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My Dear Dr.:-

Package came in good order. I meant to return Asters today but was called out of the city. They will go back shortly. Dr. Porter has evidently fished out a new Aster from Penn. & N. J., which I think he is intending to call A. Grayanus. I feared it was concinus because I found a sheet of it from Moser in the Meisner Herbarium so labelled. But if the Syr. Flor. concinus is all right, and we have no reason to doubt it, then Porter's is a good and quite unexpected

pick up. He and I have been working over it
for three or four years and he has distributed
specimens as Q. cordifolius var. laevigatus.

I don't know that I can help along the
discrimination of those Rissa-Pudra-Lepigonum
Pterularia things. Perhaps I can do a
little. My worst trouble is with the marginalis
lot. Are they all to go to media or to be
kept artificially apart.

I don't find much difficulty with rupestris,
salina nor the West Coast species.
Is your L. gracilis the same as Hemslay's Mexicana,
that is, is your name older than his? They
appear to me much alike, excepting the perennial
root of Mexicana. - But I am only just looking
at them casually so far.

Very truly Yrs. N. L. Britton.



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