

Monte Verde Apr. 10th 1859

Dear Dr.

Somebody has made the remark that women can bear much abuse but will not endure neglect. In this respect I begin to feel womanish. I was hesitating (not very long, perhaps you are whispering to yourself) whether I would write again or not — but it is a miserable kind of relief to be able in this way to complain of being neglected by those who should remember us. In the single letter which has reached me from you you acknowledge you ought to have written more & promise to do better in future. I don't call writing me one letter in almost five months doing very well. I suppose however you must have written more than that & that the later ones are on their way here. What makes the matter worse I have received as yet none from home. It is passing strange. It was not so before.

Two weeks ago or more I received a short letter from Suckerman inclosing some specimens sent as a kind of guide to help me in looking for lichens & since that time I have done little but collect for him. I believe too that I have done a good business in that family laying in a large addition to the species as well as, in most cases, an abundance of specimens. It has been uncommonly dry & unfavorable for the collection of mosses & ferns. Phanog. in flower are yet scarce & I have been rather lasing about. I was desirous before this time of going to some other locality but have been delaying my departure hoping every day would bring me letters from home. It is really too bad to

be balked in this way. It is really too bad you will have to turn over a new leaf or I shall pack up my deeds & be right upon you before you think of it.

I have written to Salteden asking to be notified when a vessel is about to sail for Boston. My things are in a good condition & can be packed up at short notice and unless I should go to Mont Liban or some other place & thus be out of the way when the notification arrives, I shall probably avail myself of the first opportunity of sending on what I have already accumulated.

I have no puzzles at hand to include in this letter. Indeed I don't see that there is any use in it so far as it is likely to benefit me or aid me in the selection of interesting things or the rejection of such as are of no value. I have long since quit saving specimens of wood. I don't mean to pursue such hard labor without a clear prospect of being benefited by it. I did yesterday cut down half of a large *Verbenaceae* tree (leaving the other half for fruit) a *Cornutia* probably or something near it. I can get the wood at any future time if it is wanted.

I am sorry I can't make this letter as interesting as the first appear to have been. You must take it for what it is worth. I doubt if I shall write again soon unless something turns up of greater interest than now appears probable.

Kind regards to Mrs G.

Sincerely Yours

Charles Wright

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P.S. Please forward the enclosed to Tuckerman

N. B. Mrs. Y. advises to direct letters thru "Santafor Gray Catalina de Guaymarama" = Salteden



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