

Charlotte, Vermont.

6, Jan., 1848.

Dear Mr. Watson,

Glad to know just what tickets are lacking and to supply them.

The flowers of the new *Cereus* are not borne clustered upon the summit of the branches as in *C. giganteus*, but scattering on the sides of the ~~old~~ branches down to two or three feet below the summit, in the way of *C. Thurberi*. The first photograph of the plant sent you by Mr. Dampart shows this dimly. The fruit (the downy balls of which you speak,) has not the valvular dehiscence of *C. giganteus*; but I believe ~~that~~^{it} to burst at maturity by an irregular fissure on one side. In August I was too late for the fruit;

numerous empty and dried shells were scattered about the base of the plants, & the dried flowers usually adhering to them. The birds, mice, etc., had eaten out the contents; possibly the birds have to open them. Here are a few ends. And here is a third photograph, one of a plant branching about two feet from the ground and reaching a height of 20 or 25 feet.

I think I wrote you that the normal number of ribs is 13; I was surprised to see how rarely this number is increased. The species was seen within 75-miles of the boundary.

I thank you for pointing out errors on my tickets, quite as likely mine as Patterson's.

The plants which you and Dr. Gray mention as desirable are going into the bundle, I am making up for you.

My distribution now absorbs my attention. My 38 sets all engaged!

Yours truly, C. G. Tring.



Pringle, Cyrus G. 1885. "Pringle, Cyrus Guernsey Jan. 6, 1885 [Pringle to S. Watson]." *Cyrus Guernsey Pringle letters to Asa Gray*

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