

I fear I shall not get back in time
to see him. He had received Mr. W.
Gale's of my plants and seeds, and
I hope has sent you some. Though
there is probably little that is new
I will include some nice things.
In case I return from San Francisco
by sea I will try & call on you before
I return west. But the probability now
is that I shall return overland. This
winter. I hope I do not fancy much.
Though I have not done as much
botanically as I hoped to do I have
seen a great deal of interesting
country, and enlarged my ideas of
geography considerably. I wish of
convenience you would drop me a
line, addressed to Cain P. Bolander
San Francisco. I have written him that
I am on my way & want to see
him & the California collections.

Very sincerely yours

C. C. Parry

Pinecroft Arizona Nov 24th 1867

My Dear Dr. Gray

You have probably before
this given up any idea of receiving any
thing in the botanical line from me but
perhaps it would surprise you to learn
that I am now working out of doors!
seated on a granite rock, while 80 miles
to the north, towers up in full view the
snow clad peaks of the San Francisco
I have been left in this place with a
single companion to collect some
information in reference to mines etc
and we are now expecting the surveying
party to come and move on to the
Colorado River. I am in hopes that
we will conclude our winter campaign
by a quick trip across the country to
San Francisco & thence Eastward.
It is quite tantalizing to a botanist
to be thus thrown into a new and

interesting botanical district at
this dead Season of the year, indeed
it seems like a waste of vital
energy to travel over these granite
hills, and see nothing but dry stalks.
I have however to day secured a
small fern Cheilanthes, and the
endured small camp. which looks neat
and in case you do not recognize it
in its withered form there is plenty of
jump seed from which it can be
raised. I also send you a small
parcel of seed of Rubus, which
may be a form of R. coccineus.
I have also seen in full flower here
Cornus Sibirica.

It is in this locality that Dr Cones
made his collections. now in Dr Engelman's
hands but I fear he did not do
justice to it. I was much surprised
in this low latitude (35°) to find
such a Northern looking country, covered
with heavy pine forests and otherwise

resembling the Far East. Its elevation
however will partly account for that.
But the climate is most delicious
cool fresh nights & clear warm pleasant
days during this month closely
resembling our best Oct Season.
I notice here a new species of
Juniper, with a close round globular
shape, silvery foliage, and horizontally
checked bark, also a large white
mealy berry. I doubt whether it has
been accurately described, and will
collect full material, of undescribed
name. A Juniper Sibirica smooth
the heart-wood is light red and
fragrant like common red cedar. It
has a very hoary ancient aspect
and would prove a valuable addition
to horticulture. So I shall collect
a large bag of seed for Mr.
Purpus. I heard from Dr Engelman
today. He is making arrangements
to go out to Europe early next Spring.



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