

What particular interests me in
this connexion is the prospect of
of earning something, and putting
me in the way of extending my
travels - Should you write to Mr
Ward you may say to him for me
that when I turn my face Eastward
towards my native England I shall
not fail to visit Chelsea garden
and improve his offer of joining him
in excursions over that lovely land.
I have given a letter of introduction
to you to a Rocky Mt acquaintance
a Mr Merrick, who expects to call on
you. He has lately fallen heir to a
large estate, and having some taste
for Nat Science, and withal a good fellow
I thought you might nurse him up
to a patron of Science
I expect to get some photographs soon
I will send you several to use in
the way of exchange. I will not
be so long in writing again & give
more definite news about my plans
for this season Sincerely Yours S B Parry

Davenport. July 18th/84
My Dear Dr Gray
It has been from
no want of lively regard, that I have
been silent so long, but I kept
expecting to have something more definite
to write about & so delayed. I am
very sorry to learn of the sickness
in your family but trust the improvement
you mention may result in confirmed
health - I have so far made
my arrangements for going out to
the Mts this season, as to engage
an outfit, and rent my house for
6 months. My good wife will go
East next month to attend a
golden wedding of her parents which
comes off early in March. I would
go too but am rather calculating
on making a longer visit next
fall & winter when I return from
Colorado. I am anxious to get
among books & collections, and

put myself up in botanical
matters, and take by the hand
once more many good friends. So
you see I have not forgotten that
table you promised me in your
study. — I have lately received
through Dr Engelmann a letter from
Prof Brewer of California Geol Survey
giving some very interesting accounts
of his botanizing on the Sierra Nevada
as he speaks of sending to you
a full set of all his plants for
determination & description I
think they ought to prove rich &
novel. I am particularly desirous
of seeing how our alpine species
compare. This will also give
a chance to test Kellogg's descriptions
I have just written to Brewer
urging him to forward to you
Dr Engelmann as soon as
possible and telling him to include
in the plants sent as full a set

as convenient for me in exchange
for Rocky Mtn Species

A few days ago I sent you a
few newspaper sketches which I
have been writing for Chicago Journal
entitled "Far West." I wrote them
mainly with a view to bread & butter
but to my surprise they have yielded
such a stack of complimentary
noticees from different quarters
that I am fain to think I have
some ability with the pen, especially
as in the present case I have not
tried to "spread myself," and I am conscious
of many defects. You will notice
some typographical errors that I
ought to have corrected before sending
you, but if you can find use for
an extra copy to send to some of my
admirers? English friends I will
send you a corrected one. My next
article will be in the Pacific R R
and one following will close the series



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