

St. Louis, Jan. 14/89.

Dear Mr. Watson:

In the orders I have in Mss, I only think of the following points applicable to the Manual. — as ide, perhaps, from a few points of distribution that have undoubtedly been noted: —

Seeds of Rhamnus alnifolia intermediate between those of Eurhamnus & Frangula, i.e. scarcely grooved & with nearly plane but thin cotyledons.

Ceanothus ovatus blooms at least a month earlier than Americanus, in the same locality.

Thalictrum polygamum occurs in Newfoundland! & Tenn.! and is blooms about a month later than furfurascens where the two occur together.

I don't know enough of Vitis to answer your question about fruit of riparia, and I don't if herb. material will add to what Engelmann has said of it. But I have written Egger, — a field-botanist.

Thank you for an encouraging letter. Of course I have opinions on the thing I have really studied, and in the absence of definite contradiction I believe in them. But when an earthquake is springing under one of them and the fragments scattered all over the uni-



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