

Davenport. Jan 17th 1880

Dear Mr Gray

I have had an envelope on my table addressed to you for over a month & not even New Years greetings sent - till now - I have been "jittering" away at my herbarium which begins to show some signs of order. I expected about this time to have started East via St Louis, but am now likely to be detained for another month.. will go first to Philadelphia Engelmann seems mentally active, but rather infirm physically. - I am anxious that he should carry out his plan of a Western trip this season. My idea is to stop over in Utah take a look at the Wasatch, and then along the course of the Utah Northern ^{RR} towards Montana. (now finished) near 300 miles - Then Oregon, working South along the Sierra Nevada, fetching up in the fall in Yosemite to South Cal & put in next winter there & along the line of South Pacific RR through Arizona & New Mexico & home via Atch Top & Sta Fe. Perhaps it may be desirable to reverse this in part & take an earlier trip on Atch Top & Sta Fe early this season as far as Rio Grande. Have you not Boston acquaintances who could check our hats over that line?

I want to talk over all these matters & make
such arrangements as I can when I come
past. in the mean time will see Engelman
& find out just what he can do.

I hear nothing lately from Hemsley in the Mexican
plants. I hope they will not stall at the old sticking
place (after Compositae). Engelman sends notes of
a new Cuscuta C. microcarpa from Mex. It is a
story without No. I will save a specimen for
my herb. have sent me, & description to Kew.
Juglans Parryi has gone into winter quarters. It
has a hard woody stem with young sprouts as if it
might live over - I send such seed as was left mostly
abortive, but some I think may grow. I notice a
curious fact (see sample) that the receptacle detaches
from the hollow peduncle in the form of a disc.
There are 2 or 3 seeds left over of Tillandsia tuberosa
which I have put in the hands of a careful florer
to raise this year. It would be a most desirable
thing if started early & kept back till September. If
you should have about this time. Jodman's Bot
Cent from Hemsley for me. also H. & B. for PL
When received may as well make up reprint parcel
& include Bot. Text Book new ed. which I have not
yet sent bill for the whole. I have just seen
J. Marcus Jones which has a very indifferent lot of common
things. & the most desirable. Should I still put up
western parcels for Dr. Carson?

Yours truly
C. C. Parry



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