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Taylorville, Plumas Co.,  
Cal. Apr. 8th, 1876.

Geo. C. Davenport—

Dear Sir;

I have  
not yet mailed the package I  
spoke of in my last letter.

The condition of the road over the  
mountains preclude the possibility  
of any regularity in the arrival  
or departure of the mails, which  
still continue to be brought over  
by men on snow-shoes.

Please accept my sincere thanks  
for four copies of the Medford  
Chronicle containing your excellent,  
instructive and interesting articles  
on the "Flora of Medford," and also  
a Catalogue of the North American  
Farms which you presented to the

Mass. Hort. Society. A Bulletin of  
the Toney Botanical Club contained  
a notice of this valuable collection  
and your generous donation of  
it some to the Hort. Society.

I am, <sup>indeed</sup> very grateful to you for a  
copy of the Catalogue.

It is with mournful regret, I  
learn of the destruction of the Old  
Elm on Boston Common. I learned  
to love it as a dear and valued  
friend and never went to Boston  
without paying it a visit. To me  
it possessed a monotonous charm  
and often when standing beneath  
its grand and stately shade  
how I wished it endowed with  
the power of speech - what "a  
tale of its times of old" could it  
not have told!

Was the Old Elm ever photo-  
graphed? I have some splendid

roots of the silver Gymnos-  
gymne for you which I  
shall mail you soon as I think  
it safe to do so. The package I  
shall also send when the roads  
become better.

Very respectfully yours,  
Mary E. Pulsifer - Ames.





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