

I just took out a specimen
from every batch of your - exalt
where I know well it was some old
thing (I former nos) - so the same
thing must often have been sent
twice. There have been here as
two diff. sendings. The last
one I find had its special nos.
from 1 to 745.

How many species, or how many
nos. there will be, on new distribu-
tion. I can't guess till we come to dis-
tribute. And the best way is to
wait now till you have done up
your work in Cuba; and then make
one general distribution into sets, -
which will sell well enough, no doubt.
Meanwhile I owe you enough, &
will pay as you want it, to keep
you in funds ever so long.

"Californiaa Nut". I can't tell.

"Marsdenia", without flowers.

I can make little of it. If not
M. Clausa, which is in Wislizenus,
I should guess it as M. elliptica,
because in D.C. You will get the
flowers one of these days.

Well - I hope to write again
soon. Ever Yours

A. Gray
Merry Christmas to you!

Cambridge, Dec. 1, 1863

My Dear Wright.

Week after week slides
off, and I have not written to
you since yours of the end of
Sept. came.

And it is a good while since
you have written to me.

Lipschütz, also, has not
written to me for a long while.
But I hear the last part of
Ztl. Bot. W. Ind. is "in press".
So, he will soon be able to take
hold fresh on Cuban places.

Tuckerman's last I enclose.

Caton is sorting & studying
your last Herbar.

Hellivart writes that now
he is about to study your unpublished
collection of Mosses. I wish he
had any of your last (this) year's
collection.

I have got about ready to print, a
revision of Streptanthus, - of Strobilina
and of Astragalus (incl. Phaca)
this last a huge concern that I
have worked months at.

My wife has been confined to
her chamber for a month.
But now goes about the house,
and drives out: is still feeble.

Engelmann writes to your brother
me, wanting to cut me by the
way. He seems delighted when
I told him of your recent pro-
clivities.

Things move on.

"The mills of the God grind
slow, but they grind exceeding
fine." Wait in Cuba a year
long, and you may return to
a country in which slavery
having tried to get more has
lost all, and as a system
is defunct - to the lasting
benefit of all parties.

You might now revisit your
old Texas haunts, under General
Banks' protection.

The Nov. elections show
an united North. Peace Demo-
cracy has made its come,
and is dead. The re-election

Lincoln by a acclamation
seems probable - supported by
moderate men of all sects,
- the extremes of the opposing
parties alone going against
him;

I owe you money enough
to keep you in Cuba for
years - at your cheap rate
of expenditure - How shall I
pay you? ^{send to John} Shall I begin
to deposit with your brother?

As to remittances to you,
I make such bad work of
it, that I am not sure
some one else could not do
it better.

As to the Dr. Reedman
business, I really think, that
(although I know you would never
ask it), I ought to make good
the loss, if there was a loss, -
or any share of it, any how, now.

In the selection of your
collections for Giselauch (to
study before general distribution)



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