

Herbarium Kew gardens
London Nov 4th. 1884

Dear Dr Gray

Yours of Oct 13th is
hand. I was in hopes that in
getting clear of Compositae. you would
be able to take a rest? or at least
do only what you feel inclined to do.
I shall be glad if you can help
out the muddle of Arctostaphylos. "in
situ." I still think if the prostrate
uva-ursa like species at San Francisco
= A. pungens. A. pumila will have
to be dropped. but I quite incline to
accept A. Hookeri Don x. varialis Hook.
as a good species. I think hybridism
has done something to obscure the form
of A. pungens. or more likely to confound
A. glauca & A. formicosa!

Well if you will go. let me sketch
out a good winter campaign now

i.e. Starting as soon in December
as you can. via Washington & New Orleans.
When in Washington do not fail to
see Mrs Genl Bidwell her address

1207 N. St. at her father J. C. J. Kennedy.
Then on to New Orleans, taking in
the industrial exposition, then via
South Pacific route to El Paso, too
early to botanize except to take in
the general features of the scenery.
Thence through Southⁿ Arizona. To
Los Angeles. stopping over at Colton
and notifying Parish to meet you
and put you on the track of anything
of interest near San Bernardino
including by all means a drive
to Dr. J. D. B. Stillmans. at Laguna &
the foot hills of San Bernardino range.
Then to San Diego for comfortable
winter quarters. which will have just
enough botanical interest to keep
you pleasantly occupied

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I will only say still further
that I am inclined to go back to
your early opinion of Gymnomma
(Oxytheca luteola) and regard it
as belonging to the bracteate
involucral section, as the
involucral segments are clearly
not on the same plane (i.e.
a regular whorl) But I see
that I shall have to take up
this whole involucral subject
and have bothered you sufficiently
at this time.

As special news here all
very busy, now busy arranging
books including Mr Bentham's loose
papers. Sir Joseph has been kind
enough to select a series for me
including some of the older ones
would it not be well for you to
suggest something in the way of
distribution in U.S.

In looking over some of Mr Boulton's
addresses &c I am struck with
admiration at his wonderful
secrecy. I do not yet know
what steps will be taken in
regard to a memorial. but I
think the matter is in progress
You know the English move
very slow & are not demonstrative
but the first only a few nights
ago has spoiled the garden
show, but the green house are
splendid

Enough for the present
Yours truly

C.C. Parry

P.S. I note what you say in
reference to Mr Shaw. but am
ready to wait further developments
L.R. Orcutt sends 3 fl of the curious Euphorbia
shrub from Iowa called which Dr Engelman
indicated as a n. sp. Tetracoccus
(I brought you some old fr specimens)



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