

DAVENPORT

Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, May 7th 1877.

Dear Dr Gray

I have just seen your artichoke article in Silliman's Journal May. It recalls some old observations of mine in Minnesota in 1848. By reference to Swens Report p 614 you will see I call the tuber bearing Helianthus. H. tuberosus. L. give the Chippewa Indian name and indulge in some far fetched comparisons. I remember distinctly the tubers having the regular artichoke taste of my boyhood when I relished such things. I think some time after, I wrote you on the subject & perhaps sent specimens of my collection of 1848 Minnesota, and later of 1865 Wisconsin. They do not answer to the description of H. doronocoides Lam being rather slender with long lanceolate leaves, feather veined. &c I lay by some more specimens to send, or bring with me. I now expect to leave for Philadelphia 9th inst will meet R. H. Rock and others then to N.Y. and so on to Boston &c I sent the other day to Watson 2 bulbs of Calochortus Citrinus taken apparently in good

I hope you can make a good flower
it comes from dry rocky places near the Barbours.
Lemmon writes cheerfully. is arranging for a trip
to Honey Lake &c.

Palmer is probably on the Lower Virgin. may
pick up some good things.

The box of freight sent to your address will contain
parrots for Boissier & Bailey. of Palmer & mine
There are also two odd sets of Palmer which he
wants to dispose of his last sets do not take
well though they contain many new & new things
he was too anxious to multiply sets, and numbers
so as to cover greenbacks. no one can make
collecting pay alone with a limited market of 12 to 15
sets, I shall realize from my Cal. collection just
enough to pay my fare one way

will write from Philadelphia. Hope to get report
from the plants sent by mail before long

Yours &c
C. C. Parry

Young Putnam keeps fairly well & active



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