

I hope you will find time soon, &
now that you hand is in, to
get those Mex. Bonpl. Crupos. in order.
When you send them, please return
my list.

Do you know a white shrubby Labiate
from Mexico, with linear entire obtuse
leaves, & a very villous white Calyx?
It must be a *Ketmia*. All *Benthamic*
sp. of this genus (in Prod. xii) are
Branched - but a Mexican sp. is
described in ~~the~~ *Lamiales*. Our leaves
to begin with new. I am getting along
pretty well with Labiate Mex. Bonpl.
except that a few of the Salviæ puzzle
me -

We are all well at home. Herbert is
the midst of his Exams. at the Free Academy
& I think he will stand very fair
Much love to Jane - Ever yours, J. Torrey

New York, Feb 20d 1857

Dear Doctor

I thank you had better set
Hackstein (as you suggest) at
the long flowered *Lobelia* - or, if
you think better - at the *Ansonia*
with its slender-tubed corolla -

I propose to give Newberry a
nice drawing of an oak for
his *Scolopax*. This I have on
hand, & paid for. Whipple
has no more money - & it will
be difficult to get cash for the
Scolopax.

So you think *Benthamicus* *Buraria*
is = Fremont's 379, 1846! I thought

so too - but did not I tell you
that the latter was pretty clearly
Vittaria punctata? The accompanying
analysis (which is from Fremont's *Spores*)
is very queer for a *Schiz.* - & very
like a *Gentianaceæ*! Is it possible
that the accurate Bentham has
made a mistake? He notices
a 5th Sporangium. Did you not
suspect that the *Vittaria* from
the "Snake Creek" - of which you sent
me a specimen - was the same as
Buraria - or rather = Fremont's ~~No. 39.~~

Just now I had a call from
Dr. Thorne, Prof. Bailey's apptant.
We shall never see our friend again
unless we go to West Point. He
is extremely feeble, & able to sit

up only a little while at a time,
& after taking some stimulant. He
is sinking fast - & has made his
will. He may go off any day without
more warning than he has already given.
Poor fellow - I lament that his re-
ligious state is so unsatisfactory.
He will not allow any one to approach
him on the subject of spiritual
things - except, occasionally, Miss the
artist. You know that W. is as
near a Romancist as he can be, &
yet calls himself a Protestant.

Holton came back to-day, after an
absence of more than a week. You
will remember that all the paper
he orders for himself & friends, is
of my size.



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