

Jan. 23, 1905

Dear Sir:

The botanist to whom I referred is Mr. J. Franklin Collins, Curator of the Herbarium of Brown University, Providence, R. I., and whose home address is 468 Hope St., Providence. Mr. Collins is thoroughly acquainted with the mosses of New England, and is better able to name them over offhand or after careful examination, than any other botanist I know, except Professor Farlow, who of course we all recognize as our teacher in cryptogamic botany.

In collecting mosses, it is absolutely necessary to have the specimens carefully selected, free from dirt, or extraneous substances, and laid out in a careful manner under gentle pressure, so that when dried their general outline may not be disturbed, and then by soaking in water, they easily resume their normal appearance, and can be examined as fresh specimens. These dried mosses, placed each one in its own separate envelope, form a herbarium of reference for the student of mosses, and a student's work is much facilitated if the collector uses this care in obtaining his specimens.

Yours truly, SSK

To Louis A. Stilling  
205 St Botolph St Boston  
at work for Mr. Burrage.



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