

or 40 sets. By incorporating Wright's
last collection with them the sets
would run up to or over 200 species.

Each set would bring \$20. Wright
to have 5 sets (= \$100) without further
expense to him. — The title would
be something like this, "Murae Subtropici
Americani et Specimenarium of murae collected
in Venezuela by Fowler & in Cuba by Wright,
named & described by W.S.S. F&W" — The
collector & locality to be noticed on each
label. —

The above would I think be a
fair arrangement all round. —

Consult Wright about it.

Cordially yours

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My dear Friend

Ten dollars is enough or
at least as much as can be expect-
ed for a copy of U.S. & Ex. murae. It
is only occasionally a purchaser can be
found for such works.

As for Wright's Murae. Cub. they should
not be sold for a cent less than \$13 a
set — that is about 10 cents a specimen,
just what I paid for Hooker & Wilson's
Dummeys with murae. any body
who won't pay that for them (if he is able)
should not have them. — Müller Sch-
imper & Milne-Edwards should have them,
but I doubt if they supply themselves in

things line by purchases. — If some of the sets could be lodged in the large European Herbaria where they could be accessible it would be well.

Wright's last collection would have near the number of species to 150 or 160, but they would not have been all Cuban, for I find upon second examination, that some of the best things are from Valparaiso (Has Wright been collecting there?).

It is entirely out of the question now to get them in as a supplement to the 19 sets — It takes a great deal more time & labour to get a collection of Mezps, particularly foreign, into proper shape than you have any idea of — every thing has to pass again & again under the microscope. Besides the Lamiae are now in hand & must be got off before any thing else is

attended to.

I would suggest the following disposition of Wright's last collection.

Two or three years ago I bought of Hensler (for \$100, with which he was highly satisfied) his entire collection of Venezuelan Mezps & Hepaticae — my fine & very extensive — 10 or 12 large bundles.

The Hepaticae I presented to Gottsche. The Mezps I have given to my draughtsman Schrader who is now at work on them (and it will be a good years work) putting them up into sets, which after I have named & determined them, he will sell for his own benefit. The Hensler Venezuelan collection will reach about 170 species. The materials will make 30



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