

81 Jane Street,  
—  
New York.  
Saty Morn.

My Dear Gray - I have not your last letter before me, & must therefore beg your excuse, if any point requires notice, but I believe it was a mere answer to my own -

Two days since, I removed to new quarters, my address is now as above - The name of the street you will bear in mind, being one so dear to you, & ever in your thoughts; but as to the number - you must just rely upon the "Missus"; for I do not expect that you will recollect it.

The house is 3 doors West of Hudson Street, just above a certain 3-cornered enclosure yclept Abingdon Square, if you happen to know it. I have, as before, the whole 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - very neatly furnished - but the rooms are smaller than in 6th Street, & my plant room, especially, much cramped. The "folks" are Scotch, with an only son, at boarding school, so I have again a quiet house - which is, with me, a very great point - The mistress seems to

be a hard-working, very civil body, & I shant I be  
again taken seriously ill, I venture to anticipate  
more kindness & attention than I received last summer.  
At present, I bless God I am in very comfortable  
health, tho' I have had a week of fatigue & annoyances.

By the Canada (hence 4 feet.) I sent some Parcels  
to Boott, by the hands of a friend, & enclosed in my  
package what I had for Dr. Brewster, & one of my  
papers which I requested Boott to forward to me I find.

I send you one, by mail, which doubtless reaches you.  
I observe by your notice of Vol. XII D.C. (for which thanks)  
that Prof. Fawc. has changed the ordinal appell. to Sal-  
laceo, which in point of euphony, & greater beauty  
is an improvement. My remarks will be just  
in time to be too late, I fear -

The news of, & from your dear good  
wife, are very thing but what I could have wished.  
I shall hope, however, that the coming summer  
may do more for her than she herself seems to  
anticipate - My best love, & thanks for her portion  
of your last - notwithstanding the scolding, which,  
if I remember rightly, was embodied in what she  
wrote - As a whole, it was not a bitter cup, sweetened  
with a single lump of sugar - but, a pleasant draught  
with a drop or two of bitters, by way of corrective(?)  
May God bless you both, May 20. A.D. 1811.

For the last 2 or 3 weeks, I have scarcely looked at  
a plant - except to sort out & pack up the Curios for  
our friend Boott - Health continuing (& spirits mending  
a little, of which there is need!) I shall superintend a  
part of rough bench, in my Plant room, for working, &  
giving the last troublesome & wearying - the 'needful'.  
I confess that this letter is not worth S. but it  
seems necessary to give you my address - wherefore  
I pray you to excuse the infliction - I had a note  
from Torrey - two days since - all well.



Prof. H. Gray  
Cambridge—  
Massachusetts





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