

Dear or pray

Davenport May 22 1879

Glad to hear the safe arrival of "big box"  
and that the contents are satisfactory

Palmer's double set with double tickets had better be  
divided that will make the 3 sets wanted for Europe. This  
country will be well supplied. 2 sets to Philadelphia Bedford  
& Martindale and an extra double set to Canby who  
advanced \$200. = perhaps he would be willing to divide  
also and send his extra set to D C. The Kew set is  
fully  $\pm$  to yours and I have no doubt will give satisfaction.  
The surplus here would be much broken but would  
contain many of the most desirable things, but I thought  
better to wait for these till the collection is well named  
up of which there seems a good prospect. Just now I am  
mainly anxious that Palmer (to whom must be credited  
the lion share of the collection) should realize some  
returns for his labor in a pecuniary way, so far he is out  
of pocket, but I think I can make that all right. The Kew  
set which of course is properly applied and could not be  
charged for, makes a hole in the pile. I only want to  
keep a full set at present, pity that Palmer's last  
gatherings were so inferior in quality and character so  
that I disliked to incorporate with the others, mainly  
non specimens of sub tropical things that nobody wants  
I have advised Palmer to sell in bulk to Vasey  
who can do best with them.

I hardly know what there is left of my previous  
collections, could doubtless make up quite a lot



If I had time to look over the loose piles, let me know the latest time that will answer before making up your parcel and I will see what I can do will get Mr Parry to help me

Engelmann seems lively again Agave Parryi now in flower in St Louis from freeness specimens When freene he was to have visited you & returned here before now. I am anxious to see him. I sent you Hensley's list & letter

We should have a good energetic collector in N. Mexico. head quarters Saltillo it is going to be the choice collecting ground for the next 25 years I wrote to Palmer yesterday

Yours  
C.C. Parry

Notes for Palmer  
Supplementing list



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