Rec Jan 9
Ans Jan 14

HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

January 5 1879

My Dear Engelmann

I ought to have responded to your kind letter of 27th before this. It shocked us greatly, to think of the imminent danger George was in. Please let us still know how he gets on. Your anxious you & Mrs. Engelmann must have been.

I hope all is right now.

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Yesterday came an order to send you two pots (all left here) of Curtiss's Fascicles. So I emptied out the pigeon-pots here, which had got filled with things for you. — and all are on the way, — to your old climate — for altho' they are here, where our lowest has been + 7°.

I shall not be able to add, more than I have already — to the Curious structure, unless I take it up with

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a study which I can=
not make now.

I have this work to
polish up a little
Memoir of Prof. Henry,
and go to Washing=
ton with it next
week. About a
week of interruption, I
suppose.

Hooker, I am glad to
say, is out of the
Presidential chair of
Royal Society, and
now may have a
little time for Botany

Every body suffers, or
has suffered, with influ=
enza here. My own

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cold was slight, and is
now over. My wife had
a very bad one — coming
night after Christmas,
She is only now getting re=
lief — nearly lost her
voice — is getting well
now — I hope she will go
with me to Washington.

We are to stay with
Prof. Baird — may
stop ~~to~~ see the Cooley's

Mrs. Gray sends her
love, and much sympa=
thy for George —
who should be most
careful; and you also.

Ever Your Affy Asa Gray

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Rec'd Jan 25

My Dear Engelmann

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

21st Jany, 1879

We got home last night from Washington — stopping over one day with the Carleys and over Sunday with the Redfields. Mrs. Gray saw Mrs. Hilgard in W. and heard that Bessie was not doing well. But what a time you have had! and what serious loss to Bessie & distress to you all, at the last! We are much concerned for you all. But I hope you now know the worst.

And what cold weather. We merely & hardly touch zero.

Now I have to bring up the correspondence accumulated & then — to finish Text Book

Ever A. Gray

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Whitney is up here — something I dream of about Bot. of California.

A. G.

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Rec Febr 17th
Ans same day

My dear Dr Gray

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Feb. 14, 1879.

Here is Watkins last.

I do wish these Fils could be settled.

I hope by this time Gorge is getting stronger.

And I hope you also are sustaining yourself. Nothing can be better for you than to get your mind absorbed in the botanical work before you.

Watson & Whitney are almost in despair over the California Botany which is stopping the way; & it delay is very prejudicial to our interests every way, and you

Asa Gray

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Rec April 8th
Ans same day

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

April 5. 1879

My dear Mr Trimen

Miss Letter from Buchanan came this morning; and I will ~~part~~ not answer it till you return it

What you think of B. is very about the Oxalidaceae sensu primo primum. But we have no made flowers, which would settle it, as Buchanan seems to think. Can you spare any made flowers to send to Buchanan.

It is a years your senior, & yet full of good work.

Hoping to hear good news of you & Benson, I am always yours A. Gray

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Rec June 2

My Dear Dr Friend

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

May 29, 1879

I have neglected writing to you a good deal. But then I was very busy and I knew you knew. Then I had for weeks a headachy state, & Mrs. Gray had an influenza with a regular fever — a quotidian. & was kept in bed — got about too soon, & got knocked up. & is still feeble, but really convalescent. Trying to get strong fast for as to go with me, on a trip South to Mts. Carol. with Cauby Rothild, & this time Sargent.

It was to have been June whenever Shutia blossomed. But that stole a march on us by flowering in April, so now

we time it for the Rhododendrons, & will see Shortia a out of bloom — & we hope to find new stations. Then I want to look up Darlingtonia — which only the pre-de is known. Curtis seems to have got it, without flowers, near Lincolnton. Then we are to explore the east side of Blue Ridge, from the pass of Black Mt. to Grandfather — and then cross to Roan — on which is more the "Bloodland Istal"

Oh dear, now that the time does near, I wish I could stay at home, & finish Darnyt Palmer's Mexican Compositae, which abound with new or interesting species!

