

which is highly variegated and also
leaves with closed veins. Therefore
a species spread over the whole US
with *N. advena*, not replacing it
north, as I at first suspected.

Uncious News and Questions

What made you put a ! after
I. nodosus *sic* ! in Manual, A?
would be more appropriate.

But as Linné refers to *gossowius*
and as *I. nodosus* is a northern plant,
not found south of the Mountains of
Pennsylvania, it can not be what
you call *nodosus*.

Have you lost *kovius*? If so,
send it by *Teaster*.

Another Mr. *Wimmer*: *I. communicatus*
Mr. *Wimmer* from S. Carolina, and your *I. acan-*
thoides just with *nodosus*, and not farther
south. I think your suggestion as
to *debilis* being *I. communicatus* *Wimmer*
is quite probably true.

There grows a beautiful species
from New Jersey to Georgia, which
I have seen from nowhere else, which

has puzzled *Deob* also a good deal, and
which he considered an intermediate link
between *I. paradoxus* Gray and *I. patens*
etc, on account of the insignificant tint
But I find good characters now and
name it as a peculiar species.

I. brevicaudus, it belongs to the sub-
section *Urospermis* of sect. *Articulati*
of which we have now

<i>I. paradoxus</i> Gray	more widely spread than the others
<i>I. Canadensis</i> Gray	(Name must be restored north to Lake Superior)
<i>I. brevicaudus</i> n. sp.	N. Jersey to Georgia
<i>I. candidus</i> Chap.	Gulf States
<i>I. asper</i> n. sp.	N. Jersey

Mr. *Smith* of Philadelphia has
justly returned by *Deumid* also sent
his fine collection of *Junos* of his neighbor-
hood, among which I find lots of my
new *I. asper*, collected 6 1/2 miles from
Philadelphia in N. Jersey — so that this
fine and very distinguished species is
quite common — at — all.

His and *Porter's* numerous notes show
how *Junos* have exercised him and
are partly instructive and partly quite
amusing, showing how he flourished

about.

But his coll. has another gem!
Though only a ~~2~~ 2. torn off frequently
of a junco from the mountains of
Pennsylvania, they prove to be
something quite new, allied more
closely to *Sietarcus* than any thing
else - but well distinguished: the
new junco *Smithii*. - He must get
more and better specimens - and the
base, to show rather leafy, like
Sietarcus, or not.

All this has induced me to think
of a *Herbarium Junco boreali-*
Americanum normale. What do
you say to it? I shall have
some help in Bolander, Robbins, Webb,
Hall - I shall write to Smith and
Porter ^{S. Hall} P. Hall and Vasey about it
and hope some will refuse. But I
doubt of Curtis and Chapin as to whom
I hesitate to ask - What about
Ravenscroft? or any other Santhan Man?
I should want 100 specimens in all.

19th July last yesterday

Yours ever
J. Engelman

St Louis 14th Febr 1866

Dear Gray

I hear from Fendler that
young Mann will probably take
his place. So he has returned
from the Sandwich Islands - Has
he brought any thing for me?

Dorland, the most obliging friend
and indefatigable correspondent has
~~just~~ sent me at once another
flower of *Nephus sagittifolium*
and I just come from its examina-
tion in my rather cold study
(zero outdoors, with a violent North
West gale - after 4-5 hours
riding about to see my patients)
So you must not wonder this time
at least at my cross feet -

It is exactly the same as the
one last examined and I must
announce that all those authors were
wrong, who ascribed to this plant no
petals and subsessile stamens. What
does Willd. say?

Another *Nephus* news: Dorland
sends a flower from Hale, Louisiana



Engelmann, George. 1866. "Engelmann, George Feb. 14, 1866." *George Engelmann letters to Asa Gray*

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