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Dear Mr. Gray

We have our arrangements all made to leave for Denver tomorrow evening consequently I have been very busy finishing up my collection here, packing &c. I think I reported to you the contents of Box No 7. - The numbers following 8 to 11. contain conifers seed in one sack (1/2 bushel)

Box No 12 (not quite finished) will contain from the bottom up

Juniperus officinalis 100 good roots and a very choice plant

Engelmann glabellum 150 +

E. macrocarpum ? 100. I find nothing but habit to distinguish these two species we have plenty of material to clean them up -

Nardosmia sagitata. 6.

Young spruce + pines to fill up the box - This will finish up the root business

Write will again from Denver.

of seeds I shall have considerable
of an assortment, including some
duplicates, will add to them what
I can pick up in the north & in
the vicinity of Denver & make up
a parcel. I shall take with me
to Denver all the packages, from 5 to
12 inclusive, to express from there will
be & get them put in at merchandise
rates.

By last mail I get your letter
of Sept 19th including Watson's. You
will have to fight with the Stories
question with Engelmann who has full
material. It is funny that I should
have to argue strongly with Engelm. that
A. Engel does not run into A. Menziesii
and now you take up my old notion that
it is a form of A. alba. I still think
it is a good species, and there is only
one there, ranging from 8000 to 11000 ft
and holding its characters constant. The
thin pointed scale of the cones, and the

thin scaly bark - (Look at your wood
specimen sent you several years ago)
compare with A. alba growing with you.
I fortunately anticipated your wishes &
sent you a fine fruiting branch, (by mail)
from near where you saw A. I dipped the
branch in boiling water to retain the
leaves. As to A. grandis you will get
a bag full of cones mostly fallen to
pieces, which will need reconstruction to
compare with A. balsamea, a few specimens
tied up in gauze are packed away somewhere.
I am not so certain about its being
distinct from your No 2 species. I have
sent fresh branches again to Engelmann.
Torrey saw it but did not express an
opinion on it. I hope the thing will
be straightened out soon.

So now I shall soon be through with
my seasons work, which I hope very
satisfactory, but perhaps not up
to the mark in quantity. I only know
that I have been conscientious of action
to the full extent of my physical ability.

and if I have not done enough I
must be made right by knocking off
the L's

One other point, in case I go back
to Davenport next week. There may be
time for me to take up a run up
to Minnesota & collect Aspidium fragrans
which I suppose will be in the best
condition for transportation. You know
I have not been at the locality since
1848! but I hardly think the location
can have been altered, occupying as it
did an extensive range of precipitous black
rocks. I suppose I might get to the locality
& do the necessary collecting, at an expense
of \$30. to \$40. Now the question is whether it
would pay say for making a collection of
500 to 600 plants? Let me know what
you think about it & write at once to
Davenport Iowa. As long as I am expressing
I shall not need to use the gutta serena, but
when I finish packing, it will come in use I
may get the 2^d parcel by tomorrow's mail before
leaving. In haste Yours C. C. Parry



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