

It gives me great satisfaction to learn that my collection of this year is likely to be more interesting than former ones. My plan is a slow one, — working along our boundary then out from it.

May I beg you to examine over two plants in the bundle not for sale? No. 1534, a *Saxifraga*, and 1488, a *Desoria*. I have brought home roots of these, and may be able to turn them to some account, if you can give me the names.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. Fringle.

Charlotte, Vermont.

14, Dec., 1887.

Dear Mr. Watson,

Thanks for your letter of the 12th with later news of Dr. Gray's condition. There would seem to be little possibility of his long surviving.

Truly, a great sorrow has fallen upon us. I am stunned by its suddenness and weight; but find I have lost my director and best friend.

And the information concerning Mr. Saksdorf gives me peculiar pain; for I was one of the first among botanists to gain his friendship; and, since my visit to his pleasant and secluded home on the banks of the Columbia, I have felt much interest in him and have held him in high esteem.

I am glad you name my *panopolala*; it relieves me of one anxiety. A few of them are known to me, having been named by Dr. Gray heretofore; and others I guess at. It may aid you a little, if I give a list of these.

Your kind reference to my pecuniary matters, past and prospective, reminds me that I ought to put myself in the way to receive any advice in respect to my plans for the future, which you may be pleased to give. I have expressed to you the uneasiness caused me by my being in debt, when my life may be somewhat less secure, perhaps, than when I am at home, and my desire and hope to be able to pay my debts the coming spring. Doing this will leave me short of funds for another journey. And I do want to keep at work.

Under these circumstances an offer from C. R. Orcutt tempts acceptance.

I don't know how well founded is the ambitious enterprise he represents; have written to Dr. Farry, who must know all about it. If there is danger of those collections going to Grinn, perhaps, were I there, I could serve Cambridge well by turning them thither. On the other hand I would like to follow up the beginning made in the Cordilleras region, where I have in store a good equipment. Should I go in spring time again, say early in March or even in February, and follow the streams down to the orange orchards, I would find in flower many shrubs and trees, and even herbs, which even Palmer did not get at Batopilas. Then if some rain should fall on the mountains, or they should have snow this winter, as they usually do, I would be ready for the resulting vegetation.

Should this winter be like the last one I don't want to be anywhere in North Mexico till next July.



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