

Acapulco, Mex.

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My dear Deane:

Here is my trip without the trimmings.

I left home on May the 27 for St Louis via Libby Ind; spent one day at the Shaw Gardens. At Poplar Grove^{mo} I found that Dr. Palmer was on the train and he came on as far as Magalloway with me. As we neared El Paso I met Mr. C. S. Pringle who had been on the train for 24 hours! It was very amusing but I cannot tell of our meeting now. We spent two days together at El Paso collecting both in Mexico & on Fort Franklin, Tex.

Then on to Guaymas via Benson Ariz.

Ten days or so were spent here and I collected many specimens from the very plants from which Dr. Watsons type specimens came! Good Dr. Palmer pointed out as I collected the specimens just where his were taken! Then too I saw that curious tree which bears Dr. Watsons name. You remember it in the Contributions? One tree was growing in a yard just before a window. How I should like to have it in my yard. On June the 12 I left Guaymas for Mazatlan via La Paz & Altata. A stop of one day was made at each place and collecting was done of course. Cacti, Agaves etc were taken to be sent back alive. From Mazatlan I came by Stage to this place 150 miles away. It was made abright a stop of one day being made at Rosario. At Acapareta I joined Mr. Nelson & bold man and have been with them ever since.

I spent 12 days here, then back to Rosario via Esquinox. Several days were spent at Rosario. Then a ten days trip was made up into the Mts. to the east via Tamarindo, Matatlan Palmarita Colomos to near Plomosas. You will only find the latter place on your map. 200 species were brought back: 5 oaks, 2 junipers, 2 palms, 2 tree Gnomes, wild potatoes, 4 species of *Prinosciadium* - but three of it are only in leaf; etc etc.; then back to Rosario, Esquinox, Concepcion & at last here at Acaponeta again. My collection is growing rapidly. I am getting bulbs and cacti Agaves and ethnobotanical

material out side of my sets of which I
am making three. One is to stay at the National
Herbarium ^{one} to New and one of course
to Harvard which shall be two. I must
get some new species but I am especially
anxious to get the old ones. If we can only
get these gaps filled up in our collections
then we can begin to name the many new
species which Dr Palmer & Mr. Pangle are
bringing in each year. By the way I did
not tell you I had the pleasure of intro-
ducing these two men who have both
done so much work in Mexico but whose names
have never before crossed.

Tell Dr Robinson I am counting on his
help with my plants. I ought to write but
this is the only letter I have written except
my reports to the Department & Lusk's notes to
my wife. — Tomorrow we are off for the mts.
again ~~calling~~ at the following places Huajuquilla,
Colotlan, Bolaños, Guadalupe City of
Mexico etc. I am great love. I am your friend
J. Rose



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