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Dear Mr Watson

Your *Hellaria* fragments are without fruit and seed, but from the form of the leaves and the sepals I have scarcely a doubt but that it is identical with my plant.

In regard to the *Erigeron* you are not quite correct; *alpinum* and *Lobii* are very similar in foliage, but otherwise distinct. *E. alpinum* has short erect teeth of involucre, *Lobii* long reflexed ones; a. yellow, & whitish-rose coloured flowers; a. long-stemmed or stipit, & sessile flowers, and cuneiform; a scarcely hairy filiform filaments, & broad subulate woolly ones — not to say anything about the inflorescence, which may vary according to circumstances, but my specimens of *E. alpinum* have all simple heads. I only regret that I have used such a trivial name as *alpinum* and named it e.g. *leucochrysus* or *luteo-album*. —

About ^{your} *Abies* not much can be said; the cone scales to me certainly point to *subalpina*, but you can judge for yourself. If you have not good specimens of the scales of the different *Abies* I can send you specimens.

but am under the impression that I have
done so already. — The folio is that
of a stout grandis, though we would
hardly expect it so far inland; but
then that other coast species, *Frax Mesteauia*,
does certainly occur also inland, as you have
found, and also climbs high Mountains as
we saw on Raper River. Only *Picea*
Sitchensis sticks to the low lands and
tide water, whence ^{justly} called Tide water
Spruce, and

Yours truly

Engelmann

I believe I asked Prof Gray,
whether he knew any thing about a recent
publication of Michxli on *Alismaceae*
which Burkenen mentioned to me as
containing things clashing with my
views — I do not know what it is,
and should like to see it.



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George Engelmann letters to Asa Gray

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