

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 10, 1886

Dear Dr. Gray & Prof. Watson

At last we

have cleaned up the Arizonians and send you herewith two packages.

I have only occasionally affixed dates to my notes because the plants were all collected in a few days of the latter part of Sept. & first of Oct.

There is so much pressure brought to bear upon me here that I have begun to describe plants - just a few - before the Acad. to be published in our "Mining & Scientific Press" of San Francisco. The little I shall do I shall try to do well, and so hope not to trouble you any at Cambridge.

Please keep me within your friendship and confidence, always advising us or correcting us upon every occasion.

As usual health returns we both are hard at work. interesting clapses and dis-tributing plants. My "Systematic List of the Pacific Coast Ferns including Arizona" is now in print. while Mrs G. is intent upon publishing soon a "Manual of Pacific Ferns" with illustrations. & popular descriptions.

Only a
Cammerling &
a Golovin
& a Bentham
which I
have re-
turned.

shall not attempt to describe & publish anything sent to you.

I learn that Dr. Engelman is still working over my full specimens of a *Cypripedium* from the Chiricahua Mts. He now thinks it a new species & he calls it *C. corypholoca*. Beautiful name! I wish it were in my power to protest against any such names. When I read, recently, a description of this tree before the Acad. the President tapped me on the shoulder & said he believed that it must be distinct from *Arizonicum* and that it ought to be named for me, since I had ~~made~~^{done} so much for its discovery.

I put a package of two specimens and new ferns into the hands of our British Consul lately to be forwarded to New. some desiderata indicated by Sir Joseph Hooker.

Mr Pringle has just come down from Oregon & gone home to VT via the S.P.R.R. He returns in Feb. to Arizona & begins a second campaign. It fills me with envy to meet with such strong, hearty, always well persons as Pringle, Greene & others. Another season we must be able to get animals & ^{not} wear ourselves out so fast. Mother is with us active and happy as usual. She and my little busy wife send continued regards to the hard workers at Cambridge in which I heartily join.

Yours J. S. Engelman.



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John Gill Lemmon letters to Asa Gray

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