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My dear Gray

Recd your letter yesterday evening - you are right about *Phyllophylax* besides Wright's specimens we have good ones of the typical broadleaved form Mexico Ladreney n. 250 a rather more pubescent form from Cuba (*Echites cinerea* La Boga) and one quite like Wright's Guatemala Benorelli n. 977 but I could only examine a single rather old flower and mistook the polleniferous part of the calyx for the empty appendages which they ought to have had if the plant had been correctly placed with *Echitedea* - It certainly goes to *Numeriosa* next *Holoxhlea* with much of the *Amsonia* habit

As to *Echites deformis* we have plenty of good specimens both in flower and fruit and it is certainly very near both to *Recreata* and *Wachelopedium* without quite the characters of either - the shape of the seed

and the corolla are different from those
of *Trachelopermium* ^{and more than of *Picnodelia*} the shape of the
corolla nearer to *Picnodelia* than
to *Trachelopermium*. The two genera
are evidently allied to each other but of
different I cannot but think that *P. difflorae*
comes nearer to *Picnodelia* than to
Trachelopermium.

As to Gen. Pl. the Part II vol II weighs
exactly 2 lb without a wrapper so that
to send it by post rather than to send it
in two we might take off the lining
board of the sides and then it would
admit of a wrapper which I think would
be better - but is not there some other
way of sending it cheaper by post?

Yours very sincerely
George Peckham



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