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My dear Deane:

I found your good letter with two from my wife on my return to this city. I can assure you it was a very pleasant surprise. Indeed it was very good of you to write to me after I had neglected to tell you of my plans. The truth is I was too busy to write although I had planned to do so. Yes here I am again in Mexico - a country full of interest to the botanist. My plan this year is to see the country where other botanists have collected new species.

And these are my results so far. —
Between Lake Guzman & El Paso Dr
Pavy collected *Echinocactus Pavyi*. The
plant has not since been collected and
the type ^{specimen} has been lost. Mr. Pringle has looked
for it in vain. This year armed with a
description & figure Mr. Pringle & I again
looked for the plant and found it!

Then I went to Chihuahua City for
doubtful plants, then to Aguascalientes for
one of Hartweg's *Ipomoeas* and found it.

Then I went to the City of Mexico where
I have made my headquarters. Here I
have gone over much of Herbolto Bonpland's
ground, seen where Bourgeau, Hahn
and others have been and obtained
a far better understanding of the botanical
regions than I had before.

He in company with Mr. Pringle
have crossed over the high mountains
at the south of the valley to Cuernavaca.
This is along the old road leading
to Acapulco, ~~and~~ over which many
a botanist has passed, but where ~~not~~

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Mr. Pangle has especially done
very much work. He seems to know
every foot of ground. In making
the journey we pass over miles
of lava fields. ~~From~~ ^{Here} many new
species have come. It was delight-
ful to have Mr. P. point out
the very spot or bush from
which some new species of mine
had been taken. He would say -
"There I got your last *Dearea*,
then I found the plant which writes
our names - *Celastrus Panglei* Rose
etc." Then I went to Pachuca
and Real del Monte where J. Coulter
Humboldt & others have been.

I have also been to Jalapa in Vera Cruz
where I spent a week. This is also
famous as a botanical collecting ground.
This is called the land of flowers.
This briefly covers my trip so far
although I have neglected to tell you
much that has interested me especially
of my trip to one of the great lakes
here in the valley or how I obtained
roots of a beautiful new water lily
which grows there.

Mr Pugh has gone home and
very sorry I am to lose him.

Mrs. Rose's letters make me home
sick to see them all again. Little
Halter Deane, she writes, looks like a
big white ball. How I would love to
see him. His mother says
however that he has entirely
forgotten me. But I must close
your friend
J. Rose



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