

Lowell Reese - the publisher
of Griswold's Flora. There
is a 4th part out half a
year, and he does not
send it, nor other things.
I have written to him, I
think twice. Well, I will
write again. This year will
give you a part of the
Mammoth; and still
another part, finishing the
mammoth, must be
nearly out by this time.

I am at work in Cady
now, you know, and it
is very hard work. This
last vacation, I had to
make a new edition &
new additions to my
Manual, &c. - and to do
it in a hurry, - and I
have at length for the
first time, found out that I

Cambridge. April 17, 1862

My Dear Wright,

Yours of March 23, to
Apr. 1. came this evening.
Glad to hear from you again.

I had been expecting to
get a bit of jobation from
you, for not writing more -
and nothing since that very
short letter of 21 Feb. But
it seems, it is not yet quite
time for me to receive that.
I did not expect you would
blow me up on sundry old
scores, - for not improving your
all your specimens shipped to
the Westerman's came safe.
Ls. &c. -

Why, I reported all that
promptly, - reported my prog-
ress, in picking out a set
for Griswold to study, - which

I suppose he has got, long ago, - that I had sent a set of the Orchid to Lindsay, which he must have got (but he has not said a word yet), &c. &c. - writing of course to the old address at good Lescaillies. For all this was before your order to write no more thither. I take it for granted you would inform ~~them~~ Lescaillie of your present address, and that he would forward to you the letters he must have received.

Of course the sets of Mosses are all at your service, Are they not your own, and am I not always, yours to command, tho' I be sometimes a little slack in obeying! -

Well, I will answer your questions categorically,
1. The plants have come, safe & sound, and are well taken care of.

2. You shall have a set of the coll. of Musci, and I will send it on to Catala at New York (since I cannot send from Boston to Havana), asking him to forward it to you, - with which you can gratify your friend Gundlach.

Then, give me credit so far! I say there are plain answers.

I have just received a letter from Stance at Whampoa. - He asks to be kindly remembered to you.

I am hitherto to know what has got into

your heart to see the thing
done. And it will be worth
all it cost.

Come now, here is a
good long letter, for a man
as tired as I to write. — who
has been 500 hours in
lecture room, making hard.

I shall address, as
before, as you say
nothing to ^{the} contrary, and
give no new address.

Ever Yours cordially

Asa Gray

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am growing old. In fact
I look down under it, and
have injured my health
a little. There is a
constant — as yet slight — dif-
ficulty in the region of the
heart, — which I feel doubt-
ful if I throw off, as I can
not get any real respite
from work till July.

I doubt I ever recover the
spring and vigor of former
times. But we shall see.
Do not say much about
it, in your letters, not to make
Mrs. Gray anxious. Perhaps
it will go off. And, at the
worst I do not anticipate
any great trouble from it
at present.

My head full of work
has got correspondence all
hardly behind hand, — and
determined me to draw in
my hours, and drop a good

deal of it. My desk
has long been surrounded
deep with unopened letters
so that I have abandoned
it, and now sit over on
the other side of the table.

If I get down and open
over a letter right off
the day it comes — as I am
now doing with yours —
And as I do with purely
business letters, &c. — then
it is safe. If I add it
to the heap, — it is a gone
case. — and I fear will
never be really answered.

Eaton too, as you know,
has been very hard worked,
in his father's office.

Well, there is no State
now, in some part of which
the Star Spangled Banner

does not float. Lincoln
is a trump, — a 2^d Washing-
ton. — Steady, conservative
— no fanatical abolition-
ist. — Fort, of your
State of Conn. is putting
down his fort on the
Mississippi. — McCallen
is to fight a great battle
at Yorktown. — Another
bloody battle may be
fought near Corinth,
Mississippi. — New Orleans
will soon be ours. — Please
God, — and then this
wicked rebellion will be
done for. I pray God
I may live to see the
end of it, and the States
brought back — quietly
if they will — forcibly
if they must. — I know it will rejoice



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