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✓ Lawrence Mass
December 15 1892
Mr George E. Davenport -
Draughtsman -

I received your note today
and also heard from you through
Miss Hutchinson. I am exceedingly
obliged to you for your cordial
reference to my request. I should
like to see you when I get the slides
and will accordingly call at your
store for them on Monday morning.
With many thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely Yours
William E. Woodcott

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246 Hawthill Street

Lawrence Mass

Dec 8 1892

Mr George E. Brewster
Middford - Mass. Sir.

Mr Brewster B. Lawrence has
referred me to you as having a set of
stereopticon views of the Middlesex Falls.
Could I borrow them for the evening of
Monday Dec 19? The young people
in the church of which I am pastor
spent Decoration Day at the falls,
as indicated in the enclosed program,
and also visited them on Columbus
Day. I desire to show the views at

our of their possibilities. If the occasion were larger or more important, I should also ask that you accompany them. As it is, I shall be greatly pleased if ~~such~~ arrangements can be made for us to have the use of the slides.

Respectfully Yours

William E. Woolcott

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Mr. Geo. E. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

Rec^d yours of the
21 Nov. in due time. Pardon my delay
in replying. I had a very limited
supply of specimens of *Aspidium musci-*
tum β , and have already parted with
the duplicates. I regret that I cannot
furnish your Society with specimens.

Yours truly

Alphonso Wood.

West Farms,

Dec. 4. '78.

the specimen in case
you do not establish
its identity.

Thanking you very much
I am
Very Truly yours.

Geo. A. Wood M.D.
4016 Michigan Ave.
Chicago

Apparently
A. Thelypteris Sw.

(1851)
my father's signature

W. E. Davenport
1923.

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Chicago - Ill.
Nov. 25th 99.

Prof. Geo. E. Davenport
My Dear Sir:-
I take the liberty
of sending you by
mail a microscopical
specimen of Fern
I would like to get
you to determine for
me if possible its
name and habitat.

It was sent to me
just as I send it
to you only it was not
mounted.

I think it grew in
Michigan at Indiana
but I have no definite
knowledge even in that
respect. There was no

appearance of fruit dots.
You will observe the fine
texture of the leaf and
great prominence of the
vines which are apparently
filled with what looks
to be a red ole-resin.
The vines were redder and
not so much shrunken
as they now appear
when it first arrived.
It is also a very green
leaf and quite transparent
to low powers of the Microsc.
The vines mostly branch
except a few of the top
ones - There are some
scattering white hairs
upon the vines and at the
margins.

I took this specimen to
Dr. Willoughby of the
Columbian Museum and

was referred to you.

I know this is a pretty
bad looking specimen
but it thought by its
general contour and
microscopical appearance
you might be able to
make it out.

It will be a great
favor to me as I am
anxious to ascertain its
name, and will consider
myself under great obligation
to you.

I enclose with the unknown
specimen another which is
the *Aspidium Thelypteris*,
which I thought greatly
resembled it.

Please remail specimen
to me placing the enclosed
stamp on the outside wrapper
as I want to retain

Butte. Apr. 29. 1879.

Mr. Gannett.

rounder crop, raising narrowly
 only. The year that picture was
 taken, and I am twenty-five
 dollars in arrears, I am, to Mr.
 Croker. This is what nature does
 for the farmer in Cali. I have
 for some time of the Quivira Bee
 (Sea Gull.) The only place through
 that some of the Coast-range.
 If you keep them in the order
 in which I have placed them
 you will make the journey through
 - three miles, starting from the
 stage station, and returning up
 at the door of Isaac Conner (The
 Crosser) Ranch house. The actual
 trip, seems through wonder land.
 and although I visited of me
 & was there weeks together. I
 never overcame the feeling of awe
 and almost terror, with which
 I was first impressed, by the
 "petrified confusion" and general
 confusion, on every hand. The
 proposed railroad from S. B. to S. F.
 will go through this case. which
 leads to the vast valleys of the Santa
 Fe. But I could write all day
 of California, and much more. I believe
 in abundance of good sportsmanship.
 who will send you a list, should

for clearing and I will remember you. Should you be able to
 send me a few more of the
 Quivira Bee
 (Sea Gull.)
 I will be glad to receive them.

The package of birds, and
 your note containing the letter
 of introduction to Miss Harve,
 I have received. I am
 very much obliged to you
 for your kind introduction,
 and shall avail myself of
 it in the coming week, and
 take Mrs Townsend with me.
 I anticipate a rare enjoyment,
 & trust I may be able to ob-
 tain some from the Pacific
 Coast, for her. As my friend Mrs Cook,
 wife of the Mayor of the city,
 has the finest I have ever
 seen, collected, in this or any
 other coast. I say this, you
 understand, before I have
 seen Miss Harve collection.
 In regard to the birds
 and your wish to obtain,

Duplicates of some of them,
I will say. That those of the
Zajunac Banks, and Elwood
canyon, the Pool, tin oak &
Sycamore, trees, were all of
Mr. Monarch's taking, and
there are no duplicates, except
he have some printed, as
he has all his negatives.

Should he ever finish or have
printed any of them I will
be most happy to give you
any or all of them. The
"Phot." I see by my last "S. B.
Press" (a weekly paper), has been
painted by an artist Mr. Ford,
and has recently seen the
scene of a very romantic
marriage. The contracting
parties being a Judge Alfred
A. Brewster of the Nevada Bar, from
his Reading, and Miss Sarah
E. Foster, from Cambridge. They
were traveling west in S. B. and
were united in their lonely
spot in the Mts. and will
reside there, in the City.

There was one of the pictures,
an apparently insignificant one
"Loading grain, at Elwood from
the 'Mesa'." This is so character-
istic, an illustration of the farm-
ing in Cal. on the coast, I must
explain it to you. "Mesa" pro-
nounced "May-ser", means table-
land and the grain shipped
from their point, coming eight
hundred acres (800.) was from,
headed, (w. cent), threshed, sack-
ed, in corn, and shipped,
from the field in which it
was raised, without hoisting
and without a drop of rain.
The grain sacks, such a hundred
lbs. weight, are carried down the
slope of mule teams, the sacks
traded into of carts, the of an,
headed into the sun, go be-
yond the line of breakers, and
the sacks are thrown in an ex-
peditious manner into lighters
which take it to the steamer
anchored just inside the ^{harbor} ~~bay~~.
Three eight hundred acres, ~~in~~ a

P.S. The most important thing
of course I say here. I re-
joice with you in your
collection from Miss Cooper,
for I know it will be
completely and beautiful
as every thing she ever takes
is. It must give you great
pleasure. Will you tell
me how many varieties
she has obtained, and
from what sections.

Yours Truly,
J. M. Arnold

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Pittsford Mills Vt. 2/9 1917
Mr Geo. Farnsworth,
Pittsford Mass,

My dear Sir: —

I trust you will pardon the liberty I am taking in asking a favor of a stranger, — but in behalf of a favorite series I think you will be willing to advise in the following matter:

What work would you suggest as a standard work on ferns for a public library?

Eaton's Ferns of N. America have been under discussion for the Maclean Library of this town, and Pittsford by the way is a ferny sort of a town. Some objections have been raised to Eaton's work as out-of-date in the matter of classification and not-including the new hybrids.

Do you know of anything better?

and will you kindly give me
dates of the original edition &
of any subsequent revisions if
convenient.

Muchan has some sort of a
work on form and flower
in progress, the illustrations
of which it is thought will
equal those in Curtis's.

Do you know anything of the
book or its plan & state
of views?

Mr. Tappin's work seems so
highly accurate, I can
hardly bring myself to believe
that Muchan can do for anything
better.

Personally I object to 'mixed
books' in botanical matters.
Some hand-books we do not
want but the best standard
work to be had therefore I
venture to ask your valued
opinion -

Very truly
G. H. Wilson.

Pittsford Hill Vt. 22 - 1901

Mr Geo. E. Sampson.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be good enough to
give me the N. E. record
for Asplenium?

I see by Underwood's Ferns
& Fern Allies that Canadensis
is the only one mentioned -

You will probably know
if the one with the specimen
I found in Rutland Vt. there
was any complete the list.

I had the good fortune
last Saturday to lay my
eyes on two good plants.

