

I hope to write you again - at
least to reply promptly to any
letters of yours.

Our best regards to Mrs.
S. & best wishes for you all
Ever Yours cordially

Asa Gray

Beller said this over to
Watson. That he ~~the~~
Gordale may have
some news of us.

I cannot write to either
to-day. Now I had in-
tended,

A.S.

Herbarium, Kew, June 14, 1891
(Monday morning)

My dear Sargent

It was good (arriving here on
Saturday evening, 11th) to get your pleasant
letter of May 7, which awaited me here,
and to hear all are well & prosperous, except
Engelmann and his rheumatism.

This morning - as my first work (for
yesterday was devoted to London affairs)
I take up your little parcel & the
question of Abutilon texana, Buckley

You would do as well to consider it
a distinct species under Buckley's name
(unless I can soon give you more light
upon it, when I can see the original of
A. laurifolia, L. f.). Perhaps I should
have done so if I could have settled
about this old name & the plant of Lindley,
Bot. Reg. xxv. t. 67, and here got any
satisfaction about the limits of the species,
when admitted.

I can only say now - after 2 hours
time given to the matter - that when you
have cut loose from A. Menziesii of the
N.W. we shall have equal trouble with
the Mexican forms. Also as to the
"pubescent way" that those troublesome
Mexican ~~neighboring~~ neighbors seem to vary in
this respect: and that the old A. podagracea
[which Hooker says in cultivation he can't find
characters to tell well from Menziesii, but is very
little glabrous & pubescent, as Hooker has noted in herb.]

Well, the material here on
the Texan-Mexican shrub or tree are
Seemann's 2120, Sierra Madre Mexico.
C. Wright's 1433. Clearly same & same
as Mackley's, too, in fruit only.
Bourgeois's 573, "Valley of Mexico, St. Fee"
Also just the same & in fruit only.
This is ticketed from Paris "A. Xalapensis"
18, B.K. As there is a suite of originals at
Paris herb. I judge correctly - not with-
standing the serrulate leaves. For you
know how little the Pacif. A. Am. & the Texan
plant varies in this regard.

Your & Engelman's *A. Rita* etc., & not sent,
is of course same thing, with the narrowest
leaves.)

I cannot hesitate to put with it a
specimen, hardly in flower, "1422 Fred. Mueller
(from Meisner), Vera Cruz to Orizaba!" - therefore
(near B.K., locality). Its leaves are all but
entire, and some of the same remains on
the underside of the otherwise glabrous leaves.
Then come a variety of specimens of
"A. Xalapensis" in flower, with "prominent pub-
escence" on the underside of leaves - all,
I suspect same species. I suspect, too,
that "A. Mullis, B.K." is same.

[Then, the 90. Pl. Hartweg, named
"A. densiflora" by Kunth, is "A. flava"
Dulac, ~~Pl. Hartweg~~ Mat. & Gal. & I
maxim not Kunth's *densiflora*. He

neither mentions nor figures setose
pubescence.] So much for this
business; it is all I can do.

Perhaps you have found out by
this time (what Oliver, it seems, could not
tell you) that the "*Amnacea*" ^(*Amn.*?) 23. (unless,
is *Crescentia Cucubita*! Garber
got it.

No. 1. "*Darling Plum*" = *Reynosa*,
Griseb. See herb. & see
Eggers little paper on the
genus.

No. 2. looks like a *Rhamnacea*
I will not waste time on it, as it tells
nothing.

At Brussels I learned a
good arrangement for labels of
trees to indicate the geography.
For long to describe now, have
got ~~an~~ ^{some} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~label~~ ^{label} specimen
to bring or send to you & Griseb.
I gave your letter to Hooker, who
read it with pleasure.



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