

Dagla Pass Rio Grande July 21st/48

Dear Doctor

I arrived here day before yesterday and have been somewhat unwell ever since so that I have not been able to make many observations though a few very short walks have shown me many new plants of which I send you some specimens. A *Lezythrum* found on the Medina, Stamens ¹² ~~8~~ ^{Plant}, about a foot high the lower leaves of the same form but larger grows in damp places. Flowers July. Might it not be named with propriety *Medinense*. Two species of a genus which I think not described in the Flora. The narrow-leaved sp. common above Austin and elsewhere the other found on the Rio Seco. Also a sp. of *Oxalis*? with simple leaves, ^{growing here} and a *Gloffman* ^{found by Dr. Beate} *seggia*? on the level prairies near Sarva in Mexico and here. Also a *Dalea* undescribed though not rare a *Dysodia* item. I found many other interesting ^{plants} among others several *Compositae* which I cannot identify a *Conoclinium* and an *Acourtia* or something near it. I collected at Maba this morning not described. I saw in abundance a tall ^{1 1/2 ft.} species of *Bolivaria* with long tubular flowers. I found on the Leona the Seco the Nueces and other streams a sp. of *Indigofera* strikingly like the *P. tinctoria* manifestly indigenous but I had no book containing a description of that sp. so I could not compare. It grows in the gravelly bed of the streams. We have a beautiful plant of the Nat. Or. *Nyctagines* flowers clustered, or many in one involucre long-tubular reddish-yellow ^{leaves glaucous green thickish} if I knew the genus 'twould be the key to the knowledge of some others — but forgive me for trying to give descriptions from memory without specimens. Wm. C. Wright

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P.S. I have almost no paper at all here but I hope
I dare not expect to have some sent me from Austin
soon Should I be disappointed you must not expect
much from me

C. W.

P.S. item if we agree that I go to Santa Fe would it not
be a good plan for me to come and spend the winter with
you and assist you in studying and arranging my collec-
tion or would I freeze up to an icicle - C. W.

P.S. Tertio Aug 5th since writing the above I have felt
better and have made some more discoveries though in
the immediate vicinity of the camp. I in close a small
specimen of *Hesperomys* - Plant ^{erect} ~~erect~~ ^{erect} ~~erect~~ much branch
from the ground 1-2 ft high Near the Rio Grande
I found yesterday a new sp. of *Hesperomys*

Suppurative with long weak ascending stems
aculeate all over. ^{abruptly} ~~Teacades~~ and pinnate
flowers not seen I have saved plenty of seed. ^{4-6 ft.} ~~Sequencer 6-8 ft.~~
C.W.

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