

American Valley, Sept 22, '77

Dear Friend,

your Postal came yesterday, & I have worked st. double quick to day to make time to put up the ferns for you. Baking & scrubbing all finished by three o'clock, & the pkgs. done at five. I must now write you a few lines, & thank you over, & over again, for all your help to me.

I have numbered the plants on the papers & keep a list of them. I have many more to send when work does not hurry me so.

I numbered so as to give you local-ity. The species of some of them I do not know.

1. *Prosartes* — Mill Creek, Aug. 77
2. *Zauschneria californica*, ^{Aug. 77} id.
3. *Primula* — Eureka Hill, Mrs. Jennie Yeats

4. *Goodenara Menziesii*, Fern Hill, Aug. '77
5. *Spraguea umbellata*, Spanish Peak, July 7, '77
6. *Mimulus* ?
7. *Silene* ?
8. *Silene californica*, Grub. Flat
9. *Leucothoe Davisae*, Fern Hill, Aug. '77
10. *Eriogonum*, I suppose it to be *E. Gayan* - um, from description. Grub. Flat, July 7 '77
11. *Gomphocarpus cordifolius*, Mill. Creek, Aug. 7, '77
12. *Darlingtonia californica*, Fern Hill, Sept. '77
13. *Aspidium musciforme*, var. *Slate Creek*, Aug. '77
14. *Aspidium musciforme*
15. *Pellaea ornithopus* var. *brachyptera*, Mill. Creek, Aug. '77
16. *Asplenium Filixfoemina*, Mill. Creek. '77
17. *Batrachium ternatum*, Fern Hill, Aug. '77
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19. *Pellaea densa*, Spanish Peak, July 7, '77
20. *Cryptogramma acrostioides*
21. *Cheilanthes gracillima*, Mill. Creek, Sept. '77
22. *Pteris aquilina*
23. Is it the same as 22?
24. *Adiantum pedatum*
25. *Aspidium Nevadense*
26. *Cystopteris fragilis*, Mill. Creek, May '77

27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, are from D. Cleveland, San Diego Cal. I have the names in my coll. but have not time to look them up now.

Hope the specimens may answer for what you want them. I sent Eaton all the complete specimens I had of No. 18. I shall go to Fern Hill again soon for roots for Mr. Pangle, when I shall remember you, with some roots of the two kinds of *Batrachium*. Dr. Gray & party have left Cal. & I did not have the pleasure of seeing them. Mr. Lemmon spent two days with them, by meeting them at Truckee, on the Rail Road. I could have wept for disappointment, when I found they had really gone.

Excuse haste, and believe me

Your sincere friend

Mrs. R. M. Austin,



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