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Honolulu, T. H.

\_\_\_\_\_, 1931.

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I agree to pay said principal and interest in monthly installments in the manner following:

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Honolulu, T. H.

2/7/31

R. E. TORREY  
CLARK HALL, M. A. C.  
AMHERST, MASS.

Feb. 7, 1931

Dear Otto:

Hail to the learned authority on Hawaiian botany and folklore. Its a good piece of work and I who have bursted into print on occasion know the faithful and careful study that went into it. Many thanks for the copy.

Miss Cassidy sends me from Watertown High School, Mass. a clipping from the Honolulu "Star Bulletin" with an excellent review by E. H. Bryan, Jr.

I'm not going to pay for the book as I threatened, but will wait a while and inflict my own new Volume upon you — bacteria to Landelions and all full of juicy bits for the birds to peck at. I hope it may appear before next Fall.

Sincerely yours  
R. E. T.

2/13/31

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Feb. 13, 1931.

Dear Prof. Yuncker:

I received your recent letter and the photos. Before definitely deciding on the manner of illustrating the specimens, let me know what you think about the following:

Would you have time to make the more critical ~~enlarged~~ drawings of part of a spike, a flower and a fruit, each of these to be greatly enlarged? Then ship me a few species of Peps., at a time, and I shall have one of my Japanese boys draw a habit sketch of the plant very similar to the drawings found in my popular Park book that I am sending you. Plate 31 there shows *P. reflexa*. This drawing, as you see, is not a success due partly to the difficulty of showing the very fleshy character of the leaves. The other Peps., could be shown to better advantage and should be as good looking as some of the better illustrations in that book.

As page 313 of that book explains, I wish to put out an illustrated local flora somewhat similar to Britton & Brown's work. But instead of having small drawings, I want mine to be full page size, namely 12 X 17 cms.

Due to my difficulties with the powers that be and my distance from necessary literature and types, it is hopeless for me to attempt to put out a flora, genus by genus. All I can do, is to describe and illustrate the plants I am absolutely sure of with the limited means at hand. Then when circumstances have changed; I can possibly add those species later on which now I am obliged to omit.

In case of *Peperomias* I think it is very important to show the venation. How would it be if we made a photograph, by transmitted light, of a typical leaf of each species? Then I could have my student "artist" carefully trace the veins and add that drawing to each plate.

I shall print the first fascicle of my Flora in 3 - 6 months from now. Some of the plates are at the printers even now. If you could pick out about 5 species of *Peperomia* about whose determination you are absolutely sure, make the few enlarged drawings and have my boys make the habit sketches, then I could print them in my first fascicle. Of course, I realize that my flora will have a very limited sale at the beginning at least, if not always) and that you, for that reason, will likely disapprove of putting 5 species of Peps., in there. But would it not be possible for us to publish these species first in some reputable periodical quickly without the illustrations if we have not time for them? Then republish in my flora with the plates. Your entire monograph of the genus could then come later, and for a group like this it might mean 5 to 10 years hence, and you could use my plates over again. Your monograph would of course get everything up to date. I shall be glad to have the plates made here at my cost. They are giving me a cheaper rate than usual.

Please do not think that just because I make a suggestion that you should agree to it. I wish your further suggestions and advice. I am very thankful



to you for going after the types, studying Dr. Trelease's collection, and getting the literature. As you can see, I am rather helpless here in my isolation and shall ever be under obligations to you.

Have you a reprint of your *Cuscuta* monograph to spare? Or at least your descriptions of the Hawaiian species and variety? Did you make any drawings that I could add to my polyglot flora. They must of course be similar to those in the Park book. Those in it were really designed for the flora - I merely thought as long as I had the plates anyway, I might as well use them twice.

Sincerely,

memo

Date \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony "Alo" Tam, son of wealthy farmer  
 of early Chinese rice farming community and a  
 teacher at Maheo and Keanae Valley,  
 Maui. I engaged Anthony, companion fact,  
 his six horses & mule, for botanical work in  
 Haleakala Crater (Headquarters at Hahaione  
 Cave), Maui, in 1927. He was so kind and  
 generous, we became close, sincere friends.  
 Ever since, his old-fashioned Chinese  
 father had coerced Anthony's older brother  
 to emigrate to ancestral village to marry  
 a Chinese girl he had never met. The younger  
 brother was later murdered by his father.  
 The father tried to do same for Anthony, who  
 refused. When frantic and desperate to  
 leave home, I gave him room & board  
 for factotum help, at my home at  
 University Ave., Honolulu. Anthony  
 then attending courses at U. of Hawai.  
 After father's pressure had relaxed,  
 Anthony returned home to become  
 successful rancher. I, before my  
 marriage, and after, at every botanical  
 mine trip on Maui, have had help  
 from Anthony and after his marriage  
 to American-ethnic girl of his choice,  
 from both of them. Though never botan-  
 ical, I am sure that I never botan-  
 ical, was something of a benefactor.

COMMERCIAL PRINTING DIVISION  
 ADVERTISER PUBLISHING COMPANY  
 225 POHLIKAINA STREET, HONOLULU

Macao, China  
Mar. 22, 1931.

Dear Otto,

I wanted to write to you for a long time now but thought that I'd wait until I received some replies to my letters first. From now on I'll try and write more often and please continue writing often whether you receive my letters or not for I'm sure that eventually you'll receive my letters. I expect to visit some other cities soon but I'm sure that my letters will be forwarded to me.

I haven't seen my father and his relatives for over 2 months now. The last night that I saw my dad was the first time that I ever saw him really excited. He tried all kinds of arguments to persuade me to marry the girl that he has picked out for me. He wanted to know why I wanted to continue going to school so long. He pointed out a number of people whom he knows, who are holding respectable jobs and who did not have much education. He also said that it wasn't worthwhile bringing up children who refused to bring up obey their parents and help look after them in their old age. At the time I didn't make any reply to both of his remarks. Later he enumerated the riches, houses, land etc that his first wife owns. He also said that she wanted to build a new house which was supposed to be my wedding gift. I told him that I'd much rather live in an American fail to the village. I felt sorry for the answer for my father felt deeply hurt about it. The following morning one of his friends repeated the same arguments of the night. It happened that we were standing on the porch of a three story building near a fort, on the heights. I told the man that going to school gives one a broader outlook upon life just like looking out from where we stood. To the other remark I told him that I was sorry that my



father thought that I was an ingrate and that it was not worthwhile bringing me up. I told him that the children really had no choice about coming into the world. I told him that I was willing to go to work if necessary. He then said that I was making my father very unhappy by my disobedience. I asked him whether my father wanted to see me happy. He said surely. I then told him that by urging me to marry the girl he was making me unhappy. The man was silent after that. Lately he has sent several of his friends out from the village to try and persuade me to go back to the village. My letters had been forwarded to the village and they were keeping them as a sort of enticement for me to return. The bait did not work so they finally decided to send them out. I've received your letter of the 9, and the 31, also the book at the same time. Thanks a lot for all especially the letters. I really meant what I said when I said I preferred the letters to the book but would like all the better to have both. Thanks a lot for the autographs. After all one can only try to show another the beauties of a place. It is really to your credit that you noticed them. It is like leading a horse to water but it is up to the horse to do the drinking.

Gee! I certainly wish I were back there to lap up some of the cream too for I'm sure I could sell more books than Henry. Say why don't you two compromise and let him keep about 25¢ on the dollar that you make.

Thank you for your offer about the flit quon we can get almost anything back here if we only know where to look for them. Your advise about treating the people in the village



like children is alright up to a certain extent but after all you must remember that they are grown up. You know the saying "you can't teach an old dog new tricks". After all I think they are happy the way they are at least they seem contented. I think that it is best to let well enough alone. No use of making them rebellious and discontented with what can't be helped.

The mail just arrived I received 4 more letters and 2 big bundles of newspapers. I've never received so much mail during my whole life as I've been receiving lately. It's a good thing that I don't write everyone long replies otherwise I'd have to spend all of my time writing. I expect to receive letters from you more often now so write whenever you can find time even if they are short notes.

Geoff. I really am sorry to hear that Henry has quit school again. If a little of his brains and natural abilities I'm sure I'd stick it out through school. Never mind about the Kodaks, thanks just the same though. I've bought a pretty good camera I think even if I've paid more than the regular price for it. I paid \$130.00 which would be about 30% in our money I'm quite sure that I paid too much because the price is now marked at \$125.00 that means that they would very likely sell it at 100.00. The original price they asked me was \$48.00. I am satisfied with my buy however for it's been taking pretty good pictures that is after I spoiled about 25 rolls learning to use it. I've taken quite a number of pictures now. I wish I were back in the islands where I could take some pictures so that you could enter into your next book.

Your book looks quite nice I think. Some one else back here do too they asked me the price



and when I told them  $5^{00}$  gold they lost all interest  
 $5^{00}$  gold would amount to over  $20^{00}$  here and  
only a few can afford that price. Just imagine  
I've bought about a dozen story books here  
at  $50^t$  apiece that is less than  $15^t$  gold. I don't  
see how they can make anything on them but  
then if they charged higher prices no one could  
afford to buy them. When I first came back  
they were selling at  $50^t$  apiece. Everything  
back here go by extremes. The people are either  
extremely rich or poor. Everyone back here are  
great gamblers the rich people always make  
a lot of money in buying lotteries  
while the poor people lose. Just as I was telling  
my friends the rich people who go to the  
dances where they buy lottery tickets come  
back richer and the poor ones poorer.

Today just a short while ago I noticed  
a very big Chinese funeral going by. The  
relatives of whoever died must certainly  
have spent a large sum of money. They had  
two bands going on a Chinese and a Portuguese  
it was queer to hear the lively pieces that the  
Portuguese band was playing. They also had a  
lot of professional weepers. One day about  
a month ago I passed a school where  
little girls were taught to be professional  
weepers. There were a long line of people  
all holding on to long white cloth streamers.  
Back of these pedestrians were a lot of girls  
all covered with white cloths. Other people  
did not think anything at all about crossing  
through the funeral procession. I'll have  
to close now but will write soon. And see whether  
I can give either constructive or destructive criticism  
of your book.

Aloha

4/23/31  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, Hawaii, U. S. A.  
d. 23 April 1931.

Sehr geehrter Herr Pilger:

Wenn ich mit meinen ganzen Herbarium hawaiischer Pflanzen nach Dahlem kommen wuerde, koennte ich dort die Pflanzen mit Hilfe Spezialisten identifizieren und beschreiben? Hier habe ich nicht genugend Bucher und Typen um das zu tun. Ich moechte natuerlich Co-Autor sein fuer alle die neuen Pflanzen die ich selber gefunden habe. Ich wuerde gerne ein Set Duplikate bei Ihnen lassen.

Ich probiere eine illustrierte hawaiische Flora zu schreiben. Die Bilder sollen so sein wie die in meinem "Plants of Hawaii National Park" das ich Ihnen vor ungefaehr zwei Monaten schickte. Wenn ich nach Dahlem kommen koennte, wuerde ich Studenten kriegen koennen um Zeichnungen fuer mich zu machen so wie die in meinem Buch? Wie viel wuerden solche Studenten in Deutschland per Stunde bezahlt werden? Hier sind zwei Japaner die gerne fuer die Reise Zeichnungen fuer mich machen wuerden. Wenn die Kosten nicht zu gross sind, koennte ich sie vielleicht mit nehmen.

Ich habe jetzt so viele Pflanzen dass ich entweder Deutschland oder nach dem New York Botanical Garden gehn sollte um sie zu studieren. Ich wuerde sehr Dankbar sein wenn Sie mir etwas ueber Lebenskosten, etc., in Dahlem schreiben wuerden oder mir schreiben wo ich das ausfinden kan

Hochachtungsvoll,

## DIANELLA OR UKIUKI\*

About fifteen kinds of dianella are found in Asia, Australia and Polynesia. All are perennial herbs with short, branching rootstocks, narrow leaves, and usually bluish flowers borne in open clusters. From the character of the individual flower which invariably has its various parts arranged in multiples of three, we can tell that the dianella belong to the *Liliaceae* or Lily Family.

Two kinds of dianella, called *ukiuki* by the Hawaiians, are native to these islands. Only one has been recorded from here before and that has commonly masqueraded under the names of related but foreign kinds. In studying the excellent collections of Hawaiian herbarium specimens at the New York Botanical Garden in 1925, the writer became convinced that the dianella growing in the Hawaiian Islands are not the same as those found elsewhere. The one having a flower cluster usually longer than its leaves and dark, ink-blue berries that are commonly juicy and somewhat oblong is not found within the boundaries of the National Park but on Oahu, West Maui and probably Kauai. This plant is the true *Dianella sandwicensis* correctly described by Hooker and Arnott about one hundred years ago. The other kind (Plate 21) has its flower cluster always shorter than its leaves, and has sky-blue berries. These are depressed-globose in shape. This plant is found growing typically in clumps of bushes on the ash ejected in explosive eruptions in the vicinity of Kilauea, particularly in the Kau Desert, and to a lesser extent in Kaupo Gap within Haleakala Crater. It is interesting that both kinds with their hybrid offspring grow together on a high mountain near Lahaina, West Maui. The lava-inhabiting dianella will be found in the *Illustrated Flora Hawaiiensis* properly described, and named after the type of locality in which it habitually grows.

The juice expressed from the berries of the *ukiuki* was formerly used by the Hawaiians as a pale blue dye of considerable permanency for their *kapa* (—) cloth. Whether only one kind of *ukiuki* furnished this dye or both has not been definitely ascertained. The berries of the plant growing near Kilauea, crushed on linen, leave a permanent brownish-yellow stain.

\*The collective Hawaiian name for many plants having sedge-like leaves was *ukiuki* or *uki*. The *uki* usually employed as an inner lining for the walls of the ancient Hawaiian grass house was the tall sedge *Procentia angustifolia* Gaud., which is quite common in the open forest near Kilauea.

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AUTHOR'S PROOF  
FROM STAR-BULLETIN



6/12/31-

# The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx Park

New York, N. Y.

Telephone Sedgwick 3-3200

June 12, 1931.

Dr. Otto Degner  
Volcano House  
Hawaii, T. H.

Dear Dr. Degner:

I received from you some months ago a package containing four copies of your new book. I expected to receive the letter from you indicating the disposition of the same. I suspected that one was a gift to me, but I didn't know how to dispose of the rest. I had not opened the book and looked at the writing on the fly page. I have given Dr. Britton and Dr. Merrill their copies and the fourth copy I left in the library. On a note in my copy I saw that you would be glad to send copies to those who would appreciate the book. I have asked several of the members of the staff and Dr. Gleason, Dr. Barnhart and Miss Eaton have expressed their desire for copies. Miss Eaton, before I asked her asked me to send her best regards to you and congratulate you for the fine make-up and the well executed illustrations of the same. I heartily join in the congratulation and I am sorry that under the rules and regulations of Columbia University the book can not be used as a thesis for Ph. D., as the institution requires purely scientific works directly connected with the work at the university. I have not had time to read through the book but I have looked over the pages here and there and surely it is full of information, both popular and of real scientific value. I also wish you good luck in pursuing the preparation of the flora of the Hawaii Islands.

*Edited of  
Cancer*  
I have not been very well for the last two years, but I have not missed very many days here at the Garden, though I had been obliged to cut down some of the work. At the present I come up here to the Garden only in the morning and bring proof home, reading them in the afternoon. The Garden is just publishing a new book of mine, the Flora of the Prairies and Plains of Central North America. It will be in the same style as my Flora of the Rocky Mountains, but will contain 600 illustrations very small and simple, but I think that they will increase the popularity of the book. About every other genus has an illustration and all families are represented except Simarubaceae, which contains only one introduced species. I have received far more than one half in galley proof and about one quarter in page proof, but the work is going very slow.

Most of the members of the staff send their best regards to you.

Sincerely,

*P. A. Rydberg*

PAR:AGR

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Honolulu, T.H.  
June 17, 1931.

Henry Wiebke owes Otto Degener the following sums of money, with agreed interest, advanced to him by the said Otto Degener to aid Henry Wiebke to pursue certain courses of study at the University of Hawaii:

1. Henry Wiebke owes Otto Degener ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1150.00) at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning Jan. 1, 1930 - ALSO,
2. Since Aug. 13, 1930 to Dec. 28, 1930 Henry Wiebke owes Otto Degener FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$434.00) at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning Jan. 1, 1931 - ALSO,
3. Since Dec. 28, 1930 to and including April 6, 1931 Henry Wiebke owed Otto Degener TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$216.25), but inasmuch as on April 28, 1931 Henry Wiebke paid back Otto Degener ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of this loan, so therefore Henry Wiebke now owes Otto Degener ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$116.25) at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning May 1, 1931 - ALSO,
4. Since Dec. 29, 1930 to April 18, 1931 Henry Wiebke owes Otto Degener TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$272.00) at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning May 1, 1931.

IN SUMMARY, Henry Wiebke owes the following sums of money, with agreed interest, to Otto Degener:

1)		\$1150.00
5% interest on above sum due Jan. 1 1931		57.50
2)		434.00
3)		116.25
4)		272.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$2029.75</u>

Signed by,

Witnessed by,

6/21/31

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
June 21, 1931.

Dear Dr. Rydberg:

I met Mr. Hastings of the Torrey Club at the local botanical Society meeting and from him I heard that you were much better. Don't be so conscientious but take things easy. Since I finished my book and no longer think about ever getting a position, my heart is fine. I have been going collecting about every weekend and gained 20 pounds weight - I never reached 165 in my life before.

By the way, I sent you and most of my Garden friends copies of my unpopular "popular" book as soon as it was printed - that was in January. About 10 were tied in a single package and addressed to Dr. Merrill. My sister tells me the package never arrived. This time I am sending a second bunch of them - not in one package but in several. Surely all cannot get lost in the mail.

This book is not supposed to be scientific. It is primarily written for the tourists that come here. So don't look for botanical information. That is to come in my Flora.

All in all, I have now about 250 pigeon-holes full of herbarium specimens. By that I mean everything - Continental and Island plants as well as many duplicates. My tentative plan is to complete the first century of my Flora. That should be out of the way within a few months as the printers have already completed 80 plates and I am giving them 2 or 3 additional ones every week. After that fascicle is completed I want to finish my monograph of the Hawaiian Hermit crabs. That won't take more than a month. Then I will try to rent my house and when that is accomplished, ship all my plants to New York by freight. Meanwhile I will motor across the States, taking the Southern route. I will probably take two Oriental boys along who are natural-born artists. At New York I, of course, want to continue studying my plants for at least six months, while the boys will be illustrating them for the next fascicle.

After my New York stay I want to go to Dahlem to continue on my plants. Pilger wrote that there I can live respectably and well on \$1.75 per day. Thus I would be making up for the expenses of the trip and for publishing my fascicles. I feel I should not return to Honolulu until I have cleaned up my entire collection and disposed of ALL MY DUPLICATES. Then with a clean slate, I can return and continue collecting.

So I guess I will turn up at the Garden this winter, the exact time depending on how fast I can finish my first fascicle and crabs, rent my house and drive across the States. I am looking forward to seeing you and walking home with you as before along the drive and seeing to it that you don't freeze your ears while you forget about them in talking to me.

Remember me to all.

Sincerely



Dear Dr. Rydberg.

I have safely arrived on board and not only that but my stomach has withstood four days of stormy weather - no doubt toughened by the "hot-cooking" which I ate on my six-miles trip.

I collected some plants - most of it probably consisting of junk. I had difficulties in collecting. One difficulty was that I had too little time to make too much mileage per day to get to Los Angeles. Another difficulty was a small supply of collectors but the worst difficulty of all was that I travelled with a young Mexican who was always in a hurry and who thought that I was cracked every time I collected a plant. But all in all the trip was an enjoyable one.

I am going to look over the plants I collected and pick a set of them on you - not so much because I think you can use them but <sup>because I have</sup> because I would like to lend what I found. In other words possibly you may be able to accession a small percentage of the plants for the garden. At any rate you can send them on to ~~some~~ some place as duplicates and thereby get material that you actually desire to have at the garden. When I do send the plants, will you please write the determination on a slip of paper for me and send it to me. I hate to please you like that but it is the under certain conditions "frist der Sumpf Fliegen." In other words I can ask my sister to come up to the garden and copy the names down as you speak them off. In that way I

have you in a fine fix. But all joking aside I would like the determination of some things. I don't collect many plants a treasure number of plants. Three years ago I crossed the Rockies in the vicinity of Banff. This time I got to the Rockies at the Canadian Rockies Glacier National Park and also near Yosemite by going over Tioga Pass into the valley which is <sup>roughly</sup> the continuation of the Mojave Desert. What I cannot understand is why the subalpine or alpine flora of these regions should be so different. I can understand why the Yosemite subalpine flora should differ to such an extent from the Glacier flora because of the distance. But I cannot understand why the Glacier and the Banff-vicinity flora should be so different. The environmental conditions apparently are the same - are there such important land barriers ~~that~~ between Glacier and Banff so as to keep a large part of the floral elements so separated? I hardly believe it. I was greatly surprised. Is this difference due to a difference in the rocks - some being basic and the others acidic? Don't answer me these questions now nor answer my letter



Wait until later when I will have  
plenty of no doubt have plenty  
of specimens what with the important  
to my Hawaiian work and just  
merely questions I suggest to send

I hope you have had as good a  
time in the southern mountains  
with Perry as I have had out  
West. I would like to know about your  
experiences and for this I am going  
to write Perry later on. I wish  
you could get out West sometime  
and work the flora from the  
Kauff region to Glacier. I am  
wondering whether <sup>any of</sup> this area has  
really been completed.

~~I~~ In Los Angeles I looked  
up Harry Johnson, a friend of  
mine and of Gray's. He and  
his family were awfully kind to  
me. On my way to the steamer  
they gave me a pile of peaches  
which I put in my soft hat  
and then placed it among my  
baggage in the car. My car  
was then put in the hold of the  
ship before I remembered

that I had forgotten to remove the  
peaches. I hope I won't be  
arrested in Honolulu by the  
Port Board people for trying to  
create some precious fruit into  
the islands. Luckily my hat  
was a mess anyway.

I will send you my notes of  
pertinence plants as soon  
as I can write labels for  
them. Then you will curse me  
in earnest.

Please remember me to Mrs.  
Bytheg.

Chas. Degen.

7/13/31  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.  
July 13, 1931.

Sehr geehrter Herr Pilger:

Ich habe Ihren ausfuerlichen Brief vom 18ten  
Mai bekommen und danke Ihnen sehr dafuer.

Sobald wie ich den ersten Teil von meiner Flora Hawaiiensis ge-  
druckt habe, und das sollte in ein Paar Monaten getan werden, dann  
fahre ich bei Auto nach New York. Dort hoffe ich dann im New York  
Botanischen Garten fuer ungefahr sechs Monate zu studieren. Dann  
moechte ich nach Dahlem mit meinem ganzen Herbarium kommen um weiter  
meine Pflanzen zu studieren. Also werde ich warscheinlich frueh naech-  
sten Sommer in Dahlem ankommen.

Hochachtungsvoll,

Honolulu, T.H:

July 23, 1931.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Henry Wiebke owes Otto Degener the following sums of money, with agreed interest, advanced to him by the said Otto Degener to aid Henry Wiebke to pursue certain courses of study at the University of Hawaii:

1. Henry Wiebke owes Otto Degener ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1150.00) at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning Jan. 1, 1930 - ALSO,
2. Between Aug. 13, 1930 and Dec. 28, 1930 Henry Wiebke borrowed from Otto Degener FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$434.00) and owes him this sum at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning Jan. 1, 1931 - ALSO,
3. Between Dec. 28, 1930 and April 6, 1931 Henry Wiebke borrowed from Otto Degener TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$216.25), but inasmuch as on April 28, 1931 Henry Wiebke paid back Otto Degener ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) of this loan, so therefore Henry Wiebke now owes Otto Degener ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$116.25) at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning May 1, 1931 - ALSO,
4. Between Dec. 29, 1930 and April 18, 1931 Henry Wiebke borrowed from Otto Degener TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$272.00) and owes him that sum at 5% interest compounded yearly beginning May 1, 1931.

IN SUMMARY, Henry Wiebke owes the following sums of money, with agreed interest, to Otto Degener:

1)	\$1150.00
5% interest on above sum due Jan. 1, 1931	57.50
2)	434.00
3)	116.25
4)	272.00
TOTAL	\$2029.75

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WHEREAS Henry Wiebke has practically completed his studies at the University of Hawaii, he hereby agrees to pay back the above sums of money borrowed at 5% interest compounded annually to Otto Degener by payments of not less than ~~thirty~~ <sup>thirty</sup> DOLLARS (\$30.00) <sup>beginning Dec 1, 1934 and by payments of not less than sixty dollars</sup> paid regularly on the first of each month beginning Jan. 1, 1932 until the entire indebtedness, including principal and entire interest, is paid. <sup>beginning Jan 1, 1935 when the payments shall be of no</sup>

Signed by,

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beginning Jan 1, 1934



2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Aug. 27, 1931.

Mr. Clarence Wiebke,  
Lihue, Kauai.

Dear Clarence:

I have known Henry for a good many years and have treated him like a brother. I tried my best to further his ambition to become a physician but during the last year or longer I have become convinced that he should go into some other kind of profession and told him so repeatedly. Whether I am right or wrong you can decide for yourself.

I lent him a little over \$2000 up to date to help him with his education and since he has no assets of any kind, all this cash was lent him on his promise to repay the debt.

I am attempting to write a flora of the islands and, as in all enterprises, others are trying to do the same thing. Henry was tentatively offered a position at the Museum, my worst rival, and after that he took out of my house without my permission my drawings (worth thousands of dollars) and the notes I had written about plants since 1922 and left everything over night with the botanist connected with the Museum. Because this botanist was a gentleman, this did not matter. But all this stuff is to go into my book, and for Henry to give a rival access to it (no matter who he is) is pretty much like giving away the secrets of an invention before that invention has been patented.

After getting \$1000 from home, I told him that now he could afford to pay his own grocery bills and that I was short of cash because taxes were due. Nevertheless he ran up a bill of over \$80, signing my name without further authority, for groceries and failed to pay it and the grocer kept bothering me for payments.

Shortly after getting that \$1000 from home, he bought a Wolverine Panel Truck (second hand) on installment, agreeing to pay something like \$24 monthly until the sum is paid. This will be around May 1932. With this truck he told me he delivers it rent to whoever will buy it getting something like \$60 for it. The day he parked his truck in my garage without permission, it smelled of alcohol to me and to others. The Universal Motor Co., told me he is already delinquent on his last payment for the car.

He owes the bank some cash which Helen Wiebke is paying off by sums of \$50 monthly from her salary. This debt will be cleared around December.

He has been borrowing money from me when I just could not spare any. He would send me telegrams collect to Kilauea where I was staying saying he absolutely needed cash, which I guess was true. Then I borrowed and worried about scraping it together for him. I finally became sick and therefore returned to Honolulu to be under a doctor's care. He finally diagnosed my trouble as due to "financial or family worries." Henry kept on borrowing from me and then finally it occurred to me that possibly he was not too careful about expenses. This idea was strengthened when I read in the paper about his wife's trip by plane from Molokai to Honolulu. That makes two which she has taken to my knowledge. I cannot imagine that she would be sick twice to such an extent that she must spend money for a plane. (Henry flew once.) And just at that time he was begging me for money and never even mentioned his wife's expensive visit, no doubt because he knew I would disapprove of it. Since that time I got wise.

He did not graduate from the University with the other members of his class

Twice I have met him on the street and asked him to come to my house to talk over his payments with me. He promises to do so but never comes. Twice I went to his home and only Helen was there to see me. She avoided giving me



any answer saying it was none of her business, and then finally stated that Henry would pay me "when he is good and ready" to do so. I next wrote him threatening to go to a lawyer if I did not hear from him and only then did he finally answer. He wrote that I must wait until he is through with Medical School before he repays me. It is common sense that I cannot wait for over \$2000 indefinitely and I certainly have something to say about the time I am to be paid. I was to leave for New York, sharing expenses in driving across the States with a friend. Due to this debt settlement I must stay here and my friend goes alone. He seems to think that \$2000 is just a small sum and that I will abandon it.

b What I am driving at is this:

1. I and his sisters gave him a pretty good chance for an education. And he has more than the average person. He does not need any more. Now he ought to go to work and honestly try to pay up his debts.
2. With a family on his hands and with debts, it is useless for him to expect to get through Medical School. Even if he were fit to be a doctor, it is too long a grind and too costly to prepare for it. There are any number of other professions he can go into.
3. He is not as careful with money matters as I had expected nor is his judgment as good as I had supposed. I can't imagine his sisters scraped together \$1000 to help him do what he is doing.
4. He does not seem to do anything about paying a just and honest debt but runs up others, as by getting a truck when he already has a Ford car. My friends often see him at the movies and are surprised by it. Is that necessary with debts to pay?