I found one or a found
another. One is fine - evidently
an old plant ten inches high;

me from trying to cut - at the
a hole. When both have
I had their pictures taken
I am going to put both
in cultivation & build a
barbed wire fence about
them if necessary.

If the pictures are a success
I will send you a print-
ing of the same for
it.

I do not know whether
we rec'd my card or not
asking for the date of
its issue in the Observer
& address of the same - which
contains some notes & a picture
of a Durham car - Boston.

I shall be greatly obliged
if you will give me an
early reply.

Very truly yours -

G. H. [Name]

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Peterboro Mills Co. 8-23-1901

Mr Geo. W. Wainwright,

Free, N.H.

I have in recent times
 visited the various
 sections of the woods
 on Peterboro Farm & am
 well recommended for
 a few in quantity
 of wood shavings
 and also some of the
 wood for your
 use. I am the proprietor,
 and you will find
 me in what I mean
 of - I - seem to me
 that it will result in
 great convenience
 to the people from whom
 I - in - I would like

Pittsford Hills N. August - 1901

Prof. E. S. Engstrom -

Dear Sir -

Thank you very much for your letter
in regard to the new edition of
the Handbook both can decide
on ourselves as they have done
before already.

I want to ask another question -
Can you tell me of any botanical
publications which give equal
communication of scientific
names for farm students - who
have not studied Latin?
I have had various arguments
with members of the College -
educators who disagree on
various points. For instance which
I would say epicureum or
epicure - is it?

only the English method of
pronunciation of Latin ~~Latin~~
was accepted by scientific men
for scientific terms;

I have in mind a member of the
Chamberlain household who always says
"Solli ad rem" Post-Latinum.
The Roman method of pronunciation
I believe rather a shabby
but hold I believe any way.

Questions of this sort are often asked
me & I should be glad of
authority on the subject.

I think I wrote you that my evidences
are for cultural experiments,
& only my friends have been taken
off. Mr. Clark has a brief
report - you ^{the} Oct-Bulletin and

the Review another which
may suitably fit into the Sept-
issue of the Prodoma.

Perhaps a little later I may
send you a photograph as
I had Dr. Sprock's negative
copy-right. Very truly yours
G. A. Watson.

and the specimen is not
the same - the last one the best
one for me to print.
One characteristic is constant in
the young French specimens, in
all the plants - the French ones.

Very truly yours -

J. A. Watson

Pittsford Mills St.

5 - 2 - 1901

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H Pittsford Mills Vt. July 26 - 1904 - W

Dear Mr. Davenport:-

I am very glad of your letter and regret your ill health which I can appreciate for I am ill so much of the time myself.

Mr Terry has pressed the specimens for me and they will be sent to A. M. The one which looks like a *Clintonianum* has not a lateral rootstock - at least that was my decision the day we saw the clump. I should not take my oath in it - until I had made another investigation. The author also shows also that it is not cristata x marginata as it well might be from its environment. We shall be glad of your opinion known in both.

Thank you for the *Rhodora*.

Now in regard to *N. Spm. dilatatum* - Mr Terry says she will send that to you from Dorset - it does not grow here - or if it does it has thus far eluded me. I have but one root of it - see my grounds - I will with pleasure send you *Campylisma* before many weeks. If you have any difficulty in naturalizing the species I will wait until I can get sections from the base of cliffs where the soil is deeper than in the green specimens. I have it - many other - out - of them an in - No trouble whatever to grow it.

Now Mr Davenport - I am taking a liberty perhaps and intruding on your time, but the subject is my only excuse in explaining my present dilemma.

To be brief on points:
Several years ago Dr. Hooser of the Orange Journal asked me to write a little cultural book on ferns - to be placed in gift with Prof. Waugh's *Landscape Gardening & Others* - 50 cts - books I think I was not very enthusiastic but finally consented to do it - but was unable to finish it until April 1904 - Dr H. was & is ^{then} _{now} unable

10 personally supervised it through the press. Whether he
deemed it necessary as many points had been conceded.
It would not go in file as I would not have any photo-
and shown as others had been etc. began before better paper
etc etc - was to be used.

His continued ill health led me to suggest that his friend
Mr Barron (Leland) edit it for him. Mr B. had in the
year past handled my skeletons acceptably and his
work on the late Am. Gardening was technically good.

It ended in Mr Barron's buying the book outright
with Mr Barron to edit it ^{or he to copy on them 5000} & add a chapter on the
management of ferns in small greenhouses.

The MS is back for my acceptance, but the mutilated
condition is appalling. Scientific blunders galore -
with material enough to last him all his life -
Bad English enough to hurt me to make me hair rise.

The firm is howling for the return of the MS - but -
I never will send it until I can be assured of
his things - a - a - grammar for grammarians
frank - and the appreciated blunder -

Now I am conservative - grayish - and I
am unceremoniously dumped with the other
school in point of nomenclature. Dryophitum -
Mattuccium etc etc - I was requested by Dr. Thos
to follow Gray and direct & indirect means
were tried to get at any coming changes in the
new relation which concerned ferns - but of no
avail (Dr Robinson - Fernald etc - see of Prof. J. J.)
The only scientific feature of the book is the
nomenclature and it should be up to date.
With the light at hand my perfect explains my
intentions & reasons for following Gray. ~~Definitive~~ but
Synonyma for Wright & Barron ferns had to be added.

Now that the nomenclature is upset - by the editorial force
 will you be kind enough to tell me whether it would be
 better to use *Saphrodium* & *Physichium* in place of
Aspidium? And what am I to do with *Mattucium* Shute,
 Barron tells me he is following Clute - but I have pointed?
 out - an inconsistency in adopting *Mattucium* which is
 Underwood's drawing & not endorsed by Clute. I detest
 it - myself and shall use it when I have to and not
 before.

The page of my MS - referring to the *Ebenoides* is a
 back-woods curiosity. The man witted when I asked
 "when he had been living that he did not know of the
 artificial test of hostility?" This is a joke we all
 enjoy - that he had to "call up the Underwood office"
 to ask about it. For such an ignorant & -
 is dangerous business to even attempt to overhaul
 the nomenclature. I have put in much into the work
 to save it - but it never will go into print - as it is -
 It is beautifully illustrated with photos, &c.

Now I am going to send you a copy of my paper
 which they propose to throw aside - but which I
 intend they shall learn a portion at least - as I
 think I know how little I have attempted to do in
 the work better than they do, and ask you to sharply
 criticize it - & add some sort of a signature
 or note - that will ~~become~~ weigh in the Justice
 Room or editorial sanction.

I expected my fling at the new school would not
 cut out - but it proved the Rev. critic whom I had
 it - nor pleased before sending it - to Dr. H. - & the reading
 of Dr. H. himself. By the way Dr. H. will if
 you have a talk with Barron - and when he

returned the paper I sent - him for inspection - said
 "It was not all Burnin's work", and he was a reasonable
 man and would he was now reconsidered he has
 written as much to me. If you will kindly answer as
 soon as possible - the question regarding nomenclature
 of the program - The Realism of the letter can wait a little
 for a full answer. If they yield points I have found
 the MS. within a week hence the necessity of haste.

If I change to N. + B. in plan of disposition of ^{9th} cutting
 of the program in its order.

One other point: When do you think my introduction -
 "The Life of a Term" belongs? I placed it before the subject
 matter - Mr B. has marked it up & proposed to use it
 as a conclusion.

Very truly yours -

G. A. Watson.

Pittsford Mills St. May 18. 1852

Mr. J. S. ...

Dear Sir -

I am taking the liberty to ask your opinion
of a form I am sending you as to the
acquisition of a fund on my account.
I should like your opinion of it -
much - it and will kindly oblige me.
Only one other printed form is left - the printing
is in better than ...

Very truly yours

J. S. ...

Pittsford

Pittsford Mills St. Aug. 24-1906-

Mr Geo. E. Sargent

Dear Sir:

I have been intending to write you for some time
and thank you for your letter. Am sorry about
your eyes. The lazy people in this world ought to
have the ills of the flesh to evidence not that
who find life too short to do the things they
enjoy and are willing to do for the benefit of the
world can open do nothing with D. P. & Co. I expect
the MS back after the final revision. Not
knowing how ferns are listed in the "Cyclo. of
Am. Horticulture" which is the criterion of all
things on earth (ahead of the Bible & Shakespeare)
I am unable to settle the nomenclature - but
as Mr B. had left my MS - it was understood
up to '96 - only. I have visited in the synonym
list - & a brief preface - but whether
I am to get the remains to be seen -
About what proportion of fern students
are conservative in their views? Miss Stone
considers the limited number rapidly
decreasing but as she is an exponent
of the N.Y. school - I place little faith in
her views - although she has done much in
the fern world. I claimed the right of a
fern list for special use - for the conserved
North & South the number at random half I

I think. I may be wide of the mark.

