

The Commissioners for the two territories urge us to increase our display and take it down to N. E. fair.

We go over to San Francisco to-day to see if the Cal? Commissioner also, would like to be represented.

Sometimes I think it would be better to stay at home and study this winter. But then we have need of the broadening and educating influence of such a trip, where we may see large floral displays and meet many botanists.

Will make up a package of puzzles as soon as possible for you.

Mrs G. busy as a bee. Feels quite pleased with her prize for flower painting. Best regards of folk to you all.
Sincerely Yours, - J. L. Pennmon.

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 18, 84.

Dear Dr. Gray

Just in from our season's explorations we find you favor of the 26th of Sept! waiting, not forwarded!

Glad you were benefitted by a month's vacation.

Hope strength continued.

The death of Engelmann, Beer, Bentham & others set our fears in action lest our dear Dr. Gray is in danger of falling.

So try to shift some of your usual burdens off upon younger shoulders, and so bless us by your supervising counsel for years yet.

So those rich Santa Catalina Mts. yield another new genus - Rothrockia,

Good. We collected more and better species of it last Aug. but as you had named it Boulina unigari I did not forward ~~these~~ new spec^s to you but distributed as above. Will now rectify.

Luckily, I saved some good ^{for ourselves} Poppus, so can verify when your description appears.

Collected also of the new Ladnostoma Arizonicum but of course distributed it as Gonolobus reticulatus.

It is not wonder that mistakes occur in so difficult a family as the milkweeds.

I'm glad you removed the doubt of my credibility in regard to the habitat of Chenactis suffrutescens,

I fear we will be too late to get you any thing more for "Contributions" at this printing for it will be some time ere I can get at our collections, still in 6 great boxes of dozens of well packed bundles.

We closed up the season by taking 300 specimens of grasses, sedges and ferns mounting ^{them} on large card boards and exhibiting ^{them} at the fair for Arizona and New Mexico held at Albuquerque last week.

Secured to take very well, & first premiums awarded us.



Lemmon, J. G. 1884. "Lemmon, John G. Oct. 18, 1884." *John Gill Lemmon letters to Asa Gray*

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