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October 3, 1941

Dr. Harold N. Moldenke,
Associate Curator,
New York Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park, New York.

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

Your letter of September 26 was promptly received and the specimen from the Krukoff Herbarium arrived this morning. The specimen is *Salix Humboldtiana* Kunth and is typical in having leaves 8 to 10 cm. long and 4-5 mm. wide, with relatively large rather dense anthers. For my own information I am listing the complete record.

Salix Humboldtiana Kunth. sauce colorado. Rio Arenales,
Alt. 1200 m. Capetal Dept., Salta Province.
T. Meyer 3630, January 10, 1941. Herbario Del
Instituto Miguel Lillo, Universidad Nacional de
Tucuman.

I am returning the specimen to you under separate cover and am enclosing the signed receipts for Dr. Whitrock in answer to his letter of September 29.

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary

Encl.

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October 8, 1941

Dr. Carleton R. Ball,
Extension Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ball:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 3rd. The parcel with the single sheet of Salix reached me today in fine shape. I am deeply grateful to you for identifying it for me and returning it so promptly. Your continued generous cooperation with me in my huge task on the more than 10,000-sheet Krukoff Herbarium of temperate South American plants is most deeply appreciated. It is always a pleasure to send material to you, because you respond so generously. This is so contrastingly different from the way certain other of the specialists at Washington respond!

If ever I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

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Associate Curator

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January 2, 1942

Dr. Carleton R. Ball,
Extension Service,
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Washington, D. C.

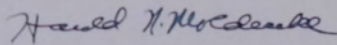
Dear Dr. Ball:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of December 31st. I shall always be happy to be of service to you, as long as I am still here at my post, but, of course, I have no way of telling how soon I will be yanked away.

I have asked Mr. E. J. Alexander, who was Dr. Small's assistant, about the Salix Chapmanii matter and he says that he does not remember Dr. Small ever mentioning the reasons for the change to him. No one here seems to know the reason. The new name was published in his Manual, page 414 (1933).

With kindest regards and all best wishes for a happy and very successful year, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,



Harold N. Moldenke,
Associate Curator

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Coshocton, Ohio

May 18, 1942

THROUGH:

7 a. p.
Mr. F. A. Post
Jr. Agronomist

Dr. Carleton C. Ball
Extension Service
United States Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ball:

Subject: Identification of willow specimens

You will undoubtedly be surprised to receive a letter from me on this letterhead. I was taken away from my post at the New York Botanical Garden, where I had been for 13 years, by the Selective Service Act last March and am now in a camp here in Ohio. One of my assignments is to build up and modernize the herbarium of the North Appalachian Experimental Watershed, a governmental station on whose ground the camp is located.

In the course of this work I have naturally collected a number of specimens of local willows. For a week at Easter I had the use of a car and so was able to collect also in other parts of Ohio. Under separate cover I am today sending you a parcel of 10 specimens of Salix. If you would be so kind as to examine these and give me your valued opinion as to their identity, I shall be most deeply grateful to you. I realize that one should have specimens of both the flowers and of the leaves of each, but in most cases this was not possible since I was at the locality only at the time the trees were in one stage. I hope you won't have too much difficulty with them. The specimens themselves you may, of course, retain for your own herbarium in return for your trouble. I am enclosing a sheet on which the numbers are listed. You can just fill in the determinations and return this sheet to me if you wish.

I hope that the war is not interfering too much with your valuable and important work. After it is over I hope to be able to continue with the work on South American plants and to be able to send you more material from that region.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

Harold N. Moldenke, Ph.D.

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Civilian Public Service Camp No. 23,
Fresno, Ohio
June 9, 1942

Dr. Carleton R. Ball,
Extension Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ball:

Thank you so much for your extremely kind letter of June 1st. It was most kind and helpful of you to send me the identification of all those specimens and the helpful notes in your letter.

I am hoping to be transferred to the new camp to be opened at Peltaville, Maryland, where I would be nearer home, but cannot say yet if my request will be granted or not.

Surely, you may keep all the specimens I sent you, or will send you from here, for in most cases I have a great many duplicates of each for wide distribution to herbaria besides the little herbarium at the station here where I am assigned.

I hope to keep on collecting willows, as well as everything else, as long as I am here. So far I've collected over 2100 specimens here in Ohio since March 19th, representing over 700 numbers. I think that is a fairly good start toward getting a representative series of Ohio plants.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, and, again, my most sincere thanks for all your help and kindness, I beg to remain,
very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

Harold N. Moldenke,
Associate Curator (on leave)

P.S. Would you please show the enclosed ad to your departmental librarian? Thank you.
H.N.M.

