

at Zermatt I met West of the small
and somewhat lazy senior botanical class
at the time I left Cambridge. I hope he
enjoyed Switzerland more than he did
botany. at Geneva I called at the
herbarium and found Dr. Müller, but
not De Candolle, at home. Dr. Müller
is certainly one of the pleasantest and
most obliging men I ever saw and
as I saw he could and would teach
me just what I wanted to learn
in a short time I have concluded to
remain in Geneva till October.

On receiving a new letter of
credit, I started for Chamounix where
I remained nearly a week and had fine
weather all but one day. I did not ascend
Mt. Blanc, thinking that I could
spend \$150 better in other ways. Being
attracted by the name and also by the
prospect of a pleasant glacier excursion
I went up to the Jardin. The scenery

Dear Sir;

It is now so long
been travelling about the
last wrote you. I think it
wald when I wrote about
to Munich but not having
at home.

From Grindelwald, I
and there hoped to meet so
botanists but did not see
friends from home, how
went over the St. Gotthard
before seen Tuttle of the
taken in an omnibus. I of
the American Register that
of Cleveland had been in
at the Am. Embassy. I did
he was professor. I saw
Maggiore as well as Mr.
is delightful. The weather

but that pleased me all the better. I
was surprised to find Milan so beautiful
as no one ever hears much about the city.
All my friends that I have seen lately
agree with me that it is charming and
that the people are the best dressed in
Europe. While at Maggiore I went to
Isola Bella which, I suppose, you have, of
course visited. I was shown *Pinus strobus*
and *Myrica cerifera* as rarities. The gardener
seeing that I knew something about
the plants took pains to explain. The
oranges were attacked by a fungus and I
gathered some leaves to take to De Bary.
But the pocket case into which I put
them, containing also my passport and
letter of credit, was lost or stolen in
passing over the Simplon. The gardener
showed me a curious thing, a monstrosity
I presume, called *Pinus monocaulis*. Fresh
figs, as I had before supposed, are a humbug
and, although interesting to me botanically,

I don't think the subtropical
region are really as beautiful as
Northern gardens.

I then went
and down the Rhone Valley
man, and devoured by
and walked to Zermatt
little late in the season,
was first rate and I in
some days at Zermatt
my letter of credit and
inishing supply of cash
to fly off after one day.
To my great regret, I
days later, I have un-
arrived at Zermatt and
liked very much to
However, the day I was
not a cloud in the sky
too warm, and the view
Great, of which I suppose
already written was m

to eat. There are only three other Americans at the table, two mischievous boys and a Virginian about my own age. However, except once in a while from the little boys, I hear no English.

My plans are to remain here, as I said, till the first or middle of October and then return to Strasburg to attend to my special work, with filze and fresh water algae for collateral work and amusement. When here I ought to get a fair insight into systematic lichenology and shall also find time I hope to write some light letters to the Naturalist. I didn't like Munich. The arrangements for botany did not seem very good and it is doubtful if I go there at all in the winter. About February I hope to go to Thuret and I suppose courtesy will compel me to limit my stay to, at the most, six weeks, afterwards a journey through Italy with algae studies on the shore and afterwards, perhaps, a rapid visit to different botanical laboratories, as Salzburg, Geneva

was fine but not so ^{thry} Governor Grati although ^{thry} fatiguing. The garden rocks not of flowers. I but *Gentiana macul* things although, I don't that that is something of nearly 10,000 ft. Examined Chamounix the after being very uninteresting. It doesn't compare with Grindelwald. The best I have found was at particularly on the Faur

On returning again called on Dr. Müll. arrangements to go to every morning for a and he has taken a provide books for me in the way of get

Tomorrow we are to ^{if my family come to Carone & about} ^{the district the scenery other way} ^{shore of Northumbria, or England. We} ought to return?



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