

I didn't understand what you wrote of a quarrel  
of account and I don't know what happened  
in your case. I derived a picture from your words

The other day I received a letter from Captain  
Hodges containing a form of account which he thinks he  
can have accepted at the War Dept. in my favor. So I  
made it out to the amount of \$260.00 which is all down  
as is likely will leave me a little balance of \$1.80. out  
I was in the woods day before yesterday a greater  
distance than I have ever been before but my walking  
did not increase in proportion to this length of the  
race - they were rather in a descending ratio & the  
pace was only when returning into the range that  
I began to find some good things. I got a flowering  
specimen of a Dichaea of which I had before collected  
only fruit. I got a third sp. of Vanilla badly broken  
in falling from the top of a dead tree in the "burn" but  
sufficient to determine the species if not for desec-  
tation. I found also a new Epidendrum very hand-  
some. I next came upon a second sp. of Dorstenia.  
I got also two sp. of Vayra I suppose the specim-  
ens are scant - only one of one sp. & but few of the  
other - so I did not spot any of netiles. Perhaps  
Psychotria Melastomads & some others I never take  
any note but just take them when I find them tho'  
I may have saved them a dozen times before. A  
mess of some of these things you will get by  
I say reckon. Yesterday I went to a Rita. Far-  
ther made a respectable collection besides pass-  
ing others which I could not get but for which I  
must return tomorrow with the rest. I got a few  
new Sphaeridia nor in bad certainty unless as you  
say some genus is removed a bit. I got also a

scrap of a *Nyctagia* very near Reichenbachia which I found away up in the Giblace that I had climbed for its flowers. I believe I found also fruiting specimens of *Hemigynia* or *Uromia*. Some months ago I got above by the place a staminate plant of the same species and suppose I got also an *Obretia* which I don't remember collecting before though I may have found it formerly. I believe I came upon a new sp. of *Obretia*. A few days ago I went down the Giblace by the cascades & among other things too numerous to specify I got plenty of a *Hypoxis* and a tall grass 10-15 ft. high which I believe to be *Glyceria*. Also a *Cyperus* (?) with only 2 sepals & 2 petals. Regarding I secured enough of all of my lugging species. I believe I have now all of them in sufficient number - that is all of which I have a reasonable expectation of getting up. I hope I may meet with more specimens of the few that are still scant but I can hardly expect it at least about here.

28th I took back what I have said above about *Hemigynia* on Uromia. The placentation is axile which excludes it to the rank of *Uromia* - so it can't be any old sort of *Obretia*. I don't think *Rhamnus* - and I don't know what to do with it. I eat a bit of the "biggish" fruit & I can make nothing out of that neither. I believe the calyx is adnate, forming part of the sort of fleshy palanum (is that what you call it?) I can't remember the right application of most of these terms applied to the different parts of the fruit. It is somewhat pyriform but long with the 4 long styles slender & slender with curved out claws at the ends. I took some pains to find out which was the vascular end but failed entirely although I extracted several nicely. What do you do in such a case? - guess at it? The leaves are cordate strongly pointed with a rugous pubescence. The young shoots are

covered with great membranous stipules or something of the sort. But dear me, its of course too slow for me to be named. Of all that I have sent you have named one with an "et" (compositae) and nick named another Uncaria tophorum how! how! Once also I had found out before you answer came, Wallenia & Cyphella helped me but I find the last so much at variance with the description in Bentl. that I have had to send you another scrap with my query about it. I must have sent you as many as a dozen things since your letters began to come to hand on which you have not reported & I have not received the reports. A long time ago I saw a lit plant Molinia - at least two weeks probably then smooth.

22. I went again in La Perla for all day instead of returning through the woods by the road. But the rain drove me back. I got however some good things - fruit of *Podocarpus* (young) & a bran-new *Licca* - a real climber sprawling all about among the branches of trees. I found also a new *Olyra* a little bit of a thing growing up through the mats of fallen pine leaves. I found in the same flowers which seemed new & this afternoon I went with my ax & cut the tree. It is *Sapindace*? with leaves like *Malpighia* but the ovaries have two collateral ovules & the parts of the flower are 4-nate or 4-angled. So many I could find but 7 stamens & but a few 8. A very large disk all around the ovary. Petals ~~each~~ either wanting or falling early. Style short thick. Stigma large top-sided ovule tubular with 2 collateral amphitropous (is that what you call them when attached by the midrib) ovules in each.

24. Yesterday afternoon I was out a little way in the woods and found a new *brechia* a new fern - perhaps. I cierto a quite new *Cascaria* & some bits of *Jacquinia*. I went mainly to look for fruit of *Salacia verrucosa* but I find it a very uncertain business to hunt fruit of *Hippocratea*. I often find no fruits

by accident as it were I wrote yesterday to Brooks & company asking when  
they would start another vessel to New York & received  
for answer in twenty or thirty days. This is longer than  
I wished to wait before getting rid of what I now have  
on hand as I want to soon to make one step westward  
I don't know but it is just as well however to work  
here while I am finding novelties so plenty. I think  
I'll go to Saltader soon & inquire about it.

At bandrie I found Dietrich strolled ahead Saturday to  
Buccia bandrie & when he reached this point he had forgotten  
it — so it is like your vessel "non est inventus".  
I find a Dipteridium tree, common here, for which Prof. makes  
no allowance unless some genus is "arranged a bit". The  
calyx is uniformly 4-nate, 2 sepals out & 2 in, lev. unciolate tubulose  
4-6 lobe lobes obtuse. Stam 4-6 with as many sterile. Anthers exsert  
downy villous. Style exsert. Cells variable 4-6 I suppose. I believe I  
got it before. — I have kept you posted up in all that is going  
on here that it is of any importance for you to know — and yet  
Mr. G. has been gone from here more than two months & is I  
suppose by this time in France though your last letter contains  
no intimation that you knew he intended to go. And yet I must  
have written to you of his intention sometime before he set out.  
Where are your letters lagging.

Below I have now nothing more to say on the  
subject of botany. I am ~~now~~ no more. I feel quite  
well — haven't even a touch of pneumonia. I enclose three  
plants. The one without a name you may name for me if you  
can.

Yours ever

Spent the day at Chelmsford with the Wrigleys. Visited the  
Baptist church where we presented a new organ, probably the  
first a white & polished - very nice a ticket was a box of red  
and white flowers given by members of that church. The Wrigleys were  
entertained over at the Longfellow residence while I worked up  
the horses for the C. and at one o'clock p.m. first heard of rain and



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