

Empire city - Col. Terr. Sept 16th / 72

My Dear Mr. Gray

You are certainly home by this time & I shall hear from you. I have to keep on the keen jump now. seeds ripening & falling out since frosts. I shall have to attend to the conifers this week. I am in doubt whether to send with cones. I think however for the benefit of the seeds I will send in this shape at least Abies. 3 sp. P. aristata. Pinus flexilis is not perfectly seed this year I can get perhaps 3-6 cones which I will shell out. I think now of shipping cones in heavy one sacks containing about $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel - I have packed waiting an Oregon Box No 1 of roots containing Pentstemon humilis 50? Calochortus variegatus 200. Ledum rhodanthum 10? Talium pygmaeum 20? Phlox arctica 6 Calypso borealis 4. Trifolium Parm. 15? Geranium frigidum 100. The last form the bulk of the box as I have taken up roots with earth which are in excellent condition the whole packed in moss. box weighing about 25 lbs?

I think better to send small boxes by
express. The mail would be much cheaper
but they are so particular about the way
of putting up, and do not allow any
marking either names or numbers
that I fear it would cause confusion
& waste of time. equal to the difference
in expense. I shall send probably 2
more boxes this week one containing seeds
these will go direct to Denver by Mr. Bygon
Liam, who is now in Middle Park (young
Putnam accompanied him).
a list of contents of boxes will be on the
top (inside) as soon as I stand to compare
I shall take up *Pentstemon* & *Erigeron*
Antennaria &c. Watson will tell you
that I stumbled on *Pachytarum Hartwegii* on
Mt. Flora when I must have passed
it 20 times. it is shy in flowering.
I will try & get seed & a few roots
I want to try & get through here by
the week in Oct & then do something
on the plains before going to Sawatch
Mr. Greene is to be here this week on

next on a missionary tour to up from
Heather he will stay with me a few
days. I write to Mr. Beckhouse every
week to put him in my progress.
I have finished up my dried plants
for the season Catalog sets numbering up
to 115 besides other irregular specimens
calculated in all 2500. You might like
order any time for Catalog sets at
\$12.75 or give an advertisement to the
Naturalist. Dr. Torg did not make
his appearance. being late I suppose he
hasn't come. I would like to write
up Jura Peak after getting all the data
desirable to do up the subject properly
including my own notes of 1862. I think
Whitney is the great obstacle in fixing
the name on Torg's Peak and some one
ought to talk plainly to him as it is
clearly a matter of personal spite on
his part. Prof. Jura might help out
the matter as he has measured both
peaks & disagreed with Whitney in the
measurements.

You will see Swank's paper. speaking
"of Cathedra" for Watts: from him
taken up the cudgels in a pointed
vindication of the Phonological Division
& the Museum. It is strong but not
exactly the right thing being, mainly
a personal complaint. That his own
work was not sufficiently complemented
and rather exonerating the Commission
who is of course the responsible party.
They are very uneasy under Swank's
rule in the Dept. and think all will
be right if he (Swank) is gotten rid
of, but I hope the Commission will
keep him as long as he stays, as they
properly complement one another. (one a fool
the other a knave). If we could only give
some of these politicians the lesson that
Hooker has given Agrelon & Gladstone
It would be well. Hope you get him
all safe & hearty

Yours truly
C C Parry.

What is this Artemesia? Enclosed?



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