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CHICAGO ILLINOIS
January 2nd, 1935

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

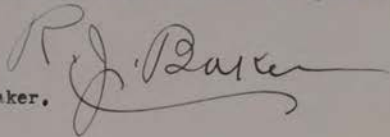
My Dear Degener -, Many thanks for the good letter and the other mail which you forewarded and which has just been received. I am glad that you got this Briggs job finally and am sure that you can make a substantial contribution to the program.

In regard to the Volcano Reel, I am using this reel for a lecture in Wisconsin on the 8th of January. I will return to Chicago about the 10th, and can immediately send the reel on to you. You can return it as soon as you finish with it. All I would ask you would be transportation charges. I do not know off hand what these would be, but think the charges would be about .75 cents each way. The reel runs about 12 minutes on the screen. I am leaving for Wisconsin next Sunday, the 6th. I will look for word from you as soon as I return which will be about the 10th.

Congratulations for selling your book in Russia. I suppose that this was the Park book. Why do you not try to get them to subscribe to the entire fifty volumes of the Hawaiian Flora as they volumes appear. I understand that the Russians are giving a lot of encouragement to scientific work, over there.

I will be interested to know how that the Brooklyn affair comes out. I hope that the second part will be recognizable as Hawaiian. I know yours will be alright, but I am wondering if the second part will be put on by the lady who had the letter in the Bulletin some time ago, do you remember?

With sincerest best wishes to your self and for your "farewell" appearance, I am as ever,


R.J. Baker.

R.J. Baker,
6243 Woodlawn Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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THE BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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CHARLES D. ATKINS,
DIRECTOR

OFFICE: THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC, LAFAYETTE AVENUE

January 7, 1935

Dr. Otto Degemer
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York City

Dear Dr. Degemer:

In reply to your letter of January 5, we are showing every week at the Institute travel motion pictures in sound, so that they lack the novelty that comes with them to an audience unaccustomed to such presentations. In addition, the Academy of Music building, of which the Institute is only a tenant, is rigidly controlled by Union labor, so we can't show a silent film even for a minute except at an extra expense of about \$17, whereas if a film in sound is shown the Union insists on two operators. These would involve an added expense of about \$35 for the evening, plus about \$11 more for getting the sound horns on the platform, making the burden a terrific one for one reel.

If the reel is a silent one not requiring the horns or two operators and you feel it will add appreciably to the interest, we shall be very glad to schedule it. The lantern views of course will give us no trouble.

The Union does not permit us to use our own operators at any of our lectures in the Music Hall, only the regular Union operator -- one assigned by the Union-- being possible.

We are looking forward with much interest to your lecture on Hawaii Wednesday evening, January 16. We are particularly keen to have the current aspects of life on the Islands stressed rather than the historic or geological side, since our science work covers more or less the geologic phases of the various countries.

Yours faithfully,


Director

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Van Wagon W 45th St ^{near} West of 6th Ave
9th floor

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

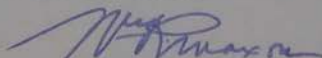
January 8, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

We are in receipt just now of an additional lot of 77 Hawaiian specimens collected by yourself. This material is accessioned as a gift from you. Like that previously sent, it will prove valuable to the National Herbarium.

Yours very truly,



William R. Maxon
Associate Curator
Division of Plants.

1/10/35
CHICAGO ILLINOIS
January 10th, 1935

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

My Dear Degener -,

I have just mailed to Volcano moving picture to you and trust it reached you in plenty of time to relieve you of worry about your show at the Brooklyn Institute.

Your letter of the 4th was here waiting for me when I returned from Wisconsin on the 9th, yesterday. The enclosed dollar is also acknowledged. I have sent the film by regular parcels post, but have put on special delivery stamps extra, so that it will not lie in the New York post office too long. I should think it would not take more than two days for the film to be placed in your hands.

You have my sympathy in the matter of the tuxedo, I hope that you are not going to be punished too severely for the privilege of giving this lecture. I will have to look into the matter of the duplicate of this film. I have duplicates of some of the films, but am not sure about this. You may return it to me when you finish with it, and I will let you know later about the duplicate.

My date in Wisconsin at the Platteville Teachers College went off successfully and I had no very great difficulties about the drive out there. In fact, the snow here has about all melted, and the ground is clear. On the way out to Wisconsin the roads were a little icy, but there were warm rains that melted the snow and though wet, the roads were not slippery on the way home. The distance was two hundred miles each way. Just at the moment the sky is dark and overcast and there is more snow falling which melts as it falls.

Once more extending all good wishes to you, I am,

Sincerely,

R. J. Baker
R. J. Baker.

R. J. Baker,
6243 Woodlawn Ave.,
Chicago.

at the Hotel Weylin, 54th
Street and Madison Ave
at seven o'clock promptly
in order to get there in time
for the music. If it is
too hard for you to get down
as early as that I can send
you one of the tickets and
ask you to meet us in the
box.

If you do not care enough
for music, perhaps you ^{would}
would like to run out here
for a week and - sisters
this coming Sunday or
the Sunday after. My
daughters sail on Friday
1st for the West Indies &
with some friends - so do
come before then. I shall

CHARLECOTE
SHORT HILLS, NEW JERSEY

My dear Mr. Wagner.

Mr. Home has just told
me that you are in New York
I cannot bear to think of
your going back to Honolulu
without our seeing you again.

I have never forgotten your
generous hospitality & this
six years ago and want
you to know that we have
the same brand in New
Jersey!

If you care enough for
music to go with us to the
opera next Monday - to hear
Giocanda. We will dine

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be so disappointed not to see you
before you go back.

Hoping that we may see you.

Sincerely yours

Henrietta M. Stout

(Mrs. Charles H. Stout)

January 14th 1935.

Week end means Friday - Monday
of course!

1/16/35

P.O. Box 31

Kapoho, Puna, Hawaii

January 16, 1935

Dear Prof;

Enclosed is three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) for the price of your book "Flora Hawaiiana". Just it took me hell of a long time to sell it tho. I only wish there were more people interested in such worthy books.

Dr Stearns wrote to me about three weeks ago and he stated that he is kept busy on Oahu and Molokai until about the 10th of January and won't be able to employ me until he is permanently settled on Maui. Of course when you get this letter I may get the call to duty from him too.

The farmers are getting the break now days and I just don't understand why. The prices of truck produce has been unusually fair during the past year and we made fairly

well except for the weather being unfavorable at times. Of course the government and the detention service of the University of Hawaii has given us a big hand.

The young people of our community have organized a club "The Kapaho Junior Farm Demonstration Club" with the aid of Mr. Goff and Miss Skellhorn. It is in most ways like the other clubs and a great help to rural boys and girls. We have the use of library books from the Library of Hawaii. In that I mean the Library sends out a bunch of books to our club every few weeks.

We are also starting on various projects such as poultry and fruit tree cultivation. I for one am an active member and enjoy my club activities very much and it has a special interest for me in the functions of our club. I was nominated vice president but will ~~not~~ give it up as soon as I have a definite answer from Mr. Stearns. I am very willing to learn something while I have the chance and there may never be any support.

unity such as is offered by Dr. Stearn.
It has been most invaluable to me
under your employ. I would never
have gained all my knowledge of
plants and maybe it inspired
me to greater love for them especi-
ally the flowers and its culture.
Of course floriculture and truck
gardening is far apart from scien-
tific botany which is your forte
but with my experience ^{in truck}
gardening and with some faint
knowledge of botany it gives me
greater ideas. Someday I hope to
get some success on plant breeding
and propagation I am fairly suc-
cessful on grafting and that is
one step up the ladder. I've read
something on cuttings as a means of
propagation with the aid of auxin
mixed in agar. While reading an arti-
cle on this subject I found out some-
thing about the germination of orchid
seeds which is a hard and uncom-
mon thing without knowing what
materials are used for germination. It
is one of the strangest things I've thing of
germinating orchid seed. Well I could keep

on writing things on my ideas and work but I may be a little out of touch with the world.

1/16/35

H. evolution. T. H.

January 16, 1935

Dear Degener:

I hope you have recovered from the "writer's wamp" which seems to have affected you lately - nothing but a part word since Nov. 2nd.

Dr. Krause did say that you remembered me at the Bot. Soc. the other night. Mrs. Lyen is our new president and there will be no mounting business going on.

The enclosed clipping will show you what you missed by not being here - I was tempted to take him and hold him for you. One of the many books has him for a mascot.

New Year's Day Dick and I went to Kawai Lapa and climbed up to the top over the new L. C. C. trail

Over the tops we lay down in the
grass in the sun and listened to a
chorus of skylarks.

The upper reaches were gay with
a birds, some of the flowers were
3 inches across - I suppose of course
you have it.

Sunday I went with the T. & M. Club
over the new L. L. L. Waipio Trail - most
of it cut in on the sides of the ridge -
they are within a quarter of a mile of
the tops.

We have resumed hiking - too
much work about the new house; we
were all at the Tedde for dinner a
few nights ago.

Will mention you are leaving?

Aloha.

T. & M.

1/30/35

O. C. Sep 37

Hopoko, Hawaii

January 30, 1935.

Dear Prof.

How are you these depressed days? How is Park?

I thank you for the greetings and I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. I just couldn't write or send a greeting card because I am not sure of your address. You have sent me several letters and they had all the different addresses that I couldn't make sure which one to write to and in such a large city as ^{New} York, why it may never reach you. Well I am taking a chance on this one and hope that you get it and if you do please write to me again as I am anxious to hear from you.

I am getting along nicely but the last year wasn't such a prosperous one. We had such heavy rain from April to now and I could remember it as an unlucky year for a first trial. There were two weeks during September that was clear

but every other day had a light shower or a heavy down pour. The plants that I planted just couldn't survive such wetness.

I got a fair return from my tomatoes during October and November. They were of the best quality and I received a decent price of two dollars and fifty cents per case (empty crates) all freight charges paid by buyer. That crop was the only profitable one I got last year. It took me four months from planting to harvest and received about hundred and eighty dollars.

I sent several to Mr. Cot. and he expressed a hearty thanks, saying or complimenting me on raising such fine quality tomatoes.

The weather is the main factor in our crops and if anything is grown during favorable weather we are bound to have a fair profit. I only wish I could control it like any other factor such as insects or diseases.

The agricultural bulletins of which I am getting through your very kind help

is helping me a great deal. Gee! but they are an interesting subject.

Last year I grafted just avacado pear just for experiment and I had four success. They were of any old kind as it was just for experimental purposes and I am sure of good results about avacados. They are about six feet high already and they will probably flower this coming year.

This year I found a decent pear tree so I grafted four seedlings and I got two growing vigorously. The reason I didn't get all four may have been due to my carelessness in not covering the grafted seedlings with gallons. (gallons cut at the bottom serve as protection from rain and wind.) The rain got into the grafted part and the cut surfaces didn't connect right. Now I am trying citrus but they are much harder than pears.

Last year my expenses were \$240, but this year's expenses are to be half of that and income bigger, as the weather seems to be favorable for my part. Gee! I am really surprised how economically a person could live in the country as a truck gardener.

Of course there is no amusement except to go fishing once in a while, but even that doesn't cost me anything except I have the material and at the same time I get food.

I subscribe for magazines and study the farmer's bulletin during the evening. I usually go to bed early as my days labor is very strenuous and in the evening I am very exhausted to stay awake for long.

My foods are mostly from my gardens and there are very few things I buy. Of course there's no limit to good things to eat but I try to make it as economical as possible and at the same time get the right things for food.

Well I am expecting a better year.

Good by and good luck to you.

Alaka,

Y. Kitta.

1/31/35

FREDERICK G. KRAUSS
"RURALNOOK"
2457 PARKER PLACE
HONOLULU, HAWAII

January 31, 1935.

Dear Degener:- Lest I neglect
writing you before you leave
New York will do so on the very
eve of receiving the interesting
batch of "Flora Hawaiiana". These
are of the usual high standard. I
am glad to have them & thank
you most sincerely.

As I have already written
you, we got home happily following
our very profitable visit on
the Mainland. Beatrice has
given eight or ten lectures on
Russia since her return. Every-
~~one~~ one meets is interested
in that country.

I have just learned that

The entire St. John family leave
for Germany in May or June to
be gone for a year I believe.
There is little else of interest here
We keep busy both at the University
by at home. The rains have
been very favorable & Maunaloa
now was greener & more
beautiful. Your place appears
to be kept in the best of order.
As our daughter & her husband
are to move here where we are
now living we too shall
move, probably into the College
corresponding to the one we are
now in.

Remember me to
Dr. Merrill & Mr. Baker when you
happen to see them. Also to
the gentleman who helped out so
generously in the botanical literature
All of my family send hearty
greetings as do I. Very sincerely
Th. S. Brown.

2/13/35

EARL EDWARD SHERFF
Associate Editor Taxonomy
7419 Stewart Ave.

The Botanical Gazette

Chicago, Illinois , Feb. 13th, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Degener:-

I was just beginning to fear that you had perhaps suddenly gone off to the Hawaiian Islands when your shipment of Pelea specimens arrived. Many thanks. This is just a note of acknowledgement. I have unpacked them and put them in metal cases.

I am taking time out for a few weeks to determine various lots of African specimens of Bidens and Coreopsis and it will be May or June before I get to work in real earnest upon Pelea.

---I note that all your Pelea specimens are mounted. This raises a question as to what herbarium to cite later on for each of your collection numbers, but I assume off-hand that it will be safe to cite New York Botanical Garden for one depository.

Be sure to write when you get time.

Yours very truly,

...*Earl E. Sherff*...

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2/23/35

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS
MINNEAPOLIS

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Feb. 23, 1935.

Dr. Otto Degener,
N.Y. Botanic Garden,
Bronx Park, N.Y.C.

Dear Dr. Degener:-

I was very glad to receive from you shortly before I left Honolulu most of the missing sheets from your "Flora Hawaiiensis". There are still, however, 24 sheets which I need to make my series complete to date:

76	Langas	169	Vigna oahuensis
"	speciosa	250	Passiflora caerulea
83	Peperomia	"	ligularis
"	"	"	pulchella
91	Batis maritima	291	Anagallis arvensis
96	Artocarpus integra	305	Pteralyxia
100	Exocarpos	"	Caumiana
169	Mimosa	"	macrocarpa
	Chamaecrista Leschenaultiana	307	Convolvulus arvensis
	Mesoneuron kawaiiensis		Ipomoea reptans
	Indigofera	318	Physalis
	Medicago sativa	344	Hesperomannia swzeyi

Because of their taxonomic value, I am not keeping the sheets in bound form, but have inserted them in my general systematic file of Polynesian Plants.

Enclosed is a money-order for \$2, covering the shipment received, for which I wish to thank you exceedingly. I hope you will be able to send me the above 24, also any issues that have appeared since Oct. 1934, and may I ask that my name be put on your mailing list to receive further sheets as they appear?

Very sincerely,

Martin L. Grant

Martin L. Grant.

answered

3/11/35

Honolulu, T. H.

March 11, 1935

My dear Degener:

Yours of Feb. 18th at
hand - was so glad to know that
you had fixed on a definite date
for sailing for Honolulu.

Last week 10 more packages
of specimens arrived and as my
friend Mr. Smith had his big car
at the Haw. Electric he brought me
and the packages home, thereby saving
the Bilgers a trip.

Dick has a new girl friend
and has deserted us on our
hiking trips.

Yesterday Wm. and I went up

about 3 miles on the new h. h. h.
Waipio Trail (Hikopu Gulch) Just Simply
Gorgeous - you will want to camp
near it and do it every day.

Got two new species of Bidens.

Also got stuck in the mud - got a
truck from Waipio but that could
not pull us out so the Bird,
is still there.

We've had a flood, an earth-
quake, and a thunder and hail
storm.

No more at present.

Sincerely

T. J. F.

3/13/35



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HYNES, Los Angeles County, CALIFORNIA

From the land of Sunshine, March 13, 1935

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

Dear Toto:

Thanks a thousand for your letter and your trouble in seeing Miss Eaton. I am sending herewith a check for \$125 for which please have Miss Eaton send me the four volumes of Britton and Rose. I wonder if you would have Miss Eaton sign the flyleaf of the volumes. It would make them much more precious to me if she did. Dr. Rose showed me the paintings when I was in Washington, and they were so very beautiful.

There is a great deal of work being done on the cacti now, particularly in Germany, and I am in touch with Curt Backeberg who is doing perhaps most of the work. He is revising the Cactaceae and publishing a monthly booklet on the newer discoveries with some very splendid photographs. He is using somewhat your idea of the loose-leaf booklet. He is numbering his genera and the species so that they can all be filed properly even though additions may be made years hence. I will probably act as his representative in this country.

There are very very splendid books being published with colored prints here too in Los Angeles that will help greatly to increase the interest in cactus.

Don't forget if you want your book published to try Kruckeberg for I am sure that he can do you a very good job. The day we visited him he must have been on his ear about something. At least I would get a bid from him to check against your costs of where you are getting it printed.

I notice you say if you should have time, you will dash out to see me. If you expect to have a long pleasant life, you certainly had better do so.

I certainly envy your schoolmate who wants to be occupied. Your trip should certainly be an interesting one.

Do not forget when you publish your book that I have a vacant place on my shelves.

Expecting to see you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry Johnson
JOHNSON WATER GARDENS

HJ:VF
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P.S. Don't forget we have a vacant room waiting for you. H. J.

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

April 4, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Degener:

I have your letter of April 2 and note that you are forwarding on loan all your material of the Lycopodium which I reported on recently, no. 5735. I shall examine it with much interest.

With regard to your Hawaiian collections in the National Herbarium I find that we purchased two lots of 42 and 105 specimens in June 1928 and May 1929, respectively, and that a single specimen (Hydrocotyle) has been accessioned as an exchange. Other material received from you consists of 17 shipments dating back to 1925, all of which have been accessioned as a gift. The record of these is as follows:

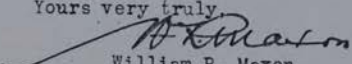
Feb. 21, 1925.	10 ferns
June 8, 1925.	1 Cassia
Oct. 3, 1925.	1 Abutilon
Mar. 10, 1927.	15 specimens
Dec. 27, 1932.	11 ferns
Oct. 24, 1933.	1 Passiflora
Jan. 5, 1934.	52 specimens
Feb. 7, 1934.	39 specimens
Feb. 15, 1934.	1 Passiflora
Mar. 14, 1934.	83 specimens
Apr. 26, 1934.	85 "
Oct. 17, 1934.	119 "
Dec. 4, 1934.	85 "
Jan. 8, 1935.	77 "
Jan. 31, 1935.	65 "
Mar. 6, 1935.	61 "
Mar. 28, 1935.	57 "

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Replying to your query I may say that all botanical specimens presented to the Museum are accessioned immediately on their receipt, the above list representing therefore all material so received. Like yourself I was under the impression that the number was somewhat larger, but I have taken the precaution to call up all accession papers from the Museum so as to be sure. We do appreciate your generosity in presenting these specimens from time to time and, I might as well confess it, are greedy for still more!

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,


William R. Maxon
Associate Curator, Division of Plants.

