

KIRKWOOD, MO. December 15th, 1908.

M. Prof. Dr. P. A. Saccardo,  
R. Orta Botanico,  
Padova, Italy.

Dear Dr. Saccardo:

Having had the pleasure of reading after you frequently I wish to call your attention to my work on Mycology called "Mushrooms, Edible and Otherwise". It is by far the most complete work of the kind ever attempted in this country. It is a work of 624 pages and illustrates 500 species. All the half-tone engravings were made from original photographs. Great care was had in selecting the plants to get only typical ones. After my manuscript was completed I asked Mr. C. G. Lloyd to revise it and where he found he had a more typical photograph than I had he substituted his and I have given him credit on the half-tone. In this way I think I have the best possible illustrations. The number far exceed any another author on this subject.

I am sending you under a separate cover a few sample pages to give you an idea of the size of the book and the character of the illustrations.

I am sure you will be pleased with the work in every particular.  
Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. E. Hardy