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My dear Mr Collins,

I hear reports of
you and your work
through Prof Bailey but
none from you direct.
I suppose you are
laying it up against
me that I owe you
a letter but when
this reaches you
you will no longer
have an excuse
for not writing.
California is all
that a botanist

could desire and I
am growing to like
it better the more I
see of it. I wish
you were out here
to enjoy this mag-
nificent country &
the splendid collecting.
I left in the Herb. my
rubber collecting-bag.
It may be that Mr.
Metcalf has it now.
I wish you would
be good enough to
send it to me by

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mail or express (which
ever is cheaper). There
are two boxes of mice
in the lab. about 2 ft.
square and 6 in. high.
One (which has never been
opened) belongs to me.
Will you have it ship-
ped on to Mr. Isaac
Holden, Bridgeport, Conn.,
at his expense? I
shall be greatly obliged to
you for this favor which,
I hope, will not put
you to any inconvenience.

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I am very busy with
my work and find but
little time to get out
and explore about but
hope next summer to
see something of the
state. I am planning
a trip to the Yosemite
taking in the big trees
on the way.

If there is anything
in the way of seeds or
plants which you would
like from here let me
know and I will do
the best I can to get
them. Let me hear
from you again soon

Very sincerely
W. J. V. Stebbins



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