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Dear Dr. Arreguén,

There are several grasses named in honor of Virlet d'Aoust who collected in Mexico. To complete the entry *virletii* in my forthcoming "Etymological Dictionary of the Grasses" I require his full name, years of birth and death, nationality and usual occupation.

I would be most grateful if you can supply any of these details and enclose herewith for your information a page of the Dictionary.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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P.S. I read but do not write Spanish.