

Dioscorea -

I thought I could have worked
up ^{weights} ~~your~~ Leguminosae whilst naming
the other sets from various sources,
I was obliged to do but have not
had time to finish and must do
it when I return - In a set of about
100 Javanese Leguminosae from whence
I suspect much there are not half
a dozen new ones - not so many
as in Champion's Hong Kong set or
in Ponis Pantawen collection - the
common E. Indian Leguminosae has
a very wide geographical range whilst
your Newellian ones seem very
local

D. Oates (or ~~as~~ they write it D
Oates) of Copenhagen has asked me to
determine his *Alseodaphne* & *Cestaria*
plants amounting as he says to
about 2000 years & keeping a set
for myself - I have been obliged
to decline excepting certain
families - do you know anything
of him?

Ever yours sincerely

George Donnell-Smith

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Bontreles April 17 1851

My dear Gray

It is very provoking that we
should just miss each other again
and that you & Mr Gray should
be at Paris precisely at the time we
shall be near or in London - I am
very angry with Mr Gray for this
always running away from us and
shall not forgive her without a
promise from you both to spend
another week or two with us here
before you return to America

Thanks for the information
about the letter at the post office
I had written to me and I have
written to the Secretary of the Post
office - whether I shall get it or
not is a matter of doubt - I got
one the other day directed to me
"Professor of Botany London" "Trinity
University College - Not known there -"
Trinity King's College - Not known there -"
and at last try Bontreles, Bontreles.

Many thanks about the *Chaparral*
plants you speak of they will be

most acceptable - Whatever you have
for me I should feel much obliged
if you would send by carrier to
21 Regent Street - the porter there will
pay the carriage - for Hooker's
house is so full any extra packages
are in this way.

I had a letter from Torrey last
mail & shall write to him before
I leave home.

DeCandolle writes to me that his
family are all well again - he is greatly
improved.

When at Paris you meet Mr
Weddell pray tell him how much
I regret not having had an opportunity
of making his acquaintance when
he was in London though I was there
at the time and just missed him at
Lindley's and at Rev. Thwait's when
next he comes to England he will
come and see me here - I am more
and more interested in South American
plants - Spruce's Amazonian ones
which I am now distributing are
now more numerous in specimens
and in the present set (about 200)

are many very interesting ones amongst
others a new genus of *Elaeagnus* quite
distinct from *Coronilla* - with the
birth of a *Choripha*. If you happen to hear
of a subscriber in Paris pray mention them.

I hope the Wiegand & Millard
collectors will pay attention well to
the Mimosa which appear to be
numerous there - N. 179 (130) of
Wright is not among Wiegand's
plants and I cannot make it out
My specimens certainly look as if the
inflorences had been spicate whilst
the one you have in town looked
capitate - but one cannot always
tell for certain in fruit specimens
The two 180 (129) and 162 (140) which
I called *A. constricta* may be distinct
species but they appear to be two
intermediate forms between two
extremes among *Wiegandii* - In
Wiegand's collection the fruits are
sometimes loose and twice I found
one half of a pod with one specimen
and the other half of the same pod
in another sheet with another species
The name I have given in my notes
and herbarium to 163 (144) was *Mimosa*



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