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Easton, Pa., Feb. 27 1895

My dear Mr. Coville,

The Enigrons reached me & you will find enclosed a description of the new species which I trust will meet yr. approval.

It puzzles me greatly to find a suitable name for it. Yrs. is preoccupied as it appears in the last No. of *Erythraea*. How will *Sandbergii* or *Leibergii* do? The genus is so large that all the specific names derived from characters or habitat, as the New Index shows, are already mortgaged & the geography of ~~the~~ its native region can furnish none that w^d. be suitable or euphonious. Hence, I think a personal name is better, & if it be agreeable to you, it might be either *Sandbergii* or *Leibergii*, & since both cannot be used, ^{if the} matter can be settled amicably between the collector, it may be either.

Let me know yr. decision & also of the safe arrival of the package from which, by yr. kind permission, I have taken a single specimen & return it to-day.

Yrs. very truly,

Thos. C. Porter