

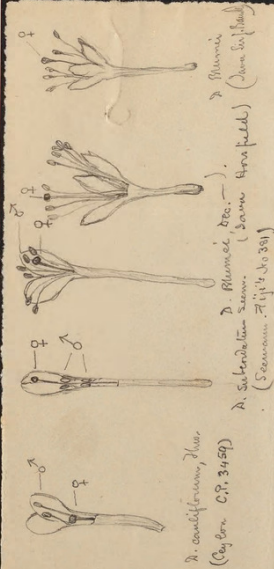
species. I enclose sketches which
 Mr. Carruthers has kindly made
 of several of these flowers, which
 will show you the relations of
 the several parts.

Ever, with kindest regards,
 Yours sincerely
 John J. Bennett

British Museum
 April 27th 1864

My dear Dr. Gray,

Pray accept my best
 thanks for all the kind trouble
 which you have taken on our
 account. Both your sendings have
 come safe to hand and I am
 delighted with them. The Cuban
 Ferns, Muses & lichens will sup-
 ply many of our wants, and their
 determination by Eaton, Sullivan
 and Tuckerm. adds greatly to
 their value. The Rocky Mountain
 Collection is a beautiful set, and
 forms a capital supplement to the
 Nuttallian Collections which we
 already possessed from the same



quarter. I do not know whether
you are aware that we purchased
Nuttall's own Herbarium at the
sale which took place after his
death and thereby added greatly
to the riches of our North American
Collection. We purchased also the
set of Douglas's plants which
belonged to the Horticultural Society.

The £6.12.0 made payable to
Loock Reeve will be paid to him
in the course of a week or two,
but you have given me no direction
as to the £10.0.0 for the Rocky
Mountain Collection and the Cuban
Lichens sent through Sargent & Sons.
Will you kindly direct to whom
this should be made payable,
in order that I may put it in
the proper train forthwith?
Are there any sets still on

hand of Sullivan & Lesquereux's
"Musci Boreali-Americani"? I
should like much to get as
perfect a set as possible.

Your conjecture as to the
"didico-dimorphous" character of
the species of Drimyspermum ap-
-pears very probable, although our
specimens are not sufficient to
establish it. We have three species,
in one of which the anthers are
separate and the style protruded,
as in your D. lanceolatum, in a
second the anthers are protruded
and the style abbreviated, and in
the third both anthers and style
are protruded. In no case (probably
from want of a sufficient number
of specimens) do we find the two
forms occurring in the same



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