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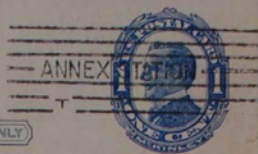
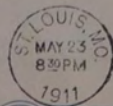
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr. George L. Pettier,
High School,
Wauwatosa,
Wis.

Dear Sir: ==
I am full term
open on Tuesday, Sept. 28th.

(Beytun)
St. Louis, Mo. Am. Release
Aug 23, 1911.

THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN.

WILLIAM TRELEASE, Director.

St. Louis, Mo.,

May 10, 1911.

Dear Sir:

After conference with
the Chancellor of the
University, I have pleas-
ure in offering you
for the next academic
year the Teaching Fel-
lowship in the School
of Botany, subject to
the conditions noted
in the accompanying
announcement.

Trusting to be fa-
vored with your ac-
ceptance at your early
convenience I am,
Very respectfully,
Yours truly,

Wm. Trelease, Director.

Dr. Peckham.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS

C. B. WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT DISEASE

F. L. STEVENS
GUY WEST WILSON
T. B. STANSEL

WEST RALEIGH, N. C. June 2, 1911.

Mr. George L. Peltier,
High School Wauwatosa,
Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:-

I am looking for an assistant to take laboratory work in elementary botany. The position will pay \$750. Your name has been suggested to me by Prof. L. R. Jones. I would like, if you wish, to have you file with me a statement of the work you have done in botany, plant disease and bacteriology, if you are interested in this position at all.

There are several applicants for the position and I am asking each applicant to do this in order that I may have full data before me for consideration.

Yours very truly,

F. L. Stevens

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

H. S. JACKSON,
Professor of Botany and Plant Pathology
Wm. E. LAWRENCE,
Instructor in Botany.

F. L. GRIFFIN,
Research Assistant in Plant Pathology

HELEN M. GILKEY,
Instructor in Botany.

Oregon Agricultural College
and
Experiment Station

Corvallis, Oregon, June 5, 1911

Mr. Geo. L. Peltier,
Wauwatosa, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Have your letter of May 29th, in which you withdraw as a candidate for field assistant. I was interested in your credentials but believe you are right in concluding to do further work in order to obtain more training before taking up Experiment Station work. With your foundation in botany you should be in an excellent position to specialize along plant pathological lines.

I am,

Truly yours,

H. S. Jackson

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Wash Dc, June 5 1911

*Mr Geo L. Peltier,
Wauwatosa Wis.*

Dear Sir:

*I am pleased to inform you
that you have been elected a mem-
ber of this society. Enclosed you will find
bill for subscription & dues.*

Yours truly

C. L. Shear

*Secretary-Treasurer
American Phytopathological Society*

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON

BOTANICAL LABORATORY

Madison, June 18, 1912.

Mr. George L. Peltier,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Peltier:-

I wish to thank you for the *Dirca palustris*, which I received today. There is a very good assortment of flowers and fruits and the seeds are not so essential. The material is just what I wanted.

I am pleased to learn that you have had such a successful and pleasant year, and congratulate you upon receiving your degree of M. A., and especially upon your appointment as plant pathologist at Illinois. You are fortunate in having so much of your time for research.

I shall be pleased to hear from you whenever you have the time. Please remember me to Dr. Coulter, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

J. B. Overton

Columbia University in the City of New York

Department of Botany

Sept. 20, 1912.

Mr. George L. Peltier,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Peltier:

I received your letter describing your new position in the University of Illinois. It sounds as if you were very favorably located and would have a chance to go on with full freedom in the investigation of important problems.

As to the subject for your thesis, I should think the work on the paracitism of Botrytis or Rhizoctonia would be most promising, although of course I am extremely anxious to have someone go on with the study of the cytological changes which take place in the cells in such a disease as the false blossoms. This latter, though, is evidently a very difficult matter. On the other problem I should think you would be certain of very interesting results, especially along the line of determining conditions of the host plant which are most favorable to the paracitism of these moulds. You may get at some of the fundamental facts as to the nature of immunity. I should grow the hosts under all possible conditions of temperature, light, moisture, food supply, etc., and try to determine which are most favorable to the attacks of the fungus.

