

The publisher seems to have a old
Shability.

Greibach

Göttingen Sept. 1867.

It was only at the beginning of this year, when by my correspondent I was informed that the book was circulating in the German trade, and having received your note of Dec. 21,

I immediately requested, that the copies were to be sent to Berlin, which, I trust, he would have done. There was still an other impediment to fulfilling Mr. Wright's desire of having copies in Cuba. For the Cuban govern-
ment, who has promised to take care of the role there, did equally not answer to several letters I had addressed to him. Thus I was obliged to break up all cor-
respondence with him and have now given instruction to my Cuban publisher (Mr. Capet-
man) to get a commission in Cuba on his own account.

I have now finished examining the list of Teutsch's *Vincaula* plants, which you communicated last year, having determined the genera and identified each species as I clearly perceive. If the list would be of any use for you, I might copy it and send it if required. Please do, I want it,

With my best wishes Yours as ever
affectionately
Frischbach.

also new to me.

My dear Dr. Agassiz!

I am rather ashamed, that my correspondence for so long time has nearly ceased, but the fact is, that during and since the unhappy German war I was often low-spirited and do not know to complain. During the long peace-period Germany has constantly advanced, not only in its material resources, but to much more political freedom than I knew in my younger years. All this is now to end in a military rule, where no manner of independent opinion is suffered to be printed, in a shrouded Edition of German poetry, never to be unrolled again, and all this by disregard of the first principles of the honesty of our nation, those of justice and fidelity, and by the open or clandestine union with foreign powers, the natural foes of our purity. Since the termination of the war an unparaleled increase of the numbers of soldiers has taken place in the newly organized

Prussian army. —

provinces of Prussia has taken place, and
the prospects of the future are more than ever.
Our university, to which I have been a teacher
for thirty years, was a wonderful place of
tranquility and of the most cognizance
of the Hanoverian government, now it is
a provincial establishment submitted to a
centralizing power; the first result to us
has been diminution of its numbers, the
rise of going away, for want or later
the former universities will be in the same
situation as the French provincial establishments.

During the summer we had suffered much
from heavy garrisons in our small town,
but having spent the autumn in a cold climate
and visited from all personal impressions
of the time, I returned in full spirits
of vivacity, and, giving up all other reflection,
I seek and find consolation in busy trim,
toxic labour, having begun a general work
of special geography of plants, which will
be an occupation of years, though prepared
from a great length of time. My chief
aim is to show by the exposition of the
features of the different Flora's the adaptation

of plants to climate.

Glad you are at so important a work -
but fear it will take you off too much from
Botany of Trp. America.

You are aware, that such studies are an
expensive or an interruption rather to my
meant systematic labours, though I often find
much certain subjects in my collections and have
constantly in view to increase them. Thus all
communications are welcome, and I beg to thank
Mr. Wright in my name for the noble plants
contained in his letter of Oct. 24. When receiving
specimens I regard it now as a considerable accom-
plishment for certain hours if I feel absolved
from reading the many ~~works~~ books of the immen-
sive literature of travel-harvest, often without
much gratification.

I hope that now at last you will be in
possession of the copies of the Catalogue cabinet
N. Y. You are aware, that in the month of May one
of my friends I sent the whole edition to Leipzig,
and since that time I have in my possession
only a single copy, my Leipzig publisher not
having answered to any of my letters, even when
requiring a few copies for my own use and for
my friends. I had no news from him but
one, when at the outbreak of the war he
stated, that he could not care of the Catalogue
but when tranquillity in the Trade was restored.



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