I do not expect you or his parents to pay Henry's debts for him but I do feel that you ought to know that everything here is not going on as it should. I do not want to cause him any hardship and therefore suggest that he liquidate his debts by small regular monthly payments. His debt to his bank will be paid up by the end of this year. That means he must no longer give up that \$50 per month to which he should by now be accustomed. To make it easier I don't ask for payments of \$50 per month. It is my suggestion that he pay me \$30 per month regularly beginning Jan. 1, 1932 and from Jan. 1, 1935 he pay me \$60 per month until his entire debt plus interest is cleared. I think this is reasonable and have therefore employed a lawyer (at \$20) to make out papers accordingly. These are enclosed. I wish you and your parents would think this over and see if it is fair or not. If you think it is reasonable, then you had better give Henry some good advice and have him sign it. If you think it is not reasonable, then suggest something better. But please remember that every lawyers visit means a loss of \$20 to me.

I have tried my best to settle this matter with Henry and find that he merely avoids the issue and stalls for time. Now I leave it up to his family to try to settle this in a just way. If Henry will listen to none of us, then the lawyer must go ahead to settle it and that will be unpleasant notoriety for us all. But if people cannot settle things by themselves, then it is up to the law to untangle disagreements.

What Henry needs is a job in some reliable concern, preferably where Martin or you or his father can keep a friendly eye on him until some of his friends who possibly lead him astray forget about him. This way he will get deeper and deeper into a pretty serious mess - not only financially but morally. For my part, I can no longer have any dealings with him, except the settlement of the debt, as I do not wish to be mixed up in his affairs - it is like playing with dynamite. Naturally, also, I feel as though the man whom I considered my best friend merely took advantage of me and when he pumped me dry of cash, left me for a rival who promised him a position that never came. When he discovered that the promised position paid no salary and that I would lend him no more, he went home for new worlds to conquer and borrowed money from others. If he made good use of the money and tries to

honestly to repay it there is no kick coming. But if he uses borrowed money to go into business with which most people disapprove or wastes the money, then it is pretty serious and something should be done about it.

The one paper is the one he should sign, write down the date of his signing mail it to me and then be man enough to abide by it. The other paper explains how I get at the total sum of cash which he owes me.

I don't care if you send this letter I wrote to you to Henry or not. If you want to you can read the letter he wrote to me and my answer to it if Henry gives you permission.

I hope you will be able to get everything settled in a fair way and get Henry into some decent business concern. Please let me hear from you within a week. Henry will no doubt move to Molokai and it is more convenient to complete this transaction before he leaves. Otherwise he must be brought back to Honolulu.

Sincerely,



2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Aug. 27, 1931.

Dear Henry:

Since you did not answer my letter concerning my proposal for settlement of your debt, I wrote Clarence Wiebke a general outline of our past relationship and how I propose that you pay up your debt. Clarence and your parents certainly are on your side and will look out for your interests. Poindexter, who was a judge and who knows both of us, made out the contract and says it is more than fair to you. Your family has now the chance to read everything over and forward the contract to you with their approval or disapproval or with their added suggestions. I consider it only reasonable and decent that you sign it and on doing so fill out the date in the proper place.

Since under this proposed agreement I do not expect you to pay me before Jan. 1, 1932, there is no use bothering about how much you owe me up to today. Instead Judge Poindexter has figured up what 5% interest on your debt will be by Jan. 1, 1932. This sum of interest comes to \$152.53. The principal which you owe me is \$1972.25. Thus the total sum that you will owe me by Jan. 1, 1932 will be \$2124.78 and that is the sum which stands in the contract.

The above 1972.25 is due to the following loans of which you yourself have record:

1.) Up to Aug. 13, 1930	<del>XXXXXX</del>	\$1150.00
2.) Between Aug. 13, 1930 and Dec. 28, 1930		434.00
3.) Between Dec. 28, 1930 and April 6, 1931		116.25
4.) Between Dec. 29, 1930 and April 18, 1931		272.00
	TOTAL	<hr/> 1972.25

If you were paying me back yearly my interest on this loan I would in the future charge you only 5%. But you have never paid out to me any interest in the past so instead of obliging you to pay 5% interest yearly when it is due, the note states that you are to pay me 6% interest yearly (not compounded). This would come approximately to the same thing as 5% interest compounded annually and it simplifies figuring. You can test that out for yourself.

Your family can talk everything over in a weeks time and you can attend to signing the contract in a day, so I expect your agreement by mail before Sept. 10. If this does not seem fair, I may take a week off to go to Kauai and consult with your family as to whether we cannot come to some other understanding. At the same time I could get a few plants for drawings. If you do not think your family will be fair to you, I am willing to have Givern arbitrate the loan. Make a clean breast of everything to him and see whether he will not advise you to follow my plan. He cares for you like a father - are you writing him the honest truth in your letters or only writing him part of what you are doing.

Please attend to these matters instead of shirking and postponing the inevitable settlement from day to day. I wrote Irma that I was not coming to New York until things here are settled. I planned going with Bush, saving half my fare, but he can wait no longer and is leaving alone.

Sincerely,



2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Dec. 2, 1931.

Mr. Henry Wiebke,  
3133 Wai'alea Road,  
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Henry:

I am sincerely sorry that you had sickness in your family, and am glad to read that Mrs. Wiebke is out of danger. No wonder that with all this trouble you wrote such a nasty letter recently. Why not just state facts without adding flourishes of anger. If you would once clean up the question of debts then you would have that worry off your mind.

This letter boils down to C.Q.Yee Hop affair and your debts to me:

1. The C.Q.Yee Hop affair is not mine but yours. I explained that to you in two previous letters. Read them over. After you had received the Museum offer and apparently tried to use that as a crowbar to raise your future wages with me, I had nothing more to do with you. Then when the offer did not materialize as early as you wished and you came more or less "sucking" around to me for more work and help, I merely lent you cash in an attempt to enable you to squeeze through College. After the crowbar scene I never planned to have you work for me and the boys who were in my employ at the time knew that within a few days of its occurrence - Park, I think, the same day. When you received \$1000, I cancelled your permission to order groceries under my name. I never realized that you would have the nerve to continue without my permission. When I finally discovered that you did continue by receiving your bill, since you would pay no attention to my orders I went to the trouble of canceling my charge account since that was the only way I could stop you without recourse to law. It is up to you to settle with the grocer and to explain whether you received goods from him because of a misunderstanding or more or less by misrepresentation. I cannot imagine that they will go to any legal trouble to collect their bill if you paid them off in instalments. I feel the same way about your debt to me. If you paid it off in instalments everything would be alright. But you apparently NEVER want to pay.

2. Regarding your debt to me: My loan to you amounted to practically a scholarship. And it is up to me, not you, to decide whether I consider it practicable to continue. Even if you or others judge you worthy of further support, I for a mere whim have the right to discontinue. So it is useless to keep on arguing. I have discontinued and according to our official agreements you owe me a definite sum which you are to pay at a definite time. If you are hard up, I am willing to let you pay in instalments and have gone to Poindexter to make out a just method of fixing up everything. You, however, side-step the issue and stall for time in an attempt it seems to crawl out of payments. You, no doubt, retained Poindexter's 2 copies of the settlement. Add to this the sum of \$100 which I must pay the bank now because you defaulted on payment for that sum. Because of your illness I will even let you change the stated sum of \$30 to a reasonable lower figure, I however reserving the right to O.K., that sum or not as I see fit. (Otherwise you could put in 10 cents a month and I would be stung.) Then date the instrument and mail it to me. Thereafter out mutual difficulties are at an end and each one of us can go his own way. If you cannot take care of your indebtedness yourself,

I am forced to get others to untangle the difficulty. Outside of legal sources no one is qualified to do that excepting your parents or Givens. I have already started a letter to him beginning from the very beginning. When I have finished, which will probably be next week, I will mail it to him unless you can legally agree to pay in instalments. Why drag this on indefinitely? If you cannot, then I advise you to write him your side of the question so that he can judge fairly between us. Don't waste your time writing me letters as you did the last time. It helps nothing. As you advised, I did show it to some one and that person merely stated "Why he admits he is a bootlegger!" I have not shown it to anyone else.

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After this last bunch of refutations, arguments about this case between you and me have ended as far as I am concerned. I do not intend to waste any more time with them. If you cannot agree to instalment settlement, write your arguments out carefully and send them to Givens. I will then mail him my side of the question.

1. In regard to your last letter you complain about my telling Swezey the truth of our difficulties. There was nothing else for me to do. You forget, notwithstanding your arguments about liquor, that I consider you are playing with fire and that I do not intend people to think that I have anything to do with it. By shielding you I become your accomplice. Pope a unday or so ago told me the same story about my going to Germany. Pope certainly did not get you in a "tight place" to state on a second's notice why you were no longer working for me.

2. Regarding Hop has been answered before. I am certainly not going to pay your grocery bills so that you can use \$200 to go into some "business" of mere or less shady nature.

3. You state you "always contended that if you could show Givens that you could get through 2 yrs., of medicine that there was no doubt in your mind that he would assist you financially in the last two". There was doubt in my mind, however, and when I advised you to write Givens for some assurance that you would actually get help you avoided that issue.

4. Since Givens knows human nature, there is no reason that you should be ashamed to make a clean confession to him of your mistakes and difficulties. He can then advise you how to get out of them.

5. Your excuses about bootlegging are nonsense. You told me you were giving your partner the use of your car so that if he were caught with a "junk" it would be no loss if confiscated.

6. In regard to Wesen I had nothing to do. While the Leprosy position was in doubt I never mentioned you in any way to the Bilgers. It was afterwards that I told them about my troubles. I just asked the Bilgers, after your letter came, if they had said anything to W. They replied they had not and even if they had known they would have said nothing as it would be embarrassing after recommending a person highly to tell the man that they had changed their minds. According to them, you missed out because W. could get Ph.Ds. from the coast for a very low salary since they want to see the islands.

7. In regard to the old books discarded from the library you forget they are all Medical books and that I got them from the rubbish pile with Bush's permission. You are the one who wanted them primarily. Since our break, I gave some to Dr. Arnold of the Clinic.

8. Your homesteading project was not in good faith. I gave you reasons before. I can add that you intended to use some of the money borrowed for the purpose of getting tools, etc., for medical expenses.

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I do not see why you cannot gradually work off your debts beginning this Jan. The fact that you did not even try before you had sickness is the thing that irritates me and makes me suspicious about your good faith in trying to settle. Now with sickness, there is more of a reason for modifying conditions



I was at St. John's for Thanksgiving and there talked with a number of Museum people. Hosaka for practically yard work gets around \$150. There is no reason why you beginning Jan. cannot get an equal amount from that institution. There is also no reason why the payment of your doctor's bills should have precedence over payment of your debt to me. Mine was the earlier one. If you do not fix up this matter with me, the only other way out as I see it is that you add up your debts: Rotary, mine, Hop and Doctors. Then pay Givens or Poindexter a monthly sum from your earnings and let him apportion it out to your creditors according to their loans. When you have once done that your worries about past debts are ended and people will no longer hound you.

My proposed letter to Givens contains no anger but states conditions as I understand them. It is similar to what I would tell a lawyer like Poindexter.

Sincerely,

W. Degenes



10/12/31

CABLE ADDRESS - MUSEUM CHICAGO

## FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN

CHICAGO Oct. 12, 1931.

Dear Professor Degener:-

Had a bad accident with an ink bottle this A.M. and barely succeeded in washing enough ink (Higgins) off proof to reveal my corrections. - You can now decipher all but perhaps for B. pilosa near beginning of key. I had inserted after B. pilosa "and vars." (since B. pilosa itself is discoid; you doubtless have in mind var. minor or stunted var. radiata; minor has rudimentary rays, <sup>commonly sulphureous</sup> and radiata larger rays cream-yellow to white or rosaceous). I have never found the vars. from Haw. Isls. hence omitted them in key. - Will rush this off to-day & hope you get it in no worse condition.

Yours sincerely,  
 Carl E. Sherff

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS AND PACKAGES  
 TO FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, CHICAGO, U. S. A.

12/2/31

1086 N. Broadway  
Yonkers N.Y.  
Dec 2 1931

Dear Q.uo:

I must apologize for my delay in thanking you for your book. However, this is not because we do not appreciate it, in fact the very reverse - for we are both very proud of it and wish to thank you very much indeed. I think you are to be congratulated - it is both very interesting and very attractive. When we collected together in Bermuda I did not expect to see - at least <sup>so</sup> soon - such a contribution from you on the plants of another sub-tropical island. Most appropriately it arrived on our wedding anniversary. You may recall that the head of the Division of Plant Pathology here - Dr Kunkel - was not so long ago stationed in Hawaii. A few weeks ago he and Mrs Kunkel were calling and were most interested when I showed them your book. They have many stories to tell of their stay in Hawaii and I think have a very real affection for the islands.

As you of course may gather I am still at the Bayne Thompson Institute.

I am finding my work as interesting as ever. Dr Wilcox - the chemist - and I are still co-operating in more or less fundamental studies in fungicides. We have just finished our third article in the Fungicidal Action of Sulphur and are now turning our attention to what might be called a toxicological exploration of the periodic table. This will be primarily to perhaps explain further the action of existing toxic elements and possibly discover new basic fungicidal elements. We feel that our work has met with a fair reception and are encouraged to continue along this line.

Several weeks ago we were invited to Cornell to give a talk and enjoyed very much seeing our old friends again - Dr Wilcox is also a Cornell graduate. As you may have heard all the botanical sciences have just moved into a new and very completely equipped building - and they are naturally all very pleased. We saw of course Prof. Whetzel. He is as keen and full of enthusiasm as ever - just full of ideas. They have about 50 graduate students there all working for their doctor's degree in plant pathology and things certainly seem very busy. This is about twice as many as



where as I was there - as about awhile ago as that was.

We are hearing fairly good news from Bermuda. My father is still at the station though the agricultural situation there gets gradually worse. The tariffs in this country have driven them too sick other markets and change their crops somewhat. Bermuda is deriving less and less of her income from farming and the "tourist business" has become dominant alone all else. I'm not so keen about this - but I guess most people are and anyway nothing can be done about it! This week they placed a new liner, "The Remond of Bermuda" in the service and she is said to be the only one afloat that offers a berth with every room including second class! Bermuda now has a railway. The line from Hamilton to Somerset has just been opened. Though of course there are objections to this, I think the advantages far outweigh them. We are very anxious to get down there again and see it.

Quite a little part of my time this year has been spent on editorial work. The Institute decided to publish its own journal and I am

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what might be called the assistant editor. This  
was a more or less new venture for me but  
I have rather enjoyed it. You may run  
across our journal "Contributions from the Bayreuth  
Thompson Institute." The first two volumes are  
merely collections of reports, no new policy  
went into effect with volume 3.

This fall the Institute opened up its new  
building - so we too have expanded and now  
have a little more than double our initial  
capacity. So far this has only meant more rooms,  
which was badly needed, I do not believe  
that they plan any staff increases for awhile.

We have had a most remarkable warm  
fall, no snow or cold weather until a week ago.  
I expect now, though, the cold is here to  
stay. We find the winters here much milder  
and pleasanter than at Ithaca.

We shall be most interested to hear from  
you and <sup>how</sup> how things are in Hawaii. When  
Stacy heard I was writing you she said to  
be sure and say how pleased she is with  
the Chinese bowl. It is one of her most  
prized possessions.

We both send our very best regards, and since  
distances and time are such, ~~that~~ I think  
we should wish you a very happy Christmas  
and prosperous New Year!

Yours sincerely,  
Alan Buchanan

12/9/31

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

CIS-SBF  
MYCOLOGY AND DISEASE SURVEY

December 9, 1931.

Mr. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, HAWAII.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I did not think so much time had elapsed since we received your last very interesting letter. We were very glad to get the interesting items of news in regard to yourself, the Browns and others.

In regard to Mr. Davis' desire for Myxomycetes, we are getting together the specimens of our Hawaii collections and hope to send them to him soon.

I am glad to know that you have recovered from your accident, and I think you will do well to be more careful in the future. We are very glad to hear that you are about ready to publish your first fascicle of the Hawaiian flora. That was certainly an interesting item about the way in which Brown's flora got printed. I am glad to know that Bryan had courage to put it through. I certainly congratulate him and the Browns also. What you say about the possibilities in regard to G.'s future I hope may come true. I was very sorry to hear of your unfortunate experience with your assistant. I certainly think he showed base ingratitude in treating you as he did. I am glad to hear of your plans for the spring. I hope nothing will interfere with your carrying them out. As you come across to New York you must certainly come by way of Washington and make us a visit. It will certainly be fine if you can have an opportunity to study all the old Hawaiian collections in this country and in Europe. Then you ought to be able to get out a work on the flora of the Islands which will be standard and dependable for a long time to come.

I have spent most of the year in Washington and vicinity with the exception of a short collecting trip in New York State. We were very glad to distribute your postals, and hope some new orders will result.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Shear, Doctor Stevens and myself, and hoping you will keep us advised as to your plans and arrival in the States, I am

Sincerely yours,

*C. L. Shear*

Principal Pathologist in Charge.



12/15/31

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TROPICAL, SUBTROPICAL, AND ORNAMENTAL  
PLANT INSECT INVESTIGATIONS

Box 340, Honolulu, T. H.  
December 15, 1931

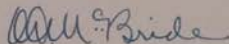
Prof. Otto Degener  
2220 University Ave.  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Prof. Degener:

Reference is made to your letter of December 10 and the information furnished is just what we wanted. For our preliminary work we wished to locate small amounts for study. Our staff is new to the islands and are not familiar with the plants found here. It is necessary, therefore, to ask for help. Until we are familiar with the plants it may be necessary to request aid in identification.

We appreciate very much your cooperation and suggestions. May we take this means of expressing our hearty thanks.

Very truly yours,



Entomologist

OCM/m

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Dec. 27, 1931.

Dear Mr. Givens:

It is good of you to offer to unravel the mess Henry and I are in.

I, like so many people, was attracted to Henry because of his fine personality and excellent scholarship. While I had him as Freshman in my botany class, I discovered that he was in financial difficulties and therefore gave him work to do in the lab. That coming summer (1926) I hired him at \$150 per month, all expenses paid, to help me collect on Hawaii and Kauai. He was not worth that salary but as I knew he needed money I gladly paid him that sum. (Now, by the way, he berates me for paying him \$150 per month during his first year, and "jewine" him down to \$100 during succeeding summers, when I no longer was employed.) That winter I took him and his family into my home, treating them better than my sister. He was to help me at the University (for which I paid him a little something by the hour), while his wife was to act as housekeeper to make up for room and board. At length, without much previous notice to me, she merely registered for courses at the Normal School and let house-keeping slide. Then I was burdened with a Portuguese nurse around the place who took care of his babies. The neighbors protested against conditions, but I did not - in fact, I was fool enough to stick up for Henry and his family.

You probably know that in 1927 we collected in Maui <sup>the year</sup> and next, in Molokai. Thereafter we went to Hawaii again where I paid him more than half of my salary to be my assistant at Hawaii National Park.

I took pretty good care of Henry, pulling him out of a scrape or two and, whenever he was hard up, lent him money to continue his education. He has a brilliant mind and I admired him for it. Probably partly due to the morbid idea that my career had hopelessly ended for life, my belief that I could push Henry into a worthy career acted somewhat like an opiate. I tried to keep him going in the right direction, and he would talk to me in glowing terms about your promise to board him at California while he was attending Medical School, and your offers for help and advice, etc., etc.

I had long considered Henry as somewhat impressionable and immature, and unwisely condoned this because of his ancestry. He, himself, realized it. So my plan was to keep him pretty carefully and then to turn him over to you for further guidance. Both of us thought that by the time he had completed Medical School, his character would be stable. This plan of handing him over to you failed when he left college to go to Molokai where he had the chance to fraternize with the more primitive Hawaiians.

Finally his various promises regarding the receiving of help from his family and from you petered out. In fact, it boiled down to his being convinced that if I put him through Medical School for two years, he would then be justified in asking you to help him through Medical School for the remaining years, and he "was convinced you would not refuse". When I asked him to write you for definite information, he never seemed to do much about it. What good would it be for him to go to Medical School for two years without guarantee that he would get further help from someone else when he had already accumulated 3 babies (2 of which I had never



counted on)? Then also, how could I support a growing family like that when I had no position and had been yearly nibbling from my principal to help Henry.

Due to his various broken promises or blasted hopes, to his dropping College work for what I considered insufficient reasons, and to his reverting somewhat to native standards, I began to lose faith in him. So from around that time, we wrote official contracts about our mutual relationships. This is very definite proof that all previous air castles had by mutual consent evaporated and that our written and signed contracts superseded them.

While I was living at Kilauea and Henry in Honolulu, the situation was coming to a climax. I would send him \$60 to \$90 per month for his expenses. In fact I would send him all I could spare. I would get telegrams collect, asking for cash when I just had none. I would not know how to pay my own bills and would telegraph to New York for more money. Due to worrying about my University difficulties and about Henry, I began to break down and therefore returned to Honolulu where I had more faith in the physicians. I went to Judd and he immediately stuck me to bed, diagnosing my trouble as inflammation of the heart muscle. I then had Henry find out which physician was considered the best for heart cases and went to him. He discovered that nothing was wrong with my heart but that my difficulties were psychic - "caused either by financial or family troubles." Just before I rush home sick from Kilauea without paying my rent bill on time, Henry had telegraphed me urgently for money, and when I reached here I discovered he had \$20 or 30 remaining! From that time on "I got wise".

He naturally kept on borrowing from me in Honolulu. That was alright. But now that I was on the spot, I could notice that he, according to my standards, was squandering borrowed money. He had no business renting a house at \$40 per month when he could live at his father-in-law's at a cheaper rental. When I and even his wife protested, he stated that if his father-in-law were not living in that house, he would move in. When the latter died, Henry kept right on renting the \$40 house. He had no business taking a 'plane ride to Molokai merely because he was homesick and wanted to see his wife there. He started smoking expensive cigars while I was skimping on food at home just to help him along. He wanted to borrow \$10 from me to buy flowers for a neighbor's funeral. That is all very nice and considerate, but it is not necessary.

One day Henry came to me to borrow cash. Since I was keeping track of his expenses, he gave some spurious reason for requiring it. The following day I read in the Star Bulletin that Mrs. Wiebke had flown by 'plane from Molokai to Honolulu. Henry never mentioned the fact. He needed the money to pay her passage back. When I pinned him down with the newspaper article, he replied that his wife was ~~XXXX~~ ill and that he knew that I would not understand but would make a terrible fuss about the ride. Naturally he failed to tell me. If he cannot trust me with the truth, how can I have faith in him? Just about that time he was negotiating with me with a lawyer's help, to see about borrowing \$7,000 for Medical School expenses. Instead of getting a monthly allowance, he tried to insist on getting a lump sum. When he could assure me no security and since his word no longer appeared too reliable, I of course backed out of signing such a contract. An idiot would.

Personally I am convinced that I was ousted from my University position by the director of the local museum. Henry has always been under that impression likewise. The following case is therefore the more reprehensible from my viewpoint. The University botanist, also connected with the museum, praised Henry for his botanical ability. Henry at that time was taking a course under him. The botanist tentatively offered him a job at the Museum. This flattery, I believe, turned Henry's head. He came to my house and while I was busy in another room, took all my drawings of plants and the manuscript notes for my unpublished flora (results of my work which had accumulated



since 1922), and brought them to the Museum-University botanist, leaving them with him over night. Another botanist, who knows my situation, saw Henry walking through the hallway toward my "potential rival's" office. The man called after him "Henry, where are you going with Degener's things?". He suspected that something was wrong and thus tried his best to keep my notes for me. Henry, so he says, pretended not to hear him, and kept right on. This action of Henry's, I thought, was pretty close to biting the hand that was feeding him. Later when I talked to Henry about this act of his, he replied that when he took my material out of my house he told me he was taking them. I pretended to dismiss the incident from my mind with that explanation and never to have anything more to do with him. A few weeks ~~later~~ later when he came around again, I was under the impression that he was using the Museum's offer of a position as a lever to force me to be more liberal with cash. He complained about how little I paid him, how I liked to see him squirm in agony because of expenses, and that I had trained him in botany so that he was unfit to do anything else. If I could give him no decent work, he had no other place to go except to the Museum. For example, he demanded 50 cents per hour from me merely to go tramping with me in the mountains to get plants on Saturdays and Sundays. Not many months before, I was feeding and housing him merely because he had no other convenient place to go! After this Museum episode I did not tell Henry what I thought of him. I simply told him that I could not afford such a price. Later when the position did not materialize, Henry came "sucking around" to me for help. From that time on I lent him just the very minimum amount of cash so as to enable him to continue his studies and graduate.

Shortly after this Museum trouble Henry sailed to Kauai and induced his sister to mortgage her property and thus be able to lend him \$1,000. While he was living with me (previous to the \$1000 Kauai loan), he would occasionally drive to C.Q. Yee Hop Co., and order groceries for me, signing my name to the bill as my agent. Later when he was keeping house, I gave him permission to order his own groceries as well as mine from that concern, I later paying his part of the bill and considering that sum as a loan to him. This arrangement became very troublesome because of the difficulty of keeping our accounts separate. When I tried several times to have Henry take out a charge account in his own name, he avoided doing so. When he received the above-mentioned \$1000 from his family, taxes were just about due and I needed money to pay them. I went to Henry and got \$100 from him. As he had 900 remaining, I saw no reason why I should continue to pay his grocery bills when I myself was economizing to an uncomfortable degree and Henry seemed to be developing into a "gold digger". I told him very definitely that henceforth he must pay his own grocery bills and that he should no longer order them through me. He certainly understood me because at the time he demurred. At the end of the month I was surprised by getting a large grocery bill. In checking it over, I discovered that Henry had merely continued to order things from C.Q. Yee Hop, signing my name to the orders as usual. I made pretty much of a fuss about this, but the practice continued until I put an end to it by canceling my charge account. In that way Henry ran up a bill in my name exceeding \$80 without having my authority to do so - in fact, contrary to my forbidding him to do so.

Dr. Wayson in charge of leprosy work here was in need of a man to help in questioning the Hawaiians regarding their relationship to leprosy patients. He needed a College graduate and Henry was most highly recommended for this position by my friends (Dean and chemist of the University). They told Wayson that Henry would get his degree in a couple of months. Henry was to have an appointment with Wayson. So as to make a better impression, he did not want to drive in his own "junk" Ford to see him but came to borrow my car for the purpose. I let him take it. After he had left, the boy who draws for me told me to look at the car in my garage. Instead of finding Henry's Ford junk, I found a large Wolverine Panel Truck, and this stank of alcohol. I knew Henry



had been going around with a bootlegger and had warned him against continuing. I did not want a car like that in my garage. It took me some time to induce my boy to drive it away to Henry's place because the fellow was embarrassed and afraid to be in a car smelling like that. I do not know how to drive, otherwise I would have gotten rid of it myself. I did not see Henry again until the day set for a certain final exam. He came to my house with a flushed face, saying he had a headache and was going to "cut" his final. Then he started bragging about what he was doing. He had bought the truck on the installment plan, had lent his junk car to his Portuguese friend so that if he were caught and the car confiscated there would be little loss, he had rented land in Palolo Valley on which ti was growing and had hired two men to dig ti root. He was not a bootlegger but was in the perfectly "legal" business of supplying raw material to the countless bootleggers in Honolulu. He even quoted the prices he was getting per bag of ti root. In answer to my remarks of disgust, he stated that his business was no different from a rice dealer's. The man sold rice to anyone who would pay the price, and it was none of the dealers concern whether the rice were eaten in that state or made into sako. Henry, by the way, asked something like \$2,500 per year for the leprosy job. He failed to get it and now blames me for that though I had nothing to do with it. His demands were too high and the M&M physician got an M.D., as assistant instead.

One of the University students told me that Henry had given students drinks just before class, so that the instructor was obliged to dismiss them. Whether this story is true or not, I do not know. But if Henry goes around with questionable people, he must expect others to believe unsavory rumors. Does a student give up a final just because of a headache? Or was he excluded from the course for ethical reasons and gave me the headache story as excuse? At any rate, Henry did not graduate from the University.

