

Gray

Some time ago I wrote a long letter to Torrey about the allies of *Spiraea maritima*, and requested if worth while to communicate to you. — Hope he has done it. From a floristic species of *Spiraea* of *S. maritima*? for Gilbert I suppose *Spiraea linearis* can be distinguished from north, west & European *maritima*. But I have no pair of the northern plant. — You made a mistake in Hall's plants to distinguish 488 & 489 both one the winter form of *S. maritima*, approaching to *Schoberia* which probably is not generically & perhaps not even specifically distinct from *maritima* (Have you fruiting spec. of *Schoberia silvestris*?). I should like to see a fructus. — Unnecessary, Torrey sent me a little bit!

I have got De Candolle's Oaks — on the whole much pleased with them. But how is it that he ignores the Boundary Report — Quincy Report and some others — Sitgreaves he knows. Wright's Oaks he has probably split too much, following Liebmam. Torrey's *Garrya*'s he don't know — and his no 132 *G. virginiensis* comes from the American Fork of the Sacramento River, and not from Chihuahua. The confusion is probably my fault. He ought not have classed those stunted forms of *G. macrocarpa* and *G. alba* as varieties; while the sessile & the pedunculate, the sinuate and the pinnatifid forms deserve that name much better.

His disposition of *Bixas*, keeping it separate from *Bicolor* is good, though

I am inclined to consider *pedunculata* or
Chilquapa as a good species.

My *tridentata* is certainly not a
mere variety of *signata*; but *monilifera*
belongs to *rubra*. He ought to have
credited both names to me.

G. Leana remains a hybrid &
not a species, I think. —

St Louis April 6 1865

Dear Gray

I send these loose sheets
notes that have accumulated, with
Wright's letter, & shall write soon
more & wait w't a little for
Money — shall send \$100. —

I just got your Meadow Plants by mail
which I suppose are to be returned?

1479 *Cuscuta grandiflora* H.S.K

1480. *Cuscuta conjuncta* & *grandiflora*

The Cuscuthes are all, I suppose, comprised
under the name 1456 — but there are at least
two species — a small distinction is scarcely
distinct for Austin's plant. I shall carefully
study them soon.

I find no reference to *Rubus montanus* Regel,
only the name.

I will enclose for Rothrock, which
please forward to him.

Yours very truly G. Engelmann



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