

The month of June and part of July I spent with Caroline at Marienbad in Bohemia, where a great conflux of Parthians, but little interesting men for me. Only I had the pleasure to speak twice with old Prince of Metternich, who dwells at Hönigswart 2 leagues from Marienbad. I found the modern Tiresias, with his habit of a Pericles in good health and high spirit for a man of 82 years. He belongs to this highly developed generation of the century past, which has in its rank the two Humboldts, Gagern, Gneisenau, Blücher, Baron Stein, Goethe, Schiller etc. So that you will find it natural, that I was happy to converse with him, who also has been of influence on my life, being the authority under which I was added to the Austrian expedition to the Brazil.

The Flora Brasil goes on slowly, but it is not possible for me to accelerate, and I shall be content if leisure be found for doing myself more in the matter. The 100 plates of medical & economical plants, which I have prepared since many years shall be my own task; but I find it very difficult, on account of so many discoveries made since our expedition.

My dearly beloved friend

It is a long time since I wrote, I had the pleasure of receiving two of your recommendations. Mr. Clark of the Boston Society - I recollect now was only 3 days at Munich, and to the best men at the Phys. Lib. bibliography and Bibliotary. He is of us all, especially of my friends, practised in Chemistry. He has made a tour to Lissibolad and delivered a paper with us at Schlehdorf on the 10th. I am happy to think, that your most accomplished Lady have by an ocular test a Teyngelius, qui Martio Tuo p. ridet. I am now here a few days, and remain till end of October, for literary pursuits, perhaps with no leisure, on many little things of the momentary. But I find that my attention is not at all converted, and I shall by times be again and again heavy with both.



Mr. Clark is a very good natured, open hearted young man, with a good deal of information. He speaks now frankly German and shall be in half a year a complete German scholar. I am happy to see a young friend of yours a your own representative in my house. Your likeness, a welcome gift of your beloved Lady, is hung up in my study at Ulm, next Freising and Ledebour.

Now I must say, that I have sent to Prof. Henry at Washington by Negridi of Munich and Roding of Hamburg a large box with books and plants both for you and for the Smithsonian Inst. I hope you will arrange the matter at your convenience, declaring to Mr. H. who, as Mr. Clark says, is one of your intimate friends, what you may wish from the box and what may conveniently enter in the library of the Institut. For this there has been a complete set of Allgemeine Historie der Preise Vol. 1-18. 4<sup>o</sup>, a book which I found only once in such a complete state and which will prove acceptable. For you, my dear friend, there was the best thing Schrebers copy of Rheede as far as he had the work, and which I bought

in an auction of academical library disposed, (it has Schrebers relic in general), amongst us and I could year receive another copy, vol. 9. (your copy goes to the library) are exceedingly precious, but all and a few only were found to have been bound all by one. As I am always in contact with bookfellers, I hope, that it will be to me to procure you once not the whole.

There are also amongst the botanical publications, which you may wish in opinion. Amongst the plants of Ilheus (Brazil) species not yet all labelled well, for of Aloues, which Mr. Tuckermans may have, after your wish. From Prof. Fuxaroher you also Flora 1852. 53. 54. as your My Palmetum Orbigniana in hand; if not the copy now sent to the Institut. Mr. Clark is general about the matter; no doubt is well explained. I shall add the content of the box.



same, whose paternal eyes accompany the  
parabolic way of every single mortal.

I am sorry, that I entertain you so  
much with thy general phrases. Excuse  
them friendly! Since I lost so many friends  
in immediat vicinity: Ledebour, Fuccarini,  
Erdl, and before all my most intimate  
Schemeller - I like to discourse amply  
vis à vis of such a noble and beloved  
friend, as my Alfr Gray.

It is a pity how many of my botanic  
friends died away in the last years: Kunth,  
Kunze, Presl, Link, Leop. v. Buch, Wallich,  
Jussieu, Richard, Gaudichaud, P. Hilaire,  
Minckley! - -

I must now say, that there are two fine  
herbaries to be bought: Presl's 24000 spec.  
for 2-3000 flor. and Funck's: perhaps 12000  
and fine cryptogam. for 700-900 flor.  
If you like, that I would give more  
particulars for such an acquisition, I  
shall procure them.

Now, my friend! farewell! Many  
compliments and respects to your Lady from  
me and my family. I embrace you  
heartily

Totus Tuus

Martius

Schlehdorf, Post Ulmnau, 27. Aug. 1855.

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Martius, Karl Friedrich Philipp von. 1855. "Martius, Karl F. P. von Aug. 27, 1855." *Asa Gray correspondence. Senders McA-Ma*

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