

Cultivation. —

I have now a box of Juncos from Philadelphia and one, very nice, from Chapman. Now all is in that I can expect, and their distribution (mechanical botany — not to be compared with mechanical celeste) is another task now before me — and in two months I must leave the house !!

Very good news from George — He seems to have entered into his studies with full zeal — so far he seems also pleased, & kind every body (Braniff among others — thank to Agassiz's letter) extremely kind.

I am Dr. Linn & Wolff very dry you say — but defer till I have heard from Braun — if possible. A letter from Hegelmann and authentic specimens of his Dells W. Brazil. settle the point that we have those two South Am. species here! He also records the specific diversity of *L. parvicostata* <sup>(Linn)</sup> from *L. peruviana* — and now good night and a happy New Year to you and yours!

Yours ever

J. Engelman

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My dear Gray.

You have not heard from me for a long time. Though not so busy as you, nor able to accomplish so much, my time is occupied more than I wish, partly with mechanical botany, partly with the pursuit of my profession and then with the preparations for my trip to Europe. I have leased my house for a long term of years and I now bought myself a nice "corner" lot about 2½ miles from the river in a part of the city that is going to be the best and <sup>happiest</sup> pleasant, where most ~~lots~~ have garden spots around them — no rows of houses, no stores — a lot of 75 feet front and 125 deep — where I can have a little botanical garden of my own, cultivate all sorts of wild grapes etc etc —

request to Wright. He would let feel hard about my absence and many extracts are

all very nice, if I was not near  
sixty (I shall begin my sixtieth year  
in 6 weeks) - Life begins to be  
short with me!

Well, I have arranged & distrib-  
uted Parry's collection. There are  
245 numbers; of most of them I have  
laid out for you two specimens, and  
I leave you to settle with Parry  
about ~~that~~ your share of the expenses.  
The whole numbers 1678 sp. Parry  
would probably count more. His  
and mine and your two sets and  
a set of grasses for Thurber leave  
about 700 duplicates in very unequal  
numbers - generally only a few. Whether  
I take them with me to Europe or  
leave them to Parry will be left  
to his decision.

Most

I got a letter from V. Arizona  
yesterday and by Feb 1 he expects  
to be in San Francisco; whence he  
will probably return by Salt Lake.

His seeds are few. I am going  
to sort them in the next few days  
and then send the whole batch to

as they are seed of Lin. rig. & the Miller  
from which is rarely diff. from Schaller  
your Lemnae etc. -

Dr. Coues gets impatient with my  
delay in naming his plants. I have  
a word to speak them up and send  
them to you. Want say you?  
I could not go at them before my  
return from Europe - and then  
then?

Did Kellogg bring any thing from  
Wilcoxia?

When do you want Nagis  
Lemna and Wolffia? Last  
term! Braun has not written yet.  
I see that Chapm. describes in  
his Flora a var? of N. flexilis  
which from the notice of the seed,  
may be the new Albany plant.  
I have written to him for a specimen!  
I see that he mentions the smooth  
shining seed of N. flexilis. Why did you  
neglect this excellent character?

I am well satisfied of the diversity  
of V. cordifolia and riparia. The seeds  
possess excellent characters. Some of the  
I have now of riparia is quite  
cultivated growing - of cordifolia I know none  
valuable -



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