material designated by you last week in the Herbarium here. The package includes, according to our count, one hundred twenty-seven (127) mounted sheets of Bidens and two (2) mounted sheets of Cosmos. There is in addition a specimen of Bidens from the Dry Tortugas which is duplicated here, so that you may keep it if it interests you. I take it to be B. leucantha, but should be glad to have your determination.

Is the Field Museum interested in exchanging material ? I have several sets of Swiss alpinas and a considerable amount of local material for distribution. Please let me know if you think we could arrange an exchange,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
GRANT PARK AND ROOSEVELT ROAD
CHICAGO

February 3, 1927.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Botanical Laboratory,
(38th Street & Woodland Ave.,)
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Fogg:

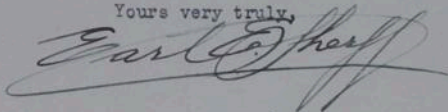
Your kind letter of January 7 came to hand, also the package of specimens. As, however, I have been absent from the Museum and in fact from the city much of the time recently it has been impossible to give the package my prompt attention. Within some two or three weeks however I shall open up your shipment, make the needed determinations and return the specimens carefully packed and properly labeled.

I shall call the attention of Dr. B.F. Dahlgren, the acting Curator of the department of Botany, to your offer in the matter of exchanging materials. He is not available just now but I can learn his opinion or wish in time to let you know some two or three weeks hence.

Please be assured that your shipment of these specimens is a favor which will not soon be forgotten. It is the many little courtesies such as this one which you have seen fit to show me that go to make my research work the pleasure that it really is.

Thanking you for this favor and with the assurance that the plants will be returned to you in due season, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,



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Chicago Normal College
Department of Science (Botany)

July 7, 1927.

Mr. John Fogg,
Herbarium, Dept. of Botany,
Univ. of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Fogg:

By insured parcel post I last week returned the package of *Bidens* and allied specimens that you very courteously loaned me for study late in the winter. By this time I trust they will have reached you, and in good condition. Kindly accept my very sincere thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

With all good wishes and with pleasant recollections of a happy noon-day hour in your herbarium, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,
Earl E. Sherff

Mail address:
(Field Museum till Sept. 1st)

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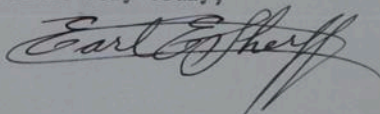
Sept. 13, 1928

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Dept. of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dear Mr. Fogg:-

Recently, upon my return to my work at Field Museum I have found a copy of your article entitled The Glandestine Form Of *Leersia Oryzoides*, reprinted from *Rhodora*. Please permit me to thank you for the courtesy shown me in sending this separate. I shall turn it over to Field Museum Library for permanent accessioning when through with it and it will be preserved with the general stock of pamphlets.

With all good wishes, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,



from Fogg



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE COLLEGE

Botanical Laboratory
38th St. and Woodland Ave.

Philadelphia

Nov. 26, 1932.

Dr. Earl E. Sherff,
7419 Stewart Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Sherff:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you by Parcel Post a package containing several sheets of a species of Bidens concerning which I would like to have your opinion.

A friend of mine, Mr. William H. Witte, who lives in Camden, N.J., has for some years interested himself in the vegetation of a large freight yard near his home. Among the strange things which he has turned up there are Coriospermum hyssopifolium and Chenopodium hys-
scopifolium carinatum, both new to the Philadelphia area.

A few days ago he brought in to me material of the Bidens which I am sending you. I realized at once that it was not a member of our local flora and tried to match it with specimens from the south and the west. It comes closest to the material which you are calling B. pilosa, var. radiata, but seems to differ somewhat in leaf shape. Moreover, I am not sure that pilosa is hady this far north and Mr. Witte thinks that his plants are the result of several years growth. He reports the fresh rays as white or cream colored, while our other species are yellow. So I shall be greatly interested in your verdict. Please keep the specimens if they interest you.

I hope that you are planning to attend the meetings at Atlantic City and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you both there and here at the University.

