Rec'd Jan 7/79 ans

Davenport Iowa
Jany 5th 1879

Dear Sir

Our correspondence has not been very satisfactory of late. you sick & I cross. But my hopes are rising I have heard from my boxes shipped from New Orleans 27th dec should be here without fail this week. in the mean time I must wish you all a happy New year. hope to hear that you have commenced it by getting well. but the weather — 24° F is hard on Mexican tramps. Another item of news Palmers boxes en route to Metamoras Dec 14th so should not be far behind mine (over 5 months on the road) so I am likely to be busy enough soon and plenty of material for ???

No I did not eat the hickory nuts

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still intact waiting for leaves. I note what you say of Hechtia, in which I recognize a curious Bromeliacea of which I collected full material (except seeds.) The lechiguilla mansa is very common at San Luis but I could not catch it in flower hope Palmer will complete it. It must be well known as I saw plenty in garden, City of Mexico.

The tree Yucca is as I said before the common table land species, "Palma" of Mexicans. bark fibre used for saddle blankets. Drooping racemes shortish filamentous leaves very different from Y. baccata Torr. which takes its place from Saltillo to Texas. Pr. Mexica sp. is often a large tree and affords planks 3 ft wide. I have seed pods, scant fl & leaves also trunk section. (in boxes) well more of this and much more when the boxes come nothing later from Palmer. Dr Gray sends the parcel of plants collected by Palmer near City of Mexico. May to July. not yet received. The Kew folks are in a hurry to get my polypetalae to work up for Godman book. Sir Joseph Hooker sent me a list of Mexican collectors. I can't make out all. would like you to see it.

Rev. E. L. Greene turns up at Sharon Penn. on a lecturing tour is writing a book on Arizona. I have written him that he must report to us in Miss valley.

Mrs C. E. Putnam elected President of Davenport Academy of Sciences! take off your hat (& wig)! Now when you come again look out for receptions.

Another grand archaeological find. an Elephant pipe with proboscis!! It has to be traced up but seems authentic will send

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Please a photograph

We had new year reception at the Academy. Mrs Putnam in her glory. Duncan in the background. I have a flower in my new shelf and will set up Mexican plants there

Now If I can hear that you are right well I shall be happy

Mrs P joins in Happy New years to yourself Mrs E & George

Yours truly

C. C. Parry

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Rec Jan 28
Ans March 4

Davenport Jany 12th 1878

Dear Dr

That is sad and startling news you communicate about poor Jerry but why keep us so long in ignorance. Why not send up for us to help nurse. you know we did it once before — But we hope that the real danger is past. though such an affliction to a young man to be crippled even in one hand; well you will not pain us again by long silence please report if only by card how you are all getting on.

Good news for your bad. My boxes turn up at last. apparently in good condition — nothing to hurt by freezing. but Palmers supplement will need a stock of patience. to adopt his consolation "will do for specimens" !!

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So the shanty will be fixed up to a comfortable temperature and I shall go to sorting up in short sleeves

Things will soon turn up in your line "pucca fruit". Cactus for Beschnuneau &c &c I must send in a parcel soon to gladden your heart, & set you in your pins. — Am told that freeze may turn up soon

Yes, our New Presidentess occupied the chair with grace & dignity; you envy us of course. but come & sit under our droppings which may prove healing. We have "Elephant"! photographs which may at least amuse from force. we think it authentic. Even Gray says "I should expect it" so we will let you laugh till our turn comes. In the mean time we are hunting for those chisels and the hands that handled them

Jan 17, '79

"Coniferous swamps" is good especially to those who stand on the edge of the Bog. If I was an artist I could make a nice picture you looking on with a subdued internal shaking. Sir J. a gray floundering and trying to help me out. I looking down from a secure crotch of R. pungens Well I should be sobered in writing to a sick man. especially when it hurts to laugh

Palmer seems to hang fire on the route to Tampico I fancy it will not prove an easy one but he must turn up soon — funds short — About freight charge from Mexico it may interest you to know the final cost of my boxes 500 lbs from San Luis to Dr. summed up $62.= do you want to order Cacti & Mexcal at that rate?

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The Arizona R R is pushing
East from Ft Yuma. to reach
Maricopa wells 150 miles in May
that will compose the worst desert
stretches. and two years will connect
with the Atchison or Top & Sta Fe. we
must postpone getting out of
go over that line together.!
I rather enjoy this from Zero
weather It seems to have forge
all the Malaria out of me
My Mexican pottery will make
quite a show George should see
it. I do not forget that he is
to have some samples.
Mr R. deeply regrets your family
affliction would say so if I would
give her room but I have filled
up my sheet with nonsense and
must say at least one sensible
thing say that I remain
Very truly yours
C C Parry

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Rec'd Jan 28
Ans March 4

Davenport, Jany 26th 1878

My Dear Dr

Your long silence is distressing — filling me with sad forebodings — which I should be too glad to dispelle. — I must however still hope for better news. Than your last would naturally imply. Now too I have much to write about many things of mutual interest to discuss. Both mine & Palmers things have come safely to hand. and my shanty is piled up with suggestive bundles no doubt some "instructive" ones. Lastly to my surprise & delight Palmers live plants came through unfrosted. having slipped in between the sharp Zero snaps.

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and there is turning up a goodly number of choice things among more indifferent ones, including Agave Cactis &c &c.

I send in mail parcel a few specimens of Juglans which as you may judge from the section are more of botanical than quotatory interest. I suppose the leaf branches will turn up in the collection. It does not seem to answer to any description in D C. Prod.

