

Jannic's Canon, 10 miles south of  
Fort Huachuca, Arizona  
Aug 27 82.

My dear Dr Gray,

The flora of this region is "just booming" now & we are very busy. Along the flat lands of the lower part of the streams is a Grindelia which is, each plant, a mass of glory, 500, <sup>small</sup> heads to a medium-sized plant, each  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch <sup>the rays</sup> across, and of a bright orange. Perhaps it is your G. Arizonica, not yet described. In the high ravines we have discovered two natural Fern Conservatories, like half-opened books standing on end against a high mountain. They <sup>of various rocks &</sup> are 1,500 to 2,000 feet in height, scented and cross-barred with clefts in which are found the most robust & high-colored plants we have seen any where in Arizona. Among them I



have counted 26 different species of ferns! Some of them are strangers to me and certainly to the region. I mail a package to Prof. Eaton to-day for determination.

By an unpardonable negligence I omitted the Erigeron alluded to, from my last letter, I now enclose it. It clings to <sup>wet</sup> vertical rocks of high peaks,

Also I put in racemes of a curious thing, (a Spiraea?) which forms large masses like bafes on similar rocks. (limestone?) I am temporarily laid up by an accident incurred day before yesterday - of which I may tell you more in future, if it proves serious.

Mrs. G. is as hearty & enthusiastic as ever but is getting a little emaciated from over-work. It is more than we can do to go slow in the midst of such treasures.

There will be several large packages to submit to you by-and-by.

With continued warmest regards  
I am Truly Yours,

J. S. Burman



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