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Greetings Jennie:

Thank you for your letter of the 16th September. The copy of "Common Seed Plants" arrived on the 26th. I found it interesting and instructive. However, in common with every other book on descriptive botany, the direction of twine of such plants is omitted. Considering the vast amount of taxonomic work done during the 18th and 19th centuries, it is peculiar that this feature was considered virtually irrelevant. Most of my results on reversed bean vines have now been organized into a suitable form for publication. It is my intention to close this subject.

The portable plating device I've seen advertised several years ago in two places. Science and Invention had an ad extolling its virtues for replating cutlery. A civil engineering magazine had an ad telling its use for covering welds on galvanized pipes, towers, etc. Maybe it wasn't very satisfactory and is no longer being manufactured. The idea seemed good. Perhaps the customers didn't use enough diligence cleaning the work before attempting to apply the plating.

You can send the fotos back to Svihlik. Next time I'm in America I expect to dispose of most of the material now being stored for me by RC and close that subject.

About five years ago I attempted to promote a reproduction of Jansky's antenna for the right side of the front entrance at Green Bank. Unfortunately, the time was not right at either G.B. or B.T.L. Recently I have had exchanges of correspondence with W.W.Pleasants of G.B. and A.R.Thompson of B.T.L. (Chelsea 3-1000) stating that BTL is building this reproduction and that GB will install it. The missing pieces are the Ford model T axles and wheels which RC is storing for me. These are as follows,

Case 15 (about 5' x 2' x 1'). It contains 3 axles and maybe wheels, plus three rolls of drawings and maps. Please open case and take out axles and wheels. Keep the case. Add axles and wheels, if any, to pallet from Hawaii, below.

Carton 40 (about 2' x 2' x 1½'). It contains several wheels only.

Carton 140 (about 2' x 2' x 1½'). It contains 4 rims and some spokes.

Pallet from Hawaii with bundles of axles, rims and maybe wheels.

Please get out all this material and notify Thompson. He will have BTL truck pick it up and take to GB for assembly. I am sending detailed instructions to both him and Pleasants.

We have had a very mild and dry winter with an early spring. No snow at Hobart and very little at Bothwell. Most of the fruit trees and wattle have completed flowering. Several varieties of lily, peony, etc. are now in bloom. My *Bowiea volubilis* has climbed over 15" high and has several flower buds at top.

Best regards,

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