

making a rest day - being both  
a little out of order in the  
digestive arrangements & I will  
have to leave this on Monday  
without the geysers - I shall  
enjoy telling you more of our  
story when we meet at Montreal.  
We are hospitably invited to the house  
of Dr. Hingston 37 Union Avenue.  
I suppose that you & Mrs Gray will  
also be lodged with some of your  
friends -

in haste Ever yours

John Ball

I suspect that a botanical aristocrat  
like you has no idea of the hard work  
that falls to your humbler brethren.  
I often work till 1/2 past 12 sometimes till  
one & am up again at 5 -

Mammoth Hot Springs  
Yellowstone Park  
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My dear Gray I have  
so far especially in dry  
that I have barely had time  
& hurried letters to my wife  
I hope catch you before you  
leave but if not - I shall  
Viva voce. The latter part  
of our tour has been on the whole  
enjoyable in spite of some  
misadventures & one of  
disappointment - I had  
heart on having a day  
in the alpine regions of the  
Cascade peaks - & for this  
Shasta we went by sea  
to San Francisco - on which trip  
behind botanizing on the  
Astoria - but rejoined Fro  
day at Portland. I wa



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