I should have specified ^{definitely} "how many last-requests" -

I wanted to know what Dicksonia
filosissima should remain - & Strophophytum
permanens or Crucian Strophophytum - used -
I can't see the last-use in separately
the Pellaea.

I am going to do myself the pleasure of
sending you a basket of ferns - by express -
& hope something in it will please you.

It occurred to me that a little of the
soil from the cliff where the Pellaea
abundantly grows might be of service - so I
am going to put in some. Mrs Terry
loaned me your letter as we are both
interested in Strophoman - (?) & I think I
can furnish the fern you specified
which she did not send you.

I find nothing easier to grow or naturalize
than Camp-spike - I have seen flat on the ground
in both rocks - & a big mat of it -
on a rock - the rock by the way is a
current slab that came out from under
the curb of a well I had filled
up - I put-saved it for the sledge-hammer
of a workman - & had it placed
against the foundation wall of my house
(north side) I soaked it - & then sprinkled
in leaf-mold - & packed shreds of the
fern on it - & weighted the edges a little -
& it is put as much at home as in the

woods - mosses & lichens have caught on
 & the whole thing looks as if it had
 been living ^{thing} for ten years instead of one.
 The group of ferns Mr. Tracy wrote you of
 & sent you - certainly contained four
 distinct plants - the Clintonianum I am
 pretty sure had an upright rootstock -
 & if the other thing is a spinulosum it
 is a glorified specimen - I never saw
 one with the so rich & dark a colour -
 I am not been able to get to the
 place again. - I hope to get your
 ferns off this P. M. - You may
 not care for all of them but - think them
 out of you do not.

Doubtless Page 160 - are determined to name
 my book after Dr. Watson's book - with
 a little variation, I hope he will protest,
 I will not shoulder a seeming
 conflict. Copy-rights - however I do not
 cover titles I am told.

Very truly yours -

J. A. Watson

new -

I have very glad to take out - the Appendix
with - Appendix of Deph. in 16 - MS.

Pittsford Mills Vt. July 24 - 1906.

Mr Geo. Sampson,

Dear Sir:-

I wrote you some little time ago and rec'd
no answer & concluded that you must-be away
from home. Therefore I am writing now to ask
if you are at-home - or when you can
be interviewed - in paper - regarding certain
forms that I want to send for an opinion?

Last week I discovered a remarkable group of
^{four} ferns two of which are doubt-ful -
Asp. marginata and spinulosa the intermediate
are straight enough - but - the other two puzzled
Mr Emily Hitchcock very as well as myself.

Two fronds of each were taken off & the
other left for photography - and for the coloring
that is photo's - are to be colored in the spot -
to be some of the various shades of green.

The central frond of the group - stands tall
& handsome more like a large spinulosa
than anything else - but very large & of a rich
dark-green - of unusual texture - but not like my
own Pittsfordense, then ~~was~~ but - three fertile fronds

only a very imperfect one was taken off - and
if you cannot - judge from this will send
you another if I can get - to the plan again -
the photograph has no further use for the
group - Had I been sure of your whereabouts
I should have sent - ~~thirteen~~ ^{ten} pounds to you
fresh - but - as it is they are in press - a
fertile and sterile found for each of the two
doubtful plants. Mrs Perry thinks she recognizes
me but - is not - sure.

I am hoping this will bring a speedy
reply as Mrs Perry leaves us in a week
or so & is greatly interested in the group
& anxious for your verdict before she goes.
There is also another matter I want
very much to consult - you about - but -
will await the issue of this -

Very truly yours
G. A. Wilson -

Pittsford Mills Vt. July 31 - 1904 -

Mr G. E. Davenport -

Dear Sir:-

Thank you very much for your sensible letter which surely will be of service. I hope to vindicate D.P. 86c to allow your arrangement and must ask you to be so very kind as to send me the list - (Botrychium maybe omitted as they have no cultural value) that I make no mistakes myself for I am calling Barron down for "missing picks".

Do you approve of the St. Fern list in the Sept Bulletin?

Either the two schools are approaching or else Mr E. has changed his views.

Very cordially -

G. A. Watson -

Pittsford Mills St. Dec 7 1915

My dear Mr. Drummond:-

Again I am infringing on your valuable time - I have 1 label the photo for Dr. Snyff's lantern slides and want to ask you for the changes in nomenclature endorsed by the Vienna Congress? If you will kindly note the deviations on the enclosed pages of the Flora of Vt. I shall be very greatly obliged to you

How shall I dispose of *Poly-coccus-re-cardatum* and *crispum*? Any additions ^{to} please note.

Am sending you under separate cover the *Lycopodium* prints. - The notes I have sent Mr. Clark.

By the way he writes me that Dr. Britton is in record for saying "that no matter what the botanists of the world may decide they in New York are going to stick to their own nomenclature."

No amendment to the council of that school.

I retain various announcements of any book an und-~~but~~-~~give~~ to retain.

The Munchausen Legends - I have heard
nothing of it - and have recd no proof

I did receive proof of a section of the
book - from the Country Dept Office - which
is designed for the Garden Mag. in Feb.

That was much better work than what I
had had before. Dr. Hesperus Wood -

one at one time that he understood
that it would be ready for the Press
trade. Dr. H. is perfectly non-committal
regarding Mr. Burns's literary feats -
flights - or whatever you choose to call
his outrages.

I hope you are in better health
and that your eyes will enable you
to do the desired things.

Very sincerely yours

G. A. Woodson.

Shall hope to see my new series
soon.

Pittsford Mills Ct. Jan-1-1906 -

Dear Mr Darwin Job: -

I am very anxious to see the
Birds - and hope it will be sent
before the Jan. meeting of the State Bot.
Club - & also can you have a
copy sent - Prof. L. B. Jones of
Washington before Jan-10 - I
I think he has sent you the
Trove of It - as I suggested
to him - after your int. letter -

I am receiving letters from men
concerning my book which they
have purchased etc - but up to date
I have not received a copy -

Some time ago Mr Warren asked
me to "make a memorandum
of errors & may notice &
"regrets - Darwinian Substantia etc -
before the second edition is printed
as he has heard of reports
concerning my copies from the etc -

From a me, I am a man -
a man of your kind - I think a man
a man of your kind - I think a man
a man of your kind - I think a man
I will be sure to see the like in
published country? I shall
annually over of farming for
at myself - but it is common in
some way I hope you will
tell me whether this man or
man will find it to the
conditions in mind in regard
to womanhood etc.

The portion used in the Garden
Magazine - for several (Murchausen
-isms in the captions - and I
can say the book is published
in the same absurdity -

A rank misnomer of the term growth
is largely an evidence that the
-holding and you are well
at what at least it not either
or missing our many happy
returns of the day - I am

Yours most cordially
H. S. Johnson.

Pittsford Mills Vt. Feb. 13 - 1906

Dear Mr. Darwinist:-

I am writing this time to ask you to send if possible a fruited pond of my fern to the address given elsewhere in this letter. This Mr. J. F. Thur is greatly interested in raising ferns from spores - and tells me that he has "great-patience" which is certainly much more than I can say! I have sent him the only deced-pond I have left - but am skeptical about the condition of spores - and surely a test of the fertility or infertility of the spores of *Aspl. trichomanes* & *Aspl. murina* would be of value to science and if you can send him spores I think he will take great pains to make a through test.

Of course all I know of this man is - that he was one of the Judges of the American Fern Society (Horticulture - March 25 - 1905)

He mistook me for Geo. C. Weston
and bought my book under the
delusion that it was written by his
friend and former associate -
but I am having very pleasant letters
from him if I am not the man
he was looking for - I think he
might be of service to you in
his special line - if your eyes are
so troublesome you surely ought not
to attempt such close work if
you also have "a great patient"
which entails you to raise
funds for Spain.

