

Cambridge. Oct. 25, 1861

My Dear Wright

On the 7th I hurried in to town to put my letter on board a vessel for N. York. Two vessels were up, and I felt sure of one of them, but, lo! they had both gone the day before.

Doubts about Havana mails, and much occupation (I have been working hard at Milnes Exped. Manuscripts) have kept you out of sight, & out of mind, till now. - when I am ashamed to neglect you longer. I have not since heard from you. Yours of Sept. 4th is my latest date.

We are much saddened just now by the bad cutting up of our 20th Mass. Regiment, which has many officers from Boston & Cambridge, and which was placed in a bad position by bad management of Genl. More - tho. at first it was thought that Baker (Col.) who was killed, was the person to blame. But officers & men all fought with true courage and behaved nobly.

Your old friend Parry is back (to Davenport) from his trip to Rocky Mts. behind Pike's Peak. - where he has made a rather small (about 400 species) but very good & beautiful collection. I am sorry to hear it was, and naming it. - rapidly - for I cannot spare much time for it.

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Here are some of the determinations of select plants of your Munich, which Griseb. has sent to me in advance of the general report - (to be given when he has done the Porragin & Veronica, &c.).

Portulacaceae

Sphaeranthus longiflorus, n. sp. = your great, long-flowered, baculate Portulacaceae.

Schradia cephalophora, n. sp. = shorter flowers, several in a thickish head.

Stiphanandra lanceolata, n. sp. * another of Richard,

Ectocoma, 3 n. sp. * another of Richard,

Herdiantha, 2 n. sp.

Rubellia, 2 "

Manettia lygistoides, n. sp. Your common one

Odontandra callitrichoides, n. sp. Little bit of a species, like a *Microstemon*, in all your collections.

Lycia tuberosa, DC. - You once sent me a little in a letter. - little, delicate, low thing.

Gnaphalium, 3 n. sp.

Stachytarpheta, 1 " & the old one

Chione, 3 "

Crithopsis, 1 "

Psychotria 10 species are mentioned, either new, or little known ones of Sw.

Machonia microphylla, n. sp.

16 Compositae are mentioned, among which is "Lantana" *sp.* *sp.*, - your

genus. I must not stop to mention other things, except to say that Griseb. has made a new genus of a twining Passifloraceae plant with very small leaves, which I think is common with you. Perhaps you had best pick up more, if in your way. He calls it *Greppia volubilis* (*Cardinalis*).

Griseb. having suppressed the Laurencia genus *Greppia*.

And there is Griseb.'s new genus of Passifloraceae, *Poranthus Cubensis*, a

very fine thing indeed. Leaves look like a *Passiflora* - large, but they have a pair of ~~small~~ connate bracts giving the base of each solitary flower, whence the name *Poranthus*.

And there is such a strong spiral or like line or band, connecting the bases of the opposite leaves, which led me to think it a Loganiaceae. It is a very ~~strong~~ interesting, striking plant, and the supply is not great; more

would be very advantageous. I should mention that it has unicate calyx above the connate bracts; tube of the corolla not an inch long; and stamens & style long exserted.

Your genus, n. sp. is "Loganiaceae. A bush 10' ± high, La Poda

Harallus, M. V. March 1."

" Boignoniaceae. *Boignonia* aff. ? *Stigma bitumellata*; the lamellae ap- pressed obtricular. Cor. green? (in one sp. - *cinnam* at least) Stamens 5. The lower one with a smaller anther."

No habitat with this ticket, nor date. I hope you may recognize this.

There is also - somewhat related to this - a new *Lisianthus*, which Griseb. is

pleased with, & which is scarce

Your note of it is

"Scrub. A feeble shrub, with prostrate or procumbent stems, and ascending branches, 2'-4' high, in dense woods, Fl. yellowish green, Stam. 5, all apparently perfect, or the posterior a little smaller. M. V. July, '9." You see all that and I buta is full of good things!!

Sullivan has sent me the brief account of your Mosses - as I have written before. And I have printed it.

I will venture a copy by mail.

If it is stopped en route, I shall not be much surprised; but I think they will let it go through!

Nothing heard yet from the Hepaticae which were turned over to Gotsche to study. It is about time to hear of them.

The papers speak of: mail to Havana on the 29th from New York. So I hope it is all right, and that this will go. We shall see. Ever Yours cordially

Asa Gray



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