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Dear Dr.

On my return from Habana studying on the rapid disappearance of my paper the solution came all at once to my mind. Heretofore I have used new paper steam-preserved—a large quantity in small bulk. This time I bought paper tied up by hand and of course less compact—comparatively a small quantity but showing large. Thus I have run it up faster than I thought & shrunk. So I can not too earnestly recommend to you that you send me some with the least possible delay. I think I would send to the house of Morales & co writing a line to Mr. Marinik who will advise me of its arrival. I saw him in Habana & I like him the better the more I see of him and have to do with him. He is one of a thousand according to my experience thus far.

Tanquill was very kind & cordial—didn't mention the subject of the Flora Cubana.

I haven't looked over with much care yet the newly received sheets of the Cat.—will tell you more about it when the concluding part comes.

I spent some days in La Concordia & went to a large marsh which reaches to the sea. Then I got some plants which may be new—one certainly is to my coll. a *Triunfo*. I got a var. of *Panicum br.-galli* 6 ft or more high. Some *Rhynchospora* and grasses that I can't make out. Some years ago I got in Guane an umbel of a huge *Cyperus paucifl.* Probably none was sent to Gris. Well at La Concordia I found in good condition a plenty of it at least by splitting I made a good number of specimens. It is the largest *Cyperus* I know—has no leaves

please tell me if you know anything of it
except the more the basal ones being told used to be healthy.

R.S.

I got also *Myrsinaceae* & now I shall get *Pomacea*
~~lutea~~ ^{from Dr. G. F. Gray} & *lutea* it would appear I have not yet
seen. I got back yesterday & expected to find him back but
he hasn't come which I the more regret as I entrusted
to him the little paper I found in *Habana* on the assurance
that he would doubtless be here before me & could bring
it as well as not direct while I had to make a con-
siderable detour.

My ride yesterday was a pretty long one but it did
not inconvenience me any and my health seems to improve
so that I feel quite like my old self again. I ride now
on a thick woolen blanket. Perhaps this may alleviate the ill
effects commonly ascribed to equestrian travelling for such as are
troubled with piles.

Is it possible that *Spiraea nata* - so exceedingly abundant
in all the points near the coast of Cuba does not extend
Florida (It is not in Chapman) nor to any of the West Ind. Islands? It
is not in Linnebach. I thought I had found two sp. of *Muscadie* (only
one enumerated).

Betelia tornata Mr. you can write out. It is *Picella angustifolia* (or am ^{sure it is not})
I had all along supposed that *P. tornata* St. was *B. mucronata* & I
haven't now the least idea how this thing looks. *P. tornata* gets to be
a good deal more than "frutescens 3-5 pedali". I guess I have seen it 20 ft
high.

The fl. of *Audouinia leubenzinii* Gr. are surely not creatitis
Gmelin has printed in two places *Oudicium* for *Ouedicium* or
allowed to be printed. I don't admire those names in small caps. — now
he has *Caranalia minista* Bedtime

Yours ever
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