Trusting that you are well
and have enjoyed our July -
January if not its abrupt
terminus - I am

Very sincerely -

G. A. Weston.

Address -

J. F. Huss,
1103 Asylum Ave.
Hartford Conn.

Boston Mass
City High School
June 9th 1872

Mr. Geo. E. Sarapunt.
Dear Sir.

It happened
to see your father to-
day at Mr. Brown's
Apothecary Shop. I
learned that the bouquet
of wild flowers he had
in his hand was prepared
by you. I saw several
varieties I am very
desirous of exhibiting
to my class in Botany,
such as the Arithusa
fulbora. Asrocera
purpurea. & Calla palustris

Can you put me
in the way of obtaining
those flowers, say thirty
of a kind with their
leaves also. and in the
case of the Arctostaphylos,
of the bulb which is
a small nut not
difficult to obtain?

Very Truly

Yours

W. Hooker

between 3 o'clock
and 6. and any
time you say you will
call, I will be on hand.
You will have to
notify me before hand
or take the risk of not
finding me.

I desire very much
to make you ac-
quainted for interest
in Science is a strong
bond of attraction,
and much is gained
by a free interchange
of thought.

Again, thanking
you, I am Very Truly
yours
M. Graham

Boston. Mass.
Eug. Swift. School.
June 12th 1872

Mr. Geo. E. Loring?
My Dear Sir:-

I am ex-
ceedingly obliged to
you for your present
of wild flowers. They
were seized with avidity
by my zealous boys.

We have already
had a few specimens
of each kind you
sent, but not nearly
enough to go around.

There, then, supplement

the deficiency.

I am, by the generous act of you, put under great obligations which I am desirous of discharging, and I want very much to have an interview with you, and I think, further, do myself the honor to call.

I have here at the school room, quite a herbarium, gathered by me at odd intervals for the last twenty years. I have also a few rare flowers

from the Ft. Semite Valley, California, also specimens of wood and minerals. My chief interest lies in woods at this time, being in my collection about 1800 varieties, all got out in nearly the same size. All these specimens I should take great pleasure in showing you.

Will you have the kindness to call at an early moment?

I am not on duty afternoons (except Wed)

Boston. Mass

Eng. High School

Jan. 22nd 1873

Mr. Geo. E. Swanwick,

Dear Sir:

I find myself constantly getting into debt to you & your bright eye. Every day I am the recipient of some favor. For all which I am grateful, and one day, when my "Ship" comes in with its cargo of time I will make it all right.

Very Truly
yours

M. Woodson

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Boston. Mass.
Eng. High School
Feb 3rd 1873.

Mr. Brewster.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter
both surprised and
gratified me, and
the present intensified
the feeling. The plants
were most acceptable
both from their beauty
and their rarity.

I shall take great
pleasure in awaiting

to the extent of my ability
your son in his zeal
for collecting minerals.
I am sorry I have
not a larger stock
of treasures to draw
from. You know I
lost \$1200 of minerals
by the fire. This has
to a very great extent
restricted my benevolence,
but your boy shall share
my treasures in preference
to any body else.

Very Truly Yours
but in great haste
Wm. Woodson

Memorandum.

From

WOOLSON & CO.,
HARDY PLANTS,

Passaic, N. J.,

Box 180,

U. S. A.

To Mr. C. Sargent

14th day of Feb. 18

Dear Sir we see a note in the last "Botanical
Gazette" asking for *Podocarpus* plants from the middle States.
We can send you living plants of this species if you desire
them, or send you our foreign catalogue & you will find
a good list of them, nearly all of which we have growing or
rather some of them are only "in stock". We have in our collection
something like 110 species natives of the U. S.

Respectfully yours

Woolson & Co.

In your letter you kindly offer to send me ferns, & say you must have mislaid my list of desiderata. I have not sent any list: I am preparing a list of those on hand, & then I can tell what I desire; & will then be very glad to receive any not already on hand. I have now about 500, quite a number of them from a friend in Leipzig, who is curator of an institution there, & for whom I am collecting plants here this summer. He writes that he has 29000 species in his collection.

I have on hand *No. Parryi*, *No. Candida*; *C. Viscida* ^{& *C. Cooperi*} if you want any.

Yours truly

H. G. Wright

San Bernardino June 5th
Dear Sir

I had a little talk
yesterday with Sam.
Parish about my new
genus (Bot Gazette, June '81,
by Engelmann) & his new
cheilanthes. He was fairly
communicative - described the
fern as much resembling the
St Parryi - said that one on
seeing it would think - "that's a
rather odd-looking St Parryi" -
that the most noticeable difference
at first sight ~~is~~ a brownish
or reddish stripe or line
along up the mid-vein - that
it has the same woolly look,
& is also scaly.
I asked if he had many
specimens, & he said "no" ~~that~~

it was, as far as he at present knew, very scarce - that it was now out of season & so he could not tell yet whether it was very rare or not.

Now if to that description you can add when it was ^{& whether it was then past its prime or not,} collected, and where, (as closely as you feel at liberty;) the altitude, &c., & send me a fragment of it, perhaps I can come across it in due time.

I have nothing of interest to write about myself. Think I will not do much botanizing this year - hope by another season to have my business in such shape that I can collect with more leisure & comfort. At present when I leave the oar the boat, ^{"business"} at once begins to retrograde.

Yours truly
W. G. Wright

W. G. WRIGHT.

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NO. 8. LIST OF RARE DECIDUOUS PLANTS, AND SEEDS.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Nov 15 1917.

Prof. Geo. E. Davenport,
1 Hamilton Place, Boston.
Dear Sir

I received your Catalogue
& kind letter some time ago,
& have since been making up
a suitable set of specimens to
send you, but from one
cause & another (chiefly the
effort to get complete specimens)
the package is not yet ready;
and I write this to say that
I have not forgotten the matter,
but that shortly I will send all
the smaller ferns obtainable.

Yours truly
W. G. Wright.

W G WRIGHT.

Collector of

FERNS, LILIES, TREE DESSERT PLANTS, AND SEEDS.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Dec 7 1879.

Prof. Geo E. Davenport,
8 Hamilton Place, Boston.

Dear Sir:

I think it is time that I sent you the ferns promised so long since. You will, therefore receive by this mail one package containing twenty specimens of local ferns - all collected by myself in this immediate locality. As the Post office rules preclude writing, in the package, I am obliged to omit description, but it would only be a superfluity to put names down, for you. There are yet several ferns near here that I have not been able to obtain: - when I do get good specimens, I will send

them to you - namely:-
O. viscida, No. Parryi,
" Clevelandii, " tenera, &c.

I desire to call your attention to
one specimen sent, P. Andromedaeifolia,
which has incised or notched leaves;
it grew in a shady, damp place.

I find also every possible shape
between Gym. tri., and P. Andromedae.
and am quite unable to tell what
they are! - intend to send you
specimens, later, when mature.

The green & black frond of Gym. tri.
is the finest frond I have ever
seen.

I will be happy to serve you
in any way.

Stamps enclosed for Catalogue
sent by you.

Yours truly
W. G. Wright

List of ferns sent Dec 7, 1879,
by W. G. Wright, San Bernardino, Cal.,
to Prof Geo E. Savenport.

- Adiantum pedatum* ✓
" *Emarginata* ? - *capitata* ✓
Polypodium Californicum ✓
Gymnogramme triangularis ✓
Pellaea Wrightiana ✓
" *Andromedaefolia* ✓
" *orinthopus* ✓
Pteris aquilina, var. *lanuginosa* ✓
Woodwardia radicans ✓
Cheilanthes Fendleri ✓
" *Cooperae* ✓
Notholaena Candida ✓
" *Newberryi* ✓
Woodsia Oregona ✓
Cryptogramme acrostichoides ✓
Aspidium Felix-foemina ✓
" *Keiskeense* ✓ - *Filix-foemina*
" *rigidum* - var. *argutum* ✓
" *obovatum* ✓
" *aculeatum* (linear) ✓

W. G. WRIGHT,

Collector of

Ferns, Mosses, East Desert Plants, and Seeds.

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 5, 1882.

Geo. E. Sawcutport, Esq.
8 Hamilton Place, Boston.

Dear Sir

Your large package of fine ferns have come safely to hand, & your generosity makes me ashamed of the poor little package I sent you.