That stuff of Clarke in Mexico Naturalist was so

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Very good that at the best
way, I thought, was simply
to call attention to it, &
not count it worthy of
being made fun of.

Thanks for the specimens,
sent in your box.

Now is Gray's Gathering
time again! It might
be well for you to be
cross the ocean again
after you have done up
the Calif. Oaks & Pines

Mother has been very
patient, but she mourns
the long delay.

I send you by mail a
copy of my new Text Book.
You see I relegate to
other hands the anatomy,
physiology, & Cryptogamia —

Good Bye & Good luck

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I had to be sick & then I
send to one of the few copies of
the Flora Japon. The ~~translation~~
translation into French in
moral places missed my
meaning. And the explanation
of the plate is a hitch —
I numbered only the floral
parts I now finished, — neglec-
ting the material for Ill. Nar.
to make another plate
because crowded all on one
plate, and numbered to point
himself, & then printed my
expl. matters. The nos. do
not match at all.

Mrs. Gray sends kindest
regards to you & Jasper —
And I am always Yours
affectionately

A. Gray

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Rec June 21st
Ans — 27

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L. B. SEARLE, PROPRIETOR.

June 17 1879

Dear Dr. Engelmann.

I had been hoping you could come to Cambridge. And as it seems you can't go to any ordinary place of rest & coolness till you do the Calif. Journal Spiritual, why the case is clear. Come to us, where there is room & to spare. — a welcome you can never exhaust. — books, plants, & everything, — & you can read proofs &c, — & correct up to the last. George can be with you as much as he will, & go to Isle of Shoals — or elsewhere on the coast — for sea-bathing; & you go with him — off & on, as suits you. My wife urgently requests you to come to us. Your old & near friend,

Truly Yours A. Gray

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Rec July 5th
Ans same day

My Dear Mr Fernald

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 4, 1879

We are just home this morning, & find here your of 27th June — Also this letter of Bartram's, which I forward. You can write to him. We are both well & hearty. I vastly better for the journey, & Mrs. Gray will be the same after a day or two if not. It is she had some hard travel.

Now, come to us as soon as you possibly can. Gray will not like to have you behind. Tell him to come to us at once — then pick the sea-shore at his leisure. You should not

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be down upon Gerard for letting us know how you were — the simplest duty to us old friends, who could not but jump at the chance of having you here, and I wanted, too, to help along the Botany. Why could you not pack up a big box full of specimens & seeds, & use them here? But I know it is a great labor. And I like you, can work only with my own surroundings.

Interesting & curious — about the Grape-Diagnosis! Do you think the Catalpa a good sp.! — I doubt?

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I don't remember having had any settled convictions about the Firs of California. I left them to you * to Hooker. And I used to assist his endeavors to call them by the book. I cannot have said that I could distinguish the conifers of Colorado from its alley, or brother, in the Sierras.*

In great haste

Ever Yours

A. Gray

* I am sure was I clear of the contrary.

over.

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Dear Dr. E. Gray send George at once, I am sure it will do him a world of good, & we are wanting him for an oven as possible —

We are just home — Affly Yrs,

Jane E. Gray —

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Rec July 18th
Ans same day

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 16, 1879

My Dear Old Friend

As the weather grows hot, even here, I think of you at St. Louis, and am sure you ought to be out of it. Here we can make ourselves comfortable: see just or come directly. A box by Express will carry every thing you can need to furnish three Shelters of Cal. And remember, this California trip is not the end-all.

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When we get you
reunited, you can at
leisure, do them
up for Sen. Fl.
N. America — where
all descriptions can be
corrected. But if
you don't come
on to our Castor
air, you will be ~~done~~
done up directly.

And then what is
~~the~~ good.
Be here in time
to welcome your new
daughter (God bless
her) when she & Grace
get round here — I do

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not know just when I
but the sooner the
better.

Mrs. Gray says you
will be very naughty
if you don't come on
right away.

