

the specimen in case
you do not establish
its identity.

Thanking you very much
I am
Very Truly yours.

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Apparently
A. Thelypteris Sw.

(G.E.D.)
my father's signature

Dr. G. Davenport
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Chicago - Ill.
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Prof. Geo. E. Davenport
My Dear Sir:-
I take the liberty
of sending you by
mail a microscopical
specimen of Fern.
I would like to get
you to determine for
me if possible its
name and habitat.

It was sent to me
just as I send it
to you only it was not
mounted.

I think it grew in
Michigan or Indiana
but I have no definite
knowledge even in that
respect. There was no

appearance of fruit dots.
You will observe the fine
texture of the leaf and
great prominence of the
veins which are apparently
filled with what looks
to be a red oleo-resin.
The veins were redder and
not so much shrunken
as they now appear
when it first arrived.
It is also a very green
leaf and quite transparent
to low powers of the Microscop.
The veins mostly branch
except a few of the top
ones - There are some
scattering white hairs
upon the veins and at the
margins.

I took this specimen to
Dr. Willspaugh of the
Columbian Museum and

was referred to you.

I know this is a pretty
bad looking specimen
but I thought by its
general contour and
microscopical appearance
you might be able to
make it out.

It will be a great
favor to me as I am
anxious to ascertain its
name, and will consider
myself under great obligation
to you.

I enclose with the unknown
specimen another which is
the *Aspidium Thelypteris*,
which I thought greatly
resembled it.

Please remail specimen
to me placing the enclosed
stamp on the outside wrapper
as I want to retain



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