

Charlotta, Vermont,  
Nov., 19th, 1852.

Dear Mr. Watson;

I wish to engage Palmer's  
10th set of Texan and Mexican plants,  
or, in the event of that being now  
sold, the 13th. I have not \$75 by  
me just now, but after a little while  
I shall send for the set.

As respects one of his Arizona and  
S. Utah sets, I will decide later about  
taking it, and it would help me to  
come to a decision, if I could know  
the number of species and the  
character. But of course you have  
no list.

*Thuja occidentalis* is a common  
tree in N. New York, N. New England,  
and S. Canada. On the rocky hill-  
sides of Lake Champlain it often

takes exclusive possession of the soil.  
Between the Lake and the <sup>Green</sup> Mountains,  
even in valleys amongst the foothills of  
these mountains, it covers, with *Abies*  
 *balsamea*,  *Larix Americana*,  *Pinus*  
 *Strobus*, etc., large areas of swampy land.  
Such "cedar swamps" are common in  
N. New York between the base of the  
Adirondacks and the St. Lawrence on  
the west and north and between these  
mountains and the shores of L. Champlain  
on the east. Except in peaty soil by  
streams it is wanting among the Green  
Mountains; but east of the central  
chain of mountains especially toward  
the northern part of the State "cedar  
swamps" are again found, which are  
scattered down the valley of the St. Law-  
rence to New Brunswick. In Eastern  
Vermont and northern New Hampshire,  
where I think these peculiar swamps  
are less frequent our tree is scattered

along the west banks of streams. When I traveled from Quebec  
to N. Maine, I found the soil, with sufficient care and some minor  
for its growth, where it mingled with *Abies balsamea* and *Pinus*  
 *nigra*.

I hope this winter it will not be a season of remarkable  
for which I had been collecting for almost four previous long years.

Yours sincerely,  
G. S. Dingle.



Pringle, Cyrus G. 1882. "Pringle, Cyrus Guernsey Nov. 19, 1882 [Pringle to S. Watson]." *Cyrus Guernsey Pringle letters to Asa Gray*

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