

Passaic, N.J.
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My Dear Watson

Who sells, or to be
more precise: offers for sale the
"Flora of California," (Botanical
Report of Geological Survey) of
course if it will be of any benefit
to you to purchase it of you, I should
prefer to do so - Price? Can it be
had in New York City. I have caught
a wild native botanist, and have heard
of another. The one I have is a worker
not only in enthusiasm as a collector,
but also a student. He seems to get
hold of the right handle - He can
untangle the complicated squiggles of
a plant, and do it intelligently and
neatly. This one is a boy of botanical con-
science. The other of whom I have heard, but never met
him - he is a schoolmaster and I
don't believe much sticks in him as a botanist
after being on a journey. I think that you
was trying to make one!
Some English journals are very nice. And
on a few weeks ago, I heard that you
were at work upon a new volume of the
"Manual." I am on the fly leaf of
such work. And I am sure for a new
Manual, as the case of the one I saw
last year - The Manual for the
not large, but for the school & field botany,

There is a much longer list. The most
important for the Brand on the water-
land & water-laid grass I am given.
Cynosuavis & one species Holcus.
mullis - If there is time, shall I give you
the notes, and put you up a good one.

Love for Cynosuavis.
Glad that you are doing for the Brand & the
Botany, & that of some Professor or
can you tell me Is Chaperon still living?
anything about Rothrock?
But I am only a compiler
or If you get hold of any
grasses, give me a list.
When I have given.

A poor quill pen don't write pretty
in haste

Sincerely

George Thurston
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George Thurber letters to Asa Gray

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