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Jan. 8, 1907.

Dr. F. V. Coville,
Botanist, Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department.

Dear Dr. Coville:

I find that since the change in place of publication of the contributions from the U. S. National Herbarium, I have not been receiving them, and shall be very glad indeed if my name can be placed upon the mailing list for these valuable publications and the number which have been issued since that time, be sent to me.

In using the salix material in the National Herbarium in my work upon that genus, I have often wished that the species could be arranged in the order of their relationships instead of in alphabetical order as at present. It often happens, as you will easily appreciate, that one is obliged to spend more time in opening different cases and searching for the particular cover desired than is needed for an examination of the contents. Where a large and difficult genus like this is readily separable into several well-defined sections, I think that the systematic rather than the alphabetical arrangement of the species is not only conducive to much greater convenience in their use, but adds

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also to the scientific value of the collection, and would therefore respectfully request permission to have such an arrangement of the species carried out in the near future. I shall be very glad to furnish a list of the species so grouped, and if such an index were hung inside the doors of the case in which the display of the genus is commenced, it would facilitate ready reference to the desired section or species.

Trusting that this may meet with your approval,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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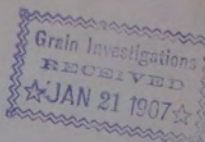
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau of Plant Industry



Taxonomic Investigations.

Washington, D. C., January 21, 1907.

Mr. Carleton R. Ball,

Agronomist in Sorghum Investigations.

Dear Mr. Ball:

As suggested in your letter of January 8th, we shall be glad for your convenience to have the species of *Salix* at the National Herbarium arranged in accordance with their relationships if you will agree to draw up a grouping and keep it up to date. In the absence of continued attention of this sort it would be impracticable to maintain other than an alphabetical arrangement.

If you will give me a list of the numbers of the Contributions lacking in your set I will have your wants supplied so far as available and will have your name put on the mailing list to receive future issues.

Very truly yours,

Frederick S. Coville

Botanist.

*Look up
Look all of Contrib after Vol. 7
except 8 pl. 2 plts GR.*

Jan. 26, 1907.

Prof. F. V. Coville,
Taxonomic Investigations,
Bureau of Plant Industry.

Dear Prof. Coville:

Your favor of the 31st instant is at hand.
In accordance therewith I shall take pleasure in drawing up:

FIRST An alphabetical list of North American species of *Salix*, with a figure placed before each name indicating the section in which such species should be placed.

SECONDLY A list of the sections of this genus numbered in the order of their taxonomic arrangement, and under each section an alphabetical list of the species belonging to such section.

It is sometimes the custom, where a section and entire genus or other systematic division has been monographed, to arrange the herbarium material in the sequence of genera, species, &c., as published in the monograph. This seems to me, however, to be undesirable, because often very inconvenient for the worker, who does not have the monograph before him while looking for a given species, which would ordinarily neces-

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sitate searching through the covers of the section or genus for the species desired, or frequent reference to a list of the species. In salix, I think the alphabetical arrangement of the species in the sections is preferable, unless perhaps at the beginning of each section could be inserted a guide, which would show not only the name of the section, but also the systematic sequence of the species included. In the latter case, the systematic arrangement could be followed.

Regarding my set of contributions from the U. S. National Herbarium, I may say that I have the first seven volumes heretofore and bound, but have none later than Vol. 7, except Part II, of Vol. 8, being the Economic Plants of Porto Rico. I shall appreciate very highly the remainder of the set.

Very sincerely yours,

Agronomist in Sorghum

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Investigations.

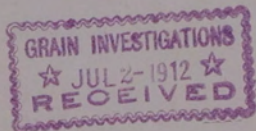
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Ball:

July 3, 1912.

How important and
valuable a set is this?

Corville



July 6, 1912

Prof. F. V. Coville,
Bureau of Plant Industry.

Dear Professor Coville:

With reference to Toepffer's Salicetum
exsiccatum, I may say that this is a very critical
collection of European willows which is very rarely
to be had but is exceedingly desirable. The
attached pamphlets will indicate the nature of the
specimens and also add to the value of the collec-
tions themselves by giving complete notes on each
specimen.

Please return the pamphlets to me when
you have finished with them.

Very sincerely yours,

CRB/MH

Agronomist.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

ECONOMIC AND SYSTEMATIC BOTANY.

Washington, D. C. August 20, 1919.

Mr. C. R. Ball,

Cereal Investigations.

Dear Mr. Ball:

Under date of August 17, Dr. Camillo Schneider writes again to say that he wishes to mention Salix walpolei in print and he urges that the name be published.

Can you not have the name published at once in the Proceedings of the Biological Society, or let me have a copy of the manuscript so that I can arrange myself for the publication.

Very sincerely yours,

Fredrick A. Coville

Botanist.

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July 26, 1921

Professor P. V. Coville,
Office of the Botanist,
Bureau of Plant Industry.

Dear Professor Coville,

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of a
reprint from the Botanical Gazette in which on page 435
you will find S. walpolei presented as a variety of S.
farrae. Should you desire additional copies of this re-
print, I can supply you with a few.

Very sincerely yours,

CRB:NMK

Cerealist in Charge.