

which the poorest workmen could
ever perceive, so you cannot
appreciate your own work in
the gardening line. - Good
Heavens if I had written
a paper half as good
as yours, how conceited
I should have been!

With my hearty thanks
for all your kindness, &
I have just been looking
over some of your old
letters - Between me

you must trust

I cannot get
over my surprise
at your naturalised
& agrostic plants
not being variable

(I do not mean of this preceding
marked cases) - May keep this point in mind.

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John Bromley Kent

Nov. 24th

My dear Dr. Gray

Although I have nothing particular
to say, yet I cannot resist
thanking you warmly for your
letter of Nov. 4th. - Your facts
on northern range have indeed
astonished me: they will be
preeminently useful for my
special purpose.

I forwarded your enclosure to you
day of this receipt. -

I am delighted to hear that
you intend to attack the
naturalised plants, with especial

care - I have asked (indeed I
asked it many months ago)
your new Edit. & hope soon
to get it. -

The last sentence in your
letter at first surprised
me & troubled me to a
degree which would have
made you laugh, had you
seen me. viz "The a
considerable part of our Alpine
plants are not known in our
Arctic continental regions."
I did not perceive that you
had added ~~any~~ but are

connected with Scandinavia
thru Labrador or - and
this made me happy again.
But looking at the globe
it was rather a forced
effort to exclude Labrador
from your "Arctic continental
regions"? - I try think of this,
and you may confirm some
one else as you did me.
When you say ^{the} "the only method
to make your work in "to
show you the way" - it convinces
me of one thing alone, - that,
as to my best workman
see Reminiscences in his work



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