

Crawfordsville, Ind - Feby 23 - '82

Dear Dr. Gray:

I like your proposition exceedingly, for I ask for nothing better than to be trained in the school of your criticism. I send you three small genera for more than three reasons, and I have selected them almost at random that they may the more fairly represent what I am doing and what I need. I have gone on the principle of never changing anything merely for the sake of change & when the work of description or grouping has been done far better already than I can hope to do it now I have freely made use of it. Of course, the matter of credit will be fully attended to. Two things have perplexed me upon which I would like your opinion, namely that very difficult thing of giving "common names", and whether I had better give a more detailed notice of stations and collectors than I have done.

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I pull from my growing pile of Mss. then
Agriologia, & ~~then~~ thinking that my work
may be growing better or worse. send
you also some of the later pages, viz -
Stellaria and Arenaria & to the Synonymy
of the latter I would call attention.

I have no copy of these pages, but send them
unchanged, just as I had left them, so of
course would be glad of their return at your
own convenience. The use of the ma-
terial of others is by no means from laziness,
but from a lack of confidence in
myself —

Yrs with great respect,
John M. Coulter.



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