

Malden Mass Nov. 18. 1902

Dear Dr Kennedy,

The plant you sent is quite interesting! it is not an alga, but I do not wonder that your friend took it for one. J. B. Agardh, one of the best algologists that ever lived, received a specimen, and described it in a special paper as Chlorodictyon filiosum, a new genus of green algae allied to Caulerpa. As such it has passed through various books, even Engler & Prantl reproducing the description & plate without question.

Cronmeyer, by no means so big a man as Agardh, found out the state of affairs, and apparently had much pleasure in writing a disagreeable note, in which he fairly "jumped on" Agardh. It was not in very good taste in him.

The plant is a lichen, Ramalina reticulata: it grows on trees, often near the shore, & is liable to fall in the water, & be washed ashore with genuine algae.

Very truly

Frank S. Collins



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