

Almy has not got on as fast
as he wished & expected, and
that only now has he got
the printing under way. I
should now expect some reply
to the 2 or 3 letters he has not
noticed, and as soon as I hear
I will let you know, - without a
day's delay.

That first sheet of Oct. or print,
did not go far enough to be of
any use to you; and I thought
I should need it in answering
questions that might arise be-
tween us - that either he or I would
have to ask, about keeping the
numbers straight. &c.

If the printing had made progress
already I am sure that either
you or I, or both, would have
received the sheets.

I send on the list of Grass
to Thacker. At last accounts
he was in very poor health.

Your enclosed Leripis Com-
posita looks familiar, and the
character says Chaptalia, -

Cambridge. Dec. 23. 1865.
My Dear Wright Recd Jan 10th 1866
This is Saturday evening,
to-morrow Sunday, and the next
day Christmas; and that
shall not pass without a letter
despatched to you!

I did write you pretty well
till lately, say 2 or 3 months
ago - when being awfully
busy all the while, and nothing
especial to say, what strength I
could muster of evenings for
letter-writing has been drawn
off into other channels - writing
when I could not avoid our post-
pone it. But you must
not be neglected.

When I write to you last,
I can't now well say,

Your letters received by me date
say going back to that of
Sept. 4. from Habana - next

" 21 - " Valentinia.

Oct. 14 - Valeriana (returning)
letters from Stokes and from Grisebach)
" 23 " Valeriana.
Nov. 4. " enclosing a set of
Eriocaulon, which I have not got
a chance to study; but I think
it is diff. from any you got
before.

Dec. 7. Valeriana is and this
reached me (Thurs. Sat.) to-day.

It encloses a note to Grisebach,
which shall go forward by the next
German mail. I had long
ago written him, urging him to
send to Gay for you. The sheets
of his Catalogue as far as
printed. It is very long since
I have heard from him. - not since
I wrote you - But my last to
you would seem to have been
lost after reaching Gay.
As you seem to doubt whether your
box of plants sent thro' Gay to
Boston last ^{summer} fall ever reached
me, it must have been in that

lost letter that I told you
(y^t that was long ago) that
I received the box - I can fix
the date as about middle of
September - unpacked, selected
and sent off a set to Grisebach.

Grisebach has not written to
me since this parcel was sent
on to him. (But he was duly
notified by letter of the sending,
so I presume he has got it. -
I suppose is studying it up to
incorporate in his Catalogue.

When he wrote last, he was
going to have his vacation &
travel a little. And it was
plain from what he wrote, I
saw that the 1st sheet of Cat.
he sent me was only a proof,
and sent to be struck off till
he returned from his vacation. -
when he proposed to go right
on with it. I presume the

So I shall have only 2 months
more of his work.

Referring to your letter of
Oct. 23^d - You say you ad-
vise Gay to ship to me a
box of plants now in Havana
by a Boston Steamer. Nothing
has been heard by me, either
from the box, or from Gay. So
I presume it was not yet sent.
I doubt if there yet be any
steamer plying between Havana
and Boston.

Mr. L. you add P.S. that
~~Healy~~ writes you he has
shipped the box, and written
to me about it. Not a bit
of it!

In enclosing this
letter I will address a line to
Mr. Gay asking what ~~this~~
meas- and how & when he
sent the box.

Dr. Chapman has been up, & made
me a little visit.

Tommy, I have not seen since his
return from California.
Father is going to marry, & is building
a house. Mrs. Gray only 30 -
not a little. We send best wishes for a happy
Christmas. A. Gray

2^d

most likely our *C. integrifolia*
which you once collected in Texas

Pl. 2. of *Benth. Hook. Gen.*
Pl. is out. Only 6, instead
of 12, copies have reached me -
but the other 6 are on the way.

I will make up a parcel for
you and send it to Gay some-
how, as soon as the 2^d batch comes.

It contains mainly only *Legu-*
minosae, *Rosaceae*, *Saxifragaceae*,
& *Myrtaceae*. The *Melastoma-*
ceae, which would interest you
most, were done by Dr. Hooker
and were to be revised for printer,
when his father's death, and
his own serious illness prevented,
and Dr. Britton cut short when
he was & published. - a thin-
nishy part. - The next is to fin-
ish the *Polypt.* & the volume.

Andersson (of Stockholm)
has at length sent me
that oil painting, copy of
the portrait of Linnaeus, which
his wife painted for me.
And I am going to the expense
of a gilt frame for it.

I have just to-night
read the last part of my
paper of Mr. Sp. of Bonin's
Calif. collections, up to end of
Compositae. — a job of my
hand at length, as I shall
not go on further at present,
but must turn to Wilkes,
Atoll. Exped (South Pacific) ~~Am~~
Mutala — as soon as I
have digested a nice set
of Sandwich Island plants
sent me from Kew; also
some of those collected by H.
Mann. — and put in order
a vast coll. of Japan plants
from the Kew collector, also some

Dutch collection from Leyden
Museum.

I'll send you my California
article — for you to amuse
yourself (more solito) on
sunny days by picking up
the flaws in the Latin, and
the misprints.

Hendler works very well,
and we are getting the *Palma*
name in order. But to keep
him at work I am obliged to
look after him and work at the
botanicon generally, instead of
doing the more pressing scien-
tific work I wish to. —

Hendler is engaged for the
6 months ending March 1.
I had hoped he would stay
on, but he says he cannot.
— that his brother and their brother
Gordon & nursing-sister will
not get on without him.



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