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My Dear Dr.:-

That is one of the points on which we differ then, I suppose.

What we are fighting for is stability of nomenclature, and just as soon as we allow ourselves a choice of names, the desideratum is not reachable. Priority of place is quite as readily made out as priority of time - easier determined in many cases!

As to Spergularia, was it actually used as a generic name before Lepigonum? I am fully aware that it had been used sectionally but if you can refer me to its application as a genus before Nesl Fl. Cal. (1819), I shall be greatly obliged.

Yours very truly,
N. L. Britton.



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