

Charlotte, Vermont.

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Dear Fr. Gray,

Here I send the localities for the n. sp., which you have reported, and some notes.

Southward from the State of Chihuahua the Mex. Cent. R. R. crosses first the northeastern corner of the State of Durango - the region of Mapimi, then crosses the southwestern corner of Coahuila. Here Jimulco is the most important railroad station, and here I spent a few days about the middle of May. Grand mountains of crinaceous limestone crowd upon the fertile valley through which the railroad runs, and

these are cut into wild forms by fearful
cañons. There I found a rich flora,
though I came late, just as the vegetation
was drying up for the summer rest. I only
made a beginning at exploring the
region, as I did not climb the mountains
at all, one of which was called 10,000
feet high. I would have returned,
after the rains, had I not then found
more plants close at hand about Chihuahua
than I could manage.

It was in the cañons near Jimulco that I
found three of the n. sp. on your list, including
142, which you have called Raulin
Chihuahuensis, a name to be changed
for this reason. It was a low branched,
wide spreading shrub or small tree,
with creamy white flowers which were
fragrant. Old fruit was still adhering,
in shape round and nearly an inch
in diameter, a dry papile shell in

which lay rather loosely a large number of flat seeds, white
fruit dry just like Stemmadium. I have looked in vain among my
specimens for any of these which I was thinking I gathered. I felt
exactly as before and yet finding specimens, in their season.
I should much like to return to the Jimulco mountains
at the beginning of next season, for the summer rains fall
there during the fall, when influence must last till next June.
Is my collection in any way disappointing? Did I make a mistake
in staying about Chihuahua? It makes a thorough beginning there?
But for my horse I should certainly have been in the Sierra Madre.
I will thank you to give me the address of the London
Journal of Botany. Mr. Barclay has advised me to address
myself in that journal.

Yours faithfully,
C. G. Pringle.
My Mex. plants are so green, some indicating to me apocryphal
in handwriting.



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