June 1, 1942

Dr. Harold M. Moldenke,
Soil Conservation Service,
Department of Agriculture,
Coshocton, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

Your letter of May 18 I find awaiting me on my return to my office today, together with your package of willows. Naturally I was surprised to see you writing on a letterhead of this Department but am glad to know that although in military service you can still work at botany.

I have given the specimens immediate determination and think that there can be no doubt of the accuracy in spite of the extreme juvenile condition of some of the material. The list of determinations is enclosed. Out of your 10 specimens you have 2 introduced species and 6 native species, which is not a bad record. Other species which may be located there are *S. amygdaloides* which resembles *nigra* but has the leaves broader and glaucous beneath; *S. petiolaris* which resembles *S. sericea* but has narrower leaves glabrous at maturity and longer capsules on longer pedicels; and *S. lucida*, the shining willow, with which you probably are familiar.

In the bogs of northern Ohio one may find *S. candida*, the white-woolly sage willow, and *S. pedicellaris* variety *hypoglauca*, the glabrous bog willow. In swampy grounds of northern Ohio, *S. serissima* occurs, differing from *lucida* primarily in late flowering and narrower leaves whitish beneath. Along the sand dunes one may look for *S. glaucophylla* and *S. glaucophylla* variety *albovestita*.

I am glad to keep the specimens provided of course that you have a sufficient set of duplicates for needed purposes. If you have opportunity to collect further, I will be glad to name the material at any time.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary



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Dr. Carleton R. Ball,

Extension Service,

U. S. Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

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Civilian Public Service Camp No. 25, Fresno, Ohio. June 15, 1942
Dear Dr. Ball:

Thank you so much for your long and most interesting letter of June 12th. My request for a transfer to Beltsville has not yet been approved and I am beginning to lose hope that it ever will be. However, I shall keep trying. Dr. Martin wrote me from Beltsville that they would be happy to have me down there. I asked him to please write the same to the Friends Service Committee, which would have to arrange for my transfer. Perhaps this may bring some results. Time will tell. It was so very good of you to explain to me in such detail the set-up at Beltsville. I am now more anxious than ever to go there. However it is no longer mine to decide where I shall go or what I shall do. With kindest regards and all best wishes I beg to remain as ever, very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

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Civilian Public Service Camp No. 23,
Fresno, Ohio
June 25, 1942

Dr. Carleton R. Ball,
Extension Service,
United States Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ball:

Under separate cover I am sending you two more specimens of willow, my numbers 12611 and 12824.

If you would be so very kind as to give me your determinations of these two specimens I shall be most deeply grateful to you. The specimens themselves you may, of course, retain for your own herbarium. Please address your reply to me directly at the Civilian Public Service Camp, rather than to the government station. If I correspond through the station then I am not permitted to retain the replies in my own files, but they must be surrendered to the Station's files. I would prefer to keep your valuable letters in my own files so future letters from me will probably come direct and not through the Station.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, and, again, my most sincere thanks for all your previous kindness to me, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

Harold N. Moldenke,
Associate Curator (on leave)

12611 2 interior Bowlee short broad leaves
12824 5 alba L.

June 30, 1942

Dr. Harold N. Moldenke,
Civilian Public Service Camp No. 23,
Fresno, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

Your postcard of June 15 and your letter of June 25 both have been received, together with the two willows recently sent. They are as follows:

12611 S. interior Rowlee (Leaves are shorter and broader than normal and, therefore, resembling those of variety Wheeleri but they are glabrous whereas those of Wheeleri are quite hairy, at least until autumn.)

12824 S. alba L.

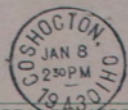
If you can tell me which of my letters to you have been held for the station files, I will be glad to send you copies of them, if you wish.

In a recent letter from Dr. E. H. Walker, Chairman of the Conference on District Flora, and a member of the staff of the National Herbarium in the Smithsonian Institution, he tells me that he will have a full set of the contributions to the District Flora ready for you if you are transferred into this area. One of them, a check list of District plants, is out of print and will be given you as a loan for such time as you are in the area, with the expectation that it will be returned if and when you should leave.

If I can be of any further service please let me know. Thanking you for the two specimens, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary



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Dr. Carleton R. Ball,
Extension Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

January 7, 1943

Dear Dr. Ball:

We are sending you a parcel with 4 specimens of Salix from the western USA, collected by my friend Otto Wegener. These are part of a collection of 3000 specimens from that area which I've undertaken to identify and distribute for him while he completes his Hawaiian work in the event the army should draft him. If you would be so kind as to identify these 4 specimens for me and report them to me, I should be most deeply grateful to you, for I am swamped. You may retain the specimens for your own herbarium, of course, in return for your labor.

