

I am at a loss what to include in
this set of drawings beyond No. 8. There are
no Endogens of interest in his collection
except I figure a grass - viz. a n. n. of
Festuca. I like your suggestion
to take Salicetum to be figured
= I still retain the Splach. as I have
not quite completed my study of those
green Boraginaceae. I find the
Stegocarpus in Ph. Berland. under
the No. quoted in D.C. prodr. and also
as No. 2389. but I don't find Pilosella
nor the Chetia hispida. Is it in your set?

I shall try next week to select some
plants from Whipple's Exped. for you
to study

I hope Sprague's mother will get well. In
one of your letters you said she was
very poorly. Give him my kind regards

Yours faithfully
J. Torrey

New York, Feb. 23rd 1855.

Dear friend
I found your letter of the
21st inst. at the Agray Office this morning.
You must have thought me very re-
mish for not answering your previous
letter. Every day have I thought of
you, & wished to write - but I hoped
to get something ready for you, that
I might have something to say. In
a few days, my med. College lectures
will be over, & then, if spared, I hope
to be a more prompt correspondent.
To be sure I work at botany every
night - & generally, a little in the
morning too - but I don't get along
so fast as I could wish - & family calls
occupy some of my time. I have
the Plantago & Lychnis ready
for you & will (Dr.) send them by
express tomorrow. I will look

up the other plants that you enquire
about.

I have written several letters to Demand
& he seems in good spirits now. The
old chap is hard to be convinced when
he has got a crotchety in his head. He
don't know how to retract theories. - Every
deviation from the type he considers new.
I sent him descriptions of the new plants
in my herb. that were named for
our Report.

You did not leave a Corner among the
specimens brought from Demand, & I
know not which species you refer to.

I shall write to Moott by the next
steamer.

Those drawings for Beckwith ought
to have been in 4-6 - but I neg-
lected to write in time. They must
spread out the analyt. details. & 10
cover a larger plate than 800. if they
like. If, however, Sprague has

not completed - or rather begun, the
whole he may as well put them in
4-6 & to get larger pay.

I place in the parcel to you the
moving the plants of Demand that you
withdrew. His "Aclepias" with
is *Acerator cordifol.* Beuth. Pl. Hartw.
The long-racemed, small-flowered Eudogen
which D. took for an *Atagracia* is ^a near-
ally of *Phalangium coccineum* of Mx. -
which, however is no *Phalang.* at all -
nor is it an *Orthopaleum* - which
Elliott referred it. I think it a *Freeman*
genus. You have much plant from Louis-
iane, Halle, & from Wright. Chapman
sent it to me as a n. sp. of *Nolina*!

I have no acceptions in *Pimulariaceae*
(of any consequence) - since you referred
them in my herb. You have cut the
kind about *Dodecatheon* - & you may
be right ⁱⁿ putting all into *D. meadia*.



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