

better turn it over to my brother
You don't say whether you have
got any money out of U.S. Navy
agents.

17th Yesterday I was out again
a short time among the mosses and
picked up a few besides lichens &
fungi. I am beginning to think
that if I follow literally your
exhortation to get "blankets" even
if they are baby-blankets or even
doll-blankets of all I see whether
I observe punctification or not
I may bid good-bye to Pharyngomy
and of these fruitless Hepar. how
is one to tell when he has got the
same thing twenty times over
If I had a compound microscope
in my sinciput I could always
choose with judgment

Sept 30th. I have been now
at St. Sophie a week & have
made two half-day excursions

M. V. Sept 19th/59

Dear Dr

I congratulate myself &
you too on my good luck in
getting some ink "as is winter"
It flows freely & through pale as
first shows a decided inclina-
tion to become visible in a short
time. I find a Solanum here
(I got it on my former visit also)
whose calyx is not parted nor
cleft - not even toothed - or if
so the teeth are hardly visible
The cor. & anthers are those of Solan-
um I have not examined the fr.
What are you going to do with
such a thing? make a new gen.
or alter the ^{old} gen. char. to fit it?
It crawls over bushes & up trees
20 or 30 feet has ovate rugose leaves
cordate at base & loose panicles

of rather large purple flowers
Yesterday in a short ramble
along the Palenque road I got
three *Sapindacea* which I
do not remember having
previously found - a *Sebania*
a *Azadirachta* & a *Sapindus* neither
of which I can make out with
any means I have. I have sent
away a large part of my dries
to Nouvelle Sophie & shall
wind up here this week & the next
follow them

I have observed in several
instances that the flowering
Malpighiaceae impart to the
paper a fixed oil - from the glands
of the calyx?

Tuckerman in a late letter
suggests that no distribution
of Lichens be made till "the

whole are together" I ask
him when he thinks "that
will be" & observe that four
or five years is too long to
wait for ones wages. In
fact my experience of the
income derived from the lower
crypts is not encouraging.

15th yesterday I was out a few
hours among the Mosses & Lichens
& brought in a little load of
course I ^{or seldom} never know whether
I get any thing new among
these. If I collect them over
& over again I suppose they'll
benefit somebody if not me
You dont say whether or not
you ever received Scrothella

Have you got my copy of
Worcester's Dictionary. If so
you meet with an opportunity
to send it to Hartford you had

of it when ripe as well as
to save specimens from
time to time as it grows
towards maturity. Thus I
hope to get all the materials
for making out the things
as I have become interested
in it. Shall I send you some
sp. of *Melocactus* - plenty here

In Salta de Iru I was told they
had received no returns of the
arrival in N. Y. of the Bug Brothers

Oct 2. Mr. Laban sends to Cuba
tonights & I must wind up

Oct 4. I was just about to do so
when he received through a neighbor
a letter from Mr. Descaille - the
main object for which he was on
the point of sending - but concluded
to defer it a day or two. Some time
ago I wrote you of a tree that produces

that a day is all we can count ²
on in consequence of the showers
in the afternoon. With a good
many ^{plants} that I remember col-
lecting before I find some that
I do not recollect. And of those
which struck me as interesting
in the former collection I see
some without flower or fruit

Yesterday I ascended the steep
acclivity (wooded) at the foot of
the farallones nearly to the top
and brought home a good load

Today I have been studying them
I can't make out the genus
of some. One day (the 27th) I went
to the summit of the ridge one side
of which forms the farallones, I made
a very good haul though I did not
go through mistake onto the very
brow of the cliffs which is always
the most interesting. I had partially

forgotten - the path is I mean
to go again soon. I find at
least four ferns not met with
at M. V. & I can still call
to mind others at Bradford
or in that section.

In coming on here I had to
pass through some little prair-
ies. I carried no portfolio for
collecting knowing I should
have no time to tarry by the
way. Notwithstanding I could
not resist the temptation of
picking up a few things, which
struck me as particularly
nice and tucking them away
in the best manner I could.
I shall have to return on
the road and make a day's
job of it on those prairies.
I am of the impression that
I shall not be long detained

here. Probably in the course
of the ensuing month I ~~shall~~
shall go on to Bradford
or better to Mr Battinell,
as being nearer to Min-
nima the place of special
interest beyond Coburn.

I mean to go to Cuba soon
when I shall ask Mr. B's
advice as to the best season
& the best place to get into
your favorite botanizing
ground - the prairies on the
other side of the mountain.

Before leaving M. V. I made
a last visit to my Hyperica-
cum tree & got fr. a little more
advanced & pointed it out also
to a man whom I engaged
to look out & save a good lot

one rather in regard to the ovules 3
than any thing else. I write of it
as having opposite broad leaves with
great scarious deciduous stipules -
fr. oval nearly an inch long (calyx
apparently adherent thin) hard &
bony with several cylindric seeds curv-
ed outwards at the ends. I couldn't
distinguish the radicular end from
the other. Yesterday I found a congen-
& now I know (I think) where it
belongs - to Guettarda. On the sup-
position however that the other sp.
whose young ovaries I have exam-
ined & found not to agree with the
description in B. & C. are really
sp. of Guettarda

It rained some today - it does
Yesterday afternoon I made a
little excursion mainly to look
after that new sp. of *Phyga* -
but I didn't find it & if it is not
or was not at the place I visited

I have no idea when I collected
it. May-be I'll stumble on it again
somewhere

7th Yesterday I made
another excursion to the
Farallones & brought in
quite a lot of things some
rather ~~good~~^{new}. Among others
I found a 1-petalled Legum?
perhaps allied to Eesperum
or Paipoa but the calyx
is truncate & the ovary is
on a longish stipe 2-ovuled
I find a Menziesia? which
looks exactly like one I
used to collect in Texas
It has but 20 stamens the
outer? ones or one to each
5 broad & petaloid but with
an anther. I found another

species of Lucca a small
tree with lots of fruit—
also as I think a new
sp. of Trichomanes and
two or three other forms
not found at M. I.

But I must wind up

Yours truly
Chas Wright



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