

name of them.

My address will be as  
above for two weeks nearly,  
and then at Charles City again.

Yours Respectfully  
J. C. Arthur

To Geo. E. Naperport,  
Medford, Mass.

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Ames, Iowa.

Nov. 10th 1882

Dear Sir: -

The Rhigoptenis came last  
night and I send it on today.  
I also enclose specimens of  
Camptosorus which I take to  
be a marked variety if not  
a good species. I sent the  
same to Professor Eaton who  
did not return an opinion,  
however. I propose to publish  
a description of it in my  
next "Contributions to the Flora  
of Iowa" which is about ready  
for the printer, and would  
feel greatly indebted to you for  
an expression of your views as  
to the best way of designating.

it - whether it would be best to call it a species, variety or only a well marked form.

It differs from *C. rhizophyllus* by having a rounded central bundle in the stipe not accompanied by a thread of sclerenchyma, by the thinner and narrower fronds, simpler venation, acute base without a vestige of auricles proper, (the slightly <sup>lateral</sup> ~~hastate~~ expansions just above the base, I do <sup>not</sup> regard as at all auricular in their nature as shown by the venation), and by the more marked dimorphism of the fronds.

It differs from *C. Sibiricus* on the other hand by the longer stipes of the sterile fronds compared with the fertile ones, the brown bases of the stipes, the firmer texture of the blade, the abruptly narrowed

base, and the greatest breadth of the fertile frond being near the base instead of considerably above it.

The dimorphism, texture, venation, and size of the fronds, and the structure of the bundle of the stipe show this to be intermediate in character between the two species named.

It has only been found in one locality, on a limestone bluff, with *C. rhizophyllus* growing luxuriously a few rods away.

If you can give me an early opinion of this matter I shall feel greatly obliged.

I do not care for any plants in exchange for those sent, but would be pleased to receive any of your writings you choose to send me at any time, for at present I have



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