

San Luis Potosi Mexico
May 7th 1872

Dear Dr Gray.

Through Mrs Parry I send you
an occasional reminder of my whereabouts &
doings - I am still stuck here in this dry land
waiting for rains. only the higher Mts offer
any painful bitanizing. I Enclose sketch of
Mortonia (Beggii?) I suppose) quite plenty here
I notice the forming fruit has 10 well developed
seeds - the leaves also not revolute &c &c
The other day I stumbled on the very neat
& peculiar Eupatorium mmanthum!

I have been studying & sketching Cacti &
Agaves for Engel. have a nice apparently
new sp of the latter which I want to name
A. Engelmannii. - I writes often & send
encouraging letters, which is quite a treat in this
thirsty land. Palmer left today for Mexico. to be
gone 2 months will then return here. I shall try to
stick a little longer but it is awfully tough and
lonely business. I feel however that I am doing some
important preliminary work, perhaps laying a stepping-
stone to help others. The relation of this table-land
flora to Central U.S. is very intimate & suggestive,
as I hope to show. - We send occasionally small parcels
to Sargent. which he will recognize by Mex post mark
I hope some at least may reach him. such parcels
as well as printed matter if they go at all go at
low rates even 5 cts per lb! I hope you will
send your printed Conts. to Dr Barroeta, who is

very clever (in the Yankee sense) but of
course cannot be depended on for scientific
work. Schaffner still holds aloof and I neither
see him or his collections, since he refused
me an interview.

glad to hear from various sources that
such important publications in Botany are
going on. shall be delighted to find them on
my return. Please remember that mail
matter (printed) directed to me at Dawson-pub
will be safely taken care of till my return.

Duncan Putnam seems still flourishing
and really gaining on his disease which is
a wonder to all.

Mr P. now at 56 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn N.Y.
will forward this enclosure.

Regards to Watson Fordale & co

Yours Truly

C C Parry

I may conclude a little later to work north
towards the Texas line & leave Palmer to
finish up here.



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