

Silver City, New Mex., Dec. 20, 1880

My Dear Mr. Watson:

I have already three letters ahead of this, awaiting your return to Cambridge. The first of the three was sent before I had heard of your absence. I hope you will find that, & reply to it; I am more anxious than ever to know if by any means I can secure a copy of Bot. Cal. Vol. II. I have also sent two packages, (registered) of specimens, addressed to you, which still lie in your post-office. No body agrees with me in my transferring your Whipplea Utahensis to Fendlera, and somebody lately writes, "Mr. W. will soon be back in Cambridge and then, look out for thunder". But I am not anticipating very heavy thunder, inasmuch as my opinion in the case is not published nor intended to be (without the consent of better botanical authority than I yet have got), except as it is published on my tickets. I did that, to assert my opinion before those who are my correspondents and draw attention to what I sincerely think are the true relations of the shrub in question.

Dr. Gray, to whom I sent a specimen while as yet I took it for a positively new species, and who, as I feared might make it the type of a new genus, on account of the 5-merous flowers, & subulate filaments, (which points I called his attention to, as being at variance with Fendlera as it stands) writes back from New York: "Your Fendlera cymosa, looks new to me, & of that genus," at which remark, I am now, more amused than instructed.

Sincerely Yours, Edw. L. Greene.



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*Edward Lee Greene letters to Asa Gray*

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