

If this is not practicable, and no
incidental situation offers, in Colorado
or Nevada, I might feel like a
short trip to the Rocky Mts. later
in the season to secure any select
plants, and seeds the latter to be
collected in quantity of it will
pay, for two to go out prepared
to collect largely of the different
Conifers.

The photograph is held
subject to order, if only a visit
You must determine the length of
the visit —

I take it you will make
a clean job of this years list of
plants, and print it, as soon as
possible, good! if you get help
and don't work too hard. — Why not
run away yourself next season
to the Rocky Mts it would do
you good.

Sincerely yours
B. B. Perry

Ask him to take him to
Davenport July 5th 1863
My Dear Dr. Gray

Yours of 29th ult^o
received, also (via Hall) Dec 17th,
and the labels, enough of the last
if you supply Engelmann's —
I am uneasily in doubt whether
Hall really & unaided finally accepts
my offer to buy me out. I thought
he seemed somewhat staggered
by your final conclusion in
regard to the distribution, by
which he might think that in
raising the price of his sets &
lowering mine to make an
average price, mine was actually
worth less, I do not think
this was your idea, but only to
simplify matters, a very desirable
consumation. I still hope that
the final result will be as I last
wrote you, a sale return & for
the round sum of \$250.

The specimen of wood, A. Engel.
was only a shaving of a nice specimen
I have dressed up for you showing
a cross section from pith to bark
of small sized tree very uniform
in growth, 74 rings, will send the
first opportunity. I am not surprised
that the tree should have the range
you mention; and it is fortunate
for its specific identification that
it should be studied, where A. alba
and A. nigra are not found -
Can it be as Dr Engelmann
suggests the mythical A. rubra?
not a bad name if the term rubra
applies to the bark -

A few more items of observation
in regard to the Pond Lily, in answer
to some inquiries the leaf writes
grows in deep water on the border
of a clear lake, leaf floating, like
common Pond Lily, flower globular
enclosing & concealing the short stamens

This brings it quite close to
Stephan I am promised specimens
of the plant and the precise
locality is mentioned within a
days drive of Denver !!.

My thoughts are inclining to
Nevada Terr for next seasons
operations. if I can make it
out, but it would be almost
too formidable for a private
enterprise and involve expenditures
for which I have not the means
to provide, It might be done if
say 20 subscribers could be found
to advance \$50. each and run
the chances of getting their pay
back in plants and seeds, I think
there must be a district there
sufficiently settled to afford facilities
for exploration, and not so much
explored as to take off the cream
of plants - This will do to
think about at least



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