By the ferns sent me I gather somewhat as to the kind you will like from me:— I have therefore made up a little "load" of *Candidas* & of *Cooperææ*. Some of them are extra fine, as far as my limited observation extends. How do they compare with those of the same kind from other localities?

I have yet quite a supply of *Candidas*, *Cooperas*, *N. Newberryi*; &c., & can send you some of them, & of any of the other ferns.

In about a month I go out 40 miles after *viscidas* & *N. Parryi*. & hope to supply you with them. The *viscidas* are very rare, are they not?

The *N. tenera* has never been found in this state that I know of - I have sent to Utah for a specimen, so as to know what it is like. Dr. Parry gave me the names of the Utah collectors.

In a former letter you hope I am sure of my *viscidas* - yes, as sure as one can be who has not got his thumb on them: - both Dr Parry & Lemmon have

told me exactly where they grow, & I have moreover engaged as guide the man who went with Lemmon the last time he got any, which was July 1877.

The *Fendleri* matter I will look into, & will send you all the unusual forms of rootstock & stipes that I meet, if any.

Yours truly
W. G. Wright

The Package of *Candidas* & *Cooperas* is mailed with this letter: - it may not reach you quite so soon, however.

W.

W. G. WRIGHT,

1852

Palms, Cacti, Ferns, Mosses, Seeds, etc.

San Francisco, Cal., May 17 1852

Geo. E. Doucett Esq.,
8 Hamilton Place, Boston:

Dear Sir:

I have now a few *C. viscida* ferns, I would have sent you some before now but that Mr Parish told me he would send you all that you would probably need. If, however, you desire more, I can send you a few. This fern seems quite scarce.

I hear you have a "*No. Grayi*," a new name:—probably it is one that has heretofore run in with some other?

A long time ago you desired me to examine the *C. fendleri*

roots, to see if it had a
running rootstock or not—
(Having reference to its change
of name by Prof Eaton). I have
examined many specimens
since then, & have become
convinced—against previous
opinion— that it has a
running rootstock, uniformly.
I have also lately collected some
C. Clevelandii, & find myself
often at loss to see any difference,
indeed, some of them I cannot
determine at all. The running
rootstock of "Fendleri" is always
clothed or covered by a mass of
fine fibres, which perhaps is
what has misled me, & others.

Yours truly

H. G. Wright

W. G. WRIGHT,

Collector of

Palms, Trees, Casts, Lilies, Ferns, Rare Seeds, &c.

San Bernardino, Cal., June 6, 1880.

that one be named for me.
I am glad Dr Parry called on
you - he is a most excellent
& learned man.

I have not yet had the
"Bulletin"; please inform me
as to its publication, & price.

There is great difference here
as to the pronunciation of the
words "cheilanthus" & "Andromedaefolia"
- whether chei is a hard ch, as
"Kilanthus" or che-i-lanthus; and
as to which syllable is accented in
Andromedaefolia - the "-drom-" or
the "-me-"

Please write freely if I can
be of use to you.

Yours truly

W. G. Wright

Geo E. Javenport, Esq., Boston Mass.
Dear Sir

Yours of 26th ult. received. I
take pleasure in sending you a
package of *C. viscida* by this
mail. This fern is extremely rare
& scarce - it seems wonderful
that it is ~~only~~ found only in
one little valley or canyon, &
only in limited amount, there.
Still, there is no immediate
danger of its becoming extinct.
I can supply you with more
if you need.

Perhaps I am unduly suspicious
of the Parish brothers, but I have
thought lately that they did not
wish me to send you *C. viscida*

lest you distribute it too freely, & so injure their market for them; as they sell them, I understand, as also does Lemmon. I will however inform you that I know of a ^{locality} supply that the Perils do not - a nook that they have never visited & probably never will.

Mr D. Cleveland came to see me a short time ago: - he had never had seen a ^{full} frond of *Viscida*. & I made him happy in the possession of a good supply. In return for them & for others, he sent me 50 Sandwich Island ferns that are quite a prize to me. I asked him about the *C. fendleri*; & he agrees with me that it always has a running rootstock, "sometimes

six inches long".

You mention that the *N. Grayi* came from Arizona: - Lemmon was there this Spring, & on his return gave me a few fronds of new ferns (new to him) and a new *Loeselia*, which he ~~sent~~ sent to Prof. Gray, requesting, if new - that I be remembered in the naming: One of these ferns was in color like a white *Candida* but in shape resembling a *Woodisia Oregonica*, only more delicate: another was ~~a~~ much larger, coated below with reddish hairs or fur. When you visit Prof Gray, please look at them, and if they are new, & you want rooted specimens to determine the name, I will go there & get them; as Lemmon is not intending to send on his collection till next winter, & it is his request

one, No. *Waijii* or "*Lemmoni*"; & one of a fern I have never seen elsewhere, a long, slender frond with alternate round or triangular leaves, all brown & furry on the back.

Those three precious ferns I did not keep, but put them in a letter to Dr Gray that Lemmon left for me to send a new phae. in, a *loeselii* Schottii.

Well, about a week ago I received a letter from Lemmon, exulting over his success with the ferns; which showed his duplicity & meanness so plainly that I took offense & replied in a way that will cause him to scratch his ear, I guess. He is notoriously jealous, & egotistical; always talking about Lemmon, & I am tired of it, and "will no more of him". I can stand his ill-will; - his friendship I can spare.

San Bernardino, Cal.,

July 30 1880.

Geo E. Sawcutwort, Esq., Boston

Dear Sir

Yours of recent date, relating chiefly to the ferns collected by Lemmon in Arizona, is received.

I would like ever so much to go there & make collections of those ferns, but to tell the truth I cannot spare the time or money required. My time is all occupied in my regular business, bearing directly upon the bread & butter side of life, with the occasional exception of a field day after local ferns or palms. &c. If there was any money in

In relation to the Arizona ferns, I have been thinking it over seriously, and have about concluded that I must go & get some. You suggest that expenses, time, &c., be charged against the ferns. But my time, though valuable, I would not charge against the ferns, as I could off-set that in another way; but fare, board & incidentals must be paid by the ferns, and how to "corral" that, I hardly see, as I am so indifferent a salesman that as yet I have never sold a fern. The distance is 500 miles; fare \$50. each way. Or I could go with my horse & wagon in my usual "desert" style, only it would take 45 or 50 days, in which case the ferns must pay for some of the time. You see the main expense is the R.R. fare - \$100. If that

were done away with, the road would be cleared of its chief lion. Now Lemmon was furnished with a pass, ^{for "scientific research"} over all the R.R.s in the State at the request of Dr Gray, & he is using it unstintingly. And if you, or Dr Gray, or Prof Watson - one or all, were to request it - I have no doubt that Mr Crocker (Vice Pres., C.P.R.R.) would give me also a pass. Relative thereto I can say that both of those gentlemen have expressed themselves as under obligations to me for specimens &c., and both have most kindly offered to aid me whenever needed. Especially Dr Gray writes - date Aug. 20th ult., "Please command me if I can be of any service to you, here, or in England. Letters will be forwarded to me" &c. Prof. Watson has also as freely offered his aid, chiefly in return for my efforts (successful) to

I must not
omit to say
that Dr Babington
has already
spoken of you
(in connection with
the new, dense
kind of fern
of Pellaea thurifera,
which I
showed him in
full leaf at my
house) and in
the most kind
and flattering
manner.
He thinks
you are
most useful
& estimable
men, & evidently
values you
very highly
indeed.

him, during his stay here, as
he proposes one or more
trips that way, in the winter
or Spring. You see that pass
will be just in the right
place, this time!

Dr P. at once asked after a Bot.
Cal. - I am now daily expecting my
copy, through the courtesy of Prof J.
D. Whitney, to whom I sent N.B. to have
the two vols. bound together & forwarded
by Ex. It will be so necessary &
useful, especially so while Dr
P. is with me.

Thanking you for your interest
& efforts to get a pass, & for
your uniform courtesy, I remain
Yours truly

W. G. Wright

W. G. WRIGHT, Amateur Botanist, and Collector of
FALMS, YUCCA, CACTI, FERNS, RARE DESERT PLANTS, MEDICAL HERBS,
AND SEEDS OF TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS.

San Bernardino, Cal., Nov. 6 1886.

Geo E. Davenport, Boston.

Dear Sir

Your card is received.

