

11.6.57 / As I have gone through your
MS. I have found that it needed
careful revision, and the neces-
sity for compression (which
I have several times referred here
indeed) to rewrite the whole.
As your aim is it is essentially a
catalogue of your ~~specimens~~ ^{with ~~the~~ modifications Catalogue}, and I have
found that it could in various ways be
reduced in compass with scarcely little
loss in any shape & of more value whatever,
and to its decided improvement, in my
opinion. In this way it ^{would} come within
30-35 pages I think. ~~There are alterations~~
~~which~~ There have been no time to
submit this copy to your inspection,
but the alterations ~~which~~ ^{would} have been subject to your
approval in the proofs & modified
them to please you. One of the more
serious ~~alterations~~ ^{has} appeared is the adop-
tion of Austin's description of Anthracis
(including *Strobilys*).

The only species ^{included} upon the proofs enclosed
has some more of omission than any
in the description, but the species is interesting
by itself & the detail ^{therefore} has been necessary.
^{as indicated given by Austin}

NEW YORK,

Oct. 5th 1889.

Dear Dr. Watson: -

Many thanks for your
full answer to my inquiries about
Myrica obtusifolia. I will let you
know and send specimens when I learn
a little more about it. -

Enclosed are three packets from Norway
duplicates - newly found. - M. Richardsonii
may be acceptable. It is the first m. here
in the collection. - Very sincerely
E. S. Britton.



Watson, Sereno. 1889. "Watson, Sereno Oct. 1889 [draft on letter from E. G. Britton]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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