The above, I think, is sufficient to establish the following points:

1. I and others have given Henry a pretty good chance to get through college and probably even to get partly through Medical School. He entered the University in 1925 and by Dec. 1931 he has not even received his B.Sc. degree.
  2. He has a family on his hands and debts to Rotary Club, to the grocer, to me, to the hospital, and possibly to his sisters - an aggregate, I should estimate, of \$3500 to \$4500. Part of this debt is legitimate but quite a bit is due to extravagance and dealings of which I disapprove.
  3. According to my opinion, Henry lacks sufficient moral discrimination to be a physician. Since I am the one who has been granting him practically a scholarship, I believe I am justified in discontinuing it for a mere opinion or whim of my own if for no other reason.
  4. I am pretty careful about making promises when considerable sums of money are involved. I always told him I would help him but that always implied that I would approve of his actions. He also made promises concerning help from others. These off-hand remarks were mutually canceled and our relations were crystallized into signed, written contracts. I am willing to abide by these signed contracts even if they are not to my interest.
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The reason for beginning to insist on some kind of settlement regarding my loans to Henry is:

After the C.Q.Yee Hop affair I twice went to Henry's home to ask him to settle this difficulty. Both times he was out. I therefore told his wife what it was about, asking her to tell Henry to come to see me. Henry never came. Twice I stopped him on the street in his delivery truck and both times he promised to come around to fix up our accounts. He ignored his promise

and never came. I wrote him several times without result. This attempt of mine to get in touch with him and settle things in a friendly way lasted several months. The last time I visited his house, his wife merely scolded about how badly I had treated them, and stated that Henry would pay his debts to me "when he was good and ready" and that it would be after he had graduated from Medical School. According to our official contract he is to repay part of his debt to me before Jan. 1935. Her statement seemed to imply that Henry did not intend to pay by 1935 if he intended to pay at all. From that time on I felt that I was being fooled and that I, because of good-natured weakness and inability to supervise expenses while living on Hawaii, had trained the entire family into being parasites. It is my idea that they will never seriously attempt to meet their obligations.

I was to motor across the States with a friend, sharing car expenses, and then was to sail for Germany. There I planned to study my herbarium as the facilities for doing so are of the best and living costs are low. But with Henry refusing to see me about debts, I could not leave. Henry apparently did not care.

Henry borrowed \$750 from the Bishop Bank for his trip to California. Mrs. Wiebke has been liquidating this debt by monthly payments of \$50. In view of Henry's attitude and his apparent inability to go into Medicine, I knew that if I were to wait until Jan. 1935 for a lump sum payment of part of his debt, Henry would have nothing saved. Since the Bank debt would be paid up by Jan. 1932, I saw no reason why the Wiebke's could not pay me \$50 per month or at least 30 until they had cleared the debt. They, however, refused to pay a cent. This antedated her illness. Now, of course, they have a little better excuse not to pay as much. But their refusal before her illness, seems to me to imply bad faith. I have been fooling around with them so long that I felt the time had come to be more aggressive. I therefore offered them two propositions to choose from: 1. I asked payment of a certain sum which they are supposed to pay on demand, and payment of the rest by Jan. 1935. Or 2. They could pay me \$30 monthly beginning Jan. 1, 1932 and 60 monthly beginning Jan. 1, 1935 until the entire debt is paid. That is practically how our status stands to date.

The only new occurrence is Mrs. Wiebke's illness and my completing her debt to the bank by the payment of \$100, and Henry meeting a mutual friend. The latter had told me that Henry had not yet found a position and that he was trying to borrow money to go to Medical School. Henry, with a rough-looking Hawaiian, was driving his trunk down from Tantalus at the time. According to my friend Henry appeared with blood-shot eyes.

Henry is supposed to pay me 5% compound interest. Since he never paid me any interest on debts so far and as compound interest cannot be recovered in Hawaii, the lawyer made out the contract to read 6%.

I see no reason why I should let Henry off - it would be little less than a swindle. If he attempted to pay, took a position, sold his truck, and gave up his shady friends, I would not mind if he could not quite meet payments. But he does nothing. Nor will I be intimidated by threats. He dares me to show his letter to my friends. I am not ashamed of my actions though I am somewhat embarrassed at having had poor judgement of human nature. I consequently enclose his letter and a copy of my answer to him. Certain statements he made I did not consider answering since he himself knows they are groundless. For example, he alludes to my drinking in Germany or Bermuda. I was last in Germany when I was 11 years old and in Bermuda when I was 12. He merely grabbed hold of some "kidding" of my sister's and states that as fact. About my preaching about abortion is far-fetched. I was disgusted with his slaughtering of goats on Hawaii for no purpose excepting to see them die. I



compared goats on an intellectual level with 1 or 2 year old babies. I have preached abstinence to Henry, not abortion and he knows it. What he says about my sister must be true. I disapprove of it.

I also enclose an old statement (dated July 23, 1931) of his debts. This has been revised by the lawyer, and his revision is enclosed likewise. The \$100 bank debt which I recently paid is not included in this sum.

I welcome Henry's offer to show you all my letters. You will see that they are full of advice and worries about expenses. I am just wondering whether Henry has also kept your letters. Did he carefully keep mine because he might want to try to use them against me after he had borrowed to the limit?

In conclusion, I maintain that I have done far too much for Henry already and that it is fair and reasonable that Henry pay up his debts and rehabilitate himself morally before he tries to go on with his schooling. He is not worthy of further help. I am not considering my debts alone but would advise that he pay some disinterested person a certain sum monthly and that the latter apportion it justly to the various creditors.

If Henry does not want me to write you, it seems that he knows that you would disapprove of his actions during the last two years. Possibly he hopes to borrow from you without letting you know about his past enterprises. Even if you had not offered to straighten out our difficulties, I believe you should know facts and rumors so that you may not be fooled by him the way I think he fooled me. I believe I should have written you long ago - then Henry might not have gone as far as he did.

I shall be glad to answer all questions you or Henry want to submit to me. If I had faith in him, I would gladly cancel the debt to help out an unfortunate victim of circumstances, but to do so after his past actions would be encouraging a life of parasitism.

Sincerely,

12/30/31

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

Dec. 30, 1931.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I have just returned from Michigan where I have been for the past two weeks and have tried to check up on the synonymy of *P. membranacea* which you asked about in your letter received just before I left. I do not have Hillebrand's *Flora* and have been unable to get hold of it in the state. I have an order with Steckert's, but they haven't located it yet for me. I am inclined to think that the synonymy as you gave it is OK with the exception of the NOT for *P. membranacea* of Miquel. DC in the *prodr.* says NOT, but C.D.C. did not apparently consider that correct for he makes no reference to two species under *membranacea* in his *clavis*. He also gives *Gaudichaudii* as synonymous with *membranacea*. Dr. Trelease made tracings of the specimens in the Delessert herbarium which included Beechey's specimen, which I believe would be the type of H & A's *membranacea*. Also it includes *Gaudichaud*'s specimen which I think is the type of Miquel's *Gaudichaudii* and Seeman's 2258 cited by DC in the *prodr.* I do not know why DC in the *prodr.* did not consider Miquel's *membranacea* as the same as H & A's inasmuch as Miquel cites the type specimen of H & A, as I see it. From the tracings and the descriptions of Miquel I cannot understand the NOT as applied to Miquel's *membranacea*. *Gaudichaudii* is given as having a cuneate base which may be Hillebrand's basis for varietal segregation, but I am not sure. In a broad way and not recognizing varieties, and so far I have not been able to do so, I think that the variety should be considered as a synonym, as you indicated. You cite Miquel's *Syst. Pip.* 1843-44. Part 1 which contains the *Peperomias* appeared under date line of 1843. Part 2 has date of 1844. I would think the date of 1843 correct.

I note with interest your comments on Dr. Gregory. From what you say it would appear that it would be advantageous if his sabbatical became permanent. I hope you didn't think I wanted to have your materials published by the museum against your wishes. It was simply a case of me being unable to get any place with the genus without having access to types and other materials and getting at the bottom of the genus as a whole as found in the islands. I am not bright or capable enough or whatever one may call it to be able to take a collection in a genus which I am not especially familiar and run them off authoritatively. Prof. Trelease could undoubtedly have done it easily because of his knowledge of the genus through years and years of study. The genus, I find, is not easy and it is taking considerable study of types and comparisons to be able to get very far along. I would certainly consult your wishes in the matter.

I have your materials here and have taken duplicates for my use from those which had enough material to allow it. I also have the sheets from the Univ. of Illinois of the materials they have taken. I am wondering what you want me to do with your unmounted

materials which I got just before writing you last time from the Univ. of Illinois. I would like to dispose of it according to your directions. Shall I return it to you? or shall I keep it here.

Assuring you that I am plugging along on the genus and have hopes of some day getting through. I am checking on a key at the present time and have been able to put in several days of uninterrupted work on the problem during this vacation. I want to get the types which I have from the Bishop Museum checked over and the types returned because I do not like to be responsible for them any longer than necessary. I am correlating your materials with the types as I go along where possible.

With the best of wishes for the New Year. According to press reports the natives seem to be raising Cain over there now.

Sincerely yours,

J. G. Yucca



## Chicago Normal College

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE (Botany)

Chicago, Illinois, Jan. 11th, 1932

Prof. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Professor Degener:-

Your letter of Dec. 26th came recently. I am sorry that I have been pressed by so many things lately that I have fallen behind in my correspondence. I believe I have two other letters of yours down at Field Museum intending to answer them as soon as I get time to get the information asked for ~~xem~~ by you but inasmuch as I have not re-occurred recently to Bidens I have not been in a position to reply. In a short time however I will attend to them if I can.

Yes, the Bishop Museum lent us its specimens, but since I had already gotten Forbes before he died to send us a large exchange of these plants (in return for my type photographs of Bidens) there was not so very much that was new to me. It is singular but Field Museum has two or three Forbes plants of Lipochaeta for every one at Bishop Museum.

The future is so full of uncertainties for me that I cannot say just now what I will attack. I shall keep your suggestion in mind however and perhaps go after Tetramolopium if I find on inspection that it is promising. Thank you very much for the advice along this line.--I hardly believe just now that I shall want to dip into Labiatae. I could not bring to bear I fear such a ripe perspective as I perhaps have secured among the Compositae. It takes time and much work to get this perspective.

Yes you wrote me about the Guggenheim matter. I received the blanks from them and made haste to give you a very superlative recommendation. I hope sincerely that you succeed in winning one of the fellowships.

I note that you have found a bunch of Bidens specimens "which escaped labelling" and which you will send along. I will get to them in due time (they have not yet arrived) and if they include anything worth while will let you know.

As to the proposed Lipochaeta Degeneri I do not believe you are justified in possessing "a guilty conscience" at all. In fact your mss. showed that you had suspected this as new and therefore I myself am disinclined to have anything to do with its authorship unless indeed it be to name it in honor of one who has done already so much for the Hawaiian Flora.--This reminds me of another aspect that needs attention. I have left the mss. and plates which you sent me, almost strictly alone so far, since I have preferred to be unprejudiced in an examination of specimens. Next month, however I shall be rounding up the keys and making final names and putting the finishing touches upon my preliminary contribution in the Botanical Gazette. Before I started the real work upon this group I could not see in advance the matters concerning authorship and relative responsibility at all so clearly as they now begin to show. For example, I have worked up individually some forms from unicate specimens in European herbaria where the forms themselves may well have become extinct by now. I have one, for example, that has been unknown since 1779. In various other cases it will become necessary for me to tamper with the status etc. Then there are cases where you have turned up a new form. In addition there are the cases where you had drawn up descriptive matter, notes, etc. I know that you very generously left everything last September to my own preferences in the matter, but you undoubtedly had in mind my earlier letters and now

on my looking over the copies of my earlier letters to you to get these matters straight I find that they were contradictory. I find in my original letter that I stated my wish to continue upon the same basis as in my *Bidens* work. This of course was my intention. According to it, I have proceeded as follows: On each new form which you were the one to discover, I have placed a designation with some tentative name attributed to Degener & Sherff. (You did not discover L. Degeneri, as Forbes sent me material of it some twelve years ago but as I told you before you had had a plate drawn and had been the first one apparently to feel certain or suspicious that it was new.) In cases where I worked upon our own materials at Field Museum or upon those which the Museum had borrowed for me to work up I made all changes in status, establishment of new forms, etc. upon my own single authority. The steps mentioned in this last sentence, however, have been taken in a tentative way, since I could see off-hand that it would to some extent duplicate what you had already done but not published. For example, I remember (I am at my home where I usually am when writing my letters) that you proposed L. connata var. littoralis as a species. I forget whether you touched the var. decurrens. As to decurrens, it is a variety of or form of what is probably L. lanceolata Nutt. In any case, I have planned after getting all the published literature checked up authentically to study your own notes and drawings that you have sent me and then work them definitely into my mss. in the light of my own knowledge and so far as they are tangible credit you definitely with them. This will give me opportunity to mention in each case the plates which you have lent me and to refer to them in advance as about to be published, if indeed not already published, in your *Flora Hawaiiensis*.

As I stated above, I have noted places where my letters happened to be contradictory in a point or two to the above plan,--to judge from the cheap copy on carbon which I saved and which was an entirely uncorrected one, therefore perhaps not truly a copy. I am therefore hastening to lay this plan out in the open lest I find later that our understandings were different. I refer particularly to a place in my carbon copy where I proposed to cooperate with you in the description of new species, meaning of course all that you might turn up as you had of *Bidens*, but neglecting apparently to make this clear. It was not my thought that I should draw you into every situation of nomenclatural change or action which might arise in my own work on plants from elsewhere. In fact, this latter policy would eventually be a boomerang against both of us in the sober judgement of botanists generally as it would reveal on the surface that the pretended authorship did not truthfully reflect the identity of the actual workers.---In the light then of these considerations and because I find to my surprise to-day as I glance at the above copy that possibly I was almost criminally slipshod in phrasing one letter, I am trying to set things forth straight. By all means, I do not wish to jeopardize in any way the mutuality of interests which have characterized our work in the past and if my plan of procedure is not entirely fair in your opinion or if you have objections of any kind to offer I trust that you will let me know it promptly.

And now as to another phase. If you send the odds and ends along for Lipochaeta before the middle of February, I can doubtless close my Gazette article by Feb. 28th. Where I make varieties for a species I will publish a little key.--The Gazette has removed the restriction on long papers and so if my revision is refused by Field Museum later for the reason that your *Flora* has contained substantially all my work I shall be able to put the revision in the Gazette. Hence the following: I shall be willing, as soon as my first Gazette number is off press, which should be next autumn, to cooperate as I did in *Bidens* by furnishing you complete keys



and other information of whatever type you wish, for your *Flora Hawaiiensis*.

I shall have my own descriptions in Latin but will be glad to type them over for you if you wish it in English. Then you can modify them as best suits your purpose for your own text. Whether you put us down jointly as you did for *Bidens* or state that the text was prepared with my assistance I shall not care at all.

I remember now another thing from a recent letter and that pertains to materials for your plates. Obviously it will be advisable to wait about six weeks until I have settled the status of everything more or less finally, then I shall go back to your entire range of duplicate specimens and draw out a set for you artists. These I will send on then.---I do not believe you gave me instructions but I have assumed that you wish me to label up your duplicates and give them out to the larger herbaria, taking care to cite these herbaria in my revision. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall do this. Meanwhile I suggest that you send me 200-300 labels if you have a preference that I use yours in writing labels for duplicate materials. Otherwise I will use Field Museum labels.

Another point comes to mind just now. I saw a depauperate specimen from you among the *Lipochaetas* which I believe had no heads (at least mature ones) and which surely must have been *Verbesina encelioides*. I did not match it up (you of course know, however, that that species is with you) but assume that you have merely made an inadvertent mixture.

My *Bidens* article comes out in March and I will send you several reprints, since you will be interested in our joint work there.

Trusting to hear from you at your convenience, I am as ever

Yours very truly,

Earl E. Shreve



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January 14, 1932.

Dr. D. Le Roy Topping

Honolulu, Hawaii

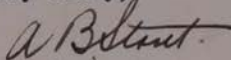
Dear Dr. Topping:

At the suggestion of our Director, Dr. E. D. Merrill, I am writing to solicit your assistance in obtaining seeds of various species of Hibiscus growing in Hawaii. We would like seeds of the following species: Hibiscus Arnottianus, H. weimeae, H. Kokio (several forms), H. Brackenridgei, and H. mutabilis. In Bulletin 29, Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station, on page 8, two forms of the native red Hibiscus are mentioned as occurring on Kauai. We should be pleased to have seeds of these forms.

May I ask also if you have in Hawaii what is considered to be the pure species H. Rosa-sinensis and H. schizopetalus, and would it be possible to obtain seeds of these?

We shall appreciate highly any assistance which you may give to us in this particular.

Yours very truly,



A. B. Stout

Director of the Laboratories

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2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Jan. 24, 1932.

C.O.Yee Hop,  
King Street,  
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Sir:

You sent me the bill for Henry Wiebke of 3158 Waiolaa Road. I told you and also wrote you that Wiebke had ordered that amount of groceries from you without my authority and that he was not in my employ when he did it. I tried to help you collect your bill a long time ago by writing Wiebke that I was seeing a lawyer, etc., etc., and advised you when Wiebke promised to pay the bill, to send him a monthly bill shortly after his wife, a school teacher, received her salary. Your concern bungled the matter by ignoring the sending of a bill to him when he had the cash on hand and had promised to pay you. Later his wife became ill, could not teach, and he apparently had a reduced income. In that way by delay you lost a good opportunity to get pay for the groceries which Wiebke got from you under what I consider false pretenses.

According to the bank, Mrs Wiebke is again teaching. I and the Bishop Bank had lent her \$100 and now that she is teaching again the bank is trying to collect that sum from her. This probably means that she will pay \$50 next month and \$50 the following. Furthermore, I have written about conditions to a man of good judgement now living in California who had befriended the Wiebkes and practically adopted them. He has promised to arbitrate our difficulties. I suggested that he get a monthly sum from the Wiebkes and that he then divide it among the creditors until all of Wiebke's debts are paid. That is the development as far as I am concerned with him.

I shall be glad to cooperate with you in regard to his debts as I have promised to do in the past. But if you let opportunities slide in collecting your such as you have done before, it is your own fault and not mine.

If you will look over the receipts of the groceries given to Wiebke and compare the signature on them with my own signature, I trust you will see that I did not sign them.

Sincerely yours,

*Mutabilis* - single double - seed  
*Schizopetalus* }  
*rosa-sinensis* } do not seed here - cuttings

Oahu - *arnottianus* varietal or forms seed  
*Kokio* varietal or forms cuttings  
*youngianus* - seed  
*brackenridgei* - seed (?)  
Kauai - *vainaeae* - seed  
*kabilii* - seed (?)  
*Kokio* or *Kabilii* var. (uncertain, not described) (?)  
*brackenridgei* *kauaiana* seed  
Molokai - *Kokio* *pukoonis* - cuttings  
*brackenridgei* *molokaiana* (?)  
*arnottianus* var. (?)  
Maui - *Kokio* var. (uncertain, not described) (?)  
Hawaii - *Kokio* var. ( " " " ) (?)

Feb. 17	<i>Arnottian</i> 11 + <i>Youngianus</i> 1	Nov. 1-3
" 28	<i>Arnottian</i> 1111	" 4-8
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Calcutta, the 28th January 1932.

Telegraphic Address :  
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Telephone No. Regent 513.

Dear Mr. Degener,

Many thanks for your letter dated the 16th December, 1931. I am glad your work on hermit crabs is almost completed and that your paper dealing with these is ready for publication.

With regard to the publication of your paper by us, I will gladly go through your manuscript and material, if you will kindly send these to me, and will then be in a position to express a definite opinion in the matter.

In case it is decided to publish your paper here, I don't think there will be any difficulty with regard to the stipulations that you have mentioned in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

*B. N. Chopra*

(Dr. B. N. Chopra).

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obay I just make one little criticism. The year of publication should be shown at foot of title page, it is an important point for showing others interested in scientific books, the copyright date on the other side does not give the same information. The year is plainly 1930 but in a few years time it will not be so plain & some botanist may want to date some item of information in the book.

Plow Hawaiianensis. I am interested in your notices. Please put me down for one copy as issued & send details for catalogue. With thanks yours faithfully H. Cork.



3/8/32

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CHICAGO, ILL., Mar. 8th, 1932

Professor Otto Degener,  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Professor Degener:-

Your letter of Feb. 11th came to hand but I have been somewhat dilatory in answering. I have here in my pocket a slip with certain determinations that I made earlier in the winter from the batch of plants sent me last autumn and you will be interested in them. They follow:

*Bidens sandvicensis*-4085-4087-4089-4088-4084-4093

*Bidens torta*-4094

*Bidens graciloides*-4091

*B. sandvicensis* var. *imminuta* (new)-4092

*B. sandvicensis* var. *typica* f. *compositior*-4086

I have also the notations: 4083-ovate leaf, I need fruits etc.

4095-new? I need normal plant

Regarding these notations however will say that I believe these points were cleared up on my later examination of your subsequent consignment. Anyway, I remember making before Christmas a new species, *B. fecunda*, out of the peculiar specimens that had attracted your attention. The species will be described in a month or two in the Botanical Gazette. I shall try to send the duplicates back to you before long and you will be interested I am sure in reviewing my labels.

You stated in a former letter that you had misgivings about *B. graciloides* being the true name for certain specimens collected by you. I see that in your last letter you appear to have taken back the opinion. Anyway, I myself concluded on reexamining your doubted specimens that they were purely *B. graciloides*, as I had previously considered them to be.

I received your copy of Brown's work and immediately worked up a review for the Botanical Gazette. It should appear in two more weeks. For some reason or other the Editor revised and revamped my carefully considered remarks touching the three years' delay in press and I could hardly see why. I suspected upon reading that you had told Gregory about the prospect of having me get up a review, however, that he had written at once a secret protest to Chicago. It might have been better if you had said nothing until the review was published.

I spoke to Dr. Kraus before he left Chicago and recommended that by all means he get to see you if he cared to get any first hand data regarding local plants etc.--I note that you have gotten some more *Bidens* specimens and shall be glad to work them up as soon as you can send them along. Perhaps it will be better for me to wait and return to you all of the duplicate plants in one shipment.--I was glad to hear that you had made a saving upon your publication. Naturally, I shall be glad indeed to receive copies of it when it comes out.

Hoping to hear from you again, I remain, as ever,

Yours very truly,

Earl E. Sherff

Do not meddle in your mss. with the total no. of *Bidens* as the increase of 1 species is offset by one reduction to a form

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7419 STEWART AVE.

CHICAGO, ILL., Mar. 21st, 1932

Prof. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

My dear Prof. Degener:-

Your letter enclosing copy of *Bidens* article just came to hand and I have glanced through it with pleasure and of course interest. If it is in the nature of an advance or proof copy then permit me in haste to mention one point that seems to have an error. I refer to page 3 where the 2nd column carries over from the 1st with the word Haole. Is something missing here?

If it is not too late may I add that since I have no official connection with Field Museum it would be better to put me down (on page 3) as Head of the ~~Bot~~ Department of Sciences at the Chicago Normal College.---I suppose from the date on the front page that the main issue will come out in a month or so. Naturally I shall be glad to receive a few copies if you have some extras given you by the publishers.

I trust that you got my recent letter. Have not yet received your contemplated shipment of *Bidens*. Will attack it at once upon receipt and then return all duplicates to you at one time. --My review of the Brown book is in the March Gazette, but I have been dilatory in returning the book. Will do so soon. My article with ~~our~~ our new *B. fecunda* and *B. magnidisca* will appear in the April Gazette. I get no separates of the review but do for the April no. and will send you some.

Must hurry to close. Please accept my best regards as ever and best wishes for your work.

Yours very truly,

*Earl E. Sherff*

4/16/32

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
April 16, 1932.

Prof. Felipe H. Salvoza  
Agricultural College,  
Laguna, P. I.

Dear Prof. Salvoza:

Many thanks for your letter and key on *Bruguiera* which came today. Your monograph, which I am awaiting with interest, has not yet arrived. But as Second Class mail does not get the attention which letters receive, I expect your monograph in a day or two.

Enclosed is a copy of my plate. If you should have any use for the original metal plate for printing work (or any of my other plates, for that matter), please let me know. I should be glad to lend them to you sometime. All you need do, is cite from where they came. That would help me in getting rid of some of my books.

I guess the *B. eriopetala*, which I may have mentioned to you, is a synonym of one of the four species given in your key. I note you do not list this species. No doubt I shall get that information from your monograph.

From my notes I find that the receptacle and calyx lobes are "orange-yellow" in my specimen. I am therefore not absolutely certain whether I have *B. sexangula* or *B. conjugata*. I imagine it is *B. sexangula* as you suspect. I shall check this up in your monograph, as soon as it comes. "Orange-yellow" is certainly nearer yellow than it is to red.

If your drawings of *Rhizophora* should be similar in size and character to my *Bruguiera* drawing, may I use them? I would of course cite from whom they were taken. It is hardly worth while duplicating the making of drawings when so many hundreds of other plants require illustrating.

I am making you a recent "preview" of my forthcoming flora in which I plan to put the *Bruguiera* and the *Rhizophoras*.

Many thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,



4/19/32

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
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STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
CALIFORNIA

April 19, 1932

Mr. Otto Degener  
2220 University Ave.  
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of March 16 some time ago and the shipment of Argyroxiphium a day or two ago. It was very kind of you to send the photographs along with the material. Since I last wrote you my chief, Dr. H. M. Hall, died in Washington, D.C. This has been a great blow to me and has disrupted my spring schedule considerably. There have been so many extra duties for me this spring that I am behind schedule on most of my scientific work.

As I previously wrote you, Dr. Hall was preparing a monograph of the Madinae and, as his assistant, I had been working upon it, and so was interested in furthering our knowledge of the Hawaiian members of this group. We have not yet had word from our administration as to the continuance of Dr. Hall's investigations, but assume that the projects he had in progress are to be brought to completion by the present staff. We will know as to that in May. As I am the taxonomist of our group, the work along that line <sup>on the</sup> Madinae monograph will doubtless come to me, and I am following it up as rapidly as time permits. As I am very busy with garden experiments upon our California Madinae this spring and summer, with subsequent preliminary work in the herbarium to assure myself that no benefits from the present experiments of Dr. Hall's starting will ~~be~~ be lost, I am very much occupied. I am not sure that I can get at the Argyroxiphium problem within the next few weeks, and I am wondering whether it is essential that they be returned to you before you go to Germany. I am not quite clear just when you are leaving for Germany, but I am clear that you have very good reasons for going there, and I certainly sympathize with you in your professional misfortunes in Hawaii.

Until I am told definitely that I am going ahead with the Madinae monograph, I can not decide about such matters as illustrations and so would prefer to keep your kind offer of the loan of your drawings in abeyance for the time. This matter is certain to come up later though, and I would like to discuss it further with you at that time.

I was much interested in the Scrophi you inclosed in your package and found their naming was not difficult, but some

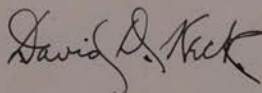
of the specimens bore such meager information it was impossible for me to tell what state they came from, if indeed they were all from the United States. However, I have done the best I could with the naming.

I have considered all  
~~the material you have shipped me~~  
as a loan and will return it all to you upon completion of my studies as you request.

If you are contemplating leaving for Germany in the near future, please keep in touch with me so that I may be able to direct not only your own specimens to you but also a bundle of local material that I am slowly preparing for exchange with you for Hawaiian specimens.

Best wishes to you in your future botanical work, and may your flora be a great success botanically and at least a moderate success financially!

Very sincerely yours,



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Dear Mr. Topping:-

I have just mailed you a package of a few of the Eastern U.S. ferns. They are all I had on hand at present but I will have more for you as I am able to collect this summer.

Have worked up some of the specimens you sent me, mostly Aspleniums so far, and will send you a list of my findings as soon as all are completed. I find some of the Aspleniums, especially *A. macraei*, quite variable in the National Herbarium.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Benedict

Recd. May 5<sup>th</sup>

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April 25, 1932.

Mr. D. LeRoy Topping,  
P. O. Box 2356,  
Honolulu, H. I.

Dear Mr. Topping:-

I have been very anxious to get in touch with someone in Honolulu collecting the Hawaiian ferns, and noticing your name in the last issue of the members of the American Fern Society, I am venturing to write to you to see if it is possible to obtain any of the Hawaiian ferns.