It will take some time to get all the material straightened out & sorted up several large bundles of Quercus - marked for "to Engl" I hope between the two collections we can complete most of the Cacti & Agaves &c &c

The plants as far as I have been over them are in Palmers best style for which I hope he may receive due credit, but I opened one of the largest boxes with fear & trembling as it was considerably shattered and "demoralized" not in condition to stand either fair or wet, had they come with mine a week earlier, most of the contents would have been unfit for "specimens" Now I will see them safely housed till they can be safely shipped, (& cap seeds or hay.) But where in the world is Palmer? and why does he not turn up at Tampico or elsewhere. I fear he has had trouble, perhaps sickness I do not know where to write him but he is sometimes queer about such things. It is important that he should come on here to explain some things, though he is good at noting dates, localities &c &c

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And now pray ease our minds
in regard to George & yourself
for we want to congratulate you
on your 70th birth day (next month)
; and by that time to hear good
news. Duncan keeps well but
is rather run down by too confining
work. is making engravings on
steel to illustrate his 'back-
house paper (Etching) has made
good success. Mrs P. bears her
Presidential honors proudly, will
preside at the Ac Academy meeting
this week (Today). Mrs Parry has
lately received the sad news of her
venerable mothers death in 87th year
I am well & heartily ready to
tackle the Mexican pile with vim
hope soon to hear from you & good news
Very truly yours C. C. Parry

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Rec Febr 25th
Ans March 4

Davenport. Feby 23d 1876

My Dear Dr

I have lately received a P. card from Dr Weisligenus in answer to my enquiries regarding yourself & family. Confirming the sad news of Mrs P. death. and also stating that you are "very had "resumed your usual activity" I do not like to think of your broken household. which remains as my last pleasant recollections. We hope you will have strength given you to suffer as well as labor.

I cannot well postpone longer some urgent botanical matters. When will it do, to send Cacti & Agaves? or had I better send direct to Shaws Garden? to await your convenience. then are many things to throw light on imperfect material. Some fine Beschornerias ready to send up fl. stems. Hoelea &c &c I keep in cool cellar

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Rec March 14th
An Ans 17

Davenport March 13th 1879

My Dear Dr

Glad to hear from you again I have been very busy sorting up the Mexican plants numbering up to 1027. now I am distributing with sets working backwards just finished Apetalae, will now have smoothing work and hope to complete the job next week if not interrupted. Now I have sent according to your suggestion a large box containing the bulk of the plants sent by Palmer. Directed to Henry Shaw Shaws Garden. I write to him enclosing freight receipt advising that the plants are sent on your account. In the box I include some odds & ends to fill up including the Conifers & Amentaceae of the collection some fibre specimens &c &c to be kept for you. I advise putting out the live plants at once then you can better see what there is

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Mar 13 '79

I send mert without opening the original parcel. You will find a nice fresh root of Reschsmenia which I think might send up a fl stalk — But now about Palmer. We do not hear a word from him since Nov 15th and I have just recd a letter from his brother making anxious enquiries. I fear something serious has happened to him. I heard from San Luis Potosi but no word of him. Have written to Barranta & the Minister Stewart about him, most close at present. Hope this will find you a large well recovered: write soon

Yours truly

C. C Parry

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Rec April 18
Ans — 20 13

Davenport April 16th 1879

Dear Sir

Many thanks for conference names. The omissions on the list are 847. Abies religiosa leaf branches only.

854. Ephedra antisyphilitica poor fragments to show the geographical range I would not for the world disturb your work on Bot Cal. for mine can wait, that should not, but several things may come directly in your line. I would like your conclusions on Asclepias. There are also a few nice Gentians 597 & 600 of which I aimed to send you good material. My arrangement (on which you compliment me) was a work of considerable labor. mainly to save others like yourself. had you seen the

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piles I had to go through and reduce to approximate order you would not wonder at frequent mistakes. My good wife with her patient handwork was of very essential assistance. You will find foliage of Carya in its proper place in the new bundles 835 1/2 which came only in Palmer's last parcels. I confounded the numbers as you ascertained forgetting that I had put in C. olivaeformis before under the same fractional number better call the hickory 834 1/2.

You say nothing about the Juglans 835. P. P. Alvarez is an elevated mt ranch about 30 miles East of San Luis Potosí.

What do you make of the fruit branch of Agave sent in box. Palmer calls it "Lechuguilla mansa" but it is not the plant so named for me with filamentous edged leaves and which is common in San Luis market for soap root. You have lost? plants. It must be well known. but I never could get a ft or fr. spike and Palmer seems to have missed it too. I saw it very common as a pot plant in City of Mexico.

I would like more light on the Cacti. You never get named the large Cereus (Pitayaña) (276) nor the common San Luis Echinocactus (273) of the latter you should have live plants.

But you will come to all this in due time. and I must wait. The farm people are bothering me but they must wait too.

Grey should have his plants some one as freight. Palmer wants to go to northern Mexico, or somewhere not satisfied in civilization. I have heard some strange news of my Missionary host at San Luis (over)

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felt in love with his Cook. (an Indiana)
and adored home by the Board!
well I have commenced to fulfill
my promise "write more fully" but
much more to say
Glad that George has got out again
and you improving. My Cal & Oregon
speaks of the progress of the South
Pacific RR into the region of
Cereus gigantens. Engel and the
"Utah South" is now pushing towards
Arizona! but poor Hayden left
out. nearly as bad as that Indian
Agency business. but "Republics are
ungrateful" not so
yours truly
C. C. Parry

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al & Arizona this Spring)

Rec April 8
Ans — 14

Davenport April 4th 1879

My Dear Dr

Glad to hear from you again if not the most satisfactory news. I had been dreading to hear unfavorable accounts of the shipment of lion plants which after waiting over a month of warm weather just the day after shipment came on me of our cold waves which I feared in the exposure on freight cars might have nipped the whole crop, after running the brunt of Palmers dangerous experiment. If any are saved it is as much as I could expect, but I shall try & keep clear of such experiments hereafter — Just as I was beginning to see light on my long job of sorting up. Comes a fresh

both from Palmer who unexpectedly turns up at Cambridge after a silence of 4 months. So I had to go over the fresh pile to see what was necessary to incorporate. To my disgust the collection was mainly made up of very common & uninteresting subtropical things falling to pieces from mould & want of care. I had to go through with it however discarding most but occasionally rescuing a few interesting specimens of these & make up a few supplementary sets. as may do so hereafter. A nearly full assortment selected for Kew. which are now all packed & sent on. Among the things to interest you is the Hickory with foliage. nuts & a section of branch. a genuine Carya. can hardly be an emigrant from S U.S.?