If you want real
sea-air, it is easy
to have — in 2 or 3
from Boston at various
points.

I turn over the
Catalogues to the Station,
and hope to see them in
them myself some day.

Yours ever

A. Gray

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Rec Aug 2d
ans same day

Dear Old Friend

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 30. 1879

Well, we had a day or so of Bunce and his nice little wife, whom we like very much. They are off for the coast — to be back & visit us later.

Meantime you ought to be here, on every account, to have

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change — to have some of the nice care my wife is longing to give you, for your own sake & that of the dear departed. — And you ought to know, we don't mind your coughing. She is used to that, & make a quiet noise, when my heart is bad. And you ought to let us do something for you, if you value our friendship. And Nature must have his crisis, — which

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you can do up
here right away.
So come right
along. Very like,
Mrs. Gray will be
down to Brooklyn
most of the time —
and we will have
the house to ourselves.
So come right
on. & stay
Yours ever

A. Gray

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Rec'd Aug 11. Davenport
in N.C. [illegible]

Dear E

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Aug. 6.

Yours of 2d rec'd.

Mrs. Cum on as
soon as ever you can.
Better take quickest
~~route~~ route, when, if
you have one rainy day,
you will come straight on
without stopping.

Your young daughter
is here with us for the night.
Gave having a smoke
& talk with Dr. Chadwick
& others in Boston, & will come
out in the morning. We are

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very fond of and already intimate with her.

I have got back to my regular task, & am doing Euphorbias —

Watson will give you letters & packs, & altogether

Ever yours

A. Gray

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Rec Oct 6 1879

Cambridge Friday morning
(Oct 3d)

Dear E.

By this time you are safe home again, I suppose. So here is another letter from Bentham. I have written to him the little I have to say — and send it on to you

We are all as you left us, — to-day early, having an East wind.

With many thanks for your pleasant visit — I am Yours sincerely

Asa Gray

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Rec Oct 10 '86
Ans Oct 12

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Oct 7, 1879.

My dear Engelmann

It was pleasant to get your lovely and a goodly letter and to know that you had a pretty good journey.

The letter to Lieut. G. H. M. McCauley, U.S. Cavalry is gone on to his father. I suspect they will want the young man for a while, to fight Indians. The Harris's leave to-day. Weather nice.

To-day came from Sisson two pendent branches of the Douglas Spruce — one we keep & just hang. I send you the other, and one of the cones & other branches that came with it.

Now you will say, there

two dropping things

But if you will transfer the position of the articulation from the box to the top of the petiole !!

May will quite agree.

But you will not "

Cotoloba Kempferi pro

ac but you,

Ever Yours

A. G.

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Rec'd Oct. 29
an 30

Oct. 26. 1879

Cambridge

Salem
Legume
Pseudovicias

My Dear G.

Yours of the 23d with postal order for $45. is this moment received

As to grammar:
"the things which Mrs. Gray had made". I should say was faultly grammatical, — but, in strictness — "has had made" is better, that avoids "had had", which we should ~~should~~ deprecate

Glad the "young folks" are at home, and all well. We shall see what Burbank will do!

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Spiridelia polyphylla

is now a Stem disease.

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The Vernonia Lettermanii

I had only fragments from a fine specimen in herb. Torrey, collected by Dr. J. M. Bigelow on "Coppis Creek, Arkansas" — perhaps near Letterman's Station. I should take a tolerable specimen. In my MSS. of Syn. Fl. N. Am. I had made it V. Lamesii, var. sterodes. But, having turned up again, I suppose, in the absence of intermediate forms it is a fair species & so I had best adopt

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it from you with your name; Lettermann should have something to commemorate his name in Botany

Is the friend of his name ?

or ?

We are well. A sister & sister in law are here on a visit, — the former 4½ years my junior — but looks — my judice — 10 years older. But she has had sorrow,

Ever yours
A Gray

Did you receive, the seeds sent v Colombia?

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