

Collected near Crafton Retreat.

Has Dr. Parry written from here?  
He & his excellent lady are with us  
and <sup>housed</sup> ~~the~~ guests of certain citizens,  
particularly Miss Plummer & Col. Hollister.  
The Parrys tried to run  
by this place direct for San Fran.  
but the protest and urgent ap-  
peals of Miss Plummer added  
to my statement of new ground  
for discovery prevailed and the  
good Dr. announced by telegraph  
from Los Angeles "We surrender."

I join them on the next boat  
north. (to morrow,) they to go to the  
big trees & perhaps Go-fernite. I to  
go to my mountain home, and  
Hibber Lake. The Parrys join  
me there for a month, later,

Expect a grand & useful visit.

Col. Hollister who owns a very  
pretty country seat (2 miles up  
the coast) sent a carriage out  
for us and then expedited our  
travels every way in his vicinity.

Santa Barbara, Cal.

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1876.

My dear Dr. Gray,

I have long  
neglected to write you thinking to  
do so when your great work was  
received. It happened that my  
copy you sent to intercept me  
at San Fran. and I have  
been way-laid again at this  
beautiful town. However by  
the enterprise and zeal of botanists  
here, (notably Miss S. A. Plummer)  
a copy of the precious Cal. Bot.  
has been put into my hands.

What a beautiful volume! Full  
and precise too. Ten times more  
satisfactory in its details than you  
promised. Of course surprises



appear on nearly every page. Old  
plant names are buried. New  
ones appear with old ones con-  
fused. I hope now a standard  
is set up that will reduce the  
synonymy and simplify descriptions.

Thanks & deepest gratitude for  
putting Mrs Austin into the Astrag-  
alus family with the rest of my  
botanical friends. The announce-  
ment just conveyed to her I know  
will give great comfort. Her  
beautiful house of Butterfly val. is  
sold for debt, and her heart is  
almost broken. I will ascend  
"Mt Stanford" again with Dr. Parry  
next month, and gather around the  
commemorative Austins.

I am very sorry for an error  
which mysteriously crept into your  
description of Astragalus Lemmonii.  
You say "communicated by Dr.

Bolander only, and apparently not  
since met with". Why Dr. Lemmon  
I not sent you large quantities  
of it for the last 3 seasons?

Another slight error is in credit-  
ing Dr. Bolander with getting with  
John Leonard the Thulsea margin on  
Leonard. I believe the very worthy  
Bolander has never been to Capeis  
peak. Except these two items  
the entire work pleased me greatly  
and I am only astonished that  
I am so often quoted and honored.

I take equal pleasure in the  
honors given to Mrs. Ames & Mrs.  
Austin as collectors. Other au-  
thors in Santa Barbara will  
deserve mention in the next vol.  
I think if present zeal continues.  
I see you have not received  
any Androsace from the limits of  
the state. A species is enclosed



The new Bat (under my left arm) constantly attracts attention, I can hardly drop it for writing.

I notice the sub-section of Labi  
atoflora is represented by but one  
genus. I enclose a specimen of  
Trixis which was picked up on  
White water river of the Col. Desert.

There has been such a round of  
pleasure here of late that I am  
too distracted to write. Col Hollister  
gave a complimentary dinner at the  
Arlington yesterday to Dr. Parry & friends,  
very grand affair. A Farewell Re-  
ception to night given by the little  
enthusiast Miss Plummer, closes  
the series. Dr. & Mrs Parry now  
like Santa Barbara as well as I do.

To-morrow early we leave on a steamer  
(passage paid by the good Col. Hollister) for  
San Francisco.

Sincerely Yours, J. H. Plummer.

The Glen Loch ravine near the  
home of an excellent lady and  
flower lover, Mrs. Bartlett, we  
found the new Calochortus citrinus  
Baker, figured last year at New.

To be sure such a pretty thing should  
be credited to a foreign collector.  
I have so stirred up the people  
here that I think they will report  
for themselves hereafter. The new  
Genus Palmerella was lost to the  
in the same way. It is abun-  
dant around the pools of Glen  
Loch and others of this vicinity  
and the plant is found well pre-  
served in the collections of Mrs  
Bartlett, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Plummer  
and Miss Lottie Winchester.

The month past has been a very  
busy one for me. The flower boys  
of the vicinity have either carried  
me out to their sylvan retreats  
or brought their collections for  
determination, so time has passed pleasantly.



I am now closing up the season in Southern Cal., and my relations are of the most pleasing character. I am glad you advised to come here instead of the East where it is so hot now.

The good Dr. Parry & lady proved ten times better and more helpful than I expected. They showed me every favor & attention from the first. And our acquaintance has ripened into the strongest friendship. If I can possibly raise the means I will go with them to Danversport for study this winter.

My health improves so that it appears I can accomplish much yet, all broken down as I was.

I regret now that I have not written more for the prep. while down here. It would have helped botanical research a little & prepared the way for <sup>sales of</sup> Bot. Cal.

I thought to reserve all my notes until next winter when as usual, write up my seasons ex-  
cursions.

Last seasons ex-  
cursions are just concluded in the "Pacific Rural" of San Fran-  
cisco.

I thought I submitted them all at once the 3 articles were string along for 3 months thus severing all connection of items and losing the effect. I will enclose two. I have been un-  
able to get all the numbers. Will try at the publishers office, then if possible send the remainder.

Am very sorry that Prof. Hargent could not make his liberal prop-  
osition to Dr. Parry & I (to gather seeds in Colorado) until the job was assigned to Dr. Palmer. Perhaps Dr. Palmer will withdraw yet, as requested. That job would help me to needed means.



Lemmon, J. G. 1876. "Lemmon, John G. July 24, 1876." *John Gill Lemmon letters to Asa Gray*

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