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Davenport May 19<sup>th</sup> /73

My Dear Mr. Gray

Mr. Watson's  
letter of 14<sup>th</sup> to hand. Genera  
Pl. will be along in due time  
I enclose P.O. order for \$7.10 to  
cover costs

I staid a day with Engelmann  
on my return he put me on  
the track of Androstaphyllum. but  
did not examine critically to  
see if distinct from A. violaceum  
I would like to have got some  
bulbs for cultivation but I was  
in haste back out of the settlement  
and no means for digging etc  
It has a light hyacinthine color  
spreading perianth, showing the  
corolla embracing the stamens

I am ordered to report at  
 Ft. Bridger before June 1<sup>st</sup>  
 young Putnam has gone on in  
 advance to take stationary  
 observations. I think on the  
 whole I shall prefer this trip  
 to the big one. as we go direct  
 into the high mountains. and  
 waste no time in the plains &  
 "bad lands." good for fossils. but  
 not so good for live things.  
 I wish Watson could go and  
 much is out there somewhere  
 I hear again from Backhouse  
 some more underscored wants  
 I shall try & get Leucocrinurus  
 for him a good stock & send  
 by mail a express from Denver  
 or Cheyenne. I shall try &  
 arrange to leave the exp<sup>d</sup> in  
 Sept early enough to collect  
 rocks & cutlees at Empire or  
 some other good place and

will engage help to make  
 a big pile. If it can be satisfactory  
 arranged. Mrs R. will come out to  
 Colorado to meet me. in company  
 with Mrs Putnam. and we will  
 take the Rock house by storm  
 I have some roots of Abronia  
 fragrans. showing up that I  
 left out all winter by way of  
 experiment.

When can I get a copy of  
 "Bakers revision of Liliaceae"?

I expect to leave here about  
 27<sup>th</sup> inst & go direct to  
 Denver.

Yours truly  
 C. L. Parry





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