

of Lilium Parryi, Expect
350 more to be sent me soon.

By the generous influence of
Baron Esterházy a forester
in Prussia sends for 4 lbs,
each of the seeds of our forest
conifers. Though too late for
some species I am gathering
seeds of some of the species,
I know a fast deep on the
mountains.

We share your fears that Miss
Plummer is ill. Had not heard
from her in a month. Her
last words were that she was going
to N.Y. but letters should be ad-
dressed to Dover, Mass.

My mother, the spryest of the
family, sends warmest regards to
Mrs Gray.

Thanks for Baccharis Plummersi.
Have never been able to find other specimens.
Perry, Palmer, Reichen, Howell, & Co are
in good luck - in wide contrast to
Yours sincerely J. G. Lemmon.

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Sierra Valley, Cal., Oct 12. 1879

My dear Dr.

Many thanks for
your kind letter of Sep. 17, fol-
lowed by the Med article and
new "Contributions"

I have waited about reply-
ing to your kind offer to sell
a set of my plants in Paris, &
see first if I had time to
put up a set. I have
just returned from a visit
to Clarence King in San Fran-
cisco. He declares that he can
not employ any botanists or
other naturalists except geologists
in future surveys. I am
greatly disheartened at his de-
cision. Had I succeeded

in getting employment I
was going to remove the best
part of my large collection to
Oakland where I could be
hardy to pore over the old
reports & post myself as to
the botany of the interior.

There is a bare possibility
of getting a position under a
surgeon in Utah for next sea-
son, a possibility which will
be decided before the holidays.

Meanwhile I am at home
amidst my large herbarium
putting up sets for local
applicants, and I think I
can put up the set you
request.

I gather that the specimens
ought to be perfect as far as possible
so out of the thousands in
stock perhaps I can only
get 300, or 400 good ones.

How about Conifer specimens?
You know they are bulky
and heavy, they are also
very interesting. I have
collected a large stock of
them (by your suggestion),
and have had no demand
except from Dr. Engelmann.

You will have time to ad-
vise me relative to these
before I will be ready to send,
as the task of selecting, labeling
and packing will take several
weeks - added to other duties
that come between.

As you request, I will
label and pack carefully.

If I can send by express
the labels can accompany, &
so save a deal of labor.
May I send by express?

I have sold 300 of my bulbs



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