

In the selection of plants I
have selected mostly such as
are different from the collection
of last season or different state
I believe I have recollcted
all my previous discoveries
the most interesting in large
amounts except when I knew
them to be included in Hall's
collection. You will notice in
his last letter he mentions that
he is not dis tictuting the plants
collected by me. in his hands
but says nothing what he designs
doing with them unless to keep
as hostages for my good behaviour.

I received your Catalogue on
Bulky. How strange! Have you
sent to Dr E. extra copies of
part 3^d Pl Parry: for me. He
writes that he has but 10. I
should like at least 30.

Very truly Yours
C C Parry

Davenport Nov 13th 1862

My Dear Dr Gray I have
just finished packing a box
for you containing seeds, a
selection of plants, and sundry
odd & ends such as I supposed
would interest you. They will
go off by express tomorrow &
so reach you early next week
I have the fine seeds packed
in small ampoures mixed
with dry earth, and parcels
of cones containing seeds. in bags
The empty cones will be useful
for specimens, you will want
to look them over & take out
what you want & repack
for England. I have the top
of the box screwed down so
that it can be used again
if desired. You will find two
pieces of Gray's Peak for you
& Dorsey, and a specimen of

Mr Gayot for Prof Fayet
The spotted patches of Lichen
will help to give you some
idea of the aspect of these
elevated points.

I have still on hand the
greater part of seeds of *Abies*
Douglasii & *A. Menziesii*, which
I infer would not be saleable
in Europe. but might perhaps
be disposed of in this country
to horticulturalists - the seeds
especially of *A. Menziesii* are
quite adherent to the cones
and I suppose will keep well
in that condition. *A. Menziesii*
is quite a favorite of mine
and I would strongly recommend
it as a slightly tree of rapid
growth, and beautiful proportions
in favorable situations. I have
seen trunks nearly a foot in
diameter with only 36 annual rings!!

It prefers a moist soil on the
edges of brooks, while *A. Douglasii*
chooses dry hill sides -
Dr Engelmann & I are having
quite a time in settling
about what I call *Abies Engelmannii*
(one *A. nigra*.) from numerous
observations I conclude it must
be distinct from the Eastern tree
very different in habit &c
from the species I am acquainted
with in N.Y. one Rocky Mt tree
has redish almost shaggy bark
and soft white wood. grows in
a sharp pyramid with drooping
branches & cones, ranges from
8000 to 12000 ft elevation
in the latter situation disputing
the ground with *Pinus aristata*
and having the same dwarfed
prostrate trunk & branches.
In some respects it agrees pretty
well with *A. Williamsonii* of
Newberry's Report



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