

Berkeley, Jan. 23, 1884.

Dear Dr. Gray:-

I have to thank you for your response about the Mimulus from W. J. albeit there was no need of my troubling you. For I found that I had made a note of Saksdorf's plant before I returned your specimens. I see no reason why that is not good M. inconspicuus, of which it has exactly the calyx and corolla, different enough from those of M. subellus. In breadth of leaf I find the aforementioned species quite variable. Your plant from Congdon I do not know what to make of. I would not like to attribute such a calyx to

M. inconspicuus. I shall
do nothing with it until I
know more about the plant.

In two or three instalments
I have received doubtless most
of the sheets of Borriginææ,
but some pages are wanting -
I know not how many - out
of Krynitzkia, a genus
to which, by the way, I
would have set quite dif-
ferent limits, and cer-
tainly shall, when I come
to it. Of course now, for
public appearance's sake, I
must defer my own work,
so long preparing for, on
the Californian Borriginææ.
Plagiolobus also I per-
ceive to be a very natural
genus, but not quite as

you have taken it.

You could have had, from us, good Chilean specimens of P. rufescens, collected by Philippi and if you had only seen the results you would have been saved the mistake of referring to that species either of our Cal. and Oregon plants.

We have, by the way, a fine Chilean specimen of Minuartia lutea, L. Doubtless, in default of some important looks, I may err in my application of some of the old specific names; but that risk I will take rather than let go from my pen, anything like the now habitual treatment-

of the Californian "M. luteus".
Our collecting for two seasons
past has been made in all
parts of the state with my
work on this genus in view,
and it might be expected
we would have now, as we
surely do possess, some
new "forms" here.

The printing of my part
of the next Bulletin will
begin three days hence.

You must prepare to be
surprised with my work,
(for I have undertaken a
good deal) perhaps pro-
voked; but I hope you
will, even in the latter
case, refrain from
criticizing me publicly

in any spirit of acerbity.

Sincerely Yours
Edw. L. Gurne.



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