

The plant. it seemed to be pentandrous
- but afterwards I certainly found the flower
in the spec.^{im} exand. & exandm. It must
vary thus. On looking at the
character of Thunbergia they agree
pretty well with our plant. Have
you any of the genus in your herb.
I have been examining my old pet
the Euphorbiaceae with a good deal
of interest. You have a *Lakopha*
- a ~~plant~~ plant of an allied genus in
Wright's last coll. - which Eumy's col-
lector did not get - & they have
two not in ~~Wright's~~ Wright's - or at least
in my set of his plants. Has any
one been poking into Euph. since
Klotzsch? Can you identify *Scheelea*
resinifera? Can that *Mozium*
M. pithulata? I have a
great deal to talk about when
we meet - of some good things to
discuss. I am all alone
- for I scarcely see Harkness - he is
so little at home - Much love to Dana
Your affectionately J. Torrey

New York, July 13th 1853

My dear Doctor -

Your letter of Monday came to
hand yesterday afternoon - & of another
one of yours has been too long unan-
swered. I hoped to get off to Cam-
bridge & reach you or near, but
have been detained by some work
for Uncle Sam. I am analyzing the
water for supplying Washington City
- of making up the water to its action on
lead - besides this I am investi-
gating the properties of the stone used
for enlarging the Capitol. Now
as I shall get one or two hundred
dollars for the job - I cannot help
to let it slip out of my hands - It will
I trust be finished this week. To-day
a gentleman handed me a \$100 bill
for a little chemical advice which he
said was of great advantage in his business.

Mrs Torrey was so poorly & longed so much for a little retirement from all care, that she accompanied the girls to the country some days ago - & will have to defer her visit to Boston till she is stronger & the weather is a little cooler. We have a quiet place in Berkshire Co. near the N.Y. line. There are two houses close together. One of them we occupy exclusively - & in the other two of the girls lodge. They all eat together. Jane left here to join them, this morning. Eliza & Madge are improving rapidly - & Herbert is in good condition. I visited them a few days ago - so my plan now, is to visit you alone first - & then, when Mrs. T. can bear the journey to take her on. She highly appreciates the kindness of Jane & yourself for your cannot of cordial in-

vitation. I hope that your good Jane has not tamed at home as our account. Mrs. T. will doubtless write to her thanking you. To-day I took to the Depuch Office a parcel containing 12 copies of my papers for yourself - & several sets for correspondents - in whose papers for yourself. I shall be glad if you can enclose any of them in your parcels. I shall be glad to suggest any other names - & let me have a list of those to whom you send copies of my papers.

I heard that Wright was in England through Birkham - from whom I recd. a letter by the mail that brings yours. He thinks that the Mexican plant that we first took to be Solanaceae & afterwards thought was rather Scroph. - is the former - & very much like a Thunbergia. He could not consult books & herbaria when he was in London. When I first



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