

Columbus Oct 11 1852

My dear Gray

Today I start by Express

Box containing

1st Muller excepting the lost
fascicles which I have not Recd.

2 - 2 copies of Mark Allyn - one as
I said to replace the set you sent
in my name to Dr. Melkenbauer
the other to be used where returns
in kind can be had.

3. Fruit of the Smooth Buckeye & some
crotch apples

4. Specimens of Fraxinus -

I send what is universally known
as the White ash (*Frax. americana*). - But
why does the fruit differ so much
from Michaux's fig - has he found
fruit like his figure? or is his figure
incorrect? - enlighten me on that point.

The truth is I don't consider any
of his figures good though much
lauded. -

You did not ask for *F. pubescens* but
you can get clear of ^{the specimens} ~~it~~ better than
I can - The Variety (if it is one) I
see no mention of in the Books. -

I found only one tree its bark wood &c
show nothing differing from *F. pubescens*. -

The blue ash specimens are from

a small tree 5 or 6 in. diam. - It was difficult
to find fruit - 25th Sept being much too
late for it. -

I saw no fruit on any of the
ashes (saving *F. sambucifolia*) except on
small & young trees from 4 to 8 in. diam. -

Frax. juglandifolia Lam. I have not
met with though ^{by} the range given in
the Manual we would expect to find it
here - still it may be there - I never
looked after the ashes until this fall.

I forget whether Lea found it at Cincinnati
or not. - I can't lay my hand on the Catal.

With the ashes I presume you
will have no trouble - But the oaks
I would not be surprised if you would

find a little knotty — at least I
always found Muehling unsatisfactory
and I knew of no one else that has
looked into them much — copious specimens
and correct notes by good collectors will
carry you through — But if you could
give ^{our} folks in the West a little autopsy,
you would be better satisfied — If you don't
get through before, come to Colorado middle
of next September and we will take a tramp
— good point this from whence to look
after the rocks — here we ^{have} those that affect
the rich river bottoms mostly — 30 miles
South East in a sandstone region comes in
another set — 15 or 20 miles West on the
"Barrens" we have still another set &c —

I am looking for Wright to return this
May —
Cordially yours
W. S. Palmer



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