I have your name on my mailing list and will be glad to send you reprints of everything I get out. You have my best wishes for your new work and I am sure you will like the place.

Very sincerely yours,

R A Harper

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NAMENS, AN DIE DIREKTION DER CENTRAL-
STELLE ZU RICHTEN

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Amsterdam 3/4 '68.

Dear Mr. Pilletier,

You have been and are working perhaps, so much with *Carnations*, that I come to you with the following question: Could you send me a culture of *Alberraria Drunkhi*? I trust you will find that disease.

Prof. Stevens described it, but I do not think he has any culture of it left. We are very often requested to send that *Alberraria*, but our fungus has lost its power of making spores.

How are you, finishing your *Rhizoctonia*?

When I was away, my assistant made many infections with *Rhizoct.* on potatoes. He also tried with the culture of *Corticium vagum* of Roef. But we never had any result. Have you any experience with his cultures?

When you send anything, please put on cover "Holland-America line" - the only safe way.

I very often think of the fine Illinois week.

We have had a terrible dark and wet winter.

At last the sun has come through, but when will real sunshine come back for Europe?

Very truly

Dr. Joh. Westerdijk.

Urbana, Illinois
December 13, 1915

Dr. Johanna Westerdijk,
Director Assoc. Inter. des Bot.,
Amsterdam, Holland.

Dear Dr. Westerdijk:

I received your letter last summer and have been keeping my eyes open for Alternaria Dianthi Stev. About two weeks ago I received some excellent specimens from Oklahoma. I have had Mr. Elliot, who you know is working on the genus Macrosporium and Alternaria, look this fungus over and he has pronounced it a distinct species. He has also been able to inoculate it very effectively on carnation plants, so that it appears to be truly parasitic.

I am also enclosing, in the same package, a culture of Sclerotium Rolfsii Sacc. which I found, for the first time in Illinois, this summer. It was able to attack a number of perennials, but was especially severe on Campanula.

Rhizoctonia is now in proof, and I hope to have it out within a couple of months. You may be interested to know that I found the Corticium stage abundantly this summer and have cultures from single spores. However, I see no difference between these cultures and the one from the *Rhizoctonia* mycelium.

I have also seen specimens of the true violet root felt fungus (now R. Crocorum Duggar B.M. - Annals Mo. Bot. Gard. 2, 405, 1915) from Nebraska, Virginia, and Iowa on alfalfa, and from Washington and Oregon on potatoes. In a letter from Mr. Diehl of Iowa, he claims to have grown this violet fungus in culture.

Professor Stevens and his family of young pathologists are all busy on their various problems.

I trust that the material will reach you in good condition.

Very truly yours,

Associate in Floricultural Pathology

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WOOSTER, OHIO

Sept 16, 1916.

Dr Geo. L. Peltier
 Urbana. Ills

My dear Sir: I write to express my appreciation of your Bulletin "89" "Parasitic Rhizoctonias in America" kindly sent me with other publications. This matter of Rhizoctonia attack has interested me a great deal and I am greatly pleased that you have been able to make such full presentation of the results of your investigations.

While I am not publishing very freely at present am pleased to acknowledge by your Urbana address bound copy of my "Ohio Plant Diseases" with some other recent papers.

Cordially Yours

A. D. Kelly

July 2, 1917

Dr. Erwin P. Smith,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Smith:

Enclosed you will find a few samples of wheat heads upon which you will notice the brown discoloration which is similar to the discoloration I saw last week on the specimens which you showed me that were infected with bacterial disease of wheat. If this specimen proves to be the bacterial disease you are looking for I think that I can give you some data regarding its present and distribution in Alabama.

Yours truly,

Plant Pathologist

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

LABORATORY OF PLANT PATHOLOGY.

Washington, D. C., July 6, 1917.

Dr. Geo. L. Peltier, Plant Pathologist,
Agricultural Experiment Station,
Auburn, Ala.

My dear Doctor:

Thanks for your letter of July 2 enclosing specimens of diseased wheat heads. The brown discoloration is not due to bacteria but to a fungous infection. There are pycnidia fruiting in some of the spots which look much like Septoria.

