

Davenport April 21st 1884

Dear Dr Gray

I am not so anxious
to "rush into print," without listening to a
word of friendly warning. Though I still
see no flaw either in the observations or
reasoning by which I concluded to merge
Nemacaulis into Eriogonum. The close
~~arrangement~~ resemblance between the floral
arrangement in E. angulosum & Nemacaulis
— in each a condensed spiral, with a flower
in the axil of each bract, leaves only.
The unimportant character of a united or
distinct involucreal whorl, to distinguish
the two. Taking it for granted that the
involucre, (in Phlox form) represents the
outermost series of fl bracts. I inferred
that we had in Nemacaulis, the first step
in the process of development — If there are
other characters to distinguish, I do not know
them, even after scores of careful dissections.
But to learn more for being "convinced"

I have spontaneously withdrawn the
paper from the printer and enclose
it entire to you. If you have no
time now to discuss the matter,
it can wait till I come.

Yours truly
C.C. Paroq.

C. C. PARRY. HERBARIUM.

Eriogonum nemacaulis

No.



Stamens 4



outer bracts of involucre
with sessile fl
bracts
cauline bracts



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Locality, San Diego

Coll.,

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