Ans. Jan 26
Ans — 28

St. Louis, 7. 1862.

My Dear Engelmann

The enclosed Crescentia was just received in a letter from Ferd. Müller, of Australia, and are, I presume, intended for you — though nothing is said.

I have received pt. 18. of the Soc. Linn. &c. — for which I paid 50 cts

— I await for your instructions to send the parcels accumulated here — mostly Mights's Cuban plants.

About the Country, I have no heart to write — all looks so bad. Let it must settle somewhere. The Northern S. States ought to pronounce strongly against

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secession, — that would settle it, — and they could have all they want. Their interests — & that of Missouri are identical with ours. It is wicked to calculate the value of the union,

We at the North will give you N. Mexico (territory) all S. of 36°, 30' as a Slave State. What more can be asked. The privilege of annexing more territory without our consent, can't be had. We have annexed too much for the good of the country already — irrespective of all slavery questions.

The West is the controlling power — & they will see that no secession is carried out or continues.

Ever Yours A. Gray

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Ans: Jan 26 1861
Ans ~~Feb 28~~ —

Columbia, 19th Jany, 1861

Dear Engelmann,

I have had yours of the 8th. ult for some while. I meant to have despatched a box to you but the cold & snow weather has prevented me from going to the barn & packing.

Now, in a week more, I can add bruisewacks & Cat's purposes — and I will wait for them.

Buckley is not at all to be depended on.

I am so glad that the parcel of Euphorbias has been found at Sebastiani's tho' so late.

As to Opuntia. Why did not Jimy quite 1884 as well as 1883, might —

I have always been vexed with Tony for not quoting all of Mighels' nos. & Bolanders' also.

Bolandra Eplesia antipodica = 1590, I think you have it. But his specimens are poor, and I believe very scanty. My specimen is put down on same sheet with ~~no. 1590~~ Mighels' no. 673. No doubt they are the same & the common Frean species.

You may get bogged over them.

Dercocarpus ledifolius, Hook. Fl. t. 324 — published, of course, long ago.

Do you own Pritzel's Index Iconum? It would be a handy book for you

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Please send me a char. of the new Euphorbia of Lower California — which I will print, and of your E. petiolata — or a reference to where published. — Oh, I find it, Petalostemon. But what is that virgate naked-stemmed species — with a few long, fili form leaves which I sent you?

I must ask W. Brett to show me the tall Liatris next spring.

Stick fast to the Union as a Douglas-man you are bound to. Let us divide up the Territories according to their affinities, — and never have any more. We have all that is with ~~the~~ having, and more too.

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We do not coerce States,
We coerce individuals if
they break the laws —
that's all.

What would have been
said if Massachusetts —
instead of P. Cov. & Sheridan
~~both~~ fired on the Amer. flag,
& captured Navy-yard.

If your Northern S. States
had the loyalty you asst.,
we could stop secession before
it got ahead, — and hang
both & Floyd, to — who richly
deserve it. You are welcome
to hang abolitionists —

God help you, if you
are going to live under South
Carolina!

Ever Yours

Asa Gray

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Rec'd Febr 2?
Ans Febr 13

Jany. 25, 1881

Dear Engelmann

Euph. dendriflora Kl.

There is an Euphorbia with about half an inch — a structure intermediate between E. & Pedilanthus. — a new genus. — If you please — Brissier has it. I should like to know what he makes of it.

The Union is overthrown by a conspiracy — which would have been kept within limits, & soon eat itself up, if the Southern States cared enough for the Union to take hold! or even to allow it to be arrested or checked. But no! they

must become insane, like the rest, & help it along. Virginia will not take hold & second Kentucky & Tennessee, fighting politely by Johnson & Breckenridge, Sr. — declare against ~~secession~~ treason first, and then arrange terms, which are all ready — all they want — for compromising the difficulties.

But Cittendon will not have peace sooner & Virginia Sr. are foolish enough to help their game.

That the border S. States will be the principal sufferers will be only a righteous retribution for their guilt. —

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If, in fact, we only belong to a partnership, which any of the partners can dissolve at will, then the Union is not worth having. We must do the best we can without it, & if Missouri cannot prosper, should stay with us.

