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My dear Gray — I am still as you
see "inter vivos" — but I have had some-
thing of a touch of it for the last 4 to 6 months
— unwell all winter & spring — not badly so
but enough to make me neglect every thing
except the means of getting out of the "drag" —

Winter before last my "Wind works" got
out of order (a slight touch of pneumonia) —
the summer following put all things to rights
there — But this last winter I resorted to ~~use~~
Genl. Scotts expression "a pin in the nose" or in
other words my "Water works" & premises adja-
cent got wrong — i.e. had irritation of the bladder

and slight congestion of the rectum (old men's complaints). — This was all brought on suddenly by an imprudent exposure for a week or two to a cold modern-microscoping.

It has not been a serious affair neither have I experienced much actual inconvenience — but the continual apprehension of something worse pretty much upset me so that I done little or nothing except to occasionally look into "Doctor books" on specialities relating to my case. — aside from the unpleasant fact that the application was rather personal the study of urinary deposits was really interesting particularly the microscopical part. — I can't say that I am entirely "lost of the woods" yet — though I feel pretty well — slight symptoms occasionally occur.

The only apprehension now remaining is that a calculus may next turn up — the abundance of Crystals of Oxalate of lime in my urine has an ugly squinting that way.

It is probable this condition of the urine has existed for some years with me — the result of a long established dyspeptic habit — now we will hold up in this subject — invalid folks are prone to talk about their ailments.

I had a long letter blocked out in my mind's eye last winter blowing up your numerous "exponendings propoundings & confoundings" in relation to botanical descriptions &c in the occasion of my Pacific Islands Musp paper — But the thing has now got cold — so let it pass. — I will only say "en passant" that paper, in my opinion, was exactly the thing for the place and

purpose intended. —

I want very much the part of Hooker's New Zealand flora containing the Muses and wish you (forgetting my very great negligence & want of promptness) to rightaway give to Baillie an order to send me (import if he has it not) that Part by Express — one of the best copies with colored figures — Would write Baillie myself but I do not know the exact title. —

Send me 1st Vol. of your U.S. Ex. & G. Plants — an unbound copy just as acceptable. —

Several weeks since I sent by Express to Agassiz a Box of Fishes — have not heard whether it reached him — request him to return me a set named — some of my friends have taken quite an interest in that study & want authentic specimens.

How is Mrs Grogg's health? — need hardly ask about yours you being one of the tough never-sick sort — Truly as ever your old friend W. S. Sullivan



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