

Prof. P. A. Saccardo,
Padova,
Italy,

My dear Prof. Saccardo;

I am at present engaged in
a mycological problem in Botany
at Harvard University and in order
to complete the work, I find it very
necessary to obtain material from
other countries. I have therefore taken
the privilege to write you to ask
if you can, without great incon-
venience, send me some material
native to Italy.

What I most need is material
suitable for gross cultures which

of course consists of almost anything which has been exposed to the air. A small handful of dead grass-stalks from two or three different localities, old paper and wrappings which have been exposed in dump-heaps, dung of any herbivorous animals, almost any old refuse native to the country; all or any of these would be very welcome.

If you can obtain such a collection and will send it by mail in dry condition, it will be a great advantage to me and I will gladly return postage and any moderate charge for the collecting.

Thanking you for your attention
I am

Yours most sincerely,
Arthur Houston Shivers,
Botanical Department,
Harvard University
University Museum,
Cambridge,
Mass.

If it would not be too much trouble
would you separate each kind of
material in the bundle.

Dec. 12, 1904.

A. H. C.