

My dear friend!

Our young friend, Mr. Clark, who dwells with me at Schlarbord on the Banks of the romantic Rochofee, says, that he writes to his country. So I profit of the opportunity for sending to you some lines. It is a long time, I am lingering for your letters, and I console myself only with the idea, that the leisure you bestow not to your old friend on the other side of the "gran charco" belongs to your sciences, for which you ripen new harvest. Notwithstanding I will not accept of that, that I shall feel happy in hearing from you. We ought to write of morphological topics, and for these an interchange of more frequency would prove welcome. I am now occupied with the redaction of my different ethnographical dissertations, which, with some additional new ones, and the vocabulary of Brazilian dialects (more than 40 collected amongst the Indians) shall form a small octavo. Scholastic researches have been of great use to me. They confirm my idea on the Indian population of the Brazil. The solidarity of humane and national type in both

Americas is really astonishing. If by your benevolent intervention and Prof. Henry's exertion I shall receive such book as treat the great question of Indian Ethnography it will give me great satisfaction.

In the mean time I push on the Flora as possibly I can. Myrtaceae (by Berg in Berlin) shall form a large volume of 80 sheets, 800 species, 70 plates. — The *Asperifoliae* sensu latiori by Trebenius are printed and shall come out with *Lacispermaceae* (L. H. A. Z. Rein) and *Monimieae* (Tulane). Afterwards the *Eriocaulaceae* (300 sp.) by Körnicke shall occupy me, together with the *Labiatae* (Anton Schmidt, Heidelberg). Grisebach has the *Malpighiaceae*, Tenz. *Chenopodeae*. I myself shall begin in this winter with the *Plantae medicar.*, of which *Cinchona* makes the exordium. If you have some double material of this genus, I shall be happy to receive it. It is a very difficult task, after Weddell and Klotzsch, I cannot embrace Klotzsch's division in so many genera. Also I hope, that the winter shall see the completion of my "carte routière", and the geological and botanical survey.

We, Mr. Clark and I entertain us very often with you. He is so much an admiring pupil of yours as I am, and we finish such



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