

Charlotte, Vermont:

23, Jan., 1890.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Respecting No. 2416 I am not sure that Dr. Gregg's name is quite correct. The latter of the two words must be, for it refers to the yellow color of the fruit; but instead of Chapote, I understood Dr. Macmanis, who is perfectly familiar with the Spanish language, to call the fruit Zapote (pronounced Sapote.) Certainly this word with various qualifying adjectives is applied to several Mexican fruits.

This plant occurs abundantly in the cañons about the base of mountains surrounding Monterey as a large shrub or small tree with evergreen leaves and smooth, ^{gray} bark which scales off much in the way of Platanus. I do not know when it flowers. In June 1888 I found it fruiting freely, but saw no

flowers. Last-June I could find no fruit, and a diligent search for flowers was rewarded by finding only one tree blooming but scantily.

I have been in hopes that this or the shrub numbered 2394 might be an undescribed ^{form}, and have wanted to suggest, if there were no impropriety in doing so, and if the plant is worthy the name, that the plant commemorate the name of Prof. Sargent, who is so interested in ligneous plants, and one without whose assistance my Mexican journeys would not be possible. No. 2394 is a pretty evergreen shrub with numerous stems 4 to 6 inches thick growing in clumps 10 to 20 feet high on the foot-hills of the mountains near Monterey.

Leucotropis Coulteri Hook. f. is a slender shrub, one to three inches thick, and six to twenty feet high, branching but moderately and that near the summit, ^{with evergreen foliage} and growing on the limestone ledges of the mountains near Monterey. It

appears to propagate and spread by roots after the manner of *Rhus*. It occupies to the exclusion of most other shrubs certain dry slopes of thin soil; but its growth is never dense.

Boeckia latisepala, Watson is common in cañons and on cool rich slopes about the base and foothills of the Sierra Madre south of Monterey. Its stems, many in a clump, are scarcely woody, being, as I believe, strictly annual; they are simple, one half inch to an inch thick, and five or six feet tall.

I am anxious to secure a few new customers for my collections to make good those whom I have lost by death and other causes. Think I will advertise in London Journal of Botany. I don't seem to get hold of the St. Petersburg Botanist — and some others.

Yours faithfully

C. L. Pringle.



Pringle, Cyrus G. 1890. "Pringle, Cyrus Guernsey Jan. 23, 1890 [Pringle to S. Watson]." *Cyrus Guernsey Pringle letters to Asa Gray*

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