

Also, I send a poor specimen of a beautiful Cheilanthes, green with brown stripes, finely dissected, which as yet I have found in only one spot, and only a few plants there -

You did right to keep the money paid by Mr. Sargent -

By the end of this month probably, if not sooner the rains will cease, and most plants will discontinue their growth and ripen off, so I will not be so driven with collecting. But frosts will hardly come before Christmas - So I can't tell now how long we shall stay, even if we meet with no discouragements -

Wherever I am, however, I remain
Yours faithfully,
C. L. Pringle -

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Chihuahua, Mexico.
4, Sept., 1885 -

Dear Mr. Sargent,

I write you after a month's work here during which time we have secured some 4,000 specimens - all goes well so far. No more fever yet. It is a pleasure to be well and strong and ambitious, and to live in this glorious climate and collect this rich flora - I am grateful and glad - From the July heats of Vermont to the heats of a Mexican August tempered on this high tableland by cool breezes, the change was surely not for worse - Almost daily showers, while obscuring but for a brief while the bright skies of this region, have tended to keep the

air fresh. The amount of rain that has already fallen this season has been unprecedented in many years. So again, as last year in Arizona, my visit is well timed. The rockiest hills are covered with a rich vegetation. I set out to gather everything desirable in this vicinity before ~~proceeding~~ going farther; I have been kept intensely busy and am not yet near the end, tho' I have 75 species in 50's for sets.

I rejoice in the recollection and in the result of my visit home. It was a good investment. While I was away so dry was the country that I have yet to see the first species which escaped me. There must have been no growth till the rains began. And I got back not a day too soon.

Accept my thanks for report on Mexican (+ Vermont) views and proofs as conveyed in your welcome letter of August 4th.

Do see that I was partially successful with my camera. fired one with a little of my old enthusiasm; and made one wish to fill my holders and go out after the strange sights of the country. But these fine plants ^{over} ~~owed~~ upon me in such a way as to make ^{me} impatient of anything which keeps me out of the field for a single day.

I trust ere this you have received from Fred the few ferns of my first journey. Now that the rains have unfolded the ferns nicely, I see here a small one which as it seems to me cannot be *Chilo*. *tomentosa* nor yet *Uloth. Newberryi*. I send a specimen, the white one. It often grows a few inches higher.



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