

Crawfordsville, Ind., Jan 4-81.  
Mr. Sereno Watson!

My Dear Sir:

Upon looking  
over my *Amer. Nat.* for Jan'y I was  
surprised to see a review of Vol. II of  
the *California Botany*. It was the  
first intimation I had received  
that the 2<sup>d</sup> vol had been issued.

I can hardly understand why  
I have been kept in such ig-  
norance of the matter. The Con-  
stituency of the Gazette is a very  
large one, embracing I believe, every  
working botanist in this Country and  
many in Europe. Should not such  
a Constituency be kept informed  
as to the publication of such an  
important book? Why should

Journals making no special  
pretence to Botany be the  
first to note its publication & the  
nature of the changes it proposes.  
It is by just such slight that  
journals are weakened, their  
subscribers finding that they can-  
not be depended upon for prompt  
information. It is with considerable  
mortification that I, with my supposed  
familiarity with the doings at Cambridge,  
must take my information of your  
publications at second hand.

If not a book, at least an advanced  
notice of its appearance & contents  
would have been very desirable—

Sincerely yrs.,

John M. Coulter,  
Ed. Bot. Gazette.





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