

West-Chester, Pa, Nov. 16. 1859.

My dear Friend, I now send the additional instalment, promised in my last, of the seeds &c. collected by my good friend, Captain Phelps. I shall be happy to learn that they have reached you in safety, & hope they may so vegetate, under your auspices, as to prove interesting.

I took the liberty, in my other note, to suggest that I thought the Tradescantia pilosa, & the T. flexuosa, were distinct species. I should like you to ascertain the correctness of my opinion, before the next edition of the Manual.

By the way, I wish you could give us an edition of the Manual in two small volumes, which should include all the known plants in the United States. Although I cannot expect to see such an edition, I am sure it would be



be a most valuable hand-book  
for American Botanists; and I  
think, with the materials now within  
your reach, you could render it a  
very acceptable performance. By  
putting it in small type - something  
like Persoon's Synopsis - it would not  
be inconveniently bulky; and would  
be such a comfort to all herborizing  
Brethren! It would serve an excellent  
purpose, until the Flora of N. America  
could be completed. If I were only  
forty or fifty years younger, I should  
urge you, vehemently, to undertake  
it: yet I am very willing those  
who come after me should enjoy it.

With my kindest regards to  
yourself - and best love to dear Mrs G -  
I remain, ever and always,  
C. C.

most truly yours,

Wm. Darling

Prof. A. Gray,  
Cambridge, Mass.



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