

Prof. Sargent

Spring Lake. Utah Terr
July 3^d 1875-

and

My Dear Dr. Gray

I have at last reached the expected field of my seasons work, and ready to take hold in earnest, I think the prospects are reasonably fair of doing at least something in the way of botanical discovery at least in the high Mt. districts.

I have made one considerable climb, far enough to reach a snow bank, but the Mt. flora is meagre compared with Colorado. Among other things I found the enclosed Viola growing where the snow has been lying deeply on loose soil in limestone ridges. The curious plicate leaves are

This is rather a pleasant locality we have our best garden in an extensive fruit orchard & farther - with bees loaded down with apple & peach. apples & plums & so on. Duncan Putnam is with me. but a mere wreck. Hearty respects through the early stages of convalescence.

very singular. before seeing it in
flower I took it for seedling
Phacelia circinnata. I have seen no other
plants growing in the shade, having
a more familiar look, with larger
broader & smoother leaves. On exposed
ridges it is a singularly neat
pretty species, and would be nice
in cultivation. If it should prove
new. let me know and I will
send more full material, and let
you characterize it. Some other
scraps I will enclose in a later
parcel

I have made some enquiries as
to the chances of securing Indian
implements. Mound objects &c &c
and may possibly be able to expend
that \$100. - to some advantage. but
for the present would as soon the funds
should stay in your hands. till I see
what can be done

Please say to Mr Sargent
that the Abies question for
this season is easily, if not
satisfactorily solved? Passing the
other day through a forest of
Abies concolor. with a single
cone could be seen so that my
surmises were correct that this
would be the off year for
conifers, at least as far as
the Abies section is concerned
I now feel some curiosity to
settle whether (as I have some
time suspected) the Abies grandis
of the Cal^a botanists is not our
A. concolor. of the Wahsatch?
I find here again. the true A. grandis
of Colorado. but confined to the
highest ridges. Please keep my
pasted in botanical matters. to the
above address

Yours C.C. Parry



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