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Sears, J. H.

Salem, Feb 24

1896

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material O.P.

Mr. Lyman H. Dewey.

Assistant Botanist.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Div. of Botany

My dear Sir

I have for nearly twenty years made a special study of all the genera and species in the Order Ranunculaceae and have a Herbarium of 900 species and varieties mostly European so you will readily see that the publications of lists of Floras that come from your Department are of great importance to me, could you arrange for the loan for me from your duplicates a typical specimen of *Ranunculus Allegheniensis*, Brit. My friend Mr. Benj. L. Robinson, Curator of Gray Herbarium Harvard College has sent me a specimen which he gives that name from Haverly Mass. and I would like to compare the specimen with one from a more southern station I also find in one of my *Ranunculus Septentrionalis* from near Paris France a quite distinct plant from the *R. Septentrionalis*, Poiret which Dr. Gray took as the type of the American plant that I named *R. Americanus*, unpublished as after showing my work to Dr. Gray he informed me of his discovery of *R. Septentrionalis* of Poiret. Any assistance in the way of lists or duplicate specimens that I may receive

will be fully acknowledged in my work on *Ranunculaceae*. I have fine
specimens of all the *Ranunculaceae* of Eastern New England in duplicate if they could
be utilized in your department. I wish very much to see other specimens
of European *R. septentrionalis* and extreme Northern and North Western forms. I
have collected it in various parts of New York, Canada East: Maine, New Hampshire
and western Massachusetts. There is no similar plant East of the Connecticut River
in Massachusetts. I rarely trouble any one with my wants - as I believe this
is my first enquiry at your department. Dr Vasey often sent me specimens and
I have returned the favor with such material as he was in want of at the
time. I am Very Truly Yours

J. H. Sears.

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P.S.

If you desire wishes for any References
I may refer to my friend Dr Geo L. Goodale.

Harvard University.

(J. H. Sears)