

Some obstinate Orchids Appear
etc.

26th Filantopia. I came down
day before yesterday. We have a
miserable cold rainy Christmas.
Mr B. takes the draft though
he does not want to deposit
money in the States. On the
contrary his transactions in
copper require him constantly
to draw on the company in
N. Y. for the payment of labor
& other expenses here. I pre-
sume however he will at any
time to accommodate me
advance me money to be
paid in the States by I should
need it which I hope I will
not.

I have not yet learned whether
you have ever drawn any

La Madelina
Dec 24th 1859

My Dear Dr

Yours of Nov 19th was
sent me last night by
Mr Bradford. I am rather
pleased at the arrival of the
draft as it makes me easy
as to money matters in case
I should deem it necessary
to buy a horse. I shall run
down to Filantopia this even-
ing & turn it over to Mr B.
if he can make use of it.
I am glad to hear of the ar-
rival of the second lot of plants
in good order. What is Hemio-
nitis ^{poliandra} that Eaton says I should
get again? There is no such

fern mentioned in his letter

I suppose Lindley does not care to have me send him by means of letters (as I intend to do) small orchids that I may from time to time pick up. I suppose it is just as well for him to get them as he is sure to do all in a lump.

I have got about 50 sp. of ferns here $\frac{3}{4}$ of which I think I can safely say have not been collected farther east. Of course I have neglected those which I am certain I had already got at my other stopping places.

I have noticed a curious habit of *Illicium* (if it be uniform) — a kind of epiphytism. I have seen as many as 8-10 bushes I suppose. Of the greater part I took no particular notice

but all that I did observe particularly — some 3-4 were growing on the trunks of other trees. In my next excursion to El Monte ^{Salguinen} I mean to examine them more carefully.

I think two or three excursions more here will do for the present. I have intended then to get together my Russell Sophie gatherings & those from this place & send them off but it will require several days & I wanted to be off a little way into the interior about the first of the year if possible.

We have had now 2 or 3 successive days without rain & with considerable sunshine which I have improved with my black-board in drying.



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