

Charlotte, Vermont.

Jan, 18, 1882.

Dear Mr. Watson,

Thanks for yours of the 16th with names of my plants. I have felt guilty of a trespass on your good nature to take so much of your time, while your own collections of 1880 remain unexamined. I think I must have expressed to you my mortification at having to trouble others for the names of many even of my plainest things. One of my complaints against the work which takes me most is that it is so engrossing as to allow me little time to study plants, as they come under my hand.

Now may I beg a few lines from you, as an additional favor. I do so at the

Pringle

suggestion of Dr. Engelman. Mr. Sargent
is pressing me to accept an engagement
with him in the N. Pac. R. R. Co's Survey
of the Northwest, which would keep me
in that region during six or seven months
of the year. I can hardly expect such an
engagement to be very remunerative but, naturally,
could I, after so much good work as has
been done in that country, and after the
collections of Howell, Cooke, Sutsch, etc.,
have been so well distributed? Can we ex-
pect that many species remain there to be
discovered?

My earnest wish is to work in the
Southwest—and especially to investigate under
the direction of Dr. Engelman, while he is
yet active, (and for this reason no time is to be
lost) the perplexing orders in which he is
most interested. Though I might have
some months each year for that country,
if I should accept Mr. Sargent's proposal,

and all the more freely; yet I perceive I should have to be away
during winter months as last winter, at the time the ^{the} Chiricahua, the
Escobedo, Agaves, etc., would be in flower. Last summer I had
to leave Arizona just as the milken milk was bringing up another
and more perfect flower; and I want to go with this year and
begin when I get off.

Yours sincerely,
E. C. Silliman.



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