

Ans'd 13<sup>th</sup> March

Coleridge July 20<sup>th</sup> 1844

My dear Gray — I am now in receipt of three unopened  
letters from you — one of Jan 9<sup>th</sup> by young Neal & two of the 29<sup>th</sup> do —  
The two packages by N. came safely — some good things in Forster's  
Museum — very willing to take the Linnæa — prize the Daguerotypes  
highly, <sup>Catch oaks</sup> perfect likenesses — I have all the London journals of  
Botany including that of last month — received also by mail  
Hift II. of Linnæa for 1843 — also Wilson's determinations, this was the  
first set I sent Hooker & was not of much asst. — also Montagu's  
two letters & determinations this too was the same as Hooker's set —  
M. sent me the same determinations some time ago, which he  
supposes ~~was~~ did not reach me — also 3 pamphlets of Griffiths  
Musc. iten. Affam. — Engelmann's papers & your Bibliographica of  
last Lilliman's Libr. — The above are all the unacknowledged  
receipts from you — I am heartily rejoiced to learn that my  
second sets of Mues have at last reached the hands they were  
intended for. — You ask if Wilson has written to me direct — He has  
not — Every thing from my European correspondents will come through  
you — at least I gave full & explicit directions to that effect. —  
Just this moment received yours containing Schimper's  
most welcome letter — I am well, very well, satisfied with  
my original views on nearly all the quiddities — He makes  
some wide mistakes — his *Lerkia Sullivanii* is the *Clasmatodon*  
parillus of Wilson & Hooker in Drummond's Southern Mues! — The specimens  
I sent him were imperfect & at the time I did not know it myself —  
— The *Pylaisaea intricata* in his letter & the *P. heteromella* Br. & Sch.

in the last No of Lond. Econ. Nat. is nothing but our old *Porogonium* interaction! — one of our communist maps. — The truth is no European has had good opportunities of studying our maps except Wilson who understands them better than any body else — I admire the spirit of his (2<sup>d</sup>) letter — he wants a great many maps — also shells, birds, arachnids, helix etc. — I shall supply him — will see that he finds me a profitable correspondent — hope to get much news out of him also — according to his letter an "envoy" from him must now be on the way for me —

How comes in *Musc. alb. h.*? — ask you? — Since New-year we have been badly interrupted by sickness of our children — the one getting better now & I hope soon to go a head strong — I consider the job about 75% done — have had a fine time for the last two months among the Gungers — have made making work with them — am glad you did not take them off my hands — reminds that have not been credited to this country, several new quadrates among them, besides three brown ones (at least so they now stand in my books!) — But a sad drawback to all this is, the Montague *Frallonia* *Abagrogana* goes over board "hook & line"! — and would you believe it — it is the old *Lugus tamaris* to a fraction!!!! — I have examined a dozen <sup>Montague</sup> *Abagrogana* specimens of it in your Greens & Torrey's collections — the species is not even subject to varieties according to Vries' invaluable *Comp. Lebensm.* — The strong point in Montague's species was the *Moniliforme* norm of upper lobe of leaf (see his paper which you have) — this is just as evident in all the European specimens, & what is very strange has never been

noticed by any author — the species occurs abundantly in the Alleghenies — we found it on every *Rhododendron* from Hackallsburg to French Broad — it was among the oak maps last summer —

I think I shall get through pretty early in the summer — if nothing unforeseen occurs — I have ~~not~~ to make 3 or 4 trips of 4 or 5 days each to distant localities for specimens to fill out with besides the Niagara trip for some things there & the Phil. visit. — the two last I shall probably make at the same time — I am pressing matters as fast as possible — but have a great many interruptions —

Well — then I suppose are stirring times with you — that special epoch — the 27<sup>th</sup> inst — is close upon us — The lectures & illustrations of course are all ready & all just right — so you are bound to succeed — admirably. — Let us hear all about them. — Enclosure is a letter from Wiley & Pelham with draft for \$ the amount (as I collect) of books read & now in their hands or mine — I send it to you, that you may insert in the last <sup>now however,</sup> work of which I do not know the exact title — viz — a work on *Leugermennace* that I think <sup>perhaps of the</sup> Lindenberg is now publishing — there is a notice of it in one of the *Annales des Sciences* note that you loaned me, you will find it marked with an X on the table of contents in the corner of the number — shall we ever get the December number of old *Journal of Botany* for 1841? you must have looked up Dr. Short for my script — He wrote me a few weeks since a very friendly letter attributing his long absence to an over-~~work~~ & keeping every thing he had in the mail line at my command — he has since sent me up piles of nights among which were a few good things in a lot collected in Louisiana by Clesander Peck. — Montague says he has published in *Arch. des Sciences* a *Fungus Polyporus Allivartii* — copy the

description I should like to see what sort of an animal it is —  
— it was among the Fungi I collected here — am glad to hear  
of your arrangements for Horee — Keeping. — in furnishing  
it be sure not to omit a very essential article a W<sup>m</sup> G.!

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OCT 24  
Ohio

Highly pleased with the prospect of preparing a set of the Maps  
of the British Epl. Expectation — trust there will be no failure —  
— attended to Wiley & Putnam's letter, so that they can send out  
my Order soon —  
(Keep the Malaga "cuvée" until you hear again from me.)  
yours truly  
W. S. Sullivan



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