

good little wife have quite revived
the golden Age in the devotedness
of their mutual Love. She unhappily
had a fausse couche with a six
month's child but is about again
well. He has just got his Herbarium
over & I hope will again get among
the Linnaeans, where he would be a
useful Authority for the U.S. Flora.
I have never yet thanked you for your
kind & acceptable present of the *Pl.
Wrightiana* & *flora* l. I have been waiting
an Opportunity, to do so in propria
Persona, but have now to add my
thanks for the *Jussieu* Correspondence,
which Dr. T. forwarded to me. The
Copy for John shall go to him by
first Oppor^t. — Have you ever
continued the Fendler plants beyond
Campos? or have Lindheimer or you
finished the Texan Collections? —
I have in my Herbarium sundry
Plants from both sets still unchris-

My dear friend, I send you by
Adams' Express a Box which Mr.
Fendler before his Departure to LaPlayra
requested me to forward to you on its
Arrival here. — He sent off his Boxes by
a freight train from Cincinnati going to
the Traubler at Erie, they were detained
somewhere en Route, & he had to leave
the Country without them. In his distress
I offered to look out for them & send them
on to him. The world seems to have
shewn the poor fellow a cold shoulder;
he seemed quite "out of suite with fortune".
He is going to form Collections of Plants
& Seeds ~~at~~ in Venezuela, & should you or
any of your botanical friends incline
to patronise him, he would doubtless be
glad of it. He is to send me his particular
Address as soon as he has one. — Among
his Traps are some plants gathered at
Camden, Ark. & Memphis Tenn. which

he w^old dispose of whatever they
were thought worth. - They are not
generally very good specimens, & some
are not particularly western plants.
I name them to you thinking it
possible some botanical Elve of
yours might like to have them.

It is indeed a long, long time since I
had the pleasure of talking you by the
hand; the two last times I heard of
you being in the City, I was sick at
home; & am now a poor hobbling
Invalid. A Year ago I fell down an
empty Ship's Hold, broke four Ribs,
shattered the bone of one knee & badly
tore the flesh of the other, besides
greatly injuring the Nerves of my head,
& destroying the senses of Taste & Smell.
To prove the fallibility of human Judg-
-ment; contrary to the Expectations of
friends & Physicians, I by God's Mercy
got about again, & still pretend to be
a Man of Business, tho' not strong

enough to devote much time & attention
to it, & I shall probably very soon retreat
entirely to my pretty farm at East Chester,
where I have laid out a Garden of $\frac{3}{4}$ of
an Acre & hope soon to have some-
thing pretty & interesting to look upon
it. I sh^d. like particularly to get
some seeds of *Plantae rariores* &
rurichiores from the West of West
of N. Amer.^a & if your Gardener could
spare me a few such they would be
doubly welcome as coming from an
old & esteemed friend. Jeanie Torrey
kindly gave me a few ^{seeds} last Spring
gathered by a Lover in the West who
visited the dear Dr^r; none turned
out showy, but some quite interesting
e.g. *Nicotiana Edwardii*, *Bartleya*
multiradiata, *Coreopsis Drummondii*,
& a few others that probably blossomed
for the first time in West Chester Co.

You will be glad to hear that brother
John continues as happy as any of
his friends could desire: he & his

-tured, tho' some may be described
in works to which I have not access.

With sincere regards & best
wishes for you & yours

I am very truly

Yours

S. T. Carey

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Prof. A. Gray.



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