

Ans. Dec 24,

Columbus Nov. 20th 1844

Dear Gray — It has been some 3 or 4 weeks since I received yours my acceptance of Oct 18th. — Two out of these weeks were consumed by a trip to Cincinnati —

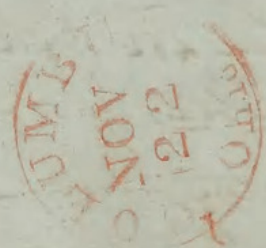
This must atset for the delay in complying with your requests relative to the sketches. —

As to the *Iedias* that was all plain sailing — the thing was definite — but as to the *Hepatic* & the *Marp* group — there was my perplexity — so much to select from — difficulty in deciding what was & what was not the most expressive — specially as I did not know the style scope &c of your illustrations — — Notwithstanding I have made an effort to comply in part with your wishes & have got off today in some mail with this a small parcel containing — 1st a paper with sketch of *Iedia Sagopyrum* with a liberally full analysis, not so much so as it would have been could I have had fresh specimens or good dried specimens in flower — the fruit was good which is the main point. — 2nd paper with sketches of fruit of *I. umbilicate*, *I. radiata* var. *leucopa* & *I. patelliformis* (sp. nov.) — The last is the new species if you don't like the name, give it a better one — 3rd paper with sketches of *Marchantia polymorpha* *Riccia natans* & *Madotheca navicularis* (= *Lunger. platyphylla* var.) — this is the last group I can devise for *Hepaticae*, with the same

interesting & to be the best ever received by Sir W. J. Hooker (by whom
they were handed over to Mr B.) — some 20 or upwards new species —
the collection I shall send in a few days will no doubt be equally
interesting. — upon the whole the materials left by Mr Lea ordering
of his industry & zeal for the science & will be creditable to his memory
if properly put together — which shall be done to the best of my abilities.

PAID (20)
Prof. A. A. Gray
Cambridge
Mass.

I shall send the
package by a private
carrier in four days



I am pushing on the Mus. allph. vigorously — if no unpleasant
hindrance occurs will be through in Feb. next — I am afraid Mr
Wager will disappoint me I was led to expect some 5 or 6 things from
him — have not heard a word of him since last summer —
Excuse me to Mr Jacksonman — his letter yet unanswered
shall attend to it when I get through the M. A.
Very truly & cordially yours W. S. Sullivan



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