

the question, and as I have not heard of any other application except Schott, who as I learn, has no chance, I shall probably simply — though "perspicuity" is not among Dr. Gussone's pre-eminent qualities, but let that pass.

I must write to Hall about his manner of making specimens. He says he intends to collect more next season. He must try and do better.

'Willd. (ex Parsh): *Yucca filamentos foliis lato-lanceolatis* *stigma. serrato-patulis* refers to the broad-leaved *Yucca* evidently — How has W. & A. got that? Elliott leaves out "lato-".

It seems that Gronov's plant is quoted in ed. 2. of *Spor. Plant.* I add it is: *Yucca foliis serrato-filiferis* — I should say, why *serrato*, unless the youngest ^{short} filaments near the concave tip of the leaves are compared to serratures.

Yours ever

J. Eng. Murrin

Winter early and hard

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Dear Gray

This morning your letter, this evening the package! With infinitely wish, I could add: readiness!

but oh — what an idea — to slice small twigs and press (or not press) big cones — horrid! Hope the other plants are better — or I wish to be excused from buying hay!

The *Isotria Nuttallii*, Adams, is excellent and the fir — *Millotia*! Of locks so distinct, not like any I have seen — but how characterize it? — They are really difficult things.

It seems now to me as if *A. Oxycardi* had a structure of wood different from any American species, and if I am right, quite peculiar.

Wright's *Senecio* have the printed label of 1865 — there is nothing new among them, as the two species represented have been sent by him before from Cuba.

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As the quantity is quite small, I did suppose that Wright sent me only enough to identify the species, and you had the balance. And I suppose you do have them.

I have rummaged all my Linnaean papers, but can not find such a list of Woods-specimens. It is barely possible that it is out at Shaw's where I have, years ago, brought the specimens themselves (yet boxed up!). Will look as soon as I can.

By the way, I had no letter of Linnaeus for 10 or 12 months, though ^{have} often written, but know, from his paper, that he lives. Will try to stir him up in a month or two, when Pilex and Linum may be collected.

Why that broadleaved Yucca is generally accepted as *Y. filamentoza* I do not know, but thus it is. *

No hurry about *Acidotea* or *Trew*

but I wish you would ascertain some time or other.

* May it not be the same with *Opuntia vulgaris*? What I take to be such, occurs common in Europe, in cult. and naturally, while possibly it may not be the original plant.

I must have given Wright the names of his older Cuban *Semenaceae* years ago. If he should not have them I can write them out again for him.

I am glad that you have concluded to lighten your labors and hope it will be done satisfactorily. But can you remain in your house and *Herbarium* in that case?

"Perspicuity" is a good word!*

Mr. Julius Hilgard ^{of the Coast Survey} has applied to me for a recommendation of his brother Theodor H. for Parry's place - As Parry is now out of



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