

25. June - Ken.

I have received the \$4 to  
pay Curtiss for his set  
of plants received in last box,  
& have receipted the bill (which  
some one has to do), therefore  
please pay Curtiss the price  
in dollars, and collect it of Dr.  
Goodale. (Mr Goodale has no  
balance in my favor, he has  
only to ask E. W. Loring.)  
Oliver wishes Curtiss to know  
that his sets are in all respects  
the most satisfying of any  
that occur. He has earned  
a good name - whether, or no,  
it be equal to "great riches".

As to your list of officinal plants  
wanting to the pub. I will see what I  
can do. But your list is curious  
You want Lianum usitativum.

If you raise one in Arb. Garden get it  
dry from the nearest flax-field -

Ficus Carica. The fig-tree in the  
Garden would supply a specimen, or  
one of the gentlemen who raise  
figs.

Allium sativum. I'll try &  
send you a leaf to grow!



*Convolvulus Scamonea*. The plant  
was in the garden i.e. green-house.  
Perhaps I can find a native species  
near. Not one of *Crucis sativus*.

*Scilla maritima* I know was in  
the herb. Same of the blue  
"Eugenia caryophyllata, Bursera, or  
be something else.

"*Aloe vera*" The tree  
*Aloe of Boatswain* has only just  
been obtained, specimens & living,  
by young Balfour, and is figuring  
for Bot. Mag. Hooker promises a  
living plant, and I must get  
Hooker to dry a flowering specimen.

"Will see about Boissier's  
lists" You mean - or I  
meant, Corrois. He is to pay,  
if you have to get copies.

I am so glad the weather  
is in so good condition about worms  
things. For dust and dampness (for  
which I have thought of a remedy)  
we will put our heads together when  
I come home.

As to this fall or no, I leave  
that to Godale, whose yes or no.  
I expect in 2 weeks or so.

I close in haste - ✓  
Sent W this 28<sup>th</sup> June  
and yours

M. Gray



Gray, Asa. 1881. "Gray, Asa June 25, 1881 [to Sereno Watson]." *Asa Gray correspondence : letters from Asa Gray to various individuals*

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