

Denver Oct 5th 1872

My Dear Dr Gray

It seems that we did not come down from the mountains a day too soon as the day after our arrival a snow storm set in and clearing away this morning. The mountain range down to the foot hills was heavily draped in snow

I have just put in the mail for you some roots freshly gathered this morning. including (in two parcels)

- + Abronia fragrans
- + Argemone Mexicana
- + Dalea (aurea)?
- + Senecio longilobus
- Menziesia nuda
- + Pentstemon Cornutus
- Molvestrum coccineum
- + Asparagus Minusneensis

one or two others not certainly recognized
I have these wrapped in putta percha sheets
was sorry I could not have had more moss
to put them up. But you will see how they came

All the above as you may judge from
the deep tap roots grow in deep sand
on exposed hill sides. I was much
disappointed not to get a single seed
of Abies fragrans. in fact hardly a trace
of the plant left when in July it
covered acres of ground. I should think
the well-formed buds would start readily
though the tap roots were necessarily cut off
I retain a few to experiment with this
winter. I shall house them in sand in a
cool cellar & bring them out as a pot house
plant in the early spring and see what
they will do. a few roots of Montezelia nuda
which seems to be a sort of sub-perennial
may be induced to throw up flowering shoots.
I have gathered an abundance of fresh
seed. Of seeds gathered here I note
Sporoxia leptophylla Cleome integrifolia
Montezelia nuda, Argemone Mexicana,
Sonchus longilobus Eutrichium glomeratum
Franseria Hookeriana, some others I may
pick up in the sand

I have all the seeds collected since
Box No 2. packed away in gun basket
passimier which I shall take with me
in the cars, and overhaul & send by
express from Davenport. This will make
up Box No 11, and finish up the Colorado
Collection. comprising 4 Boxes of live plants
2 of seeds & 8 sacks of Conifers.
If thought best to collect Aspidospermum fragrans
this fall one more Box will be added.
All letters not received by me will be
duly forwarded to Davenport Iowa which
place I expect to reach Monday evening
and shall attend at once to arranging the
Century sets, & "few quantities" I may
enclose at once in the box of seeds.
I think the last parcels left in good
time as the weather seems to have cooled
down, and they will no doubt not be long
in the road. I shall hope to hear from
you on reaching Davenport a soon after

Yours
O. B. Parry



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