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Tucson, Arizona.

24. May, 1883.

Dear Mr. Swarth:

That our earnest-
wishes that some fern might bear
together our two names, such as its dis-
coverer and you as its author, has been
realized, gives me deep joy. and I am
grateful to you for the part you have
borne in the matter. I knew of your
belief that I should find an undescribed
species, but I dared not hope that it
might be done within the limits of
the U. S.

Its habitat is, — Base of rocks in
the Sierra Tucson, a low range of dry
mountains five to ten miles west from

Tucson, whose flora bears a greater
resemblance to that of the desert
and desert-hills about the lower
Colorado and in north-western Sonora,
than to that of the Sierra Madre Mts.
On these hills the fern is abundant. When I
first came upon it there were but few
specimens that were not shrivelled up by
drought. I got 12 or 20 poor little clumps.
On the 16th inst. a rain fell over this
region, a rare occurrence in May, and
on the second day thereafter I went out
to the hills to gather specimens for my
distribution. I found the ferns unrolled
and green in some places; and of great
pains secured some 25- satisfactory specimens.
This was before I had heard from you that
it might be new, certainly was new to our
territory, or I am sure I should have
tried and elaborated widely to get
more, though suffering thirst and exhaus-
tion.

900 days ago, after receiving your letter of the 13th, I walked out again five miles over hills and mesas covered with sharp rocks, the thermometer indicating 100° in the shade, the rocks so heated as to burn my hand; but I found not a pond that was not withered up again. I only could get a quantity of roots which I propose to take home and plant in the hope of getting more specimens from them.

I believe I shall go home for a while. Rusty has arrived at Prescott and urges me to join him. I see objections. Business at home suffers; my assistant is ill and should be taken home. The success of Genl Crook's expedition is doubtful, his very safety in doubt. I am warned to keep out of the Southeastern mountains; but they must be like the Sta. Catalinas, - vegetation dormant. Yours faithfully,
C. G. Fringle.



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