

San Francisco Jan 2^d 1873

Prof. A. Gray

Dear Sir - I send you to day a Box -
about one cubic foot - marked "A" by Wells Fargo & Co. San Fran
Containing Oreodaphne Californica or Cal Laurel - Quercus
Chrysolepis or Canon Live Oak of which a few have
been sent before - thinking more samples, or a few sp.^s only for the
sake of exhibiting varieties in Arboretum - This equals
the Live Oak of 2 varieties of Florida as Ship's timber
- proven in Navy Yard here, and highly approved among
mechanists Wheelwrights &c. Great toughness and symmetry
as a shade - never broken by fierce winds; a fine
clean canopy &c. I have previously written you
at length before of its merits & will not repeat.

A few more seeds of Cercis occidentalis being
all I collected at Ukiah recently. Should
think this very desirable for its Chervil aspect in
early spring, and the delicate beauty of foliage at
other seasons.

If the acorns are frozen they will speedily turn
black - have used all practicable caution -
enclosed in cotton - dry clayey loam - sawdust outside
of the inner box - and outer Box enveloped with
double paper - Should they arrive safely please let me
know as a guide for the future.

These might have been directed to Prof. Sargent

Should you prefer it I will do so hereafter
of course any thing desirable sent to
either address - for J. St. Ender or for
your friends please make use of them as
your own.

Little later still I shall send down
choice seeds not yet collected - e.g.
Photinia arbutifolia and *Arbutus menziesii* etc.
or *Madroa* tree
In haste

Truly Yrs
J. H. Rogers

J. Rogers, A. Gray
Cambridge
Mass

P.S. I did not acknowledge receipt
of check for one hundred & eight ¹⁰⁰ in
Bank of North America it is not too late
now - will present it to day.

Thank you
Received ninety six ⁸⁰ for gold
Yrs



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