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My Dear Dr. Gray I have sent a box of plants for the B. A. garden directed to you by express as per receipt enclosed. It is rather miscellaneous in character, but such as I thought might be desirable. I have the seeds with me, which I shall take in to Danversport sort up & send by mail. I have sent Backhuser plants direct by express as addressed by him.

No time just now to answer Mr. Sargent's enquiries. In the box are a few seedling specimens of Abies, Engel. & A. Menziesii as reference samples. No two trees of the same genus can be more plainly distinguished when they grow, not as well in herb. and also not so easy to distinguish when young. But their specific character will soon show out. The glaucous bloom, is generally (not always?) characteristic of young A. Menziesii, which it loses with age. My seed of A. Engel is from Berthoud Pass elevation 11500 ft!!!

to Engelmann is now at Colorado Sp. will return
here tomorrow & leave for St Louis (with us)
on Tuesday. I expect to reach Liverpool
on Thursday Oct 1st and then as soon as I
get my goods I must work off the Utah
collection. hope you will be able to furnish
your determination soon. I suppose I will
be as well to write up a series of articles
or before for Am Nat. and a list with
description or notes in Appendix. I shall
want as soon as you can send conveniently
a Raspail or Shudrich B&H microscope
I am sorry you had not made a small selection
from Utah seeds sent to Backhouse. I do
not know what I may have kept over. but
will share with you whatever it is. The Monspellicia
I look for Erasmiastrum? I have plenty of herb
specimens. and I think a few seed perhaps also
sent to B. under the above name. I can arrange
to have it collected next year. it grows within
the tree limits of St George. I found difficulty in
collecting good seed of Cirsium. either eaten by
Franklinian or other vermin. As of many other
common seeds. Please write at once to be
and let me know of the safe arrival of Express
box
Yours truly
C C Parry



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