

And will keep you busy -
therefore happier.

Grisbach you know -
has not received the collec-
tions of the later times, of
which set was sent to him
only, - the rest undistri-
buted, I want distribute
till I get the names - at
least in the rough - so as
to know what is new and
what has been distributed
before. Besides there is
a part of your E. Cuba
collection yet to come -
stowed at St. Catalina? or
Mate Verde?

Grisbach will now
soon get the W. Indian
Flora off his hands, -

And he promises that he
will then take up all
your later collections &
make a supplement to
Pt. W. Cubaans. -

Cambridge, Mr. 14, 1862
Dear Wright.

Here I was this af-
ternoon, moving over
your plants, - copying out
Grisbach's ^{ms.} for the
printer (for the printer will
touch the Dutchy - looking
^{ms.} and besides I have
additions to make, &c) -
when I just happened to
remember that tomorrow
is Havana mail, and that
I was by all means to write
to you to-day. There is still
time. - so here goes.

First: Can't you make
some arrangement, while
you are at this end of Cuba,
to receive a Yankee news-
paper by mail - say to
the address of Dr. Jose
Blain, or some Havana
address. If you can ar-
range it that it is not stopped

I will send you papers
regular - say the Little
Boston Herald, small - some-
red - Democratic, Patriotic,
or others from time to
time.

Well, it is Eaton's
fault that you have not
got the last Winter. Feb,
Mar, Dec, - as he had
it long ago from me, and
I supposed had forwarded it.

But he says it will
go in parcel for you
- addressed as you direct -
by the steamer of to-morrow.

And Eaton has put up
for you 2 lenses -
2 Jack knives.

It is our collecting portfolio.
More materials with which

another can be made.
And - if he has done as
he offered, he has also got
another portfolio made
for you, in time to add to
the package.

Do you not want paper
and pens? You have not
asked for any. -

As to collecting still, I
should say, Yes - go
on, in a gradual and
cheap way. - i.e., do not
make very heavy outlays -
as long as you are in
the country. - at least
till next summer. For
we can not get the war
done until late next
spring (except in Texas!)

If you can do as much
for W. as for E. Cuba, it
will be a good thing.

describing some of yours.
I supposed he had sent it
to you. I have now
sent my copy to Eaton
for you. I will ask Tick
man for another, and
I will ask & urge him
to take up the Lichens
sits. It is high time
he did them. Then
I could send them and
the mosses out together
and get some funds
for you abroad, to draw
on.

At present, not only
have I no deposit in
~~Europe~~ Europe to draw
on. But I owe about
200 Dollars there, - which
I cannot think of paying
by buying exchange
at the present awful rates.

So I am waiting till
I get funds in some
other way, - which I expect
soon to do - enough to pay
my debts - and if I can
get any more there, I will
notify you to draw on
it. Meanwhile I have
money enough for you,
if you can only get it.
I owe you interest in
plenty, and probably
something on running
account. [Only a few Dollars
I see].

But how can you get it
at present rates? Or
how can I get it to you.
If Greenbacks could
pass there as here - it
would be easy enough. -

Is there not some
Yankee product that

I could ship to you - that
Blain or Lescaille
wants. Sewing ma-
chines? Agricultural
implements? Chairs?
So we might raise
the loss on exchange.

I will send you anything,
from a mouse-trap to
a wheel-barrow!

You have a letter
from me which must
have reached you soon
after yours of Oct. 25. -
saying that my boat
was 85 days old! Indeed
you ought to have had it
then.

Mr. Birney tells me
that Fresh-water and
particularly Land-shells
are in considerable demand.

^{Nov. 14, '82}
I wish he had all
your C. Brita collection
also, up to date.

Could you not send
them on to me, and I
pick out a set for Frost,
- or better, pick out a
set yourself, and send
it, with your valuable
notes.

At present, I have nothing
on sale except sets of
Fossils - and now call lately
- & the Mosses. - The latter
are very little called for. -
And the sets are too small
- amount to too little to send
abroad by themselves. I am
trying to make Sullivan
take up & study your later
batch, to add to them - then
making it more worthwhile.
But he will not more yet.
I will try him again now.

Tuckerman printed last
summer a Lichen paper.

No doubt I can find a
sale for yours.

Not one word have I
heard from Curtis!

The first sheet of Pl.
Mr. Cutlers, pt. 2, is just
printed — too late to get
it to Eaton for your package.
But I will soon send the
whole. I have read a proof
of 2^d sheet. — It will make
only about 3 more. — Unless
the miss. of Momalia and
comes in time.

The 1st part of the new
General Plantarum is. I
suppose on the way to
me from England.

Now I must mail this,
or I shall lose the mail.

I will now try to stir
up Sullivan & Jacksonman
— both hard cases in their
way! Mrs. May quite
with regards but regards, ^{Ever Yrs} A. Gray.



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