I have quite a number of them now in my collection, and I could give you a list of the ones I already have. I have a good many duplicate ferns that I would be willing to exchange. I have them from different parts of the world including ferns from America, or I would be willing to purchase specimens.

If you are not in a position to do this personally without too much trouble, possibly you could put me in touch with someone collecting ferns who would be willing to do this for me.

Sincerely yours,

*W. H. Cathcart*

WHC/AB

*Ans 5/20 '32*

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2965 Decatur Avenue

New York, N. Y.

April 27, 1932

Mr. Otto Degener

2220 University Avenue

Honolulu, T. H.

My dear Degener:

We are just now back from Porto Rico, after five months there, and find your letter of April 10th. We now plan to be here all summer, and will be very pleased to see you when you come to New York.

Your progress on the Flora is most interesting. I should think that the Garden would be glad to have you work there as long as you like. Of course I am quite out of the administration.

What a wonderful development of Bidens you have! Many thanks for the pamphlet. Mrs. Britton sends regards.

Sincerely yours,

*H. C. Britton*

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EXPERIMENT STATION  
OF THE  
HAWAIIAN SUGAR PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 402.

Hilo,

Hawaii

Thursday. Apr 28<sup>th</sup>/32.

Dear Otto.

Well, here I am and like this Island very much, there's so much to see and many forms of climate that one can have a change most any Sunday.

I went completely round the Island two Sundays past, totalling up 243 miles altogether, of course keeping straight on at Honokaa and going as far as Kukuiahaale before I found out my mistake.

You know this Island well, I presume, and take it you will not be over here again for sometime.

Last Sunday I went to South Puna, and saw the Black Sands of Kalapana and all that pretty coast along there, its really very beautiful indeed.

I've just finished reading your Koolau booklet, and was very hurt indeed upon not finding my name attached



to one of the rarer varieties, what do you propose doing about it?

There is a little snow left on Manna Kea, I can see it from where I write, I'm living at the Hilo Sugar Co's boarding house at Waimaku, just a mile from Hilo.

Please keep the rabbit in good health and spirits, I'll return someday and we'll have a killing and a feast to follow.

If theres anything I can do for you up here, dont hesitate to ask me, I'll be only too pleased to help you in any way.

Let me know where you have been hiking recently, and your camping sites, does Park still cook for the crowd and Otto Degener eat his meals from an empty Bear can?

My sincere salutations to Bush and Topping, and say to Park I'll need hot chocolate upon returning for the night the very next time I come with you."

Please say to Miss Cotton that an answer to my note would be appreciated and at the same time you might say Hello to the Old Parks for me, too.

Aloha nui, Dick [Northwood]

Dear Mr. Topping:

Exactly where were you on Maui on Aug. 5, 1927? It was somewhere near the coast on Maui.

Where were we on May 3, 1931. This is Kirai's writing on my specimens and I almost suspect he meant it for May 31, 1931 which would have been Pig-God Trail.

Oh, Dear Mr. Bust:

Under no circumstances, name whatsoever, let Mr. Topping read this. It is something he should not know as I would never hear the end of it. So, Will, please do not betray this confidence of mine and let Mr. Topping know of the last camping trip of mine with Park.

We, that means Park, myself and my sister, started out from New York for a discovery of Long Island. We drove to Port Jefferson, opposite Stamford, Conn., where we picked up my brother and his man Friday who had crossed the Sound by means of the Ferry. Then we, meaning Park, I, my sister, my brother and his man Friday, drove to Frogue where my cousin has a place. There we, meaning all 5 of us including my sister, dumped my sister's baggage as she will stay a few weeks with my cousin. That night my brother, my sister, and I supped

with my cousin and with my old German teacher, while the two men Friday found a delightful camping spot where they cooked their own supper. After the dinner at my cousins, the contents of the house were initiated into the beauties of camp life. Park called at 7 o'clock and all of us drove to the camp where every one got the tent, stove, etc., etc., with great joy and satisfaction. I slept in the car as usual and my brother and the Fridays in the tent.

The next day we drove to the very end of Long Island - to Aqueduct - bathed, etc., etc., saw ospreys catching fish, etc., etc. Then we planned to drive to Montauk Point and camp there in second night.

Before continuing I must state with the greatest possible amount of guaranty of emphasis that my cousin forced upon us an old mattress (excellent inside) so that Park would have a softer bed. Naturally, mattress and the 2 cats were strapped in the orthodox camping method on the trunk rack. We drove all day at a nice clip of 30-35 miles per hour. When we were about 25 miles from Montauk Point, a car overtaking us, pointed to our car, honked and made a terrible racket. Before we had a chance to stop, a delivery truck had overtaken us and made a similar racket, yelling that our car was on fire. We stopped as fast as possible, jumped out and, low and behold, 8 inch flames were shooting out of our tent-mattress 2-cat-combination. Like the heroes we are, we (that means all 4 of us) undid the one strap buckle that held the flaming mass to our gasoline tank. We got everybody off, stamped out the flames and poured water on the stubbornly smoldering mass. We looked at the tent finally and threw it away. We threw the mattress away. We threw one cat away and kept the second which is in such a bad state that the embarrassing camping experience I shall not mention my name.



*I just want to intimate to what extent I am being lionized by the women of N.Y.*

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Dear ~~Friend~~ Mr. Topping:

No, Mr. Topping, I just could not, as you notice above, address you as Dr. Merrill facetiously with a twinkle in his eye (or rather both eyes) advised me to do. Whether you were formerly called "Buddy" because you were always interested in flowers and buds of every description or because of your military dress and bearing, I do not know. At any rate I think "Mr. Topping" is quite a nice name so I shall continue writing to you in that way. I hope you won't feel hurt that I have forsaken a more endearing term.

Your Aug. 23 letter (enclosing that of July 21<sup>st</sup>, <sup>the</sup> one returned from New Orleans) reached me safely at Bronx Park. I forwarded your Merrill aloha to him. He accepted it graciously.

In the case of repts of letters sent me to New York and from there forwarded to New Orleans by my sister, I failed to get a single one. It seems I reached New Orleans before the letters got there with the result that they were shipped back to New York. In regard to your first letter, it should have reached me at N.O., because I wrote once from Honolulu that I would reach there and then wrote a second time from Texas the same thing. They had both my requests registered on their file.

When I talked to the postmaster in N.O., he told me that some of my letters probably had to be returned to the senders after 10 days according to law. And that my request to keep

my letters until I should call for them must be ignored after 10 days & so because by postal rulings, letters do not belong to the addressee but to the sender until actually delivered. They no doubt made the error of not noting that they should hold the letter until called for - this, I should think would cancel the 10 day ruling. At any rate, I got all letters so will not bother writing the Postman. They are much kinder in most cases and would merely throw my letter away without half-reading it.

If I had only known that you did not recognize Mrs. R. at the boat, I certainly would have introduced her to you under an assumed name. I think "Mrs. Pea" might have been appropriate. Please accept my apology for my rudeness.

I am actually assorting my herbarium now. It is very time consuming. The material that was always in my sleeping porch, had never been assorted before.

The weather here is still comfortable - never over 85°. The sky, however, is rather smoky. The auto fumes make my eyes smart. May have supper tonight ~~at the~~ in the N.Y. apts - you know, there is a lunch room at the top of the Empire State Building. I must give the kids a chance to see the city.

Park will enter Dewitt Clinton High School Monday. I am enclosing beeeeee-o-o-o-tiful \$1.00 stamps for which I hope you will reimburse me. There are seven of them. This is equivalent to 233½ three cent stamps. That means that you should send me 233 letters and one postal.

How is the Bush Aquarium? Is *Manocharia* growing in it?

Oh, yes, I must not forget. Sheff is becoming a lumper! He has united two *Warinae* *Bidens* species with 2 others. Off hand, I have forgotten which four they are, but I remember *B. persicaria* and *B. filiformis* are among the lot.

Aloha,

W.D. Stevens

17 Carlyle Rd,  
Edgbaston.  
Birmingham.  
England.

My Dear Otto.

I've just written to Joffing asking him to look after my interests in the Briden collecting sphere, and to see that he and I get recognition for our noble efforts in the past, them!

How is your leg? By now it should be better and I hope to hear you've started hiking again, collecting from all the places D. Leroy and myself have told you about. Excuse the egotism.

San Francisco tomorrow, where we will stay a week, it'll give me a chance to see the place and district before we start south for the Panama Canal and England.

We had an uncomfortable time for the first three days after leaving Hawaii, quite a nasty swell was running which kept me to my bunk, but now it's as smooth as a duck pond and I'm enjoying it fine.

You enjoy eating I believe, something seems to tell me so, then you should be aboard with me, but I'm sure the steward wouldn't let you put pea nut butter in your soup, and



of course you may not eat out of an empty  
fruit can, otherwise you would feel at home,  
I'm sure

Remember me to Iwasaki and Tony,  
how many fish in the trap this morning when  
you went out to it before breakfast? I must  
say I enjoyed my two visits with you very  
much, we will not be able to go to Kauai  
together when I come back in September for I  
have, fortunately, work to do, I secured a position  
in an office in Honolulu on the eve of my going  
away.

Are you having nicer weather now,  
remember it was very cloudy and lots of  
rain when I stayed with you; the weather  
here, a few hours from San Francisco, is very  
cold, but we've had no rain all the way,

I've had many hours enjoyment watching the  
various birds, today we had flocks of seagulls  
following us, its all very wonderful to me.

The snapshots I tried to take at Waimanalo of ~~the~~  
those Glaucous Gulls could be anything from  
a robin to a goose, too far away I think.

Won't you drop me a line sometime and tell  
me the news, did you get the fellowship?

Kind regards from - Dick. [Northwood]

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ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

MAY 10 1932

Mr. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Avenue,  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Degener:

In reply to your letter of April 1, I would suggest that you communicate with the operators included in the attached memorandum with a view to having them list your book "Plants of Hawaii National Park" among the national park publications sold by them in their stores in the various national parks.

Arrangements have been made in some of the parks whereby through the cooperation of organized groups within the parks interested in dissemination of information about the parks, books similar to "Plants of Hawaii National Park" are available for sale to the tourist. Therefore, if you are not successful in having your book listed for sale by the operator in any park I would suggest that you communicate with the superintendent of that park and see whether or not the cooperating organization above referred to is in a position to handle the book.

Your kindness in sending Dr. Bryant a copy of your book last year was much appreciated by him and he is asking that I extend to you his thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*A. E. Semaroy*  
Senior Assistant Director.

Inclosure 163109

5/17/32

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
May 17, 1932.

Dear Prof. Yunker:

I received your letter of April 20 and am looking forward to meeting you in Honolulu. Before I ever go anywhere I would always try to make all arrangements regarding work and finances in writing. Then no misunderstanding can ever occur. By the way, do you want to rent my house?

Of course I am purely an outsider and merely heard a one-sided argument. Mr. Stokes, over 30 years with the museum, has been "fired" - he claims his contract was broken in regard to papers in his possession. As his wife has a minor position - stenographic I suppose - he does the family washing now. Dr & Mrs. Brown, museum botanists, after completing their Flora of Southeastern Polynesia, are being "fired" and told to vacate their office. So I guess you will have a good room for your studies. Dr. Brown is elderly and is getting feeble due to years of sad and worry. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown a short while ago. It is probably to the best interest of the museum to dispense him at this age. They need pay no pension.

It seems some scientific workers here are "down and out", others are "down and being put out", while I have been put out but am luckily not down. I plan to leave this summer for the mainland and shall return when scientific conditions here improve. I wish to visit the leading botanical and political centers.

Dr. Gregory's contract at the museum I believe lasts until 1935. The president of the Board of Trustees according to one of the museum staff last time voted for Dr. Gregory's dismissal. I believe, therefore, that in 1935 things will materially improve. Please remember our agreement and the one you "inherited" from Dr. Trelease with the use of my peps., that I publish the new species represented in my herbarium jointly with you. I shall be glad to have these illustrated and printed at my cost in my Flora. I do NOT care to have them printed by the local museum because I consider the present director, a geologist, not qualified to do so. He seems to like to edit things to such an extent that the meanings have been changed and botanists are apt to criticize the result. Then the author gets the blame. Just refer to the book review of Brown's paper as published in one of the more recent numbers of the Bot. Gaz. Please realize, also, that I cannot afford to donate my collection to an institution when the director of that institution has influenced my earning power and future. If they desire my plants, they can buy them. As soon as the trustees change the present directorship, my attitude will change.

I wish we two could put out something on the peps., similar to what will be produced by Sheriff and myself on Bidens, and of which my reprint is merely a sample.

Better send me my Peps., because if you come here with them yourself they may be confiscated by the powers that be and then I might never see them again. I have quite a bunch of peps., here which I shall keep for you. I am beginning to pack everything else, in preparation for my departure.

I hope you will get here soon so that we can go botanizing together. If you have no family and can rough it, I hope you will put up with me until you get settled.

Sincerely,



5/22/32

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
May 22, 1932.

Lieber Herr Weltereck:

Ich habe Ihren interessanten Brief vom 11 Mai bekommen. Celebes muss sehr viele komische Sachen haben. Ich moechte gerne mit Ihnen da sein.

Noel Krauss und ich haben eben ein kleines Packet gemacht mit den Paar Sachen die wir gefunden haben. Dieses ist Ihnen nach geschickt zum Deutschen Consulat, Manila. Viel ist es leider nicht.

Die Hermit-crabs sollten Sie gewiss dem Dr. Chopra von Indian Museum, Calcutta schicken. Dort haben sie die Hermit sehr gut monographiert und dort moechte ich die Hawaiiischen fertig bearbeitet bekommen. Sind die Hermitcrabs die Sie gefunden haben in Frischwasser, species die sonst oft auf dem Land herumkauffen? Oder sind sie wirklich ganz fuer Frischwasser spezialisiert?

Ich bin so beschaeftigt mit meiner Flora jetzt dass ich nichts mit den Hermits bis jetzt getan habe die ich Ihnen zeigte. Die Flora wird ende Mai gedruckt. In einem Monat sollte ich Zeit haben andere Sachen zu tun.

Wegen dem Drucken der Flora spaeter schreiben Sie mir besser in acht Monaten oder so nach meiner Schwester: Irma Degenar, 320 East 53 Street, New York City. Wahrscheinlich werde ich bald danach in Deutschland sein und mit Ihrem "Partners" besser ueber dem Drucken sprechen koennen.

Ich fange jetzt schon so langsam und gemuetlich mein Herbarium zu assortieren, zu vergiften und zu verpacken. Ich lasse mir die Sachen beiseite auf denen ich wirklich arbeiten muss.

Hoffentlich fangen Sie viele neue Tiere. Dann in Deutschland erwarte ich dass Sie mir die besten zeigen werden. Ich werde dort gewiss vor einem Jahr sein. Meine Adresse wurde dann Dahlem sein.

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P. O. Box 1139,  
Honolulu, T. Hawaii.  
May 25, 1932.

Manager,  
Yellowstone Park Hotel Co.,  
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I was Naturalist at Hawaii National Park and published a  
*(called "Flora of Hawaii National Park")*  
profusely illustrated book on that region. It was written primar-  
ily for the visitor as the enclosed descriptive postal shows.

Kindly list this book with your other National Park publica-  
tions and offer it for sale. The present price is \$4.00 per copy  
of which you would receive 25% or \$1.00 commission. I am taking  
the liberty of mailing you one copy on consignment. You can at  
the same time judge of its possibilities for selling to your  
visitors. If this does not meet with your approval, I shall  
gladly of course pay the return postage on the book.

Now that so many tourists are traveling to Hawaii and these  
islands are more or less disagreeably in the lime-light, this  
book may have a certain demand.

I wrote the National Park Service as to how I could have my  
book offered for sale at the Parks and in reply Mr. Demaray sent  
me your address with that of some others.

I hope you can order some of these books from me in the future.

Yours very truly,

5723/32

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7419 STEWART AVE.

CHICAGO, ILL. , May 23rd, 1932

Prof. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, Haw. Terr.

Dear Prof. Degener:-

Your letter of May 3rd came to hand. I had been here and there upon various speaking engagements and so had not opened up the box of plants received from you. I hurried to Field Museum May 21st and worked these plants up. It may be that the mounted plant sent me is new but as there is nothing that one can go by as to fruit it would be unwise to guess about it. However, one other form was a new species and one was a new variety. Also, one was clearly a hybrid (*B. amplexans* X *B. waiianensis*), the first of its kind I believe I ever saw. These will come out in my forthcoming article in the Botanical Gazette.---I am interested in learning that you have some more *Bidens* materials and will send them along soon. From now on I shall be able to give them immediate attention as soon as they arrive.

Thank you for the separates. Am reminded that I must send you several of my last article. They are ready and will be sent by the end of this week.

I had not known that you contemplated leaving for New York. In case you actually do go there and pass through Chicago on your way by all means I hope Mrs. Sherff and I shall have the pleasure of a visit with you. We would like very much to have you stop over at our home for a visit before going on to New York. Please note that we have a phone, STEWART 10225, although same is not in the directory and you should put the number in your note-book where it will be ready in case you come through in a hurry. Our home is easily reached from downtown by the Elevated and Surface cars, also by the Rock Island R.R. (getting off at Hamilton Park Station in case of last, or R.R.). You will be truly welcome if you can find it convenient to visit us.

I shall hold all the duplicate plants here for you as requested. The Stearns plants under your number 4123 from east side of upper Kalihi Valley, Oahu, Mar. 20, 1932, having large oblong-ovate, simple leaves had immature heads and could not be determined for that reason. However, <sup>the form</sup> ~~it~~ looks different from other forms and may prove to be new if better specimens are collected.

Am sorry for your unfortunate experiences with the car but trust the matter can be adjusted eventually.--I shall hurry this letter off and trust that I may hear from you again.

Yours very truly,

Earl E. Sherff...



5/24/32

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T. Hawaii.  
May 24, 1932.

Mrs. E. B. Bishop, Pres.,  
Front Range Lodges, Inc.,  
Estes Park, Colorado.

My dear Mrs. Bishop:

I was Naturalist of Hawaii National Park and published a profusely illustrated book called "Plants of Hawaii National Park". This deals with many features of Hawaii National Park and was written expressly for the tourist. The enclosed descriptive postal will give you some idea of it.

Please list this book with the other National Park publications. I wish you would also offer it for sale. The present price is \$4.00 per copy of which you would receive 25% or \$1.00 commission. I am taking the liberty of mailing you one copy on consignment. This will save the you can then immediately judge as to its possibilities for selling to your visitors. If this does not meet with your approval, I shall of course gladly pay the return postage on the book. I am selling it, by the way, actually far below cost of production as you can estimate by the number of costly illustrations it contains.

Now that the summer tourists are probably beginning to come to Estes Park and these islands are more or less disagreeably in the lime-light this book may have a larger demand.

I wrote the Park Service in Washington for advice as to how I could have my book offered for sale at the Park and in reply Mr. Demaray kindly sent me your name with that of people in charge of concessions in the other Parks as well.

I hope you will order copies of "Plants of Hawaii National Park" in the future from me, and will offer them for sale on consignment in Estes Park.

Yours very sincerely,

5/30/32

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

May 30, 1932.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I am just in receipt of your letter and must say that I am very much disappointed to learn that you will not be there when I arrive in all probability. I had expected the pleasure of meeting and perhaps doing some running about the islands with you on collecting trips. I am going alone and would not need a house. If the family were to be with me I would certainly consider yours. I suspect that I will have to locate a room somewhere. Naturally I am going as easy on the finances as possible.

I am interested to get the 'low-down' on the situation at the museum. I understand that Dr. Gregory is to be away in the States which I thought would relieve the situation as you saw it. At least, in a recent letter. I was informed that he had gone to the mainland and that Mr. Bryan had been appointed acting director in his stead. *for an indefinite visit*

With regard to your specimens. I certainly do not intend that they or anything else shall be 'confiscated' by the Museum. I am fair proportioned and since getting my growth folks just haven't been in the habit of confiscating off me. However, I shall not give them any opportunity. I am wondering, if you are packing up, and with the possibility that I might want to refer to your specimens later, if it might not be better just to pack them up and leave them here.

As I see it, my relationship with the Museum will be only nominal inasmuch as I am there for only the year and I do not think anyone there will be in position to say very much to me. I am not pugnacious, but I have not been dictated to for so long that it might be refreshing to have someone attempt it.

If you want your specimens returned rather than leave them here let me know. They would be safe here, I am sure. I had not intended taking them with me necessarily unless you thought best.

I expect to reach Honolulu about the latter part of August and if you were there at that time I would certainly enjoy seeing you and letting you help orient me.

Cordially yours,

*J. G. Gmelin*

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June 22, 1932.

Mr. D. LeRoy Topping,  
P. O. Box 2356,  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Topping:-

I received your letter of May 20, and I delayed answering until I could make up lists of items which I need in my collection of the Hawaii, Borneo and Philippine ferns. I have gone through my copy of Christensen's Index and supplements and have made an alphabetical list of the three countries covering the items I do not have as listed by Dr. Christensen. I speak of this so that you will understand the nomenclature I have used on my lists.

Although I have never been on the island, I have a rather close interest as a number of Cleveland families have been there. Mr. Baldwin, whose mother is still living there, and, I believe, whose uncle was quite a collector of ferns, is a close friend of mine here. Mr. Douglas Jones, who, I believe, was born there, and whose father was quite interested in all the natural sciences, has told me a great deal about the island. He and your present governor used to collect ferns together when they were young men there in the school. Then I have an own cousin who has recently gone to Honolulu and taken charge of the music in one of your large churches, Professor George Andrews. I can mention a number of friends who have been there, either residing there at one time, or whose families have.

I think I received my first collection of ferns from there in 1862 when it was known as the Sandwich Islands. I will be glad to get any on the list that you can send me. If you can make a better price for the quantity, it would be very acceptable in these hard times, but I am not placing the order at all conditionally on this. I have bought a great many ferns from Dr. Rosenstock of Germany at ten cents a specimen.



MrDLeRoyTopping--2

June 22, 1932.

I also received a letter from Mr. Lyon who says he has spoken to you, although I do not believe that at the time he knew that I had written to you also.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Cathcart

WHC/AB  
Encl-8

P.S. The stamp I have put on the envelope is the new stamp just issued in honor of the Olympic games to be held in Los Angeles.

7/11/32

2965 Decatur Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
July 11, 1932

Mr. Otto Degener

2220 University Avenue  
Honolulu, T. H.

My dear Degener:

I thank you much for your very interesting letter and the proof-pages of your Flora, and congratulate you on the progress of this work. It will be a pleasure to talk with you about it when you come.

Yes, I see no reason why the Cactus should not pass for Selenicereus grandiflorus. If you want a more critical determination, send me a dried specimen. That Malvaceous plant you refer to must be quite unique.

I note the impending changes you refer to at the Bishop Museum.

Very sincerely yours,

*H. C. Britton*

NLB:MSA

7/20/32

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
July 20, 1932.

Dear Ed. Bryan:

When I left the University in 1927 I wrote an official injunction to various people interested in Hawaiian botany that I would lend them certain plants desired for study on condition that none of the results be published by the local museum while under the present management. This injunction and the reason for it is pretty generally known locally and in botanical centers in the States. It has been repeated to the same individuals and constantly renewed with requests from new people from year to year.

Now that you are Acting Director and presumably will be Director, I have confidence in the Bishop Museum. The editing of ms., certainly will no longer be astounding - look at the atrocious errata in Skottsberg's article, for instance - and things should run along smoothly. Hence during Dr. Gregory's absence and DURING YOUR CONTROL of the Museum, I am prepared to revoke the injunction on Mosses and Peperomia and for that request you to furnish me with all specimens of Lipocheeta deposited at the Museum. I am monographing the group. Thus I shall have the use of one genus while the Museum, even while still officially engaging Dr. G., will have the use not only of one genus but of an entire Pinet Group amassed by me.

If this is agreeable to you, let me know within this week when I can come to get the Lipocheetas. Being interested in furthering botanical knowledge in the Pacific I am sure the Museum would not refuse.

Am sending you a few pages of my FLORA HAWAIIENSIS or NEW IIUS-



ILLUSTRATED FLORA OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, written by that fellow  
Degener. This is your personal copy - shall be glad to receive  
orders from the Museum for copies when the book is fatter. Am  
printing 2,000 only so better order at least 100 while they are  
yet available. I would give the Museum the regular dealer's dis-  
count and Mrs. Webb could offer them for sale.

Sincerely,

8/23/32

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August 23, 1932.

Mr. D. LeRoy Topping,  
P. O. Box 2356,  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Topping:-

I have your letter of July 20 saying that you will be sending me specimens as soon as you have time to get them out, and I will say that I have a lot of patience, which one must have when engaged in this line of work, and which has occupied my time for so many years. At the same time, I am anxious to get the specimens as soon as convenient for you to send them.

What you say about the nomenclature I quite agree with, and having a copy of Christensen's check list of ferns, I use his nomenclature for it is easier, as no matter what the botanist lists the fern under, I can get them classified and placed in order, thus assuring me of not having anywhere from five to twenty-five specimens of the same fern under as many different names. I have felt right along that Hillebrand made a good many varieties which did not stand up under careful studying, but having a copy of his work, I thought I would include in the list the ones that he mentions.

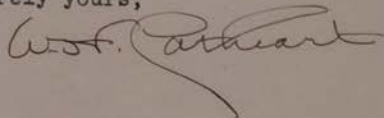
I do not have a copy of Christensen's revised list of Hawaiian Pteridophyta. Would it be possible to get a copy of this?

MrDLeRoyTopping--2

August 23, 1932.

I saw in our Cleveland papers a few days ago that my cousin, Dr. Andrews, died quite suddenly in Honolulu. He was thought very highly of in musical circles in the States, and I hope you had an opportunity to meet him before his death. It is only a year ago that I went to Oberlin and bade him farewell, and he left in a very happy mood with highest anticipation of his life ahead in the islands.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. F. Topping". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "W. F. Topping".

WHC/AB



8/30/32

Stoughton, Mass.

30 Aug. 1932

Dear Mr. Seeger:

Your letter of 16 Aug. was forwarded to me here on vacation. I should certainly be glad to work up *Raillardia* with you. However, it would be just as well not to send on the specimens until I go back to Wash. on 3 October. I am doing some work at the Gray Herbarium, and will take the opportunity to look up Gray's types in that & other genera.

With best regards,

L. F. Blake

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9/15/32

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Sept. 15, 1932.

Dr. E. D. Merrill,  
New York Bot. Garden,  
Bronx Park, N.Y.C.

Dear Dr. Merrill:

I was surprised to hear that you have such an army of emergency employees at the Garden. Conditions must be pretty bad in New York. Here in Hawaii we note little hardship.

I have been offered two beach houses, belonging to the Pan-Pacific Institute, near Kahuku practically rent-free. So I shall move in and hibernate there with two illustrators to continue making drawings for my Flora. Then probably when the weather gets warmer in New York - possibly in April, - I shall leave here.

What is the cost of labor in New York. I am paying my Japanese student illustrators \$30 per month plus room and board. Could I get a reliable boy at that wage in New York? Possibly I should bring one from here. What is your idea about this? I would have any amount of room at my brother's house in Fieldston (near Riverdale) to house him.

Where do you keep your used zincos? At the Garden? I guess I have about 200 by this time stored away at the local newspaper office. I doubt that they keep them as careful as they should. Would it be practicable for the Garden to store them for me, the plates still being my personal property and in my full control?

Adisonia contains some gorgeous colored plates of plants which are now growing in Hawaii. What would the charge be if the Garden

should store some of these plates for me at the same



verse side. These pages must be of such a character as to fit into my  
Flora.

Sincerely,

9/17/32

2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Sept. 17, 1932.

Dear Dr. Shear:

I am mailing you what has been printed so far of the taxonomic part of my Flora. Please look it over critically. This can never get out of date because whenever a mistake is made or a revision desired, the single page involved can be readily discarded and replaced by a new one without in any way interfering with the rest of the flora. This I have done in the case of Ipomoea aquatica which I had previously incorrectly printed as I. reptans. The material I am sending you is naturally merely a beginning. At least 100 additional plant illustrations in the form of zincos and a couple of hundred other plants in the form of pen and ink drawing have piled up. In addition to that I am daily writing descriptions and my boys have been making drawings. An explanation of the method of printing is given on the cover of the pamphlet I am mailing you.

