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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.