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My dear Doctor,

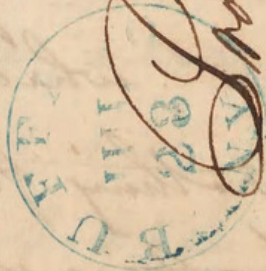
Your letter of the 25th reached me this morning, & the sight of your well known character at once recalled old times, & Botanical Association, before the arrival of the sheets from Silliman, some hours subsequently - Accept my best thanks for all your care of my fame in the matter of the *Pha-* *elia*, demands also my acknowledg^t tho' to confess a truth, you have been more thoughtful for me, in the matter, than I should have been for myself. Had the *Publ.* come into my hands - The whole article seems to be a very ship-shod affair, but will not injure the author, in any estimation - I should have been pleased to have met you in N.Y. tho' I should scarcely have enjoyed your Society, as I was very unwell during the whole of my visit - I was attacked with the influenza about 2 mos. ago, from which I have never thoroughly recovered, & when in N.Y. I was laid up with remittent fever - I am, at this time, as weak as Infancy, often hardly able to walk, & my spirits, without, exceedingly low - Under these

Circumstances you will not be surprised to learn
that I feel very lonely - I wish you much happi-
ness in your projected Tour, but if Mr. S. be, as
you report, so very energetic a man, I shall expect
to hear that like the famed Kilkenny cats - You've
cat each other all up - But if he comes in any
degree short of your measure of restlessness, you
will doubtless "use him up" or kill him - I have
never opened a Botan. Bk. nor looked at a specimen,
(I have none with me) since I left N.Y. & as I remember
that you only value men for their Botany, you will no
doubt consider me, as I often do myself, good for nothing -
Dr. Chapman wrote me from Southampton Mass. 4 June
where he proposed passing the summer - From Sartwell
I had a br. 1 Vlt. He thinks he shall be at N.Y.
& visit me here next Sept. - This is the whole of
my Botan. news, & it is really too bad to send you
in the sum of 25¢ for such a br. which I should
not, in charity, feel disposed to do, were it not that you
B.S. seems to contemplate my acknowledgment of your communication.
Business here is very bad, & you rightly infer that
I am not likely to remain long amongst this Community,
but I will not trouble you, on the score of grapes, as
without reference to my opinion of their general efficacy,

you may, at least, assure yourself that I should place no
value on any which might emanate from your party,
or the clique to which, I conceive, your "we" has reference.
What my next move may be, or whether I shall move
myself, or be carried hence, seems very doubtful, but
if I only get strength enough for the undertaking, it is
not improbable that I may take a look at the Western
Country - If not - I shall, perhaps, run over to N. Can.
for a short time - What I hear of the state of society
in the N.Y. Prov. is very pleasing to me, but business
prospects are discouraging here as elsewhere - I am glad
to hear that you are preparing to attack Ericaceae
tho' my interest in the Flora is now rather a
public than a personal one, feeling that I have
less chance than even our friend Dr. Darlington
of living to see it finished - Some day or other I suppose
I may come across his Kely. Bot. which I am glad to hear
he has published - I hear nothing from Knauer, &
am wondering whether he has transferred his pondering
Correspond. from me to you - I believe there are no Bot.
here - I sometimes hear the ladies, at my boarding Ho.
discussing about their "geraniums" but as I never say
anything, they have no idea of my Botan. talent - Give
my sincere regards to Torrey, who will always be dear
to my recollections - If you think me worth powder & shot,

x x I should be alive when you return from the South
I should be pleased to hear of your proceedings, but you had
better first get my address from Greenwich St. as, I am not
likely to be here, if living Give my kind respects to Mr. Carey,
whom I am now never likely to see, I believe me,
With the kindest & most friendly wishes for your
Welfare & Happiness, Yrs. Truly, Geo. Carey

Prof. A. Gray -
Harvard Univ.
Cambridge - Mass.



I should like one of Tuckerman's large papers, if you
have plenty, & the list of the 150 plants which Jeyer
is offering to sell, to which you refer p. 227 Ill. Jour.
They may be sent by mail, but not here unless within
a fortnight or so -



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