

San Francisco Oct 31st 1872

Prof. Gray

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st 1872
has reached me and I am sending still pretty much all
that is deemed in any way desirable —
I shall send no more Delph. "made" There
is another Scarlet one much finer because
more compact & fl. larger &c but I cannot
afford to go after it. — The Indicible Sports
a yellow var. which I think I have not before stated.
I have not corresponded with Messrs B & C
but will do so, and write them in full.
About lbs. crossed that's all right — it only
when I'm obliged to think of the Dollar & Cent-
part that a big disgust comes on — if one did not escape
to the woods with all speed from sheer love of
the beauty — his case would be hopeless. Just
look at it a moment! — Sig. in ditches 1.50 per day & ground!
Harvester 2 to 3 Dollars! — Mechanic & Masson &c
5 Dollars! & so on — It is 4 months hire a man
equivalent to 8 months of you for one — of course brains
for either man Friday or Master is not required? — Then
traveling expenses, living, extra wear & tear, risks &c. Now
I say a man a fool, or stark mad who will condescend to
look at the compensation generally offered with Business
eyes.

viewing it thus - so you wonder at my
aversion? I always put my foot on the
peak of the subject, just so long as I can
hold my breath. And when it comes
to giving up the Ghost, I relent a little,
but not much.

Those Farms desired will be secured
if available - Once on the Sierras it would
be easy - it seems exceedingly difficult to know what
to get at just the right time &c. Have often been in
favorable conditions to do so - but once away there's
a Silver Bridge with an alarming toll Gate
thereon between us. Our elbow advisers will
say make some adequate business, to pay you way
Coniferous seeds &c. As I am just from walking
over these very seeds - looked them squarely in
the face - counted the cost - would not pay at
current rates offered by the Greatest God.
I best individuals in the world.!! And
starve on words - I am than falls to the
lot of the vilest Criminal in Christendom.

This may be the Blue Side but
let me tell you it is the True Side.

For money I shall deliver me looking
at that Almighty mean Dollar any more.

The Cheapest way to buy in the market.

To day I send you again the Root of
Iris macrosiphon - This is one of the finest
border plants known - with it one might
challenge the world - it is only when seen growing
that a just appreciation can be expected - note
the graceful lateral curves & delicate flared & varnished
reflection of light on the leaves - supererect & fine
fragrance more delicate than the Gulonok.

I send you again *Iris Douglasii* - This
has handsome fls. from pale pink
to blue with varying shades. Leaves not
the green of the youngling but is only 2

I send you a few *Cruciferae* Col.
Repens *Sedum* / 15209 fls. by 2, wiping
clearest shade, visited by no insects, toughest & most
beautiful winter - shining here mid snow and
ought to grow well East - If the ground ever
dries it will not grow - The plant in dry
clay - whether planted out before spring or
not. Took it upon myself to send you the bulbs
of *Rhuanzoffia* *Sedum* & *Sandy* other things
presumed to be of interest - also *Aspidium* *montanum*
with *Adiantum* *Chilense* - *Gymnogramme* *triangularis*
Pellaea *andromedifolia* & shall also send others
if desired - There is the new *Aspidium* *Californicum*
- Hook. *A. argutum* (*Aspidium*) - *Platanus* sent.

To morrow shall try to send *Vigna* *placens*
just rec'd from Marin Co. with a few other goodies.
Could not find a single bulb of *Scabertia* out of which

the English make a new Sp. & Galore
another time may dig blind and even
get one in the rear of flocks of
sheep on a thousand hills.

Yours in haste

A. H. Hallowell

P. S. Has Richardson of N. Y.
a good Book on Common Sense
Gardening!

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