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My dear Sir,

I am extremely obliged to You
for your kind letter dated May 22th, which
reached me rather late and for the most
valuable Genera, which have truly delighted me,
and which is one of the pearls of my little private
library; I find the letterpress as satisfactory, as the
figures and the analysis. It is an immense
undertaking and a most meritorious one, You have
begun, and God may grant you long life and
health to put it to a glorious term. There is no country
which can boast of an analogous work and so
extremely well conducted. I must thank You enough
to have gratified me with this mark of Your kind
remembrance. I am equally thankful to You
for the proceedings of the American Academy
of Science & Arts and all the different publications
You kindly communicated to me earlier; I have directly
forwarded the inclosures for the Academy of Sc.,
the numerous Society &c. &c. which probably will
mention to You the acceptance. I communicated
to Dr. Meyer Your wish to get of Middendorf's
artificial plants which they will fulfill with great
pleasure; I shall prepare for You a (unfortunately)
small collection of Kamtschatka plants, and am but
sorry, not to have to send You a more complete one.
If I find a ship bound for New York or Boston, I shall

seize the opportunity to send you a box of living plants; the cool autumnal season may prove advantageous to their travelling. I should be happy if a plant of *Panax horridum*, which I shall join to the rest, would reach you alive; after 20 years exertions I have finally obtained it; and as the plants are rather young, if it does not travel, I shall spare for you some plants which I shall send at a later period when they will be stronger. I suppose you have not yet got it, as it could be difficultly travel over the rocky mountains, and as it is but a good for them to obtain it by seed.

Your *Soraya* thrives perfectly well. I was greatly satisfied to obtain young stout plants from seeds of *Drimys* and *Soraya* juniper, gathered on our own plants! *Stauralegia* is a great deciduous here, for the garden as well, as for the kitchen. *Stauralegia* and *Panax* are rather curious plants and although evidently *Coniiferales*, are proved by your analysis, they are true links between them & the *Cyperaceae*. Is *Stauralegia* still considered as a poisonous plant? This is a strange propriety in this family.

Yours most faithfully, D. W. L.

Yours sincerely obliged
J. H. Smith



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