

a couple of years ago when he got
over it as I hope he may do now.
Mr. Doott has had also an attack of
influenza - Sir W. Hooker as well
and brick as ever.

Yours ever sincerely
George Dontham.

Podolotus horaeioides turns out to
be an *Astragalus* with the umbellate
flowers ~~and~~ but not the stamens of
Horaeia and *Lotus* - another species
with the same inflorescence is *Astragalus*
(since is ^{very} I believe) from China which I have
often seen in flower but not in fruit.

May let me have your *Astragalus*
paper as soon as printed.

Could not you send us some of your
good paper for the Kensington Society
Hooker gave us an excellent one the other day
on the vegetation of the Cameroon mountains
which will appear in the next part of
our Journal.

25, WILTON PLACE,
S.W.

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My dear Gray

As the but answer to your
query I have got Hooker to make
the enclose sketch of the specimen I
kept of *Thaca Crotalariae* - You will
see it has nothing to do with
Astr. crotalariae of Torr. - we
have no Californian specimen at
all like it. The leaves are quite
glossy the pod has no inflation
is much inflated but not membran-
ous and the fine transverse
veins are rather strongly marked.

We are very sorry to hear that
Mr. Gray is again laid up but I
sincerely trust your next will
give better accounts. We are

going on very well I am hard at
work but get on slowly - I have
about 500 species done for my
next vol. of Flora Australiæ
and am working out Leguminosæ
for Gen. Pl. at the same time - I
have had much bother with
European Genitalia and am
now at Galegeæ - I shall soon
be at Astragalus and am sincerely
glad you are working up the
American ones - I hope you will
find a good generic character
- I should hope Oxytropis might
be kept up - although I am well
aware the point of the keel is
nothing in Indigofera and many
others.

Cannot you be persuaded to give

some resume' - some synopsis or
even only a catalogue raisonné
of N. American Flora - No one
can do it but you and there is
no country that wants it done
more

I wish you could as you don't come
over and work up Compositæ for Gen.
Pl. - no one would do it so well as you
and a visit to England would fortify
Mr Gray - The genera of Compositæ
are now far too numerous for us
- quite bewildering - and must be
a little consolidated and you might
do a great deal towards it.

I saw Booth a few days ago - thin
as he has been of late he is thinner
than ever and has a bad cough but
does not seem worse than he was



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