

only glandular hairy, you will,
I know, stand aghast. or else
be tempted to tell me I don't
know what genus I am talking
about. I hope to secure the
fruits of both so that we can be
sure what is to be done with
them. Possibly only one species
is in this region, yet both leaves
and ovaries seem strongly dissimilar.
Dr. Gray asks if I am likely to
get as many n. sp. this year as last,
and I see no reason to doubt that
I shall, if I can only get to the
places yet unvisited.

The great mountain system here is
the Megallan Range, into whose ^{foot} hills
only, I went last year, & that in mid-
April, but brought out Draba Megallanica,
Delphinium scaposum and, no matter
what others. But this year I must
get to the alpine summits, yes, & the
sub-alpine forests, where botanical has
never been. As ever yours E. L. Greene.

Silver City, March 31, 1881
Dear Mr. Watson;

These stamps will
suffer less than the volumes did
in traversing the continent, so
I start them back again! I
think you did not see the
letter in which I first made
known my intense desire to
get Bot. Cal. Vol. I. But no matter.
It was only after having received
from Cal. the copy of Vol. II, that
I authorized my correspondent
to offer as much as \$5.00, if
necessary, for a copy of Vol. I for
me. He then wrote back that
he was confident it could be
had (had been reprinted) at the
original price, by addressing
you. Then shortly after that
came the Bot. Gazette & with
both volumes advertised. I am
very far out of the world, and

all such good news are state
with eastern people before they
reach us here.

Well, in a week I shall hope
to see vol. I. My extra copy of vol.
II, some one will come along
and reach before long.

Dr. Gray's letter informs me that
Dr. Cassin will probably send
you a postal order for which
will be due on those plants.

But who knows what the amount
is to be. I sent him 600, a
year ago, from Cal. & Col. and
got but \$42.00 for them, which
may perhaps have been enough.

But he can not get much
more from me at that price.

All my last season's collection
is gone at \$10.00 per hundred.
I do not know why Dr. C. or
anybody else in Europe should
have them for less.

The sets are small, and certainly
very rich in n. sp.

Dr. C.'s was a small set (250
species) and Dr. Gray wrote
a year ago that for these
N. Mex. plants the rare would
willingly pay "the highest price".
If I tell you that a man over
on the S. Francisco river, barely within
the eastern border of Arizona has
sent me a flowering specimen
of a Megasthiza whose leaf characters
indicate a n. sp. you will be
as surprised as I was at the
sudden expansion of the ^{known} geographical
range of this genus.

If to that news I add that
two days since I found in
New Mexico, another Megasthiza
differing from that Arizona one
& all others, in 2-lobed leaves
and an ovary which looks as
if ^{the fruit} it would not be spring, but



Greene, Edward Lee. 1881. "Greene, Edward L. Mar. 31, 1881 [to S. Watson]."
Edward Lee Greene letters to Asa Gray

View This Item Online: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/225942>

Permalink: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/256026>

Holding Institution

Harvard University Botany Libraries

Sponsored by

Arcadia 19th Century Collections Digitization/Harvard Library

Copyright & Reuse

Copyright Status: Public domain. The Library considers that this work is no longer under copyright protection

License: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/>

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.