4/17/35

CONRAD HUME PINCHES

SOLE LOCAL FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE LEADING TRAILER MANUFACTURERS

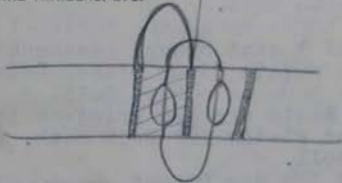
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TEL. VANDERBILT 3-4060

April 17, 1935



Mr. Otto Degener
320 East 53d Street
New York City

*First camping
Trailer in State!
How? Glad!*

Dear Mr. Degener:

I enclose herewith sketches for Ford and Chevrolet hookup, which we trust will be of service to you.

Please note that the 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " mentioned is the distance from the ground to the top of the drawbar, and not to the top of the ball.

If the vehicle looks rather weak in the springs, particularly on a Ford, you will either have to put an extra leaf in the spring or have the top of the hitch bar 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or even 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the ground, to allow for the sag in the springs.

We hope that you will have a very pleasant voyage, and will like the trailer so much that you will be able to write us a very enthusiastic letter from Honolulu.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

C. H. Pinches
C. H. Pinches

CHP:BJ
Enc. 2

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100 80

den 4 ten Mai.

Liebes Ottel,

Der Pinches hatte diese Directions schon ehe Du fort-
gingest hierher geschickt, aber ich sah nicht dass es an Dich adressiert
war. Er sagt die Schlüssel zum trailer hatte er den Leuten an board ge-
geben. Ich bin froh dass Du eine so gute Katze hattest. Schreibe mir
wie der Panama Canal war und was ihr dort getan habt.

Ich war zwei mal in Bronx und habe alle Deine Sachen mit National Park
Stamps weg geschickt. Ich habe dem Harvey fünf 7 cent Stamps geschenkt. Er
hat sie sofort angenommen. Der Henry sagt er müsste einem Broker Deine
Sachen für die Freight geben, weil die Dollar Line es nicht Collect an-
nimmt. Auch ist jetzt in Bronx eine schwere Kiste von den Printers in
Pennsylvania gekommen. Der Henry sagt es sind Plates für Dein Buch. Er
wird Dir sagen, und Dich fragen was er tun soll.

Der Willie kann mir noch nicht das Geld für die Stamps geben, also
warte ich noch etwas. Ich habe Angst dass der Willie dumme Sachen im
Geschäft hat und die Mabel hat auch Angst. Er hat Waaren für ~~233,000~~
\$35,000 auf Lager. Ich verstehe nicht warum er sowas tut. Die Sachen
gehen doch ausser Mode. Aber er sagt der Mabel und mir nichts. Der John
sagte neulich er versuchte den Willie zu überreden nicht so viele Waaren
zu kaufen, aber es nützt nichts. Ich habe grosse Angst, dass der Willie
zu viel von seinem Kapital verliert. Du musst auch aufpassen, dass Du
nicht so viel ausgiebst. Zu viel Fracht, warum hast Du nicht die Pennsyl-
vania Sachen direkt nach Honolulu schicken lassen?

Ich gehe am fünften Juni mit der Mrs. Wendt und ihrer Nichte und Ber-
tha Pagenstecher nach England. Die Bertha und ich kommen mitte August
zurück. Die Rundreise auf dem Steamer ist \$308 Dollar.

Der Uhrmacher behält Deine Uhr wieder zwei Wochen. Ich habe ihm ge-
sagt dass \$ 35 sehr viel Geld ist für eine Uhr von der Du noch garnicht
Nutzen gehabt hast. Ich sagte er sollte Dir eine gute billige Uhr umsonst
geben wenn sie jetzt endlich nicht ordentlich geht. Ich werde sie selber
behalten (Papa's Uhr) um zu sehen ob sie allright ist. Wenn er Dir eine
neue Uhr schickt., so tuhe ich dem Papa meine Uhr in meine safe deposit
Box.

Es ist beinahe so kalt noch hier wie im Winter.
Vielleicht kann ich mein apartment für zwei Monate an die Nichte von
der Lulu Caesar vermieten, aber ich kann nur einen Dollar im Tag bekom-
men, weil sie jetzt nicht mehr bezahlt. Aber dafür brauche ich meine Sachen
nicht wegzupacken, und ich bin sicher dass ein reinlicher und ehrlicher
Mensch im Apartment ist während ich fortbin.

Ich hatte einen sehr netten Brief von der Beatrice Krauss. Sie sagt
jeder fragt immer wann Du kommst. Grüsse Alle Honoluluer von mir wenn
Du ankommst, und schreibe mir wie Deine Sachen im Haus sind, besonders d
die, welche Du im Attic weggepackt hast, sind sie nicht verdorben?

Sonst ist nichts Neues. Schreibe mir wenn Du in Honolulu bist
was Du tun wirst, es intressiert mich. Grüsse den Park.

Irma.

With the compliments of
the writer and with no advice that you
are to pay in the Island and try to be
the money before you leave
the money before you leave

Der Referent war ganz
ausserordentlich. Ich glaube es wird fair sein

7.1858 Barbara Camargo
introduced ?? by Will Brand

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Dear Mr. Degener:

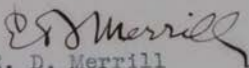
Responding to your letter of May 12 I enclose herewith two documents that may be of some assistance to you, in other than a financial way, because your appointment as Collaborator in Hawaiian Botany is without salary. Your name, however, will appear on our staff list. This should give you some standing when it comes to dealing with estate owners in reference to carrying on exploration work.

I was very much interested in your letter of May 12 and in the adventure you had when the ship took fire. It must have been rather disconcerting when you realized that the fire had destroyed the radio equipment so that it was impossible to send out any S. O. S. calls.

The two cases that you asked about had already been shipped by Harvey Smith before your letter came, and the forwarding agents sent a duplicate bill of lading to me yesterday, the original having been forwarded to you in Honolulu.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours


E. D. Merrill
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer, Mr. Otto Degener, is a collaborator in Hawaiian botany, a staff appointment at The New York Botanical Garden. He has already botanized in Hawaii extensively, has spent the last two years in working over his material at The New York Botanical Garden, and has recently returned to Hawaii to continue his field work.

Any courtesies or assistance that can be extended to him that will facilitate his work in the field will be very greatly appreciated both by Mr. Degener and myself, and by the Board of Managers of The New York Botanical Garden. Through Mr. Degener's disinterested efforts we have been able to increase our reference collections of Hawaiian material very extensively in the past few years and anticipate that his present collections will add many interesting species to our herbarium.

Very truly yours

E. D. Merrill
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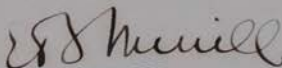
Mr. Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu
Hawaii

Dear Mr. Degener:

On my recommendation the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers, The New York Botanical Garden, at its meeting on June 11 approved my recommendation that you be appointed on the staff of The New York Botanical Garden, without salary, under the title Collaborator in Hawaiian Botany. This recommendation was made under the belief that an official connection with an institution such as The New York Botanical might be of distinct value to you in connection with field work that you plan to prosecute in Hawaii.

For your use I enclose also a general letter of introduction that is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours


E. D. Merrill
Director

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

The National Parks again need your help. With the coming of better times the seekers after privilege are bestirring themselves. Among other valuable resources, the National Parks have water, and water is being eagerly sought by promoters of power and irrigation developments. A Congress composed largely of new men needs to be informed in the meaning and higher uses of the Parks. The same thing is true of many new officials. The need to make work endangers our little remaining primitive; it must not be allowed to ruin that priceless heritage. These are only a few of the dangers to the Parks. Demand continues for second-rate Parks for local promotion purposes, and for the inclusion in the System of areas permanently changed from their original condition. If the System is to be successfully defended against increasing pressure for economic exploitation and developed for its highest contribution to the Nation's life, its distinction from other classes of Federal lands must be clearly maintained. Its standards cannot be compromised.

You were once a member of our Association. Despite almost insurmountable financial difficulties we have carried on through the depression chiefly on a basis of volunteer work, and are now in a solvent condition, but without sufficient funds to carry on the work as effectively as it should be, and to keep members and cooperating organizations fully in touch with the situation. I therefore appeal to you again to join us, and to give the Association your support, both moral and financial, in order that we may continue the fight for the preservation of nature's great masterpieces for future generations.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. P. Wharton

Wm. P. Wharton,
President.

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

June 21st 1935.

Dear Otto;

I have come North to hold the regular quarterly
Directors' meeting of Degener & Company Inc. of Texas.

Am at a loss to understand why I have not heard
from you in answer to my letter of May 14th sent to you Airmail from
Cuba and which was sent by Registered Mail because I enclosed therein
the notes which you sent me.

In regard to the Cuban project, the corporation
is all formed, the stockholders have received their stock, the rig is
a ready in the field and we have the money necessary to do our drill-
ing. This will proceed immediately upon my return to Cuba. I am however
first contemplating making a quick inspection trip to our well in East
Texas.

I suggest that you immediately write me in care of
the New York P.O. address, from which mail will be forwarded wherever
I may be, and advise me just what your plans are relative to COMPANIA
Petrolera Degener De Cuba (Degener Petroleum Company of Cuba).

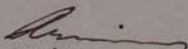
There is great deal of activity in the field directly
next to our properties and I expect we shall make a great deal of money.

The enclosed copy of letter sent to stockholders is
self-explanatory.

The only letters I ever received from you were the
two original letters April 27th, May 7th, both of which I answered with
my long Registered letter of May 14th sent Airmail.

Hope you enjoyed your trip and are well. With good
luck to you from both Enid and myself and kind wishes,

As ever your brother,


Armin

*Please return the enclosed letter
to our files - Armin*

"Crime"

Finding of two *Bidens* sheets at N.Y.B.G., in general collection with other specimens apparently incorrectly labeled - asking Dr. Merrill advice of shipping to Sherff along with other undetermined material in which he was known to be especially interested. Noted that both specimens had same name yet looked different so scribbled fact "one probably new species" or something to that effect. Sheets had no special mark on them to show they were reserved nor did they apparently come from Margueas. Sherff described them as new, citing me as co-author WITHOUT FURTHER KNOWLEDGE ON MY PART.

Sherff stated in answer to my complaint of "cold Brownian greeting" that if he had known that plants were being described he would never have done so himself. I can easily give an excuse for my action that B.M. wants genera given to specialists and that I therefore gave the 2 *Bidens* sheets to Sherff. But this is no true. Sherff was in my mind at the time, undet. *Bidens* were lying in herbarium so off hand sent them off with other material. I did not even make the package. It is an unfortunate error, not maliciously done as unfriendly or jealous individuals would like to twist it in attempt to break up a sincere friendship of about ten years standing between Sherff, myself and you.

Would you believe them after:

1. For years they tried to cast you.
2. I championed your cause before Merrill, Barnhart, et al., at N.Y. B.G., during last 2 years - their previous unfavorable opinion had come from other side of fence.
3. Sherff reviewed in Bot. Gaz., Part I of your work and complained about publication delay in attempt to aid you.
4. I named *Arum* for you and complained in *Flora* about unjust treatment accorded you.
5. After collecting since 1923 I have very many novelties in my collection and know many of them. Am I so eager to get my name after them that I ever describe them in botanical journals as I could easily enough do without expense to me? No. I only describe those of which I have been able to make drawings. Would I then try to "beat you to it" in jointly describing *Bidens* novelty after my luxury in not rushing into print with novelties found by myself? And would I do so at expense of a friend?

Is there not possibly more injustice in considering an honest error as a malicious act than there is in having blundered into the error originally?

My anger goes out to the "twister of facts" and now I will describe some novelties. To you both I naturally feel extremely sorry that I caused any difficulty. I would not have done so intentionally for anything.

Sincerely,

7/22/35

Copy

July 22, 1935.

Dear Mr. Wingate:

^{in the field}
~~and camping~~ I have been botanizing during the last few weeks so did not receive your letter of July 10 until a few days ago.

In 1927 I spent three weeks within the crater, botanizing quite extensively. The largest number of silverswords at that time seemed to be concentrated on the cinder cones near the "bottomless pit" and on Puu o Maui. Here the clouds rolling in from Koolau Gap from about 3 P.M., enshroud them from time to time.

In referring to my seeing barely a hundred specimens, I refer to plants of all ages. Young plants were extremely rare. Flowering plants had seeded but

most of the seeds had been eaten
by maggots of a peculiar fly. If
you counted 1808 silverswords on one
cinder cone alone, the species certainly
has increased enormously.

In 1927 I camped in the Holua Cave
and hawking within the crater, not on the
outer rim. Much of my time was spent
in Koolau Gap, and on the cinder cones as
I was particularly interested in the silverswords
to be found there. I spent two nights
near the Laie spring and in Kaula Gap
but found no s. swords ~~there~~ practically east
of Mamala Hill.

Botanically I consider Koolau Gap
just outside of the National Park
boundary the richest and most interesting
spot on the mountain. Could not the
Park take part of this area under its
wing? In 1927 a watering trough was there
to make it more convenient for cattle to browse
on the greensword and peculiar geraniums—
plants growing practically in no other
spot on earth! Yours sincerely
Otto Spegner

7/31/35

THE SCIENCE PRESS PRINTING COMPANY

LANCASTER PENNSYLVANIA

July 31, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

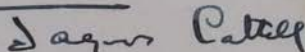
We have your letter of June 26 to which Mr. Houck replied.

We are glad to help all we can in the sale of books which we print, but we can not take the responsibility of the selling of volumes, crediting them to your account as you suggested. We should be glad to cooperate with you in selling these books and if you wish to send them to us we can mail them out, and take care of the billing on a basis of 20%. On this basis we should be glad to give you a little space through our publications in the form of advertising. If you would want us to do this we ask you to send us an advertising statement in regard to the volumes, which could be used for advertising purposes. Any of the proceeds, of course, can be used for any printing, but we are not willing to take the responsibility until the books are sold. We hope that we may have the privilege of continuing to do your work for you.

It must have been interesting to have been on a ship which was on fire. I have never had the privilege of having such an experience, but I am glad that you are alive to continue as a customer.

Sincerely,

The Science Press Printing Company



Jaques Cattell
Vice-President and Secretary

JC:JW

NEW YORK OFFICE: 3941 GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL

8/16/35

2220 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T. H.
Aug. 16, 1935

Copy

Dear Mr. Cattell:

I received your letter of July 31 regarding the possible sale of my three books.

I hardly think it would be feasible to mail you my books all the way from Hawaii and then have you mail them out to customers. Too much postage would be wasted!

Why not follow some modification of Stechert's method. Stechert of New York advertises my book in their catalog yet has not a single copy on hand. On receiving orders they simply forward them to me and I wrap and mail the books from Hawaii direct to the customers.

If you will advertise my three books and forward to me the orders you receive, for each \$10 worth of orders I will contribute \$20 to expense of a new printing job — in other words, I will match you 2 to 1. I will bill the customer and send him the books

from Hawaii, saving you all this bother. It is understood, of course, that the printing charges will be the same as in the past and that either one of us can retract from this agreement if we see fit. I am, however, ready to send you a cheque for \$20 and ms., and plates, these to wait for payment and printing until you have "thrown me" at least \$10 worth of trade. I think such an arrangement would be mutually beneficial and easy to carry out.

Enclosed are two blurbs regarding my three books. Please give me your reaction regarding this 2 to 1 proposition soon. Then I may be able to complete payment on my old bill and start prepaying a new one with one and the same bank draft.

I just bought a strip of beach 71 feet long and 286 inland where I plan to swim and bask in the sunshine this winter while the unfortunate New Yorkers (and Pennsylvanians too, I fear) hug radiators and freeze.

Sincerely,
Otto Degener

8/20/35



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

HONOLULU, HAWAII

CABLE ADDRESS "COLWAI"
SENTLEY'S CODE

August 20, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

Welcome back to Honolulu! I hope that you have had a pleasant and profitable time during your travels away from here.

In going through the separata of your Hawaiian Flora which you have kindly sent to me, I find that I seem to lack certain numbers. I am not sure whether these have been mislaid and lost or whether they were never received. In any case I would appreciate greatly if you could supply me with the missing numbers. I would be glad to pay you for them if you will submit your bill. I congratulate you on the excellent work which you are doing and hope that you will be able to carry it through somewhere near to completion. The missing numbers are as follows:

- ✓17 Pellaea ternifolia
- ✓115 Phytolacca brachystachys
- ✓117 Portulaca lutea
- ✓167 Osteomeles anthyllidifolia
- ✓169c Arachis hypogaea
- ✓169c Clitorea ternatea
- ✓182 Toona sureni
- ✓221 Abutilon cryptopetalum
- ✓221 Abutilon incanum
- ✓257 Opuntia megacantha
- ✓273 Jambosa malaccensis
- ✓305 Catharanthus roseus
- ✓307 Operculina aegyptia
- ✓308 Cuscutaceae
- ✓308 Cuscuta sandwichiana

Mr. Otto Degener, August 20, 1935.

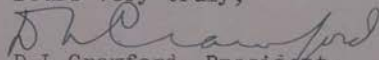
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✓316 Leonurus sibiricus
✓318 Solanum nigrum
✓339 Isotoma longiflora
✓340 Scaevola Kahanae
✓340 Scaevola Kilaueae

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am,

Yours very truly,


D.L.Crawford, President.

8/26/35



Aug. 26th 1935

Dear Mr. Dequer.

Well I have been thinking often of you and hope you don't dwell, out of sight out of mind, is one of my failings.

I do hope you have gathered some new and interesting specimens.

My family and I have been here since July 12th and enjoy this place.

Our daughter is at a girls camp 35 miles away and we naturally have visited her whenever the parents are permitted to.

What did I say to Dr. Merrill's leaving the Garden

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POLAND SPRING HOUSE



SAPIENTIA DOMUM DEI
HIRAM RICKER & SONS,
SOUTH POLAND, ME.

and to Dr. Howe being chosen
to succeed him?

I believe Dr. Howe was
chosen as no doubt he will be
retired in 3 or 4 years, and
then a younger man will be
found to fill the place.

Have you been able to
obtain any seeds or aquatic
plants, that would interest us?

Should you find time to
reply to this letter address me
to the Garden or to 32 East 64th
Street, New York City.

No doubt you know we
have had a very hot summer
this year, periods from July 6 to
20th and Aug 10th to 20th from
84 to 94 degrees.

111
POLAND SPRING HOUSE



HIRAM RICKER & SONS,
SOUTH POLAND, ME.

Should the cases of
infantile paralysis continue to
increase in New York City, I
and daughter may remain
here until the last part of
September.

We had planned to re-
turn to the City Sept 5th.

Trusting you have been
well and please remember us
to the boy, Sam,

Sincerely yours,
Stanley G. Ranges

[A stock broker by profession, volunteer
at N.Y. B. G.]

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CABLE ADDRESS
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August 29, 1935

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

Dear Sir:-

If you will require us to do so in writing,
we will install meter and furnish you with water
at Lot #2, Mokuia beach lots.

Although we offer no guarantees whatsoever
in connection with this service, for the purpose the
pressure has been found adequate.

