

Monte Verde June 9th 1859

Dear Dr.

A few weeks past if I remember right I sent you a leaf & a little bit of inflorescence ^{of a plant} over which I had puzzled a good deal & which I had finally left among Euphorbs with considerable misgivings. Yesterday I found another species & I shall not probably soon forget Coccothra a fail to recognize any species I may in future meet with. I must acknowledge that I was rather stupid for I had worked upon some of the sp. among the Nicaragua plants. I got an abundance of Onaidium tillandsioides which if I remember rightly went before but a little way in the distribution. I found in divers places flowers new to me that I could not get for want of my big knife which I had the bad luck to lose the last time I went to La Porla & which I fear will not be found till it is buried over & ruined. I climbed some trees but was more successful in finding things that I didn't expect than those I was in quest of. I found a scandent Legum. with the habit of Galactia or Clitoria but with the flowers very much like Drythia except that the M. & K are longer. I can't fit it on any Gen. in Ind. at least among Phaseol. where it would seem to belong. I have observed it only on a burnt tract of the Pinal where the timber has been killed & where is now only scattering bushes and that dreadful tall cutting Scleria that is so destructive to my raiment & to my hide where it can get at it. I found also a few more specimens of Ophiorhiza palmatum of which I believe I have now about enough for distribution though some of the specimens being rather small & some without fruit (others however with several fertile pods quite spare to those that have none) I shall keep on the lookout for more better ones. I got a plenty too of another (Crotalaria) of which I wrote not long ago that I had found some specimens but not enough near by. Since sending away my collection I obtained a plenty of A. vulgatum & a Botrychium with

two pretty ponds on each side one
June 16th. Last night I returned tired out with a fine
dapp ride to the N. of it. A good deal of the way the road was
unusually muddy. Mr. A. is a hard rider & he kept me in the
saddle more than was pleasant. I did not collect largely
tired by my frequent stopping. I should appear too selfish.
I got three sp. of Begonia all perhaps referred from the one
so common about here. I pleased by some interesting things
almost at first setting out intending to get them on my return
but we came back by a different route. I shall have to make
a special trip for them. In my travels I saw a place that
I think so good as N. Y. whether for living or working but as
this was rather an exploring tour it is not a fair test. I
became acquainted with the planters & received kind invitations
to come & examine their neighborhood which invitations
I shall accept at some time when de Flora will give me
a passport.

On the 20th Mr. A. starts for Cuba to sail for France about
the 30th or the first of July. He has been talking about it for
some time but I did not think he would go so soon. It will
make no difference with me except losing his company
& his advice. He takes his daughter little boy & will be
about a year or two at least probably more.

I found on my return a letter from ^{home} containing the copy of a
document about me there from Washington the subject of
which is that on the 10th of the 10th comes after long ^{in vain} exam-
ination they have found that on leaving her I was overpaid to the
amount of \$17.46. I have written to Capt. R. on the subject
asking that the matter may rest till my return otherwise I
have said that I would ask you to pay it if it is likely to
give him any trouble. I suppose my expenses necessarily will
nearly or quite offset it if not turn the scale in my favor.

June 17 To day I went to the Parallons & got some new things -
A *Sagittaria* but in some particular it differs from the character
in Brit. & a *Saccharia* & an *Arctostaphylos* which Dietrich as usual
ignores. I got again the flower of a tree with the young leaves
rid with dirty scales which you put among *Hydrangea*. I be-
lieve you were right though it can hardly belong to any of
Brit. genera. I found besides another little *Plantainella* almost
microscopic.

June 18 this morning I got a letter of the date May 21 from
Mr. Gentry in answer to mine of May 18 which is signed
"recd. a few days since" wonder what mine has been all the time
But a greater wonder is how he ever found me. It is deuced
strange "What might I have sent, Cuba, St. Indies" If I had
wanted to get rid of a troublesome correspondent I would have
tried to give him a worse address. Yet it has come through
while many others with apparently a perfect direction have gone
astray. I have just received the first installment of the paper
you sent me. I have not needed it before. It appears
to be very nice paper - a little heavier than that I land
in myself.

Enclosed are scraps for H. of the three sp. of Begonia
collected on my late trip. Of the other so common about here
you will get specimens by the Brig *Sagrange* which I
suppose sailed away before yesterday. I sent in the last
an open letter to you asking him to put in it the Bill of
Lading or such other data as would enable you to
order the plants sent on from N. Y. & mail it then.
It would perhaps be well too to have some one on the look-
out for the arrival of the vessel.

I have half a mind or more to fall back upon a plan
of which I have often thought to have all my letters
sent by merchant vessels. I was dissuaded from it

by persons who had failed to get letters sent thus or got them
after what they thought an unreasonable lapse of time
Nearly all the letters I get are at least a month old & thus
lose the charm of novelty at any rate. If you could have
some one to look out for vessels to St. Jago from New York
even if your letter is a week late at the time of the sailing of
the vessel & allowing 15-20 days for the passage I would
receive the letters in about a month. I suggest it for your
consideration & if you hit upon any good plan of sending my
letters be so kind as to inform my brother that he too may
avail himself of it. I got another letter from home today
addressed outside to Brüssel & Giraudy & forwarded

I have nothing more I believe to add but that I
am now in excellent health. Remember me to Mrs G.
& Cambridge friends

Yours ever
Charles Wright

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in myself

checked are scraps for St. of the three sp. of B. p. p.
collected on my late trip. Of the other a common brown here
your wife got specimens of the B. p. p. group which I
suppose would be before publication. I send to the B. p. p.
in open letter to you asking him to put in it the B. p. p.
label or not. I am not sure it would make any
then the plants sent in from N. Y. I think it them
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of which I have often thought. I have not yet written
sent to my brother's vessel. I was much obliged for it



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