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My Dear Sir,

I would not trouble you just yet, but I want to get that Fungus figure out of mind, & the Fungus plate off from my writing desk. Nevertheless, do not hurry yourself to answer, but take a comfortable leisure moment.

The Plate is from "Ann. des Scienc. nat. 4^e Serie", - "Bot. Tom. 1. pl. 11." It contains figures of seven Fungi (2 spp. of *Cantharellus*, 2 of *Marasmius*, & 2 of *Agaricus*) but the 7th is not named at the bottom of the plate. The name of this 7, 7^a, 7^b, is what I want to ascertain. I can not be more explicit than this, having exhausted all the data.

Having now learned from you how discriminating your Academy is in the election of Fellows, I do not know that I have expressed my acknowledgements with sufficient vigor. But it is too late to remedy the omission, though I should be sorry to have it thought that I depreciated an intended honor. I suppose it is the duty of those thus distinguished to reflect back as much renown as they can, & I will therefore see if I can do the Academy any credit. I reckon I can keep pace with Phost; but I can hardly

hope to keep in sight of Toney & Engelmann.

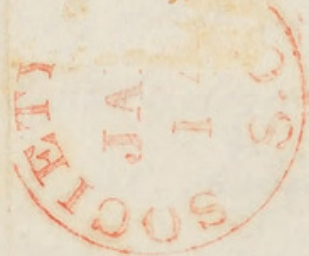
I take it, I am indebted to you solely for recommendation; so be assured of my gratitude for your kind offices. - I can now balance Berkeley's "F.L.F." with something more appropriate to the subject than a "L.S."

I am glad to learn that you are "getting on swimmingly" with Altman. My oldest son is waiting for it, for the sake of the Bryology & Hepaticology which he affects chiefly. Success to you in this & all honest enterprises. I wish you had more leisure. I have done asking about the "Arch. Flora," not caring so much now for these vulgar subjects.

yours very truly

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