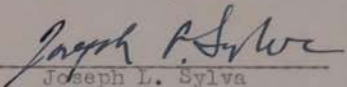
The present rate is 12¢ per 1000 gallons and
\$1.00 per month service charge for meter. We will
install meter and fixtures at our expense including
meter box. Replacement thru damage will be at tenant's
cost. Bills will be furnished you at the end of each
quarter for water used and the service charge for the
3 months preceding which are payable on or before the
10th of the month in which rendered.

Will be glad to give you further information.

Very truly yours,

MENDONCA ESTATE,

By


Joseph L. Sylva
Managing Trustee

JLS:P

9/5/35

The Horticultural Society of New York, Inc.

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September 5th, 1935

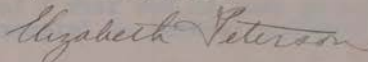
Mr. Otto Degener,
N. Y. Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Degener:

With the coming of the fall season, many garden clubs are preparing their lecture schedules for the year. Our Society frequently receives inquiries from such groups, as well as from individuals in charge of schools and other educational organizations, for the names of lecturers on various subjects relating to botany and horticulture.

We are, therefore, writing to request information about your background, the subjects you are prepared to offer and the honorarium you seek for your services, in order that we may have a complete, up-to-date file which will better serve our members. The advantages to you of supplying us with this information as soon as possible are apparent. May we hear from you by return mail?

Very sincerely yours,



(Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson)
Executive Secretary

mc

2220 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T.H.
Dec. 18, 1935.

Elizabeth Peterson, Sec.,
Horticultural Society of New York,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Peterson:

Your letter of Sept. 5 was finally forwarded
to my home in Honolulu.

I am a New Yorker who came first to the Hawaiian Islands in 1922 as a tourist, liked them so much that two years later I returned to make them my home. I am a graduate of Collegiate School, 77th St., New York City, have a B.S., from Mass. State College, M.S., from University of Hawaii, and have done graduate work at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole and at Columbia and the N. Y. Botanical Garden. I was botanist at the University of Hawaii (1925 - 27), Naturalist of Hawaii National Park (1929) and since that date have spent all my time in writing a local Flora. I am now a staff member of the N. Y. Bot. Garden as Collaborator in Hawaiian Botany. To date I have published three books, copies of all now to be found in your library. My fourth book is now in process of preparation.

I spent the last two years at the New York Botanical Garden in critical study of my Hawaiian herbarium specimens of which I have an estimated 40,000 to 50,000.
been

I have and am still exploring the Hawaiian Islands botanically. I spent three months camping in the wilds of Kauai and Hawaii in 1926, three months on Maui in 1927, five months on Molokai in 1928 with a native, and off and on at various times on Oahu and Hawaii.

During my stay in New York I lectured at the Garden in Bronx Park, at the Brooklyn Academy of Sciences, and at various clubs in the suburbs.

I lecture on Hawaiian subjects, such as plants of the Islands, volcanoes, ancient Haw. customs, etc., etc. My fee is \$50 for lantern lectures and a bit more for those employing motion pictures.

I plan to return to New York with new plant treasures in a few years from now as the N.Y. Bot. Garden is an ideal institution for conducting Haw. botanical research.

Thanking you for your enquiry, I remain,

Yours very truly,

9/9/35

P. O. Box 37
Kapoho, Puna, Hawaii
Sept. 9, 1935

Dear Prof,

How are you these summer days? I guess you must be very busy these days as I haven't heard from you in a long while.

By the way, have you received the plant or part of the plant that I sent to you on July? It was sent to your residence address 2220 Univ. Ave. Remember, the plant that I mentioned in my first letter. The leaves are lanceolate and hairy with fruits of a dark purplish color. The size of the fruits are about three to four centimeters in diameter and globular, with a single seed.

I guess you may be interested in my doings so here's how— In the first place I am getting along nicely physically, mentally and at work.

During the past months of this year, my crops were semi-failures so I've had some tough goings

They just gave me returns to live on without any profit. At present my hope is on the tomatoes and eggplants. The eggplants are just beginning to fruit so it will be ready for market in a few weeks.

The tomatoes have been picked twice and sent to market. Luckily it is quite scarce in Hills and vicinities, which helps a lot in hoarding prices. At present it is commanding a very satisfactory price of two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents a case.

The weather at present is very favorable to these crops but rather hard on the work. The rain makes the soil very sticky in hoeing the weeds and therefore progress in my work is quite slow. At the same time the weeds and grass seem to grow more luxuriantly than the cultivated crops, in which case I have to rely on the arsenic and soda solution to double time the job. Well it's a hard life after all.

One of my grafted pears came into bearing this season. There were several fruits at the start but all of them dropped off except one which is a

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very large one. It is in its third year so by next season it will most likely fruit a lot. This particular tree was bought by me for three dollars and fifty cents in Honolulu. It attracted my attention because it was such a large and beautiful fruit. I asked the grower to graft one of it and he charged me \$3.50. I bought another tree or rather plant which gave smaller fruits, but it died without any fruits.

Say Mr. Degener, can you in some way get me scionwood for grafting of the varieties MacDonald, Nutmeg, Beardslee, Haley and the Tower? They are all of the Guatemalan Avocado and winter fruiting which is very important. I'll pay for them if you will kindly let me know their prices. Of course I'd like to get about a dozen scion of each.

No fooling, I am quite good in grafting now. I have tackled one of the hardest and that is the orange. I tried four and succeeded in all four and growing nicely. Gee! but I

tried on many plants at various
time but just couldn't succeed until
this year. I think pears are very
easy to me & now.

Hawaiian Bulletin No. 51 "The Grate-
malan Avocado in Hawaii," by H. T. Pope
is very good one and I like it very
much. Of course the names that I
mentioned in here are from that
bulletin.

Won't you kindly write or let me
know of the avocado scionwood
and if you could do anything about it?
I'll be anxiously awaiting your ~~reply~~ reply.
Yours truly,

Yasumasa Nitta

9/11/35
F. C. ATHERTON
P.O. BOX 2590
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CABLE ADDRESS "ATHERTON"

September 11, 1935

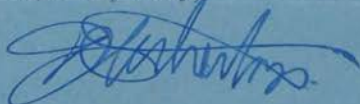
Mr. Otto Degener,
2220 University Avenue,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

My dear Mr. Degener:

From your favor of September 8th, I note that you have completed your book number two, entitled "Flora Hawaiiensis", which is a new illustrated book on the flora of Hawaii.

I shall be very glad to subscribe for a copy and enclose herewith check for \$5.50 to cover the cost of same.

Yours very truly,



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TELEPHONE VAN BUREN 8100

Sept. 11, 1935

Mr. Otto Degener:
2220 University Ave.
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Mr. Degener:-

Your letters arrived while I was away on vacation. The sample pages from your books are very interesting and I am sure they would be extremely useful for anyone in the Hawaiian Islands.

The seeds have been sown and I hope that we will be successful with them. It certainly was most thoughtful of you to send them. Purchases are made through the park administration and the purchasing officials do not like to have material received before ordering. However, I will see what can be done, and let you know.

As soon as I have had time to catch up with the work that piled up while I was away I will write later.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Green
Horticulturist,
Garfield Park Conservatory

9/14/35

2220 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T. H.

Sept. 14, 1935.

Dear Mr. Brown.

copy

I did not receive your letter of
Sept. 12 until late today so am writing
you to San Francisco as instructed.

I am mailing a copy each of my
"Flora Hawaiiensis" Book I and II to you.
This is strictly on approval and Mr. & Mrs.
Lagan are, of course, under no obligation to
retain them.

I am a "free-lance botanist" who, for
the fun of it, have now published my
third book. The edition of each is limited
to 2000 copies, ~~each~~ ^{the} book are sold way
below cost (my "Plants of Haw. National
Park" cost me \$7⁰⁰ per copy, is sold to
book stores at \$3⁰⁰ and by them to

the reader at \$4⁰⁰), and because of their scientific nature sell very slowly - less than 100 copies per year. The result is that the author is slowly tying up, with the publication of each additional book, more and more of his capital. The burden is not unbearable, but ^{gradually becomes} decidedly uncomfortable. For the publication of my fourth book, to be known as "Flora Hawaiensis" Book III I am therefore frankly searching for Patrons of Science.

The "Flora Hawaiensis" has passed through its experimental stage. I have now the courage to ask, not only relatives, but even strangers to cooperate with me in its publication.

Colored plates, though beautiful, are prohibitive. Each costs approximately \$157. I have tried four of them. Ordinary black and white drawings are reasonable in price. I am consequently inviting patronage at \$10⁰⁰ per page, which amounts to \$20⁰⁰ for each plant. Enclosed are some of these "Patronage Pages."

Yours very sincerely,
Otho Degener

9/17/35

Lihue, Kauai
September 17, 1935

Mr. Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu

Dear Mr. Degener:

Please find enclosed my check for \$7.00 to
cover the cost of your "Flora Hawaiiensis" Books I
and II of which you wrote me on the 13th inst.
If there is a charge for postage, kindly let me know
and I will remit the same to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Elsie H. Wilcox
Miss Elsie H. Wilcox

9/18/35

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TELEPHONE BAYVIEW 5100

F. M. MAC FARLAND,
President of the Academy and Acting
Director of the Museum and of the
Fisheries Aquarium

September 18, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Degener:

Your letter to Miss Eastwood has just come and as Miss Eastwood has been in Europe and will not be home for about a month yet I am answering it. She will visit the Eastern Herbaria before coming back to California.

I am sure she will be desirous of having the second volume of your Flora Hawaiiensis and very probably will want the two copies you suggest. However I do not feel that I can definitely order them without asking her. I have the first one myself and one day shall get the second number.

I probably am the one most able to answer your questions regarding Miss Morse. I spend half my time this summer here and the other half in the herbarium at the University of California, where I have helped Miss Morse somewhat. She was quite ill this past winter and I was greatly worried about her, finally, on the 5th of August I put her on a train for Boston where she has relatives and since then she has been with one or another of them and I believe feeling better. You could address her in care of Mr. A. E. Whittemore, 161 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass. I shall enquire at the University tomorrow in regard to the puffball you speak of.

Please give my best regards to Mr. Bean when you see him.

Very respectfully,

M. Floy Bracelin

Mrs. R. P. Bracelin

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Mr. Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Degener:

We are shipping you today by parcel post 84 mounted sheets of your material. The service of mounting this material is to be considered as an exchange for the additional material you sent marked "New York Botanical Garden".

You undoubtedly have heard that Dr. Merrill is leaving the Garden for a prominent position at Harvard, October 1st. this year and that Dr. Howe is to be the new Director!

Hope that you are having a good time collecting and discovering interesting new plants.

Sincerely

G. L. Wittrock

G. L. Wittrock

WLW/LDS

9/20/35

To The Shareholders of
CIA. PETROLERA DEGENER DE CUBA,

Armin Degener,
P.O.Box# 85, Sta. G., New York.

Sept. 20th 1935.

GREE TINGS:-

Have just arrived in New York but am planning to return to Cuba almost immediately. My coming to New York was necessary in order for me to preside at a quarterly meeting of the Board Of Directors of DEGENER & COMPANY INC., and not in connection with business for the CIA. PETROLERA DEGENER DE CUBA.

During my limited stay in New York, which will only be for one week, and possibly a few additional days in New Jersey, I shall of course try to personally visit the shareholders residing in and around this vicinity and give them a detailed report of everything so far accomplished by us in Cuba.

My reason for writing this letter is to transcribe to the shareholders interesting information just received by me today via Airmail from our representatives in Cuba. It is of such a nature that it is difficult for me not to pass it on immediately to my associates, the shareholders.

Habana, Cuba, Sept. 19th 1935. Quotation:- "They drilled the #2 Well down to 1,112 ft. (this is the Standard rig) and run in the 8" casing. Monday they bailed and filled 40 drums - all they had - and did not seem to affect the supply of gasoline. Tuesday they bailed 1,000 gallons in two hours filling all the available drums, and the gasoline kept rising in the well. It rose 500 ft. with a strong gas pressure. They are afraid it might run wild and they are not disturbing it with the bailer until an 8" valve which they are sending down, is in place."

The above information refers to the #2 Vesuvius well. Where they refer to "gasoline", naphtha is implied. The Cuban drum used in the field holds from 52 to 54 gallons.

We have a totally different situation in Motembo, Cuba, than in the United States in that it is a naphtha field, one of only four in the entire world as far as I know. Therefore we cannot judge it in accordance with other petroleum fields. Knowledge of such a field is limited and records scarce and those few in Cuba that have assembled their own private records, as limited as these may be, will not give out much information. It is as if we were exploring a new planet as far as being able to follow a known established course/ So long as there are others (neighbors) blazing the trail (downward) just so long I considered it to our business interests to wait with our drilling program. While naphtha is a wonderful thing to find and we are going after it, it is not what I would call anything but the condensed evaporation from the staple product (petroleum) beneath it somewhere. The naphtha is found in crevices and pockets. Most of the crevices seem to come up in a perpendicular and not a later direction. ~~Most of the crevices seem to come up in a perpendicular and not a later direction.~~ Whether or not we shall be fortunate in drilling into such a crevice or pocket does not particularly have much bearing with the drilling of our first well, other than giving us immediate revenue, for undoubtedly some, if not all, of our large property holdings lies on top of a vast crude oil bed.

Very truly yours,

Armin Degener.

9/23/35

P.O. Box 37

Kapoho, Puna, Hawaii

Sept. 23, 1935

Dear Prof;

I am very glad to hear from you as soon.

I also received your book "Flora Hawaiian Book II" and will try my best to be a salesman for it. I think it's a swell book and the drawings are excellent compared to those of "Plants Hawaii National Park". Gee! when I look through those illustrated pages it makes me yearn to do such work again.

Why surely I'll send you those Pa-bulbe but I hope you could wait until the early part of October as that will be to my best convenience and my trip to Wila would allow me the chance of sending them to you at that time.

A nobody like me is hard to get any good plants at the Wila Exp. Station or rather the Tree Nursery. I have gone there numerous times and they had winter pear seedlings so I asked for them but they told me it was reserved for a "Big Shot". Really it's hard to get

any of those good plants ^[L.W.] that I
am anxious to get. Mr. Bryan seems
to be a busy man as I haven't had a
chance to meet him. It is always the case
that he is out, upon my inquiry.

I think with proper packing the
sisonwood for grafting could be just
as good from ^{you} as from Hilo.

Hahione may be a nice place but
five cents a square foot is a lot of
money when it comes to an acre
doesn't it? Well yes, Honolulu has a
better market at all times compared
to Hilo. It is a fact that the dealers
of Hilo always send their surplus
produce ^{to Honolulu} whenever they them-
selves couldn't get rid of it in Hilo.
In the first place I need the money to
get the land wherever I may cultivate.

But I think it is very nice of you
getting that land near the sea and
it seems quite large to me. I guess with
a decent small shack it ought to be
very economical for you to live there
and maybe a good place for your
health if you don't have infected
foot. I wish you'd take care of
yourself from getting infected as
you seem to have a weakness for it.

P.S. I haven't met you since I heard from you. I hope you are in a long while
and the last I heard of you was that you were at the Mauna Kea school.

Kindly give my best regards to T. T. Park. I will write to him when I have more leisure

Mr. Cat wrote to me some time ago and he sent me a lot of interesting magazines I hope he is in the best of health and kindly give him my best aloha, a hearty one. He was a very nice old man to me during my stay with him and I guess he tried in many ways to make my stay very pleasant. I am only sorry that Mrs. Cat should pass away leaving Mr. Cat very lonely.

I thanked Mr. Cat for his sincere kindness in sending those magazines but he told me to thank you for it as it was your idea. Well I am sure glad and wish to thank you Mrs. Regener for your word to Mr. Cat about those magazines. Although I am very glad to receive such presents I can't help but think that it is an item of expense to Mr. Cat so would it be better if I were to send the postage to him?

you have to draw on parole to December 13th Sanitarium. T. T. Regener's daughter was in N.Y. 11 years. His health deteriorated he died.

Oh I am sorry about ^{your} ~~your~~ and his sickness. I only hope he will recover and be cured for good but if he is at the point of insanity as you

It must be very serious. Of course
there's no doubt that he will have
a hard time in life. Most people
will shun the society of an once
T.B. especially among our nationality
if known. I know for a fact, that it
is hard for a person to get married
who has been a patient of T.B. once,
among the Japanese. In Sept. 7th
Star Bulletin there was an article
that said that some people were
trying to find employment for the
many once T.B. people, who were
cured and O.K'd by the physician.
I remember Yamamoto looked very
~~fine~~ ^{poor} when we were together.

We are having very nice weather
in Puna and the tomatoes and
eggplants are growing very nicely.
Their prices have soared way up
high for which I am very glad as
it seems like a profitable crop. It
seems that I am the only one just
now that has tomatoes in the Hill
market and many dealers are on a
buying spree. Next month will
see quite a few gardeners producing
tomatoes on the market but by then I'll
have sold most of mine at a good price.

So I can not be sure of my future. I have no tomatoes at the moment. I have sold about 100 pounds of them at 100 cents each. I have sold about 100 pounds of them at 100 cents each.

9/23/35

EARL EDWARD SHERFF
Associate Editor Taxonomy
7419 Stewart Ave.

The Botanical Gazette

Chicago, Illinois , Sept. 23rd, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Degener:-

At last I have gotten back to college classes and am starting to catch up on my correspondence. I recently found the next to the last of your letters (the one I had mislaid) and so can attend to them both.

First, I shall clean up the marked sheets belonging to the New York Botanical Garden and have Field Museum send them back within a few weeks.

I recently happened to observe on a box that had gone to you with plants (I suppose) from me through Field Museum to you a sticker calling for charges collect. This was a distinct surprise to me as I had been given the impression at Field Museum that they were prepaying the postage on return shipments. I therefore am asking if you will estimate the amount that you think you have had to pay on shipments from me and I shall immediately reimburse you. (If you had ^{not} fortunately used the old paper or pasteboard box over again for shipping more plants to me I would never have learned what was being done I suppose.)

Thanks for a look at the proof plate for Phyllostegia mollis var. glabrescens. Now that it is in press I assume that as soon as you receive the printed copies for distribution you will be so kind as to let Miss Anderson at Bishop Museum know the reference date so that she may fill it in on the page proof for my monograph. I believe she is being forced to hold the final printing up just on account of that (although she has written me nothing about it one way or another).

I am glad to learn of your improved health. Apparently a stay in New York did you good. I know that several times a change for just a few weeks has helped me greatly.

