

Ellwood 13. Feb. 1878
Geo. E. Deserport

Dear Sir Yours of Jan 1. is at
hand. You are not mistaken in
supposing someone seated on the
rock ~~on~~ the stereoscopic view of
the "Dart." Mrs. Bartlett is in the
picture.

We have had capricious rainfalls
and California is rejoicing in
the prospect of a fruitful
year. Up to this date we have
had at Ellwood ^m 15.5; more than
an inch having fallen last night.
A rich verdure covers every hill
and corner and plain. The
country is lovely to behold.
In a few weeks I will be
out on Laramieal Ste. Mo. on
the warm hill-side for flowers
in the rocks and arroyos and
crannies and clefts of rocks for
the delicate ferns. How soon
wont they will be where

the destructive visits not. This morning I had to earn with all my might to save one of my favorite spots from their wholesale nibble. The herds told me that Mr. Cooper had given orders to have the weeds all cleared out by the sheep. But I commenced firing chloroform on the weeds that more than weeds grow there. So that choice spot was saved.

I am preparing my list of ferns and will have it ready to send to you in a few days.

My subscription for Juncy's Bulletin goes by this mail as also an order for your "Note on *Batrachium simplex* Hitchc."

I will do what I can to obtain living plants of *Cheilanthes Cooperi* for you as well as for others

Will note its Habitat and write as particularly as I can. Why did not the description of *Cheilanthes Californica* accompany the illustration in Prof. Eaton's second number of *North American Ferns*?

Very Truly Yours
Simeon P. Cooper

I have just read over again
your letter of Aug. 27. Some
points of which I must no-
tice. How have you succeeded
with *Cheilanthes Cooperae*?

In a month or two I must
try and collect some true
plants for you and others
of my friends who desire
to have the fern growing.

I have never seen this fern
growing spontaneously. Will
try to see it in its native state
when the rains bring up veg-
etation.

If nothing prevent I will
try to send you plenty of
our Santa Barbara species.

Many thanks for your offer
to aid me in collecting

It is still very dry here. The hill-sides are still brown and bare. The stock on the ranches around are so dying. People are beginning to feel anxious about rain. If we have another dry year there will be much suffering in California. I hope, however that we will have a copious rain-fall before Christ-mas. That both stock grass and Potatoes may be forced. S. P. C.

13th It is raining, and promises on sick and more we are all thankful. The poor starving cattle around us. I hope will soon have grass to nibble.

the flowering plants of New England. When through with ^{for the day} my collection of ferns. I may want to make them one of the flowering plants.

I have not noticed two varieties of *Aspidium Argum* with regard to fragmas as you observed. Will remember to do so when opportunity offers.

There are no *Botrychium* in this vicinity - at least - none found as yet -

I send you by this opportunity two Stereoscopic views one of the Pool the other of a part of our canon. Neither of them very good. Such as they are please accept.



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