

St. Louis May 23^d 1874

My Dear Dr Gray

Your postal card also Watson
of 11th is hand. I am still driving on as fast
as the hot weather will allow. Therm. ran up to
95° falls to 70° at night. On my last tramp
I found a nice new filix, not examined yet.
Coleogyne is common all over the hills here
fruit now forming will get in all stages
I have commenced getting seeds of the com-
mon ones. Phacelia & c
Dalea Johnsonii just passing out of bloom
& forming legumes. Why can it not be cultivated?
Krameria parvifolia now in fl with Larrea
Mexicana. Salsola Mexicana. Mezquite &
some Nyctaginaceae now ready to collect
Glyptoploea still holds on I wait for mature
seed to send you. I do not see any essential
difference with Eaton's figure but size of ligules.
any how it will be nice in cultivation.
I am a good deal bothered over Ornithoglossum. Several
good new st. Ornithoglossum Watson is common
but very variable in size & form of radical
leaf. The terminal lobe always much larger.
Several of these things including Glyptoploea

are a kind of annual-biennial. i.e. the ripe
seed of this season grows in the fall & make
a tuft. that is dormant in winter & sends up
fl. shoots in Spring. So I suppose in cultivation
we must imitate this, and it will be advisable
to sow the seed early enough to grow this fall
most plants from here should be well
dressed with gypsum

That Milla capitata (fide Watson) with a
Crone as distinct as any Androsiphium is
a puzzle! I have had the two growing side by
side and pulled them to pieces. could see no difference
except relative position of the stamens, but the
capsule & seeds are quite different

I expect soon to make a Mt. trip this
week (40 miles) towards Colorado River. but the
season is still backward. These snow & frost
we are now in the height of. Strawberry season
& apricots full grown!

Eriogonum are now in season. some very nice
ones. but too big to send

I enclose for Watson Rockie Americana - the
grows here. with pistillate & perfect fl. always as
distinct plants!

Yours C.C. Perry



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