

Davenport Iowa Aug 17th 1882

Dear Watson

I have had an envelope in my table addressed to you for several weeks! expecting to send every day. but put off — for more complete? items. Now I must fire off what I have got in hopes to hit you before or after your vacation?

I am still wrestling with Chorizanthe and have now been over nearly all the species in my possession which lacks only 4 or 5 of being complete! and very full specimens. I have extracted the embryos from all but one or two and have observed the germination of several I have had in cult. C. perfoliata, C. Fendleri & C. xanti. So that I ought to be pretty well up. I am satisfied that the species with lateral radicle & acumbent cotyledons will form a natural group. following Centrostegia, & take in C. spinosa, C. rigida & C. membranacea. I am now anxious to see C. polygmioides to see when it comes write to Rattan who said his specimens were all eaten up by Rat² (not Rattan?). I presume your material is recent. but if you can spare a fragment or enough to show the embryo I should like it.

besides these I lack only C. Whaleri, C. Breweri,
C. laciniata (probably only form of C. fimbriata, and C. valida, ?
 though I may perhaps have the later. from Acad Herb 87
 (of which I enclose fragment.) I will before long send
 for the herb a set that will please you.

As to Oxythesa which I have not yet grasped,
 Wright sends me a large stock of O. micromis
 and with it a very diffuse form of O. Caryophyllodes
 spreading over 18 inches with the involucre constantly
pedicellate. I can't make anything else out of it
 though Wright was so anxious for a n. sp. that he
 had labels printed "O. Wrightii Perry n. sp." which will
 be likely to stay so. Then again Synnogonum? well
 have to go somewhere and I am strongly inclining
 to your view regarding the subtending 5 cleft bracts
 as an involucre. Much of course I smash Synnogonum.
 Let her smash — So you see in my jostling
 way I have plenty to keep me busy with no
 time to quarrel (even with Jones). I have just
 shipped 1300 sp to British Museum — so much
 out of the way.

I still expect to leave for the west. Though
perhaps not before Oct. it has been so comfortably
cool here that I do not pine for California. Though
occasionally craving the fruit.

Let me say as well send the Palmer parcel
these plants, of which he has several times written.
Though supposing they were plainly marked. I did
not feel anxious about. To make up the
parcel you may also (if convenient) include
Vol 2. Bot Cal. of which I do not yet own
a copy. am borrowing the Acad. copy, send bill for
same and I will remit by Postal order

You have Engel there now, and of course a
lively time. do not keep him too long. but
send him back here to me.

I must tell you a good joke about Sheldon (who has lately lost
his wife) over 10 years ago. he deposited in Savings bank the
amount of \$1670.5 and forgot all about it, till the bank officials
advised him interest & all now amounting to over \$3000. He
was astounded, but referring to some old records, found the entry!
Are you never coming to see us?

Yours truly C. C. Parry



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