Apr 4 '79

There are also branches of a long cured pine which will be sent you a print stalk of Agave. &c &c.

I shall now offer one more day's work to finish up Polypetalae pack up for subscribers and your sets will go on during the week. including all the odds & ends in your specialty. I hope it will find you in condition to make something out of them. The Euphorbias are plenty but not specially interesting. I shall be glad to have your determination of any you can make out readily or wish to study up. you can correspond with Gray or Kew. using the numbers. as nearly full sets have gone to them. I want for more leisure to make up notes & answer ?? but I shall be ready for Works ????

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(Lemmon Pines to S C

would like to know the names of Pinus. Juniperus scop. I send you the only piece left of that little Asclepias. Euphorbia? Engelm. Palmer did not collect A as I had hoped. Palmer wants to go off again. strange man! we have suggested North Mexico which I dodged. Well when you parcels go on I will write more fully. Pomfenge is having a serious time but I hope the Spring will bring both of you out. I may possibly drop in upon you someday I would do it without doubt if I was sure to find you in good condition and could perhaps help comfort you. Meanwhile come up here for a change

Yours truly C. C. Parry

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Rec 16 July

Davenport July 15th 1875

My Dear Dr

Your last letter, with flowers contains some items of encouragement with others less so, If you would only stop making impracticable plans for work this hot weather, and do what you can, rest & visit I should like it better. So why not, (after the festivities of 16th) just quietly slip yourself on board of one of our Northern Line boats leaving at 4 P.M. & move quietly up the Mississippi, stop with us as long as you feel benefited by the change and then move on Eastward by some pleasant varied route to the cool sea breezes. We can offer you shade and rest, and whatever the country affords, on when you

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feel like looking at plants or working over some notes. My new room in the country & some duplicate collections & books will be subject to your critical inspection. Now I am in earnest in this, and my wife will second all my efforts for your entertainment, only fearing that our poor accomodations are not more suitable to your proper accomodation. If this in any way meets your views please let me know when we may expect you but do not say "a day or two" Mrs Putnam will want some of you as well as Duncan whose tried & good folk was his mother, Mrs Engelmann & Mrs Parry!!!

Now do be a good boy & give us a benefit!"

July 15 '79

I must tell you I just hear from Lemmon. returned from San Bernardino at the foot of Mt Shasta July 6th to make the ascent that day. he would be home in 2 weeks & advised me to write him there he should get some valuable fine notes & collections. but he is quite too erratic

Gray is working away again in Mex. Compositae. nearly every day a Postal enquiring about some or sp

Greene seems to have disappeared entirely. can get no trace of him he promised to return this way if I only knew where to direct I would stir him up and ask him to meet you here.

Academy matters very quiet even Mrs Putnam not pushing things. since the affliction she goes out very little

Duncan seems about as usual
So you need not fear "deadening
interference" &c &c
I may go down to the Putnams
this evening to consult them when
I drop this in the mail
I found the other day hyp, loose
a cone of Pinus insignis from
San Bernardino range. where I only
saw it once quite local.
Lemmon has dug up 200 roots of
Lilium Parryi Wats. from my
original locality. hopes to "turn them
into coin". poor show
There will be no time for congratulation
not loud but deep
Yours truly
C. C. Parry

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Rec Octob 20th

Newport Oct 16th 1876

My dear Dr [illegible] I am here [illegible] before returning home [illegible] I will pick up [illegible] work. When you say ready I will pick up [illegible] I have been desperately lazy or [illegible] you [illegible] My force [illegible] my consciousness [illegible] since then the 9th summer is enervating. I do feel [illegible] at outside matters not being [illegible]

My Mexican friends opposite the Fond y Mexicana [illegible] that Mexican wood plant has [illegible] of 15 ft high and is now full of [illegible] branches just putting out [illegible] Tell Haberfrom's [illegible] which you may have seen in Mobile in Europe. as S C Dennis [illegible] in Sagebrush Country is flowering nicely in Melanpodium [illegible] in [illegible] come to seed, &c.

[illegible] Colorado [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

I walked with some friends [illegible] up the [illegible] of the Mile Rock R R (which [illegible] now finished 250 miles [illegible] planted upon the [illegible] Dakota [illegible] I went to watch A. [illegible] to Bragg [illegible] (Commissioner) in Mr S Pacific R R in Oregon [illegible] a good [illegible] in Oregon District of [illegible] and a few other? [illegible] through [illegible] to [illegible] Palmer [illegible] from [illegible] that he [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] winter in Dangerous [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] Thanks for the [illegible] offered to Chauncey Rose for a bottle of his fetlock cologne [illegible] "no fetlock for a bottle" [illegible] Lawrence [illegible] regrets Hayden's failure [illegible] Miss Chauncey of Sta Barbara is a sweetheart of Lawrence [illegible] she is to be here soon as her [illegible] to Cal. I [illegible] for Lawrence Chronicle. [illegible] of Mrs Victoria Woodhull at an English Hart's show but not in [illegible] but most fast Politicians — [illegible] Track.

