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My dear Gray — I am quite in arrears in our correspondence — we will now bring things up in the order of time — Immediately after I wrote to you (last of August), just before starting for Montreal I received the package, containing a lot of mostly exotic plants, which makes a handsome addition to my herbarium — a very beautiful collection of German notes from Martius, specimens fine, copious & many of them rare, a portion of them I will send back to you after looking out a set — And your Botanical Text-Book — you may ~~be~~ well satisfied with that work — your selection of the plants for the illustration of Saxifragaceae, I need not tell you, was highly gratifying — for all these, my hearty thanks. — In writing to Mr. McKenney you did exactly what I had a mind to request of you in my letter — I regret we did not meet, otherwise I certainly would have stayed a day or two longer — while at Montreal I made an effort to find some botanists, called at the "Natural History Rooms", but from appearances & from what I could learn of the keeper, Botany as well as the other Sciences seemed to be at quite a low ebb among them. — You may ask, why while so near I did not return by the seaboard — the truth is, my trip was partly on business & time limited — to have made a flying call at the cities, which perhaps I might have done, would have been more than unsatisfactory — when I do visit ^{them}, I want to have plenty of time & leisure. — Next — yours of Oct 7, containing a list of plants for the Cambridge Garden — It was quite too late for some of them — However I immediately went out to the Dorby Plains & brought home roots & seeds of what I could find — I have now within immediate reach, of your list, *Arctostaphylos*, *Eryngium yuccifolium* — *Geum vernum*, *Eubothris americana*,

Senecio flava ♂, *S. parviflora*, *Valeriana ciliata*, *Aster arvensis*, & *Asperula* ♂,
Didyma Riddellii, *S. Thierensis*, *Silphium laciniatum*. *S. pinnatifid.* *S. tomentosum*
Rudbeckia speciosa, *Helianthus cernuus* ♂, *Dracopis Canadensis*, *Bolochia Canadensis*
Corys cornuta, *C. sulcata*, *Asplenium platyneuron*, *Asplenium*, *Chara* ^{Walteria} *hispida*
draca, *Orchis dentata*, *Pirula ovata*, *Erigeron phillyria*, whose seeds
be sent in next spring or fall as may be best — then one a few in your
list that do not grow with us — I thought too late at that time as
I feared to send the roots, still in a box intended last of Oct. directed
to you, (care of Putnam & Wiley N. York). I sent you a parcel of the
following seeds, *Silphium laciniatum*, *pinnatifid.* & *tomentosum*, *Bolochia Canadensis*
Aster cernuus ♂, *Valeriana ciliata* & *Asperula* ^{hispida} *laciniata* — as the weather has been
thus far unusually mild the box by this time be in N. York, or at least
clear of detention by the freezing of the canal — besides the seeds,
contents, are a small parcel of plants for you, *Fedraea* (plant the seeds)
Calophyllum, *Vaccinium* & c. — a parcel of plants for Reichensbach (directed
according to his instructions) (I am indebted to Mr. Suckerman Jr. for this
acquaintance — thank him for me). — two for W. Oakes Esq. Spinach —
one for Dr. Montagne — one for Prof. Schweppichen — one for Bruch &
Schimper — & one for W. Wilson Esq. Warrington Eng.^a — & one for Prof.
Hooker — the five last & one of Mr. Oakes are misps. — Mr. Wilson set
one of the plants ^{on the plant} ^{lost} I have left unsealed, over it & see about the extent of my
miscellaneous doings — be careful not to let the labels get mis-
placed — further directions are to be put on some of the packages
— I do not know them — you must do it for me —

I have heard nothing yet from the sets I sent 18 mo. ago
to Dr. Hooker & Montagne — Dr. H. has been sick which is a sufficient
excuse — but why the delay with Dr. M. I cannot tell — however
discouraging as it is, I have ~~sent~~ now send them another set

different from the first, & containing, I am sure, several very interesting
things — may send them all off as soon as you can — it will
be long enough before we hear from them — your set will be
forthcoming after I have heard from the above gentlemen &
got things all straightened out — the parcel left at Wiley & Putnam
to be brought out with Mr. Whiting's things I have not yet received —
— am glad you picked up some white *Mit. mepus* for me — in your
excursions look out for them — don't put yourself to any trouble
about specimen making — send them as you find them in
misp. — you ask for my *Encoreta*, *rescens* with misps. &
— we have very little here in that order & the few specimens I
have received from others are defective generally, & of not
much authority — I have never studied that order except
just enough to determine (approximately at least) what
specimens I might have — I am persuaded I have nothing
among them that would aid you — I have sent the *Akron*
Vaccinium & am not so sure about the identity of it with
your Carolina one, as formerly — the reticulations of the leaves
appear different, my specimens tho' of the two plants are
not complete enough for a satisfactory comparison —
Let us hear what you think of them — I wish you to
correct an error in Wilson's set of misps. that I have discovered
since I sent them — his no 119 which Schweppichen named for
me "*Phacum patens* var. *majus*" is *Schistidium serratum* sp. nov.
Hooker & Wilson in *Diagnoses Lomanae Misps.* — the mistake was
easily made, except in an old state there is no indication of its
being operculated — the only thing that distinguishes it from *Phacum*
patens — pass a slip of paper into Bruch & Schimper's set coming also

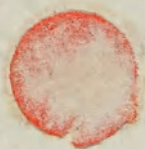
then 119 the same way — It is not in the other sets — it was sent
 in the former ones — In the hurry of sending off the box I forgot
 to put in your "Annales des Sciences" — It shall be done next opportunity
 I owe Mr. Bory de Saint-Vincent a package of plants — shall attend to him as soon
 as possible — to make my Journal of Botany complete I want
 the No. for Decr 1841 i.e. No 31 — I have never received it — if you have it not —
 order it — also 12th + Fasciculus of Bruch & Whimper — and Schwaegrichen

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Messrs.



Supplements after Lab. 300. — pay expenses in the box and charge
 my acct — you are wrong about the letter postage — don't neglect
 the Flora — push it ahead, strong — that's the great point
 after all — (and direct from Putnam) very sincerely your friend
 Order for me Bridges Mantissa Muscorum. s. Methodus nova Muscorum }
 Gotha 1819. — I wish them have his works complete — W.S.S.



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