

growth of No. 1. But without fruit I am not able to compare the two.

No. 7 Only the ♂ plant. Silky Canescent. What is it? I thought it was the Bigelovii growing in running water as I found it at first. But yesterday these specimens came from a locality distant from water, and just as silky as the others.

Can't you help Mr. Bebb and ~~me~~ out of the Willows and give us firm ground. I know they are quite a troublesome family and there are hybrids and many varieties, but this No. 1 is so characteristic that it is strange if it has not been described ere this

Yours &c

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My Dear Prof.

I wrote you the other day and sent a box of roots etc. - I spoke of sending you some willows. I now mail you a package in a very unscientific way, - green specimens of our willows all done up in a bundle. It is an experiment and I do not know whether they will reach you in good order. But the willow being a very flexible and tenacious plant cannot be injured so that you may not be able to find out something about it. You will find

numbers tied up with each little package.

No. 1 Is the female plant of willow which Mr. Bebb is so elated about. He thinks it is new, and a "splendid acquisition" if so. It is rather late to get good specimens. It forms a fine vigorous tree, bark rough and in seams. Mr. B. will doubtless write you, hence I send these specimens. If it is new Brewer should get it into his Botany. What do you think of it?

No. 2. The male of No. 1. You will find an anomaly in this parcel, a small branch ^{with} male and female aments.

In both there I have included some branches that would

grow if set out and cared for.

No. 3 This Mr. Bebb calls S. Bigelovii. He is right doubtless. The male catkins have all disappeared as it blooms very early. These are female only.

No. 4. Mr. B. thinks this is the S. Sitchensis. I sent ♂ & ♀. It blooms late and just now the specimens are fine. There are cuttings of this also that might grow.

^{scarcely seen}
~~It was Sitchensis nevadensis~~
No. 5. This fruits very early and no catkins can be found now. Mr. B. thinks this is lucida or lanceolata. I cannot decide. It has slender drooping branches of a dark brown. I half suspect it is but a weaker rather S. arguta



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