

College, Oct. 30, 1896.

My Dear Deane:

Your list of synonyms is correct, unless it be in the case of that puzzling old *Carex mirabilis*. The *Carex cristata* var. *mirabilis* intended by Manual is not *C. tribuloides* var. *cristata* in part, for it is not quite the same thing as *C. mirabilis* Dewey.

All the manual var. of *C. straminea* are Boott's. The var. *tenera* of the Manual is *C. straminea*. The plant which I designated in Bot. Gaz. x. 381 as var. *tenera* Boott is var. *aperta*. The mix occurs thus: Dewey made *Carex tenera*. Boott reduced what he supposed to be Dewey's *C. tenera* to var. *tenera*, but Boott did not describe the plant that Dewey did. In other words, Boott mistook Dewey's plant. When I began to study the matter, I recognized the character of Dewey's original *C. tenera*, and it appeared to be



So well marked that I called attention to it in Gazette under the name of *C. tenera* Booth. I did not then know that Booth had described another plant as *Var. tenera*. So, you see, Booth's *Var. tenera* is one thing and the *Var. tenera* I described is another. Now it so happens that Booth had described as *Var. aperta* the true *C. tenera* of Dewey. Now Sattwell, Carey &c., described as *C. tenera* the same plant which Booth had made *Var. tenera*; hence my references on p. 149 of Synopsis "*C. tenera*, Sattwell --- not Dewey," "*C. straminea* var. *tenera* Booth". And on p. 152, under *Var. aperta*, I cite the original true *C. tenera* of Dewey and my *Var. tenera*. See?

So do I long to own all the Carices in my Synopsis; so does Herb. Gray. I rec'd 3 specimens from Unalashka a few days ago and they proved



to be three that I never could get before: *C. limosa* v. *stygia*, the exceedingly rare *C. decidua* and *C. podocarpa*.

Glad you like my synopsis. Am receiving many congratulatory letters.

Is Churchill's address Dorchester? Will be glad to send him a copy.

Where shall I send Mrs. Owen's. Does she want a set of my carices?

Your corrections are at hand.

I have never got *C. echinata* from this country. I may have European specimens for you. Will look.

My lecture is not in print yet. Have heard from Kennedy. He rec'd Synopsis.

This is almost unreadable, but I am in a hurry.

Yours Truly,  
L. H. Bailey, Jr.



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