

Wilmington May 29<sup>th</sup> 1878  
My Dear Mr. Gray.

I got back last Friday but have been much engaged since and so have done nothing with *Baptisia*. My trouble is that I can never get two lines straight work on any thing. But I can take notes and report. I enclose what I have written of *B. calycosa*.

I was a little surprised to hear you speak of some of the species as "shaky". I have no specimens of *B. simplicifolia* and *B. megacarpa*. Of *B. perfoliata*, *Lecan-  
thii*, *tinctoria*, *sphaerocarpa*, *australis*, *leu-  
cantha*, *villosa* & *leucosphaera* I have pretty complete specimens; and of *B. lanceolata* *microphylla* (including *stipulacea*) *sericea* & *alba* good flowering specimens. I will write to Chapman Curtis and Mellichamp to get them to do for me what they can; ~~they~~ and I can see all except *B. ru-*



jacarpa in Phila Acad. though perhaps  
the first may be lacking them. So far  
as I have seen the above seem to  
be good unless it be *R. Sericea* which  
I don't know enough of to speak about  
though I suppose I once saw it in  
flour at Niteroi, B.C. and took it for  
a long spikes or racemes form of *R. trisetum*.  
Then also I saw *R. stipulacea* and from  
the meagre specimen of *R. microphylla*  
in the Phila Acad. I should suppose that  
Nelson was justified in writing them.  
Ravenel's name is better than Nuttall's.

Please accept thanks for ship  
from Williamson Journal & for other favors  
of the same kind.

Ever Yours  
Wm. H. Auden



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