

latest discoveries.

I wish to indicate every species and marked variety that may be found in the U.S. west of the Rocky Mts. including Alaska.

This you see is a distinct geographical region, generally called the Pacific Slope.

The only trouble is toward the south, with the Mexican plants.

For instance does *Artemisia* *ad-*  
*iantifolia* & *A. Mexicana* come into New Mex. or Arizona?

How many *Botrychium* are in this Pac. region? Any new *Gleichenias*? or *Hottelarias*?

I shall be very thankful for any information in aid of my project.

Mrs. Lemmon joins me in warmest regards to yourself and to your family, also with best wishes for your success in business.

Yours sincerely J. G. Lemmon.



Lemmon Herbarium  
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Nov. 28. '85.

Our dear friend Davenport,

Did we say anything in your presence of the illness of our dear little mother?

While we were at the East enjoying the acquaintance of friends and the study of plants, she was prostrated by fever, but so great was her solicitude for our welfare and her strength of self-denial that she did not let us know her condition nor let others know our address.

At last a friend telegraphed

"Your mother is very low. Come immediately!" We hastened home, but too late! Her casket had been brought up from Oak-land and deposited in the cemetery at Sierra valley where as you remember I used to live, four days before our arrival.

This is a great shock to both Mrs L., and myself for little mother though 53 years old was sprightly, appreciative, considerate and very lovely in her character.

I tell you all this because we have been in your home and also we have read your tribute to John Williamson so we know how sympathetic and warm hearted you are, and that you will sympathize with us for the loss of our best friend.

There was so much to do in clearing house, repairing furniture &c. after so long absence that we have just arrived at the examination of the immense package of ferns you gave us. How rich it is!

Some of the rarest of ferns are in the package. How can we repay you for them?

We are powerless at present at East, and furthermore I wish to ask for farther favors.

I am going to try to publish a second edition of my "Pacific Ferns" this winter and of course I wish to make it as full and correct as possible.

Now as you have knowledge of all the collections made on this Coast you are in the way of acquainting me with the



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*John Gill Lemmon letters to Asa Gray*

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