Lawrence was about to start on a foolish mission to collect seed of Pinus Ponderosa at $350 per lb, but a severe storm suddenly blew in & collected seeds [illegible]

Reason [illegible]

Hensley keeps sending on numerous has not yet [illegible] on Mr Stolec after [illegible] letter. I don't [illegible] unless he says the 1st part Mrs & Capt American Flora is [illegible] I am to set [illegible]

A letter likely from Bernardo states on the [illegible] of Opuntia Lemaiana says they have had a [illegible] many seasons & everything bites fiercely — roads bad, — [illegible] no wonder —

(continued)

I do not see Mr [illegible] let matter you allude to as sent I look for it to be got you bound with [illegible] on Pulf on Sundays I have been [illegible] my [illegible] letter better [illegible] but the same Miss Lettie. Duncan has gone to work for a lawyer in his fathers office working so the Sundays [illegible] Mr Pentreath [illegible] off on a visit [illegible] his father and I expect to include [illegible] & wife after they return — [illegible] Clement [illegible] [illegible] & Dr Engelmann [illegible] of the [illegible]

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Rec Nov 17'

Davenport Nov 15th 1879

Dear Dr

You leave me to do all the corresponding, so can't complain if I am forgotten. I find a letter from Albert in my box on my return, but he says he has no information to give. He has made collections of fossils in Contra Costa Co. and other doubtful points but knows little about the transactions of the Pacific R.R. Co. Its schemes for making money out of Government, has driven the "Invisibles" (the Pacific Railroad) notions to California & see. Thank we shall not see her here We did think of going in January to Philadelphia

Mrs Putnam has had a second misfortune her 2d son died in infancy. Marriage and now comes back to them for support. Mr P. is in rather straightened circumstances and the family have to economize. Since two orders in his favor Office Francis is looking at Cassell Colorado as the way to California. I did not come there

Nov 15 '79

Now you will have to write & tell us how you are, and what you are doing and going to do!

We hope you will escape your winter ailments & come out in the spring fat & heavy for that western trip.

The P[illegible] is regarded by himself [illegible]

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Rec Nov 20th
Ans 27 P.C

Davenport Nov 18th 1877

[illegible] send by express to day your parcel
of the 16th [illegible] eighth [illegible]
[illegible] especially [illegible]
[illegible] if in case I [illegible] things together. Farmer [illegible]
[illegible] I had to make explanations
[illegible] that your letter came just as I was [illegible] and
[illegible] the letters [illegible] case
right out [illegible] to.
A letter from Farmer at Prescott Colorado
[illegible] Farmer [illegible] be reached at Andersonville
[illegible] from [illegible] he will [illegible]
[illegible] Monterey [illegible]
[illegible] later in the season [illegible] Mesteyers [illegible]
[illegible] Chihuahua [illegible] Rio [illegible]
[illegible] Mesteyers [illegible]
that Nearing [illegible] in Mexican country. I hope
he will pass over that section in good [illegible]
[illegible] good things you had better [illegible]
[illegible] collected in [illegible]
[illegible] was made a triumph for you over
English [illegible] hope you will see your pieces [illegible]
[illegible] Farmer's letter report on the
[illegible] carbons [illegible]
[illegible] years, and [illegible]
[illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]?

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Nov 19 '79

[illegible] the pass at a [illegible] of the Mexican
plants that grow here and which you saw at
[illegible] Thanks for some of which grew back
[illegible] specimen instance I think up a branch less
of another 10 ft high and about 10 in as before the
[illegible] hands of Dr [illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible]
a hand making [illegible] and [illegible] sight [illegible]
[illegible] of the pass, then here though DC in Prad
[illegible] very [illegible] they was quite vexed. That an account
of legends [illegible] from the disembarked [illegible] Spanish
[illegible] Mexican things were overlooked & left
[illegible] of which I also send specimens
in this [illegible], freely in my [illegible] and in
[illegible] the plant in a shade of the vulgar name
[illegible] Gaura [illegible] Hemel
which I hope you have also kept at Shawa
[illegible] of an [illegible] Yes That he has from
[illegible] Mexican [illegible] Hemsley [illegible] list of plants
[illegible] which I left for you the [illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] family.

I had hoped that Forge was long before this was
[illegible] I hope this is the last and he will
[illegible] to letter the [illegible] & let the foreman
[illegible] for [illegible] & please [illegible]
[illegible]

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Ans 12 & 16 P.C.

Darlington 8th 1856

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Rec Jan 13
Ans Feb 11

Davenport, Jany 12th 1880

My Dear Sir — You show an occasional spasm of the generous & you have lately received from me! So I may live in hope. Yesterday a very absurd idea came into my head. Viz: to write to you this morning and say "you are wanted" (more Watson & Co) at Davenport! My state of the case is this. My brother-in-law Mr Pickering is expecting in a few days to go East for a month: this will necessarily tie us up here, at the time I expect to be on the move eastward, now can you not help matters by bringing the Mountain (you) to Mahomet (me)? we will pay all your expenses, & feed & entertain you free of intrusion. Then ("sly dog") you can help me in my "Surgeon" fanciers, & can take your traps! Talk about western trips is not the idea a plausible one? I am sure it is! I look for a favorable reply. Think the matter over, put on your hat & come & tell me how you decision.

Mr Cochran leaves Saturday, & I shall go to Davenport to accompany his daughter on a visit to Mr Palmer at Sta Barbara, & he wishes to meet Palmer at Davenport & will go on with them. I shall pass the 4th of March with them & then come on to see you. So you may hear from me there & then & I will write & inform you of the exact date of bringing something back in the shape of a Yucca or two.

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Palmer writes that the Peabody Museum has
dropped him from their employ, no funds to spare.
So he is now taking up botanical work. I fear
however with limited means for which he prepares
to do so he says he has only $450,— to go on.
I have advised him to select a good central
location with mountains accessible & work up
thoroughly. I have suggested Stillw. Parras
or Monclova as good locations for a full season
operations; you can perhaps make other suggestions.
Palmer has been in a restless uneasy feeling mind
lately & can be in the mines, and will
be glad of little shooting work. I sent him a few
supplies collars & Cochran to pay postage &c.
You can drop him a line by Cochran, or if you
should not meet them address care Rev H. M. Thomson.
Monterey Mexico. —

Dear Mr Pringle from Pueblo. to start soon for Big m.
Seem writes from Pueblo. to start soon for Big m.
in New Mexico. While later along so as to reach
San Francisco by May. would like to meet us
San Antonio on north side of Rio Grande
Sorry you have been sick, he wrote a very lengthy
apology to explain that he did not mean me with
the description of "fat well fed" [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Yours truly
C. C. Parry

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Rec Jan 25
Ans Feb 11

Davenport Jany 24th 1880

Dear Dr

— for this you have lost my last pleasant letter into the waste-basket — I am now ready for more

— I am now master of the premises (if not of the situation) Mr Pokering, can't lost on Monday, will be absent a month — then ??

