

San Francisco, Cal. June 27, 1886.

Dear Dr. Gray.

Last Monday I went down to Crystal Springs, one of the sources of the water supply to this city. I had never been there; and I guess no collector was ever there at this time of year, for I found a most remarkable thistle which is evidently new. I found one a head, preserving a good specimen for the next parcel that may go to you. This discovery awakens in me a strong desire to have something more than a description by which to identify C. Andrewsii in case that rare and obscure plant ever comes to light again. Can you send me at least a few scales or bracts of an involucre of it.

My new one is confined to the springy ground otherwise occupied by Mimulus, Juncus, & Epilobium. On the dry stony places above the springs grows plenty of C. quadratum. This new one is also a diaspic plant, with all its heads nodding; color of corolla dirty white. The strange, foliaceous, nerved bracts led me at first to suspect it of being some

foreigner; yet, such it can not be. It must
be quite local, I think.

I am to be off in a week for the S. Barbara
Islands! I shall come back rich if I
only get good material of Limonanthus,
asplenifolius and Eriogonum arborescens, which
I have already published from scraps brought-
in by botanical visitors.

Are you not coming west anywhere this year?

The bad cough you complain of in your last
should indicate a retreat to the wholesome air of some
of our mountain districts when you know you can
work also in botany to advantage.

I hope, at all events, the summer weather may
sue you.

Yours Very Truly

E. L. Greene.

P.S. I shall be absent for about three weeks.



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