

out of his hands. I shall send
on the drawings done by Hockstein,
to you - or to Wilkes. Is it a
fact that Hockstein charges more
than Sprague does, for Sept. 12. Draw-
ings?

You scolded me in one of your letters
for not sending you proofs of N. Whiff.
- & also for not inserting on reviews.
- but I urged the printers on both
these points, without effect.

"As to those 'protected bank notes' that
Horsford extracted the ink from so readily,
he operated on one of the first specimens
printed by Rawdon & Co. Ask him to
take the green out of the enclosed speci-
men, & leave the black. I don't say
that he cannot do it, but if ~~if~~ he
can, I will send him others to try on.

New York, July 30th 1857.

My dear Doctor - Many
thanks for your letter - & for the
opportunity of reading Engelmann's.
I had concluded to let Cuscuta stand
till 2. returned - but I looked into
many of them - & if I am not greatly
mistaken there are quite too many
species. DiffERENCE is an unreliable
character - & the ^{scallops} scales vary not
a little. I see that 2. has made
some n. species, & reduced a few to n.

I sent a number of Percheles plates
to Hooker - & to Mr. Scheer a
full set as far as printed at the
time. I suppose that Engelmann
will find Mr. Scheer - who is a well
known banker in London. I had nothing

but proofs from ~~Engle~~ Ackerman, & parted with nearly all that were sent to me. Of course I am speaking of the plates engraved by Perbelle for Whipple's Cactaceae. These are 26 in number. I ordered no extra copies - but Ackerman, who retains the stone, says he will strike off copies from them for Dr. E. if he wishes them. The printing for the government is all done by transfers.

I have not yet received all my plates for the extra copies of P. Whipple - but I am promised the remainder very soon. The letter press is ready in Washington - as I am advised by the printer. I repeatedly asked the foreman of the office not to trim the edges. I also requested Mr. Scammon to be sure that they were not cut, so that I have done my part in the

matter - Very likely, however, they have neglected my request - for they get a good price for what is cut off!

It is strange that DeCaine should complain of me, when I find it so difficult to get an answer to my letters. I cannot find out what has become of the engraved plates, although I gave the most particular directions how they should be sent. I shall ~~write~~ write again by the next steamer.

Wilkes has acted in ^{his} usual manner regarding those drawings of Hooker's - When he pays this bill, & promises to pay for other drawings as fast as they are delivered, I will get others done - but not bill them - or he must provide a competent draughtsman for me, & make a bargain with him. I do hope that the business of the Expl. Expedn will be taken entirely

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So Hooker won't come out! If he
only knew how trifling a thing it is
to cross the ocean in one of our noble
steamers, he would not hesitate to let us
have the pleasure of seeing him on this
side the water. Neither is Sir

R. Murchison coming! I saw a letter
from Lady Franklin stating that his Phy-
sician has forbidden him to undertake
the voyage. I am afraid we

shall have a poor representation of
European science at the Montreal meeting

— You have probably received the H. Braid
from Thurber. What is the price of
my copy?

— I have the following items marked
on a slip. - & intended to write about
them long ago.

— Beutham says that *Tetractea* is not
sufficiently distinct from *Trichostema*!

What is *Fendlera rhynchelyptoides* of
Saxel (Gram. p. 420 = 979 Fendler)? I
have not the plant. Can you spare me
a spikelet or two.

Is not *Asker Bigelovii* a large form of
Machrauchthera asheroides?

I can hardly make up my mind to
attend the Montreal meeting, for I have
little heart to go into a crowd. There are
a few friends whom I would be glad to
meet there - but I cannot bear to think
of the different circumstances under
which I attended the meeting at
Providence. Will the Cambridge men
go? I suppose Henry & Bache will
not be absent.

I have written to Engelmann. I
directed my letter to the care of Hooker.
(~~per~~ paid) - He will probably be in England
long enough to receive it.
Much love to your good Jane.
Ever yours, I. Torrey



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