

generally abbreviated "Ind.", while "Ia." now stands for "Iowa". One is reminded of the policy of the old lady in the autobiographical story of early Indiana, popular during my boyhood, *The Hoosier-Schoolmaster*: "'Git a plenty while you're a gittin' says I". Turning to Lippincott's Gazetteer of 1856 with the hope of finding Indiana abbreviated "Ia.", my eye is caught by "INDIANAPOLIS, a post-village of . . . Iowa, . . . N. E. of Oskaloosa"!—M. L. FERNALD.

BETULA PAPYRIFERA, var. COMMUTATA IN WESTERN MAINE.—While botanizing along the Sunday River beyond Ketchum in Riley, Oxford County, Maine, on August 16, 1945, I found a birch which, because of the red-brown color of the bark, seemed unusual. When the revision of the white birches by Prof. Fernald appeared in the October RHODORA, I immediately tried to place the birch. The range, "woodlands near the coast", did not seem to fit western Oxford County but Prof. Fernald has kindly confirmed the specimen as *Betula papyrifera* Marsh., var. *commutata* (Regel) Fernald. This seems worth recording as it extends the range of this variety much farther inland.—R. C. BEAN, Wakefield, Mass.

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