

will I hope give you a little rest and recreation. I suppose Mrs. Gray goes with you. My best wishes attend you.

I have a letter from M. Lemoine acknowledging receipt of package.

I have written a little article for *Gardener's Monthly* on *Dionaea*, which you will see. There is one point I did not sufficiently ~~insist~~ enlarge upon in regard to the absorption of matter by the leaf. If a piece of cheese is closed upon by the leaf and is partially dis-

Wilmington Jan 29th 1868
Dear Dr. Gray

I got home Saturday night (27th) and found yours of 22nd. 3/4 day comes yours, of 26th just in time.

I leave on 1st prox for Atlantic City for 2 weeks, thence West for a couple of months; but will be here about the 10th prox. or a few days earlier. If Books Caucis and the Cal. plants are sent to "Wilmington Institute" for Wm. M. Cauley" it will be all right - My respects of course.

Many thanks for all your trouble.

Though I lost much time in N.C. by want of knowledge of routes &c., I had a

charming time. Such beauty
and sublimity of scenery among
these grand mountains. I
think the view from the
Roan the finest I ever saw
not excepting Mt. Washington.
Botanically I could not
do much for want of time
and facilities of carrying
a prep, but got poor spec-
imens of many good things
nevertheless. Was just too
late for *Diphylleia* and
Phacelia frimbriata in flower
but saw in perfection the
beautiful *Rhododendron Cataw-
biense*. On the Peak I found
Caryocarpus and *Vaccinium*
constabile, and of course more
plentifully on the Roan; in the
latter on the face of that awful
cliff on the West side of the

Mt. the *Sedum Rhodiola* a
specimen of which is enclosed.
I don't know how it escaped
the sharp eyes which have looked
there before unless taken for
S. telephioide. When time is
afforded better specimens of this
and other things will be sent.

In spite of the real hard
work I must (*Providencia* per-
mitting) go to that lovely coun-
try again.

As to *Shortia* - I suspect
it must be, if in the coun-
try at all, a very early
flowering plant. Michaux only
got it in fruit and he must
have been on those Mountains
quite early in the season.

It was with sincere
pleasure I heard of your
design of going to Elisepe. It

solved and the leaf evidently
killed by it, does it not
prove absorption almost to
a certainty? A pebble might
be closed upon but it would
be finally rejected without in-
juring to the plant. But would
be dissolved and apparently
absorbed with benefit. But
chance kills the leaf and
I think it must be absorbed
to do it.

I am in great hurry
of course preparing to leave
home. Expect to be in Chicago
during the meeting of Am.
Association.

Ever most truly Yours,

Wm. M. Canby



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