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My Dear Sir

Your cordial & most friendly letter caught me when I was returning home from a delicious journey spent together with my family to visit the very grandiose R. Park in Caserta, where so many stout and proud trees are to be admired: viz. Oaks & Pines of different rare species, a majestic Libanon-leaves, the oldest Camellia-tree in Italy &c.

I pray You and Madame to agree my utmost thanks of Your Kindness and gentle remembrance - of my good purposes: because I know very well how little I deserve the gracious expressions to my address in Your letter. But, it may be as it will belonging to my great merits towards You, it shall be to me the most agreeable task endeavouring to do somewhat that may be graced by You.

Hausenb. Prof.
Chas Gay

In order to that I have already sent to the Rail-
way-office a little collection of Ammon - & Na-
numuli - rocks, and some balls; here inclosed
You shall find some other autographs in addition
to those given previously, with You may con-
sider as a reimbursement in fact for the very
precious I have lately received with Your good
letter.

In the future I'll do all it is my power
to show You my best willingness. Dried plants of
Southern Italy may perhaps become acceptable
to You. - It ought not to be said that, besides
American autographs, specimens of the species, which
were found by Yourself, would be a very pleasant
gift to me. "Orchitropa Gayana - in hb. Lw.," that sounds
magnificently; do'at You mean?

I have already sent to Mailand the acts of the A.
Academy of Natur. Hist. & Math., to be forwarded to America
by the mediation of the Smiths Institution.

And now I am obliged to take leave from You, Good-
bye, my very dear Sir, Please You to offer to Mr. Hoff-
gray my respectfully salutations and best regards.

The heavenly Powers may escort You safely on
Your travel!

Yours true

J. G. G. G.



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