I am sending you a head of the right thing so that you may make leisurely comparisons and then you will see that the disease we are working on is quite another thing. It is our No. 271.

Very truly yours,

Erwin F. Smith
Pathologist in Charge.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

LABORATORY OF PLANT PATHOLOGY.

Washington, D. C.,

August 29, 1917.

Dr. George L. Peltier,
Dept. of Plant Path.,
Agricultural Experiment Station,
Auburn, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Please accept thanks for your letter of August 25, relative to crown gall on roses in Alabama. The specimens came duly and I have preserved some of them in alcohol. Those you have sent will probably be enough.

I have produced in our houses this last year precisely similar crown galls on the cut ends of rose stems by inoculations. It is interesting to see that the same phenomena can come about accidentally, in all probability carried on gardeners' tools.

I shall have some papers on crown gall to send you before very long.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Erwin F. Smith
Pathologist in Charge

PFS.

August 25, 1917

Dr. E. F. Smith,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Doctor Smith:

Under separate cover I am sending you a few specimens of crown gall on roses. These specimens are some of the finest that I have seen for some time on roses. These specimens came from the Rosemont Gardens in Montgomery. No crown gall was found at this place last year. Apparently a few diseased plants were introduced early in 1917 with a shipment of young stock from the North. I have been unable to find out just where this shipment came from. However, the affected variety is J. E. Cobb. At the present time I should say that 90% of the Cobb plants in two benches have from one to a dozen galls present. The variety Ophelia has about 10 to 20 percent of the plants infected. Infection is just beginning to show up in the plants of the variety Radiance. The varieties American Beauty, White and Pink Killarney and Kaiserin which are grown in the same houses show no signs of crown gall.

As you will notice from the specimens, most of the infection has taken place the ^{cut ends} due, no doubt, to the use of infected tools. I have advised the people to burn all the infected plants immediately and no doubt they will do this. If you care for any additional specimens I would be glad to send them to you if you will write immediately. Thinking that these notes may be of some interest to you, I am,

Very truly yours,
Plant Pathologist

Mr. D. R. Peltier:

Before the buds start,
I want very much to get
a few trips of the China
berry (*Melia*) for study.

I used to see a lot of it
about Selma,

hoping that you have it
around Auburn. I shall

be very very grateful for
a dozen trips 6-10 in. long,
with end + side buds O.K.

Yours, J. M. Moore

Moore,
728/8

Dear Dr. Peltier:

I am very glad that the
Washington people want you to
come back here for another
round of experimentation and
that you are trying to arrange
with Dr. Lyon to negotiate
this and still ~~at~~ ~~Washington~~
is the opportunity there still
seems good. Swingle's judg-
ment on this point - Re-
flecting Washington prospects as
well as those across the water -
seems to me to point to
an acceptance if you can
finish your work here before
going.

Very truly
Yours,
Wm. Vasey.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT
PATHOLOGY

January 16, 1920

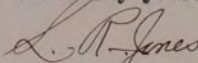
Dr. G. L. Peltier,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Peltier:-

I take pleasure in introducing Dr. K. Nakata, who has recently been appointed to the professorship of plant pathology of the Agricultural Department of Kiushiu Imperial University, Hakata, Japan. Dr. Nakata has been for some years pathologist of the Industrial Model Station at Suigen, Korea, and is one of the editors of the Annals of the Phytopathological Society of Japan.

He has been spending some months in our department, acquainting himself with our American institutions and carrying on his researches. Since he is to spend a year or more in additional travel and study in America and Europe, he is proposing now to visit a number of our American universities and plant pathological institutions this winter. I am sure you will welcome him to your University, and I shall personally appreciate any courtesies you may be able to extend to him.

Sincerely yours,



Professor of Plant Pathology.

LRJ:S

WILLIAM TRELEASE
804 SOUTH LINCOLN
URBANA, ILLINOIS

Dear Dr. Peetier:

Mrs. Telleen joins me
in thanking you for the
beautiful letter which
Peggy & I received from you
on Saturday. When you look
over the surprising show
of affectionate greetings with
which you so completely sur-
prised me, you will realize
how touched I am that
the bits of finicalities that
join us and daily effort at
service can be so long re-
membered and so feelingly
returned with interest.

