

quarrelsome fellow) and St. Parry, as
Grinn's friend, can't go to the Academy
with any satisfaction.

It was the St. Louis plates which I
sold. I suspect Mexican heat is severe
on platinum plates.

I shall be very glad of a few (two or
three at least) bromide prints of the camp.
I want to send one to my good assistant,
the chap with the frying-pan.

If you should judge that an artist
can reproduce better from bromide prints,
please print the five trees.

Most earnestly do I hope Lusk's deep
scurvy recover. I have expected he and
I would travel together. And I am
inclined to think it might help on
his recovery to have him out in the
mountains.

Hoping to hear next that you are
nearly well again, I remain

Yours faithfully,
C. G. Pringle.

Charlotte, Vermont.

18, Jan., 1888.

My dear friend,

Don't "take chances" in
respect to your health, else you may
have to go into the sick list for good;
and, if a few more of my Boston
botanical friends get disabled, I shall
take fright and change my profession.

I was striving so hard to pay
my debt to Prof. Sargent and please
him by my writing, that it did make
me blue, for a little while, to see
myself likely to fail on illustrations.

And during that little while I wrote
you my melancholy letter. No, don't
be anxious about me. Time has been
when you might have been; but while
I have health and the freedom of

the fields, I ought to find something
to live for.

I am glad to hear that you find
827 so interesting. It was growing in a
peculiar place — the verge of a high
cliff near the summit of Potrero Peak
(Picacho de Potrero) twenty miles south
east from Chihuahua — and forming a
close sod with *Silaginella rupestris*, etc.

Prof. L. M. Underwood has written
me for a selection of ferns. I never
have supplied him before. He says he
has had all Linnæan ferns and 80 quirs
of Mexican ferns from Shaffner. I judge
he has, then, a lovely collection!

Oh no! Dr. Watson never makes
much ado about my collection. I
suppose he has to publish those special
reports to please Palmer; since I am
told by Dr. Parry that they are Palmer's
chief ambition. Palmer gets all the
windy things over and over and

and Dr. Watson reports them faithfully,
and thus smells out a big list. This is
not forgetting that he gets a great many
new and rare species. But such wretched
specimens! I have bought two of his
collections (#100) and can endure to
mount — but a small proportion.

Well, if you have a good chance,
you might ask Dr. Watson the same
question you have asked me; but I think
he will prefer that each one publishes
separately. Dr. Britton finds in my coll.
two new *Agave*s, Prof. Scribn. some
new *Gramine*s, and Mr. Morong thinks
he has two n. sp. among a few things sent him.

I have seriously contemplated joining
in Orcutt's enterprise; but some of my
other Cal. friends don't advise it.

Dr. Parry and wife are wintering in
San Francisco. Greene has broken
with the Cal. Acad. of Sciences (between
you and me I regard him as a mean



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