

a list, & send me the names from time
to time. I suppose Euben will deliver
the forms pretty satisfactorily.

I have a box of Whipple's Report
packed for you. I would have
sent it off yesterday had I not
found that the carpenter had
not made it large enough to
include all that I wished to
send you. If I cannot ~~send~~
find another box tomorrow, I
will send this - & let the residue
go in a parcel.

We are all living quietly, as usual.
- The girls talk much about you, &
would enjoy a visit from you & Jane.
- If possible I will be with you about
the holidays. Greatly do I long to
see you & yours, & to have a good
cozy time in your "little study". Give
my love to Jane, & believe me as ever your
affectionate son,
John C. Torrey

New York, Dec. 1st 1857

My dear friend.

You must think it strange that
I have allowed so long a time to
pass without writing to you! And
yet I have thought of you almost
every hour, when I was not sleeping.
The fact is, there has come upon
me an aversion to letter writing -
- or, rather, a disposition to post-
pone this duty from day to day -
so that I have allowed a great
heap of letters to accumulate.

I have not been idle - for I work
as much as ever I did. Now I hope
to do better - at any rate I make
a good beginning, by writing to you.
In several weeks I have been
digging & sowing *Eudogon* for the

Boundary - & it has been a difficult task.
Had I been near you, where I could have
had your advice of the use of your
books, I could have completed this work
in half the time that it has taken me
here.

Those lists of Wright were of scarcely
any use to me, because very few of
his specimens had the original num-
ber attached to them. - Besides, he
has not given us notes as to the range,
height, color of flowers &c. of the plants.
- but chiefly - of the place & time when
& where he gathered them.

I should have sent in my Catalogue
to Major Emory by this time, had
not the Sect. of Public Printing told
me that the Repts of the Major
could not go to press for some time
yet - & I wished to revise what

I had written. As soon as the copy-
ing (now in hand) is done, I will
send the Report to Washington, & draw
the money - giving you a share -

Young Clark was at our house last
week, & told me much about you.
I hope he will get a good place soon.
He must depend on Chemistry for
his grub - as Natural History will
not pay.

If Mr. Wright is with you still
tell him I shall write to him
this week. It was very kind
in him to send me those Cuban
plants. They are very nice specimens
& will be very valuable to me as
soon as I can obtain authentic
names for them. As fast as you
make them out, enter them on

What is *Fraxinus Berlandieri*
arum etc.?

Will you pay any attention to
the garden spec. of *Fraxinus* sent
by Box?

Apophloe. Do you not find some
Californian specimens that connect
the two species? I have never
seen the calyx in A. unguis. = 1/2 the
length of corolla. The shape of the
segments is not uniform.

What is *Buddleia* Gregg? ^{Mexico, Durango} No. 5896
near Dolores & 573 valley N. of Queretaro.

Budd. "Tepozan. Shrub - 10 feet.
fl. whitest - near walls of Bishop's
Palace - Monterey Feb. 6/47" ^{Mexico, Durango}

Do you know the species of a *Cordia*, Key West
Blodgett. with capitate heads - of like -
the N. Mexican one that I thought was?
Is it in *Angel's* (Shuttleworth's) Cat.?

Can you identify Nettle's Plenum.
in St. Gambel?

I Gilia (Pellonard.) diffusa Whiff. Ref.
- which you thought = 423, 1844. ~~Ref.~~
- the same as G. filifolia Nutt-Gambel?

Can you return by Thacker
the Enquiries of Mex. Bound.

I wish to distribute that part
of Mex. Bound. Coll. - & to give
the names.?

Tell Thacker that the Andrews
boxes have come at last - one
of them contains Andrews' general
collections - embracing many
from S. America. They are

of no great importance -

I must break off - It is
now time to attempt letter writing
(except mere notes) in this
Arag Office - Love to
Jane & everyone.

J. Torrey

See if you can identify any
of the Plenumian that I
send - a list Thacker just
compare with your named
Collection -



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