

25, WILTON PLACE.
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Dec 25/79

My dear Gray

Your letter was on my table when I came in from New yesterday and I hasten to thank you for all your kind wishes and return you our best wishes to yourself and Mr Gray that you may enjoy health and prosperity throughout the new year. As to the main purport of your letter I can only answer positively on Saturday as New is closed for the holiday today and tomorrow but upon reading over your character of the genus it struck me at once that the tubular perianth bearing the stamens and especially the structure of the seed threw the plant at once far away both from *Hydracharidea* and *Maiaea* and thus I need not enter into the moot point of how far these two

Orders are to be distanced from each other. It strikes me that your plant must be a *Portulacaceae* very near *Septanthus* - but I will look into it on Saturday.

Now Saturday - your plant must be very close upon *Heteranthera* (*Septanthus* Michx.) *graminea*. I therefore return you the specimen for reconsideration as you must be well acquainted with this *H. graminea* and perhaps did not recognize it in an imperfect specimen.

Yours very sincerely
George Bealman



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