If peace is practicable the reasonable proposition is no more territory to be ~~acquired~~ acquired without a majority of 2/3 of States, would give it. With that, you may what you like — or

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rather what you can in the present terrible crisis, for none of the Continent is worth having, either for N. or S.

Posterity will judge rightly, & Jonas, Butt, Filson, &c., will go down to their graves as base dishonored traitors.

My fighting days are over — any way. I have had the misfortune to lose the end of my left thumb by an accident — just at the base of the nail.

Ever Yours most cordially

A. Gray.

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Ans: Feby 23d

Mt Pleasant Sr. Feb. 16, 1861

Dear Engelmann

(Virginia) All power to Tennessee, the tide is turned, and secession will go no further. We can talk & treat with such States — not however with seceded traitors and villains.

Have I not answered yr yours of the 28 Jany? enclosing Mss. Emphalica, which will be printed about 3 weeks hence — pr paid along the other characters of N. Sp.

I have lost much time with my thumb. I think I told you I had the end of left thumb 1/2 inch (semilunar cum) bitten off by big dog. It is not yet all healed over,

It is this which has so delayed my packing parcels or box for you. — But I hope to do it on Monday or Tuesday. — Mistach & Cat's papers hung all ready —

MISSOURI
GEORGE E

You say you owed letter to our Mistach's W. I. Elma. Shall I ask the publisher (Reese) to send out a copy for you, in the next parcel for me, 5/ sterling for numbers — the 1st vol. (thin) 15/ —

I have another print still of Linnæan Soc. Journal for you (Rhododendron Ellisa Adensis).

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If Dr. Parry is with you tell him, it has been troublesome for me to write. But I shall soon communicate with him. — Also, he can do no better than to see you and talk on his trip. Impress on him the importance of good sized specimens — I do this ~~[illegible]~~ thoroughly. Let him do all he can on the high summits. Look out for Chionophila. Beath. —

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Near Pentstemon — a diminutive thing, — a complete desideratum.

Ever, dear friend
Yours cordially
Asa Gray.

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P. S. By the way and this 1/2 sheet to Darey — to some may visiting just now. —
As soon as it is settled he goes, I will put an announcement in Bill. Dup. No doubt a dozen or so of sets of specimens will sell promptly. But the market is limited.
Let him send by mail to you — & you, when notified to me — specimens (bits) of what is new to him, and we will tell him if they are novelties. —

18th.

Yours of 13th. I find at the P.O. Thanks for the notes in Euphorbia Vivica, &c, &c
That matter about duplicates settles itself easily. I would never agree to work up any collection of which, I could not keep a set of such duplicates as I wanted. — But you have no need to hurry again — All these collections, by law, go to the

Smithsonian Inst, It is possible that it alone may have authority about duplicates. An army officer has no right to dispose of them, no doubt. — Now, when they get to the Smithsonian, one set is kept, all the rest are distributed. I one set would be assigned to you, as the worker up.

Now you lay out for yourself a set of the duplicates, & either keep them till the collection is turned over, when write to Henry for authority to keep them, — & Dr. Write now to Henry — Dr — to make the separation of the coll. into ~~a~~

1. A full set for Gray's collection —

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2. A set of such duplicates as you need —

3. Such as can be spared and would be wanted for Dr. Torrey & A. Gray — in particular families — in which their assistance is desirable —

4. Set for Davis Museum
" " Hist. Nat.

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Dear Brother:

— properly labelled or numbered.

This would just anticipate what would be done with the collection hereafter — and save time & trouble —

Send your letter to Prof. Henry through me, and I will reinforce it & see that all goes right.

For policy I agree — no attack on Seceding States — but no acknowledgment of secession

I wish we could permanently keep out all that are out except Louisiana — But in that case suppose Virginia & Tennessee, will come to

Yours

Sincerely

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Recd April 6th —
Ans April 8

Cambridge April 1. 1871.

Dear Engelmann

You should send me those characters of Euphorbia now, right away, if you must have them printed, & if you have got leave — better print them anyway.

