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My dear Lydia

I am very much obliged  
to you for the specimens of  
*Polypodium calcareum* and  
*Saxatrua rigida* which you have  
sent me the latter is quite an  
acquisition to my collection.  
I think you have collected them  
very well for they are excellent  
specimens and beautifully dried.  
I have just got some beautiful  
*Polypodium calcareum* from  
near Bayton

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The sypoceras plant you have  
sent is *Dryopteris* and, the  
other the *Geranium columbinum*.  
The latter much more common  
than the first.

Have you any specimens of  
*Polypodium phlegopteris*  
and *P. dryopteris*? If you  
have not I can send you  
some in return.

Have you seen a good specimen  
or two of *Botrychium* as mine  
is a very old one and I will  
send you some others in  
return. Have you any  
*Cephaelis lutea* or

*aculeata*? But perhaps you  
had better send me a list of  
what you have and then  
I shall know what you have  
not. Have you *Cystopteris*  
*fragilis*?

I am glad that you have taken  
up Botany it is a charming  
study for a lady and even your  
Papa has discovered that it  
adds very much to the in-  
terest of a walk.

In your rambles over the  
country you will find many  
comparatively rare plants,  
and at the sea side of course  
you will meet with many that

are never found inland. As a rule  
get plenty pick out the best  
and dry in a bundle of them.  
They serve us so well in exchange  
you will generally find that a  
single specimen of a plant that  
you get in exchange will not  
satisfy you and by sending a  
fair number a couple of specimens  
of large plants and 3 or 4 of  
small ones you will be entitled  
to a like return, and so get  
a tolerable herbarium.

I shall be glad to hear again  
from you soon. By the bye I  
think I can get you some of the  
rare *Cyperus longus*.

Yours very sincerely  
John Leigh