With kindest regards and all best wishes for a healthful, happy, and prosperous new year, I beg to remain, as ever,
very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

January 11, 1943

Dr. Harold N. Moldenke,
Civilian Public Service Camp No. 23,
Coshocton, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

Your card and the packet of willows promptly received and I have given the material immediate identification. ~~XX~~ Two copies of the list are inclosed.

I note that the numbers are not in the order of the collection dates and assume that they were applied later. Also, the fourth specimen has no number on either label or sheet.

Many thanks for your permission to keep the specimens, which I shall be glad to do, provided that it is not more important that they be somewhere else. I have no knowledge as to whether these are duplicates or part of a single set collected. In the latter case, and probably also if the were two or three sets, it would be important that they be deposited unbroken. So, if you want them returned, please feel free to ask for them.

I am retiring from the Federal service in June, but my address will still be the Department, as I have about ten years of writing blocked out and some partly done. Among the jobs is the monograph of *Salix*. This and some of the other writing must be done in connection with the Department and the National Herbarium.

With best New Year wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Executive Secretary

April 30, 1943

Dr. Harold N. Moldenke,
Civilian Public Service Camp No. 23,
Coshocton, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

On returning to duty after an absence of 11 weeks, of which 8 were spent in the hospital, I find a copy of your "Flora of the North Appalachian Watershed" on my desk.

I can appreciate how great a task this has been and how joyed and relieved you must be to feel that it finally is completed and out. It was kind of you to give me credit of the determination of *Salix*.

In the common names applied to willows I note "Babylon Weeping Willow". I suspect this was taken from Standardized Plant Names. I have protested its use to the authors of the revision of that work. The species comes from China, not Babylonia, and never has been grown in the Mesopotamian valleys. When Linne named the plant *S. Babylonica* ~~EXORD~~ I do not know whether he really thought it had come originally from Mesopotamia or whether, because in Europe it was weeping in habit, he gave it the name in fanciful allusion to the Biblical reference to the Hebrew captives in Babylon, who "hung their harps on the willow trees" while they mourned for Jerusalem. In any case, it seems to me that science should not deliberately mislead people through common names or in other ways. This is not a criticism of your use of it but of the authors of the work mentioned.

I take it that you did not get transferred to a Western Maryland camp. If you ever get down this way, I'll be glad to see you. I am to retire in June and shall still have a hideout in the Dept. where I will be working on my monograph of *Salix* as well as several other volumes now in various stages of completion.

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,
Executive Secretary

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Mr. C. R. Ball,

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U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Carleton R. Ball,

Extension Service,
U. S. Dept. Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Box 240, Warren, Pa.
Dear Mr. Ball:

August 25, 1943

Today I am shipping to you a small parcel with seven specimens of *Salix* from this area. I'll admit that this isn't much of a representation, but I just haven't had the time or facilities for going out collecting as intensively here as I did in Ohio. At your convenience, would you please look at these specimens and let me have your determinations by number? You may retain the specimens for your own herbarium, of course.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, and, again, my most sincere thanks for all your past kindness to me, I beg to remain,
very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

Box 240, Warren, Pa., October 12, 1943

Dear Mr. Ball:

As I promised you recently, I have re-visited the spot where those willows were growing in cultivation. I measured the trunks. One was 8 inches, one 10 inches, and the third 12 inches in diameter at ground level.

Incidentally Reider in his new *MANUAL OF CULTIVATED TREES AND SHRUBS* describes the species as "Shrub or sometimes tree to 15 m."

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I beg to remain, as ever,

very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

S. incana 14704

October 19, 1945

Dr. Harold N. Moldenke,
Box 240, Warren, Penna.

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

Many thanks for yours of October 12 and the trouble you have taken to ascertain the diameters of the tree willow ~~XXXX~~ you sent me. I will put these records into permanent place for future reference. Live and learn!

I know of the manual statements, but I learned long ago that you have to check on many of them, especially with reference to range, before you are sure of accuracy.

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Collaborator

Dr. Harold N. Moldenke *B.*
Herbarium, New York Botanic Garden,
Bronx Park (Forham P.O. Station),
New York 58, N.Y.

25

October 29, 1946

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

I am writing up *Salix* for Dr. Lundell's current Flora of Texas. I had supposed that both *Salix humilis* and *S. tristis* occurred in northeastern Texas but can find only one specimen of *S. tristis* and none of *S. humilis*. I want to make this accurate as to range and complete as to species. Our Floras sadly need it.