Mr Thompson of Ipswich, England — a capital gardener, & a liberal fellow — wrote to Lindheimer long ago to procure him seed of Linum Berlandieri, & — He gets no answer.

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I feel very to pay
liberally for such
things.
Pray use your
influence with Lindheimer
to get these seeds &
other & handsome
things in Texas — &
send them by you &
me. ~~He will~~
will reward him for
his trouble.

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GEORGE ENGELMANN

I am very busy
in College &
Museum.
I hope the new
administration is peace-
able — pacific — enough
for you. But what
good does it do?
Ever yours
A Gray

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Rec'd May 31st
Ans July 9

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Cambridge 25 May 61.

Dear Engelmann

Yours of the 13th (21st) May has just arrived. I am very glad to hear from you. I believe I have a former letter from you unanswered. Lately I mailed to you some kt. pamphlets, — one containing the Hawtens bill & Plans. — But in these times I had not the heart to write you. You have seen your dream of peace — policy fall in pieces, and Douglas coming out for the war. You have also been enough to perceive that under the let-alone policy Missouri also

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would have seceded, under the same discipline which has been applied elsewhere. In which event, let alone, St. Louis would dwindle to a country village.

No, the first and paramount duty of a country is to protect & preserve itself against destruction. The Constitution & government must be maintained, and treason put down, if we are able to do it. If it cant be done then, and then only, may we submit to disintegration.

Stick firm to the Union and Missouri will come out

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well. I am sorry for the Unionists at St. Louis, your population is hard to manage, but Sumner, as you say, is doing well, and I expect to see your State form a loyal one. Even those with secession affinities must soon see their own interests. It is impossible there should be peace — peace is not worth having till the rebellion — based on a plot formed years ago — is put down.

If you think me intelligent, I am nothing to Agassiz! Of course we shall all suffer personally. But better to suffer in devotion to the

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Union than proper in pretty fragments.

Enough of this. May God preserve and keep you, and let us hear from you when you can; for we take great interest in you and know your position is a trying one.

You ask about Greggs MSS. books. I have besides the mem. in your handwriting up to no. 667, another, headed "Copied from Dr. Greggs notes by an inexperienced hand, &c." & endorsed in Torrey's hand writing — "Came loose in a box from N. America to Sir Wm J. Hooker" N. mss. from no. 668 to 1250. I send it herewith.

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Your parcel has not come yet. Many thanks for it.

I will try Lewisia & the Opuntia out — where O. Missouriensis thrives.

I will send your note at once to Wright to whom I ought to write without delay.

I shall write to Henderson in a few days.

I am very busy here — with College work &c —

Torrey keeps his place. Of late he has not written to me. — but he has been doing very well — is pretty hard-worked.

I meant this July to have gone to the West, with Mrs. Gray — visited Hunt and yourself! The War puts a stop to that.

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25 May '61

In my surprise I see that your former letter, not answered, dates back to April 7. The little specimens enclosed are Collinsia tenella and some undeveloped Narcissus — as you suppose, and the paper-shrouded thing which you know not is an Erinarius.

Ever yours most cordially — with my wife's regards & love to Mrs. Engelmann

A Gray

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Rec^d Apl 2^d
Ans ~~Mar~~ 11

Cambridge. Aug. 27, 1861

My Dear Engelmann.

I return here with Parry's letter.

I am glad he is sticking to the high parts of the mountains, where he will get most desirable things.

Of the two Acerpth. enclosed in the last letter one is only an alpine variety of Pentstemon glaberrimus; the other is a gem, — viz. that with the inflated membranaceous gamosepalous calyx, being a Chionophila (say C. Parryi) (Mainly not C. Jamesii, — which, however is only in Mt. Torr. & a poor specimen, as far as I remember.

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I expect Torrey here next week, for a day or two.

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I have been half laid up for a week, with a slight attack of Dysentery. — or I have accomplished little. I am picking up a little.

Who would have thought you would have taken to Fungi! and roots!

I have had not any communication with Curtis since the rebels began the war.

I hope & trust that Fremont will be strong enough to keep the war out of your neighborhood.

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The citizens of Missouri ought to volunteer in such numbers as to keep the rebels out of the State and keep the State true & firm in the Union. It is the cheapest & most humane way, and will save property, and distress, &c.