My trouble now is this: Theoretically I can keep on printing additional illustrated pages like this until every species in the Islands has been recorded. But, as every one else, my income has temporarily shrunk 20% because I do not get the dividends I used to get. I can easily keep on giving the printer 10 - 20 illustrated descriptions monthly but by doing so I would be forced to attack my capital - the goose that lays the golden egg. This would mean the beginning of the end of my entire aim to write the Flora. At present the printing cost of each illustrated sheet is \$15 (\$4.30 for zincos plus \$5.35 to print it plus \$5.35 to print the description). So to print 10 - 20 sheets per month would be \$150 to 300 in addition to my costs of paying my artists and paying for the up-keep of my car with which I go out in search of new plants. This is too much for a person who still belongs to the "army of the unemployed". My income is just enough to live on in modest luxury, but not quite large enough for my printing bills.

This is what I am now doing: I have sent one of my artists away, and now have only three. I am going to send one or possibly two more away to reduce expenses. Each has been getting \$1 per day plus his housing and food. At present instead of working on the Flora the artists are painting the house (it has not been painted since I bought it - you know what it looked like) in preparation for renting it. Then I shall rent it at, I hope, \$60 - 70 per month. I then with one or possibly two remaining artists will move to Alexander Hume Ford's shacks at Kawaia Bay near Kahuku. I can have both of them together for \$12.50 if I fix the roof, etc. There I will then hibernate, keep on describing plants and have drawings made. Thus I should be able to save and gradually pay off my bill for the present part of my book. I have already paid off almost \$1000.

Of course I do not want to curtail my work like this unless absolutely necessary - and it seems that I must unless something unusual is done. Help from the Bishop Museum or the local University, as you know, is out of the question. What I need is the following information from you:

1. Is there any chance if I continue working at full force without charge and if I pay out of my own income for artists, that the U.S.D.A., might print the continuation of the Hawaiian Flora free of charge for me as a government bulletin? They do print all kinds of things.
2. Could the present material plus the additional material be called and labeled as a bulletin from the Smithsonian, the government taking over the printing expenses and not the expenses of my labor and artists? That would be my cost. I know the Smithsonian printed Emerson's "Unwritten ~~LITERATURE~~ Literature of Hawaii", researches on the Hawaiian flora, as one of their bulletins.
3. Are there foundations or corporations who could take over the future printing expense of this flora? Give me their names and addresses.
4. Have you any suggestions as to how I can continue in full activity rather than slacken. Of course new species I could always print in some bot. journal. But most of my flora consists of rewriting descriptions and making illustrations of plants that are already well known. No botanical journal would waste paper on that, yet that is just what people in Hawaii are interested in.

After my Kewela Bay season I shall go to New York and Dahlem to work up my entire herbarium. During the New York stay I will no doubt go to the Smithsonian and hope at that time to see you.

Here everything is going along just about the same. The Browns are out of a position, yet are working on their flora for the Museum without pay. Gregory according to strong rumors is expected to be retired next year. It is about time.

Sincerely,



9/23/31

Hawaii National Park  
Sept. 23 1931

Dear Otto

I got your letter and was glad to  
hear from you.

I mean the Ohai's are the Flame Trees or  
all Poincianas, and the Golden Showers or, *Cassia fistula*  
Pink Showers or *C. grandis*, Pink and white show-  
ers or *C. nodosa* and Monkey pod trees are Ohai's too.  
The Hawaiians called them all Ohai, 'ih alii'  
I suppose it means (protective) and I think because  
they grew so large and shaded so many things how it  
got the name Ohai.

Now what's this? a new Kokoolan  
See what it is quick. I have lots in my  
yard growing see that's why I don't want  
to go away yet lots more to find here yet  
just as soon some of the other plant flowers I  
send you them it's no use to send them with-  
out flowers to work on.

I got lots of Ape ape plants now growing  
in my yard too.

Give

Added  
corrected

Obs is - *Cucurbita* *longa* is.

When a dancer has arrived to a state of perfection - the oil of the Sandalwood is used for purification. A pig is offered at the Altar, later eaten by members of the Hula school, then the young woman is released from all the tabus of the hula. She can then go & dance wherever she pleases.

Breaking the Hula tabus. was considered a bad offense & always succeeded by supernatural punishment.

sickness etc.

Good book - Out of print & cost a fortune  
= Legends of Hawaii by Kalakama.

Writer - R. Haggard.  
Some copies still in England. (watch out for it)

The true hula is one of the most graceful  
of dances. There are many kinds - The  
more graceful types of hulas are mostly  
hand movements with very little buttock  
movement. This is called the hula  
kui' + long holokus are worn instead  
of grass skirts. I've seen some good ones.

Everett Brumaghin  
[Brummingheim]

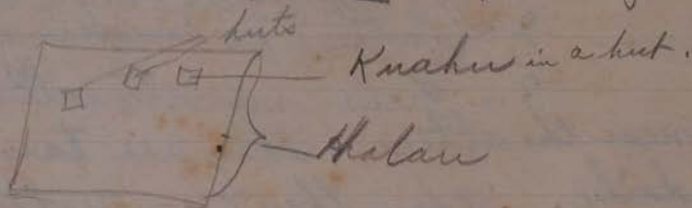


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Besides information already given, they used the serial roots extensively for cordage to bind rafters of their grass huts.

This plant was used for decorations in general, but chiefly to decorate their Knahu or altar where they made offerings to the god & goddess of hula.

The Knahu was an altar composed of a raised platform in one of the huts within the Halan or place of dancing.



Added  
Correction

On the platform or altar or Kuahu  
a cup of offering is placed in the  
center. Alongside of which a  
purification cup is placed.

For novitiates the purification cup  
contains salt water, which is suppose  
to cleanse. When a novice arrives  
she is sprinkled with salt water and  
from then on she is under the  
tabu of the hula.

Training then commences.

- 1- They could have no sex connections  
whatsoever <sup>(period since arrival of white men)</sup>
- 2- (later) no smoking
- 3- girls, menstruating could not come  
near the altar. They are taught to dance  
daily. When they can perform a hula  
(which is nothing like the vulgar dance of today)  
without a teacher, Olewa is then used  
for purification instead of salt water.

10/10/32

16 March St.  
Ludlow, Mass.  
Oct 10, 1932

Dear (⊕):

Since receipt of  
your latest epistle in  
which you outlined your  
plans for adventure into  
the East, I too have  
fallen into the ranks  
of the unemployed.

It seems to be fashionable  
in these parts.

In the bustle of  
job hunting I neglected  
to write you and I  
hope you haven't left  
Hawaii as yet.

Every two weeks or



so I go down to N. Y. C. to  
answer advertisements. I was  
down last week and will  
doubtless go down again  
in two weeks more. If  
I do make this next intended  
trip I'll see Basil Breckham  
who can give me your  
brother's business address  
whereupon I will phone  
him for information as to  
your whereabouts.

~~If you can~~ In the event  
you receive this letter,  
write me immediately and  
I'll go down to N. Y. C. to  
see you at whatever date  
you believe you'll be there.

As you may notice by  
the postmark, I am only

10-8-32  
a few miles from Amherst.  
Twice I have attempted to  
visit Doc Crompton but  
both times he has been out  
due to the fact that my  
calls were always on a Sunday.

I understand from gossip  
that he now has three camps  
— three because he soon  
intends to retire and when  
he does he wants to be  
sure to have at least  
one place to suit his  
desire. I imagine I could  
laugh my head off if I  
could see him and get  
an outline on what has  
been his interest since  
I left school.





10/11/32

Office of the Trustees of the  
Bernice P. Bishop Museum

P. O. Box 466. Cable Address "Pauahi."

Honolulu, T. H.

October 11, 1932.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for the sheets of "Flora Hawaiiensis" which you have been sending me. You have undertaken a great effort, and I wish you success. I am not a botanist and, therefore, cannot evaluate your work. The illustrations, I know, I shall find useful, for they are admirable. It is not easy, however, to change one's habits and to use the illustrations easily which have the text on the back of the page. Perhaps it is only habit to expect the text and illustrations to be together.

As a "tree planter" I deplore the fact that botanists seem to delight in changing the names of plants - all botanists are alike in this regard. With the men planting trees the first name of the tree always sticks. I am sure you will not object if we continue to use the name "Grevillea robusta".

Some months ago when I met you in our newly planted Hawaiian forest you challenged the labels "Nesoluma polynesica." You were correct. The plants so labeled were, in fact, "Maba". The mixup occurred in the nursery. We now have growing in a nursery a few plants of "Nesoluma polynesica" and I hope in due time to have the trees growing on Kapalama Heights. Any criticism of our School forest, or any addition thereto, will be welcomed by me. I wish to have that planting regarded as the effort of not one man, but of many.

Faithfully yours,

  
A. F. Judd.

Mr. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Avenue,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

10/27/32

EARL EDWARD SHERFF  
Associate Editor Taxonomy  
7419 Stewart Ave.

## The Botanical Gazette

Chicago, Illinois, Oct. 22nd, 1932

Prof. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Professor Degener:-

Your letter of Sept. 29th came to hand, also your postal card correction of the spelling of the name for the type locality for *Bidens magnidisca*, the enclosure of the copy of the Journal of the Pan-Pacific Research Institution, and a separate mailing of numbers from your *Flora Hawaiiensis*. Many thanks.

As to the zinc plates about which you inquire. Yes, I received them back in good condition.

I noted that your packages of *Lipochaetas* contains<sup>ed</sup> some plates but I confess that to date these latter have lain aside in my cases while I have sought to get the known species all lined up exactly. This will come in time, although for the present I am having delays in getting the foreign types sent here.---It seems that more was known of the genus than I had assumed on starting. Thus several forms which I had laid away at times gone by as probably new are fading one by one into synonymy and I fear that I shall have few left. As to the ones that you sent me nearly though not all seem to go at once to established species or varieties. My inclination will be for the first clear cut case of a new species collected by you to name it *L. Degeneri* and assume responsibility for it individually, leaving any subsequent forms for us to describe mutually. I think this would be of more use to you in your heroic fight in the Islands against covert interference from petty-minded politicians etc. than for me to omit seizing upon such an opportunity.

As to the trichotomous place in our *Bidens* key, I remember it well. I made such an arrangement purposely, as to do otherwise would involve too much overhauling and be too expensive in the way of new typesetting.

As to my plans for illustrating all species of *Bidens* and *Lipochaeta*. I have stopped drawing, so that all *Bidens* and *Lipochaetas*, beginning with my publications for 1931, will be found to be without illustrations by me. I do feel however that the illustrations such as your artists are drawing are a marvellous aid and asset and they certainly will do much to enhance the value of your work.

I will complete the label for Topping's Niu Valley plant as requested by you before sending any plants out.

Am more than delighted at the thought that you may still keep at your Hawaiian work instead of leaving for the United States. Let me have your new address by all means. I am looking forward to the promised package of specimens which you expected me to get before November. They will have careful attention.

I am seriously thinking that your *Flora Hawaiiensis* has progressed far enough to warrant a review in the Botanical Gazette. If you have any items that ought to be before me in addition to those in your Pan Pacific Journal description, also any additional data (such as number of pages, plates etc. to date, probable number finally, etc.) You might send them to me. I shall be glad to cooperate in this way with you in this great and worthy effort.

Yours very sincerely,

Earl E. Sherff

10/29/32

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE  
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

October 29, 1932.

Dear Mr. Degener:

Many thanks for sending on the card from the firm which advertises fern spores. I shall communicate with them some of these days. I am not really hopeful about getting material which is properly collected for my purpose, but there is always a chance that the collector may be careful. There is *Danaea* in that region and I would like that very much.

Yes, indeed, I have seen Dr. Torrey's book. Miss Reed and I made a special trip to see Dr. Torrey to tell him how much we like it. It is the only readable text-book which I know. We set our seniors on it when they were preparing for their General examination. We are giving that as one of the optional books for our general course and I am anxious to see how it works. I would feel surer of it if we had a 5-hour course, instead of a 3-hour course. I think that it will be especially good for the students who have had Zoology. I like to teach the beginning course in Botany but usually I hate to read the text-books. Dr. Torrey's is almost the only one which does not bore me to the limit and on the contrary I find his excellent reading.

I find that I am settling down to work this year rather better than last. My fern cultures are going along nicely - those which I brought from Java and Formosa.

If Mrs. Setti Line Hibino should come your way, on her way from Formosa, remember that she was an old student of mine and please do what you can for her. She is the American who married a Japanese botanist. I visited them in Formosa and had a delightful time. The marriage which was going very well at that time has gone on the rocks - I think it is due in large part to the Japanese military activities. Mrs. Hibino is a Theosophist and very anti-military. She wants to get a divorce and take the six year old son to Hawaii. I don't know what she can do there, or here, either. She said that an inter-racial marriage would have more chance for success if the couple lived in a foreign country. I liked Dr. Hibino very much and I feel sorry for him, as well as for Mrs. Hibino.

If I had only known last year when I was in Honolulu that college would be three weeks late opening,



24-8-32  
I would have waited a week for another boat and seen something of Honolulu and the environs. I could have had at least one good collecting trip.

Many thanks for keeping an eye open for *Gleichenia*. Even when I found plants, in Java, I often had to hunt a long time to get fertile material. *G. linearis* fruits freely, but some of the other species do not. I shall be glad if you happen on your species of *Marattia*. I got *Marattia sambucina* in Java and it is going along very nicely.

I thank you for the reprint of the article on *Bidens*. I don't know enough about the genus to know whether or not we have any queer species. I have always looked upon it as a most objectionable genus, but perhaps I should make tea of it and reconcile myself to its presence. I shall look at it with more interest since reading your account of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver G. Sothery

11/9/32

Hawaii National Park

Nov. 9, 1932

Dear Otto:-

Aloha

Here is the Maunaloa I could not  
get more for they have poisoned the wing side  
on the road and these came from my yard.

I am sending you a list of names please  
collect them for me both name and Hawaiian  
name also if you have them.

I have lots of work on hand now  
and I am sending you what Mr. Loomis  
got me to do now.

and don't forget to return both the  
letter + the list of plant names

Aloha Nui

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[Everett Brumaghian, father a German-American  
soldier Brumaghian and mother a German-Hawaiian girl related  
to the Holt family of Hilo. Degeuer recommended him as Ranger for  
Haw. Nat. Park. He was first Ranger there of Haw. ancestry, and a  
success, living with his affable Japanese ancestry wife (with 10 children) and  
children in one of the Waiea cottages. She had T.B. and died. He started  
drinking, lost his position, & Degeuer lost track of him.]

11/14/32

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Nov. 14, 1932

Dear Mr. Degener:-

This morning Dr. Bernhart turned over to me the additional sheets of your Hawaiian Flora which he said had been on his desk a month or so - the package addressed jointly to Britton, Bernhart & myself. In the course of my conversation with him I asked him how he would make an exact citation to "volume, page, plate, & date" in referring to the work and in citing the new names. He said he didn't know, & suggested I ask you! This is a variant that neither Bernhart nor I have seen and we are both frankly puzzled - perhaps you have thought it through. Any way regardless of bibliographic difficulties, which after all are minor & don't bother the man on the street, the work has fair to be very useful

Hastily

E. D. Merrill



11/18/32

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 18, 1932.

Mr. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Avenue,  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I have received from Dr. W. L. Corbin, Librarian of the Smithsonian Institution, your letter of October 15, addressed to him, and in reply may say that the original description of the species febrifuga dates from Blume, "Bijdragen tot de Flora van Nederlandsch Indië," p. 180, 1825, as follows:

CEDRELA FEBRIFUGA

C: foliis ovato-oblongis acuminatis basi obliquis integerrimis venis subtus concoloribus. (Arbor 160 pedum altitudine, in collibus calcareis tamen vix 40 pedum.)

Habitat: in sylvis elatis montium Salak, Gedè,  
ut etiam in montosis Parang etc.

Floret: Jun., ----Aug., etc.

Nomen: Suren.

I am quite unfamiliar with this group of plants, but judge the situation to be rather complicated, at least as to synonymy. Have you noted Dr. Merrill's discussion of Toona sureni in "An Interpretation of Rumphius's Herbarium Amboinense," p. 305, 1817, including synonymy?

Yours very truly,



William R. Maxon  
Associate Curator  
Division of Plants.

A natural arboretum, containing 42 kinds of native trees in a radius of 200 yards, was discovered last year in Makau Valley, Oahu, Hawaii.

FLORA HAWAIIENSIS—Otto Degener  
—Author (Honolulu). A well worked out, excellently illustrated flora, which will be welcomed both by botanists resident in the Hawaiian Islands and by visitors who have a little time to spend in studying their remarkable indigenous vegetation. This book is published as single leaves punched for a loose-leaf binder, with description on one side and an accurate line drawing on the other. This makes for flexibility, as well as for ease of revision and insertion of new species when found and described.

11/18/32

Pickering Lumber Sales Co.

Kansas City, Mo.

November 18, 1932.

T. M. Barham,  
Vice-President

Dr. Otto Degener,  
2220 University Avenue,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:

I appreciate very much having your letter of October 19, and the pamphlets and books that you sent me. I am considerably delayed in answering you about them, due to the fact that I was called out of town just before the package arrived in Kansas City.

I hardly know what to do about the books. I do not feel that I can afford to retain them as reference books, though I am very much interested in them. I should like to keep them, however, until I can hear from you about the following matter.

As I may have mentioned to you in my previous letter, I was in the Islands in 1927, and have always wanted to return, to live. I was immensely interested in the vegetation, and the life over there. I have had in mind the possibility of becoming connected with some agricultural enterprise, preferably fruit raising, but of course have had no experience along those lines. I have even thought of settling somewhere in the Islands, and with this view, wrote the Department of Agriculture, and received a considerable number of their bulletins on various crops, fruits, and soils. I have done the best I could with these, but hardly know how to go farther. I have a wife and young son - am 29 - and have had no experience in agriculture, but have felt that my interest in plants, which has been dominant in me for several years, would enable me to make a success of any connection that I might be able to make in this kind of work. I do not know how to go about the attainment of the above ideas, as I know no one in the Islands, and will appreciate it very much indeed if you will give me the benefit of your knowledge of conditions and experience, and any advice you will, in the matter. As I said above, I do not feel that I can afford to keep the books you sent me as reference books only, but if you can give me any encouragement, and there is any chance of my being in the Islands in anything like an agricultural capacity, I think it would be well for me to get as well acquainted as possible with the entire range of plant life there.

I realize that this is considerable of an imposition on you, but the thing means a good deal to me, and I want to take advantage of any possibility, however remote, to accomplish it. I have not been satisfied during the last few years - in fact, since coming



## Ferns listed in Hillebrand's Flora of the Hawaiian Islands.

- Marattia Douglasii*. Bak.  
*Schizaea robusta*, Bak.  
*Gleichenia longissima*. Blume.  
     *Hawaiiensis*. Hook.  
     *dichotoma* v. *emarginata*.  
*Aerostichum* (*elaphoglossum*) *micradenium*. Fee.  
     *Wawrae*. Lueresen.  
     *gorgoneum*. Kaulf.  
*Polypodium Samoense*. Bak.  
     *Adenophorum*. Hook. & Arn.  
     *tamariscinum* v. *montanum*.  
     *Hillebrandii*. Hook.  
     *pellucidum* v. *opacum*.  
     *pellucidum* v. *bi-pinnatifidum*. Hook.  
*Phegopteris polycarpa* v. *Kauaiensis*.  
     *polycarpa* v. *depauperata*.  
     *Keraudreniana*. Mann.  
     *Keraudreniana* v. *procera*.  
         v. *tripinnata*.  
     *punctata*. Hillebr. var. *glabra*.  
     *punctata* v. *Mauiensis*.  
         v. *rugulosa*.  
         v. *flaccida*.  
     *crinalis*. Mann.  
     *crinalis* v. *tripinnata*.  
     *unindentata*. Mann.  
         v. *paleacea*.  
     *Sandwicensis*. Mann.  
     *Hillebrandii*. Hillebr.  
*Aspidium Hillebrandii*. Carruthers.  
     *filix-mas*. Sw. var. *parallelogrammum*. Kze.  
         var. *fusco-atrum*.  
     *glabrum* v. *quadripinnatum*.  
         v. *pusillum*.  
         v. *scirpes*.  
     *Hawaiiense* v. *ambiguum*.  
     *rubiginosum*. Mann.  
     *squamigerum*. Mann.  
     *latifrons*. Brack.  
*Cystopteris Douglasii*. Hook.  
*Sadleria cyatheoides*. Kaulf.  
     *squarrosa*. Mann.  
         v. *trippinatifida*.  
         v. *intermedia*.  
         v. *depauperata*.  
*Asplenium erectum* v. *microphyllum*.  
     v. *subbipinnatum*.  
     v. *Maersei*.  
     v. *myriophyllum*.  
*Kaulfussii*. Schlecht.  
     v. *membranaceum*.  
     v. *gemmiparum*.  
*enatum*. Brack.  
     v. *caudatum*.  
     v. *gemmiparum*.
- Asplenium enatum* v. *dareoides*  
     v. *appendiculatum*  
*Mannii*. Hillebr.  
     v. *dareoides*.  
     v. *Kauaiense*  
     v. *gemmiparum*  
*bipinnatum*. Hillebr.  
*Lydgatei*  
*meiotomum*  
*pseudofalcatum* *retinaculum*  
*lobulatum*. Metten.  
*insititium*. Brack.  
     v. *grandipinna*  
     v. *pseudonitidum*  
*sphenotomum*  
     v. *connectens*  
*contiguum* v. *filiforme*  
     v. *pumilum*  
*Knudsenii*  
*nitidulum*  
*caudatum* v. *sectum*  
*horridum*. Kaulf.  
*spathulium* v. *furcellatum*  
*dissectum*. Brack.  
     v. *Kauaiense*  
*polyphyllum*. Presl.  
     v. *subintegrum*  
*acuminatum*. Hook. & Arn.  
     v. *subintegrum*  
*patens*. Kaulf.  
*arborescens*. Willd.  
*Sandwichense*. Hillebr.  
*Arnottii*. Bak.  
*Sandwichianum*. Metten.  
*Fenzlianum*. Lueresen.  
*marginale*  
*Baldwini*  
*Lindsaya pumila*. Hook.  
*falcata*. Hook.  
*erecta*. Hook.  
*centifolia*.  
*laciniata*.  
*Alexandri*.  
*Knudsenii*.  
*Mannii*. Hillebr.  
*Microlepia Jamaicensis*. Fee.  
*Pteris irregularis* v. *linearis*  
*Schizostege Lydgatei*. Hillebr.  
*Wickhamiae Bennettii*. Carruthers.  
*Trichomanes Draytonianum*. Brack.  
     *davallioides*. Gaud.  
     *cyrtotheca*  
     *neifolium*. Bory in Willd.  
*Hymenophyllum Baldwini*. Eaton.  
*Ophioglossum nudicaule*. L.

*Botrychium subbifoliatum*. Brack.  
*Lycopodium serratum*. Thunb.  
*erubescens*. Brack.  
*Haleakalae*. Brack.  
*polytrichoides*. Kaulf.  
*nutans*. Brack.  
*pachystachyon*. Spring.  
*phlegmaria*. L.  
*venustum*. Gaud.

*Psilotum complanatum*. Sw.  
*Salaginella deflexa*. Brack.  
*parvula*  
*Menziesii*. Spring.  
*Springii*. Gaud.

*Marsilia villosa*. Kaulf.  
*crenulata*. Desv.

*Sadleria Fauriei*. Cop.

*Hillebrandii*. Robinson.  
*polystichoides*. Brack. Heller.  
*rigida*. Cop.  
*uniflora*. Bak. Robinson.

Do you have any *Isotria*  
 or *Equisetum* on the  
 Islands?

WANTED FERNS NOT LISTED IN HILLEBRAND.

*Adiantum Bennettii*. Carr.  
*Asplenium Cookii*. Cop.  
*glabritum*. Rob.  
*leucosteavoidis*. Bak. Ins Maui.  
*mirabile*. Cop.  
*nephrolephyllum*. Cop.  
*rhypidoneuron*. Robinson.  
*sectum*. Hill. Cop.  
*vexans*. Und.

*Diellia alexandri*. Hill. Desv.  
*centifolia*. Hill. Desv.  
*Knudsenii*. Hill. Diels.  
*laciniosa*. Hill. Diels.  
*Manii*. Eat. Robinson.

*Diplazium crenato-lobatum*. Bak. C. Chr.  
*Fenzlianum*. Lueras. C. Chr.  
*kaalaanum*. Cop. C. Chr.  
*mauianum*. Cop. *malchaianum*. Robinson  
*pseudoarsum*. Cop. C. Chr.

*Dryopteris acutidens*. C. Chr.  
*maniensis*. C. Chr.  
*nuda*. Und.  
*Seemanni*. Bak. C. Chr.

*Elaphoglossum crassicaule*. Cop.  
*Fauriei*. Cop.  
*micradenium*. Fee. Moore.  
*Rockii*. Cop.  
*Wawrae*. Lueras. C. Chr.

*Microlepia hirta*. Klif. Pr.  
*Polypodium Baldwinii*. Bak.  
*hawaiiense*. Und.  
*Helleri*. Und.  
*Knudsenii*. Hier.  
*pumilum*. Robinson  
*Rockii*. Cop.

*Pteris Hildebrandii*. Cop.  
*Lydgatei*. Hill. Christ.

## PHILIPPINE

- Adiantum Mettenii*. Kuhn.  
*Aglaomorpha pilosa*. J. Sm. Cop.  
*Alsophila obliqua*. Cop. C.Chr.  
*Angiopteris D Urvilleana de Vriese*  
*Antrophyum Grevillei*. Balf.  
*Arthropteris glabra*. Cop.  
*Aspidium ambignum*. Pr. Diels.  
     *Bryante*. Copeland.  
     *calcareum*. J.Sm. Pr.  
     *Christii*. Cop. C.Chr.  
     *Copelandii*. C.Chr.  
     *grandifolium*. Pr.  
     *gresium*. Copeland.  
     *irregulare*. Pr. C.Chr.  
     *irriguum*. J. Sm.  
     *maerodon*. Reinw. Keys.  
     *membranifolium*. Pr. Kze.  
     *menyanthidis*. Pr.  
     *repandum*. Willd.  
     *silifolium*. Willd. Mett.  
*Asplenium acutiusculum*. Bl.  
     *colubrinum*. Christ.  
     *cymbifolium*. Christ.  
     *filipes*. Cop.  
     *priourus*. J. Sm.  
     *scandens*. J. Sm.  
     *scolopendrioides*. J. Sm.  
     *sylvaticum*. Bl. Mide.  
*Athyrium platyphyllum*. Cop.  
     *sibujanense*. Cop.  
*Blechnum egragium*. Copeland.  
     *elongatum*. Gaud.  
*Cheilanthes Boltoni*. Copeland.  
*Cheiroplemia bicuspis*. Bl.  
*Christopteris Copelandii*. Christ.  
     *sagitta*. Christ. Copeland.  
*Coniogramme macrophylla*. Bl. Hieron.  
     *pilosa*. Brack. Hieron.  
*Cyathea caudata*. J. Sm. Cop.  
     *integra*. Sm.  
     *latipinnula*. Cop.  
     *philippinensis*. Bak.  
*Cyclophorus lanuginosus*. Gies. C.Chr.  
     *pseudo-lingua*. v.A.v.R.  
     *samarensis*. Pr. C.Chr.  
     *splendens*. J.Sm. C.Chr.  
*Davallia falconella*. Pr.  
*Dennstaedtia cuneata*. J. Sm. Moore.  
*Diplazium fructuosum*. Cop.  
     *Lobbianum*. Hk. Moore.  
     *manilense*. Spr. C.Chr.  
     *Meyernianum*. Pr.  
     *palauanense*. Copeland.  
     *pariens*. Copeland. C.Chr.  
     *petiolare*. Pr.  
     *vestitum*. Pr.  
*Drynaria cornucopia*. Cop. v.A.v.R.  
*Dryopteris acutisora*. Harr. C.Chr.  
     *asperula*. J. Sm. C.Chr.  
     *Bakeri*. Harr. Cop.  
     *balabancensis*. Christ.  
     *basilaris*. Pr. C.Chr.  
     *Bordenii*. Christ.  
     *canescens*. Bl. C. Chr.  
     *diversiloba*. Pr. Christ.  
     *dubia*. Cop.  
     *Foxii*. Cop. Christ.  
     *Lueraseni*. Harr. C.Chr.  
     *Luzonica*. Christ.  
     *Merrillii*. Christ.  
     *Metteniana*. Hieron.  
     *microloncha*. Christ.  
     *microthecia*. Fee. C.Chr.  
     *Motleyana*. Hk. C.Chr.  
     *otaria*. Kze. O. Ktze.  
     *philippina*. Pr. C.Chr.  
     *Preslii*. Bak. O. Ktze.  
     *Ramosii*. Christ.  
     *rizalensis*. Christ.  
     *sessilipinna*. Cop.  
     *setosa*. Pr. C.Chr.  
     *simplicifolia*. J.Sm. Christ.  
     *Spenceri*. Cop. Christ.  
     *stenobasis*. C.Chr.  
     *Tauscheri*. v.A.v.R.  
     *todayensis*. Christ.  
     *viscosa*. J.Sm. O.Ktze.  
*Elaphoglossum basilanicum*. Cop.  
     *decurrens*. Desv. Moore.  
     *luzonicum*. Cop.  
*Gleichenia crassifolia*. Pr. Cop.  
     *dolosa*. Copeland. C.Chr.  
*Hemionitis gymnopteroides*. Copeland.  
*Histiopteris montana*. Copeland.  
*Humata lepidota*. Pr. Moore.  
*Hymenolepis platyrhynchos*. J.Sm. Kze.  
*Hymenophyllum modestum*  
     *Steerei*. C.Chr.  
     *thuidium*. Harr.  
     *violaceum*. Meyen.  
*Hypolepis tenerifrons*. Christ.  
*Lecanopteris pumila*. Bl.  
*Leptochilus latifolius*. Meyen. C.Chr.  
     *minor*. Fee.  
     *normales*.  
     *Preslianus*. Fee. C.Chr.  
*Lindsaya Copelandii*. C.Chr.  
     *Merrillii*. Copeland.  
     *rigida*. J.Sm.  
     *Sarasinorum*. Christ.  
*Lomagramma bipinnata*. Cop.  
*Lonchitis digitatum*. Pr.



