

San Luis Potosi July 8th 1878

Dear Dr. Gray glad to get a sight of your
hand, once more though Mrs P. I appreciate of
course the reasons of your long silence but
you need not be "afraid" to say so —
I have now fully made up my mind to
pull up from here last of this month &
take overland route to Texas, collecting as
much as I can on the route stopping over
at Saltillo. From there going to Brownsville
& San Antonio. I take my collections with
me, and will arrange to have Palmer stay
and finish up here. He is still in Mexico
but I expect him back this week when I
shall pack up & be ready for the first
train north. It will be a good time
to pass over this dry district & I hope to
pick up some nice things besides getting
a connected series of observations.
I enclose herewith some scraps lately picked
up, which may interest you especially the
curious Membranous Caryoph. *Cordia* of which
H & B say "*a nobis non visce*". I am not sure but
the 2^d sp. is here also. I also enclose *Vida Bonneti*
which Schaffner names in herb. but not published
if it should prove a good n. sp. please publish
as it properly can incriminate a very worthy man
though I don't think much of the author.

I have been half tempted to give Schaffner
a lesson in politeness, in as strong Castilian
as I can muster, but conclude on the whole
to let him alone till I write up my observations
when I shall have a good chance to show him
up gently in embash with our friend Barnet.
Some weeks ago I addressed S. a note asking
the privilege of examining his collection of
Agave to which he has designed no reply,
so that furthest up our personal intercourse
Barnet got the pamphlets all safely &
is much pleased, he will be useful in time
but it is best to specify just what you
want him to send, he might send many
things by mail to Sargent, if he was supplied
with suitable envelopes & wrappers
I send things at random to Sargent, some
of which may reach him in fair condition,
among them a dish shaped tuber Piperumia,
which will make a nice pot plant, grows in
my rock crevices! what I have called
Agave Engelmannii of which I have a large
supply of seeds Engel says "Beschermeria!",
glad to hear of the progress in Flora
Index &c - My work here will I think prove
more interesting in its relation to U.S. Flora
than you suppose, equally in the presence
and absence of western intermixing.

Regards to Mr. G. & Watson & "Max"

Yours

C. C. Parry



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