

will you please tell me the names of those just mentioned. I am still without a work for analyzing ferns. Will you be kind enough to tell me the name of no 1. 2. 3 & 4 ^{1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.} ^{1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.}

They (1. 2. 3) were collected near Minnequa Springs, while I was at Canton Pa. this summer 4 is from Watkins Glen. The moss and maiden hair came from Buttermilk Gorge at Ithaca - Perhaps you have been there. All of my specimens from Ithaca falls were left behind and so I cannot send those I saved for you which I regret.

My "Photo" you will find enclosed among the ferns and could it speak would give you friendly greeting, with a warm grasp of the hand. This picture is considered a very good representation of me, and was taken this winter though I scarcely think you would recognise me should I walk into your store some day a year from now, or should you

Englewood Look 6th Ills
3^d 15th 1877

My dear Mr Davenport,

I must beg you to excuse me for protracting so I have. Not even acknowledged the receipt of your Polypodium falcatum for which I was very thankful notwithstanding my apparent ingratitude.

I found it here upon my arrival. Your letter and card found me at Morrison and visiting and being half sick must be my excuse for not sending my thanks for the above mentioned favors.

I have a Polypodium, a single specimen which was given me by a lady from Oregon very much like this

one, but not fruited. Will
you be kind enough to
give me a slight description of *P.
Scouleri* in your next. I had thought
mine might be that, but do not know
how it differs from the other *Polypodiums*.

Mine looks enough like *falcatum*
to be it. I have not compared them
as mine is not here. Many thanks for
this one and if I go to Frisco will be
sure to make inquiries concerning
Dr Kelloggs. Oh I begin to feel
uneasy to long to be among the
mountains again. One year ago
I was where I could step out and
gather wild flowers; and to think
that now the ferns are many of them
in their prime, and so abundant, only
waiting to be gathered.

I hope to be among the mount-
ains in April, but may not
leave here before the middle of

that month. I do not know
where I shall spend the
summer - but somewhere between the
summit of the Sierras and the ocean
and wherever it is will find plenty
to interest me I know.

I shall be glad if I can aid
you in your study of *Polypodiums*
and hope you will trouble me all
you can by questions regarding
their growth or locality. If there is
anything we admitted to their homes
can tell of to our city bound.

I have been doing up my fragments
to send you, and have put in one
or two that are new to me.

~~W. sulphureum~~ ^{C. fragilis - dentata} were collected by Mr Muir
near Yosemite Valley.

11 Is the same as some sent you
from Brownsville one year ago. You
then thought it *Cyathopteris dentata*

find me in the woods some day with my arms full of Woodwardias. You will find a few Polypodiums in the p^kg^c 12 came from the Coast range near the bay. First south of Mt Tamalpais ~~that~~ is the large one ^{was} gathered 13 is from the Sierra Nevada range near Brownville. Those in the small paper are from B-ville too but ^{five} miles distant from 13 and where the altitude is perhaps a couple hundred feet greater. The other ferns are old acquaintances of yours and from Brownville excepting those with 9 & 10. which came from Yosemite Valley vicinity.

Hoping this will find you prospering beyond your wildest anticipations and with many good wishes for the future I am sincerely your botanical friend though a feeble one. E O Elton



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