

5th Street N. Y. Wed. 7th Apr.

My dear Mary -

I feel that I owe you a letter, were it only to return with all warmth & sincerity your & dear Mrs J's, kind greetings for the opening year - May every blessing attend you both, for very many succeeding seasons! Your letter has been constantly before me, but my health & spirits have both been so wretched, for the past fortnight, that I could not pluck up the necessary spirits to write to you - To-day I feel rather less forlorn, tho' in pain, & very far from well, & I therefore conclude to reply to your last -

The explanation about Hollingsworth & the paper you have now made to clear, that - I don't understand a word of it! but, ~~as you~~ having called your attention to the matter, since you still assert that the \$120. belongs to me, I pocket the remittance with a quiet conscience, & entire satisfaction - The labels, it seems, were given out by Mr. Be - more shame for him - & certes, I do not consent to his having any more "Detours" for Mathematics, until he has some more definite idea of straight lines - I thank you for the labels returned - Yours I will take to Torrey to be included in some one of his packages - I have not seen the good Doctor, since I last wrote! I know not what can have become of him -

The Fendler papers were very welcome. They look quite handsome. - It occurs to me to remind you that you promised to write to a certain Mr. - at Andover to send me one of Nuttall's papers on the Gamblell plants, which I suspect you have forgotten. - I do not wish you to incur any obligation in the matter, but I think you told me that they were for distribution amongst Botanists - *procurum pars parva sum!* I should also much like Nuttall's Campos. papers, if any are left of them - please think of this -

Dr. Silberman prints my paper (which I have no means of ascertaining) he has used me very scrupulously in not sending me a single impression of it - I want one for Dr. Humphreys & one for myself - & further I wish you to send one to Prof. Land. to call his attention to the matter before he works up the *Chenopod.* for H.C. It is really too bad, to study & write *Pigeonism* ("the very scavengering of botany") without pay, but even thank you, in the way of a few words & sheets of the article!

"Did ye ever hear the like of it

It means to buy
a Nuttall piece

And not to get a bite of it -"

Have you heard any thing more of post Oaks, Brooks & Collected? & what is to be done with them? Some Botanical books, are being sent out here by the Land. booksellers, & sell cheap. Mother James bought an uncut copy of Hook. Fl. Nov. Am. for \$22 &

Olney wrote me word that he bought one for \$20. The Bot. of Beechy's Bay. is selling now & then - the last brought \$14 - It will go lower by & by. The bot. of the *Slip.* is also selling. I know not the price, however! I should like both, if any thing in the California way ever tumbled into my mouth -

What of Chapin's herb? Has it arrived?

Send me an Boott's determination of Fendler's *Chen. Carices*, when you get it - as ~~it~~ it will be long before you want it, yourself -

Do not forget to consult my "pattern card" when you work up the Spacing Scrophular.

I suppose our mutual friend the B. L. has left you for Columbus before this - I have not seen him, however; tho' he said he'd call on his way thro' N. Y. - Tell me how you like Wright, & what the prospects are of his remaining with you, as Curator - Lastly, give my very best love to your dear little wife, & keep a reasonable share for yourself

Affly bro. C.

Kind Regards, & reasonable good wishes to Miss Ulan, if she is still with you -

Nicholas Depeyter (Sam's Mother-in-law) sailed last week for California. He does merchandizing - not both digging & direct. ^{and direct}

Prof. A. Grant
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Don't forget any little remembrance to the
Dear folks, in & about Ashburton Place -



Carey, John. 1837. "Carey, John Jan. 18 [no year]." *John Carey letters to Asa Gray*

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