

from those of the staminate flowers, and
polliniferous; nor were the connecting hairs
present. I sent some fresh flowers of
both kinds to Mr. Canby. I take from
you a few that I will mail to you.
But later I hope to be able to send
you better specimens.

I add a bud of what seems to be Rho-
-dodendron Virgii. It was collected on
Grandfather Mt. N. C. Car. Of this too I hope
to get good specimens.

I forgot to say that the Dorbea came
from a spot a few miles south of
Columbia, So. Car.

Canby tells me Mr. Targuiot is making
a critical study of Dorbea from Hyatt's
specimens. I think Miss Taylor will make

505 PARK AVENUE,
BALTIMORE, MD. 28 April, 1888.

Dear Dr. Watson,

Dr. Urban had written to
me about the second installment of the
Sintenis, Porto Rico plants. The first were
rather common places; I hope these will
have more interest.

My experience with the New York Custom
House is like yours. I find it much better
to have my things shipped direct to
Balt^o.

You are right; there was a little balance
due me on Urban's last shipment; and
he will now call it square.

Louleridium is a happy thought. Nothing
could be more appropriate. But why

not call it my little bathing tub, instead
of Tütscheim's? I want to give an
approved form in case any one should
wish to call a n. sp. after me. Dr. Gray
wrote Polygonum Hartwrightii; and
two common surnames have been con-
solidated with Christian ones in
Alaumbachia, Carlswrightia, &c. If you
formish a precedent for Tonnellsmithii,
no one will think to compliment me
by inflicting Smithii upon any of
my new plants from Guatemala.

I am glad to have your opinion
about the Pitcairnia. I will try to
describe what distinguishes it from P.
Johisana.

When will you go on with the account

of your own gatherings on Lake Yzabal &
Rio Chocon? Nearly nine tenths of
your plants remain for you to
enumerate.

Some plants collected last year at
the South by a Balt^d. Lady of a botan-
ical turn were sent to me to name,
and I found among them a stam-
inate plant of Darbya umbellulata. This
year she went back at my instiga-
tion to look for pistillate plants; and
she has just sent them to me in
fresh state, so that I could examine
them readily. They are simply dioecious,
and not andro-monoicous; in a num-
ber of flowers, that I looked at, the anthers
of the pistillate flowers were dissimilar

arrangements to have it collected
later in the season with pistil to
show all about the disputed ovule,
and later still in fruit.

Everything that I have or shall have,
and I can say the same for Miss Tay-
lor, will be at Prof. Sargent's service.

Yours faithfully,

John Donnell Smith



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