

St Louis April 9th 1856

My dear Doctor

Yours of April 2^d
reached here yesterday and
I at once procured a draft
on New York for \$105.- which I send
you with the request to transmit it
at once to Sumner to Philadelphia.
He, queer enough, writes me
that he is going to Philadelphia
but not, how to direct letters!
Please to forward him the enclosed
letter also.

He writes me that he
has left my package of Venezuela
- plants in your hands where
I must trouble you to keep
them a little longer, as it
would now not be worth while
to send them here.

When will the great Meeting
in Albany be. in August?

I hope to be able to leave
St Louis by that time, and

very possibly get to Albany.

Hayden has just arrived
here on his way west.

Before this reaches you, you
will have got two letters including
Spergenium and Sagittaria nutt.
I am sorry you have been
waiting for these things, and
hope they have come in time.
I can tell you however that
I am kept very much occupied
by my patients and have very
little leisure day or night now;
many obstetrical cases etc. —

So I have not been able to
continue my Sagittaria investigations
which promise to be interesting
enough. — The styles and Stamens
give fine characters, while the
leaves give hardly any. —

I intend to send you soon
a box of Castoreum (Boundary)
as I am sending off the
Kants I have finished. —
I intended to include some

Lexan Pustulorum & Helminth Calif
but the hand writer has destroyed
them! —

Now do you like Miss Murring's
book, I have just seen it —
rather dull, & rambling
but many very good points.
Not very palatable I suppose
to northern people, —

We have a very rich English
man here, Shaw, an old married
& bachelor who concluded to
devote his time & fortune
to the founding of a botanical
Garden & Collection.
Kew in miniature I suppose.
(He corresponds with Hooker)
I hope something valuable
and permanent will come of
it. —

Ever yours

J. Engelman
Don't forget to endorse the draft!



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