

To exceed 400 species of my this  
years collecting.

I want to get a copy of Benth  
& Hook. Herbaria, and I must  
I guess look to you for directions  
about how to obtain it.

My specimen of the latest *Asclepias*  
(of which I sent a flower) is now  
dry, but I doubt if I shall get  
it mailed to you in time for you  
to see it before you go; much parish  
work lately; occupied all this week  
in jail with two poor young  
convicts whom I must attend  
to the scaffold this afternoon.

No; there is no mistake about  
the whiteness of flowers (says) of  
*Gonolobus*; none are white.

The stems of *Asclepias Wrightii*  
are decumbent - almost prostrate.  
Maybe the rest of the group are so.

But all this I am writing will come  
too late.

Sincerely Yours

P. L. Greene.

Silver City, Aug. 20, 1880.

Dear Dr. Gray:

Your letter of the  
11<sup>th</sup> inst. just in, gratifies  
me much, because it shows  
that you have exercised, with  
my *Asclepias* M.S.S. the freedom  
which I wished. There will  
of course, be no need of anything  
at all going into the *Gazette*  
about them & the M.S.S. is only  
to be destroyed; and I hope you  
will have done the same with  
the other list, or other new species,  
which followed that; for the  
*Proc. Am. Acad.* is a better place  
no doubt, for a new species to  
be published in.

In making one call that  
milkweed *A. Wrightii*, I  
think you go to an unnecessary

extreme in courtesy to your  
discipulus. By saying, in  
your paper that I had drawn  
attention to the species as distinct  
from A. longicornis, you would  
have done me ample justice; or  
if you wished to do more you  
could have named it Grueneri.  
That was what Dr. Engelmann pro-  
posed to do with the little one  
after it had been printed in the  
Gazette. And by the way, I will  
quote to you his words, by which  
I was induced to propose the alteration.  
" uncialis" it is not, and you  
have time yet to alter it, for  
which I would suggest A. humilis,  
if you will not let me call it  
A. Grueneri."

When I had found specimens more  
than an inch high, I still could  
not have thought to alter the name  
but for that very strong proposal

of the Doctor's: and, since you  
say you will not alter it, all  
right. I had sent to correspon-  
dents who had received the species  
from me, new tickets with the  
name A. humilis, as soon as I  
had mailed my second lot of M.S.s.  
& Mr. Coulter. Now, I will  
recall those, and and again  
the name A. uncialis.  
I have sent out four or five packages  
of 100 species, but that is the  
only one of the new millbirds  
which was in.

By the way, I shall have, there or  
four more sets than an spoken  
for, so that you can, if you wish,  
refer to me, any European horticult  
whom you may meet with or  
who may desire <sup>of me</sup> I am getting,  
your <sup>of me</sup> I suppose a good  
many of the things I am collecting  
will be wanted at Kew, but how  
can I tell how many, or what  
species? But then will not be



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