I have indirectly heard
that Mr. Crocker is in
Texas, looking for a Gulf
outlet for his system of
Railways, & probably the
application of Prof. Goodale
is awaiting his return.
In any case I am not
surprised at the delay:-
I know that when Dr Gray
sought a pass for Lemmon,
the matter was deferred
a long time, although one
of the high officials (Gen.
Redding) was using his
influence to obtain it.

The R.R. officers always have been very chary of concessions of that kind.

Besides—there is another phase of the matter; namely, all passes expire with the year; consequently if given now would be of very limited duration unless renewed.

Still, I think your suggestion that I make some inquiries, doubtless is a good one, & I will shortly write to Mr Crocker.

Of course he will apprise Prof. Woodale of his action, in any case.

I was very agreeably surprised ~~this~~ evening to meet in the Post office an old friend—Dr. C. C. Parry. He has just arrived from San Diego

where he has been on a trip after Pinus Torreyana & some oaks, with Dr Engellmann. Dr E. will arrive tomorrow eve.

Of course I captured Dr. Parry without ceremony, & took him home with me, & shall lay in wait to serve Dr E. after the same fashion, when he comes. I like them both so much.

We expect to make a little trip into the desert, after cacti chiefly, of two or three days, when the two botanists will return North; Dr. E. to return home, & Dr. P. to meet his wife & then return here for the winter. I anticipate much pleasure and benefit from intercourse with him. Dr. P. has already spoken that I must go to Arizona with

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AND SEEDS OF TREES, SHRUBS, AND FLOWERS.

San Bernardino, Cal Nov 28 1880.

Dear Sir

Your kind letter duly received. I ought to have written you sooner, but have been very busy, & everything in the pass business, collapsed so suddenly that nothing more was to be said on that subject. Dr Parry was with me when your note announcing refusal was received: we had that day been over to see the Parish Bros: & ^{on the way home} he had kindly volunteered to suggest that he would try & get me passed, along with himself, when he went to Arizona, (he is endeavoring to get a pass, from Gov. Stanford), in the winter or spring; & that of course

opened my mouth, & I told him of the effort then being made to get a pass for me; & he was greatly pleased, & planned all the way home what good times we would have in Arizona; & that same evening I got your card! Parry was sitting in the big rocking chair when I got home, & I handed him the card without saying a word: he read it, & sat a long time in silence, for he was sadly disappointed. Presently he looked up & said "Where does that place Lemmon?" as he was granted a pass upon request ^{from} ~~of~~ the same source. But Redding personally helped Lemmon.

Tell it's all over, I suppose. The only resource left that I know of, is to secure political influence - these Railroad magnates

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 AND SERIES OF SEEDS, SEEDS, AND FLOWERS

San Bernardino, Cal., . . . 1880

fear neither God, man nor the
 D-L, but they do bow to
 political power, & omit nothing
 to curry favor in that quarter.
 They are also courteous to
other railroads; but the idea
 that "the laws of the State, &
 their own strict rules prevent",
 is the most transparent bosh.

Pavy is now in San Francisco,
 but will be here "early in
 December" to stay some months.

I am glad to know that you
 are getting on with your fern book;
 I must have a copy. Probably
 you know much more about the
 "reproduction" of ferns than I do, yet
 I will briefly recount my own
 success in raising young ferns from

seed, or spores. In Sept. 1879
I found *Woodsia Oregana*, & *Crypt.
acrostichoides*, & took them home, &
planted perhaps a dozen bunches of roots
of each, separately in a box 14 x 20, &
5 1/2 deep, & covered the boxes with a
framework containing glass, after the
manner of a Wardian case; the roots
nearly all died, one after another,
till only 3 woodsias, & 4 or 5 crypt.
were left alive - these continue
growing yet. Well, sometime this
last summer, say June or July, I
first noticed a fine, moss-like
green vegetation all over the Woodsia
ground, & believed it to be some kind
of moss - later however, as the fronds
began to enlarge, I saw that it was
a carpet of young ferns! They are
all doing finely - many of the
little fronds being nicely fruited.
The woodsias do much the best -
more plants having started, than of
the crypt. These young ferns all

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San Bernardino, Ca

1880

must have come from the ferns that died. The Crypt. does not produce fertile fronds in the box.

With regard to the "Pellaea". I showed Parry a good many samples, but he expressed no decided opinion. Probably you know from Prof Eaton my own experience with it:— I found it a month or two before the Parishs & sent various specimens to Eaton— everything from a single frond at first to the living plant at last, & he, after a long delay, wrote— "I must call your new fern a dense form of *P. Wrightiana*." & added in P.S., "You ought to be content, as it is Wrightian already". Just at that time I

saw the Parishos, & they said
you had also so named the
plant for them.

Now it may be *Wrightiana*; I
don't profess to be wiser than
yourself; - I can say however
that in several respects it is very
much alone: - it never varies or
runs into other forms; - it grows
naturally & best
at an altitude (9000 ft.) at which
no *ornithopus* or *Wrightiana* ever
is seen; and its habit & manner
& time of growth are entirely different
from any other. Only a week
ago Mr. Wm. Stout of N.Y. wrote
me asking for specimens of it,
& I sent him all the rooted
ones I had. He said he believed
it a new species. By the way,
he also said he thought the "Scaly
fern" was neither a *Fendleri* nor
a *myriophylla*, but also a new sp.

Your truly

W. G. Wright

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San Bernardino, Cal., Dec 5 1880.

Geo. E. Davenport, Esq.,
8 Hamilton Place Boston.

Dear Sir

I send by this mail a box containing three bunches of roots of *P. Wrightiana*, & one living plant of the same; also, outside of the box are two fronds of true *P. Wrightiana*, as I understand it. I send these hoping they may aid you in determining fairly this new fern.

You are aware, I believe, that I claim this dense fern; as I discovered it before the Parish Bros., to establish which I am content to rely upon the date of my first letter to Prof. Eaton, containing a sample frond, & asking

its name.

My late letter to you was so long that I omitted to relate how my collecting the past Summer has resulted in at least one n. sp., a *juncus*; and one other new plant, a 5-celled *cucurbitaceae*, & pronounced by Parry & Engelman to be a new genus! Seeds of which I have sent to Prof. Goodale & Watson, & to Kew.

Dr Parry is now in S. F., & writes me that he may not be down here till New Year's, as his ladies wish to remain a while longer in the city. He writes me that the 2^d vol. Bot. Cal. is out:— Prof. J. D. Whitney sometime since offered to have my copy bound the two vols. in one, & I sent ^{him} the money (18.⁰⁰) but the book has not yet come. Do you ever go over to Cambridge? If so, please ask for me about it. Yours truly, W. L. Wright

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AND SEEDS OF TREES, SHRUBS, AND FLOWERS.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec 7 1880.

Geo. E. Davenport, Esq.

8 Hamilton Place, Boston.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly do me
the favor to cable to Germany
a message of five words,
as below:-

Haage Schmidt, Erfurt.
Forty Pritchardia.

The wording is at their own
dictation, & they will understand
it, though to prevent any
possibility of misunderstanding, in
the delivery of the message by
you to the operator, I will
say for your own guidance
that Messrs Haage & Schmidt

of Erfurt, Germany, wish
to know how much Pritchardia
seed I can furnish them,
& this message is the
answer, according to direction
given by them.

I send P.O. Order of \$1.50 which
I am informed will pay the
charges. From here the rate
is 80 cts per word. Should the
order chance to be insufficient,
I will remit balance.

Please not delay, as they wanted
the answer by Dec 15, but their
letter seems to have been delayed.

Yours truly

A. G. Wright

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AND SEEDS OF TREES, SHRUBS, AND FLOWERS.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec 26. 1880.

Dear Sir

I have received your card in which you say that I have, in sending box of new *Pellaea* roots, "anticipated my request made a day or two ago by letter" &c

No letter or request, or in fact no letter at all has been had from you very lately.

If you have sent any letter containing requests, it has been lost, or miscarried.

I feel greatly interested in that *Pellaea*. I have pressed some fronds from my plants at home, which I will send. They will give a good idea of the greenhouse style of growth.

