Rec March 29th
Ans same day

Plainville Hartford Co. Conn
March 26th 1878

Dear Sir

I trust you will pardon my presumption in thus addressing this letter of inquiry — interest in the subject and knowing you to be capable of giving me the desired knowledge causes me to write and ask if you know any works on Cactaceae?
If you do not will you kindly tell me where I can obtain a knowledge of them?
What works contain any descriptions of generas or in what journals have different species been described?
I am deeply interested in botany and am making that my special study and desire to become better read on cacti —
Hoping you can set me on right track I am very truly James. N. Bishop
Botanist & Microscopist

Dr. Geo Engelmann
3003 Locust St.
St Louis Mo

P.S. If you grow cacti I should be much pleased to exchange, if agreeable to you, a set of our minerals for a few small plants. Or can send any Phoenogamous plants living or dried specimens that are indigenous to this locality — J. N. B.

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Rec April 13

Hartford Co. Conn
April 10th 1878

Dr. Sir & have quite a collection of plants, mostly Rocky Mtn species & other from other states & other from other states

My Dear Sir

Your kind letter of March 29th reached me safely and I am very grateful for your kindness in answering my questions. In regard to rarities in dried plants I hardly know what kinds are rare with you and as I have not yet issued an exchange list I thought it best to make up a small package and so I mail with this some which are about all the varieties I have now in duplicates Many of them are very rare here yet with you they may be common — I have a nice lot of Ceanothus foetida growing if you wish any I'll mail you some packed in moss!

In returning cacti if you ~~ca~~ have any desiderata from this locality and desire to do so you can send me what varieties you have and I will collect whatever you wish this summer — Please give me the full botanical name with each specimen all I care for is ~~to~~ either small plants or cuttings so I can get them growing and if you will ship them by freight they will come just as safe at much less cost. They can probably bill through from St. Louis here as I can from here there if not get them billed to Westfield Mass. Ship by "Merchants Despatch Transportation Co Fast Freight line" What ever you can send me I will return a proper equivalent

Very Truly Dames. N. Bishop

Dr. Geo. Engelmann

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Dear Sir

I sent you several specimens of dried plants and wrote you when I sent them — did you receive them? They were sent some time ago if you did not get them I will send some more — very truly

James. N. Bishop Botanist

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