



Charlotte, Vermont.
23, Dec., 1886

Dear Mr. Watson,

Thanks for your report on
my plants. Glad you found something
of interest in the little lot.

Concerning Asave Pringlei, Engelm.:
I have little faith in the species. I believe
Dr. Engelman never described it, and
at the last doubted if it was more than
a mountain form of A. deserti. In his
last letter to Mr. Orcutt he wrote that
he could see no difference between the
flowers of the two. I never saw A. deserti,
so as to be able judge of the two plants.
Mr. S. B. Parish, who has had both in his
garden, and Mr. Orcutt, who has collected

both, should be able to decide the question.
I sent Dr. Engelmann a living plant—which
should now be found in Shaw's Garden.

But it is not the same as this Mexican
(No 802;) for the L. Cal. plant is paniculate
while the Mexican is spicate. The flowering
stems of the latter three inches thick, and about
ten feet high, densely ^{flowered} along the upper half,
and declined in a singular manner. 
The plant chooses a place upon rocks, — the
verges and inaccessible shelves of cliffs.
If it troubles you, let us pat it by till another
year, when I may have better flowers.

1141. Agave planifolia, n. sp. Stem 4 or 5-feet-
high; six or eight-carline leaves, the upper
reduced to bracts, radical leaves of strong flowering
plants even only four or five, ~~very~~ thick,
rather succulent and pliant, light or yellowish
green. I think your specimen shows clearly
the character of the peculiar rootstock, —
several roundish corns two or three inches

in diameter, a new one formed each year and each perishing in its turn after three or four years.

The young plants were abundant on warm, sandy or gravelly banks near streams in cañons of Mapula Mts.; but I saw only eight or ten flower stems.

I shall not fail to send printed tickets for the specimens.

Yours sincerely,

C. G. Pringle.

rocky hills s.w. and n.w. from Chihauhua,
flowers opening only in the night; for never
could find them open -

1135 - *Lapmaria vulgaris*, Griseb.?



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