

Amud W. Mearns

Louisville, Ky. March 8th '43

My dear Sir—

I did myself the pleasure of writing to you about Christmas last, in reply to your favour of the 6th Oct^r then just received! I now trouble you again mainly for the purpose of informing you that I yesterday placed in the hands of Morton & Grimwood, Bookellers of this place, a parcel of seeds for you. They are those of plants peculiar in a great degree to this region, as the Sweet & fatid Buckeye — the Kentucky Coffee nut — Virgilia or Gladraster — Several species of Carex &c. &c. &c. Mr. & J. are preparing a box of Books for Mr. Mearns, Bookeller of Boston, into which they have promised me to put your parcel; so that I hope you will receive it before planting time is over. I have been sadly disappointed in my expectation of getting for you the roots promised in my last letter. The winter has been one of unprecedented severity; and even now the ground continues so solidly frozen as utterly to preclude the possibility of procuring them. I will, however, certainly send those mentioned, and I hope some others, in the fall. Indeed, through all my ramblings this season I will bear your Cambridge garden in mind.

I received a few days ago a letter from

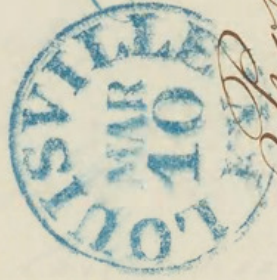
Prof^r Meisner, of Basel, Swiss^d. under date of the 8th
Dec^r. in which he informs me that he had sent to New
York, in a box directed to yourself, a parcel of Plants and
seeds for me. As he speaks of having despatched this
from Basel towards the end of July last, I am fearful
it has been lost. Can you tell me anything
about it? Should it fortunately reach your hands, I
will be greatly obliged to you to forward my portion to
this place, either through Wiley & Putnam, of New York,
or Judah Dobson, Phil^a. A former parcel of specimens,
chiefly from the Alps of Switzerland, sent me by Prof^r
Meisner was of so interesting a kind that I should be
very sorry to lose anything coming from him.

Is there any particular service I can render
you in this quarter during the present, or rather approach-
ing season?— If so pray command my services. I have
on hand a parcel of dried specimens intended for you;
but I have not leisure to complete it just now, or in
time to go with the seeds. — Among them are specimens
of a very large-headed-Carex, allied to *C. vulpina*,
but much larger and with differently formed seeds. — It is
entirely unlike anything in my collection, nor do I find
any description to fit it. From its bristly and hedge-hog
appearance, I have thought it might be your *C. hystrix*,
which I believe is not published yet. On the opposite side
is a rough sketch of the natural size. — I never met with
it before this season, and then but in one locality.

Very truly & respectfully yours A. C. C. Shott.



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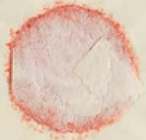


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