

Austin Feb 8th/48

My Dear Doctor

I have recently received a letter from my friends in Connecticut from which I infer that they have had some kind of correspondence with you. They inform me that you would send me a package of books about December 1st & say that you are embarrassed as to the manner of sending. Now this seems strange as every package sent to me from Boston has safely come to hand. In my last I wrote you that I had countermanded my orders to have my collections sent on to you; since receiving the above-mentioned letter however, inferring that you are indeed an inhabitant of upper air I have revoked the countermand and have been busying myself to collect you as good an assortment of *Cactaceae* as I could.

I have 5 distinct species exclusive of the one most common here—the *Opuntia vulgaris* or *Missouriensis* and a number of bulbs of two or three different kinds. If you had written to me some time early in the winter and given me hints about sending specimens of shrubbery I could have collected and sent you a good many species. I think hard of it that you have not written for so long a time for I have your promise that you would write me the names of any small plants which I should send you & I sent you several during the last summer.

I have seen *Actinella scaposa* in flower so early in the year as this; and a *berberis*? noticed on p. 662? vol. 1. *Flora* shows a profusion of buds just ready to expand.

Feb 11 I find today *Draba platycarpa* & *Caroliniana* & some forward specimens of *Anemone virginica*.

Do write before ~~always~~ your Chas Wright

I am glad I write but
Don't like Gray to say
Cambridge in June
Hurry
Am





Wright, Charles. 1848. "Wright, Charles Feb. 8, 1848." *Charles Wright correspondence with Asa Gray*

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