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Curator of the Herbarium,
Botanical Garden,
Padua, Italy.

Dear Sir:

I am planning to visit the various herbaria in Europe, for the purpose of consulting the specimens of American grasses deposited there, more especially of the genus *Panicum*. Prof. Hackel, of Graz, has informed me that some of the grasses had been loaned out, and he did not know whether they had been returned. I write to ask whether the *Panicums* of your collection are now in your possession. If they are not I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know where they are deposited, and also if I may have your permission to examine them in the herbarium where they may now be located. If I know the location of the various collections beforehand, I can then arrange my itinerary so as to visit these collections without loss of time.

Please address me in care of the Red Star Line, 22 Kammen-
straat, Antwerp, Belgium, which will be my permanent address while

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in Europe, and from which place my mail will be forwarded.

I hope I may have the pleasure of visiting your institution in a few weeks and personally consulting you in regard to the specimens.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Hitchcock

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