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Ridge Road, N.Y. 9/28/94  
Mr. F. V. Coville  
Washington D.C.

Dear sir,

I have just learned through Mrs. Coville that you have collectors for the Nat. Herbarium in various parts of the country. Owing to sickness I was obliged to give up my college work in May and did not feel quite well enough to return this fall and am at my home in Niagara Co. 7 mi N.E. of Lockport.

Although my special line is mathematics I have devoted much of my leisure time to Botany, especially Herbarium work. I have collected in Niagara Co. through

a period of nearly 15 yrs and  
about 5 yrs in Ithaca<sup>and</sup> vicinity.  
I now have an Herbarium of  
about

900 Phaenogams

150 Cryptogams

125 Seeds (in bottles)

I have collected over 200 species  
for the Cornell Herbarium, and  
Prof. Rowley can tell you of  
the character of my work.

If the Dept. has use for a col-  
lector I trust satisfactory ar-  
rangements can be made.

Respectfully yours

E. C. Townsend

Ridge Road

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