

Wilmington July 18th 1881

Dear Mr. Watson,

Since I wrote you last I have come across the *Leptopodium* sent me by Mrs. Austin and of which I certainly never had notes. I would send it - there is but one specimen - but that you seemed to know it well enough in a dried state, and my plant is poor enough. It appears it somewhat resembles *L. acule* but it has had three smaller flowers. Leaves two nearly opposite about the size of those of this ~~flower~~ species but apparently thinner & with plain cross veins. The upper flower has entirely withered and the pod is forming; the other two appear to have been prematurely withered and it is difficult to make out the structure. Plant about 7 to 8 inches high; the leaves about 4 inches below the spike of flowers. If after this description you wish to see it I will send it on;

but from this you can probably tell whether
it is identical with your plant. If proper
I should be glad to have your name for
it.

I wish also to direct your attention to
what seems to me to be a new *Bordian-*
ia - No. 642 of G. R. Vasey's 1880 Coll. from
California. It evidently belongs near *B.*
grandiflora & *B. minor* and yet differs ma-
terially. It is 6 & 8 inches high, stem smooth,
fls. on pedicels an inch or more long, with
broadly elliptical segments, one half ^{or two-thirds} longer than
the tube, filaments a line long anthers 3 lines
long, sagittate, longer than the deltoid-accumi-
nate staminoidea; the ovate ~~receptacle~~ ^{ovary},
ovoid capsule having 6 succed cells. The
leaves are flat, above broad, and the seg-
ments of corolla not so distinctly 1-nerved as
in the allied species. If you deem best
I ~~shall~~ will send my specimens on to you
and if the thing is new I would suggest
Vasey name for it.

I shall be glad to hear from you and
please let me have news of Dr. Miller,
soon.

Yours very truly

Wm. M. Gray



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