Can some one scan the covers for Texas specimens of *S. humilis*, its var. *rigidiuscula*, and *S. tristis*. If any are found, I would like the full data from the labels. If there is doubt about the identification, I would like to see the specimens.

I hate to bother, but this is the first real write-up for Texas and it's a big State, with the most surprising meetings of eastern and western, northern and southern forms. I want the job well done, if possible, even at the expense of my friends.

With appreciation of past courtesies, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Collaborator

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May 13, 1947

Mr. C. R. Ball,
3814 Jocelyn Street, N.W.,
Washington 15, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ball:

Today I received the parcel of reprints. Thank you very much indeed. I am proud and happy to have these for our library. Included were (1) Fruinose branchlets and *Salix lemmonii* Bebb, (2) Canadian willows of sections *Pentandrae*, *Nigrae*, and *Albae*, (3) New varieties of western willows, (4) New or little known west American willows, (5) A new variety of the willow *Salix glaucophylla* Bebb, (6) *Salicaceae*, (7) Far western novelties in *Salix*, (8) *Salix floridana* Chapman, a valid species, (9) Illustrating plant organs for taxonomic purposes, (10) Taxonomic botany in an agricultural journal, (11) The willows of Virginia, and (12) More plant study: fewer plant names.

Tomorrow I'll send you a few more of my own papers, in exchange.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I beg to remain,
very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

Harold N. Moldenke,
Associate Curator

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COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Mr. Ball:
Your letter of May 13 has been received. It is very glad to hear of your interest in the willows of the Garden Library. I have been supplying the major part of the collection. I am glad to hear that you are glad to have the reprints I sent. I will return others to you on to Botanists here, as you wish. Please, don't waste reprints on me, unless they have some value. If you have reprints then before this comes, please let me know. I will return others to you on to Botanists here, as you wish. I am glad to hear that you are glad to have the reprints I sent. I am glad to hear that you are glad to have the reprints I sent.

May 14, 1947

Dear Mr. Moldenke:

3814 Jocelyn St., N.W., Washington 15, D.C.

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June 28, 1948

Mr. Carleton R. Ball,
Extension Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ball:

Dr. Gleason has handed me the reprints which you so kindly sent for me --

(1) Studying willows or making new sections in the genus Salix, (2) The willows of West Virginia, and (3) Salix petiolaris J. E. Smith: American, not British.

I am delighted to have these publications and thank you most sincerely for sending them to me. Under separate cover I am sending you a few of my own recent ones, in exchange.

I am leaving for Central and South America on August 30th and will not be back here until December 1, so any mail reaching my office during that period will not be seen by me for answer until the end of the year. I am attending the Botanical Congress in Tucumán and am stopping off in 21 countries for visits to 72 institutions and a bit of botanizing.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I beg to remain,

very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke
Harold N. Moldenke,
Associate Curator

Dr. Harold N. Moldenke,
New York Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park, Fordham Br. Sta.,
New York 50, N.Y.

3814 Jocelyn St., N.W.,
Washington 15, D.C.

July 4, 1943

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

Delighted to know from yours of June 28 that you are to make an extensive visit to South America this autumn. I know that you will have a wonderful time, learn much and give much. I am glad that you plan to do some botanizing and hope it works out that way.

Of native willows, there is only *Salix Humboldtiana* Kunth, like our *S. nigra* but with smaller narrower leaves, and its hairy-capsuled variety *hartiana*, which has been found only in the upper Amazon basin. The distribution of the species is not certainly known because it apparently has been introduced farther south in the Andes than it occurs naturally. It would be helpful to keep your eye on it and try to make sure where it is only introduced.

The European willows most commonly introduced into South America are the White Willow (*S. alba* L.), the Crack Willow (*S. fragilis* L.), and the weeping Willow (*S. babylonica* L.). You know all of these when you see them.

It is possible that the commonly used willows for basketry and wickerware also have been introduced into South America but I do not recall having seen any specimens. These would be the Purple Osier (*S. purpurea* L.), and the Basket Willow (*S. viminalis* L.), which has extremely linear leaves. The purple willow, as seen in herbariums seldom has purplish twigs but mostly greenish to brownish. You probably know both of these but if not you may wish to look at them before going down.

I have just been scratching my head over a shipment of Alaska Willows just collected by Father Lepage of Rimouski, Quebec. He got there early and the specimens mostly are very juvenile and make you stretch your guesser. Luckily I have had long practice with Alaska material and think that I will get them all right eventually.