I have two matters regarding my present monographic work to take up. First, I made a careful survey early in the summer as to the status of the genus of Euphorbia. I took into consideration the huge size of the "genus" the difficulty of drawing diagnostic distinctions that would hold, the difficulty for any one who approaches the genus from a provincial or local viewpoint rather than from Boissier's cosmopolitan viewpoint, to judge properly as to what should be done, the scant likelihood that the majority of workers would accept a splitting into many smaller units, the fact that already one or two sections had been set off as genera and that these by some botanists would be taken as including the Hawaiian materials which might be excluded from Euphorbia, etc., etc. I might add, that, since the acceptance of genera always becomes sooner or later a subjective matter, just as the segregation of them originally is attempted on an objective basis, I took into careful account what Skottsberg, Standley, N.E. Brown, and various other workers have believed. In this last case, however, the bulk of what I felt to be conservative opinion was on the side of conclusions reached as a result of approaching the problem in the ways above outlined. I

finally decided that I would not dare risk the use of a new name (such as Sandvicensia). At best, trying to predict how future botanists will swing is a gamble, but I believe the difficulties in the way will make them keep to Euphorbia. So I have gone ahead and labeled up my study materials so far with that as my basis.--However, it is entirely possible for you to have an honest difference of opinion in the matter, and you must not even dream that I would be offended in the least if you chose to rewrite the names when you utilize my findings later on in your Flora. I at least will feel that I have contributed materially in that I will have pioneered on the delimitation of numerous local forms or varieties or species. So feel free I beg of you to act entirely in accordance with your own sober judgement. ---I will add here that on rounding up the loose ends on the pretty E. cordata Meyen, which demanded a new name, I took account of a note that you yourself had written some years earlier on a sheet I believe at New York. You there stated that a new name was necessary. I seized upon the opportunity thus afforded to pay further tribute to one who in my judgement is doing an immense service to Hawaiian Botany, and named the plant (and a peculiarly pretty and interesting plant I think it is, too) Euphorbia Degeneri. You will remember it as a plant common at Diamond Head.

I am drawing up a Latin diagnosis for preliminary publication of certain novelties in the genus and wish to run this in the Gazette in the December number if possible. I have two or three varieties discovered by you. Since I do not feel warranted in using your name for Euphorbia without consulting you, I am sending now to you for confirmation. Shall I follow our former method of putting down Degener & Sheriff?--and if so, shall I put a qualifying footnote at bottom stating perhaps that you have joined me provisionally in the matter, since you have inclined toward the segregation of the native Hawaiian species from the genus Euphorbia. It seems to me that you could go this far with all due regard for your own personal judgement and without seeming inconsistent.

I received word from Miss Anderson this morning that my Tetramolopium, Lipochaeta, Dubutia, and Railliardia monograph copies were going forward week before last. They should arrive here any day. I suppose Bishop Museum gives you anything like this that you wish, but if not let me know and I will send you a copy at once.--I met Martin Grant in Minneapolis at the summer meeting of the A.A.A.S.-He said that he had described a number of new Polynesian Bidens species to be published next winter by Bishop Museum. I am eager to see what they are. He said also that he had in his possession a copy of Brown's latest work on the Polynesian Flora and that Brown had knocked out my treatments in some way or other. Grant told me this in June but to date we have not received Brown's text in Chicago, either at Field Museum or at Crerar Library.---Anyway, I hope that Brown's opinions were derived without malice aforethought, and free from resentment because of my happening to describe two species of Bidens that he himself intended later on to describe (if he had been very confidential and let me know about his proposed species I would never have made this inadvertent encroachment).

Well, I must rush to a faculty meeting and so will have to hurry. Am glad to know that you are reserving some groups for me to work. Do you still have Labordea? ---Why the Browns should be angry "at us" is beyond me after all. We both were innocent victims of their own secretiveness. Dr. Brown promised me years ago to cooperate with me in collecting for me in the Marquesas (or perhaps it was his superior at the time, a man whose name may have been Sullivan,--I have forgotten), but I never got the slightest aid.--Well good-bye till next time.

Yours as ever,

Earl C. Sheriff

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JOSEPH B. POINDEXTER
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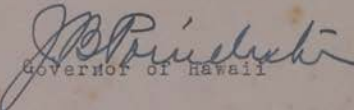
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1935

My dear Otto:

This is to thank you for the
volumes 1 and 2 of your work FLORA HAWAIIENSIS
which you so kindly sent me.

I am sure your work will prove
of great value to the people of the Terri-
tory.

Very truly yours


Governor of Hawaii

Mr. Otto Degener
University of Hawaii
Honolulu, T. H.

9/30/35

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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DIVISION OF
FOREST PATHOLOGY
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

San Francisco, California,
September 30, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Degener:

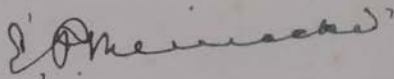
Thank you for your letter of September 18. I am delighted to hear from you again and to know that the second Part of your Flora Hawaiiensis is now ready. I enclose a check for \$3.50 for a copy. Please keep me on your list for the future issues. Even Book I has been greatly helpful.

Have you heard anything about Brumaghim? I wonder what has become of him and I would like to write him sometime.

Please look me up when you come through San Francisco.

With my kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,



E. P. MEINECKE,
Principal Pathologist.

Enclosure

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October 3, 1935

Mr. Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii

My dear Mr. Degener:

Many thanks for the two lots of seed which Mr. Everett has taken in hand and I will take pleasure in jacking him up about it until I get a report.

Glad you are having a good time with the trailer. Park has just written me also telling me about your pastime assembling pictures.

Just received a copy of book two in this morning's mail and highly approve of the eight ferns and fern allies included in it as well as of a number of other good friends of man among the tropical plants too numerous to detail. I am particularly intrigued by the engaging way in which Park has put his signature along the stem of each plant wherever that may be. Please thank Park for his surprising picture of me which he sent.

John is back in Princeton, and one of his chores before he left was to go over his stamp collection and he has found that he added five hundred new kinds of stamps to his collection during the past year, largely due to your generosity.

I have not had occasion to see any of your family before you left. They apparently are not addicted to herbaria and museum except when you prove an added attraction.

With best wishes for good hunting and pleasant living in Hawaii until the accumulation of material again brings you back to us, I am,

Sincerely yours,

F. T. McLean per L.B.

Forman T. McLean
Supervisor of Public Education

FTM/LB

10/3/35

2220 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T. H.
Oct. 3, 1935.

Dear Ed. Bryan:

It is very difficult to write a letter of this kind. But I do want you to know that I deeply appreciate your book review.

I was out at Mokololoia over the week-end planting coconuts and did not receive my paper until Sunday night. Then I read your review which was extremely kind and generous. To get so favorable an account from a man of your standing who knows his Botany and can judge the value of my work is certainly fortunate for me. I feel so flattered and prize this review signed by you so highly that I have ordered 2,000 copies from the Advertiser. They are to be placed in my books or used as recommendations.

Your statement that Degener has undertaken a tremendous task "if he succeeds in carrying out his plan" was settled legally March 30, 1935 in New York City. Provisions have been made for others ~~HERE~~ to carry on when I drop. And in making these provisions I did not condemn an entire group because of the errors of one of its members. "In selecting such botanists (to continue the Flora Haw.) the Trustees shall not be limited to those employed by or affiliated with any particular institution, although preference may be given to botanists of New York Botanical Garden and Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum". After launching this Flora I expect to see it grow into a lusty totem before I must relinquish it to such botanists.

Up to Oct. 1, I got back \$94 on my book in spite of the fact that most of the customers have not yet had time to pay their bills. Your review, incidentally, will stimulate the rain of shekles. It is strange how the appearance of my third book stimulated the preceding ones. Several people bought all three books at one time without blinking!

Thanks again for your good will.

Aloha mui,

10/7/35

2220 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T.H.
Oct. 4, 1935.

Dear Dr. Sheriff:

I received quite a number of letters today, among them yours. In the past, I always opened your letter first but this time I left it for the last, fearing to read bad news. Those labiate sheets of mine are so full of text that I was almost sure some error might have escaped me and not you - hence the fear. It is really a great relief I (apparently) made no error.

Please forget about charges on those packages. I have forgotten about this and, besides, there is no reason why I should not have paid. For all I know, now, the N. Y. Bot. Garden may have paid out of their funds. Do not forget, however, that when I mail you packages I may affix unusual stamps to them which I would like returned. A friend supplies me with these stamps and then pays me half their precanceled value after they have been used provided, of course, they have not been damaged during transit. Do you want any of them for use on packages to be sent me? You might save 50 - 30% postage charges in that way.

In regard to *Sandviacensia* I admit that I do not know the limits of the proposed genus either botanically or geographically. All I do know is that the local plants do not belong, according to my idea, to the genus *Euphorbia sensu strictu* if that genus is typified by the cactus-like *Euphorbia antiquorum* L. Putting our plants into that genus, I believe, is a definite error while putting them into another genus will at least give me a gambler's chance of getting it correct. Our plants do not belong to *Poinsettia* nor to many other common genera. Nor do I think they are congeneric with *Chamaesyce*, as Croizat suspects, though they do come close.

In regard to describing the new varieties of *Euphorbia*, why not continue as before, stating in a footnote as you suggested, that I tentatively segregated in ms., the local plants and might later publish the same in my *Flora*.

That *Euphorbia cordata*, if anything of the native material, should be "vehemently jerked" out of E. and placed in *Chamaesyce*, I believe. Do you uphold that segregation? It seems anomalous in relationship to the other native "Euphorbs" and I am wondering what you think about it. It is very kind of you to want to name it for me. It is such a common beach plant, and the commoner it is the greater the honor. It will be before the public eye much more than some rare *Euphorb* growing possibly on the summit of an inaccessible mountain.

I am rather troubled about the Browns. I just heard indirectly that Dr. Brown no longer wants to see me. His friendship for me (and you) could not have been very strong if he will not overlook this *Bidens* error. Anyway, why does he make such a fuss? He placed the plants in *Campylothece* and not in *Bidens*. In seeing *Bidens* your name naturally "pops" into my mind, and not Brown's. There was nothing, as I remember on the herbarium label to lead me to supplant your association with the genus in my mind with Brown. When B. distributes duplicates to public institutions, I don't see how he can blame others for publishing on them - especially you who have specialized on the group for years!

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WALTER H. AIKEN, LIBRARIAN
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Oct. 4, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

We have received book 2 "Flora
Hawaiiensis" for which we thank you.

In your request of Sept. 18, you
ask for Mycological Notes in exchange. Number 75 was
the last number of the Mycological Notes and according
to our records you have a complete set. If you are
missing any numbers we shall be glad to send them to you.
A General Index to the Mycological Notes was published
as Bulletin #32. If you do not have the General Index
we shall also send this to you. Six numbers of our
Bulletin were published under a Mycological Series, and
these will also be sent if you do not have them. We
are enclosing a list of these Bulletins for you to check,
to see if you have them.

Please advise us by return mail just
what we should send in exchange for your book, and again
thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Aiken

LIBRARIAN.

10/9/35

Box 1158, Hilo
October 9, 1935

Dear Prof:

Well, according to the paper, I see that you are back in Honolulu again in your same old culiana (if it is spelled that way, or is it with a "k"). I saw about your book and you in the Honolulu Advertiser. It was an article by Prof. Bryan of the Bishop Museum.

You must think that I am a terrible person for not even writing you a line but here is the reason why I did not. You sent me several post cards and as it is the case, the address is always different. And another thing, as you and I are noted for our very "legible" writings, I simply could not make out the addresses even to this day. Since the addresses on the mainland are not familiar to me, I even couldn't take a chance on them.

At any rate you are back in the best spot on earth, and we have to admit it is, and I presume that you are just so-so, still looking over those dried up, shriveled plants and trying to make out what the names are. At any rate, I wish you the best of luck in the completion of your book, for as Mr. Bryan says, it is a task which is so tremendous that only a man of ability and patience can even think of undertaking. It is not exactly in those words but I suppose that is what he meant when you "read between the lines", as your famous saying goes.

I am still managing to keep on living and so is my "other half", worse or better I do not know.

I have met Mr. Brumaghin several times and he is still that conscientious, energetic fellow. As you know, he is now connected with the tax office in Hilo. He is in charge of delinquent taxes, if I'm not mistaken.

I'll probably be in Honolulu, that is IF I don't go six feet under the ground by then, by next summer vacation and will drop in to see you with the permission of the "copyright owner". If you happen to drop in Hilo, come over and see us but be sure to let us know before you do.

Well, this is enough for the present so I will just stop my useless jabbing right here.

Nyctaginacially yours,

K. Wirtz

10/11/35

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STANLEY DOUGAN, M. D.

GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS
808 MEDICO-DENTAL BUILDING
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Oct 11/35

Dear Otto, - We are always glad
to hear from you. Congratulations on your
place at Motherlode. Wouldn't
I love to spend this winter over
there.

I am not back in
office as yet. A few more
months. - Am getting fast and
fett better all the time.

Sorry you didn't get to
see our charming little friend Miss
Nichols. Am enclosing a snapshot
of her taken over there with her
traveling friend. She is one
grand girl.

Mrs. Dougan joins me in
all good wishes to you and also
joins me in a standing invitation
to visit us any time you are
over here on the main land.

Very sincerely,

Stan Dougan

10/15/35

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

Oct. 15, 1935.

Dear Dr. Degener:

Awfully glad to get your letter the other day and to learn where you are. I am glad also that you are getting along with your Flora. I have taken your suggestion and have put through an order for a set for our herbarium. I have ordered it as

"1 set Plates and descriptions of plants for herbarium"

When you send your bill for it (if they honor my requisition) please bill it that way. We have a new comptroller who is trying to clip our financial wings considerably and I am thinking the order as above (without specifying Hawaiian plants which he would think did not apply to Indiana at all) may go through and if you bill it the same way it will save too many explanations on my part. They may not honor the requisition at all but I am hoping you may eventually receive the order. Unless the order specifies otherwise you better put c/o me on the package to insure more prompt delivery.

I had a varied summer. Spent a couple of weeks collecting in the Jackson Hole country of Wyoming, also about two weeks up towards James Bay in Ontario and the rest of the time in Michigan at the cottage. I had hoped to get to Honolulu but could not make it this year.

I am working now on Smith's Fijian Ferns and also those of the Mangrove expedition. I am finding quite a number of unique specimens.

My trip to CA last summer (year '40) was primarily for the experience and a general collecting jaunt. I am hoping to get back into central Honduras again and work over a region there which so far as I can learn has never been worked and which I believe will yield a great mass of new things.

Right now I am up to my ears in my teaching with a load bigger than I have had before so that I do not find much time for research. I get to the office between 6 and 7 leave about 5:30 and often spend the evening there too. Am now trying to ink in some sketches which is slow work for me and not being artistic leaves me discouraged over the results, but I have been unable to find any student who can do it any better and if I do it myself I cannot blame anyone else for errors.

I will be glad to hear from you and learn what your plans are and how things may be going with you. I am hoping to eventually return to Honolulu.

Cordially,

J. G. Yucca

P.S. The order should not include the covers inasmuch as I am planning these for the Herbarium.
J.G.Y.

10/21/35

P.O. Box 37
Kapole, Puna, Hawaii
October 21, 1935

Dear Prof.

I wish to thank you for the reprints from the Honolulu Advertiser. I have also received your cards but just didn't have the time to write a decent letter.

Selling your book is quite a proposition, in that they say it is too scientific and so forth. I've asked the teachers at Kapole but they too say it is too scientific just because they are not interested. Well I have sent them the reprint so they can get some facts by it, especially when it is reviewed by Mr. Bryan.

Say Mr. Hegener how is it that Mr. Bryan is the one to review your book? I thought he was one of the persons that had no use for you. Ha ha you are getting famous aren't you?

Joe aren't Parker's drawings wonderful? I like his illustrations

the best. Some of mine rank next
don't they? I really like some of
mine too.

Say Mr. Degener there's no hurry
about those parascione as please
do me the favor at your convenience.

I saw your picture in the Hon-
olulu Star Bulletin (Sept. 29. issue)
with an article about your work
and some sort of a review about
your books. But you are getting
famous.

We are having very nice weather
in Puna with occasional rain
which is helping our crops a lot.
Too bad the rain didn't come sooner
because my tomatoes needed them
badly. Just because of the drought
I got a poor crop in that the fruits
were small and the vines gave out
too soon to bear much fruit. It is very
discouraging in a case like this be-
cause it takes too long to find out
the results. I haven't had any profitable
crop for this year and it is too short to
get any harvest within this year, so
another year goes by with me at the

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same place where I started. I am
beginning to doubt if truck garden-
ing is a profitable living or rather
a profitable work for a living. I have
childhood but known all these
truck farmers around here and
they don't seem to have progressed
much financially or in their mode
of living.

It is strange but the gardens
around here can't produce a good
crop after two years. That means very
very hard work every year clearing
in new land or guavas and other
brushes and digging out their netting

roots. The melons and tomatoes are especially sensitive to the type of soil in which grown. It isn't worth the trouble these crops in a field that has been cultivated for more than two years. I mention these two crops because they are the most profitable crops. Of course beans and cabbages do very well on old land but it is rather hot and dry for them here so they are very tough compared to those grown elsewhere such as Volcan or Haima where it is cool and moist. Still it's a tough life after all.

Sincerely yours
Zephaniah Pitta

11/11/35

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

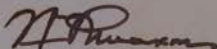
November 11, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:


Shortly after my letter of November 1 was sent, thanking you for the lot of 61 specimens mentioned in your letter of October 18, another package of specimens was received, but we have had no letter regarding this. It was addressed jointly to Dr. Hitchcock and myself, but was opened in Dr. Hitchcock's office by Mr. Swallen, who took out three grasses, and will write you directly concerning them. The other 43 specimens, flowering plants and ferns, are accessioned as a gift from you to the National Museum, as I feel sure you intended. Of course we are very glad to have them.

Yours very truly,



William R. Maxon
Associate Curator
Division of Plants.

P.S. There is certainly no point in your
paying postage on ~~specimens~~ presented to
the National Museum! Each of the enclosed
plants will carry gratis a package
weighing up to 4 pounds.



11/11/35

230 East 207th St.
New York City
Nov. 11, 1935

Dear Mr. Degener,

Today by the grace of Mars and President Roosevelt the Garden has given its hard working employees a two day holiday. It is most convenient for Armistice Day to fall on a Monday--a welcome breathing spell.

I've been meaning for some time to send you word of Sudan, but was waiting to get a good picture. The one enclosed was taken with a tiny camera, the original being only one inch square. You perhaps notice the quiet and dignified air he has assumed--altogether befitting the father of nine children don't you think? I am quite proud of him. His fame should rightly eclipse that of the famous Dionne quintuplets, but I have'nt seen mention of the accomplishment on the front page as yet.

Master Sudans' amorous exploits have caused us considerable apprehension of late, although his conduct has improved since spring. He used to stay away for days at a time until finally picked up by the S. P. C. A. authorities. He was a grateful dog indeed when my mother went down to the kennels and bailed him out. The experience seemed to have had a chastening effect upon him, which lasted until lately.

His present interest lives in an apartment house a short distance away, and he has taken to haunting the hallway much to the annoyance of the janitor.

My father has become quite attached to the dog and takes considerable enjoyment in his company. The morning and evening stroll are attended to with such unfailing regularity as to have become almost a ritual.

He must have been awfully attached to your nephews as it has only been within the last two or three months that he can be said to have finally reconciled himself to his new situation and accepted the family for better or for worse. We have added a new member to the family on one hand and lost one on the other--my sister Mildred was married last month. Its up to Sudan to fill this vacancy. A pretty large order for such a small dog, but I'm sure he will do his best.

I presume you are familiar with the latest turn of affairs at the Garden. Things have quieted down considerably and appear to be functioning smoothly with Dr. Howe at the helm.. Some time ago we received a package of seed from you. These were divided up, some are being grown at the Propagating House, the remainder went to my father. He wishes me to thank you.

