

If so, do be so good to inform me occasionally. It is no hurry about this, I am afraid of troubling you, but I don't like, in these most accurate matters, to meet with a mistake. My question about the pigeon grass *Chaetochloa lutescens*, broached in my latest letter, is all right solved. There were lots of this *Petaria* here this autumn. Our autumn is lovely this year. There are still flowers everywhere. Nature is kind.

Now we unite in kindest wishes for you and kind regards of us all.

Very sincerely yours

Rudolph Blaschka.

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Dear Mr. Deane,

Your good letter of Sept. 4. came safely and we all are very glad to learn that you feel much better now and have enjoyed your stay in the White Mountains. It was so very kind of you, still in your convalescence, to collect and prepare for the use of my work these fine specimens, which I thankfully appreciate. I also appreciate greatly your suggestion about the *Carices* which surely would be a splendid task for the future. I heard already of the difficulty of the determination when I studied *Carex* in flower in 1895, and surely a good representation of the fruiting state

would be of much scientific interest. Presently I am very busy in my work to realize doing the bridal state in the life of the Gramineae, and it was charming to establish in the study by a number of drawings I made after the microscope. Now I am on the great task to do all this work in glass with the unaided eye. It will keep me very busy all autumn and winter. With material I am at present well provided. I had made analyses of 12 genera, each one cosmopolitan species from life and by this I got well established to understand easily the dried specimens. They will all come out in good shape. I am very much interested in the remarkable aberrant genera *Cinna* and *Brachyelytrum*. One of your specimens met

with my special interest, the *Andropogon scoparius*, Michx. I wrote also Prof. Dr. Goodale of it. We have here only one species of this genus, *Andr. Ischaemon*, T. (Latinized *Ischaemum*) a pretty rare thing, I know just 2 specimens a mile from here. You have not it in America, it must resemble your *A. furcatus* in habit. The stamens and papillae of ~~styles~~ ^{stigma} are dark, purple in natural size, lovely crimson under the microscope. Two spikelets of your *A. scoparius*, I treated with hot water, showed purple brown stamens, but I couldn't find out in them the shade of the styles, and as I didn't like to destroy the specimen, the question remained whether the stigmas are also dark, either crimson or purple. Have you had an occasion to observe this?



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