

Portraits Dec 20

My dear Gray

I find ^{that} a Cleome from Rio Janeiro of the Amer. Expt. Exped. which we could not find in DC. or Walp. and named *C. pavicefolia* as new, is the *C. dendroidea* Roem. et Schult. - As S's Cleome was ^{done} necessarily after DC's which one is apt to forget

Enclosed you list of Hortmann's N^o made up as well as I can at present

The Manilla paper will wait for the present as I have enough to last for many months & perhaps so nearly all the Cambridge herbarium

I hear M^r & W^m Loring are to beat Hosker's as soon as he has got a little settled in his new house - When I saw it a fortnight ago it did not look anything like ready to receive them and yet they were to be in it by Xmas eve - I am very sorry not to be able

to meet ^{Mr & Mrs} them now and to have
missed them by being in town a
little too soon but I trust that
on their return I may have the
pleasure of making their acquaintance
either in town or here.

Pray thank Mr Gray for the
specimens of beans which I suppose
I am indebted to him for as they are
marked "Mr Gray's beans". I will
report upon them the first time
I work at Seguinville - The Lima
bean seems to be *P. lunatus* and
some of the other varieties of *P.*
vulgaris.

I have compared the longflowered
Mirabilis with our "Sweet Maroon
of Peru" or *M. longiflora* and can
find no other difference than
the smooth corolla without variegation.
In *M. longiflora* the leaves are exactly
the same as in yours, the stem leaves
always petiolate except the upper

pair or sometimes the two upper
pair are nearly sessile.

With every good wish for
the New Year and many others
to follow to yourself and Mr
Gray Believe me
Ever your most sincerely

George Peckham



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