- Loxogramme conferta*. Cop.  
*Lygodium basilanicum*. Christ.  
*Marattia pellucida*. Pr.  
*Microlepia grammatosora*. Cop. C.Chr.  
 8        *gymnocarpa*. Cop. C.Chr.  
          *hirsuta*. J.Sm. Pr. or Borneo.  
          *manilensis*. Pr.  
*Monogramma trichodea*. J.Sm.  
*Nephrolepis barbata*. Copeland.  
*Oleandra Whitmeei*. Bak.  
*Osmunda bromeliifolia*. Pr. Cop.  
*Photinopteris speciosa*. Bl. or Borneo.  
*Plagiogyria pycnophylla*. Kze. Mett. or Borneo.  
*Platytaenia Requiniana*. Gaud. Kuhn.  
*Polybotrya apiifolia*. J.Sm.  
*Polypodium consociatum*. v.A.v.R.  
*Polypodium Copelandii*. Christ  
          *crateriscorum*. Harr.  
          *dolichopterum*. Cop.  
          *glauco-pruinatum*. C.Chr.  
          *gracillimum*. Copeland.  
          *inconspicuum*. Bl.  
          *insigne*. Bl.  
          *Jagorianum*. Mett.  
          *macrum*. Copeland.  
          *Merillii*. Copeland.  
          *minutum*. Bl. or Borneo.  
          *monstrosum*. Cop.  
          *pentaphyllum*. Bak.  
          *phlebodioides*. Copeland.  
          *pleiosoroides*. Copeland.  
          *revolutum*. J. Sm. C.Chr.  
          *Schenkii*. Harr.  
          *Smithianum*. Mett.  
          *solidum*. Kze. Mett.  
          *subvenosum*. Bak.  
          *subirideum*. Christ.  
          *tenuilore*. J. Sm. Kze.  
          *validum*. Copeland.  
          *verrucosum*. Wall.  
          *Yoderi*. Cop.  
*Pteris intronissa*. Christ.  
          *opaca*. J. Sm.  
          *pellucida*.  
          *philippinensis*. Fee.  
          *plumbea*. Christ.  
*Schizaea malaccana*. Bak.  
*Stenochlaena laurifolia*. Pr.  
          *leptocarpa*. Fee. Und.  
          *Smithii*. Fee. Und.  
*Syngramma vittaeformis*. J. Sm.  
          *Zollingeri*. Kurz. Diels.  
*Trichomanes* ~~ea~~ *craspidoneurum*.  
          *Cumingii*. Pr. C.Chr.  
          *gemmatum*. J.Sm.  
          *saxifragoides*. Pr.  
*Triphlebia pinnata*. J.Sm. Bak.  
*Vittaria merillii*. Christ.

## BORNEO

- Adiantum Hoesi*. Bak.  
     " *pulcherrimum*. Cop.  
     " *serratifolium*. v.A.v.R.  
     " *stenochlamys*. Bak.  
*Aglaomorpha splendens*. J. Sm. Cop.  
*Alsophila Burbridgei*. Bak.  
     " *cyclodonta*  
     " *margarethae*. Schiroeter  
     " *squamulata* (Bl) Hk.  
     " *Wallacei*. Mett.  
*Angiopteris Brooksi*. Cop.  
     " *ferox*. Cop.  
     " *costatum*. v.A.v.R.  
     " *subintegerrima*. v.A.v.R.  
*Antrophyum latifolium*. Bl.  
     " *reticulatum*.  
     " *vittarioides*. Bak.  
*Aspidium Brongniartii* (Bory) Diels  
     " *Brooksii*. (Cop) C. Chr.  
     " *Lobbii*. Hk.  
     " *melanoraches*.  
     " *nudum*. (Bak) Diels  
     " *pachyphyllum*. Kze.  
     " *palmata*. Mett.  
     " *platanifolium*. Mett.  
     " *psilopodium*. C. Chr.  
     " *pteropodium* (Bak) Diels  
     " *semibipinnatum*. Wall.  
     " *singaporianum*. Wall.  
     " *subcaudatum*. v.A.v.R.  
     " *ternatum* (Bak) Diels  
     " *vitis* (Racib) C. Chr.  
*Asplenium affine*. Sw.  
     " *Brooksii*. Cop.  
     " *cuspidifolium*. v.A.v.R.  
     " *diehotomum*. Hk.  
     " *filiceps*. Cop.  
     " *fuliginosum*. Hk.  
     " *glaucophyllum*. v.A.v.R.  
     " *flochidiatum*. Racib.  
     " *horridum*. Klf.  
     " *laserpitifolium*. Ian.  
     " *longissimum*. Bl.  
     " *macrophyllum*. Sw.  
     " *pellucidum*. Lam.  
     " *squamulatum*. Bl.  
     " *stenochlaenoides*. v.A.v.R.  
     " *subaquatile*. Ces.  
     " *trifoliatum*. Cop.  
     " *vittaeforme*. Cav.  
*Athyrium propinquum*. Cop.  
*Elaeagnus egenoloides* (Bak) C. Chr.  
     " *Finlaysonianum*. Wall.  
     " *vestitum* (Bl) Kuhn.  
*Ceropteris chrysosora*. (Bak)

- Christensenia aesculifolia (Bl) Maxon  
 Coniogramme fraxinea (Don) Diels (or Philippines)  
 Cyathea alternans. Wall. Pr.  
     anthropoda. Cop.  
     assimiles. Hk.  
     borneensis. Cop.  
     cycloclonta. Christ.  
     dulitensis. Bak.  
     Havilandii. Bak.  
     hemichlamydes. Cop.  
     Hervittii. Cop.  
     leucotricha. Christ.  
     paraphysata. Cop.  
     polypoda. Bak.  
 Cyclopeltis mirabilis. Cop.  
     Presliana  
 Cyclophorus Christii. Gries. C. Chr.  
     flocciger. Bl. Pr.  
     nummularifolius. Sw. C. Chr.  
     stigmaeus. Sw. Desv.  
     varius. Kl. Gaud.  
 Davallia contigua. Forst. Spr.  
     corniculata. Moore.  
     Hosei. Bak.  
     Lobbiana. Moore.  
     nephrodioides. Bak.  
     oligophlebia. Bak.  
     parvula. Wall.  
     solida. Forst. Sw.  
     trichomanoides. Bl.  
     veitchii. Bak.  
 Dennstaedtia ampla. Bak. Bedd.  
     gomphophylla. Bak. C. Chr.  
     molucaana. Bl. Moore.  
 Diplazium aequibasale. Bak. C. Chr.  
     biseriale. Bak. C. Chr.  
     Christii. C. Chr.  
     crenato-serratum. Bl. Moore  
     crinitum. Bak. C. Chr.  
     Hosei. Christ.  
     microphyllum. Desv.  
     pallidum. Bl. Moore  
     porphyroschis. Bak. Diels  
     Prescottianum. Wall. Moore  
     tomentosum. Bl.  
     xiphophyllum. Bak. C. Chr.  
 Dipteris Lobbiana. Hk. Moore  
     Meuivenhuisii. Christ.  
     quinquefurcata. Bak. Christ.  
 Dryopteris rigidum. Hk.  
     sparsisora. Desv. Moore  
 Drynaria involuta. v.A.v.R.  
 Dryopteris abortiva. Bl. Ktze.  
     acanthocarpa. Cop.  
     aciculata. Bak. C. Chr.  
     arbuscula. Willd. O. Ktze.  
     arida. Don. O. Ktze.  
     athyriocarpa. Cop.  
     Beccariana. Cesati. C. Chr.  
 Dryopteris brevipinna. C. Chr.  
     Brooksii. Cop.  
     compacta. Cop.  
     cordifolia. v.A.v.R.  
     Creaghii. Bak. C. Chr.  
     dissecta. Forst. O. Ktze.  
     diversifolia. v.A.v.R.  
     echinata. Mett. O. Ktze.  
     ferox. Bl. O. Ktze.  
     firmula. Bak. C. Chr.  
     glabrior. Cop.  
     glandulosum. Bl. O. Ktze  
         or Philippines.  
     gymnopoda (Bak) C. Chr.  
     Haenkeana. Pr. O. Ktze.  
     Hallieri. Christ. C. Chr.  
     Hewittii. Cop.  
     hispidifolia. v.A.v.R.  
     holophylla. Bak. C. Chr.  
     Hosei. Bak. C. Chr.  
     labuanensis. C. Chr.  
     larutensis. Bedd. C. Chr.  
     lineata. Bl. C. Chr.  
     mirabilis. Cop.  
     multiseta. Bak. C. Chr.  
     oosora. Bak. C. Chr.  
     ornata. Wall. C. Chr.  
     paucisora. Cop.  
     rubida. J. Sm. C. Chr.  
     sagenioides. Mett. O. Ktze.  
     sarawakensis. Bak. v.A.v.R.  
     schizoloma. v.A.v.R.  
     sinillima. C. Chr.  
     subarborea. Bak. C. Chr.  
     superficialis. v.A.v.R.  
     subsagenioides. v.A.v.R.  
     trichopoda. C. Chr.  
 Dryostachyum drynarioides. Hk. Huhn.  
     splendens. J. Sm.  
 Elaphoglossum borneense. Burck. C. Chr.  
     gorgoneum. Kl. Brack.  
 Gleichenia Hallieri. Christ.  
     hirta. Bl.  
     vestita. Bl.  
 Gymnogramma chrysosora. Bak.  
 Hemigramma latifolia. Meyen. Cop.  
 Histiopteris stipulacea. Hk. Cop.  
 Humata heterophylla. Sm. Desv.  
     intermedia. C. Chr.  
     vestita. Bl.  
 Hymenolepis brachystachys. Hk. J. Sm.  
     callifolia. Christ.  
 Hymenophyllum aculeatum. J. Sm. Raab.  
     batuense. Ros.  
     borneense. Hk.  
     densissimum. Forst. Sw.  
     edeniutun. Bl. C. Chr.  
     fuscum. Bl. v.A.B.  
     Hallieri. Ros.



- Hymenophyllum* Lobbi. Moore.  
     *pachydermicum*. Ces.  
     *paniculiflorum*. Pr.  
     *praetervisum*. Christ.  
     *semifissum*. Cop.  
     *subflabellatum*. Ces.  
     *taliabense*. v.A.v.R.  
*Lecanopteris* *deparioides*. Ces. Bak.  
     *Nieuwenhuisii*. Christ.  
     *philippiensis*. v.A.v.R.  
  
*Leptochilus* *antrophyoides*. Bak. C.Chr.  
     *diversifolius*. Bl. C.Chr.  
     *exculptus*. Bak. C.Chr.  
     *Linnaeanus*. Fee.  
     *lomarioides*. Bl.  
     *modestus*. Bak. C.Chr.  
     *oligodictyus*. Bak. C.Chr.  
*Lindsaya* *adiantoides*. Bl. Kuhn.  
     *borneensis*. Hk.  
     *crispa*. Bak.  
     *davallioides*. Bl.  
     *Hewittii*. Cop.  
     *Hosei*. C.Chr.  
     *hymenophylloides*. Bl.  
     *impressa*. Christ.  
     *jamesonioides*. Bak.  
     *longissimo*. Christ.  
     *lunulata*. v.A.v.R.  
     *napeae*. v.A.v.R.  
     *nitida*. Cop.  
     *tenuifolia*. Bl.  
*Lomagramma* *Brooksii*. Cop.  
*Loxogramme* *Blumeana*. Pr.  
     *ensiformis*. v.A.v.R.  
  
     *malayana*. Cop.  
*Lygodium* *borneense*. v.A.v.R.  
*Macroglossum* *alidae*. Cop.  
*Marattia* *sambucena*. Bl.  
     *quadrata*. A.Br.  
*Matonia* *Foxworthii*. Cop.  
     *sarmentosa*  
*Monogramma* *dareicarpa*. Hk.  
*Nephrolepis* *acutifolia*. Desv. Christ.  
     *Duffii*. Moore.  
     *niphoboloides*. v.A.v.R.  
     *pilosula*. v.A.v.R.  
*Oleandra* *Cumingii*. Sm.  
     *musifolia*. Bl. Pr.  
*Ophioglossum* *intermedium*. Hk.  
*Osmunda* *javanica*. Bl.  
*Platyserium* *Ridleyi*. Christ.  
*Phaneroglossum* *sarmentosus*. Bak. Cop.  
*Plagiogyria* *immuta*. Cop.  
  
*Polybotrya* *Nieuwenhuisii*. Racib.  
     *stenosmioides*. Bak.  
*Polypodium* *albidosquamatum*. Bl.  
     *alternidens*. Ces.  
     *barathrophyllum*. Bak.  
     *bisulcatum*. Hk.  
     *Blumeanum*. Pr. C.Chr.  
     *Barbidgei*. Bak.  
     *Campyloneuroides*. Bak.  
     *Celebicum*. Bl.  
     *ceratophyllum*. Cop.  
     *Cesatianum*. Bak.  
     *Clavifer*. Hk.  
     *coloration*. Cop.  
     *commutatum*. Bl. or Philippines  
     *congenerum*. Bl. Pr.  
     *cryptosorum*. C.Chr.  
     *curtidens*. Christ.  
     *decorum*. Brack.  
     *diplosorum*. Christ.  
     *dulitense*. Bak.  
     *ebenipes*. Hk.  
     *fasciatum*. Bl. Pr. or Philippines  
     *flabellivenium*. Bak.  
     *fluviatile*. Lauter.  
     *fuscatum*. Bl.  
     *grandidentatum*. Ces. Bak.  
     *Havilandii*. Bak.  
     *Hosei*. C.Chr.  
     *incurvatum*. Bl.  
     *interruptum*. C.Chr.  
     *leucophorum*. Bak.  
     *linguaeforme*. Mett.  
     *lomarioides*. J. Sm. Kze.  
     *lueresenianum*. Don.  
     *macrophyllum*. Bl. Reinw.  
     *maxwellii*. Bak.  
     *melanocaulon*. v.A.v.R.  
     *Moultoni*. Cop.  
     *nigrescens*. Bl.  
     *oodes*. Kze.  
     *palmatum*. Bl.  
     *paucijugum*. v.A.v.R.  
     *pediculatum*. Bak.  
     *pilistipes*. v.A.v.R.  
     *platyphyllum*. Sw.  
     *proavatum*. Cop.  
     *regulare*. Mett.  
     *sarawakense*. Bak.  
     *sellignea*. Mett.  
     *setaceum*. Cop.  
     *sinuosum*. Wall.  
     *soridens*. Hk.  
     *sparsipilum*. Cop.  
     *stenophyllum*. Bl.

- Polypodium stenopteris*. Bak.  
*streptophyllum*. Bak.  
*subaquatile*. Christ.  
*subacostatum*. Hk.  
*subfalcatum*. Bl.  
*sublanianum*. Christ.  
*subrepandulum*. Christ.  
*taxodioides*. Bak.  
*Treubii*. Christ.  
*venulosum*. Bl.  
*vittariifolium*. C.Chr.
- Pteris furcans*. Bak.  
*lingulata*. Gaud.  
*mertensioides*. Willd.  
*moluccana*. Bl.  
*Walkeri*. Bak.
- Protolindsaya Brooksii*. Cop.
- Schizaea copelandica*. Richter.  
*fistulosa*. Labell.  
*Hallieri*. Richter
- Schizoloma cordatum*. Gaud.  
*coriacum*. v.A.v.R.  
*divergens*. Roxb. Wall.  
*Guerinianum*. Gaud.  
*induratum*. Bak. C.Chr.  
*jamesonioides*. Bak. Cop.  
*Stortii*. v.A.v.R.  
*trilobatum*. Bak. v.A.v.R.
- Stenochlaena abrupta*. v.A.v.R.
- Stenosemia Teyamanniana*. Bak. Diels.
- Syngramma alismifolia*. Pr. J.Sm.  
*augusta*. Cop.  
*borneensis*. Hk. J.Sm.  
*cartilaginosa*. Bak. Diels.  
*Hosei*. Bak. Diels.  
*Lobbeana*. Hk. J. Sm.  
*quinata*. Hk. Carr.  
*valleculata*. Bak. Chr.
- Taenitis Brooksii*. Cop.  
*drymoglossoides*. Cop.
- Tapeinidium oligophlebium*. Bak. C.Chr.  
*pinnatum*. Cav. C.Chr.
- Trichomanes bimarginatum*. v.d.B.  
*borneense*. v.A.v.R.  
*hispidulum*. Mett.  
*Hosei*. Bak.  
*ignobile*. Ces.  
*microchilum*. Bak.  
*microclorion*. Cop.  
*perviflorum*. Poir.  
*racemulosum*. v.d.B.  
*recedens*. Ros.  
*Rosenstockii*. v.A.v.R.  
*saxatile*. Moore.  
*serratulum*. Bak.  
*trichophyllum*. Moore  
*vestitum*. Bak.
- Vittaria debilis*. Mett. Kuhn.  
*hirta*. Fee.  
*longicoma*. Christ.  
*pumila*. Mett.  
*pyxidata*. v.A.v.R.

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out of college, with my situation, and in addition to the above, conditions in this company may force a change in the next year. (I went, by the way, to Princeton, and had courses with Dr. Conklin and Dr. Dahlgren, whom you may know).

Thanks again for sending the books, and I will look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

*AC Pickering*

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Dec. 6, 1932.

Prof. W. B. Maxon,  
Smithsonian Institution,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Prof. Maxon:

I just received your two recent letters.

In regard to the eleven ferns I sent you some years ago, please accept them as a gift or send Mr. Topping the ferns you would otherwise send me in exchange. Please do not mail me anything. I have just about finished packing up my herbarium to ship it to New York. I plan to follow it in six months or so and to work up my plants at the N.Y. Bot. Garden and, if agreeable to you and conditions permit, at the Smithsonian as well. By the way, I wrote Dr. Blake some time ago about my intended visit to Washington to cooperate with him in studying a certain group of Hawaiian Compositae represented in my herbarium. Possibly you and I could do something about my ferns around that time as well. I have an accumulation of almost ten years' collecting in the Hawaiian Islands.

I hate to bother any one person too much for bibliographic data. I therefore have been in the habit of mailing complimentary copies of any thing I happen to write to various librarians with an accompanying request for a copy of some reference that I need. In this way I get action. That is how Dr. Corbin, no doubt, happened to get my letter enquiring about Cedrela. Thanks a lot for the information. I needed it badly.

After attempting to write my Flora Hawaiiensis on my own time and funds I happened to lose my teaching position at the local university. The reason given was that the "Director of the Bishop Museum" would not approve of my reappointment. Hence I have held no position since 1927 and, instead of being starved out of the Islands as a possible competitor in Taxonomy, have spent all my time in studying the local Flora and printing my illustrated descriptions of Hawaiian plants. Naturally I feel like a persona non grata at the local institutions and must therefore depend largely on my own limited library and herbarium and on the information I can glean from mainland sources. Possibly now you will realize how thankful I am for your help and why my Flora is being built up out of such a strange assortment of unrelated plants. I never have enough books or specimens on hand to monograph any one group at a time.

Sincerely,

NY 12/18/32  
2220 University Ave.,  
Honolulu, T.H.  
Dec. 18, 1932.

Mr. W. M. Gilbert,  
Carnegie Institution of Washington,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gilbert:

I received your letter of Nov. 30.

I fully realize the difficulties to which practically all institutions are now subject and the large number of applicants who at this time must be clamoring at your doors for help. I therefore appreciate the more the kindness of the Carnegie Corporation in referring my plea to you, and to you for your explanatory and sympathetic letter.

I fear your suggestion that I ask help from the National Research Council would be useless. It would be referred to a committee dealing with the Pacific region, and I believe the man who has been instrumental in reducing my scientific activity is one of its members. Instead I am trying for a fellowship at the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. If successful, I will weather the storm and continue printing my *Flora*; if not, I will go into hibernation until my present printing bills have been settled. To "hibernate" in Hawaii is really not so difficult as it would be on the Mainland.

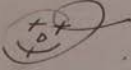
If you have no use for them and it is not too much bother, please return my publications.

Many thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,

At A House  
Amhurst

[1932?]

Dear 

I took a bit of meditation  
before I rendered the above  
piece of art. That's because  
you are insignificant and  
do not make lasting impressions.

As you know I am a dignified  
gentleman, am 21 yrs. of age and  
have an elegant mustache  
which has been carefully nursed  
since you last saw me.

Now that you have a correct  
mental picture of me, I shall  
proceed.

I'm glad to hear you are  
happy with Chinese, spiders,  
Cassids etc and above all, goat  
meat. Of course our tastes  
are governed by our character.

How many wives are you  
keeping under your roof  
or do you keep them separately?



I suppose it's boorish of me  
to twist you of your domestic  
relationships.

You must be doing well  
to support a palace such as  
you now have. Is there any  
bootlegging being done on  
the island? I was simply  
wondering if a business executor  
was needed.

To be serious I think you  
are fortunate to be living  
under your present situation.  
You couldn't get as much  
service for so little money  
elsewhere. If you are happy  
there is nothing else to be  
desired. Have you any projects  
of taking cruises at the  
expense of some biological  
society? You spoke of that  
once. Have you thought about  
coming east on a visit as yet?  
Have you heard from the Johnsons  
in California? Lester Harry's  
brother is thinking of coming

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to this region on a visit  
the next summer. He is  
doing well with water plants.  
Remember how he was having  
difficulty with Cabomba?  
I sent him specifications I  
received at the botany lab.  
about the necessary factors in  
growing his precious plant.  
I received a letter saying he  
now grows it on a commercial  
scale, as a result of experimenting  
with those factors.

Do you hear from your sister  
after? I sympathize with her  
about the tragedy of relatives  
when I saw her in H. Y. after  
leaving the ship. Poor girl!

Guy of, Gambia, P. of, E. A. S.  
I told Doc you had a jar  
fearing his title and he was  
much elated. Says he's going  
to write you sometime in the  
future. He now has a \$5.80  
radio and a \$3.00 victrola  
in his suite. I listen in on

the music and current events  
of the times. Basil Reedham  
is in business for himself in  
N. Y. City and is doing well.  
He sells collegiate clothes to  
the college men of the east.

As to myself there is little  
to say of interest. Nothing much  
has happened except that I  
am soon going to be out of  
college ~~and~~ into the harsh  
world which I tread. I don't  
know what I'll do for a living  
— haven't the slightest idea.

I'll close so you may have  
more time to put on the problem  
of keeping your 11,000 sq. ft  
in shape.

Don't forget your alarm clock  
Dope! But that doesn't interest me  
don't you see! *Sycopodium*  
*clavatum*, *obscurum* etc. etc.

Whot? whot? Ug! disgusting!  
Where are you going, infant?

Yours

Mr. Thompson

P.S. I must now

trim my mustache again. Write soon if you can.



1/25/33

January 25, 1933.

Mr. Otto Degener

In the botanical field I consider Mr. Degener's proposal to be the most meritorious one submitted, and one well worthy of the most careful consideration. I do not know the details of policy as between "at home" and "abroad", but I would point out the fact that Mr. Degener deliberately went to Hawaii because of the field opportunities there, and I know from my personal contacts there that he has diligently and productively cultivated the Hawaiian field during his residence there. What is more, all of his recent work has been done strictly on the basis of his own private income. Were he a wealthy man this factor might not be considered very important, but I know that his income is limited, and that to do what he is actually accomplishing has involved great sacrifices on his part. He is subordinating everything else to his desire to make progress on his problem; and his problem is one that the several institutions in Hawaii, because of the lack of properly selected personnel, have been unable to develop productively. I would consider Mr. Degener to be merely a temporary resident of Hawaii, for I know that it is his ultimate plan to return to the United States with his collections, for the purpose of doing a considerable part of the more critical work on his material where he can gain access to the necessary reference collections and literature. My judgment is that if he be granted a fellowship, that now is the time to do it while he is still actively engaged in field work - and I might say in the most productive type of field work.

As to "subvention for publication", I would rather take the attitude that any grant made should be for furthering field work, assembling material, preparing illustrations and descriptions, and meeting incidental expenses, thus permitting Mr. Degener to devote a larger part of his own income to covering the cost of publication. I would judge that this would be satisfactory to Mr. Degener for I feel certain that he would not like to see his chances of receiving a grant jeopardized by an interpretation of his application to be in part for a subvention to cover the cost of publication; his own statement is to the effect that his application was hurriedly prepared to catch an outgoing mail.

I know a great deal about the peculiar situation that has developed in Hawaii, involving individuals and

Mr. O. Degener.

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institutions. I cannot conceive that Mr. Degener is greatly at fault. I suspect that his very great activity after his arrival in Honolulu, which has been continued uninterruptedly, probably vexed some of the relatively inactive local scientists; and most of the local systematists, since the departure of J. F. Rock, have been notably unproductive. I do know that a part of the difficulty was one of code - whether to follow the International or the so-called American Code of Nomenclature. Mr. Degener was trained under the American Code and first proceeded to apply it to the Hawaiian flora. Realizing some of the difficulties he faced, and further realizing that the changes made in the International Code in 1930, met most of the objections of the few remaining supporters of the American Code, I urged him about two years ago to publish under the International Code, the one followed by nearly all botanists, and this he has done, if I judge his later publications correctly.

The standing of his sponsors is such that I have great respect for their opinions. My unreserved recommendation is that Mr. Degener be granted the fellowship for which applies.

E. D. Merrill  
Director-in-Chief

EDM.HA.

1408 Lusitana St  
April 7, 1933  
Honolulu City

Dear Mr. Weyner,

I received your letter on Friday at 12:15 P.M. ~~But~~ but I was unable to answer your letter right away because it was my study hour. After school I went home & wrote this letter.

I will tell you exactly what I saw at your place at the time when Mrs. Wiebke came to your house several times.

Not many months after when I first was at your place I saw a coquettish woman come to your place several times & at first I didn't know who this woman was but later I found out that she was Henry Wiebke's wife.

I do not remember the months & days but I do remember <sup>this</sup> when she came several times to your place & each time you greeted her courteously & talked to her for many minutes & after the conversation, you came to my drawing table & pulled out your pocket-book <sup>from your coat pocket</sup> & wrote a cheque.



+ give to her. I saw you do it many  
times but I don't know <sup>exactly</sup> how many times.  
Also I could have heard you talkin' but  
I was too busy ~~with~~ with my drawings, so  
I can't write you ~~of~~ what I heard.

Yours,  
Kum Kee Park.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
UNIVERSITY FARM, ST. PAUL

DIVISION OF PLANT PATHOLOGY AND BOTANY

May 1, 1933

Miss Velva Rudd  
Department of Botany  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Miss Rudd:

Dr. Harvey has shown me your letter and his reply in regard to registering for work at Minnesota next year. First of all, may I congratulate you upon receiving the fellowship of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. I, too, have looked thru your bulletin on leafy spurge and think you are to be highly commended for it.