Most sincerely yours,

Chicago Normal College

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE [Botany]

Chicago, Illinois, Dec. 4th, 1932

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

My dear Mr. Fogg:-

Your letter of Nov. 26th came to hand, also your separate package containing the three sheets of Bidens collected by Mr. Witte. I have examined the specimens and find them to be, as in fact you had suspected, Bidens pilosa var. radiata Schz. Bip. Sooner or later I shall open up my mss. for my monograph on Bidens (which is lying in storage awaiting the return of more propitious times for publication) and insert mention of this collection. However, I recall having mentioned one or two other collections of this variety for your locality, made years ago, I believe upon ballast at the Navy Yard, also at Camden.

It is possible that I may come to the Atlantic City Convention, although just now I am not quite certain. However, the bizarre and eccentric tie by which you formerly identified me has been laid aside and so if I do come you will perhaps be at a loss/to recognize me. Perhaps I shall be the one this time to make the "determination."

With all good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Earl E. Sherff

P.S.-It might be worth while for Mr. Witte to keep track of this variety for a year or two more to see if it really does persist over the winter. I had supposed it to be merely a ballast adventive.

Jan. 7, 1933.

Dr. Earl E. Sherff,
Chicago Normal College,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sherff:

Many thanks for your kind letter of December 4th, containing the identification of our strange Bidens. I have communicated the news to Mr. Witte, together with your suggestion that he keep a careful watch over these plants to see if they reappear next summer. He reiterates his belief in their perennial character, and he may well be right, for he has already found them in the same spot two years in succession. I shall let you know what developments during the season of 1933.

I am sorry that you did not get to the Atlantic City meetings. There was the usual paucity of good papers in the systematic section, but it's always a pleasure to meet and talk to people one does not otherwise see.

Again thanking you, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

The Botanical Gazette

Chicago, Illinois, March 15th, 1936

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Assistant Professor of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Dr. Fogg:-

Just a line to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 19th (you will note that I am several weeks behind on my correspondence). I appreciate your kind remarks regarding my papers. As to the large monograph on Bidens to which you refer, will say that I cannot find any immediate publication channel for it, because of the "depression." This applies also to my somewhat smaller "Coreopsis Revision." If you happen to know of some fund whose custodians might be able and disposed to assist in getting these works off the press, I shall be deeply indebted to you for information concerning it.

Yours very sincerely,

Earl E. Sherff.....

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SHERFF, E. F.

June 7, 1946.

Dr. Earl E. Sherff,
Chicago Natural History Museum,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Earl:

Many thanks for the reprint of your article from the May 1946 issue of RHODORA. I greatly enjoyed reading this in the original and am happy to have a separate for my file.

I was particularly interested in your remarks concerning Iliamna remota for I have twice collected this plant at the Peter's Mountain locality near Narrows, Virginia. That locality, incidentally, is an extremely interesting one since I discovered there a number of other species, the occurrences of which represent range extensions of considerable significance. I am hoping that my graduate student, Mr. Carroll E. Wood, Jr., of Salem, Virginia, can make a thoroughgoing study of that area in the course of his field activities this coming season.

With best wishes and warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Professor of Botany

EARL EDWARD SHERFF

CHICAGO TEACHERS COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE

Chicago, Illinois , June 23, 1946

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

Dear Jack:

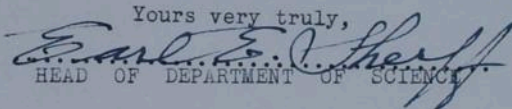
Just a line or two in rounding out a host of replies to correspondence (before leaving for a week's rest at our summer home over in Michigan), to thank you for the kind words of appreciation of my article in the May, 1946 Rhodora. Even Dr. Fernald accepted the article eagerly as "a fine article" so I was somewhat prepared for the flood of commendations that have recently come in from all quarters.

My particular point to relay to you, however, is that your graduate student, Mr. Carroll E. Wood, Jr., should by all means contact Dr. E. Meade McNeill of Concord College, Athens, West Virginia, if he wishes to get a first-hand treasury of information about local matters.

It has been some years since we chatted at the Philadelphia meeting and since I, together with my friend, Dr. George D. Fuller, was an honored guest of yours at luncheon. It is my hope that we may meet again at the forthcoming Boston meeting.

Again thanking you, and with all good wishes, I remain

Yours very truly,


HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE

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