

Friday Night - 31 Dec^r!
~~Saturday~~

Many happy New Years to you, My dear Mary
& to your heart's darling! I wrote you a long
letter about your Little Page & preface, &
also returned the corrected proof by the mail
of the 29 Inst. both, I hope, safely to hand.
As I learn from James Grant that W. Sp.
will be sending to Boston on Monday, I
conclude to forward to you the 1/2 doz. speci-
mens made last Summer, & I call your es-
pecial ~~my~~ attention to the Filices as magnificent
~~Le Triomphe de l'Art~~, as a B. D. would say -
I return your number of Hooker's Jour. Bot.
& wish you to send me any you may have
rec^d. (with Enumⁿ. of Seyer's ~~plants~~) subsequent
to the 2 nos. I had of Sullivants - that is to
say, I have had 3 numbers - I also send you
my last 2 letters from Boott, which I give
you a fortnight to digest, at the expiration
of which time you must return them, as I
have got to enter upon certain points with
our good friend Boott, & may have occasion

to refer to his letters - I have done my very
best to get together his wants - but of the new
things I could get but scanty supplies, & only
at second hand, as I do not know wood, & he
never answered the letter I wrote him, at your
suggestion in 1845; as to Vasey, he is no doubt
huffed, good man, at something which I have
most unconsciously done, or omitted in my inter-
course with him - How sad it is - that some
folks will imagine offences, never dreamed of!
However, I believe I have sent our good Bro'tt
Exemplars, more or less, of every thing he wants,
& Olney has further sent him, thro' me, a very
nice set of R. I. species - Upon the whole,
I trust he will be well pleased with what I
have sent him - They are now making
a great noise, firing guns & crackers, by way
of welcoming the new year, & as I am tired,
& very feeble withal, I will only repeat my
best wishes to row all, & go to bed - I do not
get on so rapidly as I could wish, & am almost
a prisoner, tho' I walk out a little - I trust
George is improving - kind regards to him & Joe
Adieu!

Prof. A. Gray



Carey, John. 1837. "Carey, John Dec. 31 [no year]." *John Carey letters to Asa Gray*

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