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My Dear Dr Gray

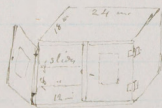
I have your notes  
in hand for some time should have been  
acknowledged before but other matters in hand  
What you say about "Pentstemon secundiflorus  
var alpinus." = P. Hallii! raises a strong  
doubt whether the latter will stand as a good  
species, certainly there is no greater difference  
between these two forms of P. secundiflorus,  
than there is between the lowland and alpine  
forms of P. glabra "as like as two peas"! I  
wrote to Hall lately for the exact locality  
of his original specimens. he writes "in the  
highest point of the Breckinridge Pass" hence  
about 11000 ft elevation = foot of Gray's Peak  
glad that Calamagrostis? turns out = Vaseya I  
collected it for the latter, but from a brief  
examination concluded it would not fit, now  
I see it does



I hear from Larry at last just getting up  
from a severe illness. I thought him a good deal  
broke down when I saw him in Colorado, he says  
he is more than half through his 77<sup>th</sup> year?  
I have sent 3 sets of albums for him to distribute  
5 left. I got also a letter from Mr. Backhouse,  
Clark to say he is too unwell to visit at present  
but hopes to get up shortly.

Mr. Pease it seems goes to Pueblo in the  
Arkansas or instead of Denver, he ought to get  
in the high Mts of upper Arkansas or West Mountain  
region this season. He seems full of botanical  
enthusiasm.

I am constructing portable herb cases, which  
can be piled up in the permanent herb same as  
in British Museum, size (inside) 12" x 18" (Double)  
all smooth on outside, in transporting lay the case  
on its back and pack in the paper as in a box  
black walnut fronts. I have the hinges on a bevel  
so that they will open flush inside and turn clear  
back s.



cost here \$4.00 each

slides draw out and can be  
slipped in each side the paper  
in packing for transportation

Something of this kind seems desirable for  
out very extensive herbaria, especially when the  
owner is liable to removal, or when in case  
of being donated or sold to a larger establishment  
it is desired that they be kept distinct.  
If Dr. Shult had had some such arrangement  
his plants would not have suffered as they have  
do.

I hear again from my official commander  
in Yellowstone rept. I am trying to get young  
Potnam along as Meteorological assistant or  
a volunteer. I have free travel again over  
Kansas Pacific and Mrs. P. gets a trip home  
to Denver. I wish it had been last year  
so that she could have had your company,  
or will you petunize the Pack house again?  
If I can get off the Yellowstone trip by middle  
of Sept I may go then, or somewhere else or  
collect roots &c. for Backhouse.

I will try to be more prompt hereafter.

Many yours

C. L. Parry

When is Watson new?



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