

I sometimes think it would
be better for me to put the
actual value of this into a
more directly useful shape,
i.e. systematic works for study
or reference. - Still when it
comes to the pinch. I should
hate to part with it, and
perhaps, a trade such as I
suggest would not be practicable.
What would you advise
in the matter?

I send you a scrap from
the Gila see enclosed.

Sincerely yours
C. B. Parry

Davenport Iowa

March 13th 1863

My Dear Dr. Gray

Without having
much to write about. I must still
try & keep my hand in. Spring is
working its way along and with it
I suppose will come the fever
to be off in my favorite pursuit
of gathering strange plants in
new fields. but as yet nothing
definite seems to offer.

I shall feel almost tempted
in case of favorable news from
my pine seeds. to undertake still
a third journey to the Rocky Mts
perhaps late in the season. to
secure first of all full material
of that "Pond Lily?" and then by varying
my route pick up still a few
more new things. Has Engelmann
written to you about his proposal
to Shaw. to procure full material

of this unknown Naiad, and publish
in five colored plates, as Huphan?
Shawii. !!! Shaw is "thinking" about
it - I have the locality, not much
over a days journey from Denver!

But what about this grand Nebraska
exp of Thompson's will it work?
That advance pay looks rather
suspicious, if it is to be really
a grand affair the amount raised
will not really amount to much
but it seems to me there ought
to be at least confidence enough
in the originators, to incur the
expense of outfit ~~at least~~ - Still
it is worth encouraging ~~at least~~
and I hope sincerely it may be
carried out

There seems at present
rather a threatening aspect of
things in Utah - more favorable
to fighting. Much naturalizing,

The other day I received
a letter from Josiah Hoopes
of Westchester Pa asking about
Rocky Mt pine seeds. I sent
him a small parcel. - I expect
soon a chance of a private hand
to send you some odds & ends
as far as Boston. - That Draft
matter was all satisfactory.

About books. I have just got
my sets of DC from the binders
also Flora N.A. sadly battered by
15 years use - now rejuvenated.
except the gaps to be filled up
when? -

I have in my possession an
splendid gilt-colored copy of
Horkers Scenes fillium folio
which I was fortunate enough
to pick up in a book stall in
New York several years ago
it is in perfect order & cost
me at the time but \$25.-



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