

In the mean time I feel as
if I should be at work all the
time and strength I can spare
to put things in order & lay aside
the mass of duplicates which now
encumbers my collection, also to
get rid of considerable useless trash.
What I now write may be rather
a disappointment to you in reference
to your St Louis plans, but you see
just how the matter stands, my
good-will in reference to the Engellmann
matter is as strong as ever, if I can
only see my way to carry it out.
I have been just going over
Eichrichium to put under the new
arrangement which I have fairly
well represented - (a doubtful sp enclosed)
I am inclined to think well of some of Mr Freeman
n. sp. Eriodictyon i. e. E. sessilifolia and
his referring Name Lottii to Eriodictyon?
but all this another time

Yours truly

L. C. Parry

Davenport Iowa Oct 21st 1885.

Dear Dr. Gray I have been

taking the matters you suggested
under consideration. You did not
send me Prof Trelease's address
or I would correspond with him
directly. I have promised Dr. George
Engel, to go down there for
2 or 3 weeks sometime during
the fall or winter. But what you
say in reference to the editing
of Engel's botanical papers does
not seem to require my special
attention. George's idea is a simple
 republication without notes or additions
which he thinks would involve great
delay & "can wait" - Under such
circumstances I do not see why
any one else of sufficient botanical
information & accustomed to editing
could not do as well or better than

me. and on Prof Trelease seems
anxious for work he can't see
to it under our joint supervision
I do not wonder that you want to
get it off your hands. with so
much else to do. and I have
enough to do for months or years
to get my own herbarium in
order. What I especially dread
in reference to the proposed St Louis
matter is that my working capacity
in that rather trying climate may
not hold out, particularly as I have
to look after a local pulmonary difficulty
that seems aggravated by confinement.
For this and other reasons my inclination
are more for California. and I have
just received a very favorable
letter from Senator Stanford. to whom
I made a proposition to dispose of
my collections & library as a
botanical nucleus for his proposed

Industrial Institute. I infer from
the way he writes that he could
be induced to make a move
in that direction. and as I have
referred to you. and you have also
intimated that you expected to have
an interview with him this winter
at Washington it is well that you
should know just how the matter
stands. I therefore enclose you
his letter which please return.
As it requires me no immediate answer
I shall let the matter rest.

My proposal was (which I mention to
you in confidence) to dispose of
all my collections & books for a
round sum of \$10,000, - with the
condition that it be properly cared
for and be accessible to me at
all times. either as curator or
under some one approved of by me
So now you know the exact state
of the case



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