Thru the kindness of Mr. Everett I have been granted time off during the day and get down to Columbia an afternoon and several evenings a week. I have been interested in landscape architecture for some time but this is the first chance I have had to do anything really definite about it.

The family wish to be remembered to you and send their best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Wilson

[Bergy Wilson's son, who shot himself to death in
Hollywood, August 1938.]

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

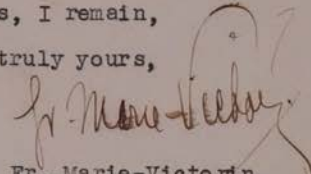
My Dear colleague,

Through your kindness we receive regularly your most valuable studies on the flora of Hawai, and the last issues have been furnished with the special binding.

I take the liberty of inquiring whether a binding has been prepared for Book I and possibly for book III.

With anticipated thanks, I remain,

Very truly yours,


Fr. Marie-Victorin

11/13/35

Gray Herbarium



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Nov. 13, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

I thank you for the duplicate specimens sent to the Gray Herbarium on Oct. 28th. You mention one package, but I received four and, in accordance with your request, am returning the stamps herewith.

I am glad to note that Mr. Topping is still active and that between you, you still continue to discover new plants in Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

E. D. Merrill

E. D. Merrill.

Polishing up my copy. Like 1935-1936 I am to
copy it to send by this year & call it a
job. It has taken more time than I
to me but may help the other
fellow!

BM/FMG

Just back from N.Y. where I put in three
days doing botany for a change.
For some months I won't be able to do
very much here but I have to learn
my way about & how to do things.
Just presented your album matter with
about \$2000 worth of living plants
from our scientific greenhouse now
being wrecked. I found the mess in
my lab when I arrived & two weeks
or so to fix it & something had
to be done pronto - Thanks to you
& to God!

11/14/35

P.O. Box 37

Kapoho, Tuna, Hawaii

Jan 14, 1935

Dear Ray,

How are you these days? How is
Tack?

I am getting along quite nicely! My
work is progressing very slowly with
all this wet weather. I guess we are
in for a wet season for some months
ahead.

Say Mr. Degener will you let me know
whether you will be able to send me
the pear or avocado scions or not. If
you should think you can't get the
scion woods I'd appreciate an early
reply so that I'll plan another way
of getting them.

I plan to quit my present location
and go back to work with my parents
again as it is my center of work, where
I am trying to plant all these fruit
trees. In my present location it is very
inconvenient to transport things to market
while at my real home it is situated
near the road and a truck will haul
the produce much more conveniently.

I haven't as yet sold your book but
have written to several of my friends again
so I may send you the money soon.

Sincerely yours,
C. Johnson Pitta

11/19/35

P.O. BOX 3020
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Dear Mr. DeGener:-

May I thank you at
this late day for your kind-
ness in sending me the leaves
for your last book? The
drawing is delightfully done
and the addition to botanical
knowledge no doubt extensive -

I did not know that you
were in Honolulu again until
Mr. Merbold spoke of it and
would like very much to
have a chat with you. Could

you come in some afternoon this
^{night} excepting tomorrow Wednesday,
about a quarter past four.
Yesterday I received from Mr.
Nichols who is now in Hawaii
an extraordinary letter in
which he speaks of an inten-
tion of buying a copy of
Parker's work on the indigenous
trees for presentation to me.
Please do not assist him to
purchase this work for I
should certainly not accept it.
We have two copies in the fami-
ly to begin with and his reasons

for giving this book away.
quite put it out of the ques-
tion, not to mention the cost
of it at present!

Hoping to see you before
long then I am

Faithfully yours

Julio Just Swartz

November 19, 1935

Robert Small
Nancy Small

[Meekbold, borrowed Mrs. S.'s copy
and, before going to Island of Hawaii,
removed pertinent passages
to take with him. On returning
the book, Mrs. S. was furious
at Meekbold's vandalism.]

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November 21, 1935

Mr. Otto Degner
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Degner:

The first of the two boxes of herbarium specimens has reached us and have been examined. A handful of the plants have been sent on to Torrey as requested by you, and the rest will be mounted for our own herbarium. The stamps on the letter are being returned herewith.

We look forward to the receipt of your next package within a week or two. With kindest regards I am,

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. Gleason
Head Curator

HAG:JD

22.XI.1935.

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

Dear Degener:-

Thank you very much for sending me the second century of your "Flora Hawaiiensis". I have been reading in it with a great deal of interest, finding many stimuli for thought.

According to the accompanying contents of first century I find that I lack the following sheets:

68:Dianella, 74:Belamcanda, 105, 167:Osteomeles anthyllidif., 169c:Arachis hypogaea, 179:Zanthoxylum semiartic., 250:Passiflora quadrang., 257:Opuntia megac., 263:Parsonsia Pinto, 273:Jambosa malacc., 291:Anagallis, 307:Cressa, 307:Perispermum, 307:Perispermum albifl., 314:Cochranea, 321:Pyrostegia, 339:Rollandia Humb., 344:Acanthospermum, 344:Bidens 1, 344:Bidens 2, 344:Bidens 3, 344:Bidens 4, 344:Montanoa, X 1, X 2, "Directions for binding, Contents, K 1:Recent families, K 2. Of the sheets 221:Abortopetalum, and Abortopetalum sandwicense I have only poor specimens without perforations for binding. I shall be glad to buy these sheets together with a cover for the first century.

How is your work getting along? As for myself I am finishing up the remaining plants of my Samoan collection, but after that I can see no chance for continuing Pacific work in the immediate future. However, things may change.

With best regards,
sincerely yours,

Walter Hillebrand

Write him
and cover
missing
as soon as
possible

11/27/35

C. A. AUFFMORDT & CO.
TWO PARK AVENUETELEPHONE
LEXINGTON 2-6624

New York, Apr 27 1935

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I much appreciate for not having mentioned
 that interesting letter of Sept 15 about Mary Banks
 for your book. It is most attractive and
 will be treasured. Your book is a beautiful piece
 of art & a good introduction and I hope you will
 soon be able to finish the translation. I am sure
 to be happy in the work. I hope the day there will do
 us a world of good. In the morning I am as usual.
 Business is picking up a bit. I only hope that the
 Fall Stock speculators will not contract and
 thereby give us a blackback as they did before.
 I am afraid that Roosevelt is encouraging them to
 be able to say that he has restored prosperity. He
 certainly no longer has the whole country behind
 him as he had when he took office. I expect to
 go down to Charlotte N.C. to spend some time with
 Jack. Paul sends his best regards.

With kindest greetings

Yours [unclear] Degeuer

11/28/35

RAY ETHAN TORREY

CLARK HALL, M. S. C.

AMHERST, MASS.

Nov. 23, 1935

Dear Otto:

Your latest shipment of plants came safely to hand and here are the stamps for Mr. Stearns. Can he, I wonder, keep up with the deluge of stamps which has afflicted the country under Mr. Farley? A few days after your Hawaiian package, there came another from the N.Y. Bot. Garden with a note that you had asked them to send it to me. I have not yet had time to look over either shipment very carefully, but we all thank you. Truly, I probably shall not find so much use for Hawaiian plants in teaching but it is a valuable lot of plants and we are glad to give them place. Someday, unless the country and all civilization goes to the dogs, M.S.C. may be known as a center where the vanished *Flora Hawaiiensis* can be studied in mummied form.

You did have a hectic voyage out; I went through something of the same experience in 1914 when the Pretoria was rammed by the New York at about 3 o'clock in the morning and we were all ordered on deck. I felt excited by the prospect of a watery grave but was not really scared. Were you?

Your new real estate acquisition with its "sun-kissed sands" sounds so very Hawaiian. Such a move in ordinary citizens generally means a lady in the offing, but you are exempt from all ordinary rules, so I take it that it is a move toward old age. Very wise! I have not forgotten that you plan to spend your last days in yoga under a coconut tree.

This fall I have been almost sunk under a weight of work. As you recall we took over one of the Durfee octagons three years ago and I had that pretty well in hand, but this fall there came a letter from Merrill of Gray Herb. (formerly of NY, doubtless you know him) offering me first choice of the plants at the Herbarium greenhouses which were to be pulled down. So with Orton and a student I went to Cambridge and selected so many potted plants that it took three truck loads to get them here. Clark Thayer turned over to us (under pressure) the two small houses between the two octagons and I have been trying to get them into shape - one as a house for herbaceous plants, and the other for succulents. For the former we laid up a bench with stone-wall facing about 60 feet long, and for the latter we have built a red sandstone desert à la naturel. It begins to look pretty good, but oh, the work and worry and red tape. I am now planning a lily pool in the middle of one of the houses. Doc Connors (the old gardener) is a nice old guy, but, after all, he is only an ignorant Irishman, and we need a gardener the worst way. Small prospects of getting one however, and so, in odd moments I have to turn gardener and bug-killer and orchid grower etc. Doc has a perfect passion for squirting the hose on the cacti and hanging Spanish moss on them. Miss Stokey saw a big *Cereus* decorated with Spanish moss and remarked that it was an excellent example of the "triumph of mind over matter".

Your *Flora* is surely a monument to your industry and patience. I hope a ray of light has penetrated the iron-clad skulls of some of those benighted scientists in Hawaii.

RAY, ETHAN TORREY

CLARK HALL, M. S. C.

AMHERST, MASS.

Sorry you could not come to Amherst again before you left America; your call was so exiguous that I hardly had time to establish a contact. You startled me by looking so much older, but then I suppose time goes on in Hawaii just as elsewhere, and one forgets how many years have slipped away. One is lulled into a kind of unconsciousness of time by the repetitiousness of college work.

A few days ago I received a letter from John Perry asking for my recommendation to a Guggenheim Fellowship. After my failure in your case I have little hope. John is teaching in a High School in Vermont and that is the best place for him. He is too old to dream any longer about degrees and research. Let him stick to his job and be glad he has one.

Heard from Mort Cassidy too, recently. He wanted me to speak to teachers on H.S. Day, about how to teach botany. I sent a polite note of refusal: altogether too much work now, and besides it is all written out in my books.

Am teaching comparative anatomy this season and your jar of *Caulerpa* came in handy lately, as did also your herbarium present of *Penicillius* and other Siphonales. Your name occurs on pickles and preserves and herbarium sheets all over the place.

I hope the years have brought you, if not happiness, at least a measure of content in you very commendable accomplishments. Regards to Mr. Stearns; I believe another of our men has recently gone to Hawaii - a nice boy by the name of Clark; if you meet him give him my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours

R. E. Torrey

11/28/35

Bot 37

Kapoho, Puna, Hawaii
Nov. 28, '935

Dear Prof.

Received your letter of Tuesday.
Now Mr. Legener please do not mis-
understand me please, as I won't
feel good about it. I am not impa-
tient as you may think but just
wanted a definite answer about
those scions.

You see my seedlings will be
getting pretty old so if you could
not get those scions I'll graft it
with the scions of the one good
tree I have, but that I can't cut
off but a few scions as the tree is
very small. And of course I am
anxious to get the different varie-
ties of Guatemalan avocados. I must
be a darn nuisance taking up your
valuable time am I not?? Ha-ha! I
guess I am but I am helpless unless
I go to you for this matter. There isn't
much chance in Hilo.

Now Mr. Legener what do you
think about this? There is a piece

of land about forty acres that is
suitable for fruit trees and truck
farming. This property is backward
in its taxes for a couple of years
and the amount is about five hun-
dred dollars. The owner is not in-
terested in paying its taxes and
the tax collectors have asked me
to pay its taxes. Now is it true
that if I were to pay its taxes for
twenty years or so the property may
be mine or whoever owns it pay
me for the taxes that I've paid?

There's another piece of land about
seventeen acres and the price is
five hundred dollars. It is very
nice for fruit trees and truck garden-
ing. Isn't it cheap compared to the
five cents a square foot at Haki-
awa?

Sincerely yours,

Registrar of Y. Little
Little.

11/29/35

2220 University Ave.,
Honolulu, Hawaii.
Nov. 29, 1935.

Dear Dr. Gleason:

I am sorry I disappointed you so in regard to stamps but, as you already know, they were not mine to give away. I am trying to make for this by writing this very unique letter which ~~will~~ is to make the very first air-mail flight from Hawaii to Calif. I am sorry that the stamp is not well-centered. It was the best they could do for me at the postoffice.

All stamps that I receive from my friend I must return after cancelation. But in regard to stamps I got for myself I am free to do with them as I please. Now here is your chance:

I want my boxes containing Myrsinaceae & nd Zanthoxylon (for Skottsberg in part). They were stored away on top of the Local Herbarium cases on the first floor when I left the Garden. Please ask my good old friend Harry Smith to mail them to me. The boxes are clearly numbered on the outside and (I am almost sure) already properly addressed to me. All they need is weighing and affixing of proper number of stamps.

Please mail me four boxes in all, namely: One box numbered "179(Zanthox. only)" and three boxes numbered "290". If you think it worth while, get in touch with the stamp dealer Warwick C. Moroni, 121 West 42 St., N.Y.C (Tel. Bryant 9-0967). He offered me 50 cent Zeppeline stamps for which he will give me 35 cents when canceled. Make a dicker with him and put the proper number of Zeps on my four packages and send them to me by ordinary mail. To do so, I believe, you must write on package "NOT AIR MAIL". For each stamp that is not wanted by you or Moroni (due to injury during transit), I will pay you its full value (namely 50 cents for the Zep.) For each stamp retained by either one of you I will pay you 25 cents, namely half its precanceled value. I think that is fair as you would profit 10 cents on each stamp or receive one stamp out of five without any cost to you. I would be getting my packages from New York at the same reduced postage rate as before.

If this method with Moroni's help should not work, let me know how much the postage will be on my four packages and I will have Harold Stearns mail you the required amount of National Parks.

Greetings of the season to you and Mrs. Gleason, and my aloha mai to Dr. Smith.

Sincerely,

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN
309 WEST COURT STREET

Dec. 2, 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

We have just received Bulletins 112,
135 and 136 of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum that you sent
to the library for which we thank you.

Under date of Oct. 4, 1935, we wrote and
thanked you for book 2 "Flora Hawaiiensis", you sent to us.

In this same letter we referred to your
request of Sept. 18 wherein you asked for Mycological Notes
in exchange for your material you are sending to the library.
We asked just what you have and that we would be glad to
send any numbers you are missing. We also enclosed a list
of our Bulletins for you to check as according to our
records you have all of the Mycological Notes. Number 75
being the last number issued.

Will you please advise us if you have
received this letter, also just what numbers we should send
to you of our publications?

Trusting to hear from you by return
mail and again thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,

THE LLOYD LIBRARY.

BY *Frieda C. Braun.*

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Mr. Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
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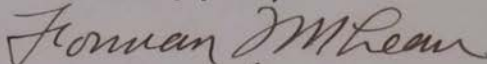
Dear Mr. Degener:

I note by your letter addressed to John that you are only a weekend trip away from New York now so we will hope to see you soon and frequently. I believe the actual travelling time by air between New York and Honolulu is thirty-nine hours. All joking aside, I very sincerely appreciate your sending this first flight letter to John. It is something we had intended to do, but had neglected to send a letter similarly from here to the Philippines. I will forward this to John and I know you will hear from him also.

Dr. Howe has asked me to review your Flora Hawaiiensis and I hope soon to do so.

I hope that you and Park are enjoying your coconut grove and seaside residence.

Sincerely yours,



Forman T. McLean
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to Honolulu. This should bring every bit of 40¢ to 50¢ a piece. Remember it is only the first flights and the first day of issue that count. The others would only have the general philatelic value that a used stamp has. Later of course, if the flights are discontinued and the stamp suppressed, they may go up considerably in value.

Regarding the collection which your sister has, you did not tell me what you wish to do with it. If you are willing to sell it for the price previously mentioned, let me know.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter,
I remain

Yours very truly,

WCM:KW



*O. S. Best wishes for
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year. WCM.*

12/14/35

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December 14, 1935

Mr. O. Degener
2220 University Ave.
Honolulu, H. I.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I acknowledge receipt of your letters of Nov. 25 and 29 and I greatly appreciate your co-operation in regard to the 50¢ Zeppelin.

As I said to Mr. Whitlock of the New York Botanical Gardens, over the telephone, I regret to advise you that there are no 50¢ Zeppelin available at the present time at 50¢ or even 60¢. The price of this stamp has gone sky rocket high. A mint copy can easily be sold today at \$1.25. There are rumors that the stamp will retail at \$2.50 before the end of the year. It seems that the total printing of this stamp is only 330,000. If you can find any copies to buy at less than 75¢ in Hawaii, I suggest you buy them. If you have any used copies in good condition left over, I will now give you 70¢. They may prove to be a very good investment.

I inquired at the Post Office if the 25¢ China Clipper could be used for Parcel Post and I was told that this stamp is only meant for Airmail transportation. Should you put them on Parcel Post, they will either refuse the package or else charge you for insufficient postage. So that leaves the China Clipper out. The 50¢ Zeppelin could be used for Parcel Post because it was not a regular Airmail stamp.

I believe Mr. Whitlock is probably an assistant to Dr. H. A. Gleason of whom you spoke in your letters.

I regret my inability to write to you before. If I had known of it I might have written a few dozen letters myself for the first China Clipper Airmail. I suppose that the ten letters you have of the first return Clipper flight, if they are in good condition, are not worth as much as they would be if they were the first flight from Frisco

12/16/35 [Q. B.] had his Korean assistant Park
and his relatives for miscellaneous reasons. December 16th 1935
Ligban Otto: These were new to the U.S. - came out like honeybees
from the green house for the purpose of honeybees.
T. H. Schreiber saw in Luytloff signed the

2/16/35
 Ich persönlich bin im Flugzeug nicht
 immer und ist jetzt nach Norwalk zu Fuß gehen
 und es ist schon jetzt Flugzeug persönlich kann
 ich persönlich und mich nicht so viele Insulan.
 also.

I received your letter with the airmail stamp. It is interesting when one thinks of that letter having been way up in the air and for so long a distance. I showed it to Dr Gillette. He wanted to give me 25¢ for it along with the envelope. However I didn't sell it to him because Irma said no; that it might be real valuable at some time. So it is here with me.

The garden is getting along well. I have another big bed of strawberries and am starting another of everbearing strawberries, but people tell me these aren't so much. They bear at various times during the summer but the crop is small & the berries liable to dry out before they are ready to pick. I have about the persimmon seeds. It

It is peculiar about the persimmon seeds. It took them 2 years to come up. I had given them up and all of a sudden they appeared above the ground. I have about 12 small trees of persimmons but the ^{WILD} rabbits have bitten the tops off some of them. It still remains to be seen whether they can stand the winter.

seen whether they can stand the winter.
Die Muskmelons von Park haben mir spider gehabt
this summer, however only the yellow ones, the others I cant
raise because the outside skin is too soft and the bugs bore
holes into them as soon as they start to ripen.
You are not dabbling in Real Estate. You know

I hope you are not dabbling in Real Estate. You know Papa lost a lot of money that way. Some people gain naturally. If you need this second purchase for relaxation purposes I suppose it is all right. Otherwise better not dabble in R.E. Yours Herbert

12/23/35

Sakama Maeda

Dec. 23, 1935.

