

Charlotte, Vermont.

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Dear Mr. Watson,

I am unwilling to be troublesome to you, when you are so busy. Many of my plants I know, and others I can name by comparing with specimens; then as for the remainder — not a very large number — perhaps you can give a day or two to them after a time.

I don't like to lower my standard and distribute under numbers only; some of my patrons insist upon my specimens being accompanied by full tickets as a condition of acceptance.

May I beg you to give me a few lines more, after considering my

case for a moment? Would you encourage me to keep on in my collecting in Mexico. I can't feel that it amounts to much - that it is a very great service to science. Yet it seems to be the best (perhaps the only) thing that I can do. I have made it my occupation so long, I don't like to leave off yet. I find my pleasure in the work. By this I have reached the margin of the most inviting regions; - the heart of the Cordilleras, the high Sierra Madre region 150 miles in extent southwest of Saltillo (as yet Dr. Palmer and I have only visited its borders;) and the barranca region of the west-slope of the Cordilleras from Colima to Iruya. The past-year I have done somewhat better, I trust than hold my own financially; yet perhaps the decision of the question of my return to Mexico this year rests with Mrs. Gray. If she

is quite willing to extend, at least in part, the great kindness of the past two years, I might undertake another journey with hopes of abundant success. If, however, it is improper to ask this, I think there will hardly be any hurry about making my distribution.

I left Guadalajara with not a few species still flowering or to flower in a few weeks and with its usual season to begin in February. Of course I could not but feel a desire to return to gather the spring flora and especially that in the barrancas some hundred miles to the southwest and west.

I have hesitated to trouble you so much as this; but I believe you will cheerfully give me a few suggestions, which will help my plans to take shape.

And is not Dr. Witrock still at work on his *Excursões* of *Erythraea*, so he will be glad of my materials?

And please what-is the news of Mr.
Lukensdorf?

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Pringle.



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