

Silver City, Feb. 17, 1881.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I did think, a week ago, that I might, for this winter trouble you no more: but to-day I have been at work on my Graphalia, and can not see my way out of difficulties without your help.

My no 362 you called "G. polycephalum"

Now I send it again, & try to know if I am not to be confirmed in my suspicion that your "polycephalum" was ~~not~~ a mere slip of the pen? Did you not mean to say "decurvus"?

I see that the leaves are decurvus & indeed I can find not the slightest difference between my plant & eastern specimens of G. decurvus.

480 I take to be G. Sprungellii; it is what I have always understood to be that; & figuring from that basis 397 is, if not Central Mexican, something undescribed. Its lobes are only about $\frac{1}{2}$ the size of those of G. Sprungellii, & the involucral scales are of a different shape & color; moreover it has not a trace of the fragrance of that species; but the most obvious mark of the species is the peculiar style of inflorescence - the very different arrangement of the heads - like a Filago, or like some of the smaller species of the same genus. The greenish hue of the scales seems to suggest a good name; But you may find something like it already named, in your great Herbarium; & I shall not dare to print until I hear.

That Hymenopappus I certainly collected also

in 1877, & I think sent it: but I have
no name for it from Dr. Gray, I find
no account of any such plant anywhere.
Do you find it with you, from any other
collector? As has Dr. Gray left a M.S.
name for it in the herbarium? If he has
not, I guess I will publish it under the
name which its peculiar habit suggests.
I am going to make enquiry, through the
Bot. Gaz. about the color of Ribes leptanthum
noting what you say, & see if with the
help of observers in different localities, we can
get out of the tangle!

Very Truly Yours

Edw. L. Greene.



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