My dear Mr. Sargent: -

Was extremely glad to hear from you -
I see that you're still quite saturated
with the Shimaris that once you had
great joy in presenting me. No. I sorry
to disappoint you but "Mayk" is someone's
loss "Mayk" - maybe I don't know,
"Surely" is not in sight and I don't
think she's around the corner. -
and so here am I - stranded at Hana.
Wish you'd find me a "certain" - recom-
mend her to me and Gosh - then I'm
sure to find some Biders for you.
My Haden's looked for Biders but will
keep an eye for any lovely new species.
Your last Book # looks beautiful
and I think the cover idea very

A most marvelously beautiful
place — I'm sure it would
suit a paper like you beautifully.
But gee, I just don't get the
feeling as home, isolated by myself.
Please drop in on me someday —
stay for a week or a month — you'll
welcome.

At present am at looking for
Christmas. See I couldn't go to
Honolulu. Sisters grow up and
feel rather proud to have such
outstanding
big & up sisters.

Hana was tremendously cool when

clerk. However, why is it that
Book is so technical in all
Hana has no library and all the
here wouldn't understand the Book
— criticizing the people not the Book.
So will try and maybe send you
in a few weeks.

So sorry about not writing
you sooner but had work and
you for the slides also but
Hana has made ends meet
for. Am trying to keep home
pay my University outstanding
and so "Be patient" and I'll
congratulate you justly.

Hana's a good beauty

I left the place too. I find Lahaina
equally cold. Last night it was
57.08 and in Calif it's that during the
day winter time. But your Maui
home is chilly.

Mr. Bilger sent me a card
and was glad to ~~hear~~ from her.
Also surprised to see that she had
gone to England.

Best Wishes and hope that
1936 be a ~~very~~ and successful
one for you and ~~Paul~~ Jan and

Shirley Ann.

Maui

Send my address
to Hana Maui
P.S.

don't you think my writing
very professional? I sorry!

Kuon; Ziegler
factotum I

1/2/36

Dr. H. HAPEMAN
MINDEN, NEBRASKA

January 2nd 1936.

Prof. Otto Degener,
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Prof. Degener:

I am sending you 250 herbarium specimens by this mail and hope they prove interesting to you. They are a mixed lot from various places. I am also returning your stamps, as you requested, and added a few which may be new to you. Wish you a successful year and many sales of your excellent new book.

Yours truly,

H. Hapeman.

P.S. If you meet Dr. Cooke please remember me to him.

H. H.

1/16/36

Jan. 16, 1936

Dear Dr. Moe:

I am back in Hawaii continuing my studies on the Hawaiian Flora. Since reaching here I completed the publication of my third book. It was again an edition of 2,000 copies.

I ~~now~~ ~~know~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~books~~ ~~are~~ ~~not~~ ~~mine~~ find myself the outright owner of something like 5,000 expensive books stored away here and there in my house - every cent paid for. Because of their scientific character it will take a life-time to dispose of all of them. In the meantime a large part of my capital is tied up and as I print additional pages of my Flora I am slowly getting more and more strangled financially. Instead of being able to give the printer 16 to 32 pages to print per month, I am ~~now~~ gradually petering out. Since returning to the Islands from New York I have been able to give the printer a total of only about 32 pages, and paying for this is proving very painful. At that rate, instead of completing a new book of my Flora every year or year and a half, I must mark time ~~now~~ ~~for~~ ~~seven~~ ~~or~~ ~~eight~~ ~~years~~.

I am reducing expenses to a minimum. I have a full-time Japanese boy who makes drawings of plants for me. For a month of 30 days he gets only \$15. Park, the Korean I had with me in Fieldston, is now a University student and hence only works half time. As you know, he can make excellent drawings. I have lately reduced his monthly wage from \$15 to 10. Another student, who attends to drying plants, cooking, yard work, etc., I have reduced from a wage of \$10. per month to \$7.50. Lower than this one just cannot go! Instead of having the artists continue the drawing of the fast-vanishing endemic flora, I am having them paint my Honolulu house and otherwise get it into good condition. I then plan to rent the place, dismiss Park and the other student, and move out in my trailer to a \$1,000 beach lot I own in the country 35 miles from Honolulu. Here I can hibernate. But even with this drastic move I cannot scrape together enough to pay for the printing of my manuscript as I write it.

no
I need ~~that~~ ~~kind~~ ~~of~~ ~~a~~ ~~fellowship~~ but simply the means of getting some of the funds back that are stuck away in my 5,000 books so that I can write additional floras. With a "boost" of \$1,000 - 1.5000, I could produce Book III of my "Flora Hawaiiensis", a work which I think one must acknowledge as worth while.

After the smoke has cleared away and the dealer has received his commission, ~~for~~ I receive \$3.00 for each copy sold of my "Plants Hawaii National Park", and \$2.62 each for my "Flora Hawaiiensis", Book I and Book II. If you, for example, could take 150 copies of each one of these three books off my hands at \$2.50 per copy, I would have \$1,125.00 - enough to complete my fourth book, to be called "Flora Hawaiiensis", Book III.

Might it not be appropriate to donate, in Mr. Guggenheim's memory, a set of three books to each college teaching Botany, or to public libraries in cities of population above 250,000 or so? The books certainly would not go to waste.

I left

Just before ~~leaving~~ New York my cousin, John F. Degener, Jr., gave me out of a clear sky \$100 to put into printing. His kind patronage I have acknowledged. I have not the courage to ask him for help. My other cousin, Rudolf Degener, is the husband of August Heckscher's Niece. Mr Heckscher has given a large grant to Cornell for scientific has certainly done his share

work and since that time has drawn away from Science to the field of Child "elfare. I cannot ask there. So I am knocking at your door not for a grant but for a sale to clear capital for further botanical work.

I am mailing you copies of my three books.

Sincerely,

1/21/36

BERNICE P. BISHOP MUSEUM
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Jan. 21, 1936

Dear Degener:

Dr. Arthur Svihla writes that he found a fresh-water sponge among the specimens which he collected in a pool on Maui, and asks if such specimens had ever before been collected and identifications if any.

Dr. Edmondson tells me that you once found a fresh-water sponge. Can you tell me where you found it and if you got it identified?

Svihla is brother-in-law of Dr. Harold Stearns, and spent the last two summers here in the islands. He teaches at State College of Washington, Pullman.

Thanking you for any information you can give me, I am

Yours very sincerely,

E. H. Bryan, Jr.

E. H. Bryan, Jr.,
Curator of Collections

Mr. Otto Degener,
P.O. Box 1133,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

We have just received the Loose Leaf Cover that you sent to us, in response to our letter of November 20th, and we are pleased to quote you on a quantity of 3,000 sets of these covers, as follows:

SPECIFICATIONS:

Size of cover, including hinge $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Hinge to be $\frac{3}{4}$ " in width

Hinge to be about 60 pts. Binders Board and our Black Keratol.

Front cover to be made with $1\frac{7}{8}$ inch projection beyond the hinge, to wrap around the book.

Back cover to be made with just simply the side board and hinge.

Punched with three holes in each cover.

Front cover to be stamped or ~~stamped~~ in yellow ink, the same as your sample, which was printed on the cloth before being made into a cover,

You to furnish the cover stamp, or we can have it made here, *at extra cost.*

Price will be 21¢ per pair of covers, including the cost of the material *not cover stamp.*

We can also furnish three 1" Screwposts, Nickel-Plated, for 3¢ per cover, thus making the total price 24¢ per cover including the Screwposts.

The prices quoted are f.o.b. Chicago, Illinois, less 2% for cash.

The above price is based on furnishing our D-3 Black Skiver Grain Keratine Quality Keratol, like sample herewith. If you find that our D-38 Black Skiver Grain Skiverette Quality Keratol, as per second sample enclosed, will be good enough, we can supply the covers made with this material at a price 1¢ per cover less.

Jan. 20, 1936
Mr. Otto Degener

quoted above, namely, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per cover.

It will be a matter of about one week to ten days after receipt of an order before we can make shipment.

We will retain your sample covers for our files, but if you wish to have the covers returned to you, we will be glad to send them to you promptly on receipt of your response.

We hope that all matters have been made clear, but if you wish to ask any questions, please do not hesitate to write us.

Yours very truly,
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1/22/36

3704 Cheasty Blvd.,
Seattle, Wash. Jan. 22, 1936.

Mr. Otto Degener,
Honolulu, H. I.

Dear Mr. Degener;

I have your interesting letter of Jan. 3rd, and in reply will say that I am interested in world-wide Pteridophytes, but so far I have limited my other interests to plants of North America, except for a rather nice collection I have from the French Alps.

I am tempted to venture upon your flowering plants, but perhaps you had better send me plants other than ferns that are well pressed, not too bulky, and perhaps are blessed with pretty flowers. I am also quite interested in nice material of the Cyperaceae, of which I presume you have an abundance of genera not common up this way. But so often the family is poorly collected, either too bulky, or with mere fragments without roots, ~~and~~ fruits taken at a time when they will ~~not~~ shatter easily. In other words, whatever I have of Hawaiian Plants other than ferns would be expressly for show, and I am afraid that would be expecting too much from a busy collector.

I plan to work in Idaho next year. I can easily send two or three hundred more plants from last seasons catch.

My plans are perhaps a little too unsettled for you to send me your books for awhile yet. Perhaps when I have some nice material from there, I shall also want your books.

I hope by the time my letter reaches you that you are completely recovered, and busy at our mutual work.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Thompson

1/25/36

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Office of the Ground-Water Division
Spreckelsville, Maui, T H
January 25, 1936

Mr Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu, T H

Dear Otto:

I received the stamps this morning in good condition but I noticed that the last lot which you sent me were badly damaged by the person who removed them from the package.

Our account stands as follows:

Postage sent to Dr Wittrock	\$8.64
Credit for used stamps returned	5.36
Due me	\$3.28

I hope to be able to rustle soon some more stamps ^{for} you. It seems to be from the light cancellations and the good condition of those received from New York that it will be perfectly safe to send Wittrock imperforates. It would seem preferable, however, to use a lower grade of stamps on packages going from Honolulu owing to the carelessness in the way the stamps are removed by those receiving them.

I have not employed Nitta because I have been swamped with my own work and have had no time to start him. I regret that I do not know of any vacancy for Mr Lau. However, I will keep him in mind. Carson makes no illustrations.

Norah and I were both very much amused with your explanation of the "C" in your name. She says that she put the "C" in to stand for "Crab" -- not that she thought you were necessarily crabby, but the article which you wrote was somewhat that way.

Is Wittrock going to send you many more packages? If so, I could supply you with some more imperforates for his use. Doubt now if I will reach Honolulu before the end of February or early in March. Give our regards to the Bilgers when they arrive.

Mahala nui loa from Norah and myself,

Harold
Harold T Stearns

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1/30/36

P.O. Box 37

Kapoho, Puna, Hawaii

January 30, 1936

Dear Prof,

Sincere thanks for the check, but I just can't accept so much for my commission. It seems I am taking all your profit on the book when I accept so much as 25%. Of course I'll agree to accept about 10% if it is O.K. with you, on all books that I may sell from now on. But I suggest that we forget about my commission on this first copy I sold. Of course that doesn't mean that I won't try and sell them. I sure will try my best and be a salesman for the book when opportunity affords. The trouble with me is that I don't have intimate friends who could afford such books or maybe they could but are just not very interested as to my one.

I haven't heard from Dr. Stearns after his one letter but I guess he must be busy and unsettled yet. Of course there is no hurry for my part but I will be prepared to leave within a week after notification and I've written to him about it.

Really I am thankful for your recommendation and am truly glad of such an opportunity to work and see one of the other islands. Furthermore I'll have practical experience in this new work of which I haven't any knowledge and most likely get acquainted with

different people. I think I get on this
job. I will not get homesick nor grow
chy as I used to be when with you.
I have matured a few years and
experienced a solitaire life for two
years and rather like it. I will do my
utmost to bear up to your recommendation
and not dissapoint you.

Tell I am ~~standing by~~ ^{returning} the
check as I am not sure whether
it is the right thing to tear it up
or not and get into trouble. I have
a vague memory of some one, tear
a check that ^a friend sent him and
say forget about it. But since my
memory about that incident is so
vague, I don't trust myself to do the
same.

Say Mr. Legner I recieved a good
amount of avacado scionwoods
from the Kona substation by mail.
Of course this is all through your
sincere help and Dr. Pope as he so
kindly suggested Mr. Tabawa that those
scionwoods be sent to me. They reach-
ed me in excellent condition and
I grafted them immediately. I'll be
able to see results by next week and
I hope to get good grafts. I've written
Dr. Pope and Mr. Tabawa thanking them for
their help.

Sincerely yours,
R. H. Little

1/30/36

WELLESLEY COLLEGE
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF
BOTANY

January 30, 1936

Mr. Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii

My dear Mr. Degener:

Your package of Hawaiian plants arrived yesterday. I am glad to have the information that you gave in your letter regarding the rare plants. From the standpoint of one living in eastern United States the Hawaiian plants are most interesting.

Upon opening the bundle yesterday I found that many of the plants were not dry and had a large amount of mold on them, in some cases the fruits were entirely covered. Fortunately I opened the bundle immediately upon arrival and have put them in a plant press to dry. Have you ever used naphtha flakes to keep down mold or mildew on slowly drying material? A handful of flakes on the damp specimens I think would keep the mold from developing within the bundle in transit.

Last week I unearthed your bill of last fall for the Flora and find that I owe you for postage. I am enclosing stamps for the same. Your bill for the specimens has been turned in to the botany office.

Yours truly,

Alice M. Ottley
Alice M. Ottley
Curator of Herbarium

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2/3/36

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February 3, 1936.

Mr. Otto Degener,
Honolulu, H. I.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I have not heard from you since your letter on board ship. I have thought of you a good many times and wondered what you were doing. I think there is a little bill due you on the last lot of ferns you sent to me. I never received a bill for them from you, and I will be glad to send you an order any time you make out the bill. There were some twenty odd specimens and duplicates in the lot which I received.

I wish you would give my regards to Mr. Topping. I can readily understand his situation. I am just as anxious now as before to get anything I can along the fern line of the Islands.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Cathcart

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2/11/36

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2/11/36

Mr. C. L. Degeuer
Honolulu.

Dear Mr. Degeuer: - your good letter was received and thanks you for that kind invitation to travel to the Islands and enjoy your travels & etc. I would rather do just now but I guess the trip must be postponed for a little while. Next week I am to have another little operation on my throat and unless and am in hopes this will be the last of the surgery. It will take me a month or two to get over the effects of it and we plan to get a trailer and spend that time in southern part of the state and Arizona where it's hot & dry.

That was an excellent review of your new book in the Honolulu Advertiser. We enjoyed reading it.

The evening we received your letter the Nichols and her son & daughter & read it also. That Miss Louise Nichols is a charming girl and I am so sorry you didn't get to see her when she was in the Islands. - With love, -

My family can report improvement in health. I am getting stronger all the time & can start new exertions but am spending less time resting in bed.

Mr. Dougan joins me in best wishes to you and Park and for your kind invitation & we may join you later, & bring Miss Nichols with us. What do you think of that?

Remember us also to Mrs. Eckert, and any other of our Hawaiian friends - Miss Buchanan in Library of Hawaii. Prof. Graham at Hilo, Paulson at City Hall, Mrs. Hartung at 3039 Holis St. & etc.

Let us hear from you real often & when you come to the mainland make the Dougan about your new quarters.

Sincerely

Stanley Dougan

3/4/36

THE STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON
PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

March 4 1936

Dr. Otto Degener,
Honolulu, Hawaii.,

Dear Dr. Degener;

I wish to thank you for the fine specimens of the fresh water sponges sent me from Oahu. Upon examination it turns out to be the same kind as I collected on Maui last summer. So far I have not been able to designate it to any known genus or species of fresh water sponges so I believe it to be new to science.

I was very much interested in the paper published by Mumford in the last issue of "Ecology" in which he deals with the distribution of animals in the Marquesas. Here he states that fresh water sponges are not known east of Fiji so the records from Hawaii are very interesting.

Thanking you again and assuring you that I would appreciate seeing any other sponges you may run across I am

Sincerely yours

Arthur Svihla

Arthur Svihla

3/10/36



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

All communications should be addressed to

THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number :—

10th March, 1936.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your postcard of February 13th,
notifying the alteration in the name of your specimen no. 5596.

Yours faithfully,

Director.

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

3/13/36

Spucklesville, Maui, T.H.
March 13, 1936.

Dear Prof,

Thanks to your recommendation, I am now on Maui with Dr. Stearns in Spucklesville near the beach. I guess you know this part better than I do so I won't waste time writing about it.

Mrs and Dr. Stearns are very nice people and have helped me in getting located. I am living in their vacant cottage adjacent to the garage and it is a very nice and cozy building. It is furnished up to date and it is really their guest room, I guess.

I tried everywhere to get room and board in this town, Wailuku and Kahului but they are so expensive (to me) that Dr. Stearns has arranged to let me stay in their cottage.

Dr. and Mrs. Stearns are very nice about making my stay as comfortable and happy as possible. A Miss [] who is the stenographer at our office is a very nice lady too. She also tried to help get me located but there aren't any people who want to take me in as a boarder and she is really kind. She told me she is from Oregon and has been here only a short while yet.

My work is altogether different from what I've ever done and it is rather difficult compared to your type of illustrations. Maybe after I've mastered a few of them I'll get used to it. Gee! there's so much to be learned that it is rather puzzling to me at present. I am glad for one thing as Dr. Stearns tries to help me a lot. Everything is so new it makes me wonder if I could master it. I am really surprised at Dr. Stearns knowing so much about this illustrating business. He ought to be a good mechanical drafting instructor.

I think I'll like this country although
I haven't seen much. Spruckleville is rather
windy and sitting in the office is very cold.
I like the beach is really nice and I think
that if I stay here long enough, I'll turn
out a good swimmer. Gee! it is a good place
for a beginner, it being not too deep nor too
shallow.

Tell Mr. Rogers when are you coming
to Maui?

Another thing that I am stuck on is
lettering and I surely do need a lot of practice.
Lettering is a big part of my illustration
work and I hope I can do it right soon.

I'll write again since its getting late in the
night. — Good night, and

Yours truly
C. W. Little

3/16/36

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March 16, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

I am interested in your note about a possible sale of the Topping Fern Herbarium. I do not know anything about this collection myself but I am always interested in a possible bargain. If you could give me some idea as to the size of the herbarium, its present condition as to mounting, labeling, and identification, the areas chiefly represented, the price whenever you learn it, I should be greatly obliged.

I note your instruction about the shipment of your own plants back to you. We have only a small quantity of your specimens on hand now and they will be shipped in one package as soon as they are mounted, which will be rather soon.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. GLEASON,
Head Curator and Deputy Director.

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Montreal, March 17, 1936.

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

My Dear Sir :

I acknowledge receipt with thanks of
your letter of Feb 5, and of cover for Book I.

Mr. Gauthier found the gametophyte of L. obscurum not with the sporophyte of the species, but with the sporophyte of L. clavatum. Mr. Rolland Dumais found the gametophyte of L. clavatum. A short paper will be soon published and reprints be sent to you.

