

or rather to clear up your ideas about
the "good Sentiments" of which you spoke,
as a proper element to settle
the devastated South together with Yankees.
I might cut out slips of German papers
here, full of the blood reddest Republic-
anism - destruction against every
and every thing - commencing, of course with
Lincoln ^{himself}. The Army has now the
power, therefore, we, the people (we
are always = the people and the people
is always right) ought and will clear
off all the old rubbish and construct
the world anew! - Don't you see
- what I always told you - that
the men of 1848, which, when they were
in Europe, you judged so conceivably,
are only following out their corrupt
or mad schemes ^{here is which they}
failed there. - But they would
and can't succeed - hair-brained fools
that they are - but dangerous fools
who may do a world of mischief with
tools in the hands of ambitious and
unscrupulous politicians - 2 years ago
- Blair's, one year ago in Fremont's hands
and now used by political aspirants
of smaller Calibre in our state!

But enough

Ever yours
G. Engelman

St Louis Febr 9 1863

Dear Gony

In regard to *Psidium* I have
no doubt you are right, I have in vain
examined the diagnoses of Dr Lindl. to distinguish
P. parviflora, *botanica*, *Mayllensis* etc - trifling
differences.

Right again in *Asclepias bryostephana*,
which by mistake I labeled *A. involucrenta*,
though both are my *Wilsonian* species!
Halls plant - also collected by Gordon - has
broader (not always opposite) leaves - I is
less pubescent than the southern plant of
Wilkes and Gregg. umbels sessile, few flowered
crowded toward the top of ascending stem -
in the south, umbels lateral, lower ones
peduncled, stems erect.

Thanks for the information in regard
to *Polemonium* I have no means of
verifying.

The difficult point is *Speotium acuta*,
I have revised my whole material and come
almost to the conclusion that both species
acuta & *tenuis* are not distinguishable!

Calyx 4 & 5 parted in both, (your lower
Canada *G. acuta* has 4 parted flowers) shorter
than flower tube or equal to it in both, -
lobes unequal mostly, almost equal in your
lower Canada specimen.

Corolla larger in the darker blue species
of Pursh & ~~Hall~~ and seed larger = *G. Ananthe*

Don't write that he has seen in your herb an *Asclepias* from which *Asclepias* collected from him

2 & seed

Coville smaller in Hall's pale yellowish - blue
plant - in your Carlton house & lower Canada species
and in all which I take to be *G. tenuis* still smaller.
beard large in all large flowered forms, smaller
and wanes out in the small flowered ones.

Glands none in what I take to be acuta
more or less indistinct in the forms I name tenuis
I have seen

G. acuta 1. your lower Canada fragment: flower
small, 4 parted, calyx ~~shorter~~ ^{about equal} than tube and
small, $\frac{1}{4}$ line or less

2. your Carlton house fragment: flower small
5 parted, calyx much shorter than tube, unequal
seal = East.

3 Hall's pale flowered, strict specimen, fl.
small, 5 rarely 4 parted, calyx shorter than tube
unequal lobes, seal = East. Flowers yellowish, tips of
petals blue

4. Perry's spec. of last year, and some of
Hall's - the latter only a few inches high - alpine,
no doubt (similar to alpine forms of *G. gemmiflora*)
darker blue, larger, large calyx 5 parted,
very unequal - seal much larger, over $\frac{1}{2}$ line

G. tenuis All forms are small flowered, and pale
with strict branches, seal small, like 1, 2 & 3.
habit much like 3. - I have

5. Geyer in No. 100, called by Torrey in No. 100.
G. propinqua. This is more like Grisebach's
figure than any other. fl. 4 & 5 pet.

6. Hayden - species of last year, but still
easily recognized, very few fibres in throat. fl. 4 pet.

7. H. Engelman. five specimens, but of looser
habit - fl. 5 parted.

Glands in all of these more or less indistinct,
lobes of corolla shorter than in acuta, broadly oval

not oblong as in that species - beard very slight
in Hayden's, a little more in Geyer's and more still
in my brother's specimens.

No 3 I must consider as a transition form
between your both forms of Hall's?

I send you a few fragments; shall send
by some better opportunity specimens of
my brother's and Hayden's

I can not help include you
a slip of to day's paper - Train not
permitted to lecture here! It is not
a pure enough ^{Yankee} for our atmosphere,
where our disinterested Legislature
which has been praised up so in
eastern papers (about a dozen members
are elected by less than 50 and one by a
2.49 vote - not majority, but vote!)
is quarrelling since 5 or 6 weeks with
the Senate ships - i.e. the Republ-emen;
- abolitionists among themselves. - Train
was to lecture Saturday night but Gen
Center hurried him off! -

Two Abolitionists fell in a fight in
this state, a few weeks ago - one a former
Mayor of the City, the other a lawyer, once
a Col. the other Brig. Gen - The bodies were
permitted to be brought here - but before
the appointed time for burial the Provost
Marshal hurried them under ground!

And to give you a good Treat -



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