

A friend stands ready to carry
my mail to the valley - so I
will close. No one anon.

Very truly

Yours, J. G. Lemmon,

 J. G. Lemmon, 
Sierra Valley, Cal.,
Amateur Botanist, Collector in Natural History,
AND DEALER IN
SEEDS, BULBS and ROOTS of Rare California Plants.

Webber Lake 3 feet under the ^{snow} ~~under the~~ Cal., Nov. 29th 1874

My dear Dr Gray,

Owing to my
being so constantly hurried of late
I inadvertently omitted to answer
some of your late questions.

1st The Calinospermum floribundum
dum I could not find this sea-
son. Don't think it grows here

Found the 2 varieties last year
near Lake Tahoe.

2nd On my hastily written report
to Sargent of Plants Common and rare,
growing in Sierra Val. & vicinity you
write opposite Streptopus angustifolius
"What is this?" I answer it ^{is} number
377 of specimens sent. The report is ^{made by} in the
~~hand of~~ Watson, I think.

3rd Failed to get seed of the rare
Leucothoe. My friend couldn't spend the time.

4th On final examination of season's Coll. fail to discover any more specimens of ^{Ranunculus} ~~Astragalus~~ Gemmoni. Can't recall the locality either. Must surely find it next season. As I made one trip to Indian val. this season, it might be there.

5th About the last new find - the Ranunculus oxyritus. I found it on Castle Peak, (the one previously described as being 6 miles north of C. P. R. R.),

It grew in the ^{disintegrated sand stone of the} sheltered north side of the highest turret, - about 9,000 feet. I brought away all the plants found.

The Lysia Gardneri (as I make it out) grows near it, gathered both Aug. 21st & 24,

I ask for a credit on the R. since Dr. Bolander, Dr. Cooper, Prof. Davidson, and I think Prof. Brewer have each explored the Peak, expressly for plants.

That one trip is all I have made south of home this season, and I am by no means certain that the region is

exhausted. I have desired very much to visit English Peak & other west of this lake about 20 miles but could not.

Perhaps Dr. Bolander will go with me next season during the 2 months he promises to tramp with me.

But take all the new & rare plants together and your prediction is right, i.e. that the terra incognita is to the north and east of my station. There is a densely wooded lake country around Gold Lake & Haskell's Peak which must be stocked with rare flora, and another high lake east of Big Meadows. After filling up the blank caused by my visit to Id. St. last Spring, by collecting in Sierra Val. until June, I will then try to visit these regions; then in Sept. next I must go to Shasta via Cooper's Peak. I only had 2 numbers of Harper's Monthly for my entire ^{at Cooper} ~~portafolio~~ before. Now with a fine press and abundant paper I must find more.



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