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FROM
E. S. SALMON.

April 14. 1916.

Dear Prof. Saccardo.

In October ¹⁹¹³~~1915~~ you were kind enough to send
me two specimens of Humulus lupulus, - labelled
1° ad sepes, Vittorio, (Treviso) 27 Sept. 1913. ♂ & ♀.
2° " Semina H. Lupuli. Oct. 1913. Vittorio, ad sepes,
omnino sponte. In Italia Humulus non colitur.
P.A. Saccardo."

In some cross-breeding I am doing with the
Hop I require the truly wild Humulus Lupulus,
and relying on your remark quoted above
I have raised several hundred seedlings.
In 1915, however, in corresponding with
Prof. M. Corve of R. Ist. super. agrar.
Perugia, I was informed that the Hop
has been cultivated in Italy! -

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Prof. Corne wrote: "Chez nous le houblon a été cultivé en 1860-70 près de Bologna: 'Tosti', avec des bon résultats; maintenant on expérimente sa culture en Umbria chez M. le Comte Faines sur l'extension de 3 H. e ca depuis .7 ans avec des résultats très satisfaisants."

I write now to ask you whether you think that the plants you sent me are beyond any shadow of doubt the truly wild descendants of some cultivated variety. It is very important for my work to ascertain this fact: therefore I feel sure that you will be good enough to write me fully on the matter.

Are there any Italian books to be consulted on the subject?
With kind regards.
Yours sincerely,
E. S. Salmon.