

Easton, Pa.,
Dec. 19, 1877

Dear Professor,

I have yr. second postal, & since my answer to the first, have looked up my specimens & notes on the Gerardian. When I received it, 10 yrs. ago, from the shores of Lake Erie, I supposed it to be new & intermediate between purpurea & maritima, & hence named it on my label, G. intermedia. As you intimate, I was no doubt wrong in the matter of its ~~near~~ relationship to maritima, & you were right in discarding the name. Afterward Col. Olney collected for me a large number of specimens near Providence & I intended to make it a subject of special study.

After reexamination, I think it has character enough to stand as a distinct species & you will be safe in giving it a name, whatever you see fit. Its dwarf proportions, strict habit,



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