

couraged to the extent of my ability.
Yesterday being a holiday in New Jersey
Hartshorn came down here and, by
way of innocent amusement, brought
his Aster and Solidago along and
we spent the day in studying and
comparing.

I have had my desiderata of Allan's
catalogue printed for general distribution
among the botanical fraternity in
hopes of getting some of them by exchange
or barter. No idea of this kind will
of course accompany the copies sent
to you and Mabey, but only that you
may know what is going on in your
kingdom. It will come be true to get
up a Botanical Catalogue of the whole
United States. And by the way how comes
in the new N.A. Flora? But I must
stop this. With the warmest esteem and
regard for both Mr. Gray & yourself, ever
yours faithfully Wm. A. Gray

Wilmington Nov. 7th 1877
My Dear Dr. Gray

So little am I
in the way of getting Botanical
news that I had had only intim-
inations of your return from your
long and, I hope, pleasant and prosper-
ous journey, until a day or two since
the Am. Naturalist gave some account
of it, by which I found you were at
home again. Then I determined to write
to you and am now freshly impelled
by the receipt of your note of Saturday
and its most acceptable enclosure, both
of which have given me the greatest
pleasure. The picture is excellent and
the likenesses of the two I know are
exceedingly characteristic. I am very
much obliged for your kind thought.

and kind note. Hooker's box-note is
excellent and your name for the fiction
well applied. Long may "The Three Sor-
sires" survive and flourish.

I have had a great deal to write
to you about - some California plants
to ask about, and some old matters, to
go over - but I have not time now to
do it and you have not time to be
bothered, so we will salt them down
until you come this way which will
be when? Mrs. Cauby and I will
be delighted to see you ~~here~~ and Mrs.
Gray here at any and all times that
you can make it convenient and
we shall anticipate your visit, with
the sincerest pleasure. You will let
us know when we may expect
it. As to getting to Cambridge I want
(with your permission) to consult the
Herbarium some time during the win-

ter, principally in regard to Wright's botanical
plants many of which I have not the
means of ~~consulting~~ naming with certainty.
So I may get to Boston sometime. I
wish with all my heart I could say
the same for Mrs. Cauby. She is the
faithfullest of mothers and gives up
everything for the sake of our children.
Only once in four years has she been
to see her old friends and old home in
Ohio. I long for the day when we shall
be able to travel together. By the way
I must send as directed the special
refers to you both, and the hope which
your note has excited of seeing you be-
fore long.

We have heard from Fuller and
I could say nothing of him. I have had
two letters from him. Parry wrote me
lately giving me knowledge of his "de-
signs on Mexico" which I have seen.



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