

Davenport Aug 30th 1865

My Dear Dr Gray

I have returned
from my summer trip to Wisconsin
and am now busy sorting up my
collection of 1864. It will not be
a very extensive job will perhaps
occupy me 2 weeks or more.

I find on looking over the collection
now left after the distribution of
several irregular sets that I shall
not have more than 3 or 4 that
will count up as high as 200.
and perhaps 12 or 15 additional sets
of 100. sp. These I will put up
in separate parcels ticketed and named
to be disposed of as opportunity offers
at \$10.00 per C. If advisable send
the lot to you for distribution.
I will also do the same with the
wood sections, after supplying yourself

and Dr Hooker without charge there
will be perhaps 6 sets left which
can be sold at \$8, or \$10.00 per set.
Which will about cover actual cost
that will finish up all I have to
dispose of.

My roots have not come to much.
Primula Parryi furnished one bunch of
flowers and is now dried up.

Sedum strobliola a few small heads
Calypso did not flower (now dead)
Rubus deliciosa roots all dead,
Paniesia several roots growing finely
seem likely to do well
The seedling Spruce I Engel also
look well, with large buds for next
season - a. root of Rubus cereum
is also doing well. I did not
attempt anything with seeds not having
any conveniences

I spent a day with Lapham in
Milwaukee. He is not doing much
in botany. He finds Ephedra alpina
in the dells of Wisconsin!! associated

with Lullivania. & Aspid. fragrans !!!
An old botanical associate of yours
John I used to know in N.Y.
is now in Milwaukee. I meant to
call on him but did not find time
I think you have your vacation about
this time. I hope you will improve
it. Has Torrey home yet? and
what does he repeat from Cal.?
I still hold on to the notion of
going to Europe next season to spend
a year or more, study botany and
make acquaintances, etc. If this
comes about I shall need your
advice and assistance in many
things which I do not doubt you
will gladly render
What about Brewer? Is he making
any progress with California botany?

Enclosed
B. E. Parry

Nuphar ~~bicker~~ ^{pictum} n. sp.

Stigmatic rays irregular in number 13 to 19 not extending to the margin unequal in length. Ovary obovate. umbilicate with smooth edges corresponding to the projecting points of the crenated edge of the upper stigmatic shield. Petals broad spatulate 12-16 somewhat variable in width yellow at the insertion deep red towards the center and yellow at the tips $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long $\frac{1}{2}$ inch broad projecting slightly beyond the lower row of stamens. Sepals in threes, disposed in 3 (or rarely in 4 circles), or with one or more of the petals irregularly developed 2 outer smaller irregularly sickle shaped green with the margins inclined to yellow. middle row of sepals large broad orbicular-spatulate with a somewhat wide attachment inner sepals generally narrower & shorter with a reddish tinge mostly on the outer edge most conspicuous on fading. in color

resembling a roseate peach. flower not
fragrant; anthers linear stipitate nearly
as long as the filaments of a deep red
color. pollen grains on the upper surface
curving over outwardly and forming a
dense deep red rosulate disc. When in
full flower extending as high up as the
inner edge of the stigmatic disc.

Fruit narrowed towards the top of a
deep green color. Seed (immature)
unveloped in slimy cellular tissue
numerous in each cell

Leaves broad cordate. with obtuse lobes
and deep sinus. (6 to 8 inch long. 6 broad)
Grows in the boggy spongy bottom of
a small austy lake 2800 ft above the sea.
Temperature of water 58° & associated plants
Meganthes, *Utricularia*, *Sarcus* etc

Note) The above description was intended to note
especially those characters that are lost in drying
my specimens & sections will supply further
data, especially in regard to size &c



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