

Trinceta, July 28th 1836.

Dear Doctor

I received this morning Sig. 53. revise - which must be almost the last of the caries. I find but little to alter or correct - except some small matters which would probably have been noticed by you in a second reading. C. paupercula must be good - & yet I should not wonder if we found the true C. alba at the north. All our specimens, however, appear to belong to one species.

I am satisfied about C. Elliottii, that you have disentangled the synonymy correctly. We made it out pretty clearly that Dewey worked up his description from Elliott of ~~Mississippi~~ ^{Mississippi} what was it that Dewey figured? As to C. lanceocarpa of Sprengel, we know as much about that as our friend of Rochester. It is a mere guess. The plant is rather variable as to spikes, & I wish you had decided it anew. I suppose that most of the C. Baldurina-looking things which I laid out from Baldwin's specimens for distribution in the herb. belong to this species.

So that queer looking thing from Ingalls is a distinct kind from all the others! Turpescens is not a bad specific name - especially as it groups with C. intumescens.

Take care of altering all the Schubert to Schubert. I had some hope that the Texan var. of

C. stenolepis would turn out a new species when examined a-
gain

but I could not find any character to rely on. I wish I had
obtained a drawing of P. indicus. I did obtain drawings of
two species. one was C. paucipetala - what was the other? I gave
both to Dewey. You need not trouble yourself to make
out an index. I will attend to that when I come home. I
must, if possible, go to Philadelphia, if it is only to look over
Cyperaceae, before I finish off my paper - How would
you like to have me notice the fact you have done? Still
I say that the Caries are ~~not~~ joint work? The expression "we"
is used in this part of the Monograph, - while in the other
part it is (I think) "I". Suppose I say that for this we
are equally responsible & give no particular - But I will
say it is all yours if you wish. Perhaps the expression
in the lower part of page 418. might, in case I call it an
joint work - look as if I had so little to do with it, that
I did not know one of my own (& Schreb.) species - which is really
true of P. Urticifolia - for it was a made up description. It
may be altered a little so as to avoid this appearance. - "and
the name" &c. given in the Monog. of N. American Caries (& by Prof. D."
How I long to be home, working with you at plants! I
am just through the course here. Had I more company
in the prosecution of Chemistry I should like it here very well.
Mr. Henry is engaged in some other matters just now - per-
forming some lectures on electricity & writing something
on Physics. So that although we see each other every

day, & have much very pleasant intercourse, we do not
labour in sciences together. There is some chance of his
consenting to stand as a candidate for Bach's place (~~to be~~
to be vacated). I don't like the idea of his removing to
Philadelphia, for I think that the mass of sciences there will
have an unfavorable influence upon his spiritual welfare.

What were those plants from China? Are there any
Cyperaceae among them? Mrs. Say's that a letter was
received about a box of plants. I think George Shaw
was to attend to it. What specimens were they?

I thank you dear Doctor for your kindness in receiving
Mrs. Torrey & the children. I look upon you almost
as one of my own family, so that I fear I call
upon you sometimes when I have no claim upon you -
It will not be worth while to send me letters after this
week, as I shall probably not receive them.

Believe me affectionately yours

John Torrey



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