I thought I might properly add to Dr. Harvey's letter since I may add a few points that may be of interest to you and which Dr. Harvey's modesty would prevent him from stating. I take it from the nature of your bulletin that you are already convinced of the importance of attacking farm and garden problems from as fundamental a basis as it is possible to reach. Thorough scientific research gives the only sound solution to many of our farm and garden problems. I gather from your bulletin and from your letter that your primary interest, stated in terms of the sub-science of botany, lies in the general field of plant physiology. I would recommend, therefore, to you that you major in this field and, if you come to Minnesota, under Dr. Harvey. This opinion is fortified by what appears to be a fact that you are also interested in the application of your botanical knowledge, and this is exactly what Dr. Harvey and his collaborators are interested in at this Station. The question as to whether or not your work is to continue in the field of weed investigation or in other phases of farm and garden products is not of such vital importance as a mastery of the fundamental tools with which to attack any of these problems. Plant Physiology is one of the most important of these tools. Of course, for a Ph.D. one assumes a high degree of specialization as far as thesis is concerned, but one also assumes the acquisition of a broad knowledge in the whole field of botany. At Minnesota we have a group of laboratories particularly interested in plant science, which fortify the work in the other laboratories. For instance, we have a strong group in Biochemistry, another in Plant Pathology, in Plant Genetics, Animal Genetics, in Horticulture especially in genetics and in physiological phases, and in Forestry and in Soils. It becomes possible, therefore, to construct almost any sort of a plant physiological program suitable to a career that will involve any of these groups.

I make the above statements not with any idea of advertising our institution or of attempting especially to induce you to come to Minnesota but I realize that catalogs are rather impersonal things and that a few statements of a brief nature may sometimes throw more light on a situation than extended descriptions. May I again congratulate you and invite you to come to Minnesota if you care to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

*E. M. Freeman*  
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Chief, Division of Plant Pathology  
and Botany

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Maiki Heights, Honolulu  
June 1, 1933

Mr. Otto Deneger  
2220 University Ave.  
Honolulu

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your letter of May 17th last, let me say that I have talked with my husband and we have recalled and discussed the circumstances connected with the re-finding of the kokio trees on Mauna Loa, Molokai. These facts we have checked, and may we suggest that you substitute the following matter for that contained within the brackets, as indicated on your page which is headed TYPE LOCALITY?

In June 1915, Joseph Rock and George P. Cooke visited the last remaining tree that was then known and found it dying; only one or two branches still bearing foliage. This tree was growing on the side of a gulch opposite the present concrete water tank (1933) at the first top of Mauna Loa (nearest Maui) above Mahana, Molokai. Luckily they found some seeds which they distributed for planting.

Three seedlings were sprouted with difficulty by James Munro. One of these he gave to Judge C.C. Conradt who planted it at Kapulehu, near Pukoo, Molokai, at about 100 ft. elevation, where it grew for several years before it died. The second seedling was planted at James Munro's home, the assistant manager's house ~~at Kaunakakai~~ of American Sugar Co. at Kaunakakai, where it lived but a short time. The third seedling was planted by George Cooke at his home at Kauluwei, Molokai, where it is a healthy tree (1933) bearing a full crop of seeds each year. For years this tree was carefully guarded from stock by a fence. As it began to bear seeds, some were sprouted between wet bags and planted out on the hill near by and are doing well, and are flowering. There are about 30 trees here.

The main crop of seeds has been given each year to Charles S. Judd, Territorial Forester, who has set out about 50 in rather inaccessible places in the Waianae range and about 50 at Waahila, the ridge between Maunaloa and Palolo valleys on Oahu. They are at an elevation of 2,000 ft. in the Waianae mountains and at 1,000 ft. at Waahila. The flowering season of the kokio is from about February to

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My husband and I wish to thank you deeply for the honor of having the kokio named after us. We appreciate this very much. We have taken an interest in this tree.

The foregoing facts are correct, to the best of our knowledge and remembrance.

Yours sincerely

Sophie Judd Cooke  
Mrs. George P. Cooke



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Sophie Judd Cooke  
Mrs. George F. Cooke

GEORGE T. COULTER  
BUSINESS AGENT AND COLLECTIONS  
305-306 McCandless Bldg., King & Bethel Sts.,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII.

Paradise of The Pacific,  
Attention - Mrs. Boyle,  
Honolulu, T. H.

June 2, 1933.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is check for \$21.10 representing  
the amount, less commission, collected on account of the  
following items:

CREDITOR	DEBTOR	COL.	COM.	NET
Otto Degener	- Helen Wiebke	\$23.13	\$7.03	\$21.10

Very truly yours,

GTC/hw

GEORGE T. COULTER.

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6/18/33

Hynes, Calif.  
June 18, 1933

Dear Mr. Sapping:

I am stopping off with my friend Harry Johnson for a day or two. He is a water lily specialist. I told him about that Monochoria vaginalis which grows near Waiahole in that taro patch along the main road. You know the plant - it comes from the Philippines. He wants to get specimens very much as it would be quite a novelty for aquaria. In case you should have the chance, could <sup>you</sup> grab some specimens, wash them well, & cut off most of the leaves, get sphagnum moss wet and press all the ~~the~~ water out of it, and wrap the entire thing in waxed paper and mail it to him? He would be terribly glad to get it. He is mailing you all packing material so that you could ship it to him in case you get it. His address is enclosed.

Please label the plants so that he won't have difficulties with the plant inspectors.



I am shipping off a package of plants I  
collected to New York. I don't know any  
of them and feel entirely lost botanically.  
It's just like going to Mars and seeing  
the vegetation there.

Driving off to the desert today.

In haste,

Otto S. Geyer

If you can get a few of those native  
fresh water snails, he would like those too. The  
beast that look like this



The snail has an operculum or trap door similar  
to the live-bearing Chinese one.

GEORGE T. COULTER  
BUSINESS AGENT AND COLLECTIONS  
305-306 McCandless Bldg., King & Bethel Sts.,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII.

June 29, 1933.

E. A. Langton Boyle,

Dear Sirs: Madam:

Enclosed herewith is check for \$ 13.43 representing  
the amount, less commission, collected on account of the  
following items:

CREDITOR	DEBTOR	COL.	COM.	NET
Otto Degener	Helen Wiebke	17.91	4.48	13.43

*O. Degener*

Very truly yours,

GEORGE T. COULTER.

ENC. (1)

8/23/33  
Established 1876

California Grown  
CACTI  
FLOWER NOVELTIES



WATER LILIES  
SUCCULENTS  
TROPICAL FISH

# JOHNSON WATER GARDENS

HYNES, Los Angeles County, CALIFORNIA

from the land of Sunshine, August 23, 1933

Mr. D. LeRoy Topping  
P. O. Box 2356  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Topping:

I want to express my sincere thanks for the two boxes of plants that you shipped me of *Monocharia vaginalis*. They arrived and I received them after inspection the next day. Owing to the extreme hot weather we have been having they came through in a rather badly decayed condition, but two or three of them show signs of life and are still alive and it is possible that I may pull them through. One live plant, of course would give us a chance to propagate from it.

I am enclosing herewith the amount of the postage and would be delighted to send you some of our varieties for your courtesy in shipping these plants to us. If you see anything in our catalog, which I am mailing you under separate cover, we should be glad to mail it to you.

If we fail now it might be possible a little later in the season, when the weather is a little cooler, that we will try again, if it is not asking too much of you.

There is no chance of it becoming a pest, except in Florida, as these plants are quite tender and the winter would kill them.

In packing plants it is always well to take the moss, wet it and then thoroughly wring out all the water possible. The moss will then be damp enough to carry plants in good condition for a long time.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

*Harry Hynes*

JOHNSON WATER GARDENS

HJ:CC

Thanks a thousand times for your trouble and  
kindness. HJ



9/3/33

320 East 53 St.,  
New York City.  
Sept. 3, 1933.

Topping & Co.,

P. O. Box 1234567890

Honolulu, T. H., U.S.A.

(kindly cross off all incorrect numerals, leaving  
five consecutive ones with the middle one ab-  
literated.)

Dear Sirs:

I noted, in old letters awaiting my arrival from the West, that your concern had been reorganized. I do not know, however, how many Senior and Junior Partners make up this business of long standing. It used to be Topping & Bush, next it became Topping, Bush, & Mary, then Topping, Bush, Mary & Skippy, the last evidently a Junior Partner. Now is it Topping, Bush, Mary, Skippy, C. Spanish & Co. ?? I think you should add Ltd. to the firm's name and limit it to the first three names only.

I never realized this Monochoria hunt would be so pestiferous. It certainly was good of you to go to such trouble to get it. Now Harry Johnson will be able to distribute it throughout the United States and you and he, I hope, will never squabble with the damned for introducing a pest into all the tropic waters of America. It is a nice little harmless thing a ma jig and rather pretty. He will appreciate it a lot. I wrote him what pelikie you had, in fact, enclosed to him your diary. He is to return it to me.

Well, let me summarize the mathematics of the trip:

We reached N.Y. on Aug 27, after being gone 48 days. Our mileage on the trip amounted to \$684. The cost of the food \$53. We used up 408 gals. of gas costing \$66.77. Odds and ends such as 4 new tires, repairs, clothes, tolls for bridge crossings, etc., etc., came to \$135. I don't see how we three could live for 48 days on only \$53 worth of food. It's a miracle. I guess we just starved. I have no figures to quote concerning myself or Lanny, but Park during the

trip lost 10 pounds and his waist-line shrank 4 inches.  
That just indicates how hard we all worked.

I think I must have a postcard from Washington that I had met Maxon, Hitchcock, Olville and Walds Schmidt, my hermit crabologist. There in New York I of course saw Dr. Merrill. He was very nice to me and gave me herbarium room. Tuesday my entire collection leaves the Yampers storage and goes to N.Y. Bot. Garden. Then I can actually start work.

My nephew returns from a trip to Europe on Sept 17. His mother is now in Chicago. I may therefore drive with him and my sister & Tony to the fair. I want to see Sheriff and others anyway.

Look in the coming number of the Bot. Gazette if you are interested in *Lipochaeta*. I think they should be permitted there.

[unwithwood]

I received a letter from Dick. It was mailed from Sweden.

New York has changed lots since I saw it last. The shore of the Hudson up town where I used to tramp in a regular jungle is now a mass of Apartment houses. I fear the next time you visit your relatives in New York State, you will find them living within walking distance of a subway station and surrounded by skyscrapers.

What is happening in Honolulu? Anything exciting? I have subscribed to the Star-Bulletin since Sept. 1 but of course won't get the paper for another week. It would take at least 10 days for it to reach me. Have you passed my house? Is it still standing? Do there any sign of the owl, that bird of wisdom.

Now, Mr. Lopping, if you don't care to associate with Cockers spanied, just advise Will or Mary to send it to me, postage prepaid. I will take care of it and not charge a cent.

Went to the Aquarium yesterday and saw a good display of tropical aquarium fish. Aloha,  
O. S. Senger

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FLOWER NOVELTIES



WATER LILIES  
SUCCULENTS  
TROPICAL FISH

# JOHNSON WATER GARDENS

HYNES, Los Angeles County, CALIFORNIA

☞ [from the land of Sunshine, October 2, 1933] ☜

D. LeRoy Topping  
P. O. Box 2356  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Sir:

The package containing the water snails received for which we want to express our many thanks. We had quite a time securing their entry into California as the State has a quarantine against them. However, due to the kindness of the state authorities they delivered the snails to me promptly and discussed the matter afterwards. They were finally identified at the State Museum in Los Angeles as *Nelania mauiensis* Led.

The plants sent before finally succumbed.

We trust that we can be of some service to you here in return for your kindness. We are sending you under separate cover an assortment of flower seed that you or your friends may find some use for.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, we are

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Johnson".

JOHNSON WATER GARDENS

HJ:CC



11/26/33  
Established 1876

California Grown  
CACTI  
FLOWER NOVELTIES



WATER LILIES  
SUCCULENTS  
TROPICAL FISH

# JOHNSON WATER GARDENS

HYNES, Los Angeles County, CALIFORNIA

☞ [from the land of Sunshine, November 16, 1933] ☜

D. LeRoy Topping  
P. O. Box 2356  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Topping:

The box of water plants arrived the other day and I want to thank you very very much for your kind interest. I am enclosing herewith the postage for same.

I wish there were something I could send you to more concretely express my thanks.

The plants arrived in good shape, but owing to the erratic <sup>weather</sup> we have been having, we have one one of them alive at the present moment.

The Potamogeton did not survive the journey, at least we could not locate it.

Thanking you again for your trouble,  
I am

Very truly yours,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Harry Johnson', is written over the typed name.

HARRY JOHNSON

HJ:CC  
Enc.

12/8/33

3704 Cheasty Blvd.,  
Seattle, Wash. Dec. 8, 1933.

Mr. Otto Degener,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Degener:

Last February I wrote you a letter relative to arranging an exchange of plants with you. I received your reply that you were headed for New York City. I now see that you are there, and I am hereby again asking if you care to exchange plants with me. I desire Pteridophytes of the Hawaiian Islands, and I can send you Washington and California species in return.

The Herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden has a few sets of my plants, and they know about my work.

I shall be glad to hear from you, especially if you can arrange to send me as much as possible of the Pteridophyta of the H. I.

Sincerely yours,

*J. William Thompson*

12/20/33

EARL EDWARD SHERFF

## Chicago Normal College

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE (Botany)

Chicago, Illinois, Dec. 20th, 1933

Mr. Otto Degener,  
New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Degener:-

Your last two letters reached me safely and now I shall attempt to answer them more or less before my last school week of the calendar year has passed by (I seldom get much typing done during vacation weeks). I have pondered your kind offers regarding publishing plates of mine but am sure that it it would not be feasible for us to attempt anything along such lines right now. My Coreopsis plates total only four and they in no case relate to Hawaiian plants. My only <sup>older</sup> plates are the 200 India ink plates (not yet made into zincographs) for my large monograph on Bidens. I have not yet made up my mind to accept Diels' offer to print the text proper in Berlin. If I accept it, then of course the question will arise as to where I can get the entire set of 200 plates published separately. In such case I am sure I would be greatly handicapped in getting a publisher to take up publication for a fraction of the complete set or even for the whole set if many had already been published elsewhere. On the other hand, since only a small proportion portray Hawaiian plants, the whole set in its entirety could have no place in a Flora Hawaiiensis.---As I see it then, I believe the only course left me is to keep the Bidens mss. and plates all in one work as I had intended all along to have them or, failing that, to have them published in two separate works, each an entirety by itself.

You undoubtedly have your reasons as to Mt. Eke. I noted the other day, however, that in Bartram's new work on Hawaiian mosses (published by Bishop Museum) Mt. Eke is cited and, as I recall, in connection with Hillebrand.-- Anyway, I shall keep this matter in mind.

I note your wholesale penciling-out on my copy of the "Zemisme" footnote. Really, I had intended no exaggeration or flattery. I had understood that you were once a professor of botany at the U. of H. and hence the "Prof." Now alas I shall experience real effort for a while in calling you Mr.---"The well known authority" part was meant in all sincerity. I feel that the zeal and intensity with which you have attacked the taxonomy of the Hawaiian group make ten years of your work there equal to several times that period of study on the part of certain other workers there who perhaps have really an aspiration to be called well known authorities.---However, if the article is accepted, I will correct as requested by you.

I have received all your materials from Blake and also the U.S. Nat. Herb. sheets of Dubautia and Railliardia.--So far, I have noted a new variety of D. laxa and a definite hybrid, both collected by you for the first time. Blake wrote me and stipulated that I must leave his name out of any new names and that it would be Degener & Sherff. Of course I cannot agree to this so far as I am concerned. But in a fortnight I shall have worked all the material up and can tell him exactly where I stand. I shall insist then that he accept authorship of all the new forms which he had noticed. I don't believe that he duplicated any of mine anyway.---Possibly he is "touchy" about hooking up ~~xx~~ with you on names but I cannot see why. At any rate I believe



that a little later on, after I have stated the case exactly (i.e., as to just what new forms are present etc.) he will see that the only course fair to himself and to you is to permit me to set his new forms forth with Blake & Degener as the authors. I will let you hear from me after we get it settled.

Will you please let me know sometime exactly what pali and mauka mean in Hawaiian?

Well I must close and prepare for a class just now. Will write you again as soon as I get your materials labeled up at Field Museum.

Till then, you have my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Yours truly,

Earl E. Shreve.....

1/21/34

New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park, N. Y. City.  
Jan. 21, 1934.

Dear Mr. Topping:

I am overjoyed that you will permit me to keep on sending you newspaper clippings. If you will look carefully through this envelope you will see that I am sending you some more. Please read them carefully.

You don't know how glad I was to get that *Lethoplasmodium*. I really almost squealed with delight. Right now Parks is drawing it and I really think it will look fine. Yesterday when the plants came, I was so glad that I could have kissed every one of the collectors out of gratitude. But today, my ardor has cooled a bit - I draw the line at ladies.

Here in the Museum Building Dr. Merrill is giving an exhibit of water plants + tropical fish. I was just assorting my morning-glories and when I came to that white-flowered aquatic one, I showed it to Dr. Merrill and a few others. The consensus of opinion was that the plant should have value as an aquarium plant and that they would like to get seeds of it. So in case you should see seeds of *Sponsoea aquatica*, please don't throw them away but keep them.

By the way, we then talked about that introduced water fern *Aratopteris*. Dr. Merrill says the fronds can be eaten as a pot-herb. Now please don't go through all the Manoa taro patches and eat up all the ferns. They are rather pretty.

If you did not collect that Goodya, then my friend  
Kazuo Nitta got it. In regard to stating that the specimen  
came from Waikapalana Gulch and Kipapa, I can't  
help that. That is written on the label and so I fear it  
must stand. Nitta no doubt meant that Waikapalana  
Gulch is in the vicinity of Kipapa.

In regard to returning to the Paradise of the Pacific,  
I wired Cox that I would be ready to leave Honolulu in  
middle March, thus enabling me to play around in Honolulu  
for a month or so. Instead I get a wire telling me to catch  
the Pres. Hoover at San Francisco on Jan. 26 !!! and that  
he had ~~to~~ reserved passage on the boat on its arrival in  
Honolulu a week later. That would mean that I would  
have only a few hours in Honolulu. So, I wired back  
that his plan was not feasible and that I was await-  
ing him here in New York and then would take the  
trip from here. Thanks a lot for your offer to stay at  
824-12 Ave. I might camp out there in the Hibiscus garden if  
you swore too much.

Tommy I went back to his brother in Los Angeles about  
10 days ago. It was costing me too much to keep him and, as  
long as he had earned enough ~~to~~ and I expected to go on a  
trip, that was the logical time for him to go. I miss the  
little monkey and so do the others. He left New York Tuesday  
at 4 P.M. and landed in Los Angeles at 6.45 A.M. on Sunday.  
The fare was only \$34.

If I go on a trip I would leave Park here to draw  
for me.

I don't see what you mean by saying that *Perispermum*  
*albiflorum* is said by Hillbrand to be an escape from cultiva-  
tion! I wish you would explain it. What have you in your  
garden which you identify as my plant? I am puzzled.  
I must admit that I ~~now~~ think that my *Perispermum*  
*albiflorum* should be *Perispermum Menziesii* but as  
yet am not sure.

Why don't you try to imitate me? If you do, I am sure  
you can't go wrong! I am giving Dr. Merrill a set of all my plants  
and for that he is having a complete set mounted for me.  
They are in beautiful shape.

Alma Otis Silliman



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
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January 5, 1934.

Mr. Otto Degener,  
New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park, New York City.

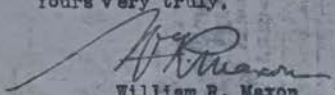
Dear Mr. Degener:

The lot of 52 specimens of Hawaiian plants mentioned in your letter of December 28 is accessioned as a gift from you to the National Museum. We are exceedingly glad to have this material, and are grateful for your kindness in presenting it. Indeed, I wish it were possible for us to place an order for a substantial series of your collections, but, as I must have explained previously, our appropriations have been so severely cut that no funds whatever are available for purchases. It looks also as if there is likely to be no improvement during the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Replying to your query, the habitat entry for Lyconodium nutans Brack. (P. 327) is as follows: "Sandwich Islands: High mountains of Oahu, growing on trees; rare." If you wish, I will send you a transcript of the description itself.

In this connection, I am sorry to hear that the Library of the New York Botanical Garden still lacks the text volume of the Brackenridge Fern Report. A year or more ago I wrote Dr. Barnhart privately, stating my impression that a limited number of copies were still available, and suggesting, if I remember correctly, that it might be possible for the Garden to obtain a copy of the text through the Smithsonian; but to the best of my knowledge he did not reply. If he will let me have a "note of inquiry," stated in general terms, I shall be glad to take the matter up with the Librarian of the Smithsonian Institution, and do what I can to procure a copy for the Garden Library. I have no very definite information as to how many copies remain of either text or plates, but can find out without much difficulty, I think, if Dr. Barnhart will actually make the request above suggested.

Yours very truly,

  
William R. Maxon  
Associate Curator  
Division of Plants.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

# HOTEL POWHATAN

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Room 423

Jan 15, 1934

Dear Otto,

Check received several days ago but it was only to-day that I had time to go down to the Agency & get the stamps. It means waiting in line about an hour. Was hoping you would have wanted more at this time but I can still get another batch for you. I have also laid away a few blocks in case of an SOS call from you. Yes I will give you half the value of the Zeps if received in good condition & not smeared up with ink. I think they will go thru O. K. Don't let any P. O. tell you they are not good for regular parcel post. Nothing on them re Air mail and I inquired here of 3rd Asst P.M. General & he says O. K. to use them for anything.

We invite you to a distinguished Hotel—Two blocks from the White House.

I think my brother & I can work out  
postage, too. What does Paradise Pacific  
charge per plant?

You didn't say when you were  
returning slides. I use them Jan 19  
but must have them at least one  
day before to get them worked into  
my lecture. Please don't fail to  
ship them in time.

Will be at New Haven on the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and may get to N. Y. the following  
Sunday for a visit with you but  
new lectures may develop & prevent  
this.

I am sailing from L. A. on  
Feb 6. Wish you could make it.

Aloha

Harold [Stearns]

Lending you \$8<sup>00</sup> worth of Zeps + 608 Parks  
you'll owe me 1.10¢



21/18/34

CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
January 18th, 1934

Mr Otto Degener,  
New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park, New York.

My Dear Degener -,

It is my sincere hope that you have by now recovered from the nervous strain of tell your Brooklyn audience all about the geology, geography, history, archaeology, industry arts and crafts, commerce and educational institutions of Hawaii in the brief time that was allotted to you. When I read your last letter I sympathized with you and on the evening of the 16th I was with you in spirit if not in fact. I do hope that everything went off alright and that the program was a success.

I am asking favors this morning. I have wondered if you will cull over any of the old Honolulu papers you may have and send me clippings of any letters of mine you may find. I have implored friends in Honolulu to do this and have sent money to them, but to date I have received no replies. I have sent the Star-Bulletin a number of letters and would like any clippings of them that it is convenient for you to send me.

How does the car start ?

We have lost all our snow here in Chicago, but I think there will be more some of these days. With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

R. J. Baker  
R. J. Baker.  
[Photographer]

4/30/34

N.Y. Bot. Garden,  
Bronx Park, N.Y. City.  
April 30, 1934

Oh Mr. Topping:

I was glad to get your letter and that your anti-letter-writing strike has been called off.

I think it is fine that Will has bought a plot near Roosevelt School and is going to build. I only wish he were closer to 2220 University Ave. Will he build a tropical fishery in his place and an aviary. By the way, do you know if he ever received an aquarium thermometer last Christmas from New York. I thought it might help some of his fish over the cold weather.

Oh Mister Topping, I have just been going over the *Lobelia's* — getting them ready for mounting and distributing. You got lots of good ones which I never found and which are not here in the herbarium. I think it is a pity that you only collect ferns. But that is not what is getting me so excited now. Oh Mister Topping! Do you know the Manoa Cave *Lobelia* which you gave me and which I had collected, I guess under your guidance later? Well, it is a true *Lobelia* and apparently

*Lobelia Hillebrandii* var. *monostachya* Rock or  
*Lobelia meriifolia* var.  $\gamma$  in Hillebrand's Flora  
page 238. The last is the older name merely.  
Hillebrand found it on a dry exposed slope "in  
Nii Valley and Rock never found it! Do  
you know what color the flowers was? I  
think I ought to print it in my Flora.  
It is so rare !!!!!

I went to the flower show but was dis-  
appointed. Possibly the depression kept  
people from exhibiting much.

Violets (yellow, white, purple and dog tooth)  
are out, *Hepatica* and practically nothing else.  
I found some marsh marigolds last  
Sunday (10 days ago) and brought them home  
and put them in our little fountain on  
the sun porch. They are now really  
beautiful. Have 3 bullfrogs (they may possibly  
lay eggs and prove to be cow-frogs) also in there.  
They are cute.

Do you ever pass my house? I  
wonder what it looks like now that I  
do not live in it. No doubt it is dirty and  
disorderly - grass long and unkempt,  
newspapers lying around, no friendly owl  
to greet the welcome visitor, etc., etc.

I am printing a few more pages.  
I guess you will get the last lot by  
this time Aloha nui and auwae eia  
little D. Sawyer



5/7/34

New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park, New York City  
May 7, 1934.

Dear Mr. Sapping:

I have just gone over my  
lobelias, labeling them up and getting them  
ready for mounting. Dr. Merrill came in  
and looked them over. We two then concocted  
a wild and wicked scheme — namely to  
start a lobeliaceae craze to compete with  
the orchid and tulip craze. In other words,  
Dr. Merrill will try his darndest to  
grow any *Cyaneas*, *Clermontias*, etc., etc.,  
in the greenhouse of which he can get seed.  
So (now the delicate appeal of this letter must  
come after having aroused your sympathy and  
interest) whatever you could ship, will be  
taken care of. He advised shipping the seeds  
fresh and more or less moist. I should  
think a partly squashed *Clermontia* berry

P.S. I have not your letter here in which you asked me some questions which I have forgotten. Was it whether the aquatic *Sponocera* grew at the guppy place at Kakaekua. That is the place.

between a blotter and enclosed in an envelope to Dr. Merrill, would grow alright. It might be worth trying, at any rate.

Anthony <sup>Tamm</sup> wrote me. He is official rat catcher at Makawao. What do you think of that! I suppose he gets a bounty because of the plague danger. I hope he is guarding against catching the disease himself.

The oaks are now actually in flower and Spring is here. It is fine.

I guess you know that Mrs. Britton died. Dr. Britton was so weak after the funeral that he had to go to bed. A couple of weeks ago, he had a stroke. I am terribly sorry for him. He was always very decent to me.

Is Bush Manor being built now? Tell Will and Mary not to forget to build an aquarium room, an aviary, a chicken coop and a rabbit pen. A herbaceous room is also necessary to complete the house. Aloha, Otto Sauer

6/29/34

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June 29, 1934

Mr. David L Topping  
P.O. box 2356  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Topping:

I notice in the Naturalists' Directory that you are willing to collect or exchange ferns from various Pacific Islands.

I am trying to build up a large collection of ferns here at the Conservatory and at my home. The financial condition of the parks is such that I am attempting to exchange material as much as possible or to buy small material myself and place the surplus or duplicates in the collection here.

Spores, small plants, or other propagating material such as rootstocks and bulblets, Marrattia scales, etc. could be used.

If you could give me an idea of the material you have and the prices I would be very grateful. Or if you desire to exchange material, could you give me an idea of the material you desire.

Very truly yours

*Edward E. Green*  
Horticulturist

Garfield Park Conservatory.

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July 18 34

My dear Otto  
According to your Jan 25  
in due time you will show yourself in  
Hon. That lawyer had better not see the  
car before making you will for if he  
anticipates in asset he sure will know  
the meaning of "liability".

Cant say that Hon is a place  
for Congregation for every year at this time I  
get either hay fever or a cold I cant shake  
off. The grass around Kaimuki is in full  
blossom or the lots that are not shaved &  
trimmed which may be the cause.

You have plenty of time at your disposal  
so can see no reason for overland trip which  
kind is more expensive.

There is plenty of second hand cars  
here answering to your description and price  
so dont be discouraged.

