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Dear Mr Wilson

Mr Reichenow now sends around of his common scruboak of Dallas County? his bush is *Q. San Sabaeae* Buckley and is a scrubby form of *Q. dumalis* Rich Buckley and Sargent got at Austin and I wrote at the old, much doubted Buckley an locality in Alabama! *Q. dumalis* is to be the name and the species is good.

But that is not what I wanted to talk about. Reichenow sends two Umbellifers which, he says, you and Gray have both pronounced to be *Apium Popai*. But they are certainly distinct.

A *Popai* according to the original description in *Apium Report* has large + fruit, rough on the edges; leafy involucre and involucres; the umbels are terminal, though that is not mentioned in the article. This is more usually erect.

The other is a plant which years ago I sent to Dr Gray as *A. Butleri* from Indian Territory; I have it also from Maxon Gregg, and now from Reichenow; Gray then pronounced it *A. Popai*, but it is quite distinct: prostrate or so, with nodiflorous or rather oppositiflorous umbels, small, nearly smooth fruit. What Hall's plant no involucre or involucre.

is, I do not know, for I have no specimen.

Now, this is an undescribed species, entirely distinct from *Piper*; as *nodiflorum* is already preoccupied, it might be called *Asium lateriflorum*.

Now look at your *A Piper* and see whether you do not find both species mixed under that name.

I sent the package today to Dr. Gray with a few interesting things.

Happy New Year to you!

Yours ever

J. Engelmann

I see Sargent is worrying over Lewis & Clark's *Confer* of Oregon - a thankless and useless task!

It is possible that that *Urellia* is among *Helmsley* plants, for Gregg got it at Saltville.



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George Engelmann letters to Asa Gray

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