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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Otto Degener,
Botanical Garden Arms,
2995 Botanical Square,
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WAKEFIELD
STATION



Mr. Otto Degener
2995 Botanical Garden Sq.
Bronx, N.Y.C.

Warren State Hospital, Warren, Penna. March 9, 1943

Dear Otto: Here are a few more determinations for you:

- #16885 -- *Liatris punctata* Hook., det. Alexander
#16877 -- *Liatris punctata* Hook., det. Alexander
#16876 -- *Liatris ligulistylis* (A. Nels.) Rydb., det. Alexander
#16883 -- *Liatris ligulistylis* (A. Nels.) Rydb., det. Alexander
#16896 -- *Liatris ligulistylis* (A. Nels.) Rydb., det. Alexander

Life here in this insane asylum is certainly a strain on my mental and emotional make-up. I find myself just mentally and emotionally, and therefore physically, exhausted at night. My wife, being trained in medical and nursing techniques and not nearly as sensitive emotionally as I am, can't seem to understand why I feel as I do, why I can't bring myself to becoming "emotionally aloof" from the patients as all good nurses, doctors, and attendants are supposed to. I'm just not made that way. Well, I suppose it will make me a better botanist eventually, although I sometimes wonder... Best wishes to you and yours, as ever,
your sincere friend,

[Working on a collection in hospital]

Harold Moldenke

Civilian Public Service Camp No. 23, Doshooton, Ohio.

Feb. 10, 1943

Dear Otto:

Thank you for your card of the 8th. If you will call up my wife at 631 East 226th Street (see phone book) she will tell you when you can call for all the duplicates of the numbers thus far named up. She will keep the material of the numbers not yet named up, for I may need more material of some. She will, therefore, give you only the material of the numbers which I've reported to you thus far. I do not care to keep any more material for myself beyond the verbs which I already have extracted. You owe me nothing for postage or anything else. I am only too happy to be of service to you.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I am, as ever,
your sincere friend,

Harold

Dear Mr. J. J. Jones.

Mrs. Harold N. Moldenke, 631 E. 226th Street, New York, N. Y.

Harold asked me to report to you that 16,538 is probably

Yucca angustissima Engelm.
determined by McKelvey.

I have not heard from Joe Wittrock yet on the "easy" composite. I hope that he can do this very soon. Then the balance can go to Blake in California. Regards to your good family and Ray from Harold, my father and myself. Mine

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Warren State Hospital, Warren, Pa. March 11, 1943

Dear Otto:

- Here are two more determinations for you:
- 16525. *Salpisia lavandulifolia* var. *glandulosa* (Munz) Moldenke
det. Moldenke
 - *16523. *Megasterium brachycarpum* var. *wrightii* (A. Gray) Moldenke
det. Moldenke

With all best wishes and kindest regards, as ever,
your sincere friend,

Harold

Warren State Hospital, Warren, Penna. March 15, 1943

Dear Otto, Here are more determinations for you, all det. by
Dr. Hermann:

- ✓16126 - *Juncus balticus* var. *montanus* Engelm.
- ✓16192 - *Juncus torreyi* Coville
- ✓16333 - *Juncus interior* Wieg.
- ✓16349 - *Juncus balticus* var. *montanus* Engelm.
- ✓16481 - *Juncus saximontanus* f. *brunnescens* (Rydb.) Hermann
- ✓16534 - *Juncus interior* var. *neomexicanus* (Wieg.) Hermann
- ✓16640 - *Juncus torreyi* Coville
- ✓16644 - *Juncus saximontanus* A. Nels.
- ✓16645 - *Juncus balticus* var. *montanus* Engelm.
- ✓16740 - *Luzula piperi* (Coville) M. E. Jones
- ✓16742 - *Juncus drummondii* Mey.

With all best wishes for your health and happiness and hoping
you are making fine progress with the Hawaiian material and the
distribution of the duplicates of the USA material, I am, as
ever, your sincere friend,

Harold

Warren State Hospital, Warren, Penna. March 30, 1943

Dear Otto, Here are some more determinations for you:

- ✓16733 - *Ranunculus eschscholtzii* Schlecht., det. Benson
- ✓16662 - *Ranunculus inamoenus* Greene, det. Benson
- ✓16460 - *Ranunculus inamoenus* Greene, det. Benson
- ✓16673 - *Ranunculus scleratus* var. *multifidus* Nutt., det. Benson
- ✓16732 - *Ranunculus alismaefolius* var. *montanus* S. Wats., det. Benson
- ✓16428 - *Ranunculus alismaefolius* var. *montanus* S. Wats., det. Benson
- ✓16566 - *Batrachium trichophyllum* (Chaix) Bosch, det. Moldenke
- ✓16481, 16620, 16200, 16572 - *Halerpestes cymbalaria* var.
saximontanus (Fernald) Moldenke, det. Moldenke

With all best wishes, I am, as ever,
your sincere friend,

Harold



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Air

Mr. Otto Degener
Waialua
Oahu

Hawa

MA AIR MAIL

March 22, 1948

Dear Otto:

I should use foliolate; my error.

