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I am now expecting to make a short trip to San Diego. Hope to pick up Nemacaulis.

We have had nice warm days and good prospects for late botanical Mr. Pringle not here yet. he may follow me to San Diego

Continue to write here where I have my P.O. and when Mr P will stop till my return

Yours Truly  
C. C. Parry



Dear Watson

While I am dabbling in Chorizanthe. I may as well report progress. I have been through most of my material here as far as the seed and find 2 very natural groups, viz with orbicular cotyledons or inflated radicle. taking in

orbicular cotyledons  
in flower & fruit

- 1-3 { C. Thunbergii
- C. leptoceras
- C. spinosa
- C. Membranacea

inflated cotyledons  
in flower & fruit

- C. perfoliata
- C. California

linear cotyledons  
& sharply striate  
radicle

- C. stellulata
- C. Romaniana
- C. Parryi
- C. procumbens

This probably includes most of the others - it least all with slender involucres.



Please send me a ripe fragment of  
C. uniaxistata. where I can see stamens.

Locality should be Mojave  
sub. San Bernardino <sup>Sanmon</sup>  
+ <sup>Parry</sup>

C. spinosa Watson is the most curious  
and irregular of which I have now made  
out a detailed description.

It has a peculiarity of shedding its <sup>2?</sup> weak  
flower, leaving in the mature involucre only  
the stronger one with its swollen skene, and  
the short pedicel of the other. (See specimen)  
it is therefore rare to find the two flowers  
together. It is probable that the weakest  
involucres contain only 1 fl. but I have  
rarely seen any without remains at least of  
the two. I think I have also seen 3 in  
very strong involucres.

The lobing of the perianth seems to give  
good characters.

C. membranacea besides its oblique acuminate clypeus  
approaches Centrostegia in the swollen projection at  
base of involucre - as you suggested - therefore should  
be permitted? Meerum sect shows similar tendency.  
There is all I need bother you with at  
present - (See over)



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