

The Shaw School of Botany,

William Trelease,

Professor in Charge.

St. Louis, Mo., 4/18, 1888.

Dear Mr. Watson:

The box of *Epilobium*s came, apparently safely, a few days ago. But I don't know about labeling them, for I am not out of the *Ceanothus* thicket yet. *C. rigidus* & *crassifolius* show that I did not understand them at all last summer, - as I suspected then. I believe that the enclosed is the nearest approach to a natural grouping I have yet made, though I do not feel that I have hit on expressions for the real characters of the groups I make. I wish you could run over the specimens for me to test this, before I drop the genus for the summer.

Yes, I go to Berlin for the summer, as a sort of necessary and very distasteful pilgrimage in the interest of my department. I despise travel and do not want bacteria, but it has seemed best for me to spend this vacation so. I sail from New York



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on the "Woodland", June 6, for Antwerp.  
Now I am sure not to get done with  
Eriobium before that date, and I had  
meant to write you again before  
they came. But may I leave them  
in Pammel's care at the Garden library  
during my absence? Expressage is  
rather expensive, & I would not ask  
this favor.

I do not understand you having  
no copy of the Engelmann book. Mr. Shaw told  
me he had sent a copy to the herbarium, so that  
I did not send one to you personally. Now my  
credit is exhausted. But if the Garden copy has  
not yet reached you let me know and I will  
urge Mr. Shaw to attend to it.

Magnolias & Tulips are in their prime here,  
and we count that Spring has come.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. May,

Very truly,  
Wm. Trelease.



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