

St. Louis, Mo., July 15 1879

Dear Gray

Thanks for your kind letter of 16th but we have cooler weather, I begin to recuperate though coughing fearfully yet - and (stubborn as age is getting, you know) I want to have those conifers off my hands before I go fooling, - if I can! We will see, whether renewed spells of hot weather will break me down - then I must go; but with this cough I can not travel at all!

I return you hereby Bentham's letter. You have seen what he says about male flowers of conifers.

I had another one from him soon after yours in which he handsomely acknowledged his errors in Arceuth, etc. "you have saved me from one of those blunders, arising from overlooking what has been published, which I have been blaming so much on others"

Well, our young couple were married dy before yesterday (and the railroad trip there with heat & dust & smoke

made me a good deal worse for
the time, but that is past now.
They have written from Cincinnati today
and will reach Cambridge in good time
(in about 2 weeks?)

No, I hope that the Californian Co. will
not be the "end-all" but it
must be the end, before I can feel
free and comfortable and begin other
work with fresh zeal - they must
be out of my way!

Remember me most kindly to
Mrs Gray and tell her that I am
very good, and not naughty at all
- but perhaps a little self-willed.

A revoir!

Yours truly

Elizabeth

No other news since my last,
I send Stillman in with the
card from Alice. Ever

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