Unfortunately our University is not in a measure to buy plant duplicates. We receive a great many and lag five years behind for mounting. We are, however, carrying extensive exchanges.

Very truly yours,

Fr. Marie-Victorin

3/29/36

HALEKULANI
HONOLULU, HAWAII

March 29, 1936

My dear Mr. Degeen:

Perhaps you know
I am in your midst again.

I returned to this place after
two weeks in N. Zealand and
shall stay until April 25.

I do think I shall want
a copy of your book for
myself. I do not know if the
Department will want one.

Can you tell me what
the postage will be back to
Northampton for I may decide

I have too much baggage to
carry it back with me.
When do you reach
Fergus?

Sincerely yours
Frances Grace Smith

4/7/36

P. O. SCHALLERT
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
OFFICE: 207-B O'HANLON BUILDING
PHONE 2544 WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

April 7-1936

Dear Oegener. Your interesting
letter of recent date received. I am
sending you a roll of my ^{present} ~~present~~ ^{kept} ~~kept~~ ^{on} ~~on~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{your} ~~your~~ ^{friend} ~~friend~~
which you may pass on to your friend
to read. You are quite right about there
having been starvation in Russia in the
lower Volga district in 1921 to 1923 and
in the Ukraine in 1930-31, but not since.
I travelled considerably in the Ukraine;
visited Kiev the capital city and Karkoff, a
large industrial city and you will note that
I saw no starvation there or anywhere
else. All those stories you read in our
papers and magazines about starvation,
starving, starving etc. were mostly true of past
conditions but not of present day Russia.
Continuous revolutions from 1917 to 1927 have
brought untold misery and suffering to
us. However, wherever I went, I found out
that practically 75% of all this progress was
made since 1932. So you see how recent

really has been their success and well-being. If you are interested I will be glad to send you all the issues complete. I am getting letters every week from them and their progress is far greater now than it was a year ago.

I am certain that you will agree with me when I finish with the educational system that they are aiming at the best approved system the world's minds can devise and produce.

Since I took the German and some Russian I visited German communities entirely alone without any other delegates and then German citizens again and again told me that never had they experienced such opportunities as now.

I am sending you a pkg of plants and if you are interested in mosses, lichens I will send some of those later. You can send me your exchange as they appear in later time. I do not possess many grasses, sedges, lilies, mosses, fungi from U.S. nor orchids and ferns in any representative groups. So these too will be welcome.
My nephew, St. John, lives at 500 Field Station so I hope you will surely mention him. With kindest wishes
F. S. Hall

4/10/36

HALEKULANI
HONOLULU, HAWAII

April 10, 1936

My dear Mr. Degener:-

I should be very grateful if you or Mr. Topping succeeded in getting some *Diellia* fresh so that I could sow the spores before I went home April 25.

I honestly do not think I'd better go with you. For I know I could never quietly sit on the bench and wait for you

I do not take kindly to a
not-^{climbing} ~~walking~~ or hiking
life. I do walk some ~~of~~ ^{through}
If you do see
Mr. Topping please tell
him some one told me he
was at the Botanical
Club and I had hoped
to meet him after the
meeting, but no such luck.

Sincerely yours.

Frances Grace Smith

4/15/36

Sprackelville,
Maine, T.H.

April 15, 1936

Dear Mr. Regener,

How are you these days?
Many thanks for the postal card
and information about the writing
or lettering guide. I have sent for
their catalog and if it is of any aid
in my work I will get one immediately.

I am gradually getting acquainted
with my work and like it
very much. I still have some diffi-
culty in black diagrams of the differ-
ent sections of the islands, but even
that will soon be overcome as Mr. Stearn
is such a good teacher that I under-
stand his explanations very well. Now
one thing I have improved some on
my lettering as I am practicing quite
a lot in the evenings.

Mr. Swartz is working with me and
he is a geophysicist and oh boy! he has
some gadgets with him that are very
expensive. He works with electricity
and what a job too. He is a very
nice person and I like him very
much and probably you'll like him
too if you were to meet him and get
acquainted. He is a newcomer from
the mainland and has been with us
for about a month at present.

He went to Kansas about two weeks
ago and oh boy! what a long ride and
what roads. The nothing but curves and
gulches all the way from Harker. Well it
was very interesting country and I enjoyed

the trip very much. He stayed over-
night at the P.C.C. Camp in Keanae as our
job took us for a few days. He expects to go
back as soon as the weather clears
up as the work was incomplete. For
one thing Mr. Swartz's work and the rain
or wet weather doesn't agree so it is
very bad these days with all this rain.

So far I haven't seen any birds yet
and Mr. Stearns mentioned that you told
me to look out for them so I will do so
when ever I am out in the field.
Lately I saw the biggest bamboo forest
along several valleys or gulches along
the road to Keanae Valley.

Maui is awful when it rains and
I don't like it. A few hours rain will
in most places flood and form rivers.
It seems to rain all the time in Hailuku
and once I saw Main Street like a river.
Once I got stuck in a camp called Kookoo
but luckily some boys happened to pass by
and pulled me out of it.

I live in a conveniently situated Speckel-
ville as it is on the regular bus line that
runs about every half an hour from Hailuku
to Paia by way of Hakulua and Speckelville.
Of course there are transfers to various other
communities beside their points and it is
like the rapid transit system of Honolulu.
The fare is ten cents one way and I think
rather cheap for such a long distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Stearns is helping me a
lot by not charging me anything to let me
live in their servants quarters and I
am very thankful for it. I really like
this place by the beach and a wonderful
place to swim. Well good luck to you, my friend,
Sincerely yours, E. W. W. W.

4/16/36

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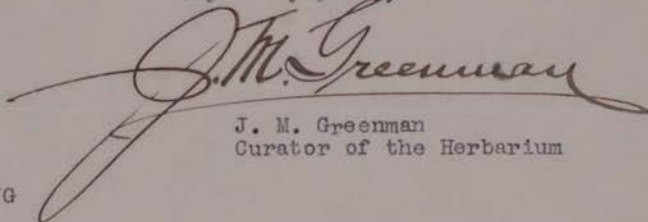
Dr. Otto Degener
2220 University Ave.
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

This will acknowledge the receipt in good condition of the one hundred and twenty (120) herbarium specimens of plants of Hawaii which you sent to us under date of March 21, 1936. Remittance for this lot will be made through the office of the Director of the Garden about May 1, next.

In accordance with your request, I am returning to you herewith the cancelled postage stamps which were on the package except that I have retained two cancelled stamps of the Great Smoky Mountains series.

Very truly yours,



J. M. Greenman
Curator of the Herbarium

JMG/VG

4/21/36

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

April 21, 1936.

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

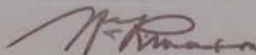
Dear Mr. Degener:

In response to your suggestion of April 3, there are forwarded herewith half a dozen franks for use in despatching herbarium specimens to the National Herbarium. We shall be glad indeed to have this material.

As you probably know, each frank will carry a package weighing up to four pounds.

With all best wishes, and hoping that everything is going well with you, I remain,

Yours very truly,



William R. Maxon
Associate Curator
Division of Plants.

Enclosures.

22 20 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T. H.
April 29, 1936.

Dear Prof. O'Neill:

I received your letter of April 14 in which you kindly are willing to take over certain unidentified plants of mine. This will help me a lot. I have completed the *Cyrtandra* labels. The *Peleas* are now being assorted, and the *Sideroxylon*s have been recalled from storage at the N. Y. Bot. Garden.

Of course file these plants away in your general herbarium. I merely wish that no one monograph my plants until I or some one of my friends should have the opportunity to do so. This is similar to my practice of reserving all the *Cyperaceae* for you.

*Our letter written previous to that of April 14 has been mislaid. When it turns up I shall answer any questions that may require it. I remember you asked to what plant a large fruit belonged. I am quite sure it is the chocolate-brown ~~and~~ *Alcornoque* *Alcornoque* - a very rare tree.

Our letters crossed - hence delivery contrary to your instructions of the bill to you instead of to the business office.

I have no idea how many plants I will have for you - would estimate at least two boxes within the next month.

Your taking over these unidentified genera means that you will have, next to the N. Y. B. G., the very best set of duplicates. I feel rather relieved in your getting this lot. Besides the practical aspects, if my collection should be destroyed by fire, for example, at least all my collecting work would not be going up in smoke. Between you and N. Y., sufficient specimens would survive for reliable study.

The *Cyrtandras* are usually miserably juicy and bulky plants, drying with difficulty. I have therefore been rather negligent in collecting many duplicates of any one number. Consequently, no other collection will be near as good as New York's and yours.

I have many more *Sedges* on hand but have had no time to label them. These will reach you some day.

I am getting swamped with plants again. They are all over the house - a terrible mess!

Sincerely,

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May 8, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

The postage stamps for those five boxes arrived a few days ago and the packages went out the same day. I hope you get them in good condition.

surprised What a man! First you astound me with an account of your binocular vision, then that you are going to be a "beachcomber and botanist." Now I am equally ~~sure~~ to think that you can take a bath under three different showers at once. Of course I am not surprised that your house has two stories; considering all the stories you told me about it, it must be a skyscraper.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Gleason

H. A. GLEASON,
Head Curator and Deputy Director

*As to the size of that
cero pool - let imagination
be unrestrained!*

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June 22, 1936

Mr. Otto Degener
2220 University Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Otto:

I hope you do not feel that I was unduly critical of your admirable flora. In fact I felt that a little of a critical attitude would awaken more public interest than faint praise, and incidentally I do not agree as thoroughly with Barnhart's tribulation about siting the flora as my statement would seem to indicate.

John is just back from college with his chum from California, so we have been talking over the West the past week, and feel nearer to Hawaii than normally even though we have not stirred further than the Harper's farm from New York for a long time. My farm is rented and I haven't seen it since the tenant went on.

If you can persuade Howe or Gleason to send me to Hawaii botanizing, then you and I could have a lot of fun there. Seriously, I would need a little excuse to pack up and go some place right now after staying home so steadily for the past five years.

Sincerely yours,

F. T. McLean
per R. B.

Forman T. McLean
Supervisor of Public Education

FTM/LB

The Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

June 23, 1936

Mr. Otto Degener,
2021 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Degener:

I received sometime ago your shipment of Pelea etc. The actual count was 146 sheets. I really do not know how many *sheets of each* species ~~there are~~, but I suppose I can use any surplus duplicates in exchange.

Accordingly, I am sending you today an order through the Business Office for 146 plants at 10 cents each. As soon as you receive the order send the bill to the Business Office.

Enclosed in this letter are the stamps which you requested us to return.

Please note that I will be in British Honduras from the middle of August to the first of October. If you would like any plants, especially from that country, I will try to collect them for you.

Very truly yours,

Hugh O'Neill

Hugh O'Neill,
Curator of the Langlois Herbarium

6/30/36



191 Matthew St.
Birmingham N. Y.
June 30. 1936

My Dear Degener:-

Here is first a
note to say I am here
and that is about all.

Had a wretched trip
across the continent, a
cold rain all the way
and the trains rolled and
jerked until I was a
wreck.

Since arriving here I
have alternately frozen

and thawed until I
am thoroughly spoiled.
To day is horrible, cold
and raw.

Friday I go up into
the country and hope I
get into a better frame
of mind.

Just now I feel that it
was all a mistake to
come back.

Too shy to write more

Alto

Dr. Le Roy Tapping

The Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

July 17, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Degener:

I thank you for your letter of July 4th. Regarding the specimens of *Pelea*, I will keep all of them and not send out any in exchange. I was not aware that they are so rare.

I will look forward with pleasure too meeting Mr. Topping.

We have *Guilandina* on the Florida Keys. It is called ironically "Lucky Bean!" I am sending you in this mail a pod with the seed. This came from Lower Matecumbe Key, Florida.

I thank you for the invitation to come to Hawaii, some day perhaps, I will have the opportunity. If I should see any *Guilandina* in British Honduras, I will collect it for you.

Very truly yours,

Hugh O'Neill

Hugh O'Neill,
Curator of the Langlois Herbarium

7/17/36
2220 University Ave.,
Honolulu, T. H.
July 17, 1936.

[Bargner]
Dear John:

[Bargner]
Irma wrote me you wanted information on my project. I may as well be verbose and start at the very beginning.

The Galapagos Islands are very similar to the Hawaiian Islands. In the case of the Galapagos, their ancient connection by means of a land bridge with continental South America permitted archaic animals such as giant lizards and tortoises to reach them hundreds of thousands of years ago. These types gradually became extinct on the mainland but persist to this day in the Galapagos as "living fossils". Due to Darwin and Decebe the Galapagos are now rightfully famous as a zoologists' paradise. But as they were not far enough from South America to prevent the constant introduction of seeds, the vegetation there is similar to that of South America and hence of no particular interest.

The Hawaiian Islands are roughly one hundred million years old. Due to their great distance from the mainland, animal life could not reach them and from a zoologists standpoint there is nothing to study. But the ocean barriers which animals could not pass to reach the Hawaiian Islands could be passed by seeds of the plants growing ages ago. They came only occasionally by means of ocean currents, wind and migratory birds - found the land unoccupied and suitable, and thrived. They were so isolated in sheltered valleys or on mountains devoid of rigorous changes of temperature in summer and winter that they just grew with little stimulus to change and improve. On the continents, however, due to a keener struggle for existence, the archaic types of plants were exterminated and replaced by the more aggressive ones we find everywhere today. Hence the flora of the Hawaiian Islands is just as remarkable with its tree violets, tree geraniums and silverswords as the Galapagos with their giant, awkward tortoises and lizards. Time, onemight say, stood still in the Hawaiian Islands as far as plants are concerned just as it has stood still as far as animals are concerned in the Galapagos. The Hawaiian Islands per excellence form a botanists paradise.

When Captain Cook discovered the Hawaiian Islands in 1778 he had a botanist, David Nelson, on board. Nelson was the first man to collect plants here. He, by the way, later sailed with the notorious Capt. Bligh and died of the hardship. The next vessel to reach the Hawaiian Islands was Captain Vancouver's in 1792-94. His botanist was Archibald Menzies. Menzies collected a few things and Sheriff and I were the first to describe in 1935 a plant that Menzies collected about 150 years before. The plant was new to science and we called it Menziesia, which is an anagram for Menzies, in his honor. We could not call it Menziesia as such a plant already exists. The reprint is enclosed. Park, my Korean, made the drawing while I was living with Irma in 53 Street. This plant, the only representative of a distinct group or genus, has never been found since and is undoubtedly extinct. This is the ultimate end of most of our remarkable Hawaiian plants - of which 85% are found no other place on earth - now that man has purposely and accidentally introduced the more vigorous continental plants with which the pampered archaic native kinds cannot compete.

Off and on a few exploring expeditions would water in the Hawaiian Islands, the physician or botanist gather a few plants and these would eventually get to museums in various parts of the world and be described. Then in 1863 Horace Mann Jr., son of the founder of the school, came to the Islands for about six months. He soon died of tuberculosis. David Douglas started collecting here. He discovered the fir tree in the north-west named in his honor, and in the Hawaiian Islands the silversword on Mauna Loa. He was murdered by a runaway convict on the slopes of Mauna Loa by being pushed into a pitfall in which a wild bull had been trapped. Then Wm. Hillebrand, a German doctor, collected during his spare time over a period of 20 years. He left the Islands in 1871 and his Flora of the Hawaiian Islands was published in 1888 after his death. This is an excellent Flora for the time. It contains 999 plants or, according to my estimate, about one-fifth of the plants in the Islands. It is of course entirely out of date. C.M. Forbes then did good collecting until the man who got me out of my position due to jealousy caused Forbes' death by brain-storm by chicanerie. The famous explorer Rock, who wrote for National Geographic Magazine about Tibet, etc., collected and wrote on Hawaiian plants until this same man hounded him out of the Islands.

Then I came in 1922 and as long as I did nothing but teach, everything went along alright. When I started to do research on my own time and money, this same man by means of politics saw that the President of the University would trick me out of my position in an attempt to starve me out of the Islands just as he starved J.F. Rock, my predecessor at the University, out. But instead of being forced to leave, luckily I had sufficient funds to hang on and print from time to time my own discoveries independently. According to a story I heard, the University president stated that my father had been "enormously wealthy" - probably confused with Heckscher. The mere fact that the Museum tried to get rid of me and were jealous is evidence that my work is of considerable scientific value. This fact was stated in a confidential letter written by Dr. Merrill, recently director of the New York Botanical Garden.

Don't think that this work will ever be completed! It would take one man many thousand years to really complete the Hawaiian Flora. So many valleys exist having often certain plants growing in them which grow in no other valley anywhere. Certain plants grow only on certain little mountains or ridges and not elsewhere. Many of these valleys are inaccessible without the aid of sampans or real minor exploring expeditions. (Tonight's newspaper gives an idea of this type of valley - clipping one closed.) Many of the ridges cannot be reached because of cliffs. On the Island of Hawaii where lava flows have covered entire forests except for islands or lumps in the lava, these "islands" often contain plants found nowhere else. In other words, the plants here are extremely localized and the terrain so great and complicated by cliffs and lava flows that the finding of all these plants, many of them extremely queer ones, is an immense task. From various publications you can see that I have been quite successful in this in the past.

But the fact that one botanist or even an army of botanists cannot complete a Hawaiian Flora does not mean that any partial work has little value. My work seems to me similar to the building of an Egyptian pyramid. Each illustrated plant description is similar to a building block and a book like a complete layer of rocks covering the pyramid. Each book is a distinct unit or achievement of its own. The longer the pharaoh lived the larger was his pyramid, and the longer I live without crippling material handicaps the more units of achievement I can produce. I hate to say myself but I am a very old man and I am sure that I am not going to live long enough to complete the Hawaiian Flora. I am sure that the scientist or artist so often lacks and which

about one book per year if I could afford the printing expense.

To print a book per year means approximately the same expense year after year. But such an expense will gradually be overshadowed by the sale of books. Now on the average I have been getting back \$50 - 60 per month on the sale of my books. And this sale is not limited to my last book but even the National Park book printed in 1930 is selling once in a while. As additional books are printed, the sale should increase until the income from books should cancel the printing of future books. The project may easily become self-supporting. My books stored away in the attic are like an annuity. Then there is always the possibility that my work will become so conspicuous that some local institution will find it advisable to employ me to continue my work under their wing. It even now looks embarrassing to the University of Hawaii and to the local museum that a free lance is accomplishing more in Botany than members of their own staffs. My books are being sold all over the World but of course very slowly: Germany, England, many to Japan and Dutch possessions, and one each to Trinidad, Russia and South Africa!

