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Dear Doctor

I am almost as happy as a clam
at high tide, & should be quite if I had got any
good news from home along with yours of the 30th
ult. I have written to you frequently of late always
in a doctorous mood. I don't know what has bewitched
our correspondence unless it is filibusterism. I wish
it was beheaded. You must have missed some of my
letters as I certainly gave you direction how
to write. However — you will not be far wrong
if you direct to Santa (or Sta for short) Catalina de Guan-
tanimo. If you want to ensure certainty & avoid all risk
of the letters being opened you may send under cover to
Mr. F. Lescaulte, or Messrs. Brooks & Co. The things
sent through Bressler & Giraudy come promptly.
They are clever fellows.

I think I know where I got that Polypoda but
I may not be able to find it again. I shall look out
sharp for all fruits.

Of all those little Hymenophyllaceae things I believe
I have this time enough for full distribution. Some
of the ferns are yet dragging along — one specimen
at a time but I have a goodly number with the
complement of 40 specimens. *Ophioglossum palmatum*
is indeed *planta rarissima* but I think I shall be
able to supply the demand. At least I hope so. I
have 27 specimens & I am up to its habits now & know
when to look for it. It has been very dry lately & I have
done but little among the ferns but I have been deep into
the lichens. I have lately collected two *Bignoniaceae* plants
which are certainly not in our list. I got the other

day word of Tanacetum. B. Is that good enough for you?
The little flower complete Tanacetum. I fear you will get
no more of it. I took all I saw at the time & I have
not found it since, though I have been on the look-out
for it whenever I have been in that locality. When you
have all the specimens before you, you may be able to do better
with it.

The paper is in Cuba. I have not received it yet. I have
the glass & find it quite useful.
Go soon on Mrs. Gray. If you can not come yourself
I will meet her in Cuba & escort her here when she
will be at home as I am. She shall have as many
bananas as she wants & any other fruit to which she takes
pleasure. I am glad to get something of the sort
and have a kind of natural curiosity to know what
I am doing in the world. If among the public I find
pleasure in her and then my gold or diamonds are in form
I am gratified to be informed of the fact. I have most of
my plants snugly packed up fully will distribute onto their
natural families & ready for ship next when a Boston
vessel turns up. I have been rather hitherto back waiting
for letters—perhaps a little sulky. Now, however, as
I am able to do so, I because I got nothing. How-
ever, I think I will take them in a few days to Sal-
tador & if there is no immediate prospect of a Boston ship
I will send them to New York.

Excuse me shipping Mr. G. here. I don't know as
over to you that Mr. L. once has a Mr. Leonard's lady
— Boston people—several months with him & he always
speaks of that time in the terms most expressive of his gratifi-
cation & every young desire from their society.

It seems that I brought home materials with which
Buck & Curtis have made quite a flourish. If I have
done as well in the other departments of cryptogamy,
I shall get a name as a collector at any rate. I only
regret that I could not visit localities offering in
Phanogamy more novelty. But such localities nowadays
are hard to find in the course of a sea-voyage & nobody
will ever again have such chances as Shaker's islands
& those other old voyagers enjoyed.

I hope you got the money to pay Buckley before
Monte Sam stopped payment. I thought such special
appropriations as the one coming to us were exempt
from application to any other purpose. But I suppose
at Washington nothing yellow is safe from the light-
fingers & gentry that prowled about there.

As I published publishing anything as he goes
along & if so, what is the chance to get possession
of the sheets as they are issued. If I am doing any
thing of importance I like to see it in print as I
go along. All prothumens credit I may get for
collecting won't do me any good.

25th This is the first real rainy, dully foggy
day we have had in a long time. It will start the
crypts again. It is the best time for trees in general
to begin to blossom.

I shall calculate on Mrs. Gray coming on
soon just as Mr. L. did on me & then of course
when she is tired of Monte Reid you will come
on & botanize awhile & take her home.

My best wishes for her restoration to health.
Yours sincerely
Charles Wright



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