

Phil. Jan. 26th 1864

Dear Gray,

Enclosed my photograph - a pretty harsh looking old fellow - Is he not?

I had promised myself never to be photographed or painted, but I could not refuse you. Send me yours in return and be sure that I will take good care of them. If I dared, I would ask the favor of Mr. Gray's carte de visite, to be placed in regard of that of Mr. Victorino, which I am expecting. Two more accomplished ladies can scarcely be found. I shall never forget the poetical expressions of our venerable Farlington, returning from a visit to Cambridge: "When walking with the happy couple, in this beautiful Eden, I imagined I was in company with Adam and Eve, before their misfortune - They looked so happy, so loving!"

I have read your letter to the printer and advised him to communicate it to our Postmaster, to ascertain why the law, as you quote it, is not executed in Philadelphia as it is in Mass. & Lowell? I suspect that there is something wrong

in our Post office; The Clerks pretend that where there is any writing, it must be charged as Letter. Mr. Thompson has assured me that this had be done to him several times and this is the reason why he sent your Manuscript by express; but the usual price was 50 cents. He offers, however, to have be be accountable for the 75 cents. As to the fault of not complying with your typographical indications, he throws it upon the Publishing Committee who, in view of economy, have adopted certain rules.

Nothing yet from Louisville, and I have written to Mr. Wm Short for information. I have received the second part of Stragulus, with Oxytropis. Of the first, I have 70 species; of the second, 7. Tomorrow I will arrange those of the Academy. I send you Nuttall's Arabis virgata and a poor little specimen of a Crucifer from Nevada, which might prove to be Hesperis Menziesii. Keep them both if they may be of service to you.

Very affectionately yours

E. Durand



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