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Dear Sir,

I am delighted to hear that you want those Botanical of Raf's, they already began to burn my pocket like a boy's expense.

The Corky them and Harvey &c. is neither here nor there, and if so it must be no where.

I have two sets of Am. Monthly Magazine one complete, - a very rare thing - the other odd numbers. I will cut out all Raf's papers from this latter with great pleasure, but would hardly like to mutilate the former. If you only want the original descriptions of plants, I will copy off all those not in the broken set, giving page, date &c as in the original. If the review of Botanical works as of Pursh, Nuttall, Bigelow, & others that would be an infernal job, I might take off the reclamation.

I recently received. Abbildungen u. Beschreibungen neuer u. seltener Thiere u. Pflanzen in Syrien, u. im westlichen Libanus gesammelt von H. Kotschy Herausgegeben von den Hrn. Fenzl, Beckler, u. Redtenbacher. Stuttgart 1843.

In this there is a part a botanical 14 folio plates of Hammelotobium lotoides; Lathyrus amoenus; Pelargonium endlicherianum; Leobadia genistoides; Astragalus pellyi, andrachnaefolia, amoenus, acmonotrichus; Silene stenotoma, pharadifolia; Hieracium floribundum; Actinolema eurygordis; Liradenia mussegrenae; Volacraefolia

There is octavo text to match. So you want that
pent. Its preparation of the entire cost would be
\$2.00. Don't say yes if you feel no.

I am afraid the *Supplementum Anthologica*
will not be ready for some time to come. It has been
standing idle while much new matter has accu-
mulated, so that it will require time and opportuni-
ties for its completion which I have not at present.
I shall probably hand it over to some of the philadel-
phia *Anthologists* to finish.

To be sure I will help in your
report for Smithsonian; anything I can do will be
regarded as demanded. You had better let me know
^{soon} what you will want of me so that I may make
ready.

Maybe I will have to ask some assistance from you
in certain botanical matters. I have been applied to
to translate the text of Brockhaus, *Bilder Atlas*. con-
taining among other things a pretty considerable portion
of Botanical matters. This will have to be translated with
the ~~considering~~ the German ^{vulgar} names into their precise
English equivalent. What ^{work} can I get containing the
English and German and Latin terminology of Botany
with the Eng. & German equivalents of the Binomial
nomenclature. The plants referred to are from the
Universal works. I have seen a work by Burchoff
in *Handbuch der driten Reihe* of Brown, Burchoff,
& somebody else that did pretty well.

I received the announcement
of the Lawrence Scientific School. Have half a mind to come
on and enter as pupil. Any hope of seeing Agassiz
this spring in this latitude.
How shall I send the *Rapinsquamen*
etc. By mail would perhaps be cheapest.
Truly yours
J. W. Davis



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