— I must write about your giant cactus-seeds. You a young man of 70 (Jade Brandegee) talking of — up on the shelf. so much to do, and you the only one capable of doing it! throw away your crutches — and grasp a stout staff with a crook to the end to reach place boughs —

Sergeant you an engaged for a western trip ask him to go along, and climb for us — "maturity" for you —

I have been much interested lately receiving a monthly "Revista Cientifica Mexicana" vol 1 a new publication. it contains a nice wood cut plate of 33. kinds of leaves of Agaves Americana. with short description notes. the latter do not amount to much, but I think the sketch would interest you perhaps I can get it out — [illegible] the letter (to the editor) probably [illegible] a copy — I can't do it [illegible] — [illegible] in another sheet of the [illegible]

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[illegible] Mapimi country & the Sierra Mojada mining district. This leads me back to my old field notes of about 1852, when we had to abandon the journey of the Rio Grande & push south for the Mexican settlements of Santa Rosa, passing almost within sight of the Sierra Mojada — that section has always had a singular attraction for me ever since I first saw there Yucca, Salvania, Parkinsonia microphylla, Lophanania bisetosa [illegible] Salvania thus once turned up & I was not to leave them and made full notes of the half or three quarters mapping, laying down the topography of the country, so that I could [illegible] of [illegible] I don't think I should [illegible] my notes. Eyes! I want me to see these notes. All this in passant: Duncan & his men have given us Des Moines to fly a kite for State Entomologist [illegible] the big men have the advantage of us poor botanists. [illegible] to suffer the bugs but the "big-hunters" [illegible] weather set, leaves open & little ice [illegible] to Washington & Saint [illegible] Eucerin [illegible] Thursday. [illegible] also the 600. [illegible] of Mexican features. [illegible]

[illegible] Yours truly C. C. Parry

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Rec'd Feby 11th
Ans same day

Davenport Feby 10th 1880

Dear Dr

I do not seem to succeed in getting you out of your tree by "throwing grass" and I am not quite ready to fire stones; perhaps you will come down of your own accord when you get ready.

Hunter is getting on his back legs, and I begin to think it is time to be using mine. Mr Pickering is still at the Hunt, but will return the week or next. Then we shall be free to move. Meanwhile I think of making a sort of a skirmishing trip towards St Louis, by River & Cincinnati. Off we go — see other letters on Pickering & then on to Philadelphia esq. Meanwhile I shall nothing else from you — Yes. The Mexican plants have all the St Louis Herbarium (after Compositae) has shewn Lee Hamilton's book now — H & B. for R. & Hill & Dr Torr

I do not hear from Lemmon. Are he & Jack, the fellow, gone back on him, & he is to make it more easy?

Did I ever tell you I found Ephedra antisyphilitica & Mr Mandegaran, it should be remembered!!

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Feb 10, 80

I am watching what the papers say about RR movements in W. They are now pushing short lines of RR to Tucson — to meet Pacific (incl) — & stay there for bad weather but keep on & do the rest for us next spring. Prospects seem very in the desert of Sonora & Mexico, and should have at least crops of weed. The Parish tickets seem to be lively and promising. Why have you always spoken of Opuntia Bigelovii Engelm in the Desert, & never mentioned it in Eastern Nevada? Are you waiting to see or feel it?

Palmer should be picking up some strange things for us, perhaps in Utah and something left for Cochise & Apache Co. early next month.

Wish I could see you & talk over the Mexican Flora!

Let us hear from you as soon

Yours truly C. C. Parry

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Rec Febr 16

Yours received at Sillillo x
— observes southward North

Rosario Feb 4th 1880

My dear Young Friend.

I sent you a few lines after my arrival here. I write
a few lines hurriedly before resuming
my journey tomorrow & send it. now I
must send the boat & outfit up the
River by sailing craft (and I am
writing while from the shore) for
the whole from the spot I am now
on to the last station.

I sighted a boat from Hawksley some
days before I was resting after her & I trust
that if he shows no signs of activity we
must start in and publish your descriptions.
Lemmon talks of meeting Greene at
Tucuman next month. he has a pass
port & I P. R. & knows written about
him which ought to bind & work up
but he is awfully blue.

I am interested in Sargent's western
Notes & at least in course that

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Rec April 7th
Ans same day

3939 Chestnut St. Philadelphia Pa
April 4th 1880

Dear Dr

After a long zigzag route we at last reach a temporary stopping place where I receive your card of 28th March. I stopped over one day in Washington and spent part of the time with Vasey at Agr Dept. He had just received a parcel from Palmer (seeds.) which he had foolishly turned over to gardener and did not remember what it was probably the Hesperaloe. he also mentioned Agave Victoriae but had nothing to show. Did he send you seed of the latter? I looked over a Gentiana. he had a good authentic sp of G. setigera from Kellogg. It is quite different from the Pattersonii (Austin) plant more in the style of G. Newberryi with assurgent stems & large fl at summit

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of a pale yellowish crust leaves at regular distance on the elongated stems / to few flowered the folds of corolla very distinctly setose. It is apparently a good distinct species. leaves with very distinct decurrent petioles. I will see how it agrees with Gray's specimens. Sargent had been at Washington & expected them again. I may possibly meet him here. I shall soon see Canby. Mastodale [illegible]

Apr. 4 '80

A letter here from Bonsoeta. but no special botanical news. Cercus Gigantea is plenty on the rocky banks of the Colorado above Yuma and opposite Bill Williams Fork therefore in California