Fushida is as fat as she can roll  
she has Fushida trained to come in &  
do all the heavy work - laundry etc also  
horses the yard boy into another kitchen helper  
it is hard to keep the help.

Mosten boats bring in heavy loads  
lots are all full. University keeps adding new  
courses. plenty F.E.D.s & C.C.C. work. Taxes  
going up plenty.

Just found out new law regarding  
"Exemption" on property tax. If you don't make  
application for exemption before Jan 30 you lose  
out entirely.

Alola hui

J. H. C. Fox

8/15/34

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August 15, 1934

Dear Dr. Topping:-

The collection of fern fronds arrived Monday and I certainly wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy in sending them. None of the species you sent are included in our collection here.

The spores are being sown and will be given the best possible care. I will let you know the results.

I wish to thank you again for sending this material and I assure you that if there is anything that I can do to repay this favor I shall be only too glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

*Eldred Green*  
Horticulturist  
Garfield Park Conservatory.



8/27/34

2236 University Ave.  
Honolulu -  
27. VIII. '34.

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OR

Dear Otto Degener,

Like the perfect gentleman you are you continue to favor us with additional pages of your "Flora Hawaiianensis" in spite of no acknowledgement for past favors. I confess humiliation for the family. Mother of course no longer writes letters, her eyesight being too poor but she does her best in re-

minding me at intervals of  
my sins of omission. Do  
forgive me please. and rest  
assured we are none the less  
grateful and flattered with your  
continued attentions, and shall  
always value what I know  
is a long laborious work on  
your part. I love the personal  
messages on some of the pages  
which will go to make the finished  
book all the more valuable!

These autographed volumes aren't  
in it! By the way, I hope  
the "Star Bulletin" has some

more of your binders or whatever  
you call them, as I can't get all  
the pages on hand into one binder.

"Hoot Mon" is fine. Still sit-  
ting on his perch poor thing, &  
squawks a cheery (?) welcome  
every time Mrs. Lemon comes  
in sight. She seems very kind  
to him, though she often threatens  
to let him loose. I hesitate to  
offer rats or mice as I doubt  
their welcome by the powers that  
be. Anyway, I'm thankful  
to say that delicacy has been  
very scarce around these prem-  
ises for some long time. Love

premises seem in good shape too. A Filipino gardener is employed there once a week. He sweeps & cuts grass mostly. No watering done. Fortunately we've had some fine tropical downpours lately. No more floods however. But oh the heat! It's been terrific the past two weeks. The worst in nine years they say. Somewhere around 90° at times. We are all well in spite of it.

When are you coming home?  
We miss you -

With kindest aloha from  
us all,

Ever sincerely  
J. Remy Cotton



10/20/34

P.O. BOX. 112.  
HONOLULU.  
HAWAII.  
Oct. 20th.

Dear Otto.

I have become a past master in the art of typeing, very much a past master you'll say, but dont be rude, I think a lot of my skill, even if nobody else does, and I just had to get this machine because my correspondence is away behind, but now I hope to do something about it., and what is more, I expect an answer by return post.

Topping has been under the weather as no doubt you are aware, too bad he fell sick on his trip to Victoria.

But we are scheduled to hike together again to-morrow, I guess it will not be a very strenuous one, but very enjoyable to me just the same where ever we go.

When are you coming back, you old son of a gun?

The Owl is still alive, that is, I have not heard to the contrary, Miss Renny Catton says it screeches at the top of its voice and makes one un-holy row.

But that information is strictly confidential, for I should not tell tales out of school, what do you think?

I protest at your permitting the Owl out of its cage upon your return, it strikes me as being most unsanitary and not to be encouraged at all, in fact I thoroughly disapprove.

I often help Topping to gather specimens for you but I never get any recognition from you and I am fed up both with Chop Suey and your silence. Ha! Ha!

Let my marriage failure be a lesson to you and watch your step, it will be a long time before I do it again, I value my freedom too much now, my wife is not very far away from you, that is she was when I last heard from her, at a place called Norwalk in Conn:

My car is still going strong, how is yours? I expect to see you come back with a Rolls-Royce.

I am still working for Hoffschlaeger & Co, sales are getting better the longer I stay with it, When may I have the opportunity to sell you some Liver Sausage and Pumpernickel Bread and other German delicacies.

Well I think thats a noble effort even if you do not.

And I'm signing off now and I'll write again when I hear from you, give my regards to Park and be good yourself.

Aloha and Cheerio,  
from

Dick.

P.S. Topping and I went to Partners Point to-day, we were able to get a key from the man in charge of the Gilbert Bee place and never walked an inch, we saved our strength for another day, you'll recall no doubt the old saying about the man that runs away lives to fight another day.

I was allowed to read your letter to Topping sent by Air Mail which gave such valuable advice as to his recovery from his sickness, which was very DEGENERARIAN and highly amusing, you'll be hearing from Dr. Larsen. Aloha nui loa.

Lancaster, Pa., October 30, 1934

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N. Y. Botanical Garden  
Bronx Park  
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October 31  
1934

Mr. Otto Degener  
The New York Botanical Garden  
Bronx Park (Fordham Branch P. O.)  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Otto:

I have your favor of October 12, asking for an allotment of CCC funds for botanical exploration of the Islands.

I referred your letter to Mr. James W. Lloyd, Business Administrator, Emergency Conservation Work, Hawaii, and quote from his reply as follows:

"The request of October 12, 1934 by Mr. Otto Degener (erstwhile Professor of Botany at the University of Hawaii) cannot be complied with for the reason that our Emergency Conservation program does not contemplate botanical explorations.

"Our approved program for the six months' period beginning October 1st of this year is now under way under an approved program and the supplementary program recently transmitted to Washington for approval also does not include the type and character of work Mr. Degener requests assistance on."

I regret that your request apparently can not be complied with.

Thank you for the copy of Flora Hawaiiensis, which has been duly received. This will be a very valuable addition to my library.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours

*J. B. Poindexter*  
Governor of Hawaii



11/15/34

The Horticultural Society of New York, Inc.

598 MADISON AVENUE

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TELEPHONE PLAZA 3-8651

November 15, 1934.

Mr. Otto Degener,  
New York Botanical Gardens,  
Bronx Park, N. Y.


Dear Mr. Degener:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 9th and am very glad to say that the chairman of our library committee has authorized the purchase of one copy each of "Plants of Hawaii National Park", and volume one of "Flora Hawaiiensis". We would like volume two of the latter title when it is published. If it is satisfactory to you we shall send you a check about the first of December for the library ~~copies~~ and will keep on consignment the one copy of "Plants of Hawaii National Park" with the hope of selling it to one of our members. As regards the extra copy that you have of Hillebrand's "Flora of the Hawaiian Islands", 1888, at the present time, we do not feel in a position to purchase it but I shall be glad to let you know of anyone who might be interested in it.

May I call your attention to the fact that you have made a slight mistake in the spelling of my name which is "Hall" and not "Flax".

I hope that we may have the pleasure of having you come and visit our library when you are in the vicinity.

Very truly yours,

  
(Elizabeth C. Hall)  
Librarian

BAP

11/15/34

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
HAWAII NATIONAL PARK  
HAWAII

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

November 15, 1934

Mr. Otto Degener  
The New York Botanical Garden  
Bronx Park  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Degener:

In reply to your letter of October 30:

Inclosed you will find the postal money order for \$35.85, which is the amount of money received in the sale of nine copies of the book of "Plants of Hawaii National Park". A charge of fifteen cents for money order fee, a total of \$36.00. Mr. Higashida informs me that he has seven copies of your book on hand. This accounts for the twenty-six copies of your book, which you referred to, in your letter.

We have no information in regard to the copies of your book which former Ranger Brumaghim had charge of. The copies which he had were not pooled with the park copies. If you wish to get in touch with former Ranger Brumaghim, ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> can be reached through the Territory Tax Office, Hilo Hawaii.

At the present time the seven copies of "Plants of Hawaii National Park" which we have on hand are sufficient. If you care to send us a small supply of Book 1 of "Flora Hawaiiensis" we shall be glad to make every effort we can to sell them. Mr. Higashida is satisfied with his compensation for handling the sale of your books. Hence, no definite commission other than that for which you have arranged need be considered.

With best regards to you, I remain

Sincerely,

*John E. Doerr Jr.*  
John E. Doerr Jr.  
Acting Superintendent.

JED:RK

11/19/34

1st National Bank Bldg.  
Culver City, Calif.  
Nov. 19, 1934

Dear Mr. Degener:

I received your welcome letter postcard  
to weeks ago I'm ofly sorry I delayed so long  
and I am glad to hear from you and Park.  
Kind I think that you did not go around the  
world. Mr. Degener why?

I wish I was here I miss you and Park and  
also our friends and all the fun. And how is  
the weather here in New York, but in here  
for Angeles we have rains in four days  
and also I was in Hollywood that time  
and I am all wet when I go home, and  
also that I'm working now and I don't  
stay with my brother any more.

I would like to ask if you print some of  
my drawing please send me some of  
the sample Mr. Degener because some of  
my friend here they would like to see  
it my drawing if you don't mind.  
and also my boss they ofly nice to me  
and they all ways advise me not to  
go around to the wrong kind of people.

So long. Good luck aloha now.

Sincerely yours,  
Tony Egliam

[He later became circus director!] ]



11/27/34

*copy*

November 27, 1934.

Professor H. C. Nelson  
Ishpeming, Michigan.

Dear Professor Nelson:

Your letter addressed to Professor Petry has been forwarded to me for reply.

Our Director-in-Chief, Dr. E. D. Merrill, for many years Director of the Bureau of Science at Manila, Philippine Islands, says that the two most popular or best known flowers in the Philippines are Jasminum sambac and Hibiscus rosa sinensis.

Mr. Otto Degener, our best authority on the plants of Hawaii has replied to your request as follows:

"In regard to Prof. Nelson's question I find the following:

The Hibiscus (pua aloalo) is the official Territorial Flower. But in addition to the Territorial flower, each island has its special flower as follows: Island of Hawaii, pua lehua; Oahu, pua ilima; Maui, lokelani; Kauai, mokinana; Molokai, pua kukui; Lanai, kaunaoa; and Nahoelawe, hinahina. The above is to be found in "Session Laws of Hawaii, 1923" Joint Resolution #1 (page 341). Resolution approved May 2, 1923, by Governor Farrington.

Should Professor Nelson wish any more information on Hawaiian plants, I would be glad to try to answer them."

Trusting that this information will be satisfactory,  
I am

Very truly yours

H. A. Gleason  
Head Curator

HAC:HAB.

DR. LEON CROIZAT

NEW YORK

December 5th, 1934

My dear Degener;

Thank you for your letter. I shall write to Dr. Krauss as soon as I can get my bearing out of Lindens. When you begin to pull the string of some complicated "piece of cheese" you can not think or do anything else. Right now I have such "cheese" around and I must see it through. Soon I will be over it.

I will take the copy for Sherf to you next Saturday or Sunday. I forgot to mention that two corrections of comparatively small import were made to my opus in the "Journal of the Cactus and Succulent Society," Vol VI, No. 3, Sept. 1934, p. 42.

So far as I may know your Euphorbiae are apparently in good shape, no evident "cheese" showing in them. Old man Heller's diagnoses and critical notes seem to be decently taken. Hillebrand is a good botanist, Rock a corker. Some interpretation, of course, may be made from the works of Gaudichaud, and in this Prof. A. Guillaumin of Paris could be of great help, as there are many types in France, as you well know. The work should be perhaps more usefully done in the field, as it is evident that the concept of species and variety is open to tinkering, and there is no end of sciences and "not sciences" that may be brought to bear upon the subject. I mention to you the extremely interesting question that the genus afford, whether it can or must be split or not. The field, narrowed apparently to this one genus, could be made fruitful in general botany. At present it is premature to speak of all this: my correspondent, Frère Sennen, of Barcelona (a very wild taxonomist) states that "la botanique doit être cherchée à la campagne". In a measure he is right, but with him the trouble is that he goes "à la campagne" without umbrella and gets there all wet... You know, the clerics: Coste, Deysson, Soulié, Sennen, all are the spiritual sons of Lévêille.

I ~~mentioned~~ forgot to mention Hooker and Arnott in your flora. I have them down to the last comma in my 00000000000 booklets. Great stuff, but, I surmise, with less chances they would not have been so great. I must copy now what Wawra wrote. There is also something you will like to hear about, if you have not: some very fine biographic and otherwise studies on old French botanists and collectors who were busy in the flora of Polynesia (generally) have appeared in Australian publications. I have the reference somewhere but so well buried that it would now take me 00000000000 years to get it out. I turned it over to our omniscient friend Barnhart. He may give it to you, if you do not know of it. The necessary texts are in the files of the Museum of Natural History at 79th Str.

Do not worry about the fact that Sherf preempted the work which you so kindly thought of giving me. We will work together yet.

Yours,

Leon Croizat

This letter is "dicenda tacenda locutus": Forgive me for it.

You are half Latin, are you not?

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

I am so off here, but wish I were not. Viva for "Hula oh! la, la!"

12/5/34

12/8/34

New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park, New York City.  
Dec. 8, 1934.

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am trying to reduce the bulk of <sup>my</sup> collection here so have been mailing you additional boxes of sedges. These contain duplicates chiefly, I having retained my best set here in order to get it mounted. When a genus has been mounted and we are ready to study it, then I can mail it on to you some day.

You received three bundles of herbarium specimens from me for your University. I made out a bill for them now as from Monday on New York City begins its 3% sales tax. I am not sure whether this would apply to plants. But by shipping them to you now, I need not worry about it.

I just received a shipment of plants from Otton Behr and therein found specimens collected by you in Florida!

How about that *Unéinia*?

Sincerely,

Arthur D. Jones



12/8/34

WELLESLEY COLLEGE  
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF  
BOTANY

December 8, 1934

Dr. Otto Degener  
The New York Botanical Garden  
Bronx Park  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Degener:

Your package of Hawaiian plants arrived safely a short time ago, and we have approved the bill. I am glad that you are not sending us more than one specimen of each species since the funds at our disposal for the herbarium are meagre. At the time when we placed the order with you, in 1930, we had a small fund at our disposal. This has been exhausted and now we have to add the sum of the Hawaiian plants to our regular department budget. Could you kindly notify me as to the number of plants which you expect to send to Wellesley from July 1935 to July 1936?

Very truly yours,

*Alice M. Ottley*

Alice M. Ottley  
Curator of Herbarium

AMO:F

12/10/34

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December 10, 1934.

Dr. Leroy Topping,  
P.O. Box 2356,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Dr. Topping:-

I have looked, with a good deal of anticipation, for a letter from you with some fern specimens from Borneo and Hawaii, and not hearing from you I have worried somewhat thinking you may be sick or something has happened to you.

I would be very glad to hear if you succeeded in finding many ferns on the list I sent you some two years ago. This is just to let you know that I am still interested and haven't given up hopes yet of getting some from you.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Cathcart

WHC/AB

Recd. Mch. 31 '35

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Dec. 12, 1934

Dear Mr. Doerr;

I received your letter of Nov. 15. Many thanks for settling my Park books account. My book is certainly slow in selling - botany is not a popular subject and the price of \$14.00 is worse. Yet I do not <sup>feel</sup> that I can well lower the price.

I am instructing my printer, the "Paradise of the Pacific Press", to mail you ten copies of my "Flora Hawaiianensis" or "New Illustrated Flora of the Hawaiian Islands"; <sup>Book I.</sup> ~~Eight of~~ ~~these are to be sold for one while one~~ Please accept one of these with my compliments and give another to <sup>Mr.</sup> Higashida. The remaining eight would then be offered for sale by the Park. The price of each is \$3.50.

You will find quite a few ~~that~~ <sup>the book</sup> Park plants described in my Flora Haw., and I hope it may be of use to you in your work. Book 2, now complete, though not yet offered for sale, contains quite a few more Park plants. ~~I am~~ This will be put on the market on my return to Honolulu this Spring.

With greetings of the season, I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
O. H. Doerr





12/15/34

New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park, New York City.  
Dec. 14, 1934.

Mr. Hugh O'Neill,  
Catholic University of America,  
Washington, D. C.

Copy

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I received your letter of Dec. 11.

The second book of my Flora is complete and as the weather is now most uncomfortable, I am eager to return to the Islands. I am beginning to pack and part of this packing really consists in sending off Cyperaceae to you. By the way, I have still more to send you. Today I unearthed *Oreobolus* - specimens from the Island of Kauai. I doubt that I mailed you any of these before. If it is not too much bother and your specimens are at hand, give me their dates of collection.

In regard to my exchanging plants with Otto Behr and possibly doing the same with you: The printing of my books is so expensive that I am trying to sell my duplicates whenever possible rather than using them for exchange. But in case I have more duplicates of a certain number than I can dispose of by sale (or gift to my old college), I send these off to Behr just to get rid of them. Then I have him send me plants belonging to genera also found in the Hawaiian Islands. In other words I am using my superfluous and usually worst specimens for exchange.

In my shipment of Cyperaceae, I want you of course to help yourself to good specimens for your herbarium. It is only in the few cases where no duplicates exist of a certain number that your herbarium would be incomplete. In every case please let me know if you have kept a specimen as I record on the label of my personal herbarium exactly where the duplicates have gone.

Many thanks for offering to buy my duplicate *Uncinia*. As I remember, I had rather few and these, I feel, I should send out with my other plants to the same institutions as before. So in this case I had better decline your kind offer.

In regard to the *Uncinia* and other sedge descriptions I think we should write them jointly. When my plants have come back I will compare them with the New Zealand ones and hope to agree with you. I am a bit surprised that our plant should be identical with the N.Z., one in view of the fact that practically all Hawaiian montane species of Flowering Plants are endemic - in the case of the ferns it is different. For an *Uncinia* to be common to both Hawaii and N.Z., speaks well for the uncinat nutlet as a means of dissemination. It seems quite plausible. I shall write you more later about *Uncinia*.

I am looking forward to getting back to the Islands in search of more sedges, etc.

Sincerely,

12/17/34

3704 Cheasty Blvd.,  
Seattle, Wash. Dec. 17, 1934.

Mr. Otto Deneger,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Deneger:

A few days ago I received your letter and the small package of specimens. I was very glad to get them, and also to know that there will be more later on.

I have always been interested in Hawaii, and I hope to spend a summer there within the next ten years. And just as soon as I can see my way clear, I shall purchase your two books, samples of which you have sent me already.

Shall I send you some of my assortment of Washington Plants, or do you wish plants of any certain group? Do you want them now, or shall I wait until you send a large shipment?

I have exchanged so widely this year that I have only about 50 numbers left that are of any importance, but these include a few rare willows, crucifers, etc.

Please let me hear from you soon, as I wish to do whatever you want me to do about this matter. I am eager to get a set of your ferns, and as far as possible send you in return what I have that you want. My 1934 set has already been sent to Dr. Merrill in exchange for their books.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours,

*J. William Thompson*



12/20/34  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
December 20th, 1934

Mr Otto Degener,  
New York Botanical Garden,  
Bronx Park, New York.

My Dear Degener -,

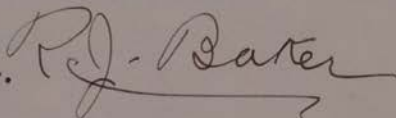
Enclosed with this letter you will find a few prints of the pictures we made in the green house the morning of our visit and a few other scenes taken in the city and which no doubt you will recognize. No doubt you will like to have them in your files.

Here in Chicago there was quite a heavy snow yesterday. The streets were covered again with the fresh snow. There ~~was~~ several inches. This morning it is a little colder but the snow has ceased falling. The temperature must, I think be at about twenty above.

I received the three letters you forwarded to me. They arrived yesterday. Many thanks. Stamps enclosed. Once more extending my best wishes to your self and your family including Park, I am

Sincerely,

R.J. Baker.



12/22/37

Hennepin, T. H.

December 22, 1937

My dear Degener:-

Unless you return very  
shortly I am going to have some little  
blankets printed which will read thusly.

"Mr. Wm. Bush and myself wish to return  
thanks to Mr. Otto Degener for the gift of

x x x x x x x x x

Signed

D. L. Boy Topping.

This time the x x x represent the covers of  
Book 2 - Degener. Flora Hawaiianis.

The Old Year is drawing to a close  
and this afternoon is cloudy and gloomy  
and I cannot work up any Christmas  
spirit although I have brought some  
panetties into the house and have a  
fruit cake and a bottle of wine in the  
house.

I had two invitations for family dinner  
but felt that I did not want to accept  
and so I am going hiking - probably  
St. Louis Heights - Woodlawn Trail

[Northwood]

Dick has gone to Hills for Christmas  
and Wm thinks he will have no more  
time for hiking owing to the cares of  
the new home. They are at last  
settled in it and it is very nice.

I passed on your article on the  
honey-glaze spider to Dr. Laxson and  
he was very pleased to get it and  
asked me to express to you his great  
appreciation for your kindness.

By the way he discharged me last  
Friday as absolutely normal after  
two blood tests, so I can no longer  
pass as an invalid.

The Thomases are home - I have seen  
Bee just for a minute and am  
anxious to hear about Russia.

I guess I will call this a letter  
with wishes for a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

D. L. Bay Topping



17/22/34  
Attraction MR. OTTO D. DEGENER

Date Submitted December 21, 1934

Date Returned Dec. 22, 1934

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Gentlemen:

I agree to accept an engagement from Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences  
Lafayette Avenue, Mr. Charles Atkins

on January 16th, 1935

at Brooklyn Institute of Arts, Lafayette Avenue

for Gross fee \$30.

Specifications:

Mr. Otto Degener is to show Hawaiian ex colored slides and to give a short explanatory talk (about 30 minutes altogether). This amount is to be net to Mr. Degener who is to pay transportation and expenses. The balance of the program will consist of music, and folk dancing of Hawaii. The program starts at sometime between 8 and 8:30, so please be there sometime before 8 o'clock.

Please write to Mr. Charles Atkins, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., regarding your requirements for this date. Tel. Sterling 3-6700

Return engagement is to be under the management of Management Ernest Briggs, Inc. for any time within one year after the date of this lecture, ~~Between~~ January 16th.

Hawaii, its Origin & People - prefers present-day Hawaiian

Accepted

Otto Degener O. K.

Management Ernest Briggs, Inc.

Per

12/24/34

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Dec 24, 1934

Dear Otto,

I will not be stopping over in New York on my <sup>way to</sup> Washington much as I would like to. I will however be in N. Y. C. about Jan 25, for a short time I believe.

My brother will write you ~~re~~ the printing. He says it will be a lot cheaper if he gets 4 at a time because his press can print 4 at a time as easy as 3. He is going to print 2000 copies of this description & will then be able to quote you real prices. I think he can ship it by parcel post

using good stamps + still  
be able to way undercut  
Honolulu printers.

I am sending under  
separate cover some  
lantern slides which I  
think you can use.

Please return them as  
soon as your lecture  
is over as I have 3  
more scheduled for  
Jan in which I use  
some of these slides.

Aloha

Harold [Hearns]



12/26/34

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HONOLULU, HAWAII

12/26/34

My dear Otto. Mr. Cox was in N.Y. Nov. 1 to 14 & left a President Harrison. was unable to find you. Stopped at Pennypacker Hotel.

Will be glad to see you anytime. Can't tell you much news in the Botanical line. Would guess from your description it would be well to leave the car in N.Y. It has been a faithful servant to your abuse & deserves the scrap heap. Your Luna looks O.K. from Detroit. Apparently from your description Amelika is well represented in the Bremen this time is reported as very good and a demand for high priced foods of all kinds. Rapid Loan is on its feet again & says stocks doing well.

Spent a quiet day at Lanikai just hanging around

Rachel is still in C.C.C. work but  
look punk. Remembrance for some publicity in  
papers every few weeks otherwise I don't really  
about that Jay. Saw Martin Saturday  
Died was getting ossification of vertebrae.

Sent me a card asking when  
you are due & will let's have meet  
the last.

Altohuini

R.C.

12/28/34

Riverdale-on-Hudson Garden Club  
4710 Belknap Avenue  
Mrs. William Robert Williams, President

Dec. 28, 1934.

My dear Mr. Degener,  
one of the pleasantest of  
surprises and the most acceptable  
of Christmas remembrances, was  
your gift to us of your most ex-  
cellent book, "Plants - Hawaii  
National Park." We are proud  
to possess this work of yours. It  
not only imparts a great deal  
of valuable information, but  
does it in a most attractive  
manner. We regard your book  
as a real contribution to our Library.

Dr. Williams and I have  
very much enjoyed meeting  
you, and hope you will come in  
some Sunday afternoon, or even  
on the first snow drives  
you back to Hawaii!

How enjoyable it would be if  
you graciously wish that we come



to Hawaii in the New Year might  
be fulfilled! Alas! There is no prob-  
ability of it, for in these times of  
economic stress, a physician's pocket-  
book has a lean and hungry look.

But let us have your Hawaii  
address, that we may at least  
interchange cards of greeting.

a Happy New Year to you,  
and to your sister, Mrs. Degener.

Always sincerely yours,  
Flora N. Williams

12/31/34

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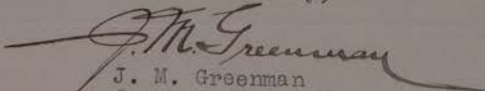
Dr. Otto Degener  
New York Botanical Garden  
Bronx Park  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Degener:

This will acknowledge the receipt in good condition of the seventy-eight (78) specimens of Hawaiian plants, mentioned in your letter of December 22, 1934. Your bill has been approved and remittance doubtless will be made in a few days.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

  
J. M. Greenman  
Curator of the Herbarium

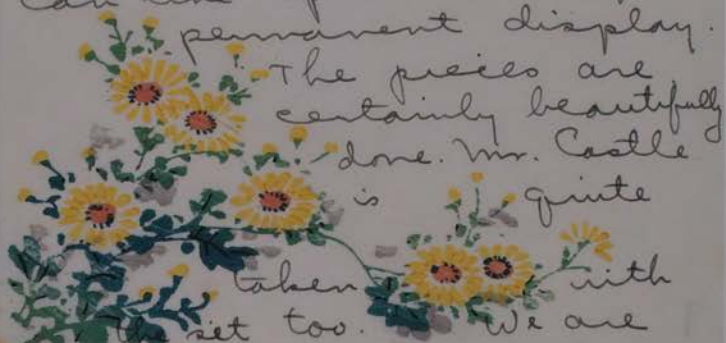
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Dear Otto :-

You know how good  
Carl's intentions are, but just  
now he has a horrid boil  
on his neck, and while he  
is thrilled to death about  
the gorgeous chess set, he  
is not very much inclined  
to write. He is going to  
have a narrow shelf  
in the front room where he  
can line up the men for  
permanent display.

The pieces are  
certainly beautifully  
done. Mr. Castle  
is quite  
taken with  
the set too. We are





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going to have a velvet  
cover on the table to set  
the men on when they  
are played. Your "botanical"  
record amused us all too.

But now what is the  
business situation? Carl  
says he asked you to  
pick up a set for him if  
you ever came across a  
good one. He is very  
grateful to you and  
wants to know the cost  
so please let us know  
in your next letter.

I sold another book  
last week. Miyake wishes  
to know also about  
the cost of additional

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sheets to date. Will you  
let me know this when  
you write and also  
let me know how to  
get the sheets. Is there a  
second cover out as yet?  
Have the books I have  
for sale been completed  
as to first and last  
pages etc? I judge they  
have.

My father is with us  
and fishes every Sunday  
at Waimaralo. He has had  
several good catches.  
and enjoys it immensely.  
Things go on here as  
usual. Mrs. Tower and

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Mr. Castle were pleased  
to hear from you at  
Christmas. We all had  
Christmas breakfast at  
Mrs. Tower's, with you  
alone absent.

Did we tell you we  
expect to leave here on  
June 1, drive across the  
States, visit in Cincinnati,  
Meiden, and New York,  
in the summer, and  
then go to England for a  
sabbatical semester in  
Cambridge University.  
Do you not wish to come  
along to England?  
What are your plans?



We have been looking forward to your coming home all along.

How nice to have a visit with Harold Stearns. Dr. Krauss enjoyed seeing you too.

Let's have a letter some day soon.

Wishing you a very fine new year,

Always sincerely yours,

Home,

Happy new year,  
Bobby,  
Hans,  
Jigger,  
Catie,  
Dane.

Honolulu

+ Earl [Fitzger]

December 29

[Fitzger, S.H. Castle & Legation forced  
Pres D.L. Crawford's leaving H. of Hono.]