You speak of sending reprints. No use sending me anything that does not touch willows, as I am not accumulating library at 75 cent. If they have been mailed, shall I send return them or pass them on to some of the botanists here?

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball

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December 4, 1948

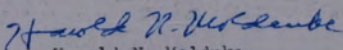
Mr. Carleton R. Ball,
3814 Jocelyn Street, N.W.,
Washington 15, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ball:

Upon my return yesterday from our three months' trip through Latin America I found the copy of PHYTOLOGIA, vol. 1, no. 8, which you so kindly returned to me. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending it, since it was not needed in your library. My reserve supply of most of those old numbers is completely exhausted, so I am happy to have un-needed copies like this to fill orders.

We covered 18,000 miles by plane and 3,000 more by train, boat, car, horseback and foot; botanized in 26 countries; visited 72 scientific institutions; met hundreds of scientists; attended the Botanical Congress at Tucumán; and collected 175 species and varieties of my groups in their native haunts. It was a wonderful trip, but we are exhausted now!

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I beg to remain,
very sincerely yours,

3814 Jocelyn St., N.W., Washington 25, D.C.
Associate Curator

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

8 December, 1948

I am amazed by the miles, the conveyances, the countries, the institutions, the scientists, and the species collected. The subsequent exhaustion would seem to be caused by not collecting a specimen of *Salix Humboldtiana* Kunth. More *Salix* and less exhaustion next time.

Yours discombobulatoriously,

Carleton R. Ball

Dr. Harold W. Moldenke,
New York Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park, New York, N.Y.

3814 Jocelyn St., N.W.,
Washington 15, D.C.

3 July 1951

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

Seeing your paper on Verbenaceous Novelties in the current issue of AM. Jour. Bot. reminded me that I have not thanked you for the kind note of birthday greetings from you and Mrs. M. I certainly appreciated them.

That was a busy week for me. June 12 was my 78th birthday anniversary; June 14 our 47th wedding anniversary; June 15 my 55th anniversary of graduation at Iowa State College, and June 17 was Father's Day. I was here for my birthday and at the College for my 55th, but missed the other two. At Iowa State, they award you a medal on your 50th and each 5 years thereafter, if living and present. That medal is merely for staying alive that long, and not for achievement.

By the way, how did you get a taxonomic paper in Am. Jour. Bot. They have rejected mine because they are not of the type which the Journal wishes. Perhaps you publish more new species than I. Anyway, I get mine all published, if only I can get them written.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

P.S. I am sending separately my last 4 publications
on Salix; 1 set for you; 1 set for Garden Lib.

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Dear Mr. Ball:

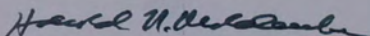
Thank you so much for your recent letter. The reprints arrived safely today. I have turned one set over to our library, as per your request, and the other set I'll keep for my own collection. Please accept our most sincere thanks.

Yes, getting a taxonomic paper into the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF BOTANY is quite a task. I've not succeeded often, and was really surprised when they accepted my recent typescript (after much editorial criticism and alteration, etc.). It takes so long to get anything published in the standard journals that if it were not for the tremendous cost of printing involved I would much rather print all my findings myself in PHYTOLOGIA where I am assured publication within a month.

As you probably have heard, I've resigned from the Garden (after 23 years here), effective at the end of this year. What I'll do afterwards I don't know yet. I'd like to get into college teaching, but jobs are hard to get in this area. We shall see what develops. Please address me in the future only at my home: 15 Glenbrook Avenue, Yonkers 5, N. Y.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,


Harold N. Moldenke,
Curator & Administrator of the
Herbarium (resigned)

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15 August, 1951.

Dear Dr. Moldenke:

The announcement of your resignation in your letter of July 11, is a real surprise to me, as I have not seen it mentioned in Science. I had intended to write you sooner but got so far behind while away that I am just catching up with correspondence.

You mention that you don't know where you are going which also is distressing, because it suggests that your resignation may not have been wholly voluntary. As I was fired outright, 2 days before Christmas, by then President Hoover, in defiance of all civil service laws, I have somewhat tender feelings on these subjects. That is how I came to be at the University of California in public administration.

If I can help you in any way, I will be most happy to do so. You know that Science will carry notices of positions desired. Probably the Am. Jour, Bot, and some others do likewise, but at 78 I don't keep track.

I have been happy that the NYBG had been so greatly improved in personnel and moral principles since the days of N.L.B and his associates. I hope that it stays that way.

I certainly shall mention your wishes, as I write to the various departments of botany over the country. That happens about every other day.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours

Carleton R. Ball