

Columbus July, 1842

My Dear Gray — Mr Kelley has at last returned & brought with him  
all the Books &c safe — The arrival of my botanical parcels always  
affords me a delightful feast — But this one has been magnificent!  
— The contents of packages are — Hedwig & Schwaegcher complete  
7 vols. Sp. Marco. — Delessert Cones 4 vols — Bruch & Schimper  
10 fasciculi — Hooker's *Jungmannia* (Thank you for the loan gift)  
— St. Hilaire *Lecons de Botanique* — 1 copy of your *Carlinia*  
article — & the Nov. N. Hooker *Jour. Bot.* — Most unfortunately  
parts of Bruch & Schimper are wanting, for instance Tab.<sup>s</sup> 37, 38,  
39, 40, & 41, of "Fasciculus VI-IX." — also two leaves i.e. pages 33, 34,  
35, & 36 of the letter-press of "Fasciculus V." — every thing else is right.  
I do hope you can have the missing parts replaced — That work is  
the most complete botanical performance I have ever seen — It puts  
a perfect "quietus" on the subject as far as it goes. — Make arrangements

so that I can receive it as fast as it comes out. — The last letter from you is dated Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> — has been waiting the return of McKelvey before I should write — I send \$70. which will square our acct & leave a little in my favor. — as to reducing all the Boltonias to one — I have never seen but *B. glaucoptera* — but from the descriptions in the book, it appears quite probable that the reduction would not be a violent one. — One or two of your determinations of my *Helianthus* without numbers I cannot offer with entire certainty — but we will see when the 2<sup>nd</sup> No. is out — these things can't all be fixed right in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. — 1883. "*H. cinereus*" was a plant that struck me as something not common — it must be rare — I never met with but in one spot in the Early Plains — you ask "how large is it? Is the stem simple & naked above?" — It is 4 or 5 feet high — seldom if at all simple — not naked above. — In answer to your question about the *Vaccinium* — I feel very certain our Ohio plant is the same as your Carolina plant — a little allowance being made for the difference in their localities — I have never seen an authentic specimen of the

*V. corymbosum* from Burlington's description my plant appeared to answer very well to that species — I will send you some specimens

Thus far I fear your letter of Jan'y 2<sup>nd</sup> was handed to me — It injures me much to think that something favorable may come out of the Harvard affair — There is where you should be — and although I should be glad to have you in the West — still the other would doubtless be far more to your interest.

I regret that I have not a say in the matter that would avail — By the by do you ever see any thing at or emanating from Washington, that either directly or indirectly, would be in your line? — in such a case I think I could have a pretty strong string pulled by one "behind the throne"! — The Smithsonian fund will some day or other make some handsome *Professorships* — The collections of the Exploring Expedition might make an opening for something like a

I thank you for the mention of General Hooker — I must decline the purchase though very tempting — By various means I have got together an *Exotic Herbarium* of 3000 or more specimens — then & what I may hereafter get by exchange &c. together with engravings will be as much as I shall be able to attend to in the way of *Exotic Botany*. — But if any thing N. American should fall in your way lay them in for me. — In one of the late Nos of Hooker's Jour. Bot. I see that some more sets of *Monuments* or *am. Musaei* (Franklin's expeditions) are being proposed. — Have you spoken for a copy for me? — I have now the loan of a handsome copy of

that work from Dr Short - but must return it in a few  
Weeks - Drummond done wonders in collecting our Mosses -  
his collections though surprisingly extensive are wanting in many  
species sent by Mohlenberg to Hedwig & in not a few sent by Dr Torrey  
to Breda, besides in several of Michaux's - order for me Endlicher

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I send you last work, noticed in the last Lilliman's Journal  
- Hooker's Juncus 4<sup>th</sup> vol. - Kunth - DeCandolle & much more as  
our north having - don't forget to loan me in the spring  
a lot of your Journal of Sciences (French) containing Muscology -  
- make my compliments to Dr Torrey - I believe me yours sincerely  
- send by mail the rest of the Flora as soon as out - W. L. Sullivan



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