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Dear Watson

I take the enclosed to be your Eriger. Mojavense W. ?

One peculiarity - if all my specimens is that the flowers are imperfect nearly all pistillate, in fact I had difficulty to find a single staminate flower in the doz specimens. Do you find this the case with the original Palmer specimens?

I have been lately skinning among the obscure annual species, making careful dissections & notes. I think it might be an advantage in the classification, if the annual & perennial (+ biennial) species could be kept apart as they are in fact largely in other natural characters. Then they would come better into line with Chrysanth. -

I think I would conclude the annual series with an Pyrethroid group. which would make a very

natural section introductory to Oxytheca vera (with awns)  
I do not know whether Mrs Chas. an. yarrow gave you with  
specimens of her n. sp. Her paper must have amused  
you. The idea of comparing Systaxia perantha? with Hollisteria  
is sick. I told her before publishing that her  
Chorizanthe was an Oxytheca, in reply to which she  
requested me to change the 1<sup>st</sup> name (C. hexantha) to  
C. insignis! But what can we do with such  
Arabs but to "let them alone"

When do you rusticate this year? are you  
never coming to see us?

I have given up California for the present  
too big a crowd going there

We have deep snow yet in the ground.

When do you publish Palmer's & Poungles plants (1885)

Yours Truly  
C. C. Parry



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