This rebellion is certainly going to be put down, no matter at what cost, and property at St. Louis will be worth more than ever yet before you and I reach three-score & ten.

Enough of that, for this time.

Pray give me a list of the corrections you have

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marked in "Stray Plants Grow"
I should be very glad to
have them,

Ever, dear Engelmann,
Very cordially yours,

A Gray

P.S.

Buffalo Grass is
alive & flourishing.
Lemicia has not grown,
perhaps the rot is alive.
The little Cacti look
well in a sunny place
in the open air.

A.G.

Sent to Sargent
Dr Bailey copy

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Rec'd Aug 11th Ans Aug 17
Ans Nov 1st

Greenbrier Co. Aug. 6, 1871

My Dear Engelmann

It was really pleasant in these times, to hear from you again, by your letter of July 8, which came to hand while I was away, enjoying a vacation from which I returned only 3 days ago.

As soon as I got clear of College work, my wife & I started off, (on the 10th July) to visit my mother and friends in Oneida Co. N.Y. where we rode & drove about in the fine air, viewed most beautiful country & enjoyed ourselves to the full, to her great advantage, also mine. Then we cut across the State to Pennsylvania, visited the ~~Coal~~ Coal region of Penn.

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travelled very leisurely
passed through Stockbridge
- seeing the Indians 3
hours, and so to Litchfield, Conn. where Mrs. G.
is left, and I am at work
to set to work again &
having done nothing in
Botany, except to teach
since last April.
Now I am going to set to
work, as soon as correspondence
which is clearing off.

I found here also a letter
from Dr. Berry, and have
named the specimens in both,
sending the answer to you
for forwarding, also Dr.
Parry's letter to me.
He can't miss it if he
keeps at work, between
Denver & Salt Lake, climbing to truly alpine regions
as often as he can.

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GEORGE ENGEL

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I have 2 nos. of Lingn. Jour. Journal to send you — by mail — just now.

Dr. Hooker sent me last spring a fine cast of bust of R. Brown, he says I should have also from him a replica of this, father Sir Wm. Jul Hooker! that Mr. Shaw should procure both, if possible, for the Library of Wash. Ins.

Missouri.

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It was Torrey's great fault that he did not excert in some cases, esta Mights Fl. N. Mex. numbers, I urged him to do so; also Bolandier's, and gave him all my notes on esp. Boland, but he did not. Torrey hastily does anything up clean & through.

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I have such an entire book as you speak of, but the above collections are not in it.

Thurber's memoir, or list of Western plants, if he ever finishes it, will take up and ~~[illegible]~~ record these revs., as far as ~~it~~ they are published or known to him.

I guess I could get you a new supply of grass revs — say 2 bundles — at about the same cost as the last lot. You should send me a specimen sheet.

Well, I think you protection growers, Gamble, will do well, and satisfy all Union men.

I see your ex-governor aided by the Confederates, as

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Rec'd Aug 11

going to invade Missouri, and cause more blood-shed. But I hope you will write them.

We must bother our correspondence with these matters — tho' we could discuss them well & pleasantly — having grounds & aims in common. But poor Might is a full-fledged pessimist. He was to come home this summer but now, I believe, he will stay another year in Utah.

I wish dearly you & Mrs. C. aimed come on here. Why not? away from war, noise & confusion, — and work here quietly at Botany, for a few weeks.

Pickering got only 3 specimens of the Gnaphalium melicidus. They want to sell. Yours, Torrey.

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The Canadians must get more;

What next. A young Gardener has found a locality — covering almost an acre, of *Calluna vulgaris*, within 25 miles of Boston. — a case to add to Calyspandium, Marsilea &c. — but most of all striking, and unexpected. It grows in low ground, and has every appearance of being indigenous.

Excuse haste C.

Yours affectionately

Asa Gray

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Rec'd Nov 17 75 & answered Nov. 11, 1875
Ans Dec 9

My Dear Engelmann.

Glad to hear from you once more.

My recommendations of Parry's plants goes to you from Parry. I have lately spent 5 days on the little gunny Mentana which Dr. Torrey left all afloat.

