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75 PARK AVENUE,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Dear Mr. Watson;

I am concerned to learn
that the Guatemalan fever is hanging on
so long, and that you find yourself
constrained to abstain from work.
What a drawback that is upon travel
in tropical land! I had hoped a
spring visitor might escape. Perhaps
you were not duly careful about the
hours of the day for exposing yourself.
In such regions I try not to be out unless
the sun is well up above the horizon
^{either}
~~both~~ east or west. That is the creed of
Charlestonians; and they ought to know.

Many thanks for your satisfactory expla-
-nations in regard to those three dubious

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specimens from Curtis. That was a bad mistake of Dr. Chapman's about the Osmorhiza. That name reminds me, that I have received from him a specimen sub. O. glabellum from Georgia, I have not examined it. I am also promised this plant by Rev. Father Langlois of Plaquemine Parish, La. I mention this, because you once wrote, there was but a single specimen at Harvard, and it was an imperfectly known species.

Will you be so good as give to Dr. Gray my explanation in reference to Demallaria. I made two appointments with a friend to hunt for it at its supposed locality in Hartford Co. But each day it rained. Then I had to go to Virginia, and remained there until its season for blooming was past. I have preserved the memoranda, and hope to hunt it down next spring.

Perhaps the Aconite, that Mr. Chickering wants to compare, is what he and I in 1880 collected on Roaring Run, eastern slope of Roan Mt. But the flowers were blue. He thought it different from A. uncinatum. I have been wishing for some years past to visit Dr. Gray's old station for the Reaching Aconite. That Mt. is rather vague, but Mr. Cauty has sent me Dr. Gray's recollections; and perhaps this year I will start south from Grafton in search of it.

Heartily wishing you a speedy return to health, and strength for your favorite occupations,

Yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith



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