We had a pleasant visit among our country cousins in S E Ohio. and were fed on hog & hominy. too early to botanize. some good forest trees in that section and abundant Indian mounds

Prof. Beard was shocked (like George) at the Elephant pipe. said we had "good artists in the west." but spoiled his incredulity by saying it represented an armadillo! which is out of the question

Hope to hear that you are getting your legs in botanical trim. & all well

Mrs P. desires regards to all in 3000 3 Locust

So does yours truly

C. C. Parry

Vasey had some of Bergens Mex plants from "Paris Museum" mostly unnamed. and apparently collected near Towns. I looked over some bundles but saw nothing new or rare

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Rec May 3 12

My Dear Dr

I have finally swung round thus far on my Western Trip. Yesterday I went up to Columbia College. found the Torrey Herb in a miserable little [illegible] 3 or 4 rooms L Ray in the middle of rubbish the picture of despair. No arrangement has yet been made for permanent quarters. Though extensive outlayings are put up all round it is a shame! of course I could find or see nothing. But I called on Dr Newberry & had a long & interesting interview with him & the Oregon & N Pacific people. He suggests that the best [illegible] forest range is in the vicinity of the "Three Sisters" which is a massive expression of alpine peaks rising [illegible] the snow line. [illegible] sharp cones with limited alpine slopes. say we will see them in perfection nearly all the characteristic Pacific coast Conifers. He also [illegible] T.S. Candensis. and that Douglas knew Ab. magnifica Murr which was his Ab. amabilis Dougl but you have studied that matter all up only it will be satisfactory to get Douglas's identification [illegible] a good specimen!

Says he is quite sure that P. mucronata Lam = P. Douglasii [illegible] if you had decided to come [illegible] position in the field. Says you will change your [illegible]

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May 1 '80

[illegible]

to Sargent to make arrangements to meet him at Cambridge. I will stay at C. through the week and then join Mr. Parry at Westford Conn and return to Cambridge later in the month to make final arrangements & return west early in June. You may answer this directly to Cambridge. Of course I will write you fully from Cambridge and report progress.

Hope to hear you are well on the gain and will be able to report [illegible]

Sargent is the first to see the high house [illegible] in its perfection.

[illegible]

The new R.R. line from Fayetteville to El Paso. [illegible] that [illegible] to meet us on the line, the [illegible]

[illegible] first acquaintance & relations of Jerry Allen President of Co. for Stanford [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Mr P. Jones regards to Mrs Engelmann

[illegible]

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Rec May 20th
Ans — 30

Westford. Windham Co. Con. May 17th 1880

Dear Dr

Here is something to busy you. Hemsley's list of Schaffner's collection, the letter book of Arsenio, which I suppose you have seen, & Hemsley's list of Schaffner's work up from more full material sent by Schaffner. I have little N. Sphaerocarpa fotea, which I suppose (more so) will be new to N. Sphaerocarpa fo. — H also has named Agthrax [illegible] to Sphaerocarpa. does not agree with Hemsley on note 197. L. Chilensis Pers. another little Gentianacea from Schaffner. I think he also sent you will recall a new genus. You notice Hemsley calls 600. = Exodemus floriflorus fo. as you say — Ex Brevicornis which is right!

Schaffner has also worked up Hydrophyllaceae.

Drama —

At Cambridge I was too much of a slave to [illegible] So I let Sargent [illegible] plans. Somewhat extended you will see. but I hope not impracticable: he proposes with my views to go up by sea from San Francisco. I then work South along Sierra Nevada. He would go in [illegible] wishing to stop [illegible] Colorado [illegible] Then [illegible] I'll take in San Francisco as early [illegible] possible in July. He expects to get passes for us on Union Pacific & Central Pacific. I San Francisco [illegible] from the Central point [illegible] the Pacific [illegible] expect to see him [illegible] where I can [illegible] of [illegible] dead [illegible] next [illegible] Dr. Asa Gray [illegible] Gray [illegible] Mexico [illegible] Mexico [illegible] Mexico

May 17, '80

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] now printing Mosses Thuidium [illegible] Sphagnum &c.

[illegible] Sphaeno with Watson. as should be assured [illegible] Sensitive Sand [illegible] to have your friends [illegible] it up to the proper [illegible] Do the best he could with [illegible] Sphaeno. [illegible] to remove the matter, and the [illegible] atmosphere [illegible] specimens would apply as well to the species as the other. [illegible] the specimen with him and pointed out the differences, especially the shape, habit of L. podocarpa and the stiff upright Beelandier specimen (or for [illegible] is about like [illegible] except a single imperfect frond) he remarked "I know do the best of matters and I am in [illegible] Member Differences they have the same privilege." The Rev Fr. of Beelandier in a different locality from more fertile than the [illegible] specimen of L. podocarpa from [illegible] Lutheranus and Mr. [illegible] [illegible] stem & [illegible] branches [illegible] L. [illegible] [illegible] L. podocarpa [illegible] L. [illegible] a [illegible] your L. podocarpa [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] of the most [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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I felt your letter at Cambridge contents noted: also saw your letter to Dr Gray — while I was there a letter & parcel from France including seeds & spec. plants but nothing of special interest. Palmer visits Lands, 2 boxes of dried fruit & Cambridge he made from Pellet. Was you to Pasadena (wine?)! but would not be able to reach Chihuahua from want of funds

If he been was cool here late frosts, warmer now, I am expecting Betula Alnus Comptonia &c. Hemsley names the Mex. not a fern, I claim mine. These obstetrical obstacles must be surmounted, as perhaps even Abies has had a much larger environment and needs "Shelfull another"

