

Santa Cruz Aug 4th 1862

My Dear Dr

Day before yesterday I returned from an excursion of a few days south & west of here into the savannas pinales & the famous "vuelto abajo" — the tobacco district. I had a good time so far as relates to the weather & dried up rapidly the many novelties I found. I might have staid longer with profit probably may I am almost certain of it but I hoped to find Gundlach here on my return with whom I am to make an excursion westward in the mountains. He has not yet come & keeps me in a most distressing state of uncertainty. He is to bring me the books some clothing of which I have here a scanty store but plenty in Habana — also some paper of which I have a very small quantity left. I have written asking Mr Descaille to send me a quantity from Yateras. It will be some time before it comes if he sends it as I think he will however. I have put you up bits of a considerable number of the smaller plants such as I thought likely to be new. If you have time to look them over & give me your says — well: if not I shant scold. Some of them are very common & if they are not described it must be owing to the fact that no bot-

ainas has ever visited that part of the island
Blain was there a few years ago not for collect-
ing but on other business & describes to me various
plants which I did not meet with. I find *Brasenia*
a second sp. of *Menyanthes* an orchid & a little yellow
Iris (*Iridaceae*) ^{one of my *Iridaceae*}. There are a dozen or more *Melastom-*
aceae - the bothering things: many grasses & *Cyper-*
aceae, a new *Ophiorhiza* *Osmondia* & 2 or 3 more
ferns. The pine has but two leaves in a sheath -
hence different from that eastward. I saved no
specimens as it is not the season for fl. nor cones
I have the same to say of the palms though my
small store of paper would have prevented me
from collecting them to any extent. There are
3 *Hypericaceae* among my specimens two not
before collected. Blain describes another in the hills
whether I am going tomorrow if a toe now lame
will permit me to travel

I enclose a letter to my brother. Perhaps Mrs G
can get a laugh out of it if she feels in a cheerful
mood then sad gloomy times. I can't afford to
write such stuff more than once but by sending
it to its destination on the roundabout road you
may get the good of it if good there be. I am
getting to despair of the 2nd pt. of Plant. Wright.
But I want to ask you one question relative
to it. Will it have any poly petalae such new
ones as went on in the last remittance? or
will it be restricted to the Monopetalae?

Your last to me is April 17th - very ancient
Yours truly Cha Wright



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