

San José Mar 31st 1863

My Dear Dr

Returned this morning fr. an excursion of a little over a month - find the books at last awaiting me - the paper yet in Habana I suppose - no matter. This letter is satisfactory - has something in it albeit not of the longest. In my last excursions I have spent but little money & can go on awhile longer unless I meet with some ill luck such as the death or loss otherwise of a horse or some such mischance. I don't collect now & in the dry season particularly many new things but add something to the collection every trip. This time I got 3 sp. Baythrinia distinct fr. E. coralloidum. I wish in my heart that Dr Torrey could come & taste a bit of Cuban life with me. I wouldn't dare take him to the "hatos" & "vegas" where I go he couldn't stand it. No one could that has no a stomach & - what shall I say? case-hardened or of gum-elastic. Such filthy customs as I witness I hope he & you never may. I "kinder" long to come home but have not yet entirely overcome my fears of being invited to lodgings in Lincoln's Hotel.

Did I say "A" Pine tree without leaves"? A. G. L. has described? & named a pine tree from the cones only not knowing the leaves. I thought that a slender foundation for a pine-tree to stand on.

*Clodulandia callitrichoides* Carl Lin "Specimina cum in numero 378 *Hemianthe infeliciter mixta*" And how are you going to separate all them when they



grow together as close as a nigger's wool?

I am rather sorry to see that more or so very few  
of my cranes "stick" as you promised me they should  
I don't know that I sent many but I well remem-  
ber sending one or more with Pagobesia dispicata  
But I suppose they were "stuck" enough. But I  
am not a little surprised to see Cuculius here  
as the name of a plant which I well named &  
which you yourself acknowledged to me you mis  
named by going off at "half-cock" Now I don't  
flatter myself that your annotation satisfies me  
and does me justice. Take the earliest occasion to  
restore one of my names. Perlesia pygmaea or  
Cuculius pygmaea. I don't claim much & you  
can't certainly grant me the little I do claim.  
It is simply ridiculous. - hair-splitting to separate  
it from V. alata. I don't know how it was but I  
some time suspected that in addition to my other  
interminable disappointments all my names  
would be chucked over and - I <sup>was</sup> ~~am~~ not <sup>far</sup> ~~from~~  
wrong. Well perhaps a little while I may meet any  
kind of treatment. As all events I still have con-  
served a considerable amount of Cuban plants  
and among them will be something of novelty  
no doubt. In my last I sent you a scrap of a  
plant of which I ought soon to have some account  
The seeds to Dr. Torrey. & they were sent before the end of  
March.

Yours truly  
Chas Wright

Kind regards to Mrs. L.

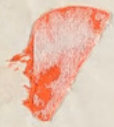


Roanoke

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