Our best wishes for you
both!

Dec. 27, 1927.

Wm. Telleen

ON BOARD THE
CUNARD
RMS "MAURETANIA"

August 25, 1930.

My dear Dr. Pittier -

Your welcome steamer
letter of last April cheered our
eastward voyage - along with the
numerous others. All the good
wishes have been realized. We
are returning in excellent health
and courage after a uniformly
happy series of journeyings &
personal meetings. You may judge
that it involved variety also -
Russia (Leningrad, Moscow, Kharkov,
Odessa) - Constantinople - Bulgaria

Jugoslavia - Vienna - Prague - Germany (Berlin, Munich, Leipzig, Dresden, Bonn, etc.) - Holland, Sweden, Denmark, - England. Among the Wisconsin men met enroute were Atanasoff, now head of plant path. in Sofia, Bulgaria; Kovic leader of Jugoslavia. Was sorry that missed seeing Dr. Jonstad of Norway. who was also at Madison some time.

In each of these countries we were especially interested in seeing the scientific institutions as well as the men. In general we were very favorably impressed and I am sure you also will find  profit in visiting them when you are able to do so.

The most impressive work in science in general - considering environment & financial limitations - was found in turn in Russia & Germany. Since much of Russia's leadership was German trained this is the more significant. The environment in Russia is about as discouraging as one could imagine - especially for persistent fundamental work. Yet there is an amazing amount of really good work in progress - and at widely scattered places too.

Fortunately the Soviet part, realizes
its need of such work and is ready
to furnish the necessary money - altho
it limits the men by annoying restrictions.
In Germany the Universities continue
as of old but are overcrowded with
students. The inevitable distractions of
the research leaders in these has been
compensated for by a very important
new development. This is the Kaiser
Wilhelm Gesellschaft. Founded before the
war but must act now. Supports many
research institutes ("K.W. Institute")
Especially at Dahlem near Berlin.

These deal chiefly with fundamental
Sciences. Plant Pathology has not
thus far profited as much as it should.
Perhaps this in part explains why,
since the war, the most promising new
developments in our sciences are those of
Dr. Westerdijk, Graafjeve in Holland and of
Brierley, Brown, etc. in England. They are fine!
With best wishes, Yours very truly, L. R. Jones



CUT BANK VALLEY
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Dear Dr. Petter:
The University
policy has been
to have to be well-
coming inside
suggestions only
if and when asked.

Stevens' death
comes as a shock
to us all here,
as to his friends
at home. Un-
doubtedly they will
be desirous of
securing as his
~~successor~~ a man
of outst andship
talent: but I have
no idea whom he
will be sought.

Mrs. T. W. W. W.
W. W. is with our
love joins in warm
greetings to both
you and Mrs. P. W. W.
with the hope that
you are your own
happy family.

Summer is at

Casimiro.

Wm. T. W. W.

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correctly with them.

A. R. Smith.
My Dear Pellicier,

Yours recd, many thanks.
I have changed it ^{and for conformity} chiefly
to shorten ^{and} will have copy
sent to you for approval.

Your plate I is fine but I fear
McMillen will refuse to use

it. Can you send them

a copy of the original photos
of this plate? If you can

they can make a 1 page plate
like yours with the same

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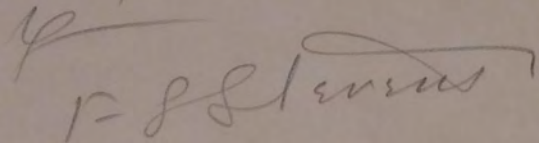
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Address R R Smith.

Perhaps you better send
me a carbon of your
letter to him so that
I may know how the
matter is progressing.

With many thanks


F. S. Stevens

Syracuse NY
RFD 3,

My Dear Petter

Would you mind answering
the enclosed or turn them
over to the proper ones.
But mine to you
and Mrs P. —

Y
F. L. Stearns