

Pringle

Charlotte, Vermont,

Aug., 20, 1880.

Prof. Asa Gray,

My Dear Friend:

Returning yesterday from my northern tour I found your request for dried flowers and buds of *Orelin retundifolia* and *Speltzobilia*, and hasten to supply you with the best I have of both. I hope you can dwell on the buds of the former, so as to convince them satisfactorily.

Both in going ^{to} and returning from New Brunswick on Prof. Sargent's business, I collected for a week or more on the Southern Shore of the Lower St. Lawrence and made a large collection of choice plants, specimens of a few of which I have thought might be interesting to you, and have accordingly enclosed them to you in the packet with the *Orelin*.

I was in doubt for the flowers of the
iris of which I sent you fruiting specimens
last year. Is it *I. tridentata* of Pursh and
the size and shape of the standards so
different from the description given by Mr.
Baker, which I have? It is a most
abundant plant on the shores of the
Lower St. Lawrence, readily to be distinguished
from *I. versicolor* (less common there) at all
periods of its growth. It selects drier situa-
tions than the latter species even the sandy
soil of the crevices of rocks.

I send specimens of a *Plantago*, which,
I trust, will throw light on another of Pursh's
plants. Its leaves are much thicker than
those of *P. Ruylii*, *brevis* (which I did not
see in L. Canada,) and shining, and the
root, as you will see is totally different
from that of *P. Ruylii*, not to mention
the differences in the capsule and seeds.

Then there is a *Hellaria* which I
thought might be *S. gracilis*, until I

noticed that Richardson's plant—had been
referred to *S. uliginosa*.

Does not the specimen of *Saxifraga*
confirm the statement of Pursh that *S. Stellaris*
grows in Canada?

I enclose a specimen of *Senecio Pencil-*
Arise, which I found quite common on
that shore, to remark that it is not
unusual to see plants two feet or more
in height, bearing 12-15 heads.

Hoping you a profitable and enjoyable
visit in Europe and a safe return,

I remain yours faithfully,
C. G. Pringle.

P.S. I intend to send to New the coming winter
a bundle of fine specimens of such plants as
I collect: my acquaintance with Prof. Sargent
permits my offering Sir Joseph Hooker a list
of living plants this season.



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