

San Jose Jan 2nd 1864

My Dear Mr.

Day before yesterday I returned from an absence
now of nearly a month & found I was about doing
nothing - but I found your letter of Dec 10th & said
how you have sent me the year have much an agree-
ment such a dodging of the question comes from
from your delay & partly from my absence have appeared
such an avoidance of what I want to know & a careful
discussion of subjects that I don't care a straw about
that I can say with the human "all this availeth me
nothing so long as" the books don't come. So I
looked for the books! sent the books! sent the books!
When you re-patched the noses you did in your letter
parenthetically "since I can not send from Boston to Havana
Why can't you do?" I see in the Havana papers
of arrivals from Boston & departures thence & have
checked my train to discover this obstacle that "can
not" and it's an enigma still. All but of you
taken the parcel to a Boston shipper & I can see it
give you five-ten-fifteen or twenty dollars if you
want to send this to Havana. I would have had it
long ago. And I would have sent it long ago. I
can't estimate the time I ought to have expected
those books - not a little bit more. And then the
Pl. Mr. C. which I have reason to look for the beginning
of the year heaven knows when I shall see it. These are
lending transitions from expectation to disappointment
from disappointment to expectation have had my
business not a little. But the letter has not been
in it. I thought I had sent you my photograph and
believe I did. I don't intend to "cut" you. I was to say

got several sp. of *Asperatum* one is a prostrate herb
with a single capitulum in the peduncle & that not in
terminal corymbs. *Gris*, another generic character of
Gris - of prostrate to overhead. In *Leucophora* he
says "anthers yellow." I have an undoubted species of that
genus with anthers so white as to be quite invisible
against the white corolla. *L. leucandra* W. mss.

You suggest (very modestly I admit as if you ^{thought} had
created me quite fairly) that it would be well to send
on soon or what I have accumulated. Softly Doctor
I am growing suspicious. How do I know but you
& *Gris* meant to get all my pots & then break them out
stick & lose & ruin the ranch make yourselves scarce
I think I'll wait awhile to see if all has gone on
straight in my long absence & in the last two
years the dwings of which I know nothing about
am now in collision I beg you to tell me what
you want to know answer my question, & don't write
politics nor war news (falsehoods & tell-lie-graphs). For
between you & me & the gatepost your opinions on
the war have not in my judgment proved you a
prophet nor of the sons of the prophets. You are a cap-
ital botanist in question of business & science I
know under except in a few instances where I know
I am right as in *Leucostaphora* for example. *Leucostaphora*
a shrub, a 2nd Washington says you Apr. 17th - yet
the fanatics have got him down "patas arriba"
as they say here. ^{But} there is something rotten in Den-
mark there are signs of decay in black republicanism
in & guess as a div the time is coming when we'll
see whether bayonets or the ballotbox will rule

Kind regards to Mrs. L.

Yours truly Cha. Wright



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