

Charlotte, Vermont.

9. Oct., 1884.

Dear Mrs. Watson,

Yes, it is a good thing
to rest in my Vermont-home,
for I have worked to my utmost-
since February. And I look forward
with pleasure to a few months of work
in my herbarium.

In another letter to Dr. Gray,
I have (because the request for them
came from him,) given the habitats
of the the list just received with
great pleasure.

Had I not-left-Arizona so ab-
ruptly, I should have tried to get-
fruit of those species of Acacia or
Mimosa which troubled you. When
my collection gets home, I shall be
able to show you that of one of them.

Pringle

I enclose herewith another and better photograph of the new giant-Cactus, and hope soon to be able to show you a still better one. I have thought that Cereus ponderosus would be as fitting a name for this giant as C. giganteus for the other.

But I will frankly confess, though it may show a weakness in this particular case, that is unbecoming, that, inasmuch as several of the chief explorers of the Southwest are commemorated by a Cereus, or some other of the family, I was hoping, if this should prove to be new, it might bring me the same good fortune. True I have not yet done much to merit so much honor.

But I beg you to decide in favor of the name proposed above, if you prefer it, or to if a better one is suggested to you, to adopt that. For,

truly it is the amount and quality of work accomplished that is the measure of my satisfaction rather than the frequency of my surname in the index of species. But — pardon me.

I send another parcel, all old species I expect.

Thanking you for the list, I am
Yours faithfully,
C. G. Pringle.



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