I have also bethought me

of one or two bunches of
the fern in the mountains
that are growing low down -
- say 2500 ft altitude, & are not
now covered by snow, & can be
had at any time, as the
distance is only one day &
a half. If you want them
please direct how much I
am to send, &c. But the
large, fine plants are high
up, say 8000 ft, & are now covered
by snow & cannot be obtained.

Dr Parry has just arrived,
& will make headquarters here for
the winter. He has obtained
his pass from Gov. Stanford.
He will try to get an "assistant"
passed along with himself.

Yours truly
W. G. Wright

W. G. WRIGHT.

Naturalist; Botanist.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan 6 1881.

Geo E. Davenport, Esq.,
8 Hamilton Place, Boston.
Dear Sir

Please find herein P.O. order
No 18138 for \$2.00 balance due
you on cablegram to Germany.
I am much indebted to you for
the courtesy in transmitting the
message for us.

In looking over my collection,
to put up a set for Mr Bern-
hardi of Leipzig, I have come
across a few of the dense Pellaeas
desired by you, & will forward
them in a day or two. I wish
so much that you could see
them in their native mountains,

By the way, please repeat
the names of the plants you
desired me to request from
Germany: I fear that they
never received that letter, or
else the matter is overlooked.
I know that they will take
pleasure in getting it for me,
as they are very obliging &
kind. I much regret that
this long delay has occurred, but
I looked, every successive letter,
for mention of it, in vain.

Mr Bernhardt sent me a very
fine collection of ferns, & in return
I am able soon to send several
hundred specimens that he desired
of me.

Command me if I can be of
use concerning anything.

Yours truly H. G. Wright

unsophisticated brain very much;
not about Lemmon especially, for
every body knows his egotism
& selfishness & vanity, but Dr
Parry I always regarded as very
sensible & level-headed, & a good
man to tie to.

By the way, again, Dr P. informed
me today that Prof Eaton had
sent Lemmon two "Ferns of N. A."
as a wedding present, & that
Lemmon was greatly elated therewith.
It was very good of Prof. Eaton.

I wonder, again, in what way I have
incurred Prof E's displeasure. He formerly
used to write me frequently, & I have
sent him many ferns, but latterly he
has left me out in the cold, not
even acknowledging receipt of what he
had requested, viz. a box of living viscidas.

Probably "there are more things in this
world than are dreamed of in any
philosophy, Horatio."

Yours truly
W. L. Wright

San Bernardino, Jan 16. '81.

Geo E. Davenport, Esq,
8 Hamilton Place, Boston.

Dear Sir:

Your two cards relative to
Pellaea Wrightiana, &c, are received.
The fronds sent as "true Wrightiana"
were seized in Whitewater: Mr.
Parish & I were there, & had
been discussing the disposition
of ornithopus & N. to "run into" each
other, when we happened to
see this bunch:—"there now," said
Parish, "is one of the true Wrightiana"
and I made the seizure accordingly,
and if it be not Wrightiana then
I cannot say that I have ever
collected one here; and shall be
glad to receive the frond you
so kindly promise, so that, for
once, I may know it.

Dr Parry is here:- he starts tomorrow on a reconnaissance to Arizona, to be gone a few days only. I guess his efforts to get an assistant passed with him, have failed.

There is yet one & only one way, as I see, to get access to that land of promise - namely, through Prof. Sargent.

I think if Profs Goodale, Watson & yourself were to request the Chief, he would find some specimens of woods from Santa Rita mountains, ^{in Arizona} were lacking, & would send one there after them. He is even now sending on, free, collectors from Eastern States to work for Census, here, although there are men here (as Parish Bros) willing and

I believe more competent to do efficient service than any stranger possibly could be.

Dr. Parry, or Mr Vasey, both now here, could do better, being well acquainted, than a stranger. So I know that if Prof. Sargent will, he can do it.

By the way, I have two or three times mentioned to Dr Parry your request that he send you specimens ^{of Arizona ferns,} if I do not go out, & did so again today, but I notice with quiet wonderment all to myself that he never makes any reply whatever. I almost fear that he is offended that you wished me to get ferns:- one, an outsider.

I am also astonished that Lemmon has never given you any of his Arizona ferns: he has been selling them, & I have been informed, has sold nearly his whole collection. Several such things puzzle my

W. G. WRIGHT.

Naturalist, Botanist,

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 2 (1881.

Geo. E. Davenport, Esq.,

8 Hamilton Place, Boston.

Dear Sir

A year ago I made collection of some "Taudleri?" ferns, and they were laid away in my den, & soon covered up with others, so that, although not forgotten, they were not available. They were unearthed, however, last evening, almost by accident, and I have instantly packed up some for you, selecting from the lot such as I thought were what you wanted.

A similar package, but with fewer rooted specimens, I also send to Mr Stout, by this same mail.

I take great pleasure in

being able to send you these ferns, as I believe they will reach you "in the nick of time". If you wish to refer to these ferns, please mention them as the "special" package, as under that name I have made mem. of the date of sending.

I am going, in three days, I expect, to that same locality on purpose to follow out a few of the roots; and if I find anything of interest, I will at once send it on to you. I think, at all events, that I will promise to send whatever I find, if you may judge of its interest for yourself. And after that package shall reach you I shall be glad to hear how they look to you.

Yours truly
H. G. Wright

P.S. From the tone of your note I judge that Prof. Watson thought best not to request further from Gov. Stanford. I am under the impression that he has already asked similar favors, & doubtless does not wish to worry Stanford. I am still strongly of the opinion that Stanford is favorably inclined. But I do not wish any further effort to be made, for if this begging favor is as repugnant to you as it is to me, you must have a horror of the mere mention.

Wright

San Bernardino, Cal.,
Apr. 14, 1881.

Dear Sir

Your card received yesterday. For you I am sorry that the application for a pass has again failed, for, had it been successful, I should have felt under many obligations to you, & should have spent considerable money in expenses, &c., to get ferries for you. I am also sorry for myself, although in lesser degree, as I am not able this Spring to do justice to the matter, if I had it.

I regret to hear of your affliction as to your eyes: & hope your complete recovery may be speedy. Truly, the

ill things of life are most
unfittingly inflicted, it would
seem, when such men as
yourself, who could & would
use the customary blessings of
eyesight to good purpose, are
trampered, & disabled.

Mr Pringle has not yet
put in an appearance.

Dr. Parry is still in this vicinity,
but I have not seen him for
a month.

I have collected some things
already, this Spring: - I sent
a lot of willows - (26 Numbers) -
to Mr Bebb; - he writes concerning
them - "With the single exception of
"the one embracing the aggregate
"of the several collections made by
"the parties of the State survey, I
"have never seen a more satisfactory
"suite". (you see, I get so little
praise that I am weak enough

to repeat what commendation I do
get!)

I learn that Mr & Mrs Lemmon
are now in Arizona or New
Mexico. Dr. Parry seems to have
at length discarded Lemmon: he
tells how in Arizona last summer
Lemmon got a pair of boots of an
army officer & forgot to return
or pay for them. When a few
of these ill reports reach Mr
Crocker, he will "extinct" his
jeas, I reckon.

I beg your pardon for all
this ill speech: probably I
feel crabbed toward Lemmon
that he goes all over, free,
collecting things to sell, & for
the sake of notoriety, which is his
life; while poor I cannot get
a set of ferns for you.

Yours truly

W. S. Wright

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Naturalist; Botanist.

San Bernardino, Cal., May 1, 1881.

Dear Sir

Your letter with enclosure for Mr. Pringle, is duly received. He has not yet got here, but when he comes I will hand him the letter.

I have nothing of much interest to report. I have found a new locality for *C. Viscida*, & have got a few large plants. The new place is about 20 miles from any heretofore known, & is so nearly inaccessible that no one else will ever see it. I nearly exhausted it at once. I can send you a few if you need them. The spot is extremely limited in area, but it shows that the fern is not

Confined to Whitewater canyon.

My plants (*Woodsia Oregana* & *crisp. acros.*) in their boxes are doing extremely well. I once told you that the *crisp. acros.* did not put out fertile fronds in captivity; but this year they are doing so — fine large fronds. The seedlings of both kinds are fine. The prothallus of both is very interesting to watch.

By the way — in one box is a new ^{fern} ~~plant~~: I send as exact a copy as I can make, copying closely the size & shape in every particular. It is apparently a *Jellaea*, but it closely resembles *N. tenera* in Eatons Ferns of N. A., though I did not compare them until the drawing was finished.