I have suggested to Parry to publish (in Sill. Journal) an account of his trip & collections and a list of his plants, one nominal, appending notes, excursus &c from you and me, and Torrey, if he will write any.

It turns out (tell this to Parry) that Torrey has put the Chimaphila Jamesii in his hat. (I knew I had never seen Parry's plant there), what he has under the name being Pedicularis Jamesii. Judas

I have enclosed a specimen of Parry's plant to Bentham to compare with Mr. Hartweg's to which Parry must have inadvertently given his only specimen.

If we may suppose that Bentham overlooked (from bad specimen) or forgot to mention the hard or lower lip, then Parry's plant will be the C. lanceni. But Bentham — who is perfect — will let us know.

Your various memoranda on some of Parry's plants I will look after when I next open the parcels, — when my pressed all comes back.

I doubt Smith's giving, having once had S. Stoughtonianum and taking sketches of a great variety of forms of corolla, stamens, &c.

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Your "Gentiana helenoides" I fear is superseded by G. Fremontii, Torr. in Frem. Rep. exped. — but it is near G. prostrata, I suppose. — At least no. 135 (not before me but I remember it) = large forms in my herb. from Rky Mts. Drummond, & which Gray mistakes in Hook. Fl. Bor.-Am.!" The latter form is peculiar to N. America, but by no means distinct."

No. 306. accords with another plant "Rky Mts." labelled "G. prostrata" in Gray's own hand, when writing the Gentiana for Hooker.

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Send you some 307 (which is scanty), as requested; also some of ~~another form of~~ "G. prostrata" from Sierra Nevada, Amer. Arct. & W. Chamisso!

309. = G. tenella, I suppose.

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I have long ago worked up a lot of Rubus into Wtmdrfpia.

Gertner. I must look up at the Library. — and G. Gaspanini at the Academy when I go into Boston.

You may work up anything you like except when I have written out notes or characters. —

I have a selection of the nicer of Wright ~~Pd~~ Cuba, Cubans, some time ago from ~~Wright~~ Grisebach. — but am promised the whole at the close of the year. As you may like to copy it, and as it names some of Hendle's I send it. I think I have copied & sent to you & Short the Hendler determinations. Please return it carefully.

Thanks for Stala brachycarpa from Bello has proved D. micrantha, Mutt. to be the small H. D. Nabo of D. Carolinianum.

Ever yours A. Gray

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Rec'd Nov 17th

P. S.

The enclosure is mailed to Wright.

I think very little of Unionists who have been "made secessionists" by anything. What matter whether you have $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{10}$, or $\frac{4}{5}$ Unionists if they will not fight to put down secessionists, — they might as well be secessionists out and out. Maryland & Missouri will not, and must not be allowed to secede, or do secession's work, — cost what it will. And it is a great blessing to them that we restrain them. The Union must be preserved; suffering is a very small matter in comparison — all must take their part & the rebels must suffer hard, till they give up. We are only beginning to fight. If Missouri

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wanted security. She should have put down her secessionists herself, with the strong hand, at the beginning.

Do it now, by, But she has been to find out & feel her duty and her power, and to act.

God save the Union and confusion to all traitors.

A. G.

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Rec'd Nov 29
Ans Dec 7

Cambridge
Nov. 20. 1871

My Dear Engelmann,

I have sent your letter on to Might some time ago –

A portion of my notes on Parry's call, sent on to P. and by P. to you, has not come back to me. Viz. from 74 on to Blaytonia. I should regret to lose it.

I think I told you that I have a parcel or two for you, from Regel of St. Petersburgh. Shall I send by Express?

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or wait till there is something more?

I am very busy on Bemaux's Texas collection, comparing &c. — and correcting his names.

Pity I have got to assist the rest of Parry's plants, but I will do it soon — when all my miss comes in.

Parry does not say, whether he will go to work, and get up his own Enumeration of his plants, making such use as he may of your & my notes, & printing our several short disquisitions, &c —

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I think there is still something else which I ought to write to you about, but I cannot think what. Except to say that I wish you would send me indications of the misprints. &c

of my New Plants

Ever Yours

A. Gray.

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