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My dear Dr. Gray

Thank you very long
letter of the 15th Jan'y & for
all you have done for me in
the way of Books &c. I am
expecting a parcel from Extnber
& Co. today & I shall write to
you again next week, I shall
try to keep Extnber in good
humour by being as much
customer to him as I can. Among
other things, I ordered of him a
periodical "Portnam's Monthly",
thinking I should learn from it
a good deal of what is going on in
the literary & scientific world of
America & because I saw your
honourable name among the list
of Contributors. They send only
Mr. L. send me. I wish in
return for something I might
fasten by you. I wish I could
find nothing unless it were the
letter to John Bull!!! on which
the scribbled for the Little page,

an copy of a book of Paul, which
I received in double: & I had found
it a work difficult to procure. Paul
is now dead. You are
quite right. I have got Emory
from you on I believe think, and
good Larney. If the same Emory
has been in the advertisement, I
should have known it: - but
I had not thought there were so
many plates on I might have
it.

I shall look for the Larney
in Jan'y, when our garden too will
be worth seeing. You too a Mrs.
Gray much come & see us in our
new quarters: & see too how much
better our Herbarium is our summer
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the Chief Commissioner of South: & to
be transplanted into our forest, &c.
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recommend it as an ornamental
tree. As such I expect it will be even
further used. It is an ill mind that
blames nobody good. Seeds of Robinia
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the Lee Mays (his daughter) &
the Dyer-Cane: both giving a
remarkably strong midrib to
the leaves. I like the North
American Review much better & thank
you for the advice about it. I
do not however find that a book
needed or desirable for me to
continue regularly: only I do
not like that a work so very
interesting as that now is should
be very imperfect or very short.
But it will not satisfy me
to pick up the volumes I want
from time to time by your
kind help & at a recurred cost.

You send me nothing to do
in revenge for all the trouble
I give you. I had a great
hank for the March No. of
the Journal of Botany for you:
till I recollected that from
some cause which I forgot and
my absence from home perhaps
no Number was published
in March. Please promise to
make up this deficiency by giving

a double number in Dec. as I
sent him smaller accordingly. Then
he changed his mind & comple-
tes the volume with the 11th & 12th pp.
than the subscribers have to pay
for 11 & not 12 No. No great harm
is thereby done. Also of
Lobelia Sp. of 2 com. Pennsylvania
I feel sure I sent that after
you had previously asked for
it. If so it would not be with
you when your present letter
came away: for you had
previously asked for it Jan. 6.
It went by December. Should I
be mistaken: for if I am not
sent to I can have difficulty
in doing so. I am not sure
but I have more copies of many
volumes of that work on my
shelves than the publishers
possess: - at any body's service.
I am getting on rapidly however
with the new 10th volume all on
herms. My 6th Book of Gen. et
of Delirium went to you via
Sunderland 2 days ago. Written
with a copy or two of my Garden
Catalogue & (chiefly) Herbaceous plants.



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