

East Chester 14 April 1854

My dear friend let me thank you sin-
-cerely for the agreeable Reminiscences I
received from you in the shape of Plants
Wright & P. 2, Jussieu's Letter, & your own
Kind Letter of 17 feb. — In the latter you desire
me to jog your Memory in the latter half of
April, & that as the result I might hope for
some Seeds & Lots of herbaceous Plants. — They
will be so acceptable that at the risk of giving
you Trouble I take you at your Word. — As
I wear myself gradually from the bustling
City, I find my Garden & Greenhouse increasing
Comfort, tho' I cannot as yet boast of a very
great Diversity of Species; still I have a number
of interesting Plants, enough to keep Attention
alive throughout the Year. — "Beggars should
not be Choosers" is a fit & pithy Proverb; however
I would just mention that I have sought in vain
in the Nurseries about N.Y. for our No. 100 —

Species of *Thermopsis* + *Baptisia* (except *B. australis*) which are all favorites of mine, & any of them or of any of the Texan *Mimosa* that may happen to be superfluous among the plants Harvardians, & as such may find their way into the Basket you send me, will be particularly welcome. — However for *Pl.^a vis*: my Taste is quite cosmopolitan, & I welcome any Beauty of the temperate Zones from whichever Continent it may have strayed. — When you next visit New York it would please me very much if you can find time to spend a day with me in my old farmhouse, that of old Lang Syne, tho' I expect my limping Carcase & gray Hairs will require a fresh Introduction to you: I doubt if you would recognise your old friend so pleasant. — *Deo Gratias*, I have vegetated thro' this long & severe Winter, but with great suffering at Intervals from the disordered Nerves of my Head, resulting from my Accident. My Smell & Taste have not yet returned, & sudden Changes of Temperature destroy all

proper nervous Action in the wounded parts of my Head & face. — My Wife & 5 Bats thank God are all well. I continue to hear good Accounts of Brother John: he is a very busy man once again, the Weight of the Business of his House being upon his Shoulders; & that, & a young Wife who seems dotingly fond of him, leaving him I suppose little time for Botany. I dipped into Miss Bremer's Book lately, which I do not think will ^{add} much to her Laurels as an Authoress. I was pleased to note that "Kind & agreeable Prof. Gray" was duly embalmed for Immortality in it. — My Wife joins me in good wishes & regards. Believe me faithfully & fondly

S. D. Carey

I have a letter from Fendler who is living at Caracas, is thinking of going into the Camphene Business. — His address is A. Fendler, Caracas, Care of Neckelmann Luce & Co, La Guayra.

Anything you send me, please send to Carey & Co, New York by Express.



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