

Silver City, July 12, 1888

Dear Dr. Gray:

Your post-card
of the 2d inst. asking about the
Phacelia, has just come in.

No: I did not feel sure that what
I called *P. Arizona* of this year
collecting was the same as the Arizona
plant of 1877. But my specimens
this year were too young, and, I have
no specimen of the Arizona plant
to compare; so I can not help you
at present. I would not wonder
if two species are still included
under the name *P. crenulata* - a
low one, with large, showy deep purple
flowers, and a tall one with small,
blue corollas. But it is too late to
make a study from live plants this
year. I have, however, good bright
flowering specimens of both, and will
send you some. There are no traces

- or rather indications, of any
running together of these two
forms, in this region.

Your report, (dated July 1) on my
parcel of plants contains some
questions, to which I reply now.

The *Achillea* (115) is *perennialis* &
therefore *A. spinulosus*, as I discovered
for myself after I had sent it; though
at the time of collecting, I thought it might
be another species. An annual plant
closely resembling this, is abundant, but
will not be in flower for some time yet.
This I suppose will be the *A. gracilis* to
which you have reference.

If I read correctly, a note at the end of
your letter, it contains a name new
to me i.e. *Greenella*. I puzzled
myself over it a long time. Is it then
true, that the little white-flowered
composita which you at first took for
a new *Ruellia*, you found to form a
new genus? If so, it is news to me,

and I shall look forward with great
pleasure to the day when the description
of Gymnella Brizovic will appear in
print.

I fear to bother you with many questions,
but I would like to know who is author

of the name Polygonatum vulgare.

I dislike exceedingly to see, on a ticket, a
name without the author's name, and for
settling the point, in cases of European plants
I have no means at hand.

Again, Is Mr. Watson's name of this
Populus the one that is to go out with
the specimens? Or the one in the Prod.?
My latest new Asclepiad (I seem to
average one a month as far this year)
is a marvel! Suggesting by its
hoods both Ananthus + Asclepiodora, it
has its author wings widest in the middle
like Aceratis; but by its conspicuous
horn it will easily hook itself on to
Asclepias, and hang there forever; though
it comes under none of your three
sections! I enclose a flower;

and, in case I do not find more
than the single specimen which
I have, will give that to you
when it gets dry, as alas the
one specimen extant of A. Coustis,
of which, however, I found some weeks
ago another specimen with good, mature
follicles.

Very Sincerely Yours
Edw. L. Greene.



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