

St George Utah

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My Dear Dr Gray

I have now been a week here and have made a fair reconnaissance of the adjoining hills & ravines. I shall soon be ready to move on in force and take possession of the many nice things coming to view. Every ramble turns up something, I have not seen before. A great variety of shrubby composites coming in promise well. I am now giving special attention to the Evanescent annuals. including a number of Hydrophyllaceae &c I enclose a small undescript. which I take to be a sp of Bowlesia? I have a sort of dim recollection that you have lately described a n sp. is this it? From this on I shall be constantly sending you scraps. so that you can indicate such as are of special interest or desirable to collect in quantity. I hope this week to make a trip 20 miles to the Mt. backbone of Yucca brevifolia Engelm. called by the Mormons "Doshua" It is now in flower. after I have spotted the nearest locality I shall arrange to get plenty of seed & fruit



I am quite comfortably fixed. have a working  
room & bunk in Mr Johnsons Library. and an excellent  
neat boarding house near by. The Mormons are  
inclined to be suspicious. but will get over that  
when they find I am not going to trouble their  
wives or churches. I heard Brigham hold forth  
to the faithful. he has now left for Salt Lake  
thats being his winter quarters.

I want you to look sharp for a nice  
new genus. for Canby. as nice (if possible)  
as the man himself. if the name is preoccupied  
you can give it one of your twists.

Fraxinus anomala is extremely common here. I  
shall send enclosed in a paper a fl. specimen to  
complete description. and latter collect aspe seed  
What I look for Euplectocadus? is Prunus minutiflora !!

Larrea is abundant here & most of the desert  
shrubby. I have seen Salazaria also. Dalea Johnsonii  
everywhere not yet out. I fear however not distinct  
from D. Fremontii Torr. It is curious to see here  
abundant in all damp rocks Adiantum, Cephaelis venosa.

The weather is delightfully pleasant now. will  
be hot enough soon. great prospect for fruit  
including everything that grows from Apple to fig  
What a charming tree the Almond is

Some nice Christmas: coming in from C. P. Perry





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