Yours

C. S. Sargent

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Wes. ford Conn May 30th

[illegible] from home
where was a delegate to Stockbridge performance fully
duty in destroying quantum suff. of ice-cream [illegible]
[illegible] a scorching day when anything like exertion
a penance do I talk my revenge in dump and saying
[illegible] the greatest [illegible] often) dwelt
[illegible] commencement chats with old & new friends
Philadelphia sent a few [illegible] of botanists [illegible]
Cincinnati Rafinesque & Mantendale. [illegible] gave a
[illegible] his little speech before
[illegible] orators, [illegible] an
[illegible] Mr Stiles & Mr. our Orator C Francis Adams
succeeded to the hot & cool substitute. [illegible]
[illegible] and went away satisfied
[illegible] I & a few [illegible] at Cambridge with [illegible]
Mantendale. on Thursday morning few of us
[illegible] & Sargent to breakfast. The [illegible]
[illegible] was cool, [illegible]
[illegible] gregariousness [illegible]
[illegible] not
[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]
I received my pass books (nearly the [illegible] of a [illegible]
[illegible] authorizing me to travel on all the railroads [illegible]
[illegible] Duplicate title hence reached [illegible]
before [illegible] [illegible] A [illegible] book [illegible]
not much of an offer. [illegible] [illegible] Do not take
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

May 30 '80

[illegible] I should be ready [illegible] hence after [illegible]
[illegible] you wishes
[illegible] I supposed that you might like us I dos. May 12. I still
[illegible] few days [illegible]
the [illegible] to the switch. That could be ready
[illegible] 16. [illegible]
4. It seems for you to set the time when
[illegible] meet you at Omaha
[illegible] I will go with you. I expect said he
[illegible] inch to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] either at Denver
or Salt Lake. It is for you to arrange your
[illegible], and find up your lines. [illegible]
(Pigeon) and [illegible]. On some accounts I should like to
start. [illegible] about 20th and perhaps still at several
places before reaching Salt Lake — but you must decide
this. I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. There is talk of a motion and
local arrangement. The Penny has about concluded
to remain East longer & will join us next fall
I suppose this is all that is necessary to say. [illegible]
present. [illegible] I have for you [illegible]
[illegible], especially as you have not
yet answered my last letter & enclosures & [illegible]
[illegible]. I did not see Fulmer. He [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hope you [illegible] keeping well. This may find [illegible] ready
to [illegible] a [illegible] place and [illegible] then [illegible] a nice
& small [illegible] [illegible] site for [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]

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Rec'd June 9
Ans —

Westford Conn. June 6th 188

Dear Dr

Yours of 2d to hand. all I need so far just now is "certain notes." I am still intending to leave my present company for a time, middle of this month, if I can find a place for Dwerpert. — If I feel like it when I reach Chicago I may stop over a day or two there and see Mr Douglass at Muskegon. The Griffin manager, and see what he is doing. By all accounts he is a nice gentleman and I like to know all such. At least I need rest & I shall be in Dwerpert taking up work by the middle of the next following, if so decided. Mr Sargent said he would telegraph to us when to meet him at Salt Lake — but it may not be very important if we should be a few days before him. A good many things then that would interest you. I think it would probably be best for us to stop at Omaha, which though a little farther for you from St Louis, will involve fewer changes from there to Salt Lake. At Ogden there is always a change of cars to the Central Pacific train, but there will be no difficulty about securing sleepers from there by making application a day or so in advance. You can therefore write me at Dwerpert next week & then we will decide definitely the time & starting. I may want to stop over in Chicago or Omaha on the way, but by either of us should be in advance. It will be no great matter to wait in Omaha if the accommodations are good.

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June 6 '80

I suppose you will meet Jones in Salt Lake & be there. As to Excursions there, you will want to take a short sail on Salt Lake. & which there are many & cheap Excursions every week. Then up on to the new Canyon on Mormon Range N.N.E. on the Utah Northern, & &c. perhaps (if you can get a pass) up the Utah Northern & see the upper forests &c &c. but not to spend too much time.

I suppose we will fall in with Lemmon at Oakland & get an account of his trip on a trip — & note with some anxiety the Indian difficulties about Silver City — N.M. or the work at least limit freeman Botanizing, if not his pastoral work. But we will leave all these difficulties to be settled between now & next winter & Spring. Then we may have a personal interest in them.

I am glad you are so well & have Office work but the trip will benefit you up, & lengthen instead of shorten your valuable life — & we will "whistle down the Lakes" on Sargent if he gets up too much steam and insists on an eight or sixteen "Special Sports" &c &c. perhaps we will make a capital of you with the P. Dens against Sargent.

Yours truly
C. C. Parry

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Ans June 18'

Davenport. June 17th 1880

Dear Dr

Rather pleasant for a cool? man. I see you are a hurry nut ("more suo"). But you see I shall be off & time, and will not let you wait. Will you up my Iowa 8th Ave. Leave here Wednesday evening 7-10 does in Council Bluffs 9-30 a.m. Thursday, 24th all ready for Western Train. If I do not meet you at depot will look for you at Metropolitan & take you under wing (metaphorically)?

I think we need not look for Sargent for several days from the route he has laid out but we can at least "take our room in our inn." What was to be called the ~~Tremont~~ Townshend House at Salt Lake now some other name) is a nice quiet shady place accessible by street cars. Jim & Hawkins stopped there I have usually been to a cheaper place Valley House but Jim's German. We will settle all that. Better the fewer to suit Sargent

You say nothing about money matters. I have found it most convenient to take small drafts on N.Y. $50 or $100,— which can be cashed anywhere generally at a premium — and can be safely sent by mail when one needs it. It might be well before reaching Omaha to engage sleeper by telegraph (a middle section with side.) I can take the upper berth — no danger of accidents. Look for your time-table & give me the exact time of your train arrival at Omaha. What with Glen letter of June 16th came too soon. It was forwarded to Westfield & returned here by the P. contents with profuse

June 17 '80

[illegible] with [illegible] things that you need & may come in [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] cooking. Take a nice strong tin cup [illegible] & spoon. You can sometimes get nice fresh milk on the cars. Mr P. has put up cracker & bretzel? A dark colored blanket, mosquito netting, some strong light stiffes, a heavy grain sack, will come in your [illegible] but in a general thing, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] supplies all needs.

