

Quindlack gave me introductory letters to friends
in Bayamo & Baracoa which were very use-
ful to me. And now he says since I have
experienced that his "recomendaciones son
de valor" if I will come westward he
will send me to various points where doubt-
less I will find "plantas nuevas". It is
now however the very worst season & I
am somewhat afraid to venture. So I guess
I'll give this part a little more ex-
amination before I go.

Aug 12. I am botanizing myself with a little gentian. Part of
fl. 4-merous - winged cal. & up fl. of *Erythraea* but not the twisted
anthers & linear caps. - Dilated 2 ^{or 3} dentate fl. & bilobed stigma
of *Leontodon* but not the white fl. nor bracts. In fine it is
not in Ind. & is just like one

23d The day after writing the above I went to the wood
& got a drenching - in a steady rain of two or three hours.
It was the beginning of a storm which continued all the
following day. Such a rain fell as I have not before seen -
a foot or 18 inches of rain I have no doubt. The ground is cov-
ered with fallen leaves & branches. Trees were blown down
- yet it was not a hurrican of the furious kind. Generally
rains at this season are accompanied with lightning &
thunder but then were none this time. The rains have
continued more or less ever since & the roads are bad. I have
been rather waiting for letters & I should begin to think
you had forgotten me but that I get none from home &
the papers are a month in arrears. A friend just come
from Cuba says the mail service is interrupted
by the employment of the steamers in the public
service or other service. This will account for the
non arrival of letters. I get a little - very little - news
from the Habana papers down to the last of July.

24th Found today a bush of *Lunania Cray?* -
Fl. mostly 4- and 5- and inserted on the out-
side of a lobed disk. No teeth between the stamens
rather the groove between two contiguous lobes. The

leaves appear smaller & do not quite accord with
the character in shape. I think however it is the
same thing I have before collected in this partido.
Our last papers gave the account of the fight
at Bulls Run. I have gleaned from a few Habana
papers some scraps of news of later date but with-
out any of moment.

I inclose a few lines to my sister. Please
forward & oblige.

Yours truly
Charles M. [redacted]



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before

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