

Last week on the edge of
the desert I found a very
remarkable Dasyleria. with
large trunk 3-6 ft and thick
Yucca like leaves. I have sent
material & notes to Dr Engelman
asking him to characterize &
send description to you I also
send you in envelope - a leaf
and capsules containing some
mature seeds. It must be
nice in cultivation

I am very busy. Lemmon keeps
me hunting. keep picking up new
things - as soon as I get them
will make up a parcel. plenty
of sp. new of Dalea Californica &
fr - also Cercosoma Bygeliana
to send looking around for
the Flora Hope to hear soon

Yours truly

C.C. Parry

Washed 5-8' (young) in/years
grows by small sand dunes

San Bernardino

March 28th 1876

My Dear Watson

I have been
hunting up as full material as
I can of the Desert Palm
and now send results. as complete
as I can except fl.

I conclude that there is but the
one species in this section
including some full grown specimen
cultivated at Los Angeles of
which I send you a stereoscopic
view. said to be 76 years old?
I have been bothered a good deal
in regard to spines on the petioles
I find them quite constant on
all except old trees. where
in the upper leaves they are
occasionally wanting or at least
irregular i.e. on some, not others

The 1st specimen I saw on
Morongo pass. had no spines at
all - in other old trees some
leaves are thickly set others scant
or wanting - not always easy to
determine on account of height
but as a general thing the spines
are quite constant & prominent.

Here are measurements of a
specimen cultivated in San Bernad
said to be 18-20 years old.

Height of stem	7 feet -	} 17 ft.
" " leaf crown	10 "	
circumference at base	9 ft 2 in	
" " summit	4 " 4 "	
Length of developed petioles	4 ft 8 in	
breadth at base	9 1/2 in	
" " middle	3 1/2 "	
" " top	2 1/2 "	
vertical length of blade to tip of division	4 feet	
width	5 feet	
depth of leaf division	8-15 in.	plate 50?

Sargent says you now call
this *Prochordia filamentosa* -?
I sent by mail parcel parts of
two petioles showing the irregular
character of spines also parts
of fl spathe, sheath, & small
bracts. the fl stems are 8-10
ft long. see in the views sent.
The height of full grown specimen
is about 25-30 ft. but the
Los Angeles one is taller.
I have seen no indication
of fresh fl branches. I have
been told it fl in winter &
perfects its seed in fall. The
latter gathered by Indians I
sent. a few seeds with the
skin adhering. This is all I
can say about it at present
Palmer has sent on trunk &
leaves see to Carterial.



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