I write to Sargent since I assumed perhaps he will get it, he might come this way, but probably not. Mr Douglas joins him in Chicago tomorrow.

Very nice & cool now.

Suppose you may meet James at Salt Lake.

I return his letter which I mislaid till now.

Well if anything else turns up we can write (or telegraph if late as next morning here) but it is never unfortunate we meet at Omaha 24th!

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Rec'd San Bernardino
Sept 18.

Academy of Sciences S. F.
Sept 19th 1880

Dear Sir

Inclose this line for your
[illegible] at San Bernardino
[illegible] wife and a very accomplished
intelligent man. who will be glad
to show all the attention in his power
I hope if you find your strength
not fully equal to the trip to
Virginia &c. that you will still shoot
and take your own time. There will
be no trouble in getting feeders to
[illegible] old Mad country at your
leisure. [illegible] e practicable to
go home next Spring via El Paso!
If your strength is equal to the
trip, the Botanical Commission will
be useful & quite of interest
as "instruction", [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible]
results.

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Sept 12 '80

I have concluded all things considered that I do not wish at present to have Mrs Perry come on as soon as she is ready & join me here. Then we would stay a month or so before going south for the winter.

In the mean time I expect to see you at Stanford & Menlo Park and perhaps some short trips to the Sierras & the telegram returns I expect to go to Shasta.

Sorry to hear your health is good and then I promise to attend to them if he comes down & will look after them.

I hope to hear from you at San Francisco. I have closed my office about

Desirable points to visit. Purely. Regards to Sargent & Skinner

Yours truly

C. C. Parry

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Rec Dec 22
Ans — 31

California Academy of Sciences.

POST OFFICE BOX, No. 2247.

San Francisco, Dec 15th 1880

My Dear Dr

You might by this time be have settled down to "solid (i e frozen) work." We are having some vigorous rains over 6 inches so far for the season. The intervals are pleasant Spring like — We have about concluded to pack up for the South next week. So you can change the address to San Bernardino where can now locate us understandingly. I have got the requisite pieces of pasteboard entitling me to ride RR free for 6 months from 1st Jany, as far as SPRR extends. So I shall not be longer dependent on Census officials. I think I shall go "to the South" before long to spy out the land. and pick out desirable botanizing localities will try & arrange to meet Greene somewhere Yesterday I was with Lemmon looking over plants & picked out some Ephedra for you which I will send by mail parcel. We ascertained that the

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Dec 15 '80

Malvaceous cotton like suffruticose plant of which you got specimens in fruit is Thurberia thespesioides. They were laying out a few specimens for you to name. They live in a queer sort of way, and I do not see how they will make ends meet.

Vasey wants to go out on the S.P. R.R. but cannot get the requisite passes.

Watson still here looking after Cupressus. Expects to leave for East on Friday 17th inst.

Behr enquires after you and wonders he does not hear from you. Kellogg "in status quo."

I proposed to Sargent to get you passes via Atch Top & St Fe RR for next Spring so as to finish up Arizona. The connection between the two roads will be effected next month. Hope your box will come safe to hand & escape mould. Contracts have been let for 16 miles of road north of San Diego to be finished in April! When you come again that night stage ride will be left out.

Write to S.B. and let us know how you can and when to expect you.

Very truly yours
C. C. Parry

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Dec 9th
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776. Howard St. San Francisco
Dec 2d 1880
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Dear Dr

Yours of 25th ult. received
a "good boy" not to keep us in
suspense. So now we can locate
you for our "5 minutes". Glad you
found everything straight — Ex: the
weather — Dr Behr has been
regretting your absence when the
"high jinks" is coming off. Find
it difficult to supply your place.
But the heavy rain yesterday &
to day you should be in to
appreciate. Watson still here on
the hunt for Cupressus Goveniana
goes tomorrow on a 2d trip to
Monterey. Seems in no hurry to
get back to Cambridge & hard
work. Lemmon has a reception
to day. He could not go on account
of rain. So must postpone your
"complements" to us.

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Dec 2, '80

I send enclosed freight receipt for gun box - keep the duplicate. Our ladies are getting impatient and we expect to leave about 20th inst for San Bernardino. address me there after 10th unless otherwise advised. Then we will lay plans for a spring campaign. Shall try and arrange to meet Greene somewhere. I hope he will cool off on this species making till he feels his ground. Orcutt's Park scheme is not likely to come to much. for Stanford offers, and I not much wish, better drive an independent team if it is my horse.

I may work towards San Diego again. if I can see my way clear

Mrs Parry & sister desire regards John Muir. kept at home. wife delicate.. ? regards to George & family

Yours

C. C. Parry

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Rec Jan 5 Colton Calⁿ Dec 29th 1880

Dear Dr

We came down on the 23d in time to find the dust of San Bernardino turned to mud not finding agreeable quarters we made back tracks to Colton and are now very comfortably fixed in a new house with "good grub" &c.

So now I am on hand surrounded with Opuntia macrosperma &c &c I took a run down to Yuma to spend the day took a look at the site of an old Astronomical Camp of 1849.' sailed over the Colorado bottoms & bluffs & returned here gone just 36 hours. did not see much in Cacti. but located some points to examine more carefully later

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next week. I go back to S 7 for some supplies. and about middle of Jany will go out to the Frontier and spend a week with Greene. So you see I am getting lively for an old man.

Only just seen Wright & Parish Vasey came down here a few days after we were stopping at San Bernardino. So he is not likely to get that stick of Abies bracteata!

At Mojave station I snatched some dry stalks of Cleomella Fischeriana? with 2 or 3 seeds which I will try & raise.

Write here direct & often and arrange to meet me in New Mexico in March. Your blankets are ready for you! delightful weather since the rain all green. Mrs P desires regards

Yours truly

E L Parry

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