These leaves of mine are not shouldered, but simply three-cornered, or spear-head shaped.

I have not the book - Ferns of
N. A., but only a plate, t. LIII,
that Prof Eaton sent me, so I
do not know the description of
No. tenera, but the drawing I
find bears an astonishing likeness
to his plate of N. tenera. The
only noticeable difference is that
the pinnae in mine are exactly
opposite, while his tenera are -
not exactly opposite.

Yours truly

W. G. Wright

San Bernardino June 19.

Dear Sir

Your letter with the enclosure of new Cheilanthes is received, and I am so very much obliged to you for it: you make me indebted to you in many ways.

I find that I exploded at half-cock the other day; as I have never before seen the new Cheilanthes.

I had collected a fern not yet fruited, that I imagined was it; but of course I at once see the mistake. I send herein the fern I had.

I send also a frond
of very sticky gymnocarpon:
it is the first viscid gym.
that I remember to have
met.

Referring to C Parishii, it is
not clear as to where the
identical locality is; as I lack
the precise date of its collection.
If it was March 8, 9, or 10, then
I know within a few miles
where they got it. But if later
in the month then I do not
know. The little word "east" of
San Bernardino, tells one more
than you could imagine as to
locality; for there is but one
place east of S.B., where St.
Parryi grows, & if they really
did find it in company with

which I at first doubted,
St. Parryi, ^{east of S.B.} then
the matter is pretty well brought
to a focus.

I am extremely sorry to learn
of your continued affliction as
to your eyes. Accept me for
a physician & take a trip to
our warm, dry climate, and
you will be benefitted, unless
the ailment would be aggravated
by bright sunshine and dust.
I have an abundance of house-
room, beds, and "den" at your
service, and would be
delighted to have you for
my guest.

I am intending to go east next
May, on a visit, or to stay, &
hope then, at least, to have the
pleasure of your personal
acquaintance.

Yours truly
W. G. Wright

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San Bernardino, Cal.,
July 21, 1881.

Dear Sir

Your card was duly received. I can now say that I have brought the new *Cheilanthes* matters to a focus, and I am glad to be able to repeat what I rather hastily wrote, that "I know its habitat, and the identical spot of its collection". I was out with Hill Parish that day:- we started to explore a big canyon: at the mouth of that canyon I went along the lower land along the stream, while he skirted the steep rocky & dry hillside, all the while in sight. I noticed

that he loitered a good deal,
& called to him more than
once, as we had in prospect
a heavy day's work. And
that was the time & place
of its discovery.

I know, moreover, that they did
not then really think it new,
for Sam. told me that it
laid three weeks before it
received examination by them.

Well, its all right: it was
all fair & square - one of
the fortunes of chance, it
would seem. If not chance
then what was it?

By the way, that trip was
when I found those very
fine viscidas! And I was
mean and selfish enough
not to tell him of it!!!

I begin to think that botany is
conducive to envy, selfishness
& egotism. Just think of the
circumstances of that day: - he & I
apparently good friends, eating from
the same platter, & sleeping side by
side in camp, chatting & laughing
along our trip over the rocks &
hills, & ready, I aver, to fight
for each other to the death if
necessary, yet both secretly
congratulating ourselves & hugging
ourselves in joy over the private
knowledge of the only two items
of interest of the day! At least
I did so - he did not then realize
his fine discovery.

I hear that Mr Pringle is on
his way from Arizona, bound
for Wash. Territory.

Yours truly
W. S. Pringle

La. has a fine coat.
x 1/2 1/2

Dear Sir

I have a few to sell
if you wish to see
write your name & ad-
dress & send in 50
cents & I will send you
a lot. Or could you in-
quire of the man who
sells the notes to see
how they are in
the market. I would like
information as to what
of them, I mean to reach them
best for the market.

I have not heard from
you lately - hope you are
well in the West.

Yours truly

J. S. Smith

On the fern, there are two
varieties; one there, & the other
in the desert; the latter are
larger, & I believe, more common;
& always with a black. When
seen in Lower Ca., last winter,
I found plenty of the fern, of the
desert variety, I think, but it
was in poor condition, & I did
not bring any home, especially
as Dr Perry was the "champion" of
the party.

Dr. Perry's fern, which I saw
in California, has not been
rediscovered, & urges me to go
there & search. But I have been
down on the hill since then, &
my fern was found.

I shall be glad to serve you
in any way possible.

Yours truly
Thos. Wright

San Bernardino Calif.
Aug 17 1849

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of the
10th is at hand, & I
hasten to reply.

The cause of "Long Stem"
on my part was certainly
accidental. I received no
communication from you,
though in what way I
have guessed I was entirely
ignorant. Dr Perry will
tell you that I had often
in past years spoken to him
of your fern, & wondered
what the cause could have
been, & that I asked him

when he went East
a good while ago, if he
went to Boston, to find out
if possible, why you had
lost me etc.

I think the last four months
I never had from your
hand three papers relating
to ferns, but I had no
information that would be
of use to you. In July
I went up the big mountain
& found a fine comp. of
C. compacta, from which I sent
you a few little specimens.
On that trip I also rediscovered
(in this southern locality) *Hoodia*
breana, in abundance, but
very small in size.

In an hour or
so I will mention the differences
in habit, as you are aware.
This divergence was in habit
but because there was no
one coming from the West
where ferns were found so
much in quantity. In a few
weeks with Dr. Parry at
Cambridge by Houghton; Plant
Edwards' Benth. & Hooker, which will
have a part in the collection
of *S. multiflora*, the material of
which I examined him.

Dr Parry told me about
another "California". I will remember
your request & send you some
as soon as the rains start
them out. Probably I would
not know one from the other.

P.S.

In relation to the paper "Butterfly
Hunting in the Desert," you would
have been still more anxious
to have seen along, had
you known that these "two
black Volcanic buttes" are
in the vicinity of No. Tenera.

While writing about Mr Pringle
I had it in mind to say a word
about our personal relations,
as he doubtless sometimes spoke
of me. Personally I like him very
much, and did do, and would
do anything for him. But at the
time he was here, I had become
unwilling to afford aid or comfort
to Mr Sargent's method of doing his
work, and as far as that work
was concerned, did not intend to
help or aid. Mr Pringle is a quick-
witted, sensitive man, & he may
have taken any officiousness in a
personal way, which I hope not,
as it would have been a mistake.

I will not forget about the Nothe,
California.

Yours truly
W. G. Wright.

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San Bernardino Cal., Sep 30.

Dear Sir

Your kind letter upon
your return from Vermont
is just received. I am
very glad to hear from
you, & to learn that your
eyes are somewhat better.
I think you must have
had a fine vacation up
there in Vermont, & as I
know the admirable relations
existing between Mr Pringle
and yourself, I can well
understand that your visit
to him would be eminently
agreeable & refreshing to you
both. So note it be! If
now, you could only come

out here and add to your
Summer's vacation a winter's
rest and enjoyment in a
new climate, it would fully
reestablish your health &
sight. Is not young Arthur
old enough to be the head
of the family this winter?

I need not say how glad
I should be to have you
here this winter. You would
be at no cost while here, &
the through fare is not now
so very high.

I had not heard from
Dr Parry since he left here,
many months ago. Sorry to
learn that he has been sick.
I will write him a letter today.

So it seems that W. F. Parry
is again going East. I guess

there must be some feminine
influence down there in Jersey,
that draws him thither.

Sam, will remain here, I
suppose, from what he last
told me. You will like
Mr P. Very well. He will
give up botany now, probably.

He always was a little
jealous of his botanical secrets
or business, and appeared to
regard me as intruding on his
domain, although I first began
to study & collect. Personally
we always are friendly enough,
but it was chiefly because of
his botanical jealousy toward
me, particularly as they were
doing so much and doing it so
well, that I at length turned
partially into the unoccupied
field of Lepidoptera.

San Bernardino, Cal.
March 31, 1884

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in
sending by this mail, ^{to Medford,}
a package of Notholaena ferns,
of both forms: some from
Colorado Desert, & some from
this place. It has been
a most uncommon season
for ferns, &c, as it has been
so wet & cloudy. Not one
year in ten is so favorable.

If I can serve you by
sending, later, further examples,
I will be happy to do so.

Yours Very Truly
W. G. Wright