

Prof. Gray  
Dr. Bir.

No doubt your time, like mine,  
is constantly intruded upon by application  
for information, on points appertaining to  
your favorite pursuits - With the admonition  
of my own experience, to caution me against  
pursuing such a course with others I cannot  
refrain from taking your attention to

Query 1. What is the Nut & leaf marked

No. 1? The nut was obtained, by Mrs.  
Gov<sup>r</sup> Wood, either in Chile or on the Littoral.  
From it I have reared four plants, which  
are thriving in my Green House - I have  
not been able to ascertain its name.

Query 2. What is the specific name of  
the flower marked No 2. It proceeds from  
a bulb, designated as "Lagrymæ del Virgo"-  
an Allium I suppose - but I have not the  
means of ascertaining its specific name.

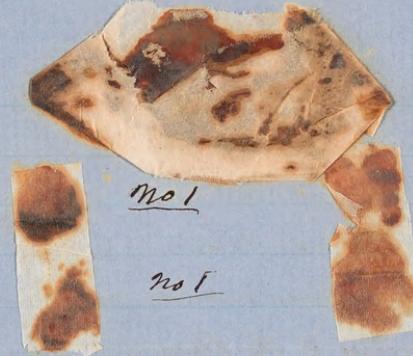
Query 3. Would the Berberis Darwinii  
and the Pavonia comalensis stand

our northern winters - exposed in open grounds?  
The former I have now in flower & the latter I  
raised from Neomexican seeds - Last summer  
it flowered freely & produced seed.

Query 4<sup>th</sup>. Has any one in your vicinity attempted to  
obtain improved varieties of the *Diospyros Virg.* &  
*Asimina triloba*? - The natural habits of the former I  
have broken so effectually, that I have trees maturing  
their fruits the whole season between the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept  
& the 1<sup>st</sup> of April - The fruit of one tree, is sweet,  
edible & entirely ripe from Ashingway by the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept  
a month before we can, here, expect any frost.

The size of the fruit has no no certain improved.  
The *Asimina* I have not experimented with  
but have seen it raised from seed by  
other people -

Very truly Yrs  
J. W. Kirtland





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