I did not want all my eggs in one basket so, in addition to Papa's trust and the cash at Auffmordts I have the following appended securities:

I have a house in Honolulu at present valued at about \$7,000. On my return from New York about a year and a half ago, I left my tenant in my house and camped in my trailer snooping around for real estate bargains because of the threat of inflation. I finally found a half acre lot in a restricted district on a beautiful beach 35 miles from Honolulu. My beach frontage is 71 feet and the depth 286. It is not far from the great inland military post Schofield Barracks and therefore a house on it can always be rented to officers, particularly in summer. I bought the land for about 5½ cents per square foot, or less than \$1,200 with legal fees, etc. Now I am building on it a 2-story frame house for \$2,500. I have paid for all but \$500 of this, waiting with this until the house is actually completed. I will pay out of my income and Honolulu house rent as that dribbles in. The house measures 24 x 32. The land that I bought near 5½ cents per square foot is selling at 14 in neighboring inferior lots and is being bought at this price. Today I had a moving van take much of my furniture out there for \$12 and am staying in my Honolulu house waiting for a tenant. I can rent it at \$75 but am waiting to see if I cannot get \$85 per month. In this way I will increase my income as I can always rent the Honolulu house and if I were unable to rent the beach house I can always live in it and hibernate. The beach house I will paint myself to avoid that expense.

I have dismissed my entire force excepting one Filipino who does yard, gouse, cook, drive, etc. I give him now \$1 per day. No drawings are being made as I have several hundred on hand and can't afford to print them anyway.

My living expenses are extremely low. Food for us two together comes probably closer to \$30 per month than to \$40. Electric light, gas and water makes up for another \$7 or so; and laundry another \$5. My chief expense is my printing and using a car for collecting plants.

Friends of mine, going to Germany for 10 months, did not know what to do with their 1927 Packard Touring car, so I practically rented it at \$10 per month. To simplify matters I "bought" it from them for \$100 with the understanding that I sell it back to them for ~~XXXX~~ \$1 on their return. When they got back, they preferred to keep the dollar instead of having the car again. I kept the car until recently. It used up too much gasoline, started breaking down, and the insurance was about due.

One auto dealer offered \$25 for it while two others advised taking it to the junk yard. When I had the opportunity to buy a small 1931-32 Graham-Paige from a friend for \$250, with insurance until December, I traded my Packard to my grocer for \$60 worth of groceries. This is just an example that I skip and am very frugal in all expenses excepting of course in the printing of my Flora. Every time I print 16 pages my bill is over \$100. When you consider my yearly income and the amount of printing I have done, little actually remains for living expenses.

I am officially a member of the staff of the New York Botanical Garden with the title of "Collaborator in Hawaiian Botany" but without salary. So if any funds were available for my continued work, they could be given me through the Botanical Garden, an eleemosynary institution, and such a gift would be tax free. It could be anonymous and as no one in New York pays attention to a Hawaiian Flora among our friends, the obscure statement that a sheet was "Printed under patronage of J.E.D. Jr., or August Reckesher" would draw little attention during our lifetimes. It is only later when the slow laborious accumulation of work piles up and becomes striking that the truth about an unknown artist's or scientist's expulsion (almost persecution) and his providential rescue by a patron gets recorded. The partnership between scientist and patron is recognized primarily posthumously.

Considering the cost of printing, we find that 8 illustrated plant descriptions cost about \$130 to print. For example Flora Hawaiiensis Book III would contain 100 illustrated descriptions or come to about \$1,500. In addition it would contain some miscellaneous generic descriptions which would raise the price a few more hundred. Instead of having 2,000 covers made at one time and tying money up in them, I have only 250 made. These cost about 45 cents each or another \$100 or so. A complete book consequently costs me about \$1,800 and for this sum I have 2,000 copies of which 250 are bound ready for sale. These are then sold at \$3.50 each when I sell them myself or at \$2.62 through book dealers (they receive a commission of 25%). When one considers that I must collect my plants, employ boys to illustrate them, not to mention the interest tied up until all books have been sold, one can see that this work can never pay. So if anyone wants to be partner with me, he could not expect any financial reward just as I never have. But I can promise him moral satisfaction that it would be he who made a worth-while scientific project possible. When many of the native plants are extinct and unknown except for my descriptions and herbarium specimens, historians are bound to find out who made this pioneering work possible - I am actually a botanical pioneer in a new country. Incidentally it would show that the Degener clan is not only successful in a business, political and artistic way as Onkel Hans' letter shows but that a smattering of scientists were found among them as well.

Book III of my Flora Hawaiiensis is half finished and paid for. Enclosed are pages of my most recent printing with charges itemized. These I will soon pay.

The highlights of all this might be given as follows:

1. I am almost a pioneer in a region exceptionally interesting botanically.
2. During the last 10 years by my own writings and according to the opinions of various botanists my work has been of considerable value.
3. Although I skip as much as possible my income during the last 10 years has been reduced while during this same period my botanical activity has increased - funds are not adequate to print the results of this activity.

4. Although the writing of a Hawaiian Flora cannot be completed for generations, that part that is done is of considerable value - if it were not Jagen, for example, would not repeatedly buy copies and even ordered unprinted Book III!
5. Sudden unexpected withdrawal of aid at any time cannot harm the project - it merely leaves an almost endless project a little less complete. Even trivial withholding of underwear from laundry enables in single year printing of a few pages.
6. Aid can be anonymous and, if engineered through N.Y. Botanical Garden, be tax exempt.
7. There can be no material gain for doing such work. From a business standpoint it is an absolute failure from its very beginning - the reward is of a higher type.

So, John, if you or Heckscher should feel anything can be done with pushing this project ahead, it really would be wonderful. I would advise making it possible to print the results of work already accomplished rather than try to begin new work. It would enable me to get out my fourth volume, Flora Hawaiiensis Book III, this fall. Sales from this book will bring in some cash for additional printing work. Aid could be stopped at any time without spoiling project, or could be resumed after a period of years. Every book printed would not be an additional feather in my cap but in that of patron and scientist jointly - he being the only one who had faith in the work from near its beginning.

I know I have three new grasses - from Kauai and Molokai.

Aloha,



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it were not, Japan, for example, would not repeatedly buy copies.

7/21/36

North Hempstead

July 21, 1936



Dear Degener:-

Your letter came
a long time ago but I
am so busy as assistant
housekeeper and nurse maid
that I have but little time
for literary efforts.

I was quite disgusted
with you over that 250000
deal and if I were Antony
I would cut you off
my list. I wonder you

did not die but then
I know what your at-
tention is capable of. (No
sentence should end with
a preposition)

I suppose you have been
waiting sympathy over me
in regard to this heat wave
we have been having.

I was lucky for I came
up here July 3rd and we
are at 1200 feet elevation
and 94° was about our
limit and somehow I did
not mind it much - noth-
ing to do but sit in the shade

The country here is suffering
from a drought and unless
rain comes soon the crops
will be a failure.

I have done a little
collecting - a scabiosa that
has been naturalized here
in the meadows for over
30 years and two other
things which I think are
exotic - one a most
beautiful yellow and it
would be an ornament to
any garden, the other a
low spreading thing - white -
both introduced here since

my younger days

I shall send them to Burns
for identification.

Am sending you a class
key which I found in the
pocket of a pair of trousers -
hope it does not belong to
824 - 12th Nov.

I suppose you are living
at Moken's - lunch to you.

My love to W^m ^[Bush] & Helen ^[Potter].

Sincerely y^r

Tapping

P. O.

Jefferson

Scholar's Co.

A. Y.

The Algaroba or Keawe in Hawaii
And ~~Receipts~~ from the
FLORA HAWAIIENSIS or NEW ILLUSTRATED FLORA OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
by

Otto Degener *

Botanist, University of Hawaii, 1925 - 27.
Naturalist, Hawaii National Park, 1929.
Author, Plants Hawaii National Park, 1930.
Collaborator, New York Botanical Garden, 1935.

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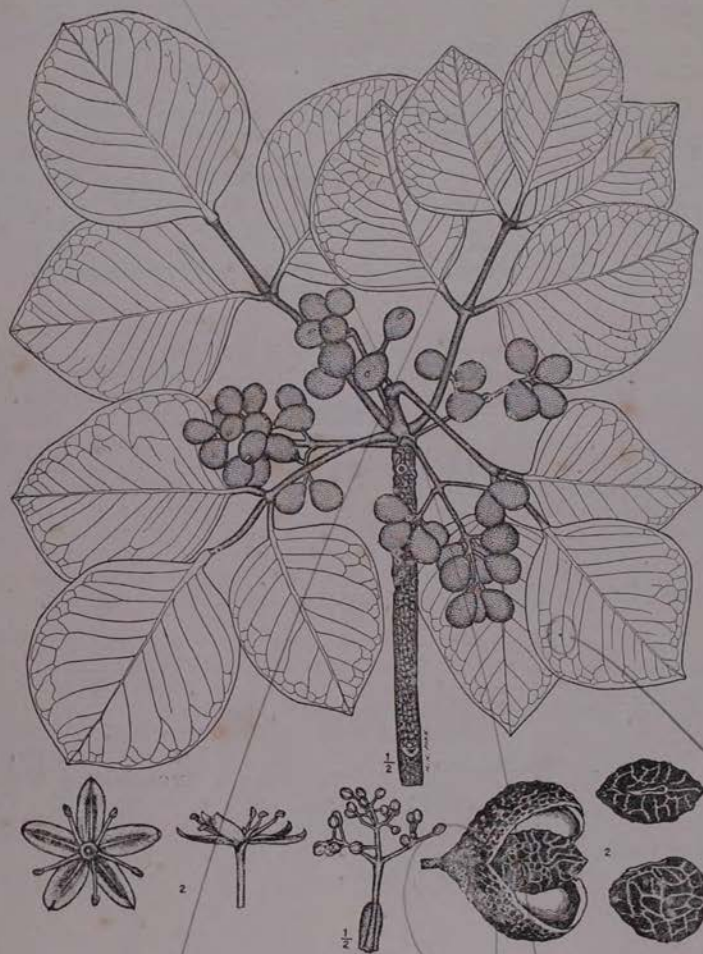
After the vessel passes Makapuu Point with its gleaming lighthouse still lazily blinking at early dawn, the traveler's attention is attracted to a delicate green fringing the otherwise rather barren headlands of Oahu. Later when motoring to points of interest, his Hawaiian driver will almost surely take him to view the Blow Hole at the base of Koko Crater. Here the traveler will find himself in the midst of the trees he had viewed from the ocean not many days before. These the Hawaiian knows as algaroba or keawe.

The algaroba or keawe, about whose origin a certain mystery prevails, has appropriated the lowlands on the leeward or dry side of the Islands. These regions were formerly well-nigh economically worthless but delightfully covered with the yellow-flowered nehe, ilima and kokoolan, the pili grass formerly used for thatching the native hut, and an occasional dwarf sandalwood or night-blooming puapilo. Now ~~these have been replaced~~ thanks to the algaroba's useful wood, leaves, flowers and pods, these extensive areas, estimated to cover about 90,000 acres, are yearly adding considerable wealth to the Territory.

The algaroba is unquestionably of American origin yet precisely from what part of America the ancestor of the thousands of trees now naturalized in the Hawaiian Islands came is unknown. Seed of an algaroba was brought from the Jardin du Roi, Paris, to Honolulu and planted by ~~Mr.~~ Bachelot in 1828 on the premises of the Catholic Mission on Fort Street. The natives early became interested in the plant as the diary of Brother Melchior shows: "Jan. 12, 1832. The old chiefess passed by our house to go and see the governess; she sent her husband to ask me for some branches of our tree at the end of the yard. August 15, 1832. The tree at the end of the yard bears fruit. Mr. Pablo calls it in Spanish 'Algarroba'." The progeny of this single tree now covers upward of 90,000 acres in the Islands.

The Hawaiian plant hitherto has been variously considered to be the same as the mesquite of the southwestern United States or the Prosopis juliflora of the . Recent careful comparison, however, with herbarium specimens, hailing from many parts of the New World and now deposited at the New York Botanical Garden, prove it to be Prosopis chilensis, an entirely different species. From this fact we may surmise that an early explorer, probably a padre, had collected seeds of a tree in Chili and had sent them to Paris for planting. At least one of these grew and from this Parisian tree, in turn, seeds were sent to Honolulu. One of these produced the parent of all the algarobas in the Islands. This tree was cut down October 23, 1919, to make room for the erection of the Knights of Columbus Building. The following pages, which deal in greater ~~detail~~ extracted part of the "Flora Hawaiiensis" or "New Illustrated Flora of the Hawaiian Islands," deal further with this important plant and with others now growing in the

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation



clean

Sagaria

musty?

Probably at the Torrey of Univ. P
Mass. Ground 1937 O.S.

Doubtless you are spending most of your time at the N.Y. Bot. Garden. As you know I visited it this summer but must confess that I wasn't deeply impressed by the central building. The living plant collections are good: I liked particularly the collection of xerophytes growing a la naturel in the desert. The exhibits in the big building looked a bit down at heel, as though nobody really cared a hoot about public exhibits. So different from the Am. Mus. where there seems to be lots of life and creative energy. Isn't the Garden controlled by a lot of little old gentlemen bustling about to small purpose? The Magazine: Torrey, seems to bear out the idea. Pretty thin soup I call it: "The members of the Club went to - ; there a basket luncheon was served and we observed a beautiful clump of Houstonia and two fine dandelion plants. A lovely time was enjoyed by all." Speaking of dandelion, did you see in the last "Rhodora" that our common friend of the Aggie campus

becomes: *Taraxacum palustre* (Lyons) Lam. and DC
var. *vulgare* (Lam.) Fernald

Aint the International Rules grand? Even Fernald is mad at having to make the change. He says: "It is, to say the least, uncomfortable, in following the rules of Nomenclature now in vogue, to find oneself unwillingly appearing as an iconoclast, in changing to a very awkward combination the technical name of a cosmopolitan weed" --- Under the constructive and conservative (therefore discarded) "Kew Rule" the change would have been unnecessary."

I wonder what percent of the sheets in our collection need their names changed, and where, too, would our old genera go if we followed the N.Y. custom? It's all vanity and vexation and I wish you joy of this nomenclatorial "wimmel!"

I send you the official thanks of the Dept. for the fine specimens in their ---

June 25th 1938

My dear Doctor Degener,

Thanks

for your letter of May 14th 1938.

I will see about your book when I return to Brazil. I do not know about your cotton, but if it is typical kidney cotton it should really be *G. Barbadosense* L. whether it ^{*G. Brasilense*} is a valid species is a matter of opinion. Personally I think its genetics indicates that it is merely a variety of *Barbadosense*. If you wanted to give it specific rank you would have to call it *G. lapidinum* Toussac, as this name has priority.

Yours sincerely

J.C. Harland.

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November 4, 1953

Mr. Otto Degener
Waialua, Oahu

Dear Mr. Degener:

Many thanks for your letter of November 2 with its transcript of the news note about chaulmoogra oil. I may be able to make some use of the information.

Never mind about the color and the quality of the paper on which the letter was written. That is of no consequence, but you mustn't ask an old proof reader to forgive your referring to it as "stationary".

Appreciatively,

Arthur Wakefield Slaten
Arthur Wakefield Slaten
Literary Editor

AWS:TH

- (36) 92. Sometime during the year 1853 the first case of leprosy was discovered on the islands, and treated by Dr. Baldwin. The natives called it the Hail Pale or Chinese sickness, from which it is supposed that the dread disease was brought from China. The native blood having been impoverished by excesses and diseases contracted from the sailors, was a fertile field for this frightful epidemic. In 1864 leprosy had spread to an alarming extent. Accordingly, an act was passed by the legislature, January 31 1865, to isolate the lepers, and provide separate establishments and hospitals for them. A hospital was established at Kalahehi in October, 1865, and about the same time Mr. Hutchinson selected the present site of the leper settlement, and purchased lands for it on the north side of Molo'kai. It is a peninsula, containing some five thousand acres, surrounded on three sides by the ocean, and on the south shut in by a steep pali, or precipice, from two to three thousand feet in height. It includes the fertile valley of Waikolu, bordering the villages of Kalawao on the east side and Kalaupapa on the west.

Hunt
Waiolua, Oahu, T. Hawaii.
Dec. 7, 1938.

Sehr geehrter Herr Hessel:

Das Paket Selaginella ist noch nicht angekommen. Es wird wahrscheinlich von der Regierung hier erst freigelegt werden. Ich danke Ihnen sehr für Ihre Selaginella Identifikation. Können wir nicht beide in meiner Flora Hawaiiensis S. Menziesii mit den verschiedenen Formen beschreiben?

Das Diplazium interessiert mich. Sie nennen es D. Richardsonii (Don) Kze. Ich kenne die Art gar nicht! Sie ist nicht in meinen Christensen's Index (1906 Edition) und in gar keinem hawaiischen Buch über Farne. Christensen, der andere Pflanzen in 1925 revidierte, gibt zwar Diplazium nur D. melaniense Rob., D. marginale (Hilleb.) O. Christen., D. Fendleri (Lucas) G.C., D. Arnettii Busch., und D. sandwicense (Presl) Hieron.

Von welcher Lokalität kommt das D. Richardsonii eigentlich ursprünglich her? Ich wohne weit von Honolulu und habe natürlich nicht viele Besucher.

Ich gebe Ihnen natürlich gerne ein Stück von S. arbuscula.

Mein Freund ist jetzt nicht in den Inseln - ich bin ziemlich sicher dass er nur amerikanische Briefmarken sammelt. Ich habe so viele Pflanzen in Hause dass ich selber nichts anderes mehr sammle.

Alors mit,

2/13/38

GÖTEBORGS
BOTANISKA
TRÄDGÅRD
GÖTEBORG

CS/Bn

GÖTEBORG ~~den~~ Dec. 13, 1938.

Mr. Otto Degener,
Waialua, Oahu.

My dear Degener,

On my return here last night I found two letters from you awaiting me. As regards *Pipturus Gaudichaudianus* var. *kohalae* I am hardly prepared to publish it, as I don't know it, but if it is among the material I have here, I shall try to look at it as soon as possible. You will, however, understand that I shall be very busy with routine work until the end of the year.

I have not published the sections with the Latin description and I shall be glad, if you will take the trouble to add one. The name *Pipturis* means "One, who drops its tail", indicating the caducous character of the stigma,

From what you tell me about the Molokai form of *Artemisia australis*, it seems that you have not found the flowers. Leaves of this species I have found to be extremely variable.

Back again here, I wish to thank you most sincerely for the kindness you showed our little party, especially for all the trouble you took to bring Selling out in the field. I hope to work out also *Scaevola* and *Myoporum* in the near future, and I shall be glad to publish any forms based on your material jointly with you, and of course without having published anything in advance in some other place.

With my very best regards

Yours very truly

E. Skottsberg

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"Sunday"

Dear Mr. Rogers

Going thru

my letters today I found
your very interesting
letter you sent me last
Summer & as you said
my post certainly made

have enjoyed the beautiful
joints & scenery & the very
pleasant company for he
has very kind & great all
these friends are dear to me
& it is only the dear friends

1930's 2
that make life worth
living.

For Paul has finished
it was very ill almost
naked and - but thank
God he is a bright man.
For I do hope they
will return to me.

Beautiful city for Paul Massie
Happily more than he lets
some know although he
enjoys intimacy & some
has such wonderful friends
& they have been of help to him

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Have you read *Thru
Brazil*? Not a new
book but being read
in the East as a very
marvelous work and
anxious to hear what
you think of it.
Did you enjoy *Bambi*

If you have the look may
show it?

Mr Baker was around the
other afternoon I am sorry she
wrote him next year.

I am sorry to say I am not
telling Mrs. Ann M.