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Oakland, May 2nd 1882.

My dear Dr Gray.

Foregoing is a few notes concerning a package of plants accompanying this note.

These plants have turned up from time to time in handling the large lot of Compositae in our shelves.

Please report - the names soon (at your convenience of course) & the report will follow us. We are about to start for Arizona again, for a month or six weeks exploration.

We have been working for weeks over the Compositae & I believe have made but few mistakes, in putting up in packages. We send you what we have on hand (the Compositae) for Dr. Cooper & Prof De Candolle.

Another large lot go to the British Museum, soon.

I have trouble to get packages off to Europe. Our Post officials refuse to take packages of sufficient dimensions to contain common sized plants.

Do you send abroad such packages as I send you?

I have not replied to your last determination thinking to say what I wished at this time.

The plants sent Dr. Copson this time may include a few sent before, but only a few.

I made a great mistake when I commenced collecting in Arizona, by dropping my old numbers thinking there could be no confusion following, but Alas! trouble has commenced!

When we send again we shall resume its highest number again and go on from there.

I'm sure that I've not before sent any *Compositae* to Dr. Copson, so there will be no duplication there, not certainly any hereafter.

We have entered the names of every species & variety sent to each of our patrons this season in a book, so there will be straight work hereafter.

The price for these plants ought to be about \$1.00 per centum, had it not? considering there are so many new ones among them.

But you fix the price we shall be satisfied with \$1.50

Notes of Plants of Arizona, (mostly *Compositae*) col-
lected in 1880 & '81, by J. L. &
J. J. Lemmon, sent, May 2. '82

617, *Astragalus* — In oak woods
of north slope Santa Catalinas, May '80.

618 *Stevia* — near to *Plummera* In
Rucker val. Chiricahua Mts. Sep. '81.

619 *Pectis* ^{near frost-lag} *heterophylla*? Apache pap. Sep. '81.

620 *Bidens heterophylla*? " "

621 *Brickellia* — mistaken ^{being} for *brachy-*
phylla. Rucker val. Sep. '81.

622 *Bahia* — Near Tucson. Apr. '80.

623 — ? Apache pap. Sep. '81.

624 *Cnicus* San Bernardino Mts.

625 " Near Merced, Cal. Apr. '80.

626 *Chonactis* San Bernardino " "

627 " " "

628 " " "

629 *Aster* near Ft. Bowie, Ariz. Apr. '81.

630 " Carson val. June '81.

631 " peaks of Sierra vol. " "

632 *Aplopappus* " "

633 *Gaillardia* north side Santa Catalinas, May '81.

634 *Chrysopsis*? San Bernardino. Apr. '80.

635 *Grindelia* near Merced. " "

As you suggested, I have just written to Dr. Copson stating that I have just despatched certain Compositae (200 species,) to you for him, & leaving the question of their value to you & he. (Total 256.)

The Comp. for Prof De Candolle number 215. I believe. (Total 475.)

The British Museum get about the same number.

From a letter I have just received from Watson I see that you send boxes of plants abroad.

So this answers my question on a previous page.

I have a mind to ask you if you people at Harvard can facilitate my dealings with the British Museum via the Royal Gardens.

I had asked the party to expect other plants in addition, next winter and could send all at once.

Perhaps I shall soon get special directions how to send direct.

Having broken down so often lately from over-work on this constant labor we are convinced that moderate exercise in open air must be taken, so we shut down work here and are off in three days for Arizona.

Just now the Apaches are rampant on our old ground but by the time we reach there we hope to be able to botanize the Gila River Nat. east of Tombstone, or at least the Wadluma Mts, just west of that famous town.

We desire no more such exposures as we endured last season & will take great care, for well we are assured that we can endure nothing like as much again. We mean to obtain back animals this time & carry our burdens.

There are several plants forming the typical species that I need to get a proper conception of them. You know that of several I have only varieties, often widely different varieties. I hope in that southern region so near the boundary to come upon the types.

We take our mother along as far as San Bernardino where resides a dear old neighbor of ours, lately establishing a home there among the orange groves.

Mrs. Dr. Parry is over there too. (Colton.) and so mother will have a good visit while we are beyond in the desert. Dr. Parry, the Parish brothers, Bringle, ~~James~~ & several from the East are already deep in their collections, but so special is the flora of those isolated mountains that I trust there is good picking for all.

My wife has been unable to do much this spring, owing to over-straining the eyes in painting wild flowers. A very good teacher in water colors is here & my wife attempted to avail herself of too many privileges at once, & so brought on blindness. She had to disuse her eyes for several weeks and is just now beginning manual work.

I wish more works of reference and must have them for next winter.

We look with interest for the latest contributions from your pen.

We saw Mr. Brand last evening & had a pleasant chat. He is a vigorous ^{clever} worker but chafes to be expunged.

Mother & wife give you warm regards & your self & Mrs. G. Sincerely, J. S. Dummer



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