

My Dear Dr. Nouvelle Sophie 24 Nov 1861

The 20th I set out on my journey which if I am prospered will end at least for a time at "la Habana." At Saltadero I got your letter or letters of the 7th & 25th ult - also the paper on the mosses. One thing "mor sp." is encouraging. Who would have thought *Fissidum* would turn out so many new ones. I have many a time passed the old upturned clay root on which Nos 17 & 19 were found one on the east side one on the west. I remember perfectly that they appeared to me distinct & I put them up separately. How queer it is that the two sps. of the same gen. should grow each by itself yet separate only by a ridge of earth a few inches in thickness. This report stimulates me. If Lull. had known which side his bread was buttered & had given me long ago a small fraction of the satisfaction which this report gives me I doubt not his coll. would have felt its influence.

Eaton has forwarded me a box of clothing prepared by my sisters to which he has added some things a list of all which he has sent me - but he says nothing of Lynn Pl. Brit. N. Ind. I guess he has forgotten it. Well - I don't just now feel "grovly".

If you have got my letter you know why I did not send by "that Boston vessel". I can't "run" into Saltadero so easily as you can into Boston & trust to the word of one of the Mrs Brooks for notice of the sailing of a vessel. As I suppose meanwhile went to Cuba or elsewhere so I didn't receive the promised advice. (The word had been execrable.)

I can't call to mind the looks of *Sphincteranthus longistylus*. *Schradia cephalophora* I remember well. The coll. now on the way

home is not already then will give you more  
perhaps enough of *Louanthus*. If not I can  
get a plenty more. The new *Louanthus* is a  
rare plant. I have found it in <sup>certainly</sup> not more than  
two & I believe in only one small bunch. The  
last remittance contains a few spec. It occurs  
in that final region which has furnished so  
many queer things though not in the final  
itself. It grew near though not on the bank  
of the final creek. Lower down on the bank  
is *Marila racemosa* from which I gathered the  
other day some fruit very acceptable I suppose  
though not so desirable as when we did not  
know what it was. A little lower down is the  
point where I found *Lantana* *peris*. I say —  
point for I believe the little I found was on  
a square foot — perhaps all from one root.  
But you don't say what *Epis* has done  
with *Ancistrostema* *haw!* *haw!* I am  
unable to call to mind the appearance  
of *Goreostemma* *volubilis*. On my way here  
from Salsader I found a new *Passeflora*  
with a crown quite rudimentary — only here and  
there a short filament.

In my letter accompanying the last remittance  
of plants I mention a box <sup>of great value</sup> contents part of the Nagari  
coll sent thence by ship to Cuba where it has been  
and till now. When I determined to send not to bring  
my coll. I wrote to Cuba begging *Barco* to send the  
box to the *Caimanera* (Guantanamo) the Port of Salsader.  
The first answer was that the box could not be found. I  
send a description back. This brought the reply that it  
was found and was to be forwarded that very day. So I  
gave myself no more uneasiness about it. When  
I sent in the *Caimanera* my 10 packages to be put  
with the box it could not be found. Well yesterday  
expecting that the box *fr. Barco* was in Cuba I begged  
B.R. to send it by the returning "*Arria*" (train of packmules)

and "any thing else", if there was any thing. Well to my  
gratification & disappointment at the same time the  
former box came & the latter did not. So you will  
lack a small part of my last two years gather-  
ings till I send again & I must wait till I  
go <sup>off to town</sup> to know if my box of clothing has come.  
I shall miss most the water-proof things. For other  
things I am getting along.

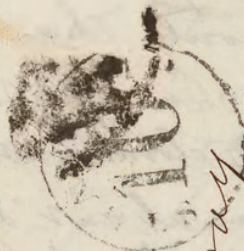
We have the journals down to the 5th inst. You I  
suppose by this time know the destination of the  
great armament. I hope they will soon do some-  
thing decisive to relieve us from this senseless infor-  
mation. (Later papers make <sup>any</sup> <sup>advice</sup> <sup>of the results</sup> known the destination)

25th. I have examined the plants in the box *fr. May-*  
*ari* & then is no more mould than the day I sent  
them off. They are in first rate condition. I wish you  
had them. 27th Got my box of clothing at last.

Philantropia Dec. 3 When about to set out from  
N.Y. Mr L. sent a regt to N. Y. <sup>supply</sup> <sup>on</sup> my pack-  
horse & hunt his back. I hunt it very badly <sup>space</sup> <sup>here</sup> & I don't know now when I will be again on the  
road. It is dry now & I long to be away. Meanwhile I  
spent a day on La Guinen hunting mosses mainly. I  
mean to go to Zorn del Gato in a day or two. Barco  
since enough forgot the *H. B. W. J. Z.* No matter now  
if my horse is not soon in condition to travel I may  
go by steam to Habana. Another plan I have thought  
of — to take one more turn round by Bayamo. Holguin  
Mayar &c then sell my horses go bag & baggage  
to Havana & from there home — when I get ready  
to return our move to this part of the island.

13th We are in the midst (I hope not) of a long mor-  
ther. It has lasted a week & more. I have made 3  
excursions on La Guinen & L. del Gato. Tomorrow  
(T.V.) I'll set out for Bayamo. We have the N.Y. *Det.*  
also to the 23rd ult with all the munitions about Ma-  
son & Shidell. I hope you will not commence the work  
of hanging I. D. pirates. I read such retaliatory *but*  
ery. I don't see what good it can now do. The private  
ing is reduced to insignificance I am no advocate of

bloodshed nor strangulation but if any hanging  
is to be done & you would put in among the victims  
Beecher, Sumner, Garrison & such cattle I'd  
go some distance out of the way to see the fun  
Bayamir 16. Now I might as well wind  
up this journal. Got here today - mean to  
go on in two or three days I hope to keep  
going till I get to some good stopping  
place not far fr Habana (how the flesh  
bites!)



Prof. Asa Gray

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Los Batidos Unidos

You had better not write again after the  
receipt of this till you get further instructions  
When I get near Habana or as the boy said  
by the arithmetic so that I "can see through"  
I'll give you notice how to address me  
Kind regards to Mr G.

Yours over

Charles Wright



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