

And, Amel.

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My Dear Doctor

Your last letter, of March 15th was received a few days ago. My last is of March 23rd must be in your hands now. I wrote you then that I had sent you three boxes one for Dr Mead, one with Cacti for Lowell & you and one with Fendler's and Lindheimer's plants, with seeds for Hooker, Lowell and you and a package for Mr Thurber. — I hope you will be able to do something for Gregg so that he may obtain the desired free transportation. —

I have last week sent to Mr Lowell, Boston (because I thought it more direct) two boxes with Fendler's plants, No 1. is for American subscribers, Lowell, Baker, Carey & etc. — No 2 the smaller one is for Hooker and other English subscribers. — I believe Hooker has never applied for a set, but I have thought that he wanted one, and had Fendler send him a set with Fendler's, without success — at one. There are also some sets not over the number of subscribers sent to you as well as to Hooker, as I hope you may be able to get some more buyers. — Sets No 26 - 29 have been sent to you and sets No 20 - 25 to Hooker over and above the number subscribed for.

The prospect was now so fair for Tenison that
I am sorry he is not more decided. He is
wonderful yet, whether to go or not, even after the
fair offers made to him. I hope I can write
to you soon, better news from him, for he would
be the man more any other, as we know him
his character for industry & integrity and his
skill in making specimens. — He brought home from
one season about 12000 specimens. —

You will be pleased with Linker's plant on
account of the large number of grasses. It is
interesting to observe how he approaches already
the plateau of New Mexico, some of his plants
as *Leadler's* or *Wislizen's* are the same!
He also finds now some of our common northern
plants, which he had not seen before, lower
down towards the gulf. —

Where does Nuttall describe Gambel's plants?
We must have his publication to get along with
Leadler's. —

My agent in Bremen since several years
is F. H. Westhoff and I have always been
well satisfied with him.

Very cordially yours

J. E. S. Mearns

P.S. Kuhn's paper on N. American Felices just
fell into my hands — now I thought that
I must not wait longer to translate it — but
you have in your *Manual* no doubt treated
of the *Dist. Ferns* and there might be a
collision or at least an unnecessary
repetition. What do you say?
Shall I translate and add the *Notes* to
you for your notes?

I just got a letter from Torrey, he would like me
to undertake to work out the Extra American plants
of the exploring expedition; but I don't
know enough of botany to do it and
would also be unable to find time for it,
without neglecting my practice; — Torrey
says it would be necessary to take a trip
to Europe to compare collections and
libraries — It would be delightful
but I am afraid I have to decline.

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