I'll take 250 reprints of the thing.

Both Ray and Hosaka have copies of the earlier mimeographed key. I have included all the beans which Hosaka has sent me, and which he has included in his publications. Juliette says she has no changes to make; the key has worked everytime she has used it. Ray may have found a new bean or so. I'd be grateful of course if he would insert them in the key, but I know that is expecting quite a bit.

Best,

7-4 [Egler]

EXPERIMENT STATION
OF THE
HAWAIIAN SUGAR PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
HONOLULU, HAWAII, U. S. A.

March 30, 1948.

Dr. Otto Degener,
Waialua,
Oahu, T. H.

Dear Otto:

Since all material in our Record is copyrighted I referred your letter to Dr. L. D. Bever, Director, who has written you granting you permission to quote a portion of the first paragraph on page 121 from my article appearing in the 1947 Record (Vol LI) and to reproduce some of the photographs in the article.

As soon as your book is published I would like to purchase a copy and have it autographed by the author. Wishing you the best of success with your book, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. P. Martin
J. P. Martin,
Pathologist.

*Fiji book, April
1949*

Martin

School of Pharmacy
Alabama Polytechnic Institute
Auburn, Alabama

Dec. 23 1959

Dr. Otto Degener
Wailua
Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Our letters are so few and far between that I may have to introduce myself or give you my background so you will remember me. I was reminded of you and very much pleased also to read in the Asa Gray Bulletin of your marriage and other biographical details. Congratulations! You seem to have associated yourself with a very distinguished lady.

In a previous letter you spoke of certain litigations in connection with a ship you had taken a share in; I hope everything on that score has been straightened out.

Meanwhile, I have been able to pick up Books 2 and 3 of your "Flora Hawaiiensis". Now I am trying to procure Books 1 and 4, are there others? My own Dictionary (advt. enclosed) has been published and in a few days I am sending you a copy of this with my compliments.

No doubt you hear word of the N. Y. Botanical Garden; retirement of WJR and new Director Steere (Byrophytes) in his place. The sad news of Mr. Wittrock dying of cancer about 3 yrs. back.

I was placed on the Subcommittee of Medicinal Plants of the Pacific Science Assn. and am looking around for a problem. Have you anything I could work on - preferably Labiatae.

A feeler has come my way from the State Dept. about going to Pakistan again - this time for a year. I hardly know what to do, but with my strong urge to Wanderlust, I may succumb to the lure.

If I may be of service to you, just speak the word. And again congratulations and the best of everything in the New Year.

Sincerely

Geo. M. Hocking
Professor

P.S. - Please accept my apologies for such a late expression re your marriage; I just suddenly realized that it took place nearly 7 years ago !! Not being a botanist, I do not keep up with the news about botanists!

Encl.advt.

DATE:

VII/10 1963

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
AUBURN UNIVERSITY
AUBURN, ALABAMA U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Degener
Sir:

The undersigned is abstracting books, pamphlets, and journal (serial) articles for five (5) abstracting organs.* In addition, he reviews books for several pharmaceutical journals.

He would be pleased to prepare an abstract and/or review for one or more of the five abstract organs listed below which are marked with a check.* "Flora Hawaiiensis" vol. VI

This title (not being available locally in libraries) is herewith solicited. If sent, you may rest assured of completed publication of review or abstract in one, two, or three or four of the organs below (not in Excerpta Medica, which makes the selection of materials to be abstracted). (Chemical Abstracts furnishes only the bibliographical data for books and pamphlets and no abstract).

Abstracts and/or reviews are prepared only from the book, of course.

In furnishing books, kindly cite the complete street and city address of the publisher and the list price to facilitate procurement of book by the reader of the abstract.

Published copies of book reviews are furnished regularly in duplicate by the publisher. Abstracts of books are sent as single tear sheet copies to the authors or to the publishers, if requested. Abstracts of articles and pamphlets (single tear sheet copies) will be sent to the author if stamped addressed envelope is enclosed with the reprint.

The subject matters covered include the following among others:

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| Pharmacognosy | Botany: Angiospermae |
| Pharmacology | Chorology |
| Pharmacy | Palynology All U.S.A. |
| Pharmaceutical Chemistry | Bibliography publi- |
| Phytochemistry and Pharmacochimistry | Biography etc. cations. |

Samples of abstracts appearing in Excerpta Botanica, Section A. Pharm. Abstracts are enclosed herewith.

Serials: In cases where you decide not to supply the serial on a regular basis, please do send a sample copy of same.

Sincerely,

Geo M. Hocking

George M. Hocking, Ph.D.
Professor of Pharmacognosy

Follow-up is all?

Have's hand for you in

some time - Poor Camp is

dead: Best wishes to s.g. Geo.
you + Mrs. Degener

✓ Chemical Abstracts
Biological Abstracts
✓ Excerpta Botanica, Sec. A
Excerpta Medica
Pharmaceutical Abstracts

Book 6
in review

7/2/69

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Botany

July 2, 1969

Dr. and Dr. Otto Degener
68-617 Crozier Drive
Waialua, Hawaii 96791

Liebe Otto und Isa!

(u.s.w.)

We're back ... for the summer session, anyway. Tried to call you, but it seems that you disconnected your telephone for some reason or another - "at the owner's request" as the Directory Assistance gal put it. So I imagine that you have paid up all your phone bills if such is the case -- which means either you are out of town or else you're hiding and don't want to be disturbed at all in any way.

Will we see you? We will be in Honolulu until July 24, at which time we go ~~to~~ to the Big Island; we then leave on the afternoon of the 26th for haole-land.

As you know, we have been selling your books well for Botany 105.

Send me a letter by mail, or by carrier pigeon, or else phone. I teach in the mornings, so am only in the office from about 11-11:30; then in the afternoons, most of the time (944-8304, or else call 944-8369 and leave a message) -- or at home (949-8080). OK?

Best regards from Yona, Makana, and 'Alana.

Aloha,



Alvin K. Chock
Visiting Lecturer in Botany

HAWAII TO YOURS WITHIN July 5, 1969.

Sehr geehrter Herr & Frau Kollegen:

We are delighted you two are back where you belong - Haw. Nei.

Wissen Sie nicht dass wir ein Haus im Cibotium Wald von vier Jahren
beinh. neben the Forestry Cottage bei Kilauea gekauft haben und dort
meistens leben und dass darum unser Waialeale Telefon auf Urlaub (Vacation)
ist?

We shall certainly see you. This is the story of our lives: We prefer
the Volcano cottage for summers, but due to the rental unit situation
(and sometimes lack of rainwater in our Volcano tanks), we never have
definite plans made. For instance, we just lost two tenants (one for be-
ing repeatedly delinquent in paying rent & the other, transferred to Hono-
lulu) so unexpectedly will be back on Oahu by middle of this month. Why
not drive out some day for lunch at Seaview with us and a wild ^{at} Regener's
Beach.

Bitte bringen Sie your corrected copy of the Nat. Park book so we can
weave some of your words of wisdom into it, perhaps, and credit you in
the introduction. I think I can omit Dr. Harold Palmer as I said him to
correct my grammar; and of course Gregory whom I included as a joke which
no one ever understood.

Have you reprints of your Anthropology paper with you. Can we have
another copy, one we have at Waialeale, the other we need for Volcano.

Dr. Zepernick with B. Zepernick, as wrote an interesting article which
you should get from him, and we MUST have a copy of yours. Before I see &
I got your copy, I had written him that it was pretty hopeless to unearth
much of ancient Haw. culture because the few remaining natives were too
Americanized. Then YOU go ahead and publish, and refute my statement! He
is:

Herrn Prof. Bernard Zepernick,
Fischelndorfer Strasse 155,
1 Berlin 20, Germany.

We are making many changes with the Nat. Park book that it can't
be photostated any more, but must be reset by linotype. We are omitting
"dead wood" like Brunella for better plants such as the cheleopape. Our
supply of GOOD, CLEAN copies is dwindling and after a while we must sell
the shopworn ones kicking about the house. Everything of Edition 2 must be
sold before Ed. 3 appears on the scene, otherwise - - - -

Aloha from us 2 to you 4,

Hochachtungsvoll,

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Botany

July 10, 1969

Drs. Otto Degener
P. O. Box 154
Volcano, Hawaii 96285

Liebe Otto u. Isa:

Many thanks for your letter and the Flora Hawaiiensis reprints (which I have not received too many of while on the mainland).

We will be delighted to see you -- during the week, lunch is out of the question since I teach from 8:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m., almost continuously, non-stop, except for a 30 minute break.
So how about a later part of the day meal and a swim on the Degener beach? Yona will be also delighted to see you. Since it is day time, may we also bring along Makana (age 5) and 'Alana (3)? Plus a graduate student, Derral Herbst (most recently publicized as one who has been collecting along the Leeward Islands), who wants very much to meet you??

I habe schon gewusst dass die Degeners haben doch ein vulkanisches Haus gekauft.

Please let us know when you return to Oahu. The best bet is to call 944-8369, which is the office of the Botany secretaries, and tell them to have me call you -- that way I will know that you are back. We leave on the 24th for the Big Island, and leave from there on the 26th back to the real big island, America.